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ArcSpace offers a sharp look at the Sharp Centre. -- International RFO for Toronto's waterfront development. -- Beijing's building frenzy may backfire. -- Designing for the GSA now means doing more for less - seen an opportunity, not a burden. -- Too good to be true? Proposals for New York waterfront town include a tax-free option for current residents. -- A new London housing estate "is an overdue return to modernist ideals...a piece of the Mediterranean that accidentally drifted up the Thames like an iceberg." -- Big plans and high hopes (finally) for NYC's Governors Island. -- A call for the public to be more demanding about public spaces in India. -- A Rudolph masterpiece set to be razed. -- An Oubrerie gem saved from the wrecking ball. -- Owner vows to rebuild Wright's Wyant House (but those pesky perfectionist preservationists...). -- van Schaik is passionate about Melbourne's young and innovative architects. -- Adjaye as a modern-day Robin Hood. -- A lively report from the TED Conference. -- The best design shows are in New York, Boston, and London.

Alsop Architects: Sharp Centre for Design, Toronto, Canada

Request for Qualifications: International Innovative Design Competition for Toronto's Central Waterfront; RFQ deadline: March 9 - Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation

Beijing's building frenzy may have sting in tail for the dragon: ...$US160 billion ($A225 billion) of building that will add the equivalent of three Manhattan to the skyline by 2008...a lot of stock being developed that will be obsolete before it is completed... -- Koolhaas; Pei; Andreu; Herzog & de Meuron; China Architecture Design Institute - The Age (Australia)

Doing More With Much Less Offers a Creative Opportunity for GSA Designers: It just needs to make sure it hires architects for whom doing more with less is an opportunity, not a burden. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post

Competing Plans to Transform a Town: A developer proposing to create a new waterfront town within Sayreville on polluted land claimed...that the project could eliminate the need for current residents to pay taxes. -- Spector Group; V. Paulius & Associates - New York Times

Marbella on the Thames: For its architect, this new housing estate is an overdue return to modernist ideals. For its new inhabitants, [Donnybrook Quarter] is a vision of the Med in east London. By Steve Rose -- Peter Barber Architects - Guardian (UK)

Sleeping Beauty: Governors Island, a trove of history with unrivalled views, has lain fallow for years. Now here comes the money, and the suitors. -- Indian Institute of Architects (IA); Partha Ranjan Das; Santosh Ghosh - The Telegraph (India)

Razing Rudolph: The next "Sarasota school" modern building set to be demolished is one of Paul Rudolph's best-known: Riverview High. -- BMK Architects - Herald-Tribune (Florida)

Arrested redevelopment: Architectural gem changes builder's plan...decided not to raze it after learning it is one of the most architecturally significant houses in the United States. -- Lexington Herald-Leader (Kentucky)

Owner of Wright-designed Wyant House says he needs help: ...vowed to rebuild but said he isn't counting on getting enough to pay for the six-figure restoration the burned-out home will need. - Post-Tribune (Indiana)

Kicking against the bricks: Passionate architect Leon van Schaik believes Melbourne is a world leader in urban design. Washed-up academic and shameless self-promoter or architectural genius and passionate supporter of young and innovative Melbourne architects? Depends on who you speak to. -- The Age (Australia)

The joyful world of a modern Robin Hood: Always look - and always learn. That's the philosophy that has turned David Adjaye into one of Britain's hottest architects - and one whose work is marked by a great generosity of spirit. - Telegraph (UK)

Mixing genius, art and goofy gadgets: Technology, Entertainment and Design (TED) conference - Gehry; Richard Saul Wurmman; Dean Kamen - CNet

Marching Orders: To See the Best Design Has to Offer, Aficionados Will Have to Hit the Road: New York, Boston, London. By Linda Hecks - Washington Post

Good Neighbor: Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library: A new library adds to the revitalization of a once riot-torn Los Angeles community. -- Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture - ArchNewsNow

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