

Today's News - March 9, 2004

A Midwest firm stakes a successful claim in California. - Top 25 U.S. business cities (and the 10 worst metro areas). - U.K.-Japan seminar series offers insights. - NYC Planning Commission offers guidelines for a vibrant, user-friendly WTC site. - First, pave paradise with a parking lot, and then put a lid on it (ersatz paradise?). - In Washington, DC, an alley "...friendlier to rats than humans, has been transformed into a sophisticated, lively urban lane." - San Diego shortlists teams for bay front makeover. - "Holyrood syndrome" should be entering our lexicon soon (all the makings of a mini-series?). - Building a landmark of the future in Lower Manhattan. - Trump takes on Toronto. - Shipping container construction closer to reality. - Urban explorers everywhere go spelunking. - A Cebu architect earns his architectural stripes abroad, then sets up shop at home. - A Roman architect wants to finish the Colosseum: "...you could use brick" (!??!).

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[Case Study: HGA Stakes Its Claim in California](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Top 25 Cities For Doing Business in America: includes ranking of 277 large, medium, and small cities, and a separate ranking of the top cities by major industries](#)- Inc. magazine

[UK-Japan Cities of the Future: Regeneration and Urban Life seminar series begins March 24](#)- Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation

[City Planning Commission Reviews World Trade Center Plans: Recommends Guidelines to Ensure Reintegration of Site into Lower Manhattan, And Create Vibrant, Pedestrian-Friendly and Inviting Place](#)- NYC Dept. of Planning

[Kirkland to see waterfront lid ideas: ...lid over a city-owned parking lot to create a new plaza of restaurants, entertainment areas and landscaped open spaces with more parking spots below](#).- Seattle Times

[An Alley That Turns a Corner In Urban Design: In Georgetown, Planners Break Free of History's Grip. By Benjamin Forgey - Shalom Baranes; Martinez & Johnson; Mark McInturf; Suman Sorg; Frank Schlesinger \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[5 teams to vie to make over San Diego bay front \[6, actually\] - Chong Partners Architecture/Olin Partnership; Beyer Blinder Belle/Civitas/Steel Group; EDAA; Frederic Schwartz Architects/Ken Smith Landscape Architect; Hargreaves Associates; Sasaki Associates/Rob Wellington Quigley](#)- San Diego Union-Tribune

[Holyrood progress group is blasted by expert: should have told the parliament about recurring difficulties caused by the tense relationship between architect Enric Miralles' practice in Barcelona and Edinburgh-based partners RMJM](#).- The Scotsman (UK)

[Builder Whose Cubes Are Definitely Not Square: Frank J. Sciame Jr.: "...you've also got to build the landmarks of the future: the way I see it, it's almost a responsibility."](#) - Santiago Calatrava- New York Times

[Condo credo: You can't be too thin or too rich: Trump Tower makes a point. By Christopher Hume - Zeidler Partnership](#)- Toronto Star

[Shipping container construction imagined for local site: Winning design could be built elsewhere](#) - Fox & Fowle- Gloucester Daily Times

[Where others fear to tread: Urban Explorers: Thrill-seekers delight in visiting off-limit venues \[images\]](#)- Vancouver Sun

[Trailblazing in Cebu: Architect Alexis B. Medalla...comes home after nine years... \[image\]](#)- The Manila Times

[Rome - Born Architect Dreams of Completing Colosseum: ``It wouldn't take much, you could use brick''](#) - Carlo Aymonino- New York Times

[Hopes are Ever Higher: Request for Qualifications \(RFQ\) for High Line Master Plan Issued by Friends of the High Line and NYC](#)- ArchNewsNow

-- [Competition winner: Coop Himmelb\(l\)au: European Central Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany](#)

-- [Sneak preview: Schmidt, Hammer & Lassen: Århus Art Museum, Denmark](#)

-- [The Architect's Studio: Sketches by Glenn Murcutt](#)

-- [Book: Glenn Murcutt: A Singular Architectural Practice By Haig Beck and Jackie Cooper](#)

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