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Urban Land Institute conference tackles less standard - but very timely - concerns. Mostly thumbs-down for new architecture in the 2005 European Capital of Culture. Big plans to resurrect Bethlehem Steel plant, the nation’s largest abandoned industrial site. Will Manhattan follow London’s example with midtown tolls? A Delaware factory/office is a “spunky little building...proof that corporate architecture can be intimate and individual.” An extremely planned community for Nevada. Giddy over a Madison, WI, redevelopment project. Vancouver International Film Centre is high-tech and high design. A small Australian practice with a big presence.

It's in the Water: At the Urban Land Institute's annual meeting, familiar themes of increasing sprawl and shrinking margins melded with less standard discussions, such as emerging demographic trends and natural resource and land management...right now is the moment to squarely face these concerns...- The Slatin Report

Little to show for year as European Capital of Culture: Accolades for the Glucksman Gallery have obscured the humdrum quality of much of what's being built in Cork. By Frank McDonald -- Project Architects; Cashman and Associates; Reddy O'Riordan Staehli; Conroy Architecture; Derek Tynan Architects; Scott Talon Walker; Coughlan DeKeyser Associates; James Leary and Associates; Wilson Architecture; Shay Cleay Architects; O'Mahony Pike- The Irish Times

Future Tense: Two new landmarks with Mile High ambitions are coming online downtown. The loss of Pei's creations has to be one of the greatest civic failures...Temple Buell's Denver Post Building, a 1940s art moderne confection, was also demolished... 'Building Outside the Box', like what you'd expect to find in an airport or a shopping mall -- klipp; Libeskind- Denver Westword

Function first: Architecture is about people and the environment but Malaysian mindsets have changed very little over the years to care for these needs...more concerned about how they look from the outside than the inside. -- Jimmy C S Lim- The Star (Malaysia)

Proposal To Transform Bethlehem Steel Plant: ...resurrect the nation’s largest abandoned industrial site: an arts complex called "SteelStax”, new performance spaces for music, dance and theater. (AP) -- Rockwell Group; Design Lab Architects- CBS3 (Philadelphia)

Driving Around Manhattan? You Pay, Under One Idea: congestion pricing could smooth the flow of traffic, reduce delays, improve air quality and raise the speed of crawling buses. -- Partnership for New York City- New York Times

A sleek Delaware newcomer shows its metal: The new E.J. DeSeta factory and offices in Wilmington is a lovingly handcrafted, intensely personal design that celebrates a humble mass-produced staple: the steel air vents found in the guts of every building. By Inga Saffron -- Robert G. Little Jr./Kling- Philadelphia Inquirer

Landmark Communities Breaks Ground on Cutting Edge Northern Nevada Development Called 'Traditions':...a 2,400-acre self-sustained, mixed-use community that features the latest principles in land use planning, design and lifestyle amenities. -- The Planning Center; Cathexes- Yahoo News

Embracing downtown: Capitol West project called 'exciting':...$110 million plan for the full block redevelopment. -- Vetter Denk; JR; KEE- The Capital Times (Wisconsin)

Building a New Film Star: The Vancouver International Film Centre’s cutting-edge technology and creative design make taking in a movie a memorable experience -- Hewitt & Kwasnicky- Business Week

The barefoot brainstormers: Innovarchi architects is a small practice with a big presence and a flavoursome mix of ethics, intelligence and style. By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

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, Architecture- 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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