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 Destroying architecture is now a war crime (per article yesterday, perhaps Moscow's mayor should pay heed). -- Melbourne housing estate design a copy? Architects are livid, but "copyright a grey area when it came to landscape architecture." -- Hong Kong scuttles plan for one of the world's largest cultural centers - not a fair deal for developers. -- Movie studio has big plans (and a billion dollars) for Long Island City waterfront. -- Asia Society goes global; starchitects included. -- Montreal's white elephant airport may become a swan. -- "A political activist masquerading as an architect" wants to see affordable housing on the covers of magazines. -- A traveling exhibit of affordable housing solutions. -- In Qatar, a design conference calls for Arab architects to stop "heritage cloning." -- Hadd wins Beirut project - not just for the prestige. -- Gehry at his "most thoughtful, sensitive and...Canadian." -- A traveling exhibit of affordable housing solutions. -- "Architecture at War." -- The Destruction of Memory: Architecture at War. -- The Times (UK)

 Melbourne arbours ideas that our architecture's a steal...that love-it-or-hate-it structure that looks like steel dinosaur ribs covered in bougainvillea -- has been copied for a Melbourne housing estate. And the designers of the South Bank Arbour are livid. -- Gehry doesn't expect more T.O. projects: But architect ex-pat still loves hockey...Art Gallery of Ontario...is Gehry at his most thoughtful, sensitive and - dare one say it? - Canadian. By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

 Hong Kong Halts Plans for Arts Center: The decision is a setback for several major museums...Pompidou Center, Guggenheim, Museum of Modern Art had been vying for the right to run museums at the cultural center... - Foster & Partners [image] - New York Times

 Silvercup Studios Sets $1 Billion Complex: ...six-acre project on the Queens waterfront...soundstages, commercial space and housing...will incorporate the restoration of the landmark New York Architectural Terra Cotta Company building. -- Richard Rogers Partnership [image] - New York Times

 Asia Society Plans Bold Projects to Increase Its Global Presence: ...more than $100 million in new projects, including a $52 million center in Hong Kong designed by Tod Williams Billie Tsien and a $40 million center in Houston by Yoshio Taniguchi. - New York Times

 Mirabel may take off as theme park: Can the white elephant that is Mirabel airport become a swan? French investors are prepared to stake at least $100 million that it can...spacious terminal converted to an indoor activity centre called AeroDream (Reveport) by 2007. - Montreal Gazette

 Creating dignity by design: "Wouldn't it be great to see affordable housing on the covers of magazines, built within the necessary budgets?"..."political activist masquerading as an architect". -- Dan Plera/Detroit Center for Collaborative Design - National Catholic Reporter

 Weisman Art Museum hosts HOME House Project, showcases designs for affordable living: The traveling exhibit has brought the issue of affordable housing to the forefront. - Minnesota Daily

 Rocked to our foundations: The wanton destruction of culturally important buildings is now a war crime: This is an important moment, argues Robert Bevan in his powerful new book, The Destruction of Memory: Architecture at War. -- The Times (UK)

 Arab architects "should shun heritage cloning." Thought-provoking presentations on the current conflicts in Arab architecture, intricacies of branding...were among the highlights of Taizmeen Doha 2006, the third annual international design conference. -- Khaled Asfour, Bruce Mau, Mario Gaglardi; ibrahim al-Jaidah - Gulf Times (Qatar)

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 Architectural League Emerging Voices 2006: for the first time, lecture series will be presented in NYC and Washington, DC in collaboration with the National Building Museum. -- Eric Bunce & Mimi Hoang/ARCHITECTS; Teddy Cruz/estudio teddy cruz; Jeanne Gang/Studio Gang Architects; Annie Han & Daniel Mihalyo/Lead Pencil Studio; Mark Goulthorpe/DeCox; George Yu/George Yu Architects; Thomas Bercy & Calvin Chen/Berry Chen Studio; Frank Escher & Ravi Gunewardena /Escher Gunewardena - Architectural League of New York

 Oath for City Planners, Developers and Architects: May I have the right to not have to live in one of my own buildings. Were I given good fortune to live to be almost 100, may I know when to stop designing... By Edward Lifson - Chicago Public Radio
