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Today's News - July 9, 2002

Another busy news day... A Harvard professor has some interesting insights into the growing global economy that seem particularly applicable to our industry. Ground Zero issues heat up: The "official" preliminary plans go on display later this month. Architect Eli Attia has launched an impassioned petition drive for a national design competition with an e-mail note that states: "If allowed to stand, the decisions made to date around the rebuilding of Ground Zero will doom it forever to what verges on a national disgrace... What should become a new wonder of the world a true statement of who we are - is emerging as just another speculative real estate development and a memorial at its side.... spending billions of public dollars for a mundane project that will stand...for generations to regret." (The list of signatures - already several thousand - has some very notable names. It will be interesting to see if it has any impact.) And in your spare time, the Gotham Gazette offers a "kit" to create and submit your own master plan.

Elsewhere, Dublin plans to demolish a 13th century castle to make room for a highway; malls get religion; and the wondrous St. Basil's in Moscow is in worse condition than thought...and much more...

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Design Concepts Selected for African American Burial Grounds at Jefferson Home - Lance Hosey, AIA; Katherine A. Towson and Roger Charles Sherry [images]- AIArchitect

Preparing for a Global Economy: Malcom Salter, professor, Harvard Business School, offers insights that every business leader should consider and gives his predictions for the future. Fast Company

<u>Call for Entries: The Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Cities (Bauhaus Dessau Foundation); first application deadline: August 1, 2002-AbsoluteArts</u>

Some Visions Of Recovery In a Bastion Of History: preliminary land-use plans for the World Trade Center site will be shown from July 22... - Beyer Blinder Belle; Parsons Brinckerhoff; Peterson Littenberg Architects- New York Times

Which future for Ground Zero? Eli Attia launches petition that calls for a national design competition-phoenixUSA.org

Rebuild Plan Goes Upscale: University, housing, parks, 'new skyline' in lower Manhattan- NY Daily News

Ground Zero Planner - Design Your Vision of the World Trade Center Site-Gotham Gazette

Motorway to destroy unique medieval castle in Dublin- Irish Independent

New federal building setting standards for security - Ross Barney + Jankowski-The Oklahoman

Second chance for Elephant & Castle regeneration: a new search for a development partner for the £1.5 billion overhaul-The Architects' Journal (UK)

Architectural firms designing [Collaborative Innovation Center] in Junction Hollow decide to merge - Davis Gardner Gannon Pope [images]- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Preserving Caplans' history: Retaining façade on Rideau Street side part of bid to develop \$30M complex - Desmarais, Cousineau, Yaghjian, St-Jean & Marchand- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

Tony Blair picks eight of the best public buildings- The Architects' Journal (UK)

Reining In Expectations on Lincoln Center Project- New York Times

<u>Christian-style capitalism grows in the South: churches are buying entire [shopping] centers.</u>- Christian Science Monitor

[Masonic] Temple will undergo \$10 million restoration: Owners to make building part of Tremont Plaza - Murphy & Dittenhafer- Baltimore Sun

Coat of Paint Won't Fix St. Basil's: restoration costs may rocket when the state of its foundations is known.- Moscow Times (Russia)

Vätternbridge: Traffic congestion in a town center will be relieved via a scenic route over a bay. - Erséus, Frenning & Sjögren Arkitekter and Scandiaconsult Sverige AB- ArchNewsNow

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