Today's News - September 7, 2004

This week, ArcSpace takes us to Italy, Amsterdam, and Athens. -- Change is in the air at the National Building Museum. -- Change is (literally) in the air for New York's skyline. -- Ground Zero documentary (airing tonight on PBS) offers fresh insight (and not a very pretty picture) of rebuilding: a "tortured process that produced a disappointing design." -- Scottish architects being overlooked at home - and at Venice Biennale where "emphasis will be on Enric Miralles, Frank Gehry, and Benson & Forovsky." -- A new, cool direction for public housing in Dublin. -- A new, cool direction for housing Alzheimer patients. -- Latest plans for Chicago's Block 37 would create a "genuine civic space, not just another vertical mall." -- A research building with all the right genes. -- Praise be for restored Hawskmoor masterpiece. -- A quiet deathwatch for a 1771 farmhouse in Pennsylvania. -- Three new projects make Wright right for Buffalo. -- An Angelino's view of Chicago's Millennium Park. -- Talented Scottish architects being left out on home projects

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-- Renzo Piano Building Workshop: Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church, San Giovanni Rotondo (Foggia), Italy
-- René van Zuyk Architekten: Arcam, Amsterdam
-- Santiago Calatrava: Athens Olympic Sports Complex
-- Book: Shigeru Ban By Matilda McQuaid, Phaidon Press


The New New York Skyline: ...some of the world's most prominent architects have been quietly pressing ahead with plans that will remake the city's skyline. ...By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Meier; Calatrava; Portzamparc; Norten; Kondylis; Gehry; Handel; Pollil; Peti Cobb Freed; Arquitectonica; Monophasis; Rogers [slide show]- New York Times

"Frontline" details 'sad compromise' at ground zero: "Sacred Ground" [airs in PBS tonight], offers fresh insight into the tortured process that produced a disappointing design for one of the most conspicuous skyscrapers of our time. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Talented Scottish architects being left out on home projects - The Scotsman (UK)

Cool-headed design meets council accommodation: ...rhythm and verticality, breaking up what could have been just another huge, featureless block...a good example of where council housing should be headed. - Dublin City Architects; O'Donnell & Tuomey Architects - Irish Times

Innovative Alzheimer's facility takes patients "home":...through its architecture, activities and surroundings, it helps residents establish a link to the past...one of the best ways to keep their minds stimulated in a healthy way. - Benyamin Schwarz - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Block 37 plan more city-style:...a mega-building of interconnected structures that would dazzle with digital decoration...a genuine civic space, not just another vertical mall. - By Blair Kamin - Ralph Johnson/Perkins & Will - Chicago Tribune

A Fitting Building For the Building Blocks of Life: Genomic Research...colored glass wall...adds the richness of a coded meaning to a fine architectural gesture. By Benjamin Forgey - Leo A Daly [image]- Washington Post

Praise be! The newly restored Christ Church Spitalfields lives up to Hawskmoor's stunning vision, says Jonathan Glancey - Guardian (UK)

Nicklaus' home honored; Luis Barragan's home becomes World Heritage Site [images/slide show]- CNN

Giving buildings body awareness: "We walk on floors, goddamnit, we don't walk on images!" Peter Zumthor...guest of Glenn Murcutt's new Australian Architecture Association... - The Age (Australia)

Projecting distant cities onto a Beirut landmark: Video artist behind "Transito" screens footage of New York, Shanghai on "the bubble" - Solance Fabiao;
screens footage of New York, Shanghai on 'the bubble' - Solange Fabiao; Bernard Khoury; Stephen Holl

-Daily Star (Lebanon)