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Today's News - August 1, 2002

If there is a common thread running through most of today's news, it is restoration and renewal, beginning with the1931 Berkeley, California public library. The beleaguered Block 37 in Chicago could learn something from Block 89 in Madison, Wisconsin. Philadelphia, New York, and Milwaukee have big plans for under-utilized waterfronts. Landmarks and change are an issue in Los Angeles (Frank Gehry's 25-year-old mall, Santa Monica Place "has all the charm of minimum security prison, though here the chain link is not topped by razor wire."). Old mills find new life. Oklahoma City attempts to preserve its history - at least electronically. The National Trust for Historic Preservation logs in with three timely articles. Major housing developments are on the horizon (or maybe not) in New Zealand and Israel, and a Californian takes on housing projects in Kabul. The winning design for Princess Diana's Memorial Fountain is called "appropriate" by some and "a puddle" by others...and much more.

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Modern Moderne: Berkeley Public Library Renovation and Expansion-Ripley/BOORA Associated Architects- ArchNewsNow

Lessons for Block 37, from our neighbors to the north: Block 89 [Madison, Wisconsin]...forms a model for reconstituting and reinterpreting the traditional city. By Blair Kamin - Valerio Dewalt Train Associates- Chicago Tribune

Developer ready for his shot at Penn's Landing dream: Bart Blatstein wants to build colorful European-style piazza...framed by office and apartment buildings - Shapiro Petrauskas Gelber [image]- Philadelphia Inquirer

[\$400 million] Plans for the Neglected East River Shoreline - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Greenberg Consultants; Arup- New York Times

City Observed: The Changing City: ...after a few weeks away I returned to see a city [Los Angeles] more urban...more conflicted. By Sam Hall Kaplan- KCRW

Old mills hum with new uses: After wave of textile-plant closures, mills turn into concert halls and museums.- Christian Science Monitor

Monroe (California) resident helping Afghans: Afghan Development and Reconstruction Group...plans to build two housing developments in Kabul- The Frontier Post (Pakistan)

Condo developments along river adding bridges, walkways, staircases: "It's all in the tradition of the connections that (Frederick Law) Olmsted had in mind," says mayor... By Whitney Gould - Dan Solomon/Solomon E.T.C./WRT- Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Grand Rapids Hotel Plans Threaten International Style Buildings - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill [image]- National Trust Magazine

National Trust Offers Prescription for Teardown Epidemic: comprehensive report on strategies and best practice solutions- National Trust for Historic Preservation

Office tries to preserve metro memories...of many of the area's finest buildings-standing or demolished - through its Web site- The Oklahoman

Modern Redux: A firm that restores homes by mid-century architects also strives for striking original projects. - Marmol Radziner & Associates [images]- Los Angeles Times

Navy denies MP's state-housing development claims- New Zealand Herald

<u>America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places</u>- National Trust for Historic Preservation

Israel Lands Administration drafts plans for 1M housing units- Ha`aretz (Israel)

Memorial for Diana a 'Puddle'? - Gustafson Porter- Los Angeles Times

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