Today's News - March 1, 2004

ArcSpace takes us to Germany and Denmark with a peek into Murcutt's sketchbook. -- An RFQ and a call for entries bring high hopes for NYC's High Line and Broadway malls. -- Re-evaluating "an urban-development gun" and his "creative class" theories. -- SCI-Arc in Los Angeles and warehouses in Toronto may prove him right. -- Model legislation for urban historic preservation. -- Lakefront development minus the "fear and loathing" in Milwaukee. -- Nary a Stern-like red brick in sight at Valley Forge museum. -- A tiny museum ready to soar. -- Architects and egos: "Is there a more depressing group of persons than our current gang of megalomaniac architects?" -- A leisure center "is a lovely looking building, but the design may have been too clever for its own good." -- An Olympian architect "appears to have developed a Fountainhead complex." -- Vanity films: idolization or education? -- "...hard to find two subjects - architecture and architects - more poorly explored in documentary films" but "My Architect" astounds (we were pulling for it to win the Oscar last night). -- Starchitects glitter in the Finnish snow. -- In the Philippines, architects mix business with billiards.

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-- Competition winner: Coop Himmelblau: European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
-- Sneak preview: Schmidt, Hammer & Lassen: Århus Art Museum, Denmark
-- The Architect's Studio: Sketches by Glenn Murcutt
-- Book: Glenn Murcutt: A Singular Architectural Practice By Haig Beck and Jackie Cooper
-- Images: Makoto Sei Watanabe: K-Museum, Tokyo

Hopes are Ever Higher: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for High Line Master Plan Issued by Friends of the High Line and NYC- ArchNewsNow

Call for Entries: 3rd Annual Broadway in Bloom Design Competition. Deadline: April 16 - Broadway Mall Association (NYC)

The road to riches? Richard Florida has built a thriving career on the theory that the "creative class" drives urban economic growth. But critics increasingly say his ideas just don't add up. - Boston Globe

A Hard Lesson: SCI-Arc, Arts District Should Prevail When it Comes to Disputed Site. By Sam Hall Kaplan - Eric Owen Moss- LA Downtown News

The promise of an empty box - the warehouse is a great argument for thinking inside the box [and] has made possible the rehabilitation of entire neighbourhoods... By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

Hartford Can Lead The Way On Preservation: Hartford has the opportunity to create model legislation...other cities are expressing interest. - Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

Lakefront projects can be done right: Pier Wisconsin...should give lie to the notion that all new development on the lakefront must automatically be met with fear and loathing. By Whitney Gould - Hammel, Green and Abrahamson [image] - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A fitting approach for a history center: Valley Forge could now become the place where architecture critics conquer their doubts about Robert A.M. Stern... By Inga Saffron- Philadelphia Inquirer

A Tiny Museum Achieves Its Towering Ambition: Skyscraper Museum "...just a prelude, the real museum is the city itself" - Roger Duffy of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Pentagram [image] - New York Times

Save us from megalomaniac male architects. - Guardian (UK)


An Olympian who could run and run: Santiago Calatrava's growing reputation for turning the unthinkable into the spectacular will be crowned this summer by his stadium for the Athens Olympics - if he gets it finished on time. By Deyan Sudjic- Observer (UK)

Structures That Take Flight: Calatrava has brought to the world of travel an incomparable high-tech lyricism. By Richard Lacayo - Time Magazine

Vanity and Validation: Films celebrating the design and construction of projects by celebrity architects are now ubiquitous. But do we actually learn anything from them? - Metropolis Magazine

Man and architect: Kahn film astounds. By Randy Gragg- The Oregonian

The White Stuff: "The Snow Show" brings together top architects and artists to build a shimmering, mysterious Arctic ice colony. Morphosis; Enrique Norten; Lebbeus Woods; Todao Ando; Zaha Hadid; Arata Isozaki; Future Systems; etc. [slide show] - New York Times

Architects transform drawing to reality:...at the Architectural Center Club Inc. (ACCI), architects discuss projects over billiards. - Philippine Daily Inquirer