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A Billion Acts of Green... personal commitments that, taken together, add up to major reductions in energy, waste and pollution.



Can something be moving forward and backwards at the same time? It's happening with extended producer responsibility (EPR), which is an evolution of recycling that places the burden of taking back waste on the companies that created the products, containers or packaging in the first place. EPR is gaining real traction in the U.S., but it's also in danger of being hijacked by corporate interests with hidden agendas. Supporters of EPR say the system is unfair – that manufacturers should consider the product's life cycle before turning out the many one-time use, over- packaged or deliberately disposable items that have become someone else's waste problem. Once manufacturers pay for their waste, they then have an incentive to minimize it through reduced packaging, less toxic materials, and recycled content.

Waste Not by Jim Motavalli in *E Magazine*, March/April, 2011.

Spotlight on EPR Why the U.S. Needs Recycling Strategies /In Europe, EPR is the Rule

U.S. Engagement on Water Issues / U.S. Water Policy: Water Security is Human Security Fact sheet, U.S. Dept of State, March 18, 2011.

Public Health and Drinking Water Issues Oversight hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, February 2, 2011.

See also:

- **eJournal USA: Climate Change Partnerships /Climate Change Perspectives**
- **America.gov Feature: Climate Change / Impacts of Climate Change: Water**
- **Clean Water for Better Health – Photo Gallery**
- **Product Policy Institute / Environmental Protection Agency**



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ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

A Climate Policy for the Real World by Paul J. Saunders and Vaughan Turekian in *Policy Review*, February 1, 2011.

Less international negotiation, smarter domestic decisions are called for....

Opposition to Nuclear Power Rises amid Japanese Crisis Pew Research, March 21, 2011.

No Urgent Changes Seen for U.S. Nuclear Plants *New York Times* online, March 21, 2011.

U.S. Global Climate Change Policy: Evolving Views on Cost, Competitiveness, and Comprehensiveness CRS, February 24, 2011.

Opening Remarks on World Water Day Remarks by U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, March 22, 2011.

Conversations with America: Global Water Issues Conversation with U.S. Under Secretary of State Maria Otero, and Global Water Challenge co-chair Harriet Babbitt. *U.S. Dept of State*, March 21, 2011.

Personal Carbon Trading: A Radical Policy Option for Reducing Emissions From the Domestic Sector by Yael Parag & Deborah Strickland in *Environment*, January/February.

An innovative approach to limiting carbon emissions that makes individuals responsible for their carbon footprint could stimulate the kind of actions environmentalists have been advocating for years.

EPA's Greenhouse Gas Regulations and Their Effect on American Jobs Hearing before a *subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce*, March 1, 2011.

Energetic Cities by Paul Sullivan in *World Policy Journal*, Winter 2010.

The author, a National Defense University Adjunct Professor, stresses the critical need for a "green metropolis," and explores the ways in which cities in developed nations are slashing fossil-fuel dependency while improving the quality of life.

What Is a Tree Worth? by Jill Joannes in *The Wilson Quarterly*, Winter 2011.

The author, a historian, discusses the research on urban forestry conducted in the 1990s in Chicago, Illinois by scientists Gregory McPherson and David Nowak, and the precise environmental impact of trees in the city, as is the subsequent implementation of their recommendations in other U.S. cities.

Drifting in Static by Leslie Allen in *National Geographic*, January 2011.

Allen explores the impact that a global increase in man-made noise, including noise from ocean shipping traffic, is having on the behavior and communication styles of several aquatic animals including fish, baleen whales and right whales.

THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR POWER

Nuclear Power Expansion Challenges by Toni Johnson. *Council on Foreign Relations Backgrounder*, March 18, 2011. 4p.

A major crisis at Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in March 2011 after a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami has raised new questions about the safety of nuclear power. The author, a Council on Foreign Relations senior staff writer, examines nuclear energy's future and a number of significant obstacles to the expansion of nuclear power worldwide.

