

Today's News - August 16, 2002

Alphabet soup: The RFQ for the WTC site won't be released by the LMDC until Monday. A call for memorial design entries will be made at a later date (in the meantime, the LMDC is asking folks to refrain from sending any more ideas until the official call - and list of requirements - is issued). In the meantime: Denise Scott Brown offers a thoughtful - and levelheaded - approach to the issues involved; an urban pundit raises a valid question: Do competitions really produce the best architecture? And a film critic pays tribute to the mythical Manhattan in movies. Lax planning and indifference to the environment part of the cause of Europe's devastating floods...gasp...could it be true? Toronto is clearing the way for a new skyscraper. It's dangerous to be a pedestrian in California. Arthur Erickson is miffed: he volunteered, but wasn't asked to consult on the refurbishment of his Roy Thomson Hall. The tide may be turning against "mansionization." Singapore's New Downtown sounds ideal, but will it really happen...and much more.

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