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Praise and pans for 9/11 memorial design (and we haven't even seen the revised version yet). -- India needs to develop its own Shanghai and Beijing. -- Despite politics, economics, and NIMBY-ism, a homeless village governs itself. -- Hartford started clearing its slums 150 years ago. -- Big plans for riverfront development even though "Any recreational activity that involves contact with the water is not advisable..." (Well, doesn't that sound appealing!) -- Irish landmarks vie for Building of the Year. -- Goldberger cautions preservationists not to "get cocky or indifferent." -- A rather humorous view of Modernism through movies. -- NYC launches competition to design city streetlights. -- A stunning desert domain. -- A "freakish" castle in Spain: no one knows quite what to do with it. -- Coloring a nation's mood.

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How Winning 9/11 Memorial Acquired Its 2nd Designer - Michael Arad; Peter Walker

Critic: Winning Design Oppressive, Generic: ...hope that the revisions will address more than the trimmings... By Justin Davidson - Michael Arad; Peter Walker - NY Newsday

World Trade Center memorial design praised for minimalism: Charges coming (AP) - Michael Arad; Peter Walker - San Diego Union-Tribune

Commentary: India Can Shine If It Has a Shanghai or Two: ...what India needs most now are world-class cities... - Bloomberg

For city's homeless, will it take a village? Portland has allowed the indigent to form a community, but now reconsiders. Dignity Village...very existence represents the awkward position in which many US cities find themselves... - Christian Science Monitor

The First Renewal: 150 Years Ago, The Hartford Voted To Clear The Slums And Create A Park - Jacob Weidenmann [images] - Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

A river runs through it: The Anacostia River is dirty, smelly and flows almost like molasses...but D.C. officials are betting that in time it will attract area residents and spur redevelopment.- Washington Times

Sites Have Designs on World Building Title: Four landmarks representing the best of the Province's architecture are vying for...Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Building of the Year. - icNorthernIreland

Interview: Paul Goldberger on the relationship between historic preservation and the broader culture. - Preservation magazine

Give modernism a beating, Part I ...despite public disdain and Hollywood denigration, modernism maintains its grip on architecture. - Providence Journal

NYC City Lights Design Competition: Registration deadline: March 1 - NYC Department of Design and Construction


Spanish castle magic: ...a freakishly unorthodox "cathedral" [built by one man] is tottering towards completion...authorities there are at a loss as to what should be done about the structure. - Guardian (UK)

Tell-all hues reveal the nation's mood: The evolution of the American decorating palette over the last century reveals not only design trends but also attitudes about world events, the economy and the future. - Los Angeles Times

-- Frank O. Gehry & Associates: Bridge of Life Museum, Panama City, Panama
-- Santiago Calatrava: La Roja, Bodegas Ysios, Laguardia, Alava, Spain
-- Romero & Schaefle Architect: Hotel Greulich, Zurich
-- Book: Bent Ply: The Art of Plywood Furniture by Dung Ngo and Eric Pfeiffer; Princeton Architectural Press

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