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The Economist (UK) offers its first survey the New York City since 1983 (things are looking up). -- An international research project to measure how cities profit from encouraging the "creative class." -- Of new urbanism, temporary urbanism, public spaces...and bicycles. -- A new niche market for senior housing: themed communities. -- Move over baby boomers: new campus architecture for the "millennial generation." -- Fordham has big plans that will add to midtown Manhattan "gigantism." -- New tool for reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions. -- New findings to improve healthcare design. -- Big plans for Dublin's historic - but rundown - Parnell Square. -- Kamin takes on the "McArchitecture" of "McBank" branches popping up everywhere. -- Impressive list vies for Washington, DC stadium. -- Alaska getting closer to choosing its Capitol Building design. -- A survey to define the icon of U.K. region...London Eye or "a horrid new 'sustainable community'." -- Colorado awaits its own "Gates."

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Comedia has launched a major piece of international research - The Intercultural City: Making the Most of Diversity. - Guardian (UK)

Op-Ed: The Temporary Urbanism of Critical Mass: a monthly gathering of cyclists originally founded in San Francisco, has quickly become a worldwide phenomenon. -- relationship with New Urbanism, smart growth, and temporary urbanism -- an alternative way of looking at public space. - PLANetizen

Retirees seeking common grounds: ..."niche retirement communities" springing up to serve targeted segments of the $176 billion senior housing market,... - Dallas Morning News

Xavier University changing face of campus: Hoff quad to serve 'millennial generation'... a 10-year plan that will change the way it educates its students and reshape those old baby boomer buildings. [image] - Cincinnati Enquirer

Cramped Fordham Plans to Expand at Lincoln Center: ...a high-rise quadrangle for 10,600 students...would greatly advance the steady march of Midtown gigantism... - New York Times


Center for Health Design Releases Findings on How Design Can Improve the Standard of Care in Health-Care Facilities - AIArchitect

€200m facelift for historic square: ...aims to turn Dublin's historic - but rundown - Parnell Square into a national cultural quarter. - Howley Harrington Architects- Irish Independent

Once grand, now bland: Branch banks are booming: While the services are praiseworthy, the architecture -- and the effects on neighborhoods -- is troubling. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

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Anchorage weighs in on Capitol building's designs - Moshe Safdie and Associates/McCool Carlson Green; Morphosis/ImmensaArchitects; NNBJ/ECI Hyer; Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design/Livingston Stone; Anchorage Daily News

Alaska's Capitol Building in Juneau; Finalists Design Concepts - Moshe Safdie and Associates/McCool Carlson Green; Morphosis/ImmensaArchitects; NNBJ/ECI Hyer; Yazdani Studio of Cannon Design/Livingston Stone [images].- AlaskaCapitol.org

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