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Filler questions Calatrava's originality. — Paducah (Kentucky) as the SoHo of the South: "the latest in a string of provincial pearls banking on the arts for economic revival." — Portland exports its "green" expertise. — Denver being dazzled by starchitects vying for justice center project. — Toronto's new National Ballet School is "sheer architectural excellence." — A stellar lineup for Brown University. — Citterio brought on board to make Miami tower more palatable to preservationists. — NYC preservationists lose battle to save Cass Gilbert. — In Japan, falsified reports put more buildings in jeopardy. — It was David vs. Goliath at Poundbury, and the Davids won. — A prototype "superhouse" could be the answer for emergency housing.

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The Bird Man: ...Calatrava's streamlined all-white architecture—instantly identifiable as his alone, and distinctively different from that of any of his contemporaries—is not quite so original as some believe. By Martin Filler- New York Review of Books

Art town, USA: Paducah, Ky., the 'SoHo of the South,' is part of an emergence of outlying creative meccas...the latest in a string of provincial pearls...banking on the arts for economic revival.- Christian Science Monitor

Green engineering starts in Portland, spreads worldwide: area's reputation for environmental innovation is increasingly opening the doors for local firms to compete for projects they would have been denied in the past. — Team Oregon; Cogan Owens Cogan; SERA Architects; YGH Architecture; Zimmer Gunsul Frasca-The Oregonian

Architects offer courthouse ideas: Architects from three of the five firms vying for the job of designing a courthouse for Denver spoke...about light, context, and the harmony of old and new. By Mary Voelz Chandler — Robert A.M. Stern; Foster & Partners; Kallman McKinnell & Wood- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Architects courting the light fantastic: Denver dazzles two firms offering courthouse visions. By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Steven Holl; Richard Meier- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Public and place: The public parade of "starchitects" begins this week...How should citizens analyze the work of this crop of stars, particularly those competing for prominent buildings in Civic Center? — Norman Foster; Richard Meier; Robert A.M. Stem; Stephen Holl; Enrique Norten; HOK; Hartman-Cox; Valerio Dewalt Train- Denver Post

New National Ballet School perfectly on point: ...the sheer architectural excellence of the project, its profound sense of urbanity and rigorous institutional intelligence serve as a model to Toronto and the world. By Christopher Hume — Goldsmith, Borgal and Co.; Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; architectsAlliance-Toronto Star

Brown University gives College Hill residents look at planned buildings: All of the projects are intended to earn a LEED silver rating. -- ShoP/Sharples Holden Pasquarelli; Toshiko Mori; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; R. M. Kliment & Frances Halsband Architects- The Brown Daily Herald (Providence, RI)

New tower to put old in shade: Miami commissioners approved a plan for a 62-story condo tower next to the historic Freedom Tower, giving a quick look at plans to make the new structure more acceptable to preservationists. — Revuelta Vega Leon; Antonio Citterio- Miami Herald

City Council Revokes Landmark Status for Brooklyn Warehouse, Upsetting Preservationists: Austin, Nichols Warehouse...won the designation in September. -- Cass Gilbert (1915)- New York Times

Aneha worked 1 1/2 years after warning: Despite repeated warnings about the blatantly obvious false reports compiled by Hidetsugu Aneha, companies allowed the architect to continue his "slipshod" work for more than a year before his falsehoods were made public. Asahi Shimbun (Japan)

Aneha falsified strength reports on 43 buildings since 1999...more than double the amount he has admitted to so far- Asahi Shimbun (Japan)

Prince Charles snubbed over block of flats plan for model village: Residents of Poundbury...have argued that the flats at Jubilee Court were "cramped", "poorly designed" and a "monstrous carbuncle"- 24dash.com (UK)

There's No Place Like Foam: Octogon Group shows off prototype for emergency housing...could be the answer for residents displaced by hurricanes, tornados and other natural disasters.- RIS Media

INSIGHT: Condos Breathe New Life into Old Offices: Historic office buildings are increasingly being reinvented as condominiums in CBDs (central business districts) across the country. By Mark Harbick, AIA- ArchNewsNow

Dec. '05 Build Business: Why Hire a Marketing Staff? No longer considered unethical and tacky, marketing has morphed into an essential tool for sawy A/E/C firms.

<u>Denmark</u> — Rafael Viñoly: Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

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