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ArchNewsNow home page now sports two feature articles - and a new look! We thought it particularly appropriate to begin this new adventure with an essay about what elements are important to create thriving public spaces. After all, is there a larger public space than this place we call the Internet? "Critical Ingredients in Urban Placemaking" by Randy Shortridge, AIA, (RTKL) introduces INSIGHT, an ANN series written by industry professionals intended to be an interesting mix of observations, opinions, and musings on a range of subjects. (If you have Insights you'd like to submit, please do.) For "Fermenting Culture," Imagination and Robinson Keefe Devane (RKD) Architects take us through the transformation of a former Guinness fermentation plant into a dynamic corporate and public visitors center in the heart of Dublin. Click on the "Home" link above to see the feature articles. Kristen Richards, Editor-in-Chief

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Downtown [St. Louis] Deserves Vigorous, Competitive Architecture: If Century Building goes, it must be replaced with something just as grand - Trivers Associates (St. Louis Post - Dispatch)- BuilderOnline

Opinion: Load of old stumps: Architects and dysfunctional erections- The Guardian (UK)

Response: UK's limp architecture- The Guardian (UK)

Celebrating a design genius: GAUDI YEAR by Leslie Crawford: Barcelona, perhaps more than any other city, is defined by its distinctive architecture.- Financial Times

Gaudi Mania: The work of controversial architect Antoni Gaudí is getting a fresh look as Spain marks the 150th anniversary of his birth [\[image\]](#)- Time Magazine

Mega-mansions' upside: They help reduce sprawl- USA Today

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Fate of Odorite walls rests with university: Will Odorite building's walls be incorporated into new UB student union?- Baltimore Sun

A blot on the seascape: Brighton's magnificent West Pier must be saved, says Jonathan Glancey - but not at the expense of the seafront- The Guardian (UK)

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Science Center to name architect winner Thursday - Jean Nouvel; Daniel Libeskind; Ben van Berkel- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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