Today's News - Friday, October 8, 2010

- The controversial Stuttgart 21 mega-development now has a mediator, but newspaper commentators don't think he'll find much success.
- Goldhagen digs deep into cities that have "rediscovered the big urban park;" some get it right; Boston missed the mark (great read!).
- London's Olympic Park makes a design U-turn to avoid "a forest of 'bland'"
- Saffron bemoans plans for Philly's granary that "harvests a bounty of bland design: Why does it have to end up this way, with ambitious design sacrificed for the sake of good urbanism?"
- An eyeeful of Foster's solar-powered stadium for Qatar's bid for 2022 World Cup.
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- We couldn't resist (and hope to see these in action!): public buses spraying green roofs.
- Call for entries: The 21st Century Classroom.
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Shulman; Studio Gang; Jan Kaplicky/Future Systems; Vincent Scully; Ant Farm; Samuel Mockbee/Rural Studio; Renzo Piano; Paola Antonelli; Richard Meier; Amanda Burden; Robert A.M. Stern; etc. [video, links] - UnBeige

Mind-Blowing Outdoor Video Show: ...projection mapping...will be bending minds with a projection performance that will transform the facade of the iconic Frank Gehry-designed IAC building in Manhattan, Saturday, Oct. 9, 10:00-10:30pm [video] - Vimeo Festival + Awards / Seeper

Building for Brussels: Architecture and urban transformation in Europe: ...exhibition looks at some outstanding projects in European cities and considers their relevance to the challenges facing Brussels; Centre for Fine Arts, Oct. 9 - Nov. 28 - Bozar (Belgium)

Lisbon Architecture Triennale: "Let's Talk About Houses" - October 14, 2010 - January 16, 2011 - Trienal de Arquitectura

Safdie's World: In the gallery he created, "Global Citizen: The Architecture of Moshe Safdie" at the National Gallery of Canada explains why this global citizen is a national treasure [slide show, videos] - Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

"Global Citizen: The Architecture of Moshe Safdie": ...an unprecedented exploration of the architect's work and philosophy, at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa [through January 9, 2011] and subsequently tour to Chicago, Los Angeles, and Bentonville, Arkansas...Curated by Donald Albrecht...underscores [his] extraordinary career as a leading architect, urban planner, theorist, educator and author. - Canadian Architect

"Bruce Goff: A Creative Mind" displays what made Goff such an important figure in the world of architecture while exploring what made his mind tick..."shows just how far out his imagination could extend"...at Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art - The Oklahoma Daily (University of Oklahoma)

Street Cred: "Street Value: Shopping, Planning and Politics at Fulton Mall" by Rosten Woo and Meredith TenHoor with Damon Rich...authors seem content to track the mall as an urban planning narrative, at best a cautionary tale, and their solutions come sparingly and late in the story. By Mimi Zeiger - Places Journal

What's Goin' On in LA Architecture: The new volume "A5 Los Angeles: Architecture, Interiors, Lifestyle" charts "the city's embrace of warm modernism...a contemporary architecture "greatest hits" for a city that definitely deserves one. By Sam Lubell -- Casey C.M. Mathewson; Ann Videriksen; Frances Anderton; wHY Architecture; Lean Arch; Johnston Marklee; Ray Kappe [images] - The Architect's Newspaper

Flex Space: AECOM Design + Planning has a New York office that's as flexible as its corporate style - and LEED Gold to boot. -- Michielli + Wyetzner Architects [images] - ArchNewsNow

Steven Holl Architects: Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, UK: The new design complements its neighbor, but moves forward using a new language of light.