

Today's News - May 16, 2006

An in-depth look at the "war of wills" (and words) swirling around 9/11 memorial at Ground Zero (or, how to - or not to - pick your battles...it would be funny if it weren't so sad). -- High energy prices are "the tipping point for a great redirection away from sprawl." -- Duany to bring new urbanism to Scotland. -- Perhaps he should visit Poundbury to help appease the PROD's. -- Finalists in Toronto waterfront competition an "eclectic" bunch (including a "gaggle of New York firms"). -- Rybczynski "opines" on suburbia, Wal-Mart, and starchitecture. -- A conversation with urbanist Sir Peter Hall and "Biomimicry" author Janine Benyus. -- Beauty and a park will grow amidst those old Orange County bunkers. -- Landscape architecture finally getting deserved attention. -- Hadid's Spiraling Tower on Barcelona's waterfront "like a pile of Liquorice Allsorts on top of one another" (is that a good thing?). -- Three Texas towns share an arts center. -- Colorado town wants to save its night sky. -- Architecture for Humanity finally starts to see results. -- Discretion as an architectural art form in a sculpture park. -- Remember plans for a glass skywalk over Grand Canyon? It's really happening. -- "The Architecture of Happiness" like "rubbernecking at a literary car-crash" (that's one of the more polite criticisms in the review). -- On view: Bucky and Noguchi in New York. -- Italy's grand designs in Montreal.

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[The 9/11 Memorial Fiasco: A furious architect, opportunistic politicians, betrayed loyalites, and a price reaching a billion dollars. How a soaring vision went disastrously wrong. -- Michael Arad/Handel Architects; Peter Walker; Davis Brody Bond. Libeskind; Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- New York Magazine](#)

[Op-Ed: Connecting The Dots On High Gas Prices: Pundits may not be facing up to the ultimate answer to rising energy costs -- our physical environment -- but the American consumer is already deep into the calculus...Now energy prices...are clearly becoming the tipping point for a great redirection away from sprawl. By Anthony Flint- PLANetizen](#)

[World-class expert to design new town for the Highlands: Andres Duany will help draw up the blueprint for a community between Inverness and Nairn...about 5,000 houses, schools, shops and other services on a 350-acre site... -- Duany Plater-Zyberk \(DPZ\)- The Scotsman \(UK\)](#)

[Prince Charles' model village could become 'carbuncle': ...Poundbury Residents Opposed to Density \(Prod\) to battle phase two of the development which they say is out of scale and character with the rest of Poundbury.- 24dash.com \(UK\)](#)

[Harbour of our dreams: The eclectic finalists in a \\$20 million international design competition took refuge in no safe harbourfronts...Though the entries vary in quality, there's no shortage of great ideas. By Christopher Hume -- Foster and Partners/Atelier Dreiseitl; Stan Allen Architects/Sarah Witting and Ron Witte Architects; Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects/Martinez Lapena-Torres Architects; West 8/du Toit Allsopp Hillier; Snøhetta/Sasaki Associates/nARCHITECTS/Weisz + Yoes Architecture/H3/Balmori Associates/Halcrow Yolles HPA- Toronto Star](#)

["Live" with Witold Rybczynski: ...prominent commentator on architecture and urbanism opines on suburbia, Wal-Mart, differences between designers and economists, celebrity buildings, do-it-yourself, and other aspects of how we live.- The American Enterprise](#)

[Urbanist Sir Peter Hall and "Biomimicry" author Janine Benyus in conversation with Richard Fidler- ABC \(Australia\)](#)

["We're not building a park, we're growing a park": Work has begun at old Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro on a massive project that could profoundly alter Orange County. Leave it to Ken Smith to find beauty in an old ammunition bunker.- Daily Breeze \(California\)](#)

[A view of varied work by a landscape designer: Michael Van Valkenburgh gets showcase at Harvard...demonstrates that landscape architects do a lot more than plant a tulip bed in your backyard...Landscape architecture is a too-little-known profession. By Robert Campbell- Boston Globe](#)

[British-Iraqi architect's Barcelona coup: Described by one commentator as "like a pile of Liquorice Allsorts on top of one another". \[Spiraling Tower\] block in contrasting colours will be the centrepiece of Barcelona's new university campus. -- Zaha Hadid \[image\]- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Arts of Collin County gradually shaping vision: ...the performance art building...will blend into the environment...will overlook a terraced meadow leading to a creek flowing through the 124-acre site... -- Boora Architects \[image\]- Plano Star Courier \(Texas\)](#)

[Night lights scrutinized in Breckenridge: ...light pollution is an environmental stewardship issue, on par with preserving wetlands and wildlife habitat...impacts on a worldwide scale are affecting not only scientific observations, but the general public's right to enjoy the night sky...- Summit Daily \(Colorado\)](#)

[It Takes a Village: The nonprofit Architecture for Humanity finally starts to get results. -- Cameron Sinclair/Kate Stohr; Pumima McCutcheon- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Can't see the wood for the trees: What do you do if your brief is to design a structure to blend into the background? Steve Rose visits the discreet new centre at Goodwood sculpture park...If it is possible to make a statement of discretion, then Craig Downie has done it here.- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[A Cliff-Hanger: Want a more thrilling view of the Grand Canyon? Take a stroll over the all-glass Skywalk, and you can hover above it -- David Jin; Lochsa Engineering \[image\]- Popular Science](#)

[Intellectual property: Between the silky matte covers, The Architecture of Happiness \[by Alain de Botton\] is as confused and crammed with kitschy knick-knacks as any Victorian parlour...the effect is one of rubbernecking at a literary car-crash.- New Statesman \(UK\)](#)

["Best of Friends: R. Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi" On view at The Noguchi Museum \(NY\)](#)
[May 19 – October 15-](#) The Noguchi Museu

[Touring 20th-century Italy's grand designs: "Il Modo Italiano" at Montreal Museum of Fine Arts tracks the country's changing moods, from angst to cutting-edge whimsy -- Ponti; Castiglioni; Pesce; Sottsass; etc.-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)



[Under construction: Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects: Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall/Samueli Theatre, Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa, California](#)

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