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Time for a renaissance of the traditional city. — We can now add "smart codes" and "aesthetic renaissance" to our "smart growth" lexicon. — San Diego reinvents itself - at what cost? — Salt Lake City looks to San Diego and Toronto looks to Hong Kong for inspiration. — Crisis in UK: not enough architects and planners. — Big plans under wraps for Connecticut development. — Maybe they should all spend €20 for "Cork Rural Design Guide: Building a New House in the Countryside." — Then there's always the "context" to consider. — Historic preservation goes green in Boston. — Uffizi wants to double in size while the Acropolis Museum just wants to get built. — Landmark status for architect's home (the owners are none too thrilled). — WTC memorial team must contend with "physical challenges and treacherous political waters." — "Googie" architecture at risk.

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UK Design Education In Crisis: Government plans to build up to 4 million new homes...may be stymied by severe shortage of suitably trained architects and urban designers... — International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture & Urbanism (INTBAU)

Hackman Reveals Development Partners: Plans For 220-acre Site Along Thames River (CT) Are Still Under Wraps - Fox & Fowle Architects and Planners—The Day (Connecticut)

Designs for better building in the countryside: ...half-dozen county councils have produced rural housing design guides, none are as graphic as one recently produced by Cork County Council. By Frank McDonald — Colin Buchanan and Partners; Mike Shanahan and Associates—Irish Times

If you live here, you're out of context: Architects and planners often make it a point to stress the importance of context... — By John King - Stanley Saitowitz [images]—San Francisco Chronicle

Green meets history in City Hall Annex: It's a green historic restoration. — HKT Architects—Boston Globe

Uffizi to double in size as Italy tries to outdo Louvre: canopy-like structure for a new exit by Arata Isozaki... was "subject to further evaluation"—Guardian (UK)

Plan B for Acropolis Museum? - Bernard Tschumi—Kathimerini (Greece)

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Design at Ground Zero: Peter Walker snagged the biggest fish his profession could float: the World Trade Center memorial. Now he has to reel it in—Berkeleyan

Tomorrow's long-lost treasures: Exuberant 'Googie' architecture at risk. — By Arrol Gellner—San Francisco Chronicle

INSIGHT: San Francisco's New Vancouver-Mania - Part II, By Trevor Boddy—ArchNewsNow

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— Rem Koolhaas: McCormick Tribune Campus Center, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago