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INSIGHT: Sounding Good: Inspired by the classics: Nashville's new Schermerhom Symphony Center. By Paul Scarbrough -- David M. Schwarz; Akustiks; Fisher Dachs-ArchNewsNow

Security and Terrorism: Lessons Learned from September 11. By Barbara A. Nadel, FAIA- Buildings.com

For Culture, a Clouded Future at Ground Zero: This much is known: The center will be designed by the world-renowned architect Frank Gehry...- New York Sun

Skyscraper Museum Exhibition Celebrates Twin Towers: "Giants: The Twin Towers and the Twentieth Century"...devoted not to 9/11 memories, but rather to the design, planning, and reinvention of Lower Manhattan in the 1960s...- Architectural Record

One Year Since Hurricane Katrina: Where Have All the Flowers Gone? By Lance Jay Brown, FAIA; NY Architect Puts Residents at Ease: Frederic Schwartz, FAIA; New Urbanism Casts Own Light On Gulf Coast. By Robert Orr, AIA; Affording Community Housing in Gulf Coast. By Marianne Cusato; and more [images]- e-Oculus

Village project could be model for state: ...a proposed community near Hattiesburg hopes it will serve as a model for the rebuilding and redevelopment of Coast and other Mississippi communities...the New American Village...designed with nature and the environment in mind... — James Polk/Eco Design- Hattiesburg American

Southeast Texas residents explore trend away from suburbia: Developers...are picking up on a cultural shift, as homebuyers trade suburbia and city living for what some have dubbed the millennial version of Mayberry...Not everyone is impressed with new urbanism.- Dallas Morning News

Underground and Yet So Over the Top: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, proposed for a site just north of the Lincoln Memorial, is an idea whose time should never come. By Roger K. Lewis-Washington Post

Architecture on a shoestring: Australia's architectural credentials to the world are being spruiked from this shack-like building at Venice Architecture Biennale...features the work of 12 leading architects... [image, link to slide show]- Courier-Mail (Australia)

Moneo chosen as architect for neuroscience/psychology buildings -- Davis Brody Bond-Princeton News

Gordon Murray and Alan Dunlop finally get permission for mixed residential and commercial development in Sligo [images]- Archiseek (Ireland)

Nature on the Threshold: Biophilic design, which incorporates real or simulated natural elements in an effort to promote well-being, has become more prominent and in demand. — Grant Hildebrand; Clodagh Design; Studio D'Arc; Inscape Studio [images]- New York Times

Blending with the landscape: Kerry Hill is regarded as one of the best regional architects, up there among the exalted ranks of Geoffrey Bawa and Peter Muller...the principles that govern the Singapore-based Australian architect's works. [images]- The Star (Malaysia)

Vanishing trick for Ireland's second homes: Houses can sink into ground when not in use. Fears over environmental impact of building boom...Antoin and Tarla MacGabhann could provide the solution...- Guardian (UK)

<u>Double Vision: Two artists. One studio. The architect David Adjaye divides and conquers.</u>
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Robert Fraga, AIA, Joins Leadership Team in GSA's Public Buildings Service: ...newly created position of Assistant Commissioner for Capital Construction Program Management- PR Newswire

A modest Modernist: Historians and preservationists say prolific architect Edward H. Fickett, who had an undeniable influence on Southern California, deserves more recognition.- Orlando Sentinel (Florida)

Green ideas ready to bloom: "Sustainable Architecture in Chicago: Works in Progress"...a companion to the larger exhibit "Massive Change: The Future of Global Design" proves that Chicago's "green" idealism and rhetoric are beginning to translate into concrete results. By kevin Nance -- Jeanne Gang; UrbanLab; Gensler; Stanley Tigerman; Helmut Jahn; Farr Associates; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Chicago Sun-Times

Please Walk on the Grass: Recreation and Play in the Contemporary City: An exhibition

explores the reinvention of urban public spaces to meet the demands of 21st century recreation and leisure. By Zoë Ryan — Ábalos & Herreros; Acconci Studio; Adjaye/Associates; Stan Allen Architects; ATOPIA; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; FAT; Thomas Heatherwick; Walter Hood; Martha Schwartz; SHoP Architects; Ken Smith; Weiss/Manfredi; West 8 [images]- ArchNewsNow

-- Inauguration: SANAA / Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa: Glass Pavilion, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio

-- Book: Fornasetti: Conversation with Philippe Starck By Brigitte Fitoussi

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