Today's News - September 19, 2002

We could expect nothing less than a "who's who" list for Ground Zero (Meier, Gwathmey, and Eisenman submitted an application as a team); the final 10-20 will be selected by tomorrow. - The architect who many claim initiated the "thinking outside the box" for Lower Manhattan is profiled. - Much of old Shanghai is being recycled, sort of. - Rosemary Beach gets high praise. - London seems to have a hankering for skyscrapers these days, while the Mideast wants to take a second look at the trend and the standards. - Monastery marvels in the UK. - Philip Johnson may or may not make the LMDC shortlist, but he'll still have another Manhattan tower to add to his list. - Art and commerce join forces (Seattle Art Museum architect Robert Venturi will not be asked to design the expansion, but "the integrity of his design" will be respected, and he will be consulted "as appropriate"). - Baton Rouge has big plans for a new arts district. - Renzo Piano tweaks his Chicago Art Institute design. - Light pollution is now against the law in the Czech Republic... and much more.

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Design Stars Apply: 404 applications from architects and designers in 29 countries - Foster; Hadid; Piano; Johnson; Venturi; Stern; Gwathmey; Eisenman; Meier; etc.- NY Post

The Man Who Dared the City to Think Again - Frederic Schwartz [images]- New York Times

Bit by bit, old Shanghai goes: Salvagers profit and city saves on demolition (NYT)- International Herald Tribune

UnSprawl: Rosemary Beach, Florida - Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company [images]- Terrain.org

Skyscrapers are go! Rogers plans futuristic tower to dwarf Lloyd's. By Jay Merrick- Independent (UK)

Mideast tall building standards in need of review in wake of 9/11 (Al-Bawaba)- Northern Light

A modern statement for a silent community: John Pawson, has always had a passion for Cistercian architecture, but when a Trappist community in Bohemia asked him to design their new monastery, he thought it was a joke.- Irish Times

Award-winning monastery on the banks of the Boyne - McCullough Mulvin Architects (via Archeire)- Irish Times

Philip Johnson Design to Rise on E. 90th [image]- NY Post

Rumblings over veterans center: Design of lakefront project, funding issues cause tensions among group's ranks. By Whitney Gould - Eppstein Uhen Architects [image]- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Wamu, art museum think big for new 40-story tower - NBBJ; Cooper, Robertson & Partners [image]- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

$53 million Arts Block work to get under way within weeks! - Allen Eskew/Eskew+Dumez+Ripple; George Hargreaves- The Advocate (Baton Rouge, LA)

China to build underwater museum at Three Gorges- Xinhua News (China)

Art Institute tweaks its expansion plans - Renzo Piano- Chicago Sun Times

Munich's Majestic Warehouse: New Pinakothek Museum - Stephen Braunfels [images]- Deutsche Welle (Germany)

Cleaning Up Light Pollution: Czech Republic has become the first nation to enact a "light pollution" law, requiring that all outdoor lighting be directed downward- Cosmiverse.com

Something Old is New Again: Avaya Communications Headquarters by Fox & Fowle Architects- ArchNewsNow

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