

## Today's News - August 26, 2004

Destination branding in vogue and "a powerful economic advantage" for regions, cities, towns. -- Sprawl is here to stay - unless we change the rules. -- Denver's former airport a model of New Urbanism and smart growth. -- Architects call Australian university plans "cultural vandalism," and new waterfront rules in Sydney worry harbor guardians. -- Housing the homeless: "architectural forms can determine society's perception and acceptance of the inhabitant." -- A design charrette for social justice addresses homelessness, poverty, and civil rights. -- Move over Bilbao effect - now we have the "Athens approach: making an architecturally bold, camera-ready stadium an Olympic focal point..." -- Newcastle's high hopes for crystalline skyscraper. -- Detroit's Renaissance Center finally becoming a good neighbor. -- 2 Columbus Circle deal done, it seems (no more "lollipop building"). -- Coastal views on view at the Venice Biennale's Israeli pavilion. -- Glasgow's architecture the highlight of upcoming Block Festival. -- Three green tents get first prize and green light.

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[Brandtown, USA: Destination Distinction or Disarray? Communities, cities, and even states all compete in the world of everything...why is it that so many...have a bad case of brand blues?](#)- Fast Company

[Sprawl Is Here to Stay as Long as Suburbs Represent the American Dream: If we want to combat sprawl and foster a healthy industry willing to build diverse, well-designed communities in "smart growth" locations, the game and its rules must be changed.](#) By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post

[Airfield To Playfield/Neighborhood: Denver's Daring Changeover. Stapleton is America's biggest urban infill development...list of "draws" for a new urban lifestyle is extensive.](#) By Neal Peirce - Peter Calthorpe- Washington Post Writers Group

[Architects join outcry over campus site plan: Plans to transform an acclaimed university campus into a housing development have been attacked by top architects...described as "cultural vandalism" - David Turner/Bruce Mackenzie \(1977\); Glenn Murcutt; Caroline Pidcock-](#) Sydney Morning Herald

[Harbour guardians oppose new rules: ...criticised draft new rules to protect Sydney Harbour from overdevelopment, fearing they will leave areas unprotected.](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[On The Periphery: Homeless Housing: ...architectural forms can determine society's perception and acceptance of the inhabitant. - Backen, Arrigoni and Ross; Robert Wellington Quigley; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Ratcliff Architects; Common Ground Corp.; Architecture for Humanity-](#) NY Arts Magazine

[September 17-19: Cincinnati Freedom Summer 2004: An On-the-Ground Design Charrette for Social Justice...to link design advocacy with social movements addressing homelessness, poverty, and civil rights. - Architecture for Humanity-](#) Miami University Center for Community Engagement

[Stadium Club: Athens starts a high-end trend in stadium architecture. By Christopher Hawthorne - Calatrava; Herzog & de Meuron; Eisenman; Kohn Pedersen Fox; Foster \[images\]-](#) Slate

[Newcastle's high hopes: ...could be about to join the world's civic jet-set by building its first skyscraper... - Ian Simpson Architects-](#) Guardian (UK)

[GM Headquarters: A renaissance for the Renaissance Center: Removing berms is just the first step...to integrate the RenCen with downtown Detroit - John Portman \(1977\); Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; SmithGroup-](#) Detroit Free Press

[2 Columbus Circle deal gets okay...despite appeals by preservationists. Museum of Arts & Design ...plans to tear down the building's white-marble facade... - Edward Durell Stone; Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture-](#) NY Daily News

[Coastal culture: Israeli pavilion at the Venice Biennale...focuses on "the coastal space of Tel Aviv, the city that symbolizes Israeli urban creation in the 20th century..."](#) By Esther Zandberg- Ha`aretz (Israel)

[Block Festival highlights Glasgow's architecture: \[includes\] Merchant City Festival, Glasgow Doors Open Day and European Car Free Day; September 18-25-](#) The Scotsman (UK)

[Winners Announced: GREEN TENTcompetition to design an environmentally sustainable camping shelter for use in the Mojave Desert in and around Joshua Tree National Park. - Robert Schwermer; Strawn/Sierralta\(2\); Thicket \[images\]-](#) Ecoshack

[Modern Meets Tradition: University of Michigan Museum of Art Expansion/Restoration - Allied Works Architecture \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

-- Expansion & renovation: Tétrault Dubuc Saia et associés: Palais des Congrès, Montréal, Québec  
-- Exhibition: "Tall Buildings," MoMA QNS, New York

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