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ArcSpace brings us Hadid in Leipzig. -- Recommendations continue to stream in for rebuilding New Orleans. -- Lessons for LA. from Shanghai. -- This is - and isn't - Foster's day: he builds green in Berlin. -- There's high praise for his gherkin but it should have been built elsewhere. -- And it's a Foster scheme that threatens Edinburgh's World Heritage Site status. -- A particularly critical critique of Calatrava. -- A critical look at a Philadelphia condo tower and its place in history. -- Cornell lands funds for Johnson Museum expansion. -- AIA honors architecture, interiors, and urban design. -- One award raises some hackles (about taking credit, anyway). -- An eloquent argument and an elegant precedent for restoring Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist. -- The next Venice Biennale will take a global look at urban planning. -- Calatrava on view in California.

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Zaha Hadid Architects: BMW Plant Central Building, Leipzig, Germany

National Trust President Richard Moe Urges New Orleans Mayor to Reconsider Controversial Rebuilding Proposal Suspending Issuance of Building Permits- National Trust for Historic Preservation

Culture Raises Its Head and Heart: A new report proposes that New Orleans regenerate its pool of creative talent by finding jobs and shelter for artists and cultural institutions.- New York Times

Lessons From Shanghai: A Voyage to China Yields Ideas for Downtown Los Angeles. By Sam Hall Kaplan- LA Downtown News

Thought Bubble: Foster and Partners’ new library in Berlin utilizes decades of research, taking green building to the next level. [images]- Metropolis Magazine

The Gherkin is magnificent but it should have been built elsewhere: London derives its fizz from a clash of old and new, if planners had their way it would not be worth inhabiting. By Simon Jenkins -- Foster and Partners- Guardian (UK)

Edinburgh’s World Heritage Site status ‘at risk’: International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) ...is outraged by the twin towers of Sir Norman Foster’s Quartermile development near the city’s Meadows park. - The Scotsman (UK)

Santiago Calatrava’s moment: For the Birds: His buildings project striking images, and they make good logos... raise an urgent question. Is iconicity integral to good architecture? By Sarah Williams Goldhagen- The New Republic

Old buildings lost, but new residents gained: Only a new work of architecture that speaks with its own vernacular authenticity can truly replace the four townhouses in the affections of Philadelphians. By Inga Saffron -- Robert A.M. Stern Architects- Philadelphia Inquirer

Cornell University’s Johnson Museum lands $500,000 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) challenge grant for new wing and renovation of Asian collection floor -- Pei Cobb Freed & Partners- Cornell Chronicle

11 Projects Ring in 2006 with Honor Awards for Architecture -- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Hammel Green and Abrahamson; Richard Meier & Partners; Koning Eizenberg/Parkins Eastman; Moore Ruble Yudell/Tai/Offices; Gluckman Mayner/Camara/Martin Delgado; Barkow Leibingers; Jim Jennings; TVS–D&P Mariani/Thompson Ventulett Stainback/Davroaux & Purrell; SRG Partnership/Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Polshak Partnership/Poik/Stanley Rowland Curzon Porter/Witssel Evans Rasco/Woods Caradine [images]- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

11 on the Inside Track: capture 2006 AIA Honor Awards for Interior Architecture -- Randy Brown, Chu + Gooding/Kay Kollar; Clive Wilkinson; Gonzalez Architect; Luca et Studi/Albert Kahn Assoc.; DMJM Rottet; Payette; Ann Beha; BOORA; McInturff [images]- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

8 Projects Receive 2005 Regional and Urban Design Honor Awards -- Suisman Urban Design; Mithun; Skidmore Owings & Merrill; CBT/Childrens Bartman Tseckares/Greenberg Consultants; Lee & Munchauer/Stafflneitner & Sturz; Torti Gallas; Moore Ruble Yudell/Hughes Condon Marler [images]- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

New squabble for Millennium Park: [AIA] Award raises question over who gets credit...did not sit well with some architects who designed parts of the park. By Blair Kamin-- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill Ed Ulrich, Knack & Sexton/Plensa; Gehry, Kapoor; Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainle- Chicago Tribune

Resurrecting history -- an argument for Pilgrim Baptist: The focus should be on rebuilding this great landmark, whose power is encapsulated by its architecture yet reaches far beyond it. By Blair Kamin -- Adler & Sullivan (1891), John Vinci- Chicago Tribune

Brilliantly restored N.Y. landmark: Burned in 1998, synagogue shows what is possible: As Chicago ponders whether and how to rebuild the landmark Pilgrim Baptist Church...a bright model shines in the east: New York’s Central Synagogue... By Blair Kamin -- Henry Fernbach (1872); Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer (2001)- Chicago Tribune

A Global Look at Urban Planning: Richard Burdett, guest organizer of the 10th
International Architecture Exhibition for the Venice Biennale...is visiting the 18 cities to be showcased in his exhibition... - New York Times


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