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Perspectives on the green building industry's past, present and future. – A university's green guidelines a model for others. – Berlin's strict design guidelines are good – to a point. – "Urbocentrism": several defining (and conflicting) views. – Cautious plans to make Les Halles the heart of Paris once again. – A "reluctant city" in Colorado becomes a model of smart growth and urban design. – An international shortlist announced for Alaska's new capitol building. – It's a chess game in trading inches at Ground Zero. – A luxury residential World Trade Centre rises in Dubai. – An abandoned shopping mall in Ft. Worth becomes a test-track for RadioShack HQ offices. – Prefab homes in the news again (Dallas can cover its ears). – Architects speak the language of Toronto. – Conran on design then, now, and in the future. – Manchester, U.K., gets an astonishing starburst. – Preservationists not happy about upcoming Greene & Greene auction.

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[University at Buffalo Publishes "Green" Design Guidelines, Influencing its Own Construction Projects and Others in New York State - New Civic Works; Phoenix Design; Steven Winter Associates-](#) University at Buffalo Reporter

[Uber-planning in the extreme: Strict urban-design rules are being pushed onto Berlin's new architecture. The results can be deadening. By Lisa Rochon - Jahn; Rogers; Piano; Kollhoff; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; Gagnon, Letellier, Cyr Architects; Smith Carter Architects; Behnisch, Behnisch + Partner; Nouvel; Gehry-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Urbocentrism: The point of these comments is to emphasise that whether we are talking about lifestyle choices or about where critical intellectual and design work should be directed, there is no longer a choice — city or country, urban or rural — each enfolds the other.](#)- Design Philosophy Papers/Team D/E/S (Australia)

[In Paris, a Cautious New Vision for Les Halles: ...a project that will eventually involve other architects and may well change as it advances....](#) - David Mangin/Seura [\[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Lakewood sets development bar: How did a place sometimes referred to as "Colorado's most reluctant city" become metro Denver's most progressive center of smart planning and urban design?-](#) Denver Post

[Capitol panel makes 1st cut: Eight firms have month to assemble design, cost and engineering teams - Fentress Bradburn Architects; Saucier + Perrotte Architects; studioAlaska + 1; Moshe Safdie and Associates; Morphosis Architects; Perkins + Will; NBBJ; Yazdani Studio/Cannon Design-](#) Juneau Empire (Alaska)

[Freedom Tower Site Poised for a Game of Inches: "It's been - and continues to be - a three-dimensional chess game" By David W. Dunlap - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Jaros Baum & Bolles; Gehry Partners; Studio Daniel Libeskind \[\\[graphic\\]\]\(#\)](#)- New York Times

[World Trade Centre Residence \[38-storey\] project in Dubai unveiled - Hazel Wong; Jung Brannen \[\\[image\\]\]\(#\)](#)- AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

[Employees Test Drive New Office Layouts: RadioShack Corp. has launched an ambitious experiment -- with its workers as human subjects...before rolling the prototype out across a new four-building campus - DEGW; HKS; Steelcase-](#) Wall Street Journal

[Urbane Living: St. Louis architect Rocio Romero's prefab home designs are generating a buzz across the nation \[\\[images\\]\]\(#\)](#)- Riverfront Times (St. Louis)

[Architects speak the language of Toronto. By Christopher Hume - Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg-](#) Toronto Star

[Terence Conran on Design's Past -- and Its Future-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[Starburst of creativity: At 180ft, 'B of the Bang' is more than twice as tall as 'The Angel of the North'. Giles Worsley reports on an astonishing feat of engineering - Thomas Heatherwick Studio; Packman Lucas \[\\[image\\]\]\(#\)](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Sotheby's to auction Greene items: To the dismay of many in the Pasadena preservation community, a large private collection of Greene & Greene furnishings will go on the auction block Friday-](#) Pasadena Star News



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