

Today's News - August 10, 2005

High-rise housing changing skylines from Calcutta to Chicago, from Las Vegas to L.A. – Gehry on Grand Avenue: "...we're going to have to deliver a special thing, or else I am going to get run out of town." – NYC catching up with Chicago? Roof gardens more than "nice idea" but developers need convincing. – Glancey calls U.K.'s "Demolition" TV show "dangerous ground" that panders to our destructive spirit, but says some of "Prescott's £60k cheap and cheerful ideas" for housing "need handing over" to the show (only Rogers scheme stands out). – Bern's new stadium a feather in Swiss architect's cap (with a few alternations he's not happy about). – Porphyrios's Gothic and Gehry's futuristic side-by-side at Princeton. – Cuba's "Pearl of the South" added to UNESCO's World Heritage sites. – USGBC goes for ANSI accreditation. – Product made with social and environmental responsibility in mind (including copper mesh woven by AIDS-impacted women in Africa for a fair wage).

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[Downtown Los Angeles Housing Demand Feeds a Bloom in High-Rises: The phenomenon mirrors patterns in Chicago, Las Vegas, San Diego and Miami -- Suisman Urban Design-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Gehry Is 'Excited' About Project: supervisors approve the Grand Avenue plan...Gehry made his first public statements about his new role as the primary architect of a \\$1.8-billion development-](#) Los Angeles Times

[A Roof Garden? It's Much More Than That: The green-roof idea is slowly taking hold in New York...need hard numbers to convince New York's developers of the economic benefits. -- Balmori Associates: Greener by Design \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Channel 4's series Demolition proposes to find Britain's most-hated building and have it knocked down. This is dangerous ground. By Jonathan Glancey-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Casa Prescott: Prescott's £60k cheap and cheerful ideas desperately in need of an architect: Jonathan Glancey reviews successful contenders in the deputy prime minister's ideal home quest...British housebuilders need to buff up their design act PDQ-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Architect works his magic on the new Wankdorf: Bern's new stadium...is yet another feather in the cap for Swiss architect Rodolphe Luscher...visionary approach is not without its critics -- and he even hit a few brick walls on his latest project. -- Luscher/Schwaar/Rebmann-](#) SwissInfo

[Princeton University projects tell a tale of two eras: Two new buildings...stand in striking contrast to one another, one hearkening back to the era of Collegiate Gothic, the other going decidedly ultra-futuristic. -- Demetri Porphyrios: Frank Gehry-](#) Princeton Packet

[Cienfuegos: The urban historic centre known in Cuba as the "Pearl of the South" has become the first city founded in the 19th century to be inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List of cultural sites.-](#) IPS-Inter Press Service

[U.S. Green Building Council Files for American National Standards Institute \(ANSI\) Accreditation-](#) U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

[3form turns recycled materials into stylish, customized panels: ...unique building materials - and commitment to social and environmental responsibility.-](#) Salt Lake Tribune (Utah)

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