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- King revisits California Tomorrow's archives from the 1960s-1980s: a "chance to reflect on what has - and hasn't - changed" (growth issues remain the same).
- A healthy summarization of Krieger and Saunders' "Urban Design," a new book that tackles the key issues in contemporary urban design.
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- "California, Going, Going ..." that warned "the challenge of growth ... has reached emergency proportions."...California Historical Society has catalogued the small organization's files from 1961 to 1983...a chance to reflect on what has - and hasn't - changed...By John King — Alfred Heuler; Samuel Wood [links] - San Francisco Chronicle

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Learning from Lagrange: His new casino hotel does right by the basics - and the spectacle...deftly weaves a new hotel tower, event center and entrance canopy into a visually humdrum casino complex, was form-follows-fantasy escapistism, not form-follows-function realism...The outcome is lively but not gaudy...— By Blair Kamin — Lucien Lagrange [images]- Chicago Tribune

Full steam ahead for an ancient cleansing ritual: Les Bains Vieux-Montréal: A 19th-century warehouse becomes a place of contemplation...drowns conventional spa design, leading us instead into a temple that pushes us back into our minds...cinematic architecture... By Lisa Rochon — Saucier + Perrotte architectes - Globe and Mail (Canada)

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