• Hunter offers an insightful, in-depth look at Bangkok's "pocket-urbanization" (a.k.a. slums) and the role of community architects to envision "housing policies beyond the simple provision of houses, putting people at the centre of the process."

• In Australia, plans to reform the Office of the Victorian Government Architect and a new Victorian Design Review Panel will put new emphasis on architecture and design.

• King looks beyond politics to see how Occupy San Francisco "brings unexpected life to dormant park" as an "example of how cities never stand still - and often change in ways that no planner or politician can predict."

• White discovers Calgary has an "exercise district": "we just haven't branded it as such"; now would be a good time to start promoting the "Bow River Exercise District" brand.

• Woodward explores the new "age of flower towers" and architects "using green technology to grow forests in the sky" (hopefully not in hurricane zones!).

• Merrick waxes melodious about a "nondescript Cardiff building reborn as virtuoso modernism" that "has a great vibe, and outlook, an architectural machine that sings."

• Heathcote finds three new hotels that are "the perfect settings for design-lovers to witness New York's architectural renaissance."

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• Solomon tours three FLW projects in Wisconsin that "reveal the man and the era he lived in": she marvels "at the contrast between the calm landscape and the delirious inventiveness of his work."

• A profile of a young Moscow firm whose business was boosted by the 2008 financial crisis: "how innovative the Russian capital could be if restrictions and bureaucracy were removed."

• If we were in Bulgaria, we'd be heading to Sofia Architecture Week today!

• Call for entries: MONU magazine's Non-Urbanism issue + Amsterdam Iconic Pedestrian Bridge international competition.
Frank Lloyd Wright’s Wisconsin: A tour of three of the architect’s home-state masterpieces reveals the man and the era he lived in...to marvel at the contrast between the calm landscape and the delirious inventiveness of his work...Taliesin; Monona Terrace; Johnson Wax building... By Deborah Solomon [slide show]- New York Times

The hunt for Russia’s new Red October: Moscow architect Fyodor Dubinin is one of those rare people whose business was boosted by the 2008 financial crisis...Krasny Oktyabr is a good example of how innovative the Russian capital could be if restrictions and bureaucracy were removed. -- Pavel Chaunin/Mel Space- The Moscow News (Russia)

Sofia Architecture Week?SAW 2011? Opens in Bulgaria’s Capital; A number of exhibits and lectures, November 1-6, are going to present the unlimited possibilities of architecture. [link to details]: Novinite.com (Sofia News Agency)

Call for entries/submissions: MONU magazine on urbanism has released its new call for submissions for MONU #16 on the topic of Non-Urbanism; deadline: December 31 - MONU magazine

Call for entries: Amsterdam Iconic Pedestrian Bridge international competition; cash prizes; earlybird registration deadline: December 15; [AC-CA] Architectural Competition/Concours d'Architecture

Hagar Qim and Mnajdra Temples, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Island of Malta: To protect the 5,000-years-old temple ruins against further deterioration, engineers developed two special membrane roof structures, which now cover and protect the archaeological excavation. -- Walter Hunziker Architekten; formTL

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