Today's News - July 11, 2002

A busy news day: Toronto-born Frank Gehry unveils his first Canadian project. Officials and those involved in the WTC redevelopment project are "sworn to secrecy" until preliminary plans are unveiled next Tuesday; but word has it that political and fiscal constraints have not left much room for creative solutions (Imagine New York's meeting to discuss the proposals and alternatives on July 20th at the Javits Center - at least 5,000 attendees expected - should be most interesting).

Renzo Piano plans to grass up a rooftop in San Francisco. Sydney is facing the dilemma of preserving its mid-20th century design masters. Salvage buildings rather than recycle their materials is a growing battle cry, along with recycle, re-use, and renew. Shanghai has big plans. Singapore still insists on having bomb shelters included in new housing (does the Housing Board know something we don't?). In Moscow, it has been announced that there will soon be announced a memorial design competition for the victims of the Kursk submarine disaster. And maybe we'll plan to do our Christmas shopping at Ikea's new Moscow mega-mall slated to open in December.

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Le Clos Jordan Winery: Gehry unveils his first Canadian project - Frank O. Gehry & Associates - ArchNewsNow

6 Plans for Ground Zero Share Striking Similarities: ...it has become clear that all six proposals started not with blank slates and lofty dreams, but rather with a set of givens... - New York Times

Obituary: Kenneth Campbell, 92: Practical architect who stuck to his ideals at the LCC - The Guardian (UK)

Lakefront [Pier Wisconsin] project gets mixed reviews: At a public hearing, ordinary citizens loved the newcomer, architects - including Santiago Calatrava himself...were underwhelmed. - McClintock Architects - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Living roof tops Sciences Academy plan, By John King - Renzo Piano; Gordon H. Chong and Partners [images] - San Francisco Chronicle

Stymied owner vows to raze part of [Robin] Boyd house: ...despite a Heritage Council decision to refuse permission to demolish. - Sydney Morning Herald

Commentary: Intact or in pieces? It's more important to salvage old buildings than the materials they're made of. By Arrol Gellner - San Francisco Chronicle

Developer gets OK to turn historic Oella Mill into luxury apartments: Zoning official rejects opponents' concerns about traffic, garage, open space. - Baltimore Sun

Architect, developer has dream for the city - Robert L. Wilson - The Durham Herald (North Carolina)

Colorado Architect's Credo: Reuse, Recycle, Renew Wherever Possible - Julee Herdt - Washington Post

Penn Sq. project moves ahead: would combine a $35 million publicly owned conference and convention center with a $45 million privately developed hotel - Cooper Carry - Lancaster New Era (PA)

Mellon Arena status debated at hearing: "Along with Fallingwater, it was one of Pittsburgh's claims to fame." - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Shanghai Aims to Become World Center by 2010: The main frame of the city of Shanghai will be built into "four international centres" - People's Daily (China)

Shanghai Harbours Grand Designs: Shanghai Harbour International Passenger Terminal Centre...designed by Canadian-based Carols OTT/PPA Architects - People's Daily

Competition for Kursk Submarine Memorial to be Announced Soon - Pravda (Russia)

Home Shelters: The $10,000 storerooms: Close to $900 million has been spent so far on civil defense shelters - The Straits Times (Singapore)

Starwood Hotel Deal Could Lift Boston's New Convention Facility (Boston Globe) - Hotel-Online

Ikea builds Russian mega-mall: hypermarket, 250 shops, two kilometres of shop fronts, a skating rink, and Russia's biggest cinema complex - BBC News

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