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Waterfront woes in Toronto (don’t blame the architects) and Edinburgh (do blame the architects). -- High praise for several new high rises in Canada. -- A few architects in Australia manage to overcome "pomposity and flatulence" in home designs. -- Solutions for Delhi’s infrastructure woes: build up, don’t spread out. -- Graves takes on hotel branding. -- UC Berkeley team wins design competition for Taiwan peace park. -- Top 10 U.S. cities ready for an oil crisis. -- Gandy finally gets his due.

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A bright spot on a wasteland: While the plan could be a model for Toronto’s waterfront, across the river is a big-box blight...the West Don Lands must set down an exceptional template of design. By Lisa Rochon – Du Toit Allsop Hillier; Michael Van Valkenburgh; Ken Greenberg; David Leinster; Juan Busquets; Globe and Mail (Canada)

Is Edinburgh’s flagship waterfront site all at sea? Peter Wilson and others are warning promises of a waterfront to rival the best in the world may well instead deliver the ghetto of the future. -- Make- The Scotsman (UK)

New shape of Mississauga: Everyone’s heard of the Bilbao Effect, but what about the Mississauga Effect? Don’t laugh, it could happen... 50-storey tower that dips and curves in all the right places... nicknamed Marilyn Monroe... By Christopher Hume -- MAD [images] - Toronto Star

Foster and Partners’ first residential building in North America: ... bringing their signature vision to Vancouver, championing sustainable design with... mix of retail, office and residential spaces. [image] - Archiseek (Canada)

Woodward’s Takes Shape: ‘Nothing like it in North America’: Citizens pushed it outside the box... redevelopment has demonstrated how political pressure and community activism can empower the public to shape their own neighbourhood. -- Henriquez Partners Architects [image, links] - The Tyee (Vancouver)

Beyond belief: Bold buildings have been reined in by limited budgets and weak convictions... In Sydney... the tendency of our peak houses is to pomposity and flatulence. By Elizabeth Farrelly - Sydney Morning Herald

Solutions for Delhi’s Infrastructure Woes: The Indian construction industry... should observe a strict disaster proof and eco-friendly building plan... growing vertically instead of spreading out. -- Frederic Schwartz - Business Wire India

Michael Graves Tasked with Designing New Prototypes and Conversion Plans for the Wyndham® Brand - Hospitality Net

Professor and two students of landscape architecture win design competition for Taiwan peace park – Judith Stilgenbauer; Kit Shihting Wang; Calder Gillin [image] - University of California, Berkeley

Ten U.S. Cities Best Prepared for an Oil Crisis: ...based on recent city commute practices, metro area public transportation, sprawl, traffic congestion, local food and wireless network access... -- SustainLane

Grand designs: The visionary architect Joseph Gandy was hailed as a genius during his lifetime, but he failed to attract patrons and few of his schemes were ever realised. If they had been, London might look rather different today... “Soane’s Magician: the tragic genius of Joseph Michael Gandy” - New Statesman (UK)

Northwestern University Ford Motor Company Engineering Design Center, Engineering and design education now cross traditional departmental boundaries in a light-filled, LEED Silver campus building. -- Davis Brody Bond [images] - ArchNewsNow

Op-Ed: Cyclone Larry: Building After the Event: The rebuilding in post-cyclone northern Queensland, Australia, affords a major opportunity to rebuild for a changing climate. By Tony Fry - ArchNewsNow

-- The Gehry Collection: Tiffany & Co.
-- The Camera: Michael Wolf: Architecture of Density, Hong Kong, China
-- Exhibition: Honey I’m Home, Danish Design Centre, Copenhagen

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