

Today's News - December 6, 2005

WTC Memorial Foundation issues RFP for construction management/general contractor. – Meanwhile, the power struggle over Ground Zero continues. – In Beijing, a "gaggle" of starchitects inspire local talent to come up with their own mega-malls and "glitzy" office towers (never mind the demolition of parts of the Old City). – Winners named in U.K.'s £60,000 affordable housing competition, not at the expense of good design (unfortunately, no architects named). – Toronto finally gets its urban beach, complete with big yellow umbrellas; and the U.S. press is giddy over the city. – MacMillan makes his pick for Denver's new justice center (we'll find out if he's right in a few weeks). – In Johannesburg, a look at the bigger picture of the Beyers Naudé Square project that was much debated last week (see ANN 11/29/05). – Connecticut's "architectural anomaly...an appealing water plant." – Museum "wow's" them in Des Moines; next stop: Peoria. – Historic inn trades blue Formica for green technology. – Some high, some flighty aspirations for Chicago's water towers. – Houses at Sagaponac: are they just a "different sort of suburban sprawl?" – Turning Torsos to tower in Vegas? – Cloepfil as museum-maker with charm and skill. – Hadid dazzles (and makes them cower). – A mega-merger: EDAW and AECOM.

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[Request for Proposals \(RFP\): Construction Management/General Contractor Services for World Trade Center Memorial, Memorial Museum, and related facilities; deadline: January 10, 2006 \(pdf\)](#)- WTC Memorial Foundation

[Power Struggle Heats Up While Development Moves Slowly at Ground Zero -- Calatrava; Pei Cobb Freed Partners](#)- Architectural Record

[Economic warm-up for the Olympic main course...The gaggle of international architectural celebrities...hired to create the new avant garde Beijing are inspiring...local architects...who have gone into creative over-drive...Large tracts of Beijing's old city have been reduced to rubble... -- Foster; Koolhaas; Herzog and de Meuron; PTW](#)- Financial Express (India)

[Prescott warns drive to build more homes must not be at expense of good design: ...announced the successful bidders for a further four sites in his Design for Manufacture competition to construct quality homes for £60,000.](#)- 24dash.com (UK)

[It has taken time, but waterfront comes of age with urban beach: ...HtO has happily entered the realm of the possible.](#) By Christopher Hume -- Janet Rosenberg; Claude Cormier- Toronto Star

[So long, Plague City: U.S. media are buzzing about Toronto again, and this time it's all good -- Gehry; Kuwabara Payne Blumberg McKenna; Libeskind](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Who best to build upon our city? For justice center, a pick of architects.](#) By Kyle MacMillan -- Foster and Partners/AR7/ HooverDesmondArchitects/HDR; Enrique Norton/TEN Arquitectos/RNL/Durrant; Hartman-Cox Architects; HOK; Valerio Dewalt Train Associates- Denver Post

[Reserve Bank: work almost complete: Bought for a buck in 2002, the Gauteng government is spending R38-million to restore Matlotlo House to its 1930s splendour...part of the plan for the creation of a square adjoining the present Beyers Naudé Square... -- Gordon Leith \(1938\); JC Cook & Cowen \(1935\); Floris Smith & Meyer Pienaar Architects \(1996\); Faniel Motsepe \[images\]](#)- City of Johannesburg

[Connecticut Town Helps Create an Architectural Anomaly: An Appealing Water Plant...designed as a model of "sustainable" architecture... -- Steven Holl; Michael Van Valkenburgh \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Iowa's \\$62 million museum in Des Moines 'wowing' its visitors: Same architectural firm hired to design Peoria complex -- Zimmer Gunsul Frasca/ZGF; Brooks Bork Skiles Architecture; White Oak Associates](#)- Peoria Journal Star

[At Bear Mountain Inn \[NY\], a Plunge Into Environmentalism: A 1960's attempt to update the \[90-year-old\] building left blue Formica "all over the place"... -- Hugh Hardy/H3 Hardy Collaboration \[image\]](#)- New York Times

[Tanks for the Memory: Mayor Daley jump-starts a Chicago architectural competition that seeks to locate the city's soul in its historic water tanks. A new exhibition displays 167 of the entries and examines the water tank's history and future possibilities in a high-tech age.](#) By Lynn Becker [images, links]- Repeat (Chicago)

[Mostly modern: Relatively restrained by Hamptons standards, the Houses at Sagaponac bring a different sort of suburban sprawl to the East End.](#) By Justin Davidson -- Meier; Hadid; Lindy Roy; Hariri & Hariri; Annabelle Selldorf; Henry Cobb; Shigeru Ban; Stan Allen; Eric Owen Moss [images]- NY Newsday

[Calatrava Malmo tower planned for Las Vegas: ...two Turning Torsos...not yet confirmed...-](#) Valencialife.net (Spain)

[Museum Maker: With charm and skill, an Oregon architect climbs the peak of modern design...So, how did a little-known West Coast architect garner such high-profile commissions in the first place? -- Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture \[images\]](#)- Seattle Times

[Designing Woman: Zaha Hadid has become the most famous female architect in the world. It has not been an easy path.](#)- CBS Sunday Morning

[AECOM Merges with EDAW](#)- Business Wire

[INSIGHT: Condos Breathe New Life into Old Offices: Historic office buildings are increasingly being reinvented as condominiums in CBDs \(central business districts\) across the country.](#) By Mark Harbick, AIA- ArchNewsNow

[Dec. '05 Build Business: Why Hire a Marketing Staff? No longer considered unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for savvy A/E/C firms.](#)

[Competition winner: Coop Himmelb\(l\)au: Busan Cinema Center, Busan, South Korea](#)

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