

## Today's News - October 7, 2002

We begin the week with an examination of several different interpretations of and solutions to urban sprawl. – Chicago's South Side will see major (and much needed) rehab. – Rebuilding cities shattered by wars and civil unrest is the theme of this week's Cities on the Edge conference in Melbourne. – The architect of Brasilia has 10 new buildings planned for sister city Niteroi. – Country living reinvented by Grimshaw "a strange and rather wonderful place to be" (you have to see it to believe it, and there are lots of images). – Questioning why there's a huge gap separating quality design in signature, award-winning houses and the thousands of homes built in subdivisions. – An architect takes on that challenge with "custom-built architecture within reach of other than top-of-the-hill clients." – Raw nerves: Boston's Big Dig bridge designer is displeased, and the hubris is heating up about Edinburgh's Haymarket. – A broad view of the Venice Biennale that includes a few countries (and issues) not mentioned in most reviews we've seen. – Colorado students win big in the Solar Decathlon...and perhaps we'll all win something. – A 55-year-old firm closes its doors. – Asian-based architects offer their views of Kuala Lumpur skyline and urban architecture in general...and much more.

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