Today's News - March 29, 2004

This week on ArcSpace: Koolhaas in Seattle; The Moderns in W. Hollywood; starchitect team re-imagines L.A.'s Grand Avenue (more below); Ando in Tokyo. – Portland as a template for urban planning: perhaps WTC site and Olympic Village developers should visit? – Can Toronto leam lessons from Vancouver's consultative design process? – Was L.A.'s Grand Avenue symposium (see ArcSpace) unfair grandstanding? – A movie star apprentice for Gehry. – A movie studio in South Wales to have "real wow factor." – Boston preservationists fear for churches. – It's Ossies vs. Wessies in preserving Berlin's People's Palace. – Are well-designed stainways the answer to helping us be flab-free? – A New Urbanist community in Texas builds a "child-centric" school, while Cleveland is using \$1.5 billion for new schools "so unimaginatively that it's 'on the verge of a major public architectural catastrophe." – NYC hopes for "restorative new architecture" in Brooklyn and Harlem. – Muschamp on Hadid: high praise indeed! – The manvels of Delhi's Metro. – The marvels of marble, brick, and stone as shower curtains and whirly-gigs. – Airport art taken to new heights in Toronto.

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- -- Nearing completion: Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Seattle Public Library
- -- Exhibition installation: The Moderns, Pacific Design Center, West Hollywood
- -- Symposium: Reimagining Grand Avenue, Los Angeles (Gehry, Hadid, Cobb, Daly, et al)
- -- Zaha Hadid, Pritzker Prize 2004 Laureate (as everybody else but a little different!)
- -- Tadao Ando: International Library of Children's Literature, Tokyo

Portland draws international urban planners: The city's reputation as a leader in green development attracts an increasing number of delegations- The Oregonian

At 9/11 Site, Balancing Reverence and Retailing: Callison Architecture...involved in the retail planning.By David W. Dunlap- New York Times

It Makes a Village? A look at the five high-design proposals floated to boost New York's Olympic Dreams. By Peter Slatin - Henning Larsens Tegnestue; MVRDV: Morphosis; Smith-Miller and Hawkinson; Zaha Hadid [images]- The Slatin Report

Mapping a blueprint for peace at the Art Gallery of Ontario: ...plans for a spectacular transformation... have been put into limbo. - Frank Gehry; Barton Myers-Toronto Star

Beyond the Edifice Complex: excitement and controversy swirl around the architectural redesigns of [Toronto's] major cultural institutions...widely consultative process favoured [by Vancouver Art Gallery] might not be a bad way to go. - Frank Gehry; Alsop Architects/Robbie Young + Wright Architects; Peter Cardew Architects; Machado and Silvetti Associates; Michael Maltzan Architecture- Globe and Mail (Canada)

A Grand Debate: Gehry Team Accused of Breaking Rank ...by hosting a symposium highlighting the Grand Avenue development...prompted accusations of grandstanding and undue influence by the competitors. By Sam Hall Kaplan-Gehry,/Hadid/Nouvel/Cobb; AC Martin; Jerde Partnership/Johnson Fain/Rios Clementi Hale Studios; David Childs/SOM/Brenda Levin/Howard Elkus/Gustafson Guthrie Nichols- LA Downtown News

Pitt gives movies the go-by to be Brad the builder: ...will serve an informal apprenticeship with Gehry...- Times of India

Sheppard Robson to design "Valleywood", a £50m Welsh film studio: masterplan by Holder Mathias- Building (UK)

Preservationists fear church closings: ...coalition...is trying to decide how best to reduce the likelihood that significant [Catholic church] buildings will be torn down. [slide show]- Boston Globe

Berliners torn on fate of East's People's Palace: A drive to raze the communistera edifice stirs protest from those who insist it is historic- Chicago Tribune

Architects join fight against flab: Perhaps architects can help...by designing fat-fighting buildings which simply force you to walk more.- BBC (UK)

'Child-centric' schools: ...the old formula of "Stand and Deliver" — a teacher before a class giving kids facts they'll be required to regurgitate — is hopelessly outdated. By Neal Peirce - HKS; Prakash Nair- Seattle Times

Building on faith: The city is hoping that Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos can serve up a restorative new architecture in Brooklyn and Harlem. By Justin Davidson [slide show]- NY Newsday

Woman of Steel: Zaha Hadid should have broken into the world of major big-time builders years ago. By Herbert Muschamp [slide show]- New York Times

New milestone: Harvard course marvels at Delhi Metro- Indian Express

Building Materials As Art: National Building Museum exhibit that explores using old building materials in new ways...curated by Stanley Tigerman- CBS News

The White Zone Is for Loading and Unloading Art: Pearson International Airport in

Toronto...has assembled a public-art program of arresting bravado. - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Moshe Safdie; Adamson Associates [images]- New York Times

<u>Musical Catalyst: Detroit's Max M. Fisher Music Center sparks downtown</u> redevelopment - Diamond and Schmitt Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow

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