

## Today's News - May 14, 2002

Anyone who thinks architectural criticism is lacking in the media should be pleasantly surprised with today's news gleanings. The coals have been stoked for a number of high-profile projects and plans, and architects, planners, and countries are taken to task. There is some good news, too...7 World Trade Center is a go (the NY Post included a picture, the NY Times did not). And who doesn't like a good-news story about playgrounds (except a few curmudgeons who might be upset the swing sets are too small for them to play on...).

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[A dream come true: Jonathan Glancey is seduced by the new Manchester Art Gallery](#) - Michael Hopkins and Partners- The Guardian (UK)

[Museum renovations take shape: Detroit Institute of Arts' \\$91 million project expands space, access](#) - Michael Graves; [Maurice D. Parrish \[images\]](#)- Detroit News

[Foreign Architects Starting to Carve Out Niche](#) - Murray O'Laoire; [Evata](#)- The Moscow Times (Russia)

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