Today's News - November 21, 2003

Pei partner passes on. -- WTC memorial finalists: water and light, but nothing solid. -- Olympic-sized corporation proposed to oversee UK Olympic sites development. -- Museum pays for design it can't pay to build. -- Moneo wins British Gold. -- Design excellence honored in Virginia. -- Chicago gets more than just another vanilla box. -- Philip Johnson will sign his name on another Manhattan building. -- Restored architectural curiosities in Ireland end up paying their own way (is there a lesson here?). -- New Glasgow bridge an icon or cliché. -- Meier's church called enlightened. -- RSD recycles building into stylish student housing. -- Young architects look forward look back. -- Weekend diversions: Exhibition in Glasgow takes on health; Italian design masters in Athens; students design for luxury in New York. -- Just for fun: a most amusing mailbox.


WTC Memorial: Among Designs Of Water and Light, No Solid Winner... all are quite busy with visual information. By Benjamin Forgey - Washington Post

Prescott champions body to deliver Olympic site targets: proposes giant urban development corporation to push through regeneration of key east London areas. - Building (UK)

Carnegie Museums close to settling with architect Jean Nouvel: Carnegie Science Center... terminated contract... for failing to produce a scheme that could be built for $90 million. - By Patricia Lowry - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Rafael Moneo wins over the RIBA with timeless approach: a follower of form and function, not fashion -- is awarded Royal Gold Medal at the age of 67... Building (UK)

Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects honor 11 projects with Awards for Design Excellence... - Virginia Society of the AIA

ABN Amro improves on the vanilla box... offers fresh evidence of how Chicago architects excel at turning daunting functional problems into good design. By Blair Kamin - DeStefano + Partners - Chicago Tribune

Cold Call Leads to Philip Johnson Project on East Side - Alan Ritchie; Schuman Lichtenstein Cramer Architects - New York Times

Turning the old and odd into self-sustaining assets: Irish Landmark Trust drive to restore architectural curiosities for short-term holiday letting - Irish Times

New Glasgow bridge chosen: Neptune's Way... new £40m pedestrian bridge - Richard Rogers Partnership [images & links] - BBC News

Clyde [Glasgow] bridge spans districts but divides opinion: Neptune's Way: "long way for a short cut."..."iconic cliché."..."urban phenomenon: the bridge as destination" - Richard Rodgers Partnership - The Scotsman (UK)

Enlightened Worship: Architect Richard Meier gives Church a modernist treatment... - Tandem (Canada)

Rhode Island School of Design 'dorms' to have SoHo style - Office dA; ADD Inc... - Providence Journal


Building health: Maggie's Exhibition at the Lighthouse, Glasgow... one of a several... which showcase new ideas to improve both healthcare buildings and medical equipment - Frank Gehry; Richard Rogers; Zaha Hadid; Daniel Libeskind; Richard Murphy - The Scotsman (UK)

Alessandro Mendini and Ettore Sottsass for Cleto Munari: Exciting design exhibition currently at the DESTE Foundation for Contemporary Art, Athens - Kathimerini (Greece)

The Future of Luxury Design: Students from Parsons School of Design unveil future design ideas for luxury goods December 8th - Newswise

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INSIGHT: The Might-Have-Been Memorial. By Fred Bernstein - ArchNewsNow

-- Competition winner: Zaha Hadid: High Speed Station, Napoli Afragola, Italy
-- Competition winner: NACO/Foster and Partners/Arup: Beijing Capital Airport, China
-- Book: "The Architecture of Fumihiko Maki: Space, City, Order and Making" By Jennifer Taylor
-- Book: "Prefab" By Allison Arieff & Bryan Burkhart

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