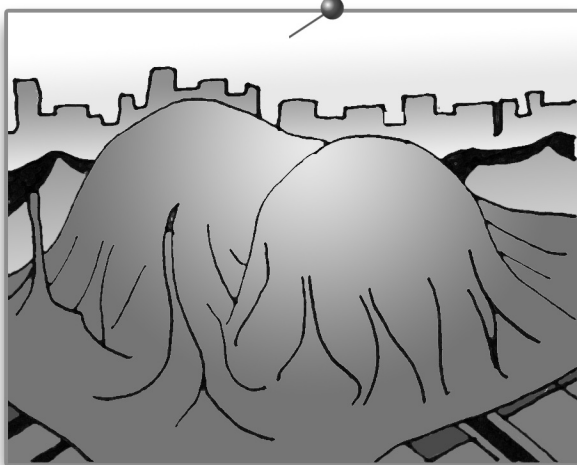
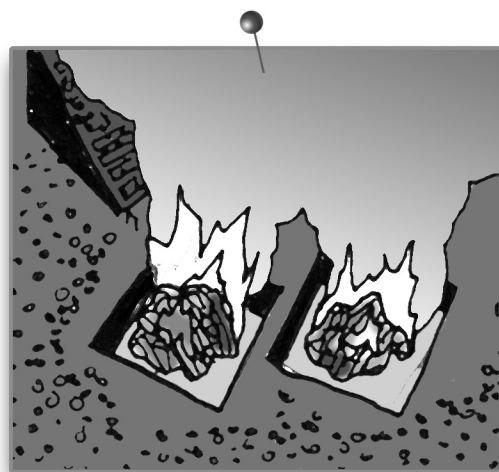


World Trade Center Memorial Proposals

Now that an official memorial has been selected for the World Trade Center site, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has released the designs they received—and rejected—from Vincent Scully's Modern Architecture class. The names of the contestants have been changed to protect their egos.

Name: Tamika Franks

Peace flags and protest banners collected from across Europe will be shredded and sewn into effigies that will be burned daily. The towers of smoke will remind New Yorkers of the World Trade Center towers. The memorial will be called *Freedom*.

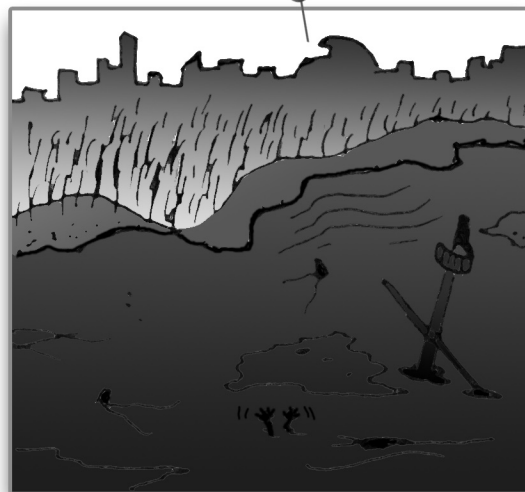


Name: J. Christo Morgan

Two orbs will be draped with neon pink cloth. To keep the clothed orbs from getting wet, we will cover the area with a tarp made from a giant American flag and neon pink Saran Wrap. We will call it *Wrapped Up in Memories*.

Name: G. Ollie Lum

Rather than reflecting pools, the site will be turned into a small man-made swamp housing fauna and flora, particularly oily fishes, from the nations of each country that lost hobbits, er, citizens in the 9/11 attacks. And I will eat the fishes. The pool will be shaped like a ring. The site will be called *Precious Memories*.



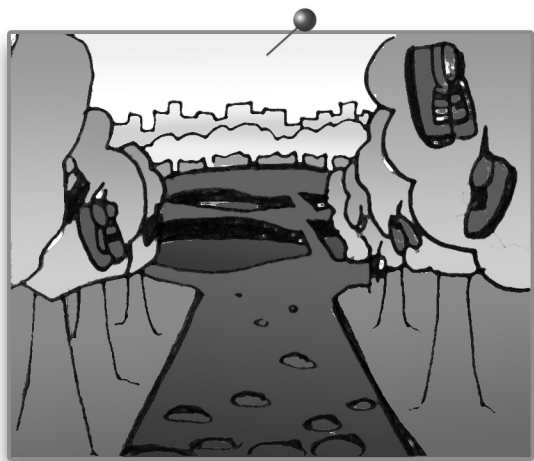


Name: John Luke P. Card

The present beams will continue to light up the sky, imitating and memorializing the World Trade towers. However, using a new technology I invented, the beams will be modified to emit a high-frequency radio pulse straight into the heart of the galaxy. A message encoded into the pulse will invite extraterrestrials to spread the story of the attacks by a patented “chain-of-stars” mail that, if not sent to six other planets within one week of receiving the pulse, will cause the responsible planet to explode. Site Title: *Deep Space Memorial*.

Name: Mary Bok

For each soul who died in the 9-11 attacks, two shoeprints will be cast in a great plaster walkway lined with trees, on which the victims’ old shoes (or replicas) will be slung. Two reflecting pools, shaped like footprints, will represent the mark the World Trade Center left on all our soles—I mean, souls. The site will be entitled *Memorial of Soles*.



Name: Vera Sacci

A memorial wall will be built to all the men, women, and children killed by these horrendous attacks. However, instead of inscribing their names, or displaying pictures of deceased’s faces, which would be morbid and depressing, we will put up photographs of supermodels from nations all over the world. International photographers will be employed to take the pictures, and the models will be dressed in haute couture from every country on earth. The site will be called *It’s A Skinny World After All*.



Name: Donna Rheums Field

This site should be about our children’s education, so I propose a hands-on learning memorial that emphasizes the future instead of dwelling in the past. Life-size models of the evildoers who have yet to be captured will be used as dummies in target practice stalls situated across from a one-story school where street Arabic, Farsi, and other Middle Eastern languages will be taught for free to patriotic New Yorkers. A cafeteria will serve American hot dogs, American Coca-Cola, and American freedom fries. The site’s name will be *A New Axis*.

