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Can you picture this? $85 million expansion for Crocker Art Museum: ...expansion that will more than triple its size. A courtyard will separate the two Victorian mansions that currently house the museum from a strikingly modern-addition clad in white aluminum and gray zinc panels. — Gwathmey Siegel [images]. — Sacramento Bee (California)

Building a $30 million tree house: We don't know yet who will design MSU's Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, but one of the blue-ribbon jurors...has a warning. "If you build what we recommended, you're going to need a bigger airport"... — Coop Himmelb(l)au; Kohn Pederson Fox; Zaha Hadid; Randall Stout; Morphosis [link to images]. — Lansing City Pulse (Michigan)

A Belgian Couple Will Give Beijing a New Home for Contemporary Art: Baron Ullens is to announce the details of his plans for one of the largest contemporary art spaces in China. — Wilmotte & Associates [slide show]. — New York Times

David Chipperfield wins two Stirling Prize nominations: ...joined on the shortlist by Foster + Partners, Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA), Hiaworth Tompkins and Glenn Howells [images]. — Building (UK)

The stately wrecks of England: English Heritage's "basket cases" need huge amounts of money to repair them, but cannot recoup the cost. — Guardian (UK)

Coney Island history may get razed: ...a controversial makeover planned for the storied peninsula. [slide show]. — AM New York

Downtown vintage buildings dodge the wrecking ball: It's becoming more common for residents, with the city's help, to pluck vintage buildings out of the path of development and put them in new neighborhoods. — Arizona Republic

An L.A. big enough for tiny apartments: Planners propose units as small as 250 square feet. After all, New York and Paris have them...part of a package of proposed zoning changes...already drawing criticism...fear overcrowding and slum conditions if the market goes sour and the units are too densely packed. — Los Angeles Times

Ian Simpson's London Beetham tower given go-ahead: Southwark council gives 52-storey skyscraper overlooking Blackfriars Bridge the green light [images]. — Building (UK)

Tijuana is growing up: Rising prices for land, need for security create demand for gated high-rise units...After years of growing outward, Tijuana is beginning to grow upward as well. — San Diego Union-Tribune

Ave Maria Not Just for Catholics: ...builders...have been struggling to get the message out that anyone can live here ever since Monaghan's headline-grabbing comments in 2005. — Cannon Design; EDAW (AP). — Washington Post

Development Permit Approved For Sustainable Hotel: ...tended to be one of the most environmentally sustainable hotel resorts on the Pacific Rim. "It will show what Ucluelet has to offer and will get the world's attention" — Folio Architecture. — Westcoaster (Canada)

'Green' home OK'd despite opposition...by residents who declared it was a poor fit for the North Marin neighborhood. "Once [Sunset Breezehouse] is built, I think the residents...will realize that it's not as bad as they believed it to be." — Michelle Kaufmann. — Marin Independent Journal (California)

Renovation of Storied Toronto Synagogue Opens Cracks in Congregation: What began as a grandiose plan for renewing a jewel of the synagogue world has ended up causing a communal identity crisis... — Diamond + Schmitt. — The Forward (NY)

In My Backyard: Our columnist's first built work casts a slightly different light on criticism. By Philip Nobel. — Metropolis Magazine

Frank Lloyd Wright's spirit lives on at Taliesin West: “thinking outside the box” was shorthand for only being a little more original than everybody else. Wright wanted to destroy the box. [slide show] - C/Net

The Wild Ride of Paul Revere Williams: A new documentary gives the Roosevelt Historic District architect the big build-up... You could write the story of famed architect... in Long Beach with a wrecking ball. - District Weekly (California)

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