

Today's News - November 24, 2003

WTC memorial finalists: more analysis (as expected). – Smart Growth Achievement Awards. – Communities win grants and could be next year's winners. – Cleveland has high hopes for its own waterfront. – Building, architects, and accountability in New Delhi. – Mediocre hospital design in the U.K. – Modernism isn't winning at 2 Columbus Circle - or in Sarasota. – Foreign Office Architects eat cake. – Foster & Partners fosters energy conservation - and pickles. – A magical house of experimentation: "walk up the caterpillar and through the chrysalis in the lobby." – Mies's Farnsworth House still making news. – Bricks and stones that stretch and dance. – "My Architect" takes reviewer home. – 'Tis the season of name-brand architects.

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[The Eight Design Finalists Provide a Blueprint for Compromise: ...memorial plans "will have to evolve in one way or another"](#)- New York Times

[2003 National Awards for Smart Growth Achievement Announced \[links to winners/images\]](#)- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[25 Community Partnerships receive \\$200,000 grants to address community design, land use, transportation, architecture, trails, parks and other issues that influence healthier lifestyles.](#)- Active Living by Design

[Some exciting proposals come washing ashore: Cleveland...has an idealistic design community...share their visions for the future of the city's lakefront. By Steven Litt](#)- Cleveland Plain Dealer

[Opinion: MCD or not, building should be a job left to experts: ...involving architects in the process of the proposed reforms...\[will\] bring in accountability, which is missing.](#)- Delhi Newline (India)

[Architects slate 'mediocre' hospitals: Designs for the buildings seriously lack quality and imagination says report \[link to images\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[A Building's Bold Spirit, Clad in Marble and Controversy: The legendarily exotic building now facing renovation at 2 Columbus Circle should be valued for its independent spirit. By Herbert Muschamp - Edward Durell Stone; Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture; Zaha Hadid](#)- New York Times

[Battle on the beach \[in Sarasota\]: Paul Rudolph Modernism vs. Mediterranean Revival...modern hasn't been winning.](#)- Sarasota Herald-Tribune

[At home with Foreign Office Architects: what animals are they breeding today? By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Conserving Everyone's Energy but His Own: ...Foster & Partners have turned technological bravura to a more explicitly social agenda: energy conservation.](#)- Norman Foster; Ken Shuttleworth [images]- New York Times

[A 40-Story Pickle Commandeers London's Skyline - Foster & Partners \[image\]](#)- New York Times

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[An architectural icon up for auction: When Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's client complained about too little closet space, his solution was simple - buy fewer clothes - Farnsworth House](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Carving New Roles For Stone and Bricks: "Masonry Variations," a venturesome exhibition at the National Building Museum...bricks and stones not asked the ordinary... By Benjamin Forgey - Stanley Tigerman; Carlos Jimenez; Jeanne Gang; Julie Eizenberg; Winka Dubbeldam](#)- Washington Post

[Finding Dhaka in New York: "My Architect" a poignant...documentary on the architect of our National Assembly complex: Louis Kahn](#)- The Daily Star (Bangladesh)

[Selling What's In a Name: In a star-struck era, nothing sells like celebrity itself. By Linda Hales - Frank O. Gehry; Philippe Starck; Eames](#)- Washington Post

[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 Prtners/Arup: Beijing Capital Airport, China
-- Book: "The Architecture of Fumihiko Maki: Space, City, Order and Making" By Jennifer Taylor

[-- Book: "Prefab" By Allison Arief & Bryan Burkhart](#)

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