Gendall takes us on a tour of some of some of the biggest inner-city development projects in the U.S. where architects (and landscape architects) "are taking a leading role" as master planners "finding ways to reconcile Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs."

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Cardin cancels plans for his Venice skyscraper: it's "a victory for the people in the defense of the historic skyline" (though now it will be harder for the city to balance its books).

Dunlap explains how Arquitectonica's design for a Long Island City tower "may be the first to be influenced by a swirls-and-curts, Depression-era, ruby-red, neon soft-drink sign" (very cool!).

King offers his pick of 10 good urban buildings and places in San Francisco "worth seeking out, starting with something that isn't a building at all."

Wainwright reports on yet another young design firm claiming "design similarities" in Olympic ceremony - this time, it's the glowing duvets on the 320 hospital beds (intellectual property lawyers licking their lips - again).

In the U.K., "Hull is finally getting to have a bit of fun with a new pedestrian swing bridge that moves while people are still on it" (musical chimes included): "Of course we could have had a cheaper or simpler bridge..." (it's really lovely!).

Morrell mourns the demise of the 94-year-old Davis Langdon brand as it is absorbed into Aecom - it's "unutterably sad."

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