

Today's News - November 9, 2005

A call for democratic and equitable planning in New Orleans that includes residents and refugees. – China plans a string of "eco-cities." – An 11-year-old (and trendy) Denver neighborhood proves there's life after military base closures. – Commuter train station parking lots reborn as transit-oriented developments. – Urban parking garages - "architectural scum, lower down architecture's evolutionary scale than Travelodges" - being transformed into "things of beauty." – Cincinnati joins the growing trend to eliminate once-vaunted skywalks. – Atlanta's High Museum "deferential" addition is "an absolute joy to walk through." – Things are looking up for Oxford's Ashmolean Museum - too long "an embarrassment" behind an elegant facade. – The Museum of the City of New York's on-again-off-again expansion is on again. – University of Maryland's Alumni Center is "kind of lovable" and "plenty strange." – Libeskind's first building in Israel opens. – Sir Basil Spence to finally get his due. – Another Inventioning Architecture lecture online.

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[Op-Ed: A Plan For Democratic And Equitable Planning In New Orleans: Planners...have already descended on the Gulf Coast region...careful, long-term planning is needed to ensure that current residents and refugees alike are given the stake and voice they need in the rebuilding efforts. By Leonardo Vazquez, AICP/PP- PLANetizen](#)

[British to help China build a string of 'eco-cities': ...regarded both as a prototype for urban living in over-populated and polluted environments and as a magnet for investment... -- Arup- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[Denver community proves there's life after a base closes: It holds lessons for latest communities on closure list...Now, 11 years after...Lowry is one of Denver's trendiest neighborhoods - and living proof that there is life after Base Realignment and Closure \(BRAC\).- Christian Science Monitor](#)

[Home on the rails: For aging suburban baby boomers who want the condo life without living in Center City \[Philadelphia\], the answer could be developments being planned near train stations \[transit-oriented developments/TODs\]. By Inga Saffron -- Wallace Roberts & Todd; Cope Linder Architects- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Multistorey makeovers: Town-centre car parks are being turned into things of beauty. By Tom Dyckhoff -- Louis Kahn; Koolhaas; Cullen Payne; MCM Architects; Herzog & de Meuron; Hentrich-Petschnigg & Partner; Teresa Sapey; Owen Luder; Birds Portchmouth Russum- The Times \(UK\)](#)

[A web of walkways: ...in 1971, the city was in the vanguard of a trend...But after years of complaints that the system removes people from the downtown streetscape, Cincinnati will be joining in another trend: the demise of the skywalk.- Cincinnati Enquirer](#)

[Sense of transparency: Renzo Piano sensitively adds to a Richard Meier \[High Museum\] design... It is hard to think of another American example where connected buildings by two prominent architects get along so well. By Christopher Hawthorne \[images\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Heroic collections find a worthy setting: Behind its elegant façade, the state of Oxford's Ashmolean Museum has long been an embarrassment - but a £49m rebuild is about to change that. By Giles Worsley -- CR Cockerell \(1845\); Rick Mather \[image\]- Telegraph \(UK\)](#)

[Preserving the Past, Planning the Future: The on-again off-again expansion project of the Museum of the City of New York is on again - and this time it seems to be for certain. -- Polshek Partnership- New York Times](#)

[New \[University of Maryland\] Alumni Center in a Class by Itself: ...admirable and smart in lots of ways. It is kind of lovable. It's also plenty strange. By Benjamin Forgey -- Hugh Newell Jacobsen \[image\]- Washington Post](#)

[First Libeskind building in Israel to open: Wohl Centre at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan -- The Heder Partnership- Ynetnews \(Israel\)](#)

[Built to last: A 'pivotal architect' back in the spotlight: Sir Basil Spence \[1907-1976\]...had one foot in the Arts and Crafts movement and the other in modernism...- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[Inventioning Architecture - Dirk Hebel and Jorg Stollmann, Assistant Professors of Architecture and Design at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich \(ETH\): swissnex lecture series at California College of the Arts \[audio, video\]- Architecture Radio](#)

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