

Today's News - August 14, 2002

It will be interesting to see how changes in New York building codes will affect other urban areas (of course, that may take awhile - the recommendations won't be presented to the Mayor until next year). There's a talent search on for fresh ideas for Ground Zero redevelopment plans (no word on how that is being done exactly...and there's another do-it-yourself design kit). London approves a 9/11 memorial. Energy guidelines are issued for school design. Spirits rise for culture at a former distillery in Toronto. Milwaukee's downtown is doing better than it thought. Los Angeles has a new landmark. A culture minister can't name even one architect (the article lists a number of firms he should know about - they're doing some pretty impressive work!). Sydney's Powerhouse Museum opens an exhibit befitting Austin Powers himself. Dubai is a hotbed of new construction. Singapore wants to keep its old-world charm. An industrial designer asks profound questions during Sydney Design Week. A Frank Lloyd Wright home becomes a museum (and it doesn't leak anymore)...and much more.

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[Many Voices, but One Call to Change Building Codes: ...more than enough evidence...need substantial revision.](#)- New York Times

[New Ideas Sought on WTC Redevelopment: officials are opening up planning process to a new set of design consultants...amounts to a talent search to revive the beleaguered development process](#)- NY Post

[Land Use Consultants to build 11 September memorial \[image\]](#)- The Architects' Journal (UK)

[Department of Energy Announces Design Guidelines for Lowering School Utility Bills](#)- Engineered Systems magazine

[Condos, culture mix at site: Gooderham & Worts Distillery...historic complex into an arts and culture centre, as well as a thriving commercial and residential community. Peter Clewes/Architects Alliance \[images\]](#)- Toronto Star

[Downtown's stealth growth: inspired research by Kahler Slater...downtown is developing a distinct persona sharply at odds with the prevailing view of an aging city center in steady decay.](#)- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

[Beyond Cinerama Dome: The Arclight center is refreshingly comfortable, if not groundbreaking By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Gensler; Welton Becket \[images\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Culture minister falls down on architects: ...remarkable admission that he could not name a single living Scottish architect.](#)- The Herald (UK)

[Exhibition Review: "MOD TO MEMPHIS: Design in Colour 1960s-'80s" - Baby, this show's shagadelic](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Global design contest on for 'DIFC Gate' \[Dubai\]: Seven 'best-of-breed' firms shortlisted - A4; Cox Group; Gensler; Kohn Pederson Fox; NORR Group; Skidmore Owings & Merrill; and WSW](#)- Zawya.com (Gulf News)

[UAE building activity could exceed Dh20b: In Dubai alone, currently 730 multi-storeyed buildings are being constructed.](#)- Zawya.com

[New conference center draws praise: A new national conference and exhibition center has risen at Lillestrom...already winning rave reviews. - Arne Henriksen and Erik Bystrup \[image\]](#)- Aftenposten (Norway)

[Cost of keeping that old-world charm: Urban Redevelopment Authority's Identity Plan \[images\]](#)- The Straits Times (Singapore)

[Emotional ergonomics: Sydney Design Week guest speaker Richard Seymour...posed questions such as "Why don't bras fit?", and "Why do arthritis pills come in childproof containers?" - Seymour Powell](#)- Infolink (Australia)

[Design the World Trade Center Site: Hate those Beyer Blinder Belle plans? Do it yourself!](#)- New York Magazine

[Walk Wright In: Rosenbaum House ready - Lambert-Ezell Architects](#)- TimesDaily (Alabama)

[Digging Up the Past to Restore an Island: Engineers Try to Re-Crete Wildlife Oasis](#)- Washington Post

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