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Students' winning designs for resort hotels in 2055. – Farrelly on architects, bow ties, and beauty: "the bow tie is a disguise, concealing the bruises of enslavement." – Katrina spawns a cottage industry. – "Cargotecture...a stunning reminder of what architecture ought to be about." – Straw houses for seasonal workers in Virginia. – Big plans with a Swiss accent for an Israeli town: erase its Arabic past and build Lugano. – As goes Racine, WI, so goes the country. – Booming development in the Persian Gulf could be death knell for wildlife. – Ouroussoff gives a (mostly) thumbs-up for Nouvel's Guthrie Theater. – Two (excruciating) thumbs-down for Nouvel's Paris museum (though one shouldn't blame the architect enrietly). – A British architect designs a museum for his own treasure chest of post-war art. – Building the Komyo-ji Temple: Ando in his own words. – Two Manhattan projects, one baroque, one auster: "each creates a wow by illusion." – Koolhaas's plan for the Serpentine Pavilion is "a joyous extravagance." – Renderings so real they fake you out: the up- and downsides of new technology.

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How the chill wind of commerce killed off the bow tie: When did architecture depart the gentlemanly mindset to become that saddened and compromised shadow of itself we see today?...Beauty has become an embarrassment, never to be discussed outside those inner-sanctum slide nights... By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

Katrina Spawns Cottage Industry: ..."Katrina Cottage" and "Coastal Cabana," billed as comfortable, durable and affordable alternatives to the flimsy trailers...also could be a good solution for affordable housing nationwide (AP) -- Bruce Tolar; Marianne Cusato: Andres Duany- The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)

Transforming cargo containers into a weekend studio: ...320-square-foot "cargotecture" prototype...a stunning reminder of what architecture ought to be about: solving some of civilization's thorniest problems by radically reconsidering the built environment. By Lawrence W. Cheek — Robert Humble/Joel Egan/HyBrid [images]- Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Straw houses serve seasonal workers: Forget traditional construction: This project is stacking the bales -- Greg Miller/Telamon- Richmond Times-Dispatch (Virginia)

The 'Lugano Plan': Erasing Yehud's Arab past: At its heart are four- to five-story apartment buildings, with facades mimicking those in central Lugano: painted shades of lemon, peach or apricot with neo-Classical columns and windows with neo-Classical arches. -
<u>Israel Rosio</u>- Ha`aretz (Israel)

On Lake Michigan, a Global Village: A Community Coming to Grips with Change: For better or worse, what is happening to the Racine area, and how the community is responding, offers a window to economic realities that resonate across the country. [slide show]- New York Times

Booming Development Driving away Persian Gulf's Endangered Wildlife: Environmental watchdogs are few in Arabia. Those that exist acknowledge they stand little chance against developers... (AP)- Environmental News Network

On the Mississippi, a Vision Steeped in an Industrial Past: The new Guthrie Theater should offer comfort to those who miss the 1980's [Jean] Nouvel...coaxes new meaning out of a haggard landscape. By Nicolai Ouroussoff [images]- New York Times

A Heart of Darkness in the City of Light: ...Musée du Quai Branly...The place simply makes no sense. Old, new, good, bad are all jumbled together without much reason or explanation, save for visual theatrics...The atmosphere is like a discothèque at 10 a.m. By Michael Kimmelman — Jean Nouvel [slide show]- New York Times

Musée des bogus arts: France's new museum [Musée du Quai Branly] is an ill-judged disaster that rivals our very own dome for incompetence: ...As with the dome, it would be wrong to blame the architect entirely. -- Jean Nouvel- Guardian (UK)

The very English modern art gallery: a treasure chest of postwar stars, by the architect that knows them...new Pallant House is a very rare example of an art museum designed by one of the principal movers and shakers in its collection. By Hugh Pearman — Colin St. John (Sandy) Wilson; Long and Kentish [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

A Temple Reborn: The process of building the Komyo-ji Temple was a chance to rediscover and become conscious of the origins of my own architectural methods: water and wood, history and landscape. By Tadao Ando [images]- Faith & Form Magazine

On Fifth Ave., glamour in glass and steel: Apple showroom, Longchamp boutique dazzle with baroque and austere designs...each creates a wow by illusion...America's best skylines are the product of benevolent megalomania... By Justin Davidson -- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Thomas Heatherwick; Tadao Ando; Gehry; Koolhaas [slide show]- NY Newsday

The gas ceiling: A helium roof that rises and falls with the weather? Rem Koolhaas's Serpentine Pavilion is a joyous extravagance that stretches the definition of built form a little further. By Steve Rose -- Office for Metropolitan Architecture; Hadid; Libeskind; Ito; Niemeyer; Siza/Souto de Moura; MVRDV [image]- Guardian (UK)

Renderings so real they fake you out: Technology helps architects visualize a final product in a way no hand-drawn image could...a tool with downsides as well -- in time, perception and cost.- Roanoke Times (Virginia)

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