

Today's News - September 30, 2005

A winning Friday: Ito takes home RIBA Royal Gold. – Prizes for 22 preservation projects. – Holcim Awards honor North American sustainable construction projects. – Louvre Lens picks its design team. – An impressive shortlist for Orange County Great Park. – Designing disaster relief housing (but would anyone want to live there?). – Public housing catching on with the middle class. – Forget culture a Ground Zero? An in-depth look at how it became "a suspicious interloper." – A half-million square feet of retail is really what is needed. – Philadelphia grows more comfortable with modern. – Google to team with NASA for a million-square-foot campus. – Princeton picks a planning team. – Restoration of National Portrait Gallery's new digs vindicates original architect. – To close or not to close Berlin's Tempelhof Airport. – Shipping containers as towering farms and gardens.

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[The Royal Gold Medal for 2006 is to be awarded to influential Japanese architect Toyo Ito](#)- RIBA (UK)

[2005 National Preservation Award Winners announced \[links to 22 winners/images\]](#)- National Trust for Historic Preservation

[Holcim Awards 2005 - North America: Prizes awarded to sustainable construction projects -- L'OEUF/ Pearl Poddubiuk et Associés, Architects: Renzo Piano/Chong Partners/Patrick Kociolek/Ove Arup and Partners; Mark West; etc. \[links\]](#)- Holcim Foundation

[IMREY CULBERT and SANAA win Louvre Lens competition](#)- Archinect

[Three Architectural Design Firms Picked as Semi-Finalists in Orange County Great Park Competition -- Mirrales Tagliabue EMBT; Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey; Ken Smith, Landscape Architect/TEN Arquitectos/Mary Miss Studio/Mia Lehrer and Associates](#)- Yahoo News

[Shelter From The Storm: Disaster relief housing draws designers but do their ideas fit the people? -- Daniel Libeskind; Shigeru Ban; Nader Khalili; Deborah Gans/Matthew Jelacic; Dante Bini \[images, links\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Cut-Rate Homes For Middle Class Are Catching On: Public housing is being stretched to include people who are more likely to have Starbucks cash cards than food stamps](#)- New York Times

[Is Culture Gone at Ground Zero? ...A lack of powerful, outspoken advocates seems to have been a significant ingredient in the erosion of culture at the site. -- Libeskind; Snohetta; Gehry](#)- New York Times

[As Ground Zero Plans Shift, Focus Turns to Retail Space: ...cultural building designed by Snohetta... will effectively become an extension of the underground memorial museum devoted solely to 9/11. \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Two condos that hit the mark: Maybe Philadelphia is growing more comfortable with modern architecture, now that the initial shock of the condo boom has been absorbed. By Inga Saffron -- Solomon Cordwell Buenz; SHoP Architects \[image\]](#)- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Google confirms Ames plan: Search engine plans offices, partnership with space agency: At 1 million square feet, the new campus would be larger than filmmaker George Lucas' new Presidio complex...](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[Planning initiative announced...to coordinate both in-progress construction and new projects. -- Beyer Blinder Belle Architects; Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates; Lynden B. Miller Public Garden Design; Two Twelve Associates](#)- Daily Princetonian

[Restoration vindicates early architect: 169 years later, plan to fireproof gallery \[U.S. Patent Office\] was sound -- Robert Mills \(1842\)](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Sun Is Setting on a Temple to Aviation: Berlin's Tempelhof Airport, once a grand reflection of Hitler's dreams, is on its way to becoming obsolete. -- Ernst Sagebiel \(1930s\)](#)- Los Angeles Times

[No Green Acres? Try Skyscrapers: ...empty storage containers would be ideal housing for miniature farms stacked one upon another like an agricultural skyscraper...](#)- Wired News

[The Rise of the Few: Key Ingredients for the World's Tallest Skyscrapers: Q&A with Ron Klemencic, Chairman, Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[INSIGHT: Vancouverism vs. Lower Manhattanism: Shaping the High Density City. By Trevor Boddy \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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-- [Competition winner: Henning Larsens Tegnesteue \(with Olafur Eliasson\): Concert and Congress Centre, Reykjavik, Iceland](#)
-- [Design Hotels: Hospes Ámerico, Alicante, Spain; Palau de la Mar, Valencia, Spain](#)
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