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DVDs: Corbu would be pleased. -- China begins an "experiment in ecologically balanced living." -- "The Incredibly Bold, Audaciously Cheesy, Jaw-Droppingly Vegasified, Billion-Dollar Glam-Rock Makeover of Coney Island" (we couldn't top that headline). -- Alsop "audacious" in Edmonton (and up against Stout, Hadid, and Erickson). -- Wexner Center's extreme makeover: "Architects expect buildings to have faults, like children" Eisenman mused. -- Big plans for Brooklyn Bridge park - but only for those with big bucks? -- Welsh Assembly HQ finally assembled (it took long enough). -- Kansas City decides to keep new arts center's great sightlines. -- A new whaling museum is a "magical architectural space." -- A Deco treasure in Manila wins big. -- Shotgun houses: "one of the prime reasons that New Orleans matters architecturally." -- A new book reconsiders Saarinen. -- Shared angst: Rochon lunches with Pollack and Gehry. -- Small dollhouses with big, green dreams.

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DVDs: Le Corbusier Plans 1905-1930

Building in Green: Can China move 400 million people to its cities without wreaking environmental havoc? Eco-urban designer William McDonough says yes—and Beijing is listening. - Newsweek International


A thrilling daydream trip through four possible futures: Alsop's audacious Edmonton Art Gallery-in-a-bag ensures competition is no rout for Stout -- Hadid; Erickson [image] - The Edmonton Journal (Canada)

Extreme Makeover: Museum Edition: In extensively renovating the Wexner Center...Ohio State University trot gingerly, striving to preserve Peter Eisenman's architectural intent. -- Arup [images] - New York Times

Proposed Brooklyn Park Draws Class Lines: Some of the most spectacular views of the city are being offered to wealthy New Yorkers who will reside in towers above the proposed Brooklyn Bridge park. By Nicolai Ouroussov -- Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates; James Carpenter Design Associates [images] - New York Times

Made in Wales: After a tortuous inception, Richard Rogers' controversial Welsh Assembly is with us at last. By Jonathan Glancey [image] - Guardian (UK)

Plans revive arts center's original site: Proposed Lyric Theatre location dropped in favor of return to vision for 16th and Broadway. Decision lauded, but questions remain. -- Moshe Safdie [image] - Kansas City Star

On Nantucket, a whale of a museum: Enchanting design helps tell story of historic industry. This is a magical architectural space. By Robert Campbell – Martin Sokoloff; Amaze Design; A-Point Design- Boston Globe

Pride of Place: Far Eastern University campus in Manila wins Unesco 2005 Asia Pacific Cultural Heritage Award. By Augusto Villalon -- Pablo Antonio (1939); Pablo Antonio Jr.; Augusto Villalon [image] - Philippine Daily Inquirer

Shotgun house a unique, ingenious and dazzling style: ...one of the prime reasons that New Orleans matters architecturally. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Reconsidering Eero: Saarinen died young and very much out of critical favor, but the judgment of history seems to have turned for this long-neglected master. Q&A with Jayne Merkel, author of new book "Eero Saarinen" [images] - Metropolis Magazine

Will build to shoot: ...Sydney Pollack has made an intimate documentary about his long-time friend Frank Gehry. Lisa Rochon talks to the director and his subject - Globe and Mail (Canada)

From small houses...big ideas: Homes Built for Dolls Showcase "Green" Materials, Methods -- Anderson Brule Architects; Andrea Traber Architecture + Sustainability; Hemannson Architects; Yasuo Tokukawa; Laura Schwartz & Associates; Murdock Young Architects [image] - Mercury News (California)


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