

Today's News - January 19, 2007

A reappraisal of Robert Moses. – Seattle's sculpture park is "an affirmation of civilization." – Hume can only hope that Canada will learn from Sweden. – Safdie is "seething with anger and a sense of affront" over what was done to his development plan for Jerusalem. – Meanwhile, you'll "see the soul of a visionary" in a Safdie documentary. – Glancey on the debate of closeness and detachment between architect and critic. – In Minneapolis, "a grand act of urban design and renewal." – A new landmark tower on the horizon for San Diego skyline - maybe. – The first completed step in Lincoln Center redevelopment is a milestone. – Brussels brewery reborn as the city's largest contemporary art center. – L.A. vs. Chicago in 2016: "Give us the Summer Games; Chicago can have the Olympic pie-eating contest." – A dissolvable dress is "a profound artistic statement about how plastics can be made to be kinder to our polluted planet." – A "brilliantly written" tome about Mumbai's delectable Art Deco architecture. – Take a look at (and cast a vote for) finalists in Architecture for Humanity logo competition.

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[Film review: You'll see the soul of a visionary: "Moshe Safdie: The Power of Architecture"...besides being a world-class architect, Safdie has the heart of a socialist and the soul of a pacifist.](#)- Miami Herald

[A fine line: The debate: there is a need for some closeness and much detachment between architect and critic.](#) By [Jonathan Glancey](#)- Guardian (UK)

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[Book review: Understanding art deco architecture in Mumbai! "Bombay Art Deco Architecture – A Visual Journey 1930-1953" brilliantly written by Navin Ramani tells the story...provides contrasting examples of buildings in the city and in Miami...the two can easily be defined as twin-cities.](#)- Afternoon Despatch & Courier (Bombay)

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