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Q&A: What Makes A City "Walkable" And Why It Matters: Jeff Speck has delved into the concept of what makes a city pedestrian-friendly in "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time"..."doctors, economists, scientists — have begun to realize that...particularly urban neighborhoods are much more sustainable environmentally, much more successful economically, and much, much better for us in terms of our health." - National Public Radio (NPR)

Toronto diminishes its future by killing Jarvis bike lanes: The decision...is wrong in principle, devastating in perception...in the eyes of the world, it's one more sign of a nation in decline, terrified of change...it's self-destructive...it empowers drivers as it disenfranchises cyclists — and, we might add, pedestrians. How stupid is that? By Christopher Hume - Toronto Star

City Age: The Summit on the New American City: ...will gather decision makers with leaders in business, experts in urban development and urban visionaries from here and abroad; December 3-4, 2012, Kansas City, MO - CityAge

Hamptons Chalet: The East End's new Parrish Art Museum is an unexpected monument: At first glance, it could be an industrial chicken coop...Yet this is no ordinary bit of banality...subtlety and sophistication...smuggled into the plain shed...imagination costs less and is worth more than sumptuous materials and showy design...cultivates memory, linking

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Can India's "City of Architects" Green the Building Industry? ...national construction is on pace to heighten emissions by nearly 400% in less than 40 years. But these designers are trying to change that...Young architects passing through Auroville are taking the lessons of sustainability and innovation back to urban centers. By Boyd Cohen [links] - The Atlantic Cities

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Rock Valley College might abandon star architect's arts center designs: "...has been wiped off RVC's drawing board...could play a role in whatever RVC does to recast its rehearsal and performance space..." Jeanne Gang is going to be the Frank Lloyd Wright of our generation. I'd just hate to lose this opportunity and look back in 20 years and say oh, we let that one get away." -- Booth Hansen; Studio Gang Architects - Rockford Register Star (Illinois)

Kent State Names Finalists in College of Architecture and Design Competition: "...the building will serve as a physical and metaphorical link between the university and city." -- Bialosky + Partners Architects/Architecture Research Office (ARO); Richard L. Bowen + Associates/Weiss/Manfredi; The Collaborative Inc./Miller Hull Partnership; Westlake Reed Leskosky - Kent Patch (Ohio)

Chicago Architectural Club announces the winners of the "2012 Chicago Prize Competition: Future Prentice": 81 new visionary proposals for Bertrand Goldberg's Prentice Women's Hospital were collected...on display in "Reconsidering an Icon" at the Chicago Architecture Foundation until February 8, 2013. -- Cyril Marsollier/Wallo Villacorta; Noel Turgeon/Natalya Egon; James Wild/Lauren Haras/Katherine Lee/Andres Lemus/Tom Marquardt/Pedro Melta/Saman Mboyer/Kerry Rutz/Katelyn Smith/Ashley Wendela; Anja Buttolo/Tilmann Lohse/Priska Lohse/Michael Pancost [images] - Chicago Architectural Club

New rules at ARB to prevent repeat of Piano gaffe. Architects Registration Board admits email risked "reputational damage"...has been forced to tighten up its procedures in the wake of the Renzo Piano fiasco when it asked BD to stop calling the Italian designer of the Shard an architect. - BD/Building Design (UK)

Kieran Long appointed senior curator of architecture, design and digital at V&A: "...one four new positions... created as part of a move to bring together the fields of architecture, design and digital within the existing department of furniture, fashion and textiles, currently led by Christopher Wilk...he wants to use the position to "wage war on parochialism" in design." - Dezeen

Adele Chatfield-Taylor Stepping Down From American Academy in Rome Presidency at End of 2013: "...a search committee will begin in January a wide and comprehensive search for Adele's successor." - American Academy in Rome

Art world goes Gangnam Style mad in solidarity with Ai Weiwei: Anish Kapoor gathers fellow artists to take part in parody video at his south London studio [links to videos] - Guardian (UK)


-- Under construction: Casanova + Hernandez architects: Ceramic Museum and Mosaic Garden, Jinzhou, China -- Michael Maltzan Architecture: Playa Vista Park, Playa Vista, California