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Libeskind's £70m Victoria and Albert Museum extension in peril after lottery fund rejection: [he] remains confident the Spiral will go ahead even though it is eight years since he submitted his original design.- Independent (UK)

WTC designer a shakedown artist [says] builder - Studio Daniel Libeskind- NY Daily News

Minister rails at architectural trends: claimed that the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Malta was just producing "mechanics" and not "architects with a brain"- Times of Malta

No Stupid Questions: M.I.T. lab searches for intelligent life in the fast lane; M.I.T. Media Lab, Smart Cities group joined forces with Frank Gehry and General Motors to design and build a concept car that tackles some classic automotive evils - pollution, safety and urban sprawl. [image]- AutoWeek

Working in Gehryland: The view from the tradesmen who brought the daring architect's Pritzker Pavilion to life- Chicago Tribune

Now, Diaper Technology Takes On a Desert: Plans for the Jumeira islands development [Dubai, UAE] a luxury residential project include acres of lush landscaping...the technology used in disposable diapers...applied to products designed to improve soil irrigation.- New York Times

The Cordish Company Announces Lead Design Team for Kansas City Live! entertainment district - CDFM2; Beyer Blinder Belle; Group One; Rafael Vinoly Architects; Selbert Perkins Design- Kansas City InfoZine

W Hotels Moves into Hoboken - Gwathmey Siegel & Associates- Business Wire

Architect molds ideas to fit a fluid society: French architect David-Pierre Jalicon hopes that the enigmatic Aqua-Art Bridge will become a new landmark in Seoul...helped land an even bigger project nearby.- JoongAng Daily (Korea)

Put town on the map: Will Alsop - the Middlehaven dream-maker - believes the £500m project will put Middlesbrough firmly on the world's architectural map.- icTeesside

IDS demonstrates that design matters: In a down market for office buildings, the IDS Center should fetch a good price, partly because of its status as an architectural icon. - Philip Johnson/John Burgee/Edward Baker; Cesar Pelli- Finance and Commerce (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

Modular homes gain fans, end home-building woes - Michael O'Brien-Bankrate.com

Art goes down the drain: The humble manhole cover will get an aesthetic makeover after hundreds of area artists responded to a Vancouver city competition.- Globe and Mail (Canada)

Vancouver to be awash with tadpoles and bacteria: two winning designs that will grace Vancouver's new manhole covers.- Globe and Mail (Canada)

U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development Call for Major Groups' Input to the Reports for CSD-13 in April 2005; deadline; September 17, 2004- United Nations

Visions of Space: Robert Hughes three-part BBC series about visionary 20th-century architects - Antonio Gaudi; Albert Speer; Mies van der Rohe- The Age (Australia)

It's design of the times: Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture...a great swimming pool of a reference book into which you just can't stop diving and finding what you find. By Joe Berridge/Urban Strategies- Globe and Mail (Canada)

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