

## Today's News - August 23, 2005

An "architectural lynch mob" a.k.a. Britain's "Demolition" TV show. – Not high hopes (and not too many kind words) for Sydney's East Darling Harbour competition. – San Francisco's Presidio offers a "neat redevelopment lesson." – A San Diego/Tijuana border park brings people together. – Calatrava and critics discuss Fordham Spire. – Wynn claims his Las Vegas mountain makes Pyramids "look like a Lego toy" (we couldn't resist this one). – A Bangalore hi-tech company HQ opts for a local flavor instead of steel and glass. – Kansas City arena design may (or may not) meet world-class expectations. – Three cases of "right-to- life battles over architecture." – At least the Goodyear House is safe. – A Boston charter school wins big for design and sustainability. – Feng shui has a rival as an oil man opts for Vedic principles. – Architecture students explore a museum's expansion as part of a city's lifeblood. – Gehry buys a stake in a Chicago landmark (but will they put his name on the building?). – An exhibition explores "Whatever Happened to LA? Architectural and Urban Experiments 1970-1990." – A new executive director for the Pritzker Prize.

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[Ugly or not, our buildings shouldn't face trial by TV: ...Channel 4's four-part series, Demolition, an architectural lynch mob, heading our way this autumn. By Deyan Sudjic- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[One site, 137 wild ideas: East Darling Harbour's future is obscured by a wealth of often conflicting proposals. By Elizabeth Farrelly – PTW; Thom Mayne/George Hargreaves/Project Architecture; Hill Talis/Paul Berkemeier/Jane Irwin; Lend Lease Design Group; Richard Rogers/Martha Schwartz/Ed Lippmann/Lend Lease Development; Tony Caro; Crawford Architects; SOM- Sydney Morning Herald](#)

[Base Training at the Presidio: The former military base offers a neat redevelopment lesson, courtesy of George Lucas. – Lawrence Halprin; Gensler; HKS \[images\]- The Slatin Report](#)

[New park turns attention from a forbidding border fence to a welcoming ocean: inSITE's new public park...at Playas de Tijuana, uses circles and curves to bring people together at the beach. By Ann Jamusch – Thomas Glassford; José Parral \[image\]- San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

[The Tallest Tower? Calatrava discusses Fordham Spire; also Peter Slatin, Martha Thorne, Blair Kamin, Kevin Nance. By Edward Lifson \[audio\]- Chicago Public Radio](#)

[Move Over Pyramids, Wynn's Here: "The engineering and the coordination of putting those two things together -- the tower and the mountain -- make a pyramid of Egypt look like a Lego toy!"- Wired News](#)

[A Touch of 'Indian-ness' Amid the Glass and Steel: ITC Infotech converted a tobacco complex in Bangalore using materials to give the building a local flavor. – Jaisim Fountainhead; Venkataramanan Associates; Total Environment \[image\]- New York Times](#)

[Sprint arena design revealed: Whether the design matches the world-class expectations that Kansas City citizens had...may be in the eye of the beholder. – Downtown Arena Design Team \(HOK Sport/Ellerbe Becket/360 Architecture/Rafael Architects\) \[images\]- Kansas City Star](#)

[Form Over Function: Whether we're talking about tear-downs in Kenilworth, the sacrifice of one historic building to save another in St. Louis or, in New York City, the fight over this odd little modernist museum that's not even 50-years-old, we're talking about tough, bruising struggles, right-to- life battles over architecture.- CBS Sunday](#)

[Imperiled Goodyear House, Fabled and Forgotten, Finds New Owner – Edward Durell Stone \(1938\)- Bloomberg News](#)

[New Boston Art School Gets Double Honors for Sustainability, Design: EpiCenter for Artists for Humanity...has been submitted to the U.S. Green Building Council for LEED certification at the platinum level – Arrowstreet- EarthVision](#)

[Building has an ancient touch: Oil firm CEO says that Vedic principles promote clearer thinking...Feng shui...has a rival. – Sue Weller; Ray Truitt- Houston Chronicle](#)

[Eye-Opening Designs On The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art: ...architecture students from the University of Hartford...using the Atheneum's planned expansion as a studio design problem. By Michael J. Crosbie – Kendra Schank Smith- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Gehry likes it, helps buy it: A trip in the '50s to Chicago, gossip at a dinner gala and Canadian roots lead to the famed architect's ownership stake in the Inland Steel Building. By Blair Kamin – Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(1958\)- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Their declarations of independence: The L.A. School, with members including Gehry and Mayne, operated outside the mainstream. A SCI-Arc exhibit studies their work: "Whatever Happened to LA? Architectural and Urban Experiments 1970-1990." By Christopher Hawthorne – Michael Rotondi; Eric Owen Moss; Coy Howard; Franklin Israel; Glen Small; Peter Zellner; Jeffrey Inaba- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Martha Thorne gains top Pritzker job: Exits Art Institute of Chicago for executive post. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

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- [-- Exhibition: "Dream of Tower" at the Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen](#)
  - [-- Competition winner: Steven Holl Architects: Sail Hybrid/Albert Place Casino, Knokke-Heist, Belgium](#)
  - [-- MVRDV: Gemini Residence, Copenhagen](#)

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