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The Death of Marshall Fields and the Dissolution of the Sense of Place. By Lynn Becker - ArchitectureChicago

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Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) launches Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Architect Project- Canada NewsWire (CNW)

Corning native wants to spread culture of India: Artist, architect and author Alfred Valerio would like to open center to feature art, literature, music, designing a city of 25,000 residents to be built in India, south of Delhi. Vrindavan Vedic City [image] - Star-Gazette (Corning, NY)

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