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Tribute: My Father, the Architect: Ludwig Glaeser...to my knowledge, never built a building...spent much of his career as a curator at the Museum of Modern Art, and then briefly became director of the Canadian Center for Architecture...His passion for cities and buildings nurtured my own. By Edward Glaeser- The Scotsman (UK)

Federal Agencies' Outward Migration Irks Area Officials: Relocations Undermine Efforts To Limit Sprawl, Planners Say: In scattering employees to the region's outer edges...the federal government has undermined efforts to concentrate growth near public transit and the area's urban core... - Washington Post

Opportunity knocks, links one crisis with another: Keating's question is essentially the same as Alain de Botton's, namely: why is the modern world so ugly?...why is modernism so incoherent? They're questions that the architectural profession seems determined to ignore. But it does so at its peril. By Elizabeth Farrelly- Sydney Morning Herald

An architect's drive for excellence: Steven Holl's schematic design for Denver's new courthouse imagined a building that could be a wonderful addition to our city...hyperbole such as "ego-driven icons designed by the famous" is not only misleading, it distracts from the core issue here: how we define, value and realize excellence. By George Hoover-Denver Post

Creating Places: Nashville...could use a major infusion of cutting-edge architectural additions...Encouragingly, however, there are signs of change. -- Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart; Big V., Everett Oglesby Architects; Hastings Architecture; Geershon, Smith & Partners; Elaine Bonadies; Manel Zeddin; Woodson Gilchrist Architect- Nashville City Paper

Patients are a virtue: The humane architecture of Maogie’s Centres puts the NHS to shame...consistently commissions buildings not from nicey nicey architects but stellar weirdos such as Frank Gehry and Daniel Libeskind — thereby single-handedly becoming Britain's bravest architectural patron. By Tom Dyckhoff—Zaha Hadid; Nightingale Associates; Hopkins Architects- The Times (UK)

Move-in Specials: Factory-built homes could find a huge following in architecturally diverse New Orleans...The issue of fitting into New Orleans neighborhoods has been a challenge for the modular industry. -- Nurhan Gokturk; Michael Bell- The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)

"We need these urban oases": Q&A with landscape architect Janet Rosenberg- Ottawa Citizen (Canada)

Modern Atlantis soon to rise in Alamosa City: ...20-year Master Development Plan (includes) Hundred Islands Underwater Marine Park...transparent, air-filled tubes suspended beneath the water's surface through which tourists can walk beneath the islets. -- Paalox Associates; F.F. Cruz- Manila Standard Today

Beirut Gate first plot sold within two weeks of launch:...first of eight plots in its US$ 600million mega-project...an integrated commercial and residential seaview project in the Beirut Central District, commonly known as Solidere... -- Christian de Potempark, Architectonica; Nabil Ghosh; Era Group- Mena Report (Jordan)

Whitney Museum May Move Expansion to Downtown Site:...won its struggle to have the city approve a tower designed by Renzo Piano...has instead set its sights on...the entrance to the High Line... -- Breuer (1966); Graves (1985); Koolhaas (2005)- New York Times

Once bugged...U.S., China go for spy-proof embassies:...taking extreme precautions in building landmark embassies in each other’s capitals. — Pei Partnership Architects; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (AFP)- The Peninsula (Qatar)

New restaurants relish design of the place as much as the art on the plate: A few years ago...Dallas restaurant design was as memorable as a bowl of prune whip. No...
Savvy restaurateurs are discovering that good design endures. By David Dillon -- Bentel & Bentel; Beck Group; David Rockwell; Steve Jones - Dallas Morning News

Movin' on up: Architect is one with his creations...Laurence Booth's residency in the Palmolive is more than a new address. It's an experiment of sorts..."I'm my own guinea pig." By Kevin Nance -- Booth Hansen - Chicago Sun-Times

Trump's harrumph: Developer calls to debate the merits of his Michigan Avenue hotel-condo ad...Cities around the country are struggling with similar conflicts as they weigh whether to let outdoor advertising companies erect...street furniture that provide an amenity for the public but are plastered with advertising. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Architecture Day Miami, November 6-12: Cesar Pelli's Carnival Center; Arquitectonica Style; South Florida Urbanism, Yesterday & Today etc. -- Terrence Riley, Craig Robins, Rene Gonzalez; Chad Oppenheim - Architectural Digest

-- Design Hotels: Park Hotel Tokyo, Shiodome Media Tower, Tokyo, Japan
-- René van Zuuk Architekten: Art Pavilion, The Imagination, Zeewolde, The Netherlands