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Cradle to Cradle Home Design and Construction Competition

Even though William McDonough and Michael Braungart wrote the book on cradle-to-cradle design, they can't be expected to carry the torch forever. Fortunately, in 2004, an eponymous competition was launched to do just that. The winning design (left), by a team led by Matthew Coates and Tim Meldrum, features a tapering, two-story, chimneylike core that will contain black and graywater treatment, a heat sink, a ventilation stack, a skylight, and structural support for solar energy collection. With the house scheduled to be built in Roanoke, Virginia, cradle-to-cradle thinking is ready to leave the ivory tower and hit the city streets. www.cradletocradlehome

Lebbeus Woods: System Wien / Edited by Peter Noever / MAK/Hatje Cantz / $70

Lebbeus Woods has become a master of re-engineering entire cities without moving a single brick. This time he takes on his hometown of Vienna, and the city will never be the same—at least in this book. www.stoutbooks.com


Warhol, to whom we owe the phrase “15 minutes of fame,” also predicted our nation's current obsession with celebrity and tragedy. These works, culled from the prolific two-year period after the artist shifted from painting to silkscreen, feature iconic celebrity images juxtaposed with various “disasters” Warhol plucked from his exhaustive personal collection of images. www.walkerart.org

Sofa Moritz / By Ralf Pfeiffer and Felix Nibbes for Gut Und Schön

St. Moritz, Switzerland's ritziest retreat, boasts a ratio of 5,700 hotel beds to its 5,600 permanent residents. Sofa Moritz, a new divan from Berlin, boasts a ratio of two adjustable arm/back rests to one six-foot-eight-inch seating surface. In both cases, you are guaranteed commodious accommodations. www.gutundsoehn.com