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An eloquent tribute to a landscape architect who worked magic. -- Criticism matters. -- A critic takes on stadiums and "the modernist- and postmodernist-dominated architectural establishment." -- Add a little auto-traffic, and struggling pedestrian malls might make it. -- With £100bn-worth of new buildings in the offing, London's newest architecture gallery offers the what, who, and why. -- New "smart" building materials to help clean the air. -- A petite peninsula in New Jersey offers grand (and pricey) views. -- Minnesota architects lend a hand half a world away. -- An impressive list of winners: RAIA's 2005 Victorian Architecture Awards.

Tribute: Landscape spirit: ...walk through a landscape designed by Robert Murase, and it's pretty hard not to notice -- and not be touched...he will be missed... By Randy Gragg

The Oregonian

The Critical Issue: Why Critical Dialogue Matters:...what we have to gain by supporting a culture of debate and discussion. - LINEonline (AIA/SF)

Take Me Out to the Ballpark: Today's new baseball stadiums offer a lesson in smart urbanism. Predictably, the modernist- and postmodernist-dominated architectural establishment hates the new stadiums. By Steven Malanga - City Journal/The Manhattan Institute

Driving downtown: Counterintuitive as it may seem, what the struggling downtown pedestrian mall might really benefit from is the return of automobiles...Urban planners are discovering that shopping districts thrive on the friction between pedestrians and autos.

Boston Globe

Model city: What will London look like with another £100bn-worth of new buildings? Jonathan Glancey visits the new architecture gallery that reveals all...New London Architecture aims to explain...what is happening to London in terms of architectural development, who is behind it, and why. -- Allies and Morrison [image] - Guardian (UK)

Scrubbing Bubbles Hit the Streets: scientists...developing "smart" building materials designed to clean the air with a little help from the elements. (AP) - Wired News

Living and working in the Design District...transformed from an under-utilized area of designer showrooms and art galleries to a bustling neighborhood of condos, rentals and new mixed-use buildings. -- Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk/DPZ Architects; KeenneyRiley Architects; Konyk Architecture; Walter Chatham - Miami Herald

He began with a box of lego. Now he's got grand designs -- Paul Stallan/RMJM - The Herald (Scotland)

Futuristic hotel looks like a corker: Frank Gehry has left his distinctive calling card in the shape of a luxury hotel perched above the rolling vineyards of the noble Marques de Riscal winery [Elciego, Spain]. - The Scotsman (UK)

A most mannerly evolution: The Huntington adds space with an eye to sightlines and complementing its botanical and architectural mainstays. -- Frederick Fisher - Los Angeles Times

Sophistication on Hudson's West Bank: a petite peninsula in Edgewater [NJ]. 29 very-high-end condominiums. -- Arquitectonica; Thomas Balsley - New York Times

Designers draw up a helping hand...18 architects and landscape architects gathered to design a community center for a village half a world away. By Linda Mack -- Architecture for Humanity/Minnesota - Minneapolis Star Tribune

2005 Victorian Architecture Awards: 'Potent' school hall takes out top award -- McBride Charles Ryan Architecture; NHArchitecture; William Boag PL Architects; Lyons; Denton Corker Marshall;Robert Owen; Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA); The Age (Australia)

2005 Victorian Architecture Award winners [complete list] - The Age (Australia)

Rethinking Form and Function: Swarthmore College Unified Science Center becomes an intellectual and social magnet for an entire campus. -- Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Helfand Architecture [images] - ArchNewsNow

July '05 Build Business: The Perfect Storm: Surviving through Succession Planning

- Under construction: Raimund Abraham: JingYa Ocean Entertainment Center, Beijing, China
- Randall Stout: Art Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke, Virginia

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