

## Today's News - July 22, 2004

Woes on both sides of the Atlantic for Libeskind. – Are Maltese architects really professionals worth their salt or have they sold themselves to selfish developers? – Gehry, MIT, and GM tackle automotive evils (check out the car!). – What it's like to build a Gehry building. – Lush landscaping in the desert via disposable diapers. – It's an all-star team for Kansas City entertainment district. – W Hotel to open in Hoboken. – French architect designs a landmark in Seoul. – Alsop as dream-maker for U.K. town. – Design matters in down market. – Modular and pre-fab gain fans. – Vancouver goes for artful manhole covers. – U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development seeks input for conference. – Robert Hughes takes on visionary 20th-century architects. – Architecture atlas worth the wait (and the weight).

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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)

[-- Exhibition: Santiago Calatrava: The Architect's Studio, Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, Washington](#)  
[-- Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates: Leon Levy Visitor Center, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY](#)

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