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A presentation architect shares her insights about integrating modern technology without destroying the historic fabric of a National Historic Landmark. – Comparing Australian cities to LA: it's "time to shed light into the dark and fetid corner of the type of planning zealotry that predicts disaster, of Los-Angelean proportions..." – Sydney’s Metropolitan Strategy suffering a brain-drain. – Perth perched to be hot spot for the creative class. – An urban redevelopment experiment in Vancouver: mix the haves with the have-nots (not all are convinced). – Gehry's pro-bono record (not his "fantastical buildings").

Architecture students build a house of phone books (cost: $3,000). – A traditional neighborhood development in Pennsylvania: sprawl or "smart growth"? – Skywalks and retail tunnels not an urban solution once thought to be bright ideas. – Miami's new architecture reshaping remake of "Miami Vice." – Fixing up the Bauhaus: almost ready for its close-up. – King Tut's tour a boon for a much-needed new Egyptian Museum. – Architecture students build a house of phone books. – Landscape architect lauded for community service. –

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INSIGHT: Old Governor's Mansion: Turning a House into a Public Building: A preservation architect explains how HVAC systems were integrated and life safety codes addressed without destroying the historic fabric of a National Historic Landmark. – Lord Aeck & Sargent [images] - ArchNewsNow

LA likeness lingers in la-la land: It is time to shed light into the dark and fetid corner of the type of planning zealotry that predicts disaster, of Los-Angelean proportions, for Australian cities practising unsafe development... - The Australian

Brain drain jeopardises city strategy: it was meant to guide Sydney's planning for the next three decades, but the delayed Metropolitan Strategy is now in doubt, with its three top champions leaving the project. - Sydney Morning Herald

Perth a city on the edge: The message to Australia's growing "creative class" is "head west". - Sydney Morning Herald

Urban redevelopment with an edge: Hayes and have-nots to live together in [$200-million] housing plan for abandoned Woodward’s [Vancouver] – Henriquez Partners Architects-Globe and Mail (Canada)

Los Angeles Taps Architect Gehry for "Champs-Elysees":... will test penchant for designing fantastical buildings... pro bono record of helping redesign areas of downtown for at least 10 years helped convince Related Cos. that he was the right planner. - Bloomberg News

How to build a house for £60,000: What's the secret? Inspired by Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott's competition for developers... four young architecture practices have come up with their own designs. – Subarite; Proctor and Matthews; Project Orange; Buckley Gray Yeoman [images, links] - BBC News

Students build house by the book: architecture students at a Halifax university... used more than 7,000 phone books to build a house.- Toronto Star

Development emphasizes density, walkability, sustainability: Northpointe is designed to be a traditional neighborhood development, or TND, meeting the principles of New Urbanism...sprawl or "smart growth"? - Mike Rosen Architects- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Rethinking Skyways and Tunnels: Two seemingly bright ideas for urban renewal in the 1960's - skywalks and underground retail catacombs - have been dimmed by urban realities. - New York Times

Movie likely to reshape pop image of Magic City: South Beach is out and high-rises are in for Michael Mann as he moves 'Miami Vice' from the 1980s to today... "It's the new architecture. A lot of Chad Oppenheim's stuff..." - Miami Herald

Fixing up the Bauhaus: ... a mixture of conservation of what exists and restoration of what had vanished. – Walter Gropius (1926); Monika Markgraf - Taipei Times

Tut, tut: Egyptian Museum sorely in need of new site: Planned grand space will replace the current hodgepodge. U.S. tour will help fund it. – Yasser Mansour; Heneghan Peng Architects- Los Angeles Times

Landscape Architect Kevin Shanley/SWA Group to receive ASLA 2005 Community Service Award- American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

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