Today's News - September 20, 2002

An industry stalwart has passed. -- The author of "Asphalt Nation" says Boston offers a cautionary urban tale. -- Big ideas for New Jersey's Meadowlands that (supposedly) won't harm the wetlands. -- A re-do for the Superdome. -- Shanghai says it's ready for the next World Expo. -- A $320 million new home for the U.N. while its HQ undergoes $1 billion renovation (whowhat to pay is the question). -- Architects pay dearly for non-ADA compliance. -- Luxury retail in Australia. -- Bid online for Frank Lloyd Wright treasures (you have until Wednesday, and it's for a good cause). -- A new furniture market (and more hotels) may give High Point a run for its money. -- A 65-acre historic institution for mentally disabled patients will be transformed...and much more.

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Obituary: Philip J. Meathe, FAIA, 76, longtime SmithGroup chief- Crain's Detroit

Big Dig Bluster: Boston offers a cautionary tale about how difficult it is to re-create a walking city in a nation long dominated by the car. By Jane Holzer Kay- New York Times

Industrial relic a new home for art: Old coal mining complex in Essen becoming a major cultural center - Sir Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaas- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany)

New Ideas Unveiled for Site of Meadowlands Arena- New York Times

Southwark lands CABE design prize... for the improvements it has made to the quality of the capital's built environment- - The Architects' Journal (UK)

$300 million Facelift proposed for Louisiana Superdome - Ellerbe Becket- The Advocate

Shanghai Mayor Confident of Successful World Expo- People's Daily (China)


From Ground Up, a Chronicle of Sweat, Steel: 'Iron,' a book of photos by Gil Garcetti, pays tribute to the workers building Disney Hall [images]- Los Angeles Times

$1 million disabled-access settlement called record: architects and builders of a luxury apartment house [in Chicago] have agreed to pay a record settlement - Harry Weese Associates; Gensler (AP)- SF Gate

Westfield building landmark Bondi junction: $680 million retail precinct redevelopment- Infolink (Australia)

Auction features prized possessions of Frank Lloyd Wright... to raise funds for a scholarship at Wright's architectural institute, Taliesin West- Arizona Republic

Las Vegas furniture market wins final tax rebate approval; may one day challenge High Point's position as king of the furniture trade show world.- News & Record (North Carolina)

Designing the century's first digital city: Anthony Townsend speaks about... the expected impact of wireless communications on the design of the 21st century's urban landscape- ZDNet

Springing to life: New Hall of Fame will pay homage to basketball's greats and could help revitalize a city - Gwathmey Siegel & Associates- Boston Globe

Housing set for Woodlands site: Royal City approves plan to develop community of 2,000 to 3,000 people - Jay Hiscox [images]- Vancouver Sun

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