

**"What should be built on the sight of the World Trade Center?"**

**79%** Memorial

**9%** Business center

**2%** Nothing

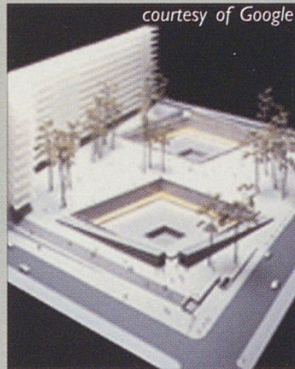
**5%** Both memorial and business center

**3%** Other

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**MANY IDEAS ARE BEING** looked at for the new **Freedom Tower**. Scale models have been crafted of the building, left, and of the reflecting pools, right, that will take the place of the original Twin Towers. Also, many artists have imagined what the new site will be like for pedestrians, far right.



# 9/11/2001 Rebuilding Manhattan memories

Plans released for a memorial to the World Trade Centers.

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**A**FTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, THE US WAS STRICKEN WITH GRIEF over the loss of thousands of lives in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks. The cleanup of the wreckage took over two years and plans to rebuild the area have been released and approved. Designed by Daniel Libeskind and David Childs, the new buildings will consist of metropolitan business centers built around the "footprints" of the original World Trade Centers. These footprints will be made into reflecting pools to commemorate the loss of the 2,752 victims.

Some, however, oppose the creation of any cosmopolitan center saying that the area is "hallowed ground". Led by families of victims, opposers to the plans say that for the people whose remains were lost, this is their burial ground and is therefore sacred. If no further complications arise, ground-breaking is planned for September 11, 2004, three years after the terrorist attacks.

**MODELS OF THE** Freedom Tower propose the world's tallest building at 1776 ft. high. The height is meant to commemorate the year of the Declaration of Independence and the building will be a living memory of the 3,000 victims of terrorism on 9/11/2001. The tower will also be practical in that it will have 70 stories of office space, two floors of restaurants, and one viewing platform.



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