Today's News - November 7, 2003

Ground Zero memorial competition: and then there were eight. -- A (humorous) tweak at New Urbanism. -- Relaxing development rules IF the public is involved from the get-go (what a concept!). -- Experts at a housing conference link affordable housing to good schools (another great concept!). -- A princely shortlist for massive housing development in the U.K. -- A Myrtle Beach Marketplace with Misserian (read Mediterranean - not Miesian) style. -- Paris eyes skyscrapers (mais non!). -- Plans for a new gateway to Edinburgh left swinging in the breeze. -- Strategies for survival. -- Philadelphia library designer (not design) competition "in the hope that the visuals would reveal how their brains work." -- University has lots of designers, but no building. -- Report from ASLA annual conference. -- Chicago identifies endangered sites. -- Big bucks planned for NYC schools, but trade council not happy. -- Sydney Opera House's crumbling interior has "all the charm of a provincial bingo hall" - and a great comeback story. -- Holocaust memorial in Berlin under construction, but not all are pleased.

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Missing Memorial: jurors initially picked nine designs. Twin Piers proposal disqualified because it was determined that journalist Fred Bernstein was the author of two memorial submissions - a violation of the rules. [image] - NY Post

New Urbanism, Mon Amour! They're cropping up all over... preplanned, prefab communities... new urbanism isn't really changing how people live - it's merely another suburban subdivision masquerading as a small town. - Duany Plater-Zyberk [images] - Metroactive (San Francisco)

Baltimore County Executive to unveil growth measure: Plan would relax zoning for redeveloping sites if community is involved - Baltimore Sun

Good Schools Can Mean a Grade-A Community, the secret to creating ample affordable housing choices... is healthy schools in healthy communities. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post

Prince Charles joins shortlist of bidders for Ashford masterplan: 31,000-home Poundbury in Kent growth area. - Prince's Foundation/ Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company/URS; EDAW/HTA Architects; HOK International; Urban Initiatives; Kuiper Compagnons - Building (UK)

Shops, condos posed for prime site... on the north end of Myrtle Beach... will resemble Charleston's Market Street - Pegram & Associates - The Sun News

Paris Eyes Skyscrapers to Beat Housing Crisis (Reuters) - Yahoo News

Will Haymarket dream ever become a reality... councillors rejected plans by council-owned firm EDI... leaves the whole area and its potential rejuvenation swinging in the breeze... far from being a welcoming gateway to Edinburgh. - The Scotsman (UK)

Big architecture jobs dry up as firms scale back for survival... causing them to lower fees, cut overhead, diversify their design services, and find work out of state -- even out of the country - Seattle Times

Library designs, but little vision: finalists competing for the Free Library's expansion project must feel as if they're searching for a book without knowing its title. By Inga Saffron - Moshe Safdie and Associates; Foster and Partners; Cesar Pelli & Associates [link to finalists' concepts] - Philadelphia Inquirer

$1.5 million later, still no University of Georgia alumni center... planning... $8.6 million. During the next six years, the price tag swelled to $70 million. - Jova/Daniels/Busby; Carter and Associates; Michael Dennis & Associates; MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filson; Collins Cooper Carusi; Avens/Saint/Gross; Cooper Carry; Smallwood, Reynolds, and Stewart [images] - Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Fusion of Culture and Place: Report from American Society of Landscape Architects 2003 Annual Meeting & Expo - PLANetizen

Preservation Chicago identifies endangered sites: Demolitions threaten landmarks, neighborhoods - Crain's Chicago Business

Building and Construction Trades Council opposes $1.5 billion city school project - Crain's New York

The unfinished symphony: Sydney Opera House plans mark the righting of a great wrong... comprise the final chapter of a comeback story to beat them all - Jorn Utzon, Jan Utzon, Johnson Pilton Walker - Jerusalem Post

Holocaust memorial no balm for Berlin - Peter Eisenman [image] - Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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
-- RIAS Award for Best Building in Scotland: An Turas, Tiree - Sutherland Hussey Architects, with Jake Harvey, Glen Orwin, Donald Urquhart & Sandra Kennedy
-- Exhibition: Museums for a New Millennium, Miami Art Museum
-- Benson & Forsyth: Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh
-- Book: "Eichler: Modernism Rebuilds the American Dream" By Paul Adamson & Marty Arbunich