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The Need for Regional Anti-Congestion Policies: can be tackled by either supply-side or demand-side tactics - Brookings Institute

Condo project stumbles on historic designation: ...will determine whether the project should be redesigned to include the [1871] Seeboth St. building - Tod Williams Billie Tsien & Associates - Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The king of 60s kitsch gets noticed: Uno Prii's apartment buildings are now being recognized as 'liberating, soaring, expressive forms': ...granted limited protection of heritage status...- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Age Before Beauty: Preservation laws protect a community's oldest buildings. But what about the gems too young to make the list? By Beth Dunlop - Miami Herald

City to heave wrecking ball at modernism: Perhaps one day there will be a wave of nostalgia for the semi-brutalist modernism of Palm Beach County's abandoned 1972 courthouse. - Palm Beach Post

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Schools at a crossroads: These should be days of glory for the architecture of Cleveland public schools. Instead, they're becoming days of mediocrity. By Steven Litt - Cleveland Plain Dealer

Calatrava's ground zero design flies to new heights. By Blair Kamin - DMJM + Harris, STV Group - Chicago Tribune

For the new Genzyme Building, it's what's inside that counts: sets a new standard for corporate architecture in Boston. By Robert Campbell - Behnisch, Behnisch, and Partner, Next Phase Studios - Boston Globe


Making an old viaduct viable again: One possible use for the stone structure: An elevated park with fine views of the city. By Inga Saffron - Philadelphia Inquirer

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Lesley D. Watson, OAA, MRAIC, 2004 President of Ontario Association of Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

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