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Two more reports from the Biennale: Hawthorne sees message as urban ills "are entirely solvable - and by architects, no less." - Berlin's "Convertible City" grows green in Venice. - Plans for Vancouver's Olympic Village "decidedly conservative and suburban" (but not all wrong), says Boddy. - Cathedraltown is new urbanism with a twist (or is it?). - Will Toronto go for congestion zone fees? - Belfast project could be heart of new city center. - A shortlist of three for Denver's Still Museum. - International competition in Jerusalem will pit Phase 1 finalists against a pre-selected shortlist. - British architect wins big in Moscow. - Why "Miami Vice" gives architecture a bad name. - The odd couple: Olin/Eisenman show in Philadelphia blurs boundaries. - Pecha Kucha Night comes to New York. - 2006 European Heritage Days to be launched in St Petersburg. - IDEX/NeoCon Canada to focus on space, knowledge, and sustainability.

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[Trying to tame the mega-city: The Architecture Biennale tackles the problems stemming from the great migration into cities...Burdett...manages to suggest both that urbanization is racing out of control and that its attendant problems are entirely solvable — and by architects, no less. By Christopher Hawthorne -- Eight Inc.; Architecture for Humanity; Koolhaas; Herzog \[slide show\]- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Germany Champions Sustainability At Architecture Show: 16 major cities from around the globe are represented at the 10th International Architecture Exhibition at the Venice Biennale...One of them is Berlin..."Convertible City" curated by Armand Grüntuch and Almut Ernst... \[images\]- Deutsche Welle \(Germany\)](#)

[Planners trip in race to Olympics: The city's plan for the Southeast False Creek Olympic village site is decidedly conservative and suburban. But at least it's eliminated that downtown Vancouver cliché, skinny high-rise towers on townhouse bases. By Trevor Boddy- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Suburbia with a twist: It's hardly news that the town-planning fashion called "new urbanism"...is taking firm root in suburbs...Of more interest, however, are the surprising things that happen when this philosophy hits the ground. Take Cathedraltown... By John Bentley Mays -- Buttress Fuller Alsop Williams- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

[Will Toronto follow Swedes down road to less traffic? Like the London congestion zone before it, the Stockholm experiment is of enormous interest to urban planners everywhere, except, perhaps, Canada. By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star](#)

[An eye to the future: A £30m upgrade for the former \[University of Ulster\] Art College is predicted to lay new foundations for the centre of Belfast...a flexible space which would both accommodate and inspire its occupants. -- Todd Architects- Belfast Telegraph \(Ireland\)](#)

[Three architectural firms with an eye toward simplicity have moved forward in the competition to design a 30,000-square-foot Clyfford Still Museum in Denver. By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Allied Works Architecture; Diller Scofidio + Renfro; Ohlhausen DuBois Architects- Rocky Mountain News \(Denver\)](#)

[Int'l competition to design new Bezalel Academy of Art and Design: \\$60 million 9,000-sq.m. campus in the Russian Compound in downtown Jerusalem...winning entries of Phase I to compete alongside Rosenfeld Arens Architects Ltd., Ada Kami-Melamed Architects, Foreign Office Architects, a fourth firm to be announced. \[link to competition; registration opens December 11\]- Globes \(Israel\)](#)

[English architect wins mega-project in Moscow -- PRP Architects; Lovejoy London-Engineering 360 \(Netherlands\)](#)

['Miami Vice' gives architecture a bad name: Why updating buildings to fit the times often backfires- Inman Real Estate News](#)

[Celebrating design duo's partnership: To toast their long collaboration, landscape architect Laurie Olin and architect Peter Eisenman have created an installation without boundaries..."Fertilizers: Olin/Eisenman"... By Inga Saffron- Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

[Pecha Kucha Night arrives in New York September 20; presenters include co-founder Mark Dytham/Klein Dytham Architecture; Eric Bunge + Mimi Hoang/nArchitects; Marc Simmons/front; etc.- Pecha Kucha NY](#)

[2006 European Heritage Days to be launched in St Petersburg September 21-23 \[pdf - English, French, Russian\]- Europa Nostra](#)

[IDEX/NeoCon Canada: space, knowledge and sustainability; Toronto, September 28-29- IDEX/NeoCon](#)

[Sex and the City Part 2: Field Notes from the 10th Venice Architecture Biennale: The message seems to be that...we might have half a chance to thrive as a species several generations hence. By Margaret Helfand, FAIA \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Sex and the City Part 1: Field Notes from the 10th Venice Architecture Biennale - Part 1: Libidos on fire in Venice: Urbanism may not be sexy, but our lives may depend on it. By Margaret Helfand, FAIA \[images\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

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