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A call to open architectural doors to minorities in the U.K. -- Sustainability, affordability, and dignity wins over flash. -- Gehry (and $5 billion) is a "test cases for a new relationship between commercial real estate and urban design." -- Team named for £2 billion transformation of London's Wood Wharf into "a housing and office metropolis." -- Washington, DC's former Wax Museum site to be transformed into $200 million CityVista. -- Wal-Mart testing green design in Texas and Colorado. -- JetBlue's JFK terminal a "fusion of panache and practicality." -- University oratory design inspired by Fay Jones. -- A 1962 London building saved from demolition (but not all are pleased). -- Weekend diversions: A pick-of-the-litter from V&A/Architects' Journal's "40 Under 40." -- Cedric Price: "...hugely encouraging for all us dreamers about an exhibition of the works of someone who achieved so little." -- Kahn's "little bathhouse that could."

Architecture 'a barrier to minorities': Cabe is calling for employers to make their recruiting practices more inclusive. - Guardian (UK)

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Prone to please: Habitat for Humanity picks green affordability: "Urban Habitats" ideas competition...three finalists emerged...with proposals that were feasible at the expense of flashy...while Prone's proposal is not the most innovative, it helps Sunrise Trailer Court maintain its dignity as a community. [image] - The Hook (Virginia)

Lofty plans for replacing planetarium: A scheme to build a condo tower next to Royal Ontario Museum is bound to ignite protests...somewhere, somehow, some day, Toronto must deal with its fear of heights. By John Bentley Mays -- Brisbin Brook Beynon - Globe and Mail (Canada)

A housing plan that's just right: Neighborhoods resist tall buildings, while soaring costs drive the detached home toward extinction. But there is a middle road -- medium density...why is development so polarized...between suburban sprawl and high-rise towers with nothing much in between? -- Khaldoon Ahmad; Teple Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Starring Frank Gehry: By taking leading roles in billion-dollar projects in L.A. and New York, he has helped usher in the era of "starchitects"...seen as test cases for a new relationship between commercial real estate and urban design...By Christopher Hawthorne - Los Angeles Times

Team is picked for £2 billion regeneration of Wood Wharf: Richard Rogers Partnership has been charged with masterplanning the eight hectare former industrial site to the east of Canary Wharf into a housing and office metropolis. BDP, GVA Grimley, Arup and Steer Davies Gleave complete the team. - icTheWharf (UK)

Project Team Unveils Final Development Plans for $200 million CityVista at the Former Wax Museum Site in Washington, DC: 685 Apartments and Condominiums, Additional 55,000 Square Feet of Retail, Restaurants and Services -- Torti Gallas and Partners; Lee & Associates - Business Wire

Wal-Mart to Open 'Green' Store: Environmentally friendly features will be used in an experiment in resource and energy conservation. -- LPA - Los Angeles Times

JetBlue's Terminal Takes Wing: A fusion of panache and practicality, the $875 million facility will revive JFK's long-vacant TWA building -- and still handle 250 daily flights -- Eero Saarinen (1962); Gensler; David Rockwell - Business Week

Ave Maria University Unveils New Design Plans of Oratory: ...architectural design...initially inspired by Fay Jones' famous Thorncrown Chapel -- Cannon Design; Granda Liturgical Arts - Yahoo News

Minister preserves Commonwealth Institute in London: One of the country's leading buildings has been saved from demolition -- Sir Robert Matthew (1962) - Guardian (UK)

The shape of things to come: V&A and Architects' Journal have launched "40 under 40," their pick of the Fosters of the future...here is a pick of some of the best -- Lynch Architects; Buschow Henley; Tonkin Liu; AOC; Surface; DSDHA; David Adjaye; Block Architecture; FAT - The Times (UK)

Exhibition Review: "Cedric Price: Doubt, Delight Change": I have often been sceptical of the value of Price's work, wondering whether his reputation might have far outstripped his talent...yet there is something hugely encouraging for all us dreamers about an exhibition of the works of someone who achieved so little. By Edwin Heathcote - Design Museum Financial Times (UK)

The Little Bath House That Could: "If I Owned the Trenton Bath House," an exhibition that poses this hypothetical question to leading area architects, designers...on view at Art's Garage through September 22. -- Louis I. Kahn (1955) - Princeton Info

Rethinking Form and Function: Swarthmore College Unified Science Center becomes an intellectual and social magnet for an entire campus. -- Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Helfand Architecture [images] - ArchNewsNow

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