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Viva Versace!

The Versace Mansion in fabled Miami Beach is a place rich with history, luxury, style and even infamy. Now a boutique hotel, JC Escudero visited and photographed the historic property, taking a deep dive into the Versace legend, eclectic design tradition, and a rich taste of the good life.

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Fine Points: Pipes in Trenches

In this first installment of our new series exploring the “fine points” of watershape construction, Kevin Cobabe gets down to basics about running multiple pipes in trenches. As simple as it seems, he says, there are a handful of key issues that are important to keep top of mind when working beneath your feet.

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Restoration at 'Earth Speed'

Healing troubled bodies of water is an opportunity to make a positive impact on both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, explains Ed Beaulieu. Using this project as a prime example, a set of ponds owned by an A-list celebrity and activist was transformed from a morbid state of deterioration to a vibrant ecological asset.

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An advertisement for TWINSCAPE HYDRO FLOORS. The image shows a modern interior space with a large pool area. The text reads: "TWINSCAPE REINVENT THE ART OF SPACE HYDRO FLOORS FROM FLOOR TO POOL IN JUST 6 MINUTES".

An advertisement for PIPELINE FILTERS and AQUASTAR pool products. The image shows two Pipeline Filters and an AquaStar pool product. The text reads: "PIPELINE FILTERS® SMALL FOOTPRINT, BIG FILTRATION" and "AQUASTAR pool products DE-LEVEL CLARITY CLAIM BACKED BY NSF TESTING DATA".



Planting Design with Style

One of the lingering ironies of designing planted areas is that although plants are arguably the most impactful of all landscape elements, they are also often left as an afterthought. Landscape designer, Mark David Levine, argues that plants should receive the same respect and attention as the hardscape and watershapes.

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Outgrowing the 'Pool Guy'

The labels watershapers use to describe who they are what they do for a living matter in more ways than one, argues Kevin Woodhurst. Because professional terminology reflects an underlying value system and industry culture, there's one term in particular that he believes should be permanently retired.

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Indoor Water & Air Quality (Part I)

Indoor pools, known as natatoriums, are notorious for bad air quality. These facilities are unique in the world of design, construction and maintenance because they contain open bodies of water. In this two-part series, Eric Knight describes the basic framework for maintaining quality water and air in these special aquatic spaces.

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Concrete and Acidic Water (a damaging combination)

The nature of concrete-based materials dictates the risk of contact with acidic solutions. In this “white paper” on the subject, industry educators, Paolo Benedetti and Jon Temple offer a bold statement and reasoning for turning away from long-held practices that expose concrete and plaster to permanent damage caused by acidic water.

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The Art of Installation

While the meaning of “art” has been pondered for millennia, many of those who pursue creating art believe the answer lies in the finest details, and the struggle needed to achieve them. Jimmy Reed argues the installation process itself is the true essence of artistry and the only way to make gemstones from tile and water.

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Atlantic City Show Guide

Watershape University is set to roll into Atlantic City, NJ, for the 2023 edition of The Pool & Spa Show with a dynamic slate of courses emphasizing *essential* information for builders and subcontractors, with a number of more advanced courses on tap, as well.

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