Bad news day in U.K.: Hadid's Architecture Foundation HQ gets axed. -- It's LEED vs. BREEAM in Dubai (Brits lose out). -- An Atlanta developer wants to pave paradise, put up a parking lot - with a library on top (never mind it means racing an award-winning library - that's not even 20 years old). -- Efforts may prove useless in attempt to save UNLV's first building (even more worrisome: Nevada's state landmarks program has been discontinued). -- SAF ton sees Philadelphia bridge plan as "a monument to a lost civic opportunity." -- San Francisco debates affordable housing requirements: will they scare off developers? -- Merkle, good design for affordable housing in Los Angeles is winning developers’ hearts. -- Melbourne needs more than bars and stores for "affluent idiots" in plans for St. Kilda. -- Morone on NYC's new love for towers: "humanizing the tall building is the purpose that has become, for the most part, hopelessly unchic" (but at least Stern gets it). -- Anderton chats it up with LACMA luminaries and critics. -- 100 architects to design 100 homes in 100 days in a Chinese desert. -- San Francisco debates affordable housing requirements: will they scare off developers? -- Meanwhile, good design for affordable housing in Los Angeles is winning developers’ hearts. -- Efforts to save Frazier Hall reach hurdle, continue on: UNLV plans to raze the building...will allow for a more attractive panoramic view of the campus...Nevada State Historic Preservation Office...cannot process any more applications because the state landmarks program has been discontinued. -- Efforts to save Frazier Hall reach hurdle, continue on: UNLV plans to raze the building...will allow for a more attractive panoramic view of the campus...Nevada State Historic Preservation Office...cannot process any more applications because the state landmarks program has been discontinued. -- DnA/Frances Anderton: BCAM Comes to Town: It's by a blue-chip architect and filled with blue-chip Modern art. So how is the new BCAM at LACMA? Find out... -- Ralph Piana, Michael Govan; 100 architects to design 100 homes in 100 days in a Chinese desert. -- Inspiring school designs win BCSE 2008 Awards. -- Happy Valentines Day: Do buildings have gender? ("Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy." ~ Henry Kissinger)
Herzog picks 100 architects for Inner Mongolia housing project...100 up-and-coming architects from around the world to design 100 homes in 100 days for one of the most remote corners of the globe...in Chinese desert region of Ordos – Herzog & de Meuron; Ai Weiwei; Simon Conder Associates; Eyal Weizman - BD/Building Design (UK)

Capturing Toronto’s grimy past: One chronicler’s portraits of lakeside structures makes icons of eyesores, forming record of a smokestack city largely unaware of itself and its history. Peter MacCallum doesn’t claim to be the conscience of the city, but he might well be its memory. By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

CNU XVI: New Urbanism and the Booming Metropolis, Austin, Texas, April 3-6, 2008 - Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

BCSE 2008 awards celebrate the best in UK school design and construction – DSDHA; Studio E Architects; AHMM; Hopkins Architects; B3 Architects; Curl la Tourelle Architects; etc. - British Council for School Environments

Architecture and Sex: Do buildings have gender? ...many serious architecture scholars are looking closely at the relationship between architecture and human anatomy and human sexuality. By Jackie Craven – I.M. Pei; Jorn Utzon; Julia Morgan; Walter Gropius/Bauhaus [slide show] - About Architecture

INSIGHT: Transit-Oriented Design: An Evolution from Societal Convenience to Environmental Solution: TOD is the model for what multi-family housing will look like in the years ahead. By John Burcher, AIA - ArchNewsNow

-- J. Mayer H. Architekten: Cumulus, Danfoss Universe, Nordborg, Denmark
-- Under construction: Eric Owen Moss: Gateway Art Tower, Los Angeles