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WTC memorial: finalists are young - not the architectural elite. — Two views: Finalists are "elegant" and "...process proceeded with much greater integrity than the related architectural competition." Or: they're "generic" and "impersonal...like an airport design" and the fault is with the process. — Fears that China "...once again accepting the US export of elitist culture" with Guggenheim plans. — Then there's the Australian invasion. — Holyrood investigation continues. — A "United States of Generica." — Fabulous prefab. — A wind turbine for everyone's roof. — New life for an on power station in Australia. — Ex-dean of architecture still working (sort of). — 2 Columbus Circle isn't the only one on New York's "must save" list. — A London conference on future cities. — Awards for outstanding internship programs. — Some wild - and not so wild - awards out west. — Steuben design sparkles in New York. — Hybrid architecture n Palm Beach.

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WTC Memorial: Young Ideas for Solemn Sites: nearly everyone has been struck by how many of these projects...are the work of young artists and not the architectural elite.- New York Times

Memento Mori: Eight elegant proposals for a memorial at the World Trade Center honor the living as much as the victims of 9/11. By Joseph Giovannini- New York Magazine

Opinion: Rethink The Type Of Memorial We Want: The fault is not with the designers, but with the process. By Max Page- Gotham Gazette

Cultural invasion by Guggenheim Museum [in Taichung] feared: "...if Taiwan's modern art is not good enough, Guggenheim won't rescue it"- Taipei Times

Breaking China: A group of eight Australian architects - winners of an Austradesponsored competition - are in China spruiking their wares... - Allom Lovell & Associates; Ashton Raggatt McDougall; John Wardle; Lab Architecture Studio; Lippmann Associates; Minifie Nixon; Rice Daubney; Willams Boag- Sydney Morning Herald

Scotland's chief architect surprised at [Holyrood] competition: warned the then Secretary of State for Scotland, Donald Dewar, that it might be controversial, but had been told that controversy was "no bad thing". - Dr John Gibbons; Enric Miralles; RMJM-BBC News

Opinion: Seeking imagination in a homogenous world: ..."United States of Generica" has been coined in an effort to describe the developing sameness of communities. By Josh Johnson- Wisconsin Builder

Prefab-ulous: A cadre of high-style architects brings designerly ambitions to the mid-priced, kit-built house. By Justin Davidson - Michael Graves; Anderson and Anderson; Rocio Romero; Resolution: 4 Architecture [images]- NY Newsday

Mini-turbine brings 'green power for all': Company claims its domestic wind unit can provide 15% of average household's electricity needs...designed to be fitted on almost any roof or wall- Guardian (UK)

The power has flickered, but the spark of the future is lit: The disused White Bay power station..."the ugly toad which could be transformed to a thing of beauty" - Design 5 Architects; Suters Architects-Sydney Morning Herald

Ex-architecture dean to advise University of Tennessee's chief: Marleen Kay

Davis also to return to classroom after controversial demotion, leaveTennessean

2003 Seven to Save list- Preservation League of New York State

"Future Visions: Future Cities," London, December 6: one-day conference will examine all the key issues around 'the city'. From the urban footprint to urban villages...from sustainability to the space age-Transport Research Group

Call for Entries: 2004 Internship Development Program Outstanding Firm Awards. Deadline: January 30, 2004- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

2003 AIA Western Mountain Region (WMR) Design Awards Announced- PR Newswire

Architects light the way in awards: New Mexico AIA 2003 awards- Albuquerque Tribune

Shiny legacy: "Glass and Glamour: Steuben's Modern Moment, 1930-1960" at the Museum of the City of New York- Journal-News (Westchester Co., NY)

"Marjetica Potrc: Urgent Architecture" at the Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art through February 29: new, site-specific hybrid structure uniting projects in Caracas, West Bank, and West Palm Beach, AbsoluteArts

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

<u>Jennifer Taylor</u> -- Book: "Prefab" By Allison Arieff & Bryan Burkhart

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