Today's News - August 18, 2003

We lose a master American designer. -- Arcspace offers preliminary and final designs from around the world. -- Gotham Gazette offered a look at potential for a blackout last week, and goes back to the experts. -- Perhaps Baghdad and New York can learn more from Frank Lloyd Wright than Robert Moses. -- A critical look at critical takes on women in architecture. -- Prefab as creative Lego architecture. -- Of despots and plastic chandeliers. -- Big plans for a Chicago diamond-in-the-rough and a Sacramento mixed-use medical expansion. -- Avon calls on a community with a large R&D facility. -- When a museum outshines what it was built to exhibit. -- A nostalgia fest in Sydney, and who's who of architecture in Valencia. - Germany's Holocaust Memorial finally getting off the ground (and might make a fine place for picnics and skateboarding). -- Vail seeking unconventional convention center design? -- Technology advances the virtual building experience.

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Obituary: Ward Bennett, 85, Designed With American Style - New York Times

- Bernard Tschumi: Construction start: New Acropolis Museum, Athens, Greece
- Frank Gehry & Partners/Herbert S. Newman and Partners: University of Connecticut School of Fine Arts at Storrs
- Rem Koolhaas/Office for Metropolitan Architecture: Paard van Troje (Trojan Horse), Hague, The Netherlands
- Snøhetta: Final design phase: Museum and Hotel, Tafjord, Sunnmøre, Norway
- Santiago Calatrava: Preliminary design: Woodall Rodgers Extension Bridge, Trinity River Corridor Project, Dallas
- Cruz & Ortiz Architects: Final draft: New Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

After The Blackout - Going Back To The Experts - Gotham Gazette

After the fall: In 1957 King Faisal of Iraq asked America's greatest architect to build a new Baghdad. Now his plans are being dusted off - Frank Lloyd Wright-Guardian (UK)

The Power Broker Revisited: ...some say that New York City could learn from Robert Moses' methods, while others worry that the power broker's worst tactics may already be at work.- Gotham Gazette


Creative Lego: are prefabricated homes architecture or building? By Hugh Pearman - Allford Hall Monaghan Morris [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

Home Despot: Why do dictators' homes look almost as criminal as their regimes? By Pilar Viladas - New York Times

Big plans, hurdles at Near South site: 62-acre diamond in the rough...into 5,000 housing units and 600,000 square feet of retail space- Crain's Chicago Business

Sutter details huge medical expansion: $385 million plan...would include housing units, retail, parking garage and...a $30 million to $35 million theater complex - KMD- Sacramento Bee

$100 Million Research Hub for Site of Avon Factory - HLW International - New York Times

When the wrapping surpasses the gift: Try not to confuse great galleries with great art - Moshe Safdie; Daniel Libeskind; Frank Gehry; William Alsop- Toronto Star

Get back on the rollercoaster: It's tasteless but we love it, and the Luna Park revamp is the ultimate nostalgia fest. By Elizabeth Farrelly - Hassell- Sydney Morning Herald

Altered images: With the second Biennial in full swing until September 30, artists, film-makers, photographers and architects from across the globe have left their mark - Santiago Calatrava; Norman Foster; Will Alsop; Vicente Guallart; Toyo Ito; Greg Lynn; Foreign Office Architects- Guardian (UK)

Germany's Holocaust Memorial Takes Shape - Peter Eisenman (AP) [image]- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Dome on the range: thinking outside the box with the design...for Vail's wet-to-be-built conference center...anybody else with an idea, could make a proposal.- Vail Daily (Colorado)

Viewer explodes virtual buildings: preserves model's details, including vertical supports, doors, and furniture. - Technology Research News

Tool blazes virtual trails - Technology Research News

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