

## Today's News - September 7, 2004

This week, ArcSpace takes us to Italy, Amsterdam, and Athens. – Change is in the air at the National Building Museum. – Change is (literally) in the air for New York's skyline. – Ground Zero documentary (airing tonight on PBS) offers fresh insight (and not a very pretty picture) of rebuilding: a "tortured process that produced a disappointing design." – Scottish architects being overlooked at home - and at Venice Biennale where "emphasis will be on Eric Miralles, Frank Gehry, and Benson & Forsyth." – A new, cool direction for public housing in Dublin. – A new, cool direction for housing Alzheimer patients. – Latest plans for Chicago's Block 37 would create a "genuine civic space, not just another vertical mall." – A research building with all the right genes. – Praise be for restored Hawksmoor masterpiece. – A quiet deathwatch for a 1771 farmhouse in Pennsylvania. – Three new projects make Wright right for Buffalo. – An Angelino's view of Chicago's Millennium Park. – Barragan's home names a World Heritage site. – Zumthor "predicts that buildings, so often harnessed to abstract fashion or corporate logo, will rediscover the needs and pleasures of the human body." – Distant cities projected onto a Beirut landmark.

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[National Building Museum Loses Top Curator: Decker Resigns: Position Abolished.](#) By Benjamin Forgey- Washington Post

[The New New York Skyline: ...some of the world's most prominent architects have been quietly pressing ahead with plans that will remake the city's skyline...](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Meier; Calatrava; Portzamparc; Norten; Kondylis; Gehry; Handel; Pelli; Pei Cobb Freed; Arquitectonica; Morphosis; Rogers [slide show]- New York Times

['Frontline' details 'sad compromise' at ground zero: "Sacred Ground" \[airs in PBS tonight\]...offers fresh insight into the tortured process that produced a disappointing design for one of the most conspicuous skyscrapers of our time.](#) By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

[Talented Scottish architects being left out on home projects-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Cool-headed design meets council accommodation: ...rhythm and verticality, breaking up what could have been just another huge, featureless block...a good example of where council housing should be headed.](#) - Dublin City Architects; O'Donnell & Tuomey Architects- Irish Times

[Innovative Alzheimer's facility takes patients "home": ...through its architecture, activities and surroundings, it helps residents establish a link to the past...one of the best ways to keep their minds stimulated in a healthy way.](#) - Benjamin Schwarz- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

[Block 37 plan more city-style: ...a mega-building of interconnected structures that would dazzle with digital decoration...a genuine civic space, not just another vertical mall.](#) - By Blair Kamin - Ralph Johnson/Perkins & Will- Chicago Tribune

[A Fitting Building For the Building Blocks of Life: Genomic Research...colored glass wall...adds the richness of a coded meaning to a fine architectural gesture.](#) By Benjamin Forgey - Leo A Daly [image]- Washington Post

[Praise be! The newly restored Christ Church Spitalfields lives up to Hawksmoor's stunning vision, says Jonathan Glancey-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Christ Church, Spitalfields – Nicholas Hawksmoor's architectural masterpiece – has been gloriously restored. Only one thing spoils it, says Giles Worsley \[image + link\]-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Razing history: 'It's all about ego': The neighbors on Merion Square Road in Gladwyne have begun a quiet deathwatch over the 1771 stone farmhouse they are helpless to save.-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[Frank Lloyd Wright Stays Busy in Buffalo: 45 years after the architect's death, three new Wright buildings are in the works.](#) By Fred A. Bernstein - Anthony Puttnam [image]- New York Times

[Lessons of a Windy City: A Grand Look at Chicago's \\$475 Million Park.](#) By Sam Hall Kaplan - Gehry; Owings & Merrill; Gustafson Guthrie Nichol; Anish Kapoor; Jaume Plensa- LA Downtown News

[Mexican architect's work honored: Luis Barragan's home becomes World Heritage Site \[images/slide show\]-](#) CNN

[Giving buildings body awareness: "We walk on floors, goddamnit, we don't walk on images!" Peter Zumthor...guest of Glenn Murcutt's new Australian Architecture Association...](#) - The Age (Australia)

[Projecting distant cities onto a Beirut landmark: Video artist behind 'Transitio' screens footage of New York, Shanghai on 'the bubble' -](#) Solange Fabiao:

[Bernard Khoury, Stephen Holl](#)- Daily Star (Lebanon)

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