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Adored and reviled, misused and unused for years, 2 Columbus Circle is about to get a new lease on life - and an entirely new look. — Utzon wins the Pritzker (and Sydney claims him as national treasure). — Libeskind: empathy and the architect. — But: "Affordable housing and green spaces: These are what New York needs, not redundant office towers where mortals fear to tread." — Flying high in Denver. — A "juicy" new building for FIU School of Architecture. — Promoting critical thinking in architectural education (what a concept!). — Paving paradise: "Falls once fell here. Parking \$5." — New square in London deemed "a compromise gone horribly wrong." — For Mexican architect, "globalization sounds too much like imposing one culture over another." - AIA Housing Awards inspire. — A skilled professional adds passion to her winning formula. — Kinmen Island takes its architectural heritage seriously. — Melbourne exhibition examines what makes good design. — MIT dean takes on high-flying tech lab.

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Those magic sails carry Utzon to his greatest honour - Pritzker Prize: Glory for a man who gave us a national treasure - and became one himself- Sydney Morning Herald

House rules: Joern Utzon's Opera House is just one of many buildings to display his unique ability to design works of art.- Sydney Morning Herald

Jorn Utzon Sails Off With a Pritzker. By Benjamin Forgey- Washington Post

Tracing the empathy of an architect: Jewish Museum and Felix Nussbaum House illustrate the talent of Daniel Libeskind, who is redesigning the World Trade Center site.- Los Angeles Times

Opinion: Would You Go to Work in a New Skyscraper at Ground Zero? ...we've focused on...a pageant of architects auditioning à la "American Idol" to get the World Trade Center commission.- Washington Post

Wing and a prayer: Denver Art Museum's new wing. Still unkown: cost; how much \$ has been raised; construction start; opening date. -Daniel Libeskind; Davis Partnership- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Miami's Juicy New Lesson Plan: Bernard Tschumi's Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture Building for Florida International University. By Herbert Muschamp [image]- New York Times

University of Cincinnati school redesigns itself: Architecture, design programs to promote critical thinking- Cincinnati Enquirer

My Favorite Parking Lot: Why do so many famous city sites come with a little booth and surly parking attendant? Another 'Oh, that's where that thing used to be' tour. Buffalo News

Pull it down! The new Paternoster Square is an insult to St Paul's: a compromise gone horribly wrong. By Jonathan Glancey - Whitfield Partners: MacCormac Jamieson & Prichard; Allies and Morrison [link to images]- Guardian (UK)

Unifying themes dominate cultural center: Mexican architect Ricardo Legorreta dislikes the idea of globalization.- Dallas Morning News

More than a place to hang your hat: AlA's Housing Professional Interest Area Awards presented to nine architectural firms- Philadelphia Inquirer

Award of Excellence Winner: Kathi Littmann: When Los Angeles had to speed up a troubled construction program, it called on a skilled and passionate professional [images]- Engineering News-Record (ENR)

Kinmen Island highlights its heritage: Its military legacy is well known, but what lies underneath is a land rich in cultural diversity and architectural beauty. [images]-Taipei Times

Design language: Can a thing be well designed if it doesn't work properly? Of course not, according to an exhibition now at the Melbourne Museum.- The Age (Australia)

Reinventing the Media Lab: William Mitchell, dean of MIT's School of Architecture and Planning, is seeking to ground MIT's high-flying tech laboratory in the university's academic rigor.- Boston Globe

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- Exhibition Scanning: The Aberrant Architectures of Diller + Scofidio, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York City
- Michael Maltzan Architecture: MoMA QNS, Long Island City, Queens, New York
- Frank O. Gehry & Associates: The Condé Nast Cafeteria, New York City

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