

HIGH RISE OF THE FUTURE

GET A COPY of the April 2005 edition of **Popular Science** and see the fold-out article and illustrations on “*How To Build A Terror-Proof Skyscraper*”. The feature discusses the use of elevators for exiting, extra cladding in the middle for a “tower within a tower” construction, glazing that uses a cable system to absorb most of a blast impact, fire rated walls in the ceiling that lower onto the floor in a fire emergency and enclose a safe area (already in use in China), safe havens of refuge a “daigrid” system for extra structural support and an off-site command center. The ideas are great, but not economically feasible. It’s a good read and you should enjoy it.

STATION NITECLUB FIRE REPORT ON-LINE

THE OFFICIAL REPORT from the **NIST** outlines the findings of the February 20, 2003 niteclub fire in Rhode Island that took 96 lives. In the report are descriptions of the emergency response and recommended changes to the model codes. You can download it at: www.nist.gov/public_affairs/factsheet/mar_3_refindings.htm

SUMMER 2005 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

YOU MAY HAVE already received our brochure and registration form for the upcoming “*Principles of the International Building Code - 2000-2003*” one-day seminar. The dates and locations are: June 15 - Paramus, NJ; June 17 - Princeton, NJ; June 28 - Bethesda, MD; July 8 - Novi, MI; July 13 - Harrisburg, PA & July 15 - Manchester, NH. You can go to our website at: www.codexperts.net and click “seminars”. You can download a registration form. Register TODAY! Class size is limited. The course grants 6 hours for AIA/CES and ALA.

POLITICS AND FIRE TRAGEDY

I FOUND THIS editorial cartoon that appeared in the *New York Times* after the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire that took 145 lives. I will publish more when they become available. *The lessons learned are sometimes forgotten!*



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“Ever Stop To Think ... And Forget To Start Again?”