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Two venerable partners die within hours of each other. -- Soaring hopes - and perhaps an end to a feud - at Ground Zero. -- Makers of documentary about Holyrood may have answers to inquiry about the Scottish Parliament building cost overrun and delay - but refuse to hand over interview tapes. -- Brownfield developer wins gold but sings the blues. -- A project that brightens the social and physical landscape. -- Philadelphia reviews library visions. -- A Denver museum has grand plans, an impressive RFQ list, and a tiny budget. -- Glorious gift wrapping for a Boston box. -- Raising the profile of New Zealand architects. -- Can Tacoma find its identity in a spire? -- Toronto pins high hopes on Gehry. -- Speaking of which...the ink has not stopped flowing.

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A Clue to What's to Come at Ground Zero: Santiago Calatrava, who will design the transportation hub at the World Trade Center site, is known for the representational quality of his work. By Fred A. Bernstein [slide show] - New York Times

Architects Agree to Meet to Work Out Tower Design: ...that would more closely follow the Libeskind plan. - Daniel Libeskind; David M. Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill - New York Times

BBC Newsnight's interrogator has questions to answer: A central question...is how did Enric Miralles and the Scottish architect RMJM hook up and win the contest to build the Scottish Parliament building? - The Scotsman (UK)

Brownfield builder gets plaudits but no profit: 'Brownie' Award winner gracious but realistic: 'We won't do it again' - Globe and Mail (Canada)

The makeover at Mole Hill: The Dr. Peter Centre is a superb addition to the West End's social and physical landscape - Neale Staniszkis Doll Adams Architects [images] - Vancouver Sun

Visions for library addition are aired: The $100 million building at the main Philadelphia branch could be set up in different ways. - Moshe Safdie & Associates; Foster & Partners; Cesar Pelli & Associates; TEN Arquitectos - Philadelphia Inquirer

Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver to build on a budget...under $80/sf compared to Denver Art Museum/Libeskind $420-plus: more than 60 architects...on the RFQ list - Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Finding beauty in the DNA of a biotech facility: the perfect gift wrapping for a building that otherwise would look like a boring box. By Robert Campbell - Steven Ehrlich; Symmes, Main & McKee; Ken Greenberg; Michael Van Valkenburgh - Boston Globe

New Zealand architecture can do with a high rise in profile: The man who headed the Te Papa design team and is bringing us the Sir Peter Blake Memorial is now to build skyscraping tower blocks in Beijing. - Pete Boslasky - Stuff (New Zealand)

A City Seeks Its Identity Atop a Spire of Debate: can a 400-foot-tall spire shrouded in controversy rise above the sparse Tacoma skyline to save this city's soul? - Wyn Bielaska; Merritt+Pardini Architects [images] - New York Times

Gehry's 'architectural icon': Hopes in Toronto are now focused on Frank Gehry's $180 million renovation and expansion of the Art Gallery of Ontario: "don't expect me to do in Toronto what I've just done in Los Angeles. Toronto isn't Los Angeles." - Toronto Star

LA Times' Complete Coverage Of Disney Hall: Critics from all points weigh in - Los Angeles Times

Disney Land: Concert Hall Has a Ways to Go Before Becoming the City's 'Living Room'; one more piece of the puzzle for an engaging portrait of an evolving city. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Frank Gehry - LA Downtown News

The wonderful world of Disney: Frank Gehry's LA concert hall...is nothing short of a masterpiece... This building is a mature, confident and powerful work of art. By Jonathan Glancey - Guardian (UK)

Frank Gehry to speak at Pantages Theatre in Minneapolis - celebrating Weisman Art Museum's 10th-anniversary November 2 - Minneapolis Star Tribune

Iconic Arcs: Jubilee Church by Richard Meier & Partners [images] - ArchNewsNow

Urban Aria: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Diamond and Schmitt Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow