

Today's News - February 5, 2007

ArcSpace brings us another view of Abu Dhabi cultural projects and Alsop in London. – Meanwhile, Burj Dubai skyscraper is all bones (new skin to arrive shortly). – Fraser resigns from A+DS claiming PPP school designs are "catastrophically poor." – de Botton's development plans are "put on ice." – Stanford University suffers from some "mind-numbingly boring" (unattributed) architecture (but the good guys are named). – The challenges in transforming old shopping malls require more than just a face-lift. – India hosts a national seminar exploring the need to get shopping malls right. – Traffic is a pain in L.A. - so what's new? – Malaysian architects are making waves overseas. – Two San Francisco projects are "green" on two different scales. – It's a symbiotic relationship between landscape architect and developer that will make Orange County park truly great. – A young architect wants to bring Kaliningrad's castle back (along with a new city center). – Critics come to the defense of Libeskind's Denver museum. – Not all are betting that the Uffizi expansion will begin. – The New York architect behind some of the city's most polarizing projects. – A master of Google architecture celebrates his 90th. – An interesting take on Moses: officials have learned that arrogance is a sin, so now "their modus operandi is to appear to care about communities and then go ahead with big development plans anyway." – Another take on Lutyens' cathedral that never was.

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[-- Ando, Gehry, Hadid, and Nouvel: Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi, UAE](#)
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[Burj Dubai skyscraper missing its 'curtain wall' exterior: It's all bones and no skin...a new curtain wall provider...is on board... By Blair Kamin -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill \(SOM\)- Chicago Tribune](#)

[School PPP scheme a 'catastrophe' for pupils: Malcolm Fraser has resigned from a Scottish Executive advisory panel over concerns that schools built using private finance could be damaging children. -- Architecture and Design Scotland \(A+DS\)- Sunday Herald \(Scotland\)](#)

[Channel 4 ditches de Botton's development programme: Philosopher's 2ha 50-home development with Feilden Clegg Bradley 'put on ice'...plans to set up a development company are to be scrapped. -- Praxis Development- Building \(UK\)](#)

[Editorial: A Corporate Beacon of Clapboard and Stucco: Granted, not every building...looks as though it were carelessly ordered from a catalog of innocuous buildings. When Stanford decides to take architectural risks, the results are often noteworthy. -- I.M. Pei; Norman Foster; James Polshek- Stanford Daily \(California\)](#)

[Old Shopping Malls Require Much More Than Cosmetic Surgery: ...two projects are emblematic of increasingly frequent real estate investment and design challenges that lie ahead. By Roger K. Lewis- Washington Post](#)

[Code for new shoppers' stops: With \[Calcutta\] firmly in the grip of 'mall-eria'...the need to get the planning, design and management of shopping centres right was never more imperative. -- Centre for Built Environment \(CBE\); Santosh Ghosh; Unmesh Kirtikar; Partha Ranjan Das- The Telegraph \(India\)](#)

[Rediscovering an Old Problem: Traffic Is a Pain, Just Like it Was in 1982...with revived calls by a perplexed public for an expanded mass transit system, more selective planning, less development... By San Hall Kaplan- LA Downtown News](#)

[Local architects making mark overseas: Malaysian architects are making waves overseas with a list of architectural masterpieces dotting various parts of the world. -- Tan Loke Mun/Malaysian Institute of Architects \(PAM\); Teo A Khing Design Consultants \(TAK Group\); GDP Architects; Hin Tan Architect- The Star \(Malaysia\)](#)

[S.F. Joins the Green Trend: Two Bay Area projects run gamut from practicality to a grand statement. By John King -- Renzo Piano/Chong Partners; David Baker + Partners- San Francisco Chronicle](#)

[The Central Park of Southern California: Ken Smith is stretching out a bit, with a project measuring 1,347 acres...Orange County Great Park will cover a large swath of what had been El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. By Fred A. Bernstein- New York Times](#)

[Kaliningrad Wants Its Castle Back: For years Kaliningrad has been allowed to decay as a forgotten Russian enclave surrounded by Europe. But now a movement is afoot to rebuild the city center. The castle too may soon dominate the skyline once again. -- Alexander Bazhin \[slide show\]- Der Spiegel \(Germany\)](#)

[Pro-Libeskind forces fire back: Some critics were unimpressed with Daniel Libeskind's design for the Denver Art Museum addition when it opened in October, but others recently have come to its defense. By Kyle MacMillan- Denver Post](#)

[Uffizi Expansion Is Finally \(Well, Maybe\) to Begin: ...even with the ground broken, 10 years after the project was first announced, few are betting on it. -- Arata Isozaki \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[High-Rise Architect Sails Proudly in Mainstream: Costas Kondylis is a successful architect who also happens to be the designer of some of New York City's most polarizing projects. - New York Times](#)

[It's Google à go-go: Architect Eldon Davis marks his 90th birthday with a tour of sites he helped put on the map...an architectural style that came to epitomize postwar American](#)

[optimism...](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Moses vs. Jacobs plays again: Three simultaneous museum exhibitions...under the title Robert Moses and the Modern City...seek to re-evaluate and rehabilitate Moses, praising him for his unparalleled achievements. By Simon Houpt-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Lutyens Built New Delhi. Couldn't Get Cathedral Off the Ground: One of the finest architectural models in the world is on view in all its newly restored splendor in a special exhibition entitled "The Cathedral That Never Was"...remains a landmark in architectural history...](#)- Bloomberg News

[In Their Own Words: Abu Dhabi Cultural District: How Gehry, Hadid, Nouvel, and Ando envision their cultural venues on Saadiyat Island. \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

[Curtain Up: Billy Wilder Theater at UCLA Hammer Museum: Los Angeles has a new cultural "living room;" -- Michael Maltzan Architecture \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

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