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A scathing commentary about who's doing what to New Orleans. -- Post-Katrina Gulf Coast spawning the next evolution of home building. -- Big plans in Atlanta to transform 22 miles of unused railroad into a park - but who will really benefit? -- A look at Italy's modernization via architecture. -- Move over Toronto: "steroidal growth" makes Calgary is the place to be (urban side effects notwithstanding). -- A Texas prairie on a Starbucks roof in Austin. -- Boston's Big Dig debris recycled into a home and "symbol of a future world of sustainability." -- Architectural ambition sets a high standard for a municipal park. -- Pelli adds a red toy to his colorful PDC campus in L.A. -- SOM wins green skyscraper in China. -- Satirical WindScape competition winner could get artist in hot water. -- Check your local listings: Brad Pitt talks architecture (and green at that).

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