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RIBA goes to town on radical revival: Architects of 'new urbanism' reveal designs on Britain's city centres, calling for input from whole community- Guardian (UK)

Recycling Is an Art: Italian eco-designs combine environmental protection and sustainable economics.- Inter Press Service

Stadium of the gods: Athens may be in chaos, but the Olympic buildings, with their beautiful spirals and curves, are worthy of the ancients - Santiago Calatrava [image]- Guardian (UK)

Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda: New York thrives on grand schemes, but many of the grandest, like a 40-story church, never leave the realm of dreams. - Gustav Lindenthal (1920s); Harvey Wiley Corbett (1924); Raymond Hood (1925); etc. [image]- New York Times

Razing of history may bust Hollywood's [Florida] boom. By Beth Dunlop - Martin Luther Hampton (1924); Zyscovich- Miami Herald

Campus goes classic: A campus on the edge of uptown known for dingy buildings and hulking parking decks has officially banished Modernism. - Jeffrey Dalzell/Little Diversified Architectural Consulting; Pease Associates; Gantt Huberman Architects; FWA Group; Freelon Group- Charlotte Observer

Brighton landmark 'beyond rescue': tottering West Pier - Eugenius Birch (1866)-Guardian (UK)

Frank Gehry's Mideast Peace Plan: Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance, Jersualem: Something Israelis and Palestinians can agree on: they hate it - Amir Kolker [image] - New York Times

Ohr-O'Keefe takes shape in Biloxi: \$29M museum expected to 'dance with the trees' - Frank O. Gehry; Guild Hardy Architects- Mississippi SunHerald

A true architectural labor of love: Cesar Pelli and his son, Rafael Pelli, collaborated on the new University of Illinois College of Business building, and the design is winning rave reviews on campus.- News-Gazette

The big idea: A retail-style library in east London gives David Adjaye the chance to really prove himself. [images]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Why Hermann doesn't look a day over 90: After falling into disrepair and disuse, Houston's Hermann Park has been reborn as the urban retreat and playful space it was meant to be - George Edward Kessler (1916); William Neuhaus; Melton Henry/Scott Slaney/Peter Brown/Steve Harding; Olin Partnership- Houston Chronicle

Architect, mother and historian at heart: The first woman president of the Miami Chapter of the American Institute of Architects since 1941, Lourdes Solera is in a class by herself. - M.C. Harry & Associates- Miami Herald

Toronto's enigmatic architect: Eden Smith designed an estimated 250 homes in the city's upscale neighbourhoods, but few people know of his arts and crafts-inspired residences, many of which have been demolished- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Reaching for the sky: MoMa QNS "Tall Buildings" takes a lofty look at tall buildings designs whose creators are thinking outside the big box. By Justin Davidson- NY Newsday

"Lebbeus Woods: Experimental Architecture": an engulfing architectural experience, designed and installed by Woods at Heinz Architectural Center, Carnegie Museum of Art through January 16, 2005- AbsoluteArts

Where icons meet irony: Melbourne artist Callum Morton...transforms Le Corbusier's iconic designs for the Indian city of Chandigarh...into a giant "theme park of modernity."- The Australian

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