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This week: Urban challenges

--You've heard about James Robertson, the Detroit factory worker who walks 21 miles during his daily commute, and about the help he's received since his situation became public. What we may be missing, though, is that his long walks [are a symptom of larger problems which aren't limited to just one city.](#)

--GOVERNING magazine offers [a series of articles on gentrification](#) - what it is, several of its many forms, and its effect on the people who are displaced by it.

--We know that the USA's traditional shopping malls have been on the decline for some years; here's [an Australian perspective on that long and painful slide.](#)