5 Myths about Nuclear Energy by Michael Levi in *The Washington Post*, March 16, 2011. 3p.

The crisis in Japan has brought back some of the worst nightmares surrounding nuclear power — and restarted a major debate about the merits and the drawbacks of this energy source. Does nuclear energy offer a path away from carbon-based fuels? Or are nuclear power plants too big a threat? The author, a Senior Fellow and Director of the Program on Energy Security and Climate Change at the Council on Foreign Relations, discusses what the nuclear crisis in Japan means for the future of nuclear energy.

Reviewing the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty by Henry Sokolski. *Strategic Studies Institute*, April 2010. Note: 455p.

Sokolski seeks to provide a guide for both policymakers and security analysts. This guide should assist in navigating the most important debates over how best to read and implement the NPT and, in the process, spotlighting alternative views of the NPT that are sound and supportable.

Nuclear Technology Review 2010 IAEA, 2010. Note: 174p.

This report explores the global status and trends in fields of nuclear science and technology, focusing on nuclear power development and issues of sustainable development in which nuclear technologies can play an important role.

IAEA Annual Report 2009

The Situation in Japan – *U.S. Dept of Energy* blog, updated (nuclear power plant issues).

Remarks by President Obama on the Situation in Japan March 17, 2011.

Japan 2011 Earthquake: U.S. Depart. of Defense (DOD) Response *CRS*, March 17, 2011.

Briefing on Nuclear Plant Crisis in Japan and Implications for the United States Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works*, March 16, 2011.

Fukushima Nuclear Crisis *CRS*, March 15, 2011.

Japanese Nuclear Crisis. Q&A *CSIS*, March 15, 2011.

Engagement, Coercion, and Iran's Nuclear Challenge *Stimson*, November 16, 2010.

U.S. Policy Options on Iran Chair Barry Blechman et al. *Stimson*, 2010. 20p.

50 Facts About U.S. Nuclear Weapons *Brookings*, 1998. New research underway...

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, March 1, 2011.

Promoting Democracy: The Whys and Hows for the United States and the International Community by Mark Lagon in *Markets and Democracy Brief*, February 2011.

Lagon, an adjunct senior fellow for human rights, examines the history of democracy promotion in U.S. foreign policy and offers lessons for how the United States can best advance democracy today.

The Fundamentalists by Richard Bulliet in *The National Interest*, March/April.

What do Saudi Arabia and America have in common? Why, religion of course. Hinterland faiths are on the rise, and there's nothing the Western humanists can do about it.

America Primed by Robert Kaplan & Stephen Kaplan in *The National Interest*, March/April.

To write America's great-power obituary is beyond premature. Herein lies a grand strategy for maintaining US power—from the Anglosphere to the Middle East.

U.S. - Pacific Relations: Pacific-Minded by Cleo Paskal in *The World Today*, April 2011.

In early March, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made unusually direct comments to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about America's position in the Pacific. "Let's just talk straight real politik. We are in competition with China," she said. All over the Pacific, China is trying to "come in behind us and come in under us." And it is working. Paskal reminds also that China's influence in the island nations of the Pacific is growing dramatically, and the repercussions are global.

Managing and Engaging Rising China by Sujit Dutta in *The Washington Quarterly*, Spring, 2011.

India's relationship with China is at a crossroads, says Dutta. New Delhi has begun to take a firmer position on its vital interests over the past two years with a growing consensus that the earlier policy of appeasement is not working, and that India must insist on reciprocity in dealing with China on core issues, potentially including Taiwan.

Think Again: American Decline by Gideon Rachman in *Foreign Policy*, January/February 2011. The author, a chief foreign-affairs commentator for the *Financial Times*, discusses America's leadership, focusing on the argument that the United States' global power and prestige is steadily declining as of January 2011, and will continue to do so.

Unrest in the Arab World

The President updates the American people on "the international effort that we have led in Libya. What we've done, what we plan to do, and why this matters ..." / **Listen** March 29, '11.

Libya and the Responsibility to Protect by Jayshree Bajoria, *CFR*, March 24, 2011.

