We start the week with a peek at what UN Studio and Fox & Fowle Architects have in store for the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, Connecticut. Back to Ground Zero: The City may get the site in a trade for two airports (follow-up reports indicate that both the Port Authority and Larry Silverstein, the developer who holds the World Trade Center lease, both have an open mind to the idea). And John King weighs in about the importance architecture has taken in the public eye. Housing concerns (and solutions?) in Chicago, UK, and Australia are hot topics. Robert Campbell asks: “So is Princeton about to become a Gothic theme park? Apparently so. Call it Archibranding. Or Branditecture.” A museum dedicated to Peanut’s creator is almost ready for primetime. If you’re “down under,” Architecture Week starts in Sydney, and there’s a great exhibition t the Auckland University School of Architecture … and much more.

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