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- Peters brings us her field notes from the Biennale - Part 2: The Giardini.
- As foreclosures blight neighborhoods, a call for community development to "carefully consider which areas should be targeted and how much can be saved."
- Lewis sees the economic downturn as a catalyst for smarter growth.
- In Australia, architecture firms are the proverbial "canaries in the coalmine" in tough economic times.
- Improving Montreal will take more than attracting one star architect; besides, the city's own designers "are far from stuffy and insular."
- Why aren't there more women architects in India (and the world, for that matter)?
- Lots of bells and whistles (and security measures) at new Meadowland stadium.
- Glancey on the Walking House: it's "delightful," but is it a practical answer to lower carbon living? (ya gotta see it to believe it!)
- Cologne museum takes design seriously.
- Belfast firm snags Young Architect of the Year award; and AHMM takes Richard Feilden Architect of the Year Award.
- Two amusing chats with Kapoor: Can art regenerate an area? "I haven't the faintest idea."
- Page turners: Jacobs on "Hungry City": "urban agriculture doesn't need high-end architecture."
- "500 Places To See Before They Disappear": a new guide book for travelers details the sites most at risk from developers and climate change.
- National Geographic rates 109 historic communities worldwide on how well they protect the cultural and environmental heritage that make them major tourist attractions.
- "Arts & Architecture, 1945
- 54: The Complete Reprint" offers a "renewed inspiration for designers."
- Two we couldn't resist: Why architects wear black; and the 10 scariest buildings in Britain (Happy Halloween!).

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Field Notes from the 11th Venice Architecture Biennale - Part 2: The Giardini: "Experimental Architectures" offers a glimpse of 30 countries' current architectural debates and experiments. By Terri Peters [images]- ArchNewsNow

Op-Ed: The Work of Neighborhood Stabilization: Foreclosures are blighting neighborhoods across the country. There's no question that something needs to be done. But to react effectively, the field of community development needs to carefully consider which areas should be targeted and how much can be saved. By Charles Buki/czb- PLANetizen

Economic Downturn Might Be a Catalyst for Smarter Growth: ...we are turning to a list of R-words: rethinking, redeveloping, renewing, revitalizing, retrofitting...economic crisis does teach a lesson. It at last illuminates the consequences of policies and practices yielding costly sprawl. It shows that growth by limitless outward expansion is no longer sustainable, no longer an option. By Roger K. Lewis - Washington Post

Architect 'canaries' laid off: Big architecture firms, regarded as the building industry's "canary in the coalmine", have started shedding staff rapidly.- The Age (Australia)

Improving Montreal will take more than attracting one star architect: This city's designers are far from stuffy and insular, but we need a plan...What if we made up our minds to out- Barcelona Barcelona? Admirable cities do not achieve that status by the landing in their midst of one iconic building... By Joseph Baker -- Paul Andreu; Ray Affleck; Dan Hanganu; Provencher Roy; Saucier + Perrotte; Robert Mange; Daoust Lestage; Peter Rose- Montreal Gazette

Where the math doesn't add up for women: Why are there no female Indian architects? Architecture is a wild card. It doesn't demand one-dimensional celibacy. Then why are there no great female architects? -- Balkrishna Doshi; Charles Correa; Sen Kapadia; Graham Morrison; Jignesh Patel; Zaha Hadid; Lindy Roy; Jeanne Gang; Deborah Burke; Chitra Vishwanath; Renu Mistry; Arundhati Roy; Yasmeen Lari; Itsuko Hasegawa- Livemint.com (India)

At Meadowlands Stadium, Lots of Bells and Whistles: ...new football stadium will have accessories beyond the luxury suites and the large video boards in all four corners...blends the best of 21st-century amenities with the ancient ambience of the Colosseum in Rome. -- George Heinlein/360 Architecture- New York Times

Another way to move house: A Scandinavian prototype for a sustainable Walking House recalls ancient nomadic habits, but is it a practical answer to lower carbon living? By Jonathan Glancey -- N55 [video link]- Guardian (UK)

Museum für Angewandte Kunst Koln Opens New Design Department: "Kunst und Design im Dialog" will highlight the complex interconnection between industrial design...and trends and developments in the world of art on the other. It will also focus on the political, social and art history of these periods. -- Frank Lloyd Wright; Charles and Ray Eames; Dieter Rams; Philippe Starck- Art Daily

Young Architect of the Year: Hackett Hall McKnight: ...judges were struck by...a determination to foster a re-energised building culture in a city that has not been the most receptive of environments to modern architecture in the past. [images, links]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Richard Feilden Architect of the Year Award: Allford Hall Monaghan Morris (AHMM)...its confidence and pragmatism that won over the judges. [images, links]- BD/Building Design (UK)

Anish Kapoor Turns Art Inside Out, Hates the Smell of Hairspray: Can art regenerate an area? "I haven't the faintest idea"...- Bloomberg News

"I want to occupy the territory": Size matters to Anish Kapoor, whether it's the renowned giant sculptures or the tiny architectural models in "Place/No Place: Anish Kapoor in Architecture," his exhibition at RIBA in London.- Independent (UK)

Book review: Back to the Land: The hottest 21st-century urban amenity might be a farm. "Hungry City" is loaded with fascinating tidbits about cities and food...Unfortunately, Carolyn Steel's anecdotes never quite cohere into a compelling narrative...urban agriculture doesn't need high-end architecture. By Karrie Jacobs- Metropolis Magazine

500 places to see before they die: A new guide book for travellers details the sites most at risk from developers and climate change..."Frommer's 500 Places To See Before They Disappear"...- Guardian (UK)

How Are We Doing? Tourism Changes Five American Places: National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations recently rated 109 historic communities worldwide on how well they protect the cultural and environmental heritage that make them major tourist attractions.- Preservation magazine

[Classic Zine: More than just the editorial birthplace of California modernism, Arts & Architecture was one of the most influential cultural magazines of the 20th century... "Arts & Architecture, 1945–54: The Complete Reprint," a ten-volume facsimile edition... Today, as socially driven architecture has had a second coming, the magazine is a renewed inspiration for designers. \[images\]](#) - Metropolis Magazine

[Book: "Why do Architects wear black?": Architects including Richard Rogers, Peter Zumthor, Albert Speer, Peter Eisenman and Wiel Arets give their answers \[images\]](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)

[The 10 scariest buildings in Britain: ...haunted, unsafe, ugly and just plain creepy... 10 buildings to see \(shortly\) before you die \[slide show\]](#) - The Architects' Journal (UK)



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