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- Healthy cities in the spotlight: Lorinc looks into the challenges of creating neighborhoods that work for all ages; Penalosa's 8-0 Cities initiative offers some answers: "We have to stop building cities as if everyone is 30 years-old and athletic."

- Carlson catches up with Dr. Jackson, who is "taking his message to the public" that one of our greatest health threats is poor urban design: "his work has made good urban planning more politically palatable" - Heilig's Q&A with Jackson: "good solutions solve multiple problems...That's what working on better built environments is about" (check your local PBS listings for Jackson's 4-part series "Designing Healthy Communities" - previews were great!).

- Studies of 1950-70s urban renewal programs show some surprising results: they "had some lasting benefits in economic growth, researchers say, despite the bad rap it currently has."

- Litt gives (mostly) thumbs-up to Cleveland Clinic's new master plan by Foster + Partners, but "it's natural to ask whether it might be doing more to heal the city around it."

- Onion Flats "hopes to raise the bar on development in Philadelphia" with the largest net-zero mixed-use development in the U.S.

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The 8 to 80 Problem: Designing Cities for Young and Old: How can cities create neighborhoods that work well for all generations? "We have to stop building cities as if everyone is 30 years-old and athletic..." By John Lorinc – Gil Penalosa's 8-0 Cities (links)- The Atlantic Cities

America's Health Threat: Poor Urban Design: ...Richard J. Jackson is taking his message to the public...his work has made good urban planning more politically palatable...ministers called "Designing Healthy Communities..." on public television...as much emphasis on our need for social connection and beauty as on our need for physical activity. By Scott Carlson – John Norquist/Congress for the New Urbanism/CNU - The Chronicle of Higher Education

Building for Health: Improving our cities, homes, and lives: How does where we live impact our health? It's a big and complex question, but Richard Jackson is leading the way towards answers – and interventions..."good solutions solve multiple problems. That's what working on better built environments is about." By Steve Heilig - San Francisco Chronicle

Urban Renewal's Record Shows It Wasn't All Bad: Large-scale federal investment in American cities between 1950 and 1974 had some lasting benefits in economic growth, researchers say, despite the bad rap it currently has. - Miller-McCune

Cleveland Clinic's new master plan envisions bigger, greener campus with ample room to grow for decades: ...plan does not discuss issues ranging from historic preservation and transportation to redevelopment of the largely poor, African-American neighborhoods that flank the institution. The interesting thing is that the Clinic's new plan indicates a strong commitment to Cleveland. At the same time, it's natural to ask whether it might be doing more to heal the city around it. By Steven Litt – Foster + Partners; William Blunden; Peter Walker; Westlake Reed Leskosky [images, links]- Cleveland Plain Dealer

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Silverstein still hopes to land 3 World Trade Center tenant: Larry Silverstein is talking with several potential occupants for the second of his planned Trade Center towers as he hopes to avoid capping it at seven stories...73 short of its planned height... -- Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners - Crain's New York Business

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Preserving Fragile Memories of Genius: Some important landmarks from the history of design are imperiled because of the tight economy and because design, with its short history, is less likely to get what limited funding exists. By Alice Rawsthorn -- Achille Castiglioni; Josiah Wedgwood; Eileen Gray; Carlo Mollino; Isamu Noguchi; Charles and Ray Eames; Eames Demetrios [images]- New York Times

UCLA’s plan to sell Japanese garden draws criticism: ...the decision to sell the Hannah Carter Japanese Garden in Bel-Air and an adjoining house to raise money for endowments and professorships has the garden world in an un-Zen-like uproar... “It’s not the case that we’re selling the garden with the intent it would be destroyed”... By Martha Groves -- Nagao Sakurai/Kazuo Nakamura (1961); Koichi Kawana (1969) [images]- Los Angeles Times

Moving Target: 21st-century archive aims to expand how we document the built environment...Archive of Spatial Aesthetics and Praxis, or ASAP...to document and present the work of a selected group of architects and artists as they create...focus is on not just final products but also what is generated as part of the work process... -- Tina DiCarlo; Danielle Rago [images]- The Architect’s Newspaper

Laurentian University appoints Director of School of Architecture: Terrance Galvin...[school] scheduled to welcome its first students in September 2013. By September 2018, it will accommodate some 400 students in a landmark building to be designed by Levitt Goodman Architects and completed in 2015. - Canadian Architect

Portuguese Architect Diogo Burnay to head Faculty of Architecture and Planning of Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada -- Cristina Veríssimo/CVDB Arquitectos-Archinect

Call for entries: “Spontaneous Interventions: Design Actions for the Common Good”: theme of the U.S. Pavilion at the 13th International Venice Architecture Biennale; deadline: February 6- Institute for Urban Design

Call for entries: :output Award international student award for young talents in design and architecture; cash prize; deadline: February 15- The :output foundation (Amsterdam)

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