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Engineering and design education now cross traditional departmental boundaries in a light-filled, LEED Silver campus building. – Hadid wins competition to design for her alma mater. – Sydney's "grubby port" (and the city itself) deserves better than what's in store for East Darling Harbour. – Even with so much Western architecture, Shanghai retains its Chinese soul. – A U.K. district comes up with a pioneering scheme for eco-friendly, straw bale – and affordable – housing. – Condo tower in Toronto promises more than just housing for seniors. – Tech companies like their sprawling campuses. – A Texas courthouse designed with an "extroverted" personality. – Perhaps because "security doesn't need to be obtrusive, obvious, or restrictive." - An architect in glass and light makes his mark on Manhattan. – Moscow continues its struggle to save its heritage. – A possible second chance for Chicago's Pilgrim Baptist Church. – Kuwabara wins Canadian Gold. – Deadlines loom for AlANY Design Awards and Faith & Form/IFRAA International Awards for religious architecture. – One we couldn't resist: in L.A., the red carpet was ablaze with stars for Gehry's debut at Tiffany's.

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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

Hadid awarded Issam Fares Institute of Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut ..."a very challenging, very futuristic design that conforms and fits with the surrounding buildings." [image]- Ya Libnan (Lebanon)

For a living harbour, you can't beat a grubby port: Everyone looked pretty depressed at the East Darling Harbour competition announcement the other day...!f we can't do better than grass and offices for EDH, we should sustain tradition, unleash our flair, create the smartest, most eco-exciting port in the world. By Elizabeth Farrelly -- Hill Thalis/Paul Berkemeier/Jane Irwin- Sydney Morning Herald

Shanghai's western veneer doesn't hide its Asian soul: As the skyscrapers rise, the city seems to lose some of its Chinese feel...But...buildings are deeply Chinese. -- Christopher Choa/HLW [images]- CBC (Canada)

Village that is clutching at straw: Eco-friendly, inexpensive homes for locals otherwise priced out of the market? West Dorset...has come up with a pioneering scheme that draws on community spirit and local, sustainable building materials to ease the shortage of homes and breathe new life into the village. -- Arco2- Expat Telegraph (UK)

Tower promises much-needed seniors' housing: Condo geared to retirees is a thoughtful addition to Etobicoke's former motel strip...the sum of many small moves intended to make late-life dwelling a matter of convenience and safety. By John Bentley Mays -- Quadrangle Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Sprawling Campuses Preferable to High-rises: It really is more expensive to operate in tightly packed downtowns, and tech culture has long favored the free-flowing, casual atmosphere of a sprawling campus over the imposing formality of a high-rise. -- MKThink; Gensler- Mercury News (California)

An outgoing courthouse: Designers reveal plans for an extroverted building on former Intelsite. By Jeanne Claire van Ryzin - Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects [image]- Austin American-Statesman (Texas)

Transparent Security: Security doesn't need to be obtrusive, obvious, or restrictive to be effective...Top-of-mind doesn't necessarily have to mean in-your-face... -- Barbara Nadel Architect; RTKL- Buildings.com

A World of Light and Glass: Architect James Carpenter is known for startling designs that make the invisible visible. Now two New York towers that bear his mark are going up. By Andrew Blum – Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Norman Foster [slide show]- BusinessWeek

Saving Moscow's heritage: The modern-day building boom threatens the city's older architectural gems, to the dismay of preservationists -- Moscow Architecture Preservation Society (MAPS); Konstantin Melnikoy-Toronto Star

A second chance for Pilgrim Baptist Church? Aside from the financial challenges...some have wondered whether enough documentation exists to faithfully reconstruct...The good news, architecturally speaking, is that there's more than enough. By Kevin Nance -- Dankmar Adler and Louis Sullivan (1891); Tim Samuelson; John Vinci [slide show]-Chicago Sun-Times

Bruce Kuwabara wins 2006 RAIC [Royal Architectural Institute of Canada] Gold Medal — Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg Architects (KPMB)- Archiseek (Canada)

Call for entries: 2006 AIA New York Chapter Design Awards for Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Projects...by NYC architects or NYC projects by architects practicing anywhere in the world; registration deadline: April 21- AIA New York Chapter

2006 Faith & Form/IFRAA International Awards Program for Religious Art & Architecture; registration deadline: May 26 [pdf]- Faith & Form Magazine

Now on sale: the Gehry collection: The celebrities came out in droves to view architect Frank Gehry's new line of bling for Tiffany's.- Los Angeles Times

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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