

Today's News - Wednesday, October 31, 2007

Not all in Russia are concerned that ecologists win a battle to save Sochi National Park from 2014 Olympics: "One court has passed the judgment, another will recall it." – Zandberg minces no words about Tel Aviv's "bull in a China shop" approach to changing a "carefully designed, one-of-a-kind, precise and fragile" park. – Plans for Philadelphia's Delaware River waterfront "have the potential to put us on an entirely new road to the future" (so why do developers want to meet "away from the press"?). – Big plans for Oslo's harborfront. – For only \$25 million or so, Palm Springs Neutra masterpiece could be yours (and a wow of a slice show by Shulman and Street-Porter). – First, Calatrava took on Barcelona over his altered footbridge; now he takes on Valencia. – On Moneo's Prado: "Subtlety is hard and self-effacement brave in this age of chest-thumping designers." – Adjaye talks about his MCA/Denver adventure. – Hume thinks once Torontonians get over their fear of heights, they'll flock to new 80-story condo tower. – It was back to the drawing board to come up with a "bigger, fancier new plan" for Chicago tower. – Ouroussoff on "Women in Modernism" colloquium at MoMA: "architecture is a profession in which the glass ceiling has yet to be scratched, much less shattered." – An architect who has dedicated his life to architecture and helping Taiwanese appreciate aestheticism. – Mostafavi introduces himself to Harvard: don't expect any sacred cows. – Kent State needs an architecture dean as Fong heads to Toronto. – Call for proposals for education sessions for next year's League of Historic American Theatres conference. – In the list of Top 100 Living Geniuses, Oscar Niemeyer comes in at #9! – It's Halloween, so how could we resist "Why Scotland Has the Best Ghosts."

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[Ecologists Put Sochi 2014 Olympics in Jeopardy: Maikop City Court has upheld the lawsuit...of the International Social and Ecological Union, and invalidated the order of Russia's Natural Resource Ministry that stripped roughly 10,000 hectares of Sochi National Park of the strict protection status...](#) - Kommersant (Russia)

[Perverted preservation: Tel Aviv municipal plans for Gan Yaakov are a far cry from improving its neglected state. They change its layout, destroying the public area's original charm. By Esther Zandberg -- Yaakov Rechter/ Avraham Karavan \(1964\); Lital Szruk-Fabian- Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[Op-Ed: Riverfront Planning: You're Invited! ...the unveiling of a new vision for the Delaware River waterfront...Imagine: a big civic idea that gets people excited about the future, and the role they can play in shaping it. -- Harris Steinberg/PennPraxis- Philadelphia Daily News](#)

[Risky Business: Oslo Redeveloping Harbor: ...2007 Oslo Triennale. "Risk"...encouraged designers to push the envelope...redevelopment of Filipstad, a 74-acre container port, into a neighborhood with 6 million square feet of offices, residences, hotels, and parks. -- Gary Bates/SpaceGroup; Kjetil Thorsen/Snøhetta \[slide show\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Auction of Modernist Landmark Raises Concerns: Richard Neutra's Kaufmann House in Palm Springs...has twice been at the vanguard of new movements in architecture...masterpiece will play a role in a third movement: promoting architecture as a collectible art... -- Julius Shulman; Marmol Radziner + Associates \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[Mud slung at Valencia's damp opera house: Fallout from rain showers at €332m building immerses star architect in acrimony...Valencia's favourite son...now embroiled in ugly row with his home town over the cause of recent flooding to the city's colossal opera house, the Palau de les Arts. -- Santiago Calatrava- Guardian \(UK\)](#)

[The Prado Makes Room to Show Off More Jewels: ...has the remarkable \(for these days\) goal of letting the museum do what a museum is supposed to: show its collection better. The plan is so conservative that it's radical...brick, glass and stone, austere and anonymous architecture, discreet but rich, blending quietly into the neighborhood. -- Rafael Moneo \[slide show\]- New York Times](#)

[David Adjaye's MCA/Denver Opens: Museum of Contemporary Art/Denver...the rising star's first public building in the United States. \[images, audio\]- Architectural Record](#)

[Sky seems to be limit for One Bloor East: In a city afraid of heights, the advent of an 80-storey condo tower can be counted on to set off howls of outrage. Yet if history is any indication, once the screaming has subsided, Torontonians will be lining up to buy units... By Christopher Hume -- Roy Varacalli- Toronto Star](#)

[Design overhaul for proposed S. Wacker tower: ...the bigger, fancier new plan...calling for a 31-story, glass-encased building...would total about 865,000 square feet and cost an estimated \\$325 million to build. -- OWP&P \[images\]- Crain's Chicago Business](#)

[Keeping Houses, Not Building Them: "Women in Modernism"...Despite its image as a bastion of progressivism, architecture is a profession in which the glass ceiling has yet to be scratched, much less shattered. By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Lilly Reich; Eileen Grey; Denise Scott Brown; Gwendolyn Wright; Beverly Willis; Esther McCoy; Elizabeth Mock; Eleanor Raymond/Maria Telkes; Lindy Roy; Annabelle Selldorf; Winka Dubbeldam- New York Times](#)

[A Postmodern Traditionalist: Architect, educator and curator Han Pao-teh has dedicated his life to architecture and helping Taiwanese appreciate aestheticism..."in