Rutgers picks design team to take campus into a green future. – Pearman takes a stroll through Boston ICA's "anti-icon, post-millennial, anti-blob" architecture, likes what he sees (and gets a scolding). – Big plans for a renewed and expanded Royal Alberta Museum. – For Hume, dated rules are destroying good city planning in Toronto. – A tougher licensing law for architects in Japan. – A new architecture school for Sioux City. – Q&A with Romanos: "Environmental and social justice are at the heart of sustainable development." – Paris says "non" to H&M on the Champs Elysées (no matter that it would be designed by Nouvel). – Zandberg talks to Shimon Shapiro, "a unique voice in Israeli architecture." – Moss takes top prize for the "most doable proposal of the bunch" in L.A. City of the Future competition. – Glancey's architectural review of 2006 includes a "rave from the grave" and "raving mad." – Rybczynski revels in Tiffany's Laurelton Estate. – Call for nominations: National Preservation Awards. – One we couldn't resist: Brangelina tour Falling Water (Brad's so hard to buy for).

Design Team Selected for Rutgers Grand Redesign Plans: Green spaces and connecting the campus to the river will create places as much for the community as the campus – Enrique Norten/TEN Arquitectos; Wallace, Roberts & Todd Design

Anti-icon architecture in Boston: Diller Scofidio + Renfro's Institute of Contemporary Arts...it's post-millennial, anti-blob, very Noughties...ICA shows that they can handle a sizeable all-new public building. But they haven't lost their edge. By Hugh Pearman

Royal Alberta Museum design revealed...renewed and expanded... – Cohos Evamy + Lundholm Associates Architects

Dated rules destroy city planning: Urban planning is...like democracy or justice; everybody agrees we need it, but no one's sure how to get it or exactly what it means. Is it an art? Or a science? ...one topic on which there's consensus is that planning in Toronto doesn't work. By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

Tougher architect licensing law enacted: The revision to the Architect Certification Law was prompted by a nationwide scandal centered on the falsification of quake-resistance data for several condominium complexes and hotels by disgraced architect Hidetsugu Aneha.

Sioux City gets architecture school: Grants announced for Great Places projects...a former boiler/steam generation building...will become home to a satellite program of Iowa State University's College of Design. – Nathan Kalaher - Sioux City Journal

"Environmental and social justice are at the heart of sustainable development": Q&A with Michael Romanos, professor of planning and economic development at the University of Cincinnati - Eoclub/International Ecotourism Monthly

Non, H&M, you may not open up on the Champs Elysées: Paris throws out retailer's store plan. Too many clothes, not enough culture...The decision is a setback for H&M, which had asked Jean Nouvel to design its store. - The Times (UK)

The world is on the other side of the line: "The students of architecture whom I influenced as a teacher are not successful in the market," says architect Shimon Shapiro, not without a trace of defiant pleasure...a unique voice in Israeli architecture. By Esther Zandberg - Ha`aretz (Israel)

You won't recognize L.A.: Architectural teams envision the city of the future, circa 2106...on this day of lavishly expansive futurizing [jury] opted for the architectural equivalent of sensible shoes...Eric Owen Moss plan for...most doable proposal of the bunch... – Office of Mobile Design; Xefirotarch/Imaginary Forces; George Yu Architects; EDAW/DMJM Design; Griffin Enright Architects; Roger Sherman Architecture/CityLAB/Robert Somol - Los Angeles Times

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