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Now the architects have (supposedly) made peace, it's the politicians' turn to squabble over Ground Zero. — A new look for Memphis waterfront in the offing. — Smart growth movement vs. a powerful sprawl lobby. — Design rules that work and don't work. — Olmsted's vision lives on...just barely. — Themed developments take hold in Malaysia. — Being green pays for itself. — Awards for sustainable design and development. — Tallest residential tower in U.K. approved. — Asian gallery enlightens. — More high notes for Disney Hall. — Melbourne memorial made more special. — Berlin memorial on hold - again.

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Disagreement over rebuilding: Governor expected to outline a vision for rebuilding lower Manhattan on Thursday which clashes with Mayor's plan on at least one key point.- Crain's New York

City of Memphis to choose river front design Wednesday...Beale Street Landing finalists include firms from Argentina, New York City, Columbus, Ohio, and Alexandria, Va.- Memphis Business Journal

Memphis Beale Street Landing finalists preview - Paulo Gaston Flores/Alejandro Martin Dafunchio; Mason White/Lola Sheppard; David Hong; EDAW; Javier Rivarola/Gustavo Trosman/Ricardo Norton [images]- Riverfront Development Corporation

Op-Ed: Time to Face Sprawl Politics and the Sprawl Lobby: ...it is folly to ignore the sprawl lobby and its commitment to sustain the sprawl status quo. By Joel S. <u>Hirschhorn-PLANetizen</u>

Designing Rules: Making room for different tastes: If you're in the business of designing environments people will pay money to live in...can't design your idea of utopia and force everyone to conform to it. By Virginia Postrel- Reason

The country in the city: ...the vision of America's greatest landscape artist lives on -- but just barely...In this era of endless sprawl, [Olmsted's] political acumen and commitment to urban greening and streetcar suburbs remain models for our time.- Boston Globe

Themed residential developments in the South Lake resort: "South of the Mines: Venice of the East"...a melting pot of architecture from various countries- The Star (Malaysia)

<u>Green building investments yield high returns, says study: pay for themselves 10 times over</u>- Environmental News Network

Sustainable Design Leadership Awards presented by International Interior Design Association (IIDA), American Institute of Architects (AIA) Interiors Committee, and CoreNet Global. - Mithun Architects+Designers+Planners; HOK; Fox & Fowle- IIDA

Sustainable Development Pioneer Co-Winner of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) 2003 Sasakawa Environment Prize: Xie Zhenhua of China has worked tirelessly to steer the world's most populous country and fastest growing economy on an environmentally friendly path- UNEP

Tallest tower will change city's skyline: Planning approval...for a 47-storey glass tower in Manchester ...the tallest residential building in Britain. - lan Simpson Architects [image]- Telegraph (UK)

Impossible lightness achieved: It's not just the Buddhas who are basking in enlightenment at their new Asian Galleries home, writes Elizabeth Farrelly. - Richard Johnson/Johnson Pilton Walker- Sydney Morning Herald

Orchestrating A Masterpiece: Frank Gehry's Disney Hall is a study in contrasts: public and private, playful and sober, plain and fancy. By Justin Davidson- NY Newsday

Architect infuses Disney Hall with grace, glamour: And a little mystery....Like "Rashomon," what one sees in Gehry's graceful shapes depends on one's viewpoint.- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Special place, lest we forget: The extension to the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance is a sleight of hand. - Hudson and Wardrop (1933); Ashton Raggatt McDougall; Rush/Wright [images]- The Age (Australia)

Berlin's Jewish memorial halted after [construction] firm linked with supply of Nazi gas - Peter Eisenman- Guardian (UK)

My Father's House: Louis Kahn's work was his life — and that's the sobering theme of his son's new documentary.- New York Times

<u>Iconic Arcs: Jubilee Church by Richard Meier & Partners [images]</u>-ArchNewsNow

<u>Urban Aria: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts - Diamond and Schmitt Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow</u>

-- Opening: Frank O. Gehry & Partners: Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles -- Tadao Ando Architects: Sayamaike Historical Museum, Osaka, Japan -- Book: The Grand Tour: Travelling the World with an Architect's Eye By Harry Seidler

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