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Baby Boomers’ retirement expectations redefine an industry. -- The face of Lower Manhattan begins to change. -- Several takes on being “green.” -- Green Wal-Marts on the horizon? -- Accessible, affordable housing with aesthetic appeal. -- Urban landscapes revitalized by a mall, transportation hub, town center, and parks in San Francisco, Auckland, a Milwaukee suburb, and London. -- Improving passenger rail systems for the wrong reason. -- A look at Harvard Square’s golden age for architecture. -- High praise for two new museums. -- Profiles of an iconoclastic dream-builder and an architect returning to his own dream.

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Innovative design peps up formerly ho-hum Larkspur mall: Marin Central Plaza is a bracing reminder that...even the most mundane pieces of the urban landscape can be memorable. By John King - Topher Delaney [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Britomart – New Architectural Landmark for Auckland: a public transport system that works - Jasmax; Mario Madayag - Scoop (New Zealand)

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Reflecting on a time when Harvard Square towered with designers. By Robert Campbell - Josep Lluis Sert, Benjamin Thompson - Boston Globe

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- Competition winner: Dominique Perrault: Opera House Martinsky II, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Competition winners: Space Group; Ove Arup & Partners; West 8: Passenger Terminal & Urban Plan, Tromsø, Norway
- Exhibition: Zaha Hadid Architecture, MAK, Vienna; Photographed by Gerald Zugmann

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