Debate about the fate of New Orleans continues. -- European cities already building with global warming in mind. -- A mixed shortlist for the best Scottish building. -- Big plans for Glasgow's River Clyde neighborhood. -- Cleveland museum expansion is a go. -- RIBA chief calls architecture shows "crap" (and has a not-so-polite title for an exhibition). -- Upcoming AIA San Francisco Home Tours "make a case for letting architects rule the world." -- Hadid makes jaws drop in Copenhagen. -- Libeskind says architecture is about communication. -- Eisenman says architects must rethink how architecture communicates. -- Rios on a California roll. -- Rapson at 91 still hard at work.

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Global warming: Adapting to a new reality...subway structures raised to allow for a half-meter, or 1 1/2-foot, rise in sea level...plant new species of trees that grow better in a slightly warmer climate...new docks are being built to accommodate the likelihood of rising sea levels. - International Herald Tribune

Best building finalists unveiled...for Scotland's biggest architecture prize: 2005 RIAS Andrew Doolan Award for Architecture winner will receive £25,000 -- Gordon Murray and Alan Dunlop Architects; Michael Laird Architects; Rothesay, G Deveci, Architect; EMBT/RMJM; Gareth Hoskins Architects [link to images]; BBC News

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Design magicians: The best contemporary projects -- having defeated bureaucracy and thrilled even the neighbors -- strut their stuff on AIA SF tour...make a case for letting architects rule the world. [images] - San Francisco Chronicle

Scandinavia embraces Zaha Hadid: or is it vice-versa?...at some point -- usually sooner rather than later -- she will say or do something jaw-dropping. In Copenhagen last week she was over to launch her latest building...Ordrupgaard Museum extension. - Hugh Pearman [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

A twinkle in the eye of the storm: Our critic spends a day in the wild whirlwind of Daniel Libeskind’s world..."Architecture is about communication"... By Tom Dyckhoff- The Times (UK)

Eisenman Urges New Language of Architecture: "...we must rethink how architecture communicates" - Cornell Daily Sun

Mark Rios on a roll: The architect and his L.A. firm, best known for its landscape design projects, use Southern California as a muse for everything from dishes to government buildings. -- Rios Clementi Hale Studios [slide show]- Los Angeles Times

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