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LEED-ND pilot project taking root in Florida. -- Czech Republic's first low-energy housing hits south Bohemia. -- A British design guide for sustainable communities. -- Farnell on Australiana's tidiness syndrome and the "revenge of the shinies." -- A call for the right lights Edinburgh's architecture. -- Plans for a steel and glass pyramid atop an Alpine peak. -- Prague's newest hotel is a real perl. -- Hanoi's architectural past inspires the future. -- In Miami's Design District a condo of cubes owners configure. -- An Irish house that hides in plain sight. -- Now design is selected, a row rises around Omagh memorial. -- Britain's first vertical theme park. -- New sculpture building newest addition to Yale's environmental agenda. -- Mostafavi on future of Cornell's College of Architecture and the politics of change. -- Gluck is outspoken as he points the way to socially responsible practice. -- Gorlin on his "seamless" career. -- First look at Chicago's 2016 Olympics logo.

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Green Neighborhood Planned In So. Florida: From the grounds of Plantation's Fashion Mall, one of the country's first green communities will rise. 321 North, new LEED for Neighborhood Development [LEED-ND] pilot program -- ADD inc.; ID & Design International, EDAW, WET Design [links] - NBC 6 WTVJ (Florida)

Low-energy housing hits south Bohemia: Borová Lada project reportedly is first of its kind in the Czech Republic...The Environment Ministry has tried for years to get more eco-friendly projects jumpstarted. -- Adam Rujbr - The Prague Post

Key design guide goes on web: English Partnerships and the Housing Corporation launch new Urban Design Compendium in print and online...design guide for creating quality places that are sustainable and promote community cohesion. - Building (UK)

Neat, tick. Tidy, tick. On the brink of death, tick: ...in Sydney, a grave tidiness outbreak in the 70s turned the city from a bustling provincial town...into a glassy, refrigerated CBD. Now, the same symptomatology has struck the Rose Bay waterfront...It is all dreadfully well-intentioned. Tidy, but hideous. Revenge of the shinies. By Elizabeth Farrelly - Sydney Morning Herald

City needs some bright ideas. It seems that when it comes to lighting up at night, Edinburgh simply can't get it right...has been blasted for "indifference" to showcasing its architecture at night. - The Scotsman (UK)

High-living Swiss plan to make a mountain out of little Matterhorn: Steel and glass €100m (£70m) pyramid for Alpine peak to take it above 4,000 metre mark - and attract wealthiest tourists -- Heinz Julen; Mario Botta; Herzog & de Meuron - Guardian (UK)

New jewel shines in Old Town: Shimmering Hotel Perla...practically everything in the newly opened hotel can be traced back to the gem. -- Mimolimit [images] - The Prague Post

Looking for future inspiration in the past: Hanoi’s rich architectural heritage is providing inspiration for today's architects as the city rapidly develops...Ernest Hebrard's arrival in 1921, after which the profile of French architecture in Hanoi changed dramatically. -- Hang Vuong Huu/Archipel - NhanDan (Vietnam)

Self-made condo conversions: This condominium complex takes a bottom-up, user-generated approach to constructing residential space. -- Oppenheim Architecture & Design [images] - Business 2.0

An Irish House Hides in Plain Sight: This house blends in, in a way a classic pitched-roof cottage does not. -- Dominic Stevens [images] - New York Times

Omagh memorial in inscription row: Any new memorial to victims of the 1998 Omagh bomb must represent what really happened, relatives have said. -- Sean Hillen/Desmond Fitzgerald [links to images] - BBC News

Tripod promises thrills in Birmingham: Designs for Britain’s first vertical theme park (VTPI200) are backed by the leader of Birmingham City Council -- RTKL/Arup/WSP [images] - Building (UK)

Sculpture building opens for Architecture School: ...a landmark piece in terms of Yale's environmental agenda. -- KieranTimberlake - Yale Daily News

Mohsen Mostafavi Gives Views on College of Architecture, Art and Planning (AAP) Future: ...his views on the school’s soon to be constructed building, the politics of change, and the future of the college. -- Koolhaas/Office of Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) - Cornell Daily Sun

Peter Gluck’s Social Work: An outspoken architect points the way to socially responsible practice by building his own designs. [images] - Metropolis Magazine

ArchRecord Interview: Alexander Gorlin: ...his career has marked a “seamless” progression in scale. [slide show, video] - Architectural Record
New Chicago 2016 logo unveiled: Chicago’s desire to land the 2016 summer Olympic Games has taken the form of a six-pointed star. – VSA Partners (image) - Crain’s Chicago Business