President Obama Says the Mission in Libya is Succeeding Weekly address, March 26, 2011.

Statement Regarding Use of Force in Libya Remarks by Harold Hongju Koh, Legal Adviser, *U.S. Dept of State*, March 26, 2011

Current Events in Libya Briefing by Gene Cretz, U.S. Ambassador to Libya, March 25, 2011.

Libya: Unrest and U.S. Policy CRS, March 18, 2011.

Background Briefing on North Atlantic Council Discussion on Libya Briefing by senior U.S. Admin. officials, March 24, 2011.

The Bahrain Crisis and its Regional Dangers by Salman Shaikh, *Brookings Doha Center*, March 23, 2011.

Bahrain: Reform, Security, and U.S. Policy CRS, March 2, 2011.

Egypt's Referendum: Nervous Steps Forward Interview, Steven A. Cook. *CFR*, March 21, 2011.

Letter from President Obama to the U.S. Congress re Commencement of Operations in Libya *White House*, March 21, 2011.

Popular Uprisings in the Middle East: The Implications for U.S. Policy Hearing before the *U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations*, March 17, 2011.

Debate over U.S. Libya Intervention Expert brief by Matthew C. Waxman. *CFR*, March 28, 2011.

Saudi Arabia: Background and U.S. Relations CRS, March 10, 2011.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE): Issues for U.S. Policy CRS, March 10, 2011.

Yemen Protests by Katherine Zimmerman. *Critical Threats Program, AEI*, March 28, 2011.

Yemen: Background and U.S. Relations CRS, March 3, 2011.

Oman: Reform, Security, and U.S. Policy CRS, March 1, 2011.

Morocco: Current Issues CRS, February 23, 2011.

Algeria: Current Issues CRS, February 22, 2011.

No-Fly Zones: Strategic, Op. and Legal Considerations for Congress CRS, March 18', 2011.

Declarations of War and Authorizations for the Use of Military Force: Historical Background and Legal Implications CRS, March 17, 2011.

Middle East Unrest – Brookings / CSIS / Hudson / Heritage / RAND

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

The Focus Now Shifts to 2012 by Charlie Cook in *Washington Quarterly*, Spring, 2011.

It is hardly unusual for the party holding the White House to incur midterm election losses. The only exceptions were in 1998, after the ill-fated attempt to impeach and remove President Clinton from office, and in 2002, the election 14 months after the 9/11 tragedy. But when the majority party of the U.S. House suffers the greatest loss of congressional seats by either party in 62 years, the most in a midterm election in 72 years, plus net losses of six U.S. Senate seats, six governorships, and almost 700 state legislative seats - the largest decline in state legislative seats in more than a half century - obviously something big was going on, says seasoned political watcher Cook.

The Still-Vital Center: Moderates, Democrats, and the Renewal of American Politics by William Galston & Elaine Kamarck in *The Third Way*, February 2011. 41p.

Despite the fact that three consecutive elections in 2006, 2008 and 2010 each resulted in shifts of political control, Americans are no happier with their representation in Congress. The authors argue that political polarization - the loss of moderates from the political and policy process—is the root cause of the current crises in governance and politics. They discuss why a new moderate politics can solve the challenges.

Some extra online resources which may be of interest:

Membership of the 112th Congress: A Profile CRS, March 1, 2011.

Women in the United States Congress: 1917-2011 CRS, February 24, 2011.

Shifting Political Winds: Frustration with Government but Less Anger; More Support Gay Marriage, Abortion Pew Research, March 3, 2011.

List of Selected Federal Programs That Have Similar or Overlapping Objectives, Provide Similar Services, or Are Fragmented Across Government Missions GAO, March 18, 2011. 25p.

Eliminating the Bottlenecks: Streamlining the Nominations Process Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, March 2, 2011.

2010 Records Management Self-Assessment Report National Archives & Records Admin., February 22, 2011. Note: 119p.

The Freedom of Information Act: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability in the Digital Age Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, March 15, 2011.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Catastrophic Preparedness: How Ready is FEMA for the Next Big Disaster? Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, March 17, 2011.

