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[\*\*Urban redevelopment with an edge: Haves and have-nots to live together in \[\\$200-million\] housing plan for abandoned Woodward's \[Vancouver\] -- Henriquez Partners Architects\*\*](#) - Globe and Mail (Canada)

[\*\*Los Angeles Taps Architect Gehry for "Champs-Elysees": ...will test penchant for designing fantastical buildings...pro bono record of helping redesign areas of downtown for at least 10 years helped convince Related Cos. that he was the right planner.\*\*](#) - Bloomberg News

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[\*\*Students build house by the book: architecture students at a Halifax university...used more than 7,000 phone books to build a house.\*\*](#) - Toronto Star

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[\*\*Fixing up the Bauhaus: ...a mixture of conservation of what exists and restoration of what had vanished.\*\*](#) -- Walter Gropius (1926); Monika Markgraf - Taipei Times

[\*\*Tut, tut: Egyptian Museum sorely in need of new site: Planned grand space will replace the current hodgepodge. U.S. tour will help fund it.\*\*](#) -- Yasser Mansour; Heneghan Peng Architects - Los Angeles Times

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