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Another take on sprawling suburbs and waistlines. -- Nature wins a 17-year development battle. -- A new twist in Pier Wisconsin saga. -- A close look at Koolhaas campus (includes an interview with the kool man himself). -- An "instant landmark for Gehry in Britain. -- The world's 100 most endangered sites. -- Not too much hope for a piece of Philadelphia history. -- Better news for Erie Canal Harbor. -- University building by U.K.'s "grandfather of modernism" may be listed. -- Greening the envelope. -- Toronto's new opera house will hit all the high notes. -- Cubicle cacophony solved by "pink noise." -- Wright bust re-discovered.

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Transportation and Smart Growth: Sprawl and Obesity: A Flawed Connection - The Heritage Foundation

State to Buy 2,800-acre Ahmanson Ranch as Preserve: A $150-million deal to keep the land as open space would end 17-year development battle. - Los Angeles Times

Architects to compete for Pier design: In yet another startling twist for the Pier Wisconsin saga, the design for the freshwater education building...will now be opened up to an invited competition. By Whitney Gould - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Oedipus Rem: At the crossroads of the IIT campus, Rem Koolhaas challenges the reign of Mies van der Rohe. By Lynn Becker - Studio/Gang/Architects; Holabird & Root; Ove Arup - Repeat

Cancer centre designed to inspire - Frank Gehry - The Scotsman (UK)

Dundee Maggie's Centre Opening: "an instant landmark." Frank Gehry - Evening Telegraph (UK)

The World Monuments Watch list of 100 Most Endangered Sites announced - World Monuments Fund

Panel OKs 3 demolitions on Sansom: The Historical Commission also approved a multifuse development in the same area near Rittenhouse Square. - Wallace, Roberts & Todd - Philadelphia Inquirer

Preservationists praise redesign for Erie Canal Harbor - Flynn Battaglia Architects; John Milner Associates; Chermayeff & Geismar - Buffalo News

"Dramatic" University of East Anglia buildings may be listed: Four pyramid-shaped concrete terraces. - Sir Denys Lasdun - BBC News

Taking the green exterior beyond energy: An integrated planning process is the key to a green envelope - Building Operating Management

New Diamond May Be Crowning: Toronto's long-awaited opera house designed by veteran architect is slated for 2006 opening - Diamond and Schmitt Architects - Tandem (Canada)

School of Architecture and Planning presents lecture series - Gary Hack; Nasrine Seraji; Toshiko Mori; Robert Campbell; Mark Jarzombek; Ken Greenberg; etc.- University at Buffalo Reporter

Demand for quelling office noise booms: Acoustical privacy pro is hearing more calls for 'sound conditioning' - Button Group - Dallas Morning News

KONE donates bust of Frank Lloyd Wright: believed to be the only piece of art the prolific Wright ever commissioned of himself - Quad-City Times (Iowa)

- Inauguration: Frank O. Gehry: Maggie's Centre, Dundee, Scotland
- Construction start: Diller + Scofidio: Quadrant House, Phoenix, Arizona
- The Camera: Photo Essay by Gerald Zugmann: The Brion Tomb by Carlo Scarpa
- Exhibition: Schindler's Paradise: Architectural Resistance, MAK Center, Los Angeles