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Asking whether sprawl is "good" or "bad" is the wrong question. -- Witold Rybczynski - Slate

Western styles of living cannot be copied blindly in India: "need to operationalise sustainable development in concrete development strategies..." -- Webindia123.com

I'd rather have the everyday any day. The odd thing is that while other arts increasingly revel in everydayness, architecture, the art that touches our lives in the most practical and everyday ways, remains in thrall to the gravitational pull of the "icon." -- Edwin Heathcote - Financial Times (UK)

The problem of popularity: the complicated transition of Zaha Hadid from "unbuildable" architect to ubiquitous global presence...This is a dangerous moment for an architect. -- Giles Worsley - New Statesman (UK)

Dipping City’s Toes Into the East River: Richard Meier and David M. Childs have completed a master plan for four buildings, a park and an ice rink on part of a nine-acre site near the United Nations. -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Fumihiko Maki [images] - New York Times

Board gives its OK to Clemson University's new architecture school: The public spoke out against the proposed design...but the Board of Architectural Review voted 6-1 for it. By Robert Behre -- Kennedy & Violich Architects - Charleston Post and Courier

Modernist building out of place: Clemson School of Architecture so grimly insists on a site within historic Charleston - where few want it - instead of accepting a site a couple of blocks away...where most Charlestonians would be glad to have it. By Andres Duany - Charleston Post and Courier

Looking Forward Through Tradition: His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales delivers major speech on the built environment, vernacular architecture, and sustainability [link to speech]; LAND Online (ASLA)

The writing is on the living wall: Demand for healthy buildings driving innovative architecture...real revolution is not driven by star architects...University of Toronto's Engineering Society Atrium is an example of how green technologies are at the forefront of architectural innovation. -- Bortolotto Design Architect - National Post (Canada)

BuildingGreen 2005 Top 10 Green Building Products Announced- BuildingGreen

Don't let architectural snobbery interfere with your enjoyment of these five ugly duckling Bay Area buildings. By John King -- John Portman; 1968-1983; Hoover Associates; 1983; Robert W.F. Weaver; c. 1965; Kava Massih; 2005; Rory Rolniky; 2005; Charles E. Collin; 1955 [images];- San Francisco Chronicle

Filling in a Blank on the New York Skyline: While the 75-year-old New Yorker Hotel...will not be fully restored to its Art Deco glory, a $43 million refurbishment is being done in anticipation of major investments planned for the west side of Midtown. -- Getty Group; Arnold Syrop Associates- New York Times

Beauty and the urban beast: Non-profit arts organization Champ Libre brings out the promise and the glory in neglected city spaces: Montreal Gazette

Conference: Tsunami+: - Post Disaster Planning and Reconstruction. November 18-19, at Harvard Graduate School of Design - Harvard Graduate School of Design

"AEC (Architecture/Engineering/Construction) World Expo" at Mumbai, December 14-18 to showcase works of designers, architects - Webindia123.com

High Tech High - Los Angeles: A new charter school is an incubator for new ideas and new approaches to learning - and teaching - technology. -- Berliner and Associates - ArchNewsNow

Groundbreaking: Dallas Center for the Performing Arts: -- Foster & Partners: Winspear Opera House
-- Rem Koolhaas/OMA: Dee and Charles Wyly Theater

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