U.S. Tsunami Programs: A Brief Overview CRS, March 14, 2011.

TRADE / ECONOMY

Production Networks and Trade Patterns in East Asia: Regionalization or Globalization? by Prema-chandra Athukorala *Asian Economic Papers*, Winter/Spring 2011. 34p.

Examines the implications of global production sharing for economic integration in East Asia with emphasis on the behavior of trade flows in the wake of the 2008 global financial crisis.

Who Supports Global Economic Engagement? The Sources of Preferences in American Foreign Economic Policy by Helen Miller & Dustin Tingley in *International Organization*, Winter 2011. 32p.

Using international relations theories, the authors examine the impact of different pressures on U.S. foreign economic policy, particularly the foreign trade and aid, since the late 1970s, focusing on two questions: Which domestic groups have supported an internationalist policy in aid and trade? Are the groups that support international engagement through trade the same as those that support foreign economic aid?

Global Rebalancing: The Dangerous Obsession by Uri Dadush in *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Policy Brief 90*, February 2011. 8p.

The author, a senior associate and director of Carnegie International Economics Program, discusses why the obsession with rebalancing stokes currency tensions, and, ominously, contributes to mounting protectionist sentiment. He also argues that it diverts attention from what is really needed—reforms at home.

Some extra online resources which may be of interest:

2011 Trade Policy Agenda and 2010 Annual Report USTR, March 1, 2011.

Dynamics of Economic Well-Being: Poverty, 2004-2006 Census Bureau, March 2011. 32p.

The Congressional Budget Process: A Brief Overview CRS, March 3, 2011.

New York Fed Launches Liberty Street Economics Research Blog News release, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, March 21, 2011. [The blog](#)

Legislative Proposals to Promote Job Creation, Capital Formation, and Market Certainty Hearing before a Subcommittee of the U.S. House Comm. on Financial Services, March 16, 2011.

The Relationship of Monetary Policy and Rising Prices Hearing before a Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, March 17, 2011.

Changing the Federal Reserve's Mandate: An Economic Analysis CRS, February 25, 2011.

Hearing on the Administration's Report to Congress: Reforming America's Housing Finance Market Hearing before the U.S. Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, March 15'11.

Promoting Investment and Protecting Commerce Online: Legitimate Sites v. Parasites, Part I Hearing before a Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, March 14, 2011.

The Cost of Food and Energy Across Consumers by Daniel Carroll. Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, *Economic Trends*, March 14, 2011.

GLOBAL ISSUES

Can Developing Countries Continue to Lead Global Growth? by Otaviano Canuto in *International Economic Bulletin*, January 20, 2011. 2p.

The World Bank Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic Management examines new economic challenges that policy makers in developing countries must confront and how to maintain the economic policies that supported their growth before and during the crisis.

The Rise of the New Global Elite by Chrystia Freeland in *The Atlantic*, January/February 2011. 10p.

Freeland, a global editor-at-large for Reuters, discusses the shrinking middle class and the increasing divide between modern plutocrats and the middle and working classes, focusing on the global economic elites and their reaction to the great financial recession of the early 21st century.

American Profligacy and American Power by Roger Altman & Richard Haass in *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2010. 10p.

The authors discuss the accumulation of significant public debt in the United States and its impact on American power and security.

Liftoff or Cold Shower? The Economy in 2011 by John Makin in *AEI Economic Outlook*, January 2011. 4p.

Makin examines the U.S. economic growth and the prospect of economy in 2011, focusing on the risks that threaten global economic recovery.

EDUCATION

The Elements of Clunk by Ben Yagoda in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 7, 2011. 5p.

Yagoda, a professor of English at University of Delaware, discusses frequent mistakes that college students make when writing for college assignments and provides explanations regarding the grammatical errors found in the passages.

As the Web Goes Mobile, Colleges Fail to Keep Up by Josh Keller in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 28, 2011. 6p.

Discusses the use of mobile communication systems by college students in the United States and its impact on higher education.

In Search of the Perfect Sentence by Janet Tarasovic in *Writer*, March 2011. 8p.

The author, a longtime high school teacher, examines the construction of sentences in literature, focusing on the importance of word choices. Examples from passages written by sports writer Mike Sager and children's book author Cat Weatherill are examined to illustrate her points.

Some educational resources which may be of interest:

The Budget and Policy Proposals of the U.S. Department of Education Hearing before the *U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce*, March 9, 2011. The witness is U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

President Obama Highlights Shared Responsibility in Education Reform *White House*, March 8, 2011 (promotes public-private partnerships).

Online Learning: Virtual Education Goes Mainstream *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, March 25, 2011.

BUSINESS

Innovative Chief Executives U.S. Dept of Energy, Office of Science, February 27, 2011. "Many U.S. Presidents have promoted the "progress of science and the useful arts."

How LinkedIn Will Fire up Your Career by Jesse Hemple in *Fortune*, March 29, 2011.

If you don't have a profile on LinkedIn, you're nowhere, says Hemple. **Twitter**

Made in America: Small Businesses Buck the Offshoring Trend by Brendan Koener, *Wired*, March.

Unless a US company is focused on selling the very cheapest goods, manufacturing at home makes more sense than it has in a generation, argues Koener.

Some business resources which may be of interest:

What's New – Now in *Fast Company*, March. Need-to-know basis...

50 Most Innovative Companies in 2011 in *Fast Company*, March 2011.

MEDIA

State of the News Media 2011 *Pew Research Center*, March 14, 2011.

How the Public Perceives Community Information Systems *Pew Internet & American Life Project*, March 1, 2011. 13p. **Summary**

Retreating from the World by Jodi Enda in *American Journalism Review*, Winter 2010, 14p.

Enda, a Washington-based journalist, discusses the rise of startup news organizations dedicated to covering foreign news in the wake of decreased foreign coverage from traditional U.S. news agencies.

From the Fringe to the Mainstream by Paul Farhi in *American Journalism Review*, Winter 2010. 6p.

Farhi discusses the journalistic ethics surrounding U.S. news coverage of conspiracy theories and sensational allegations by fringe political groups, as well as the role of the internet in popularizing views that may not have gained a widespread audience prior to the 21st century.

Students Scrutinizing Politicians by Molly Klinefelter in *American Journalism Review*, Winter 2010. 2p.

AZ Fact Check is a joint venture of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University, and local news outlets, designed to get journalism students and reporters involved in fact checking statements by politicians.

The Other Information Revolution: Media and Empowerment in Developing Countries by James Deane with Kunda Dixit et al.

Too often, debate on the information society narrows quickly to information and communication technologies (ICTs), the potential of the Internet and worries about the digital divide. But another information revolution has been under way, especially in the South, less debated but equally dynamic, more pervasive and potentially even more far reaching. It concerns the .other. ICTs of radio, television and the press that determine, far more than the Internet, the type of information people get and the raw material they bring to bear in constructing and reconstructing our world.

All Programs Considered by Bill McKibben, *New York Review of Books*, November 11, 2010.

Radio commands large audiences in the United States. The author examines the shows and production values that draw loyal listeners to public radio, highlighting the richly nuanced —This American Life,|| the creation of Ira Glass. The larger news shows of *National Public Radio (NPR)* have become more homogenized and less provocative over the 40 years of NPR's existence, leaving room for more innovative shows. Despite cheaper production technology, the biggest problem in an era of free podcasting is money to fund the innovators.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

You 3.0: The Most Important Evolving Technology by Molly Tamarkin in *Educause Review*, November/December 2010. 10p.

How is technology evolving, and how is this changing the work of people, positions, and processes in higher education? What does this mean for an individual—for you and your use of technology? The author, an associate university librarian for information technology at Duke University, discusses the concept of technological evolution and its impact on people's skill development, career, and social relationships.

Accidental Activists: Using Facebook to Drive Change by Randi Zucherberg in *Journal of International Affairs*, Fall/Winter2010. 4p.

In this exclusive interview, Zuckerberg, head of marketing, politics, current events and nonprofits for Facebook Inc., discusses the use of online social media for fundraising, etc.

Cyberbullying by Jennifer Halliday in *Education Digest*, January 2011. 6p.

The author, a contributor to Teaching Tolerance, discusses bullying and cyberbullying among high school students and ways parents and schools can help stop its effects.

Some online resources which may be of interest:

Improving Our Nation's Cybersecurity through the Public-Private Partnership: A White Paper. Center for Democracy and Technology, March 8, 2011. 26p.

Social Bakers – “heart of Facebook statistics”

Netvibes – “the fastest way to track your real-time web” – create your own dashboard

Hootsuite – “social media dashboard”

Terrorist Use of the Internet: Information Operations in Cyberspace CRS, March 8, 2011.

Working Closer with Women Online Conference, White House Council on Women and Girls, January 31, 2011.

The Freedom of Information Act: Crowd-Sourcing Government Oversight Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, March 17, 2011.

Federal Digital System The U.S. Government Printing Office is unveiling the Federal Digital System (FDsys), which is the next generation of U.S. Government information online, replacing GPO Access.

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY

Mind VS. Machine by Brian Christian in *The Atlantic*, March 2011. 11p.

Artificial intelligence has advanced to the point that computers can very nearly pass for human. What are they telling us about ourselves? The author discusses the Loebner Prize and the Turing test, which compares artificial intelligence with human intelligence to determine which is more human.

Realizing NASA's Potential: Programmatic Challenges in the 21st Century Hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, March 15, 2011.

Winning the Biofuel Future Blog post by U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, March 7, 2011.

An Overview of the Administration's Federal Research and Development Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 Hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, February 17, 2011

THE ARTS & CULTURE

Jazz Appreciation Month - Overview - The Cultural Programs Division at the Bureau of International Information Programs leads the State Department's Jazz Appreciation Month (JAM) efforts this April through its partnership with the Smithsonian's JAM programs. This year marks the 10th Anniversary of JAM, which serves to draw attention to the historical and ongoing significance of Jazz in American culture. JAM is also intended to generate greater interest in what's currently happening in the world of jazz, both in the United States and abroad, by encouraging people from all generations to participate in jazz related events, such as attending jazz concerts, listening to jazz radio or studying jazz music.

- The Smithsonian has created **JAM Flickr Group** for Jazz Appreciation Month: April.
See also:

- **Jazz At Lincoln Center Online Educational Resources**
- **Jazz Born in the U.S., Enjoyed by the World**
- **Jazz at the Smithsonian**
- **Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival - 16th Annual** May 19 - 21, 2011.
The *Mary Lou Williams Women in Jazz Festival* marks its 16th thrilling year with three evenings of star-studded performances featuring the world's top female jazz artists.

NSO 2011-2012 Season Highlights - National Symphony Orchestra Music Director Christoph Eschenbach gives an overview...

Librarians Forever! by Loretta Ghast in *Computers in Libraries*, December 2010. 6p.

The head of Calcasieu Parish Public Library's Collection and Computing Services, examines the impact of technology on the core of library service including organizing, providing access and guiding others in the use of materials.

What to Watch for in 2011 by Daniel Chudnoy in *Computers in Libraries*, January/Feb., 2011. 3p.

The author, an information technology specialist at the Library of Congress' Office of Strategic Initiatives, discusses the popularity of electronic book readers (e-readers) and examines how libraries could offer new technologies and reliable resources in a time of much tighter budgets.

Graphic Arts Galleries at Library of Congress Open on March 18 News release, Library of Congress, March 17, 2011.

Coverage includes cartoons, political drawings, caricatures and comic strips.

Who's Next by Linda Tischler in *Fast Company*, March.

A profile of David van der Leer - Architecture and Urban Studies at the Guggenheim Museum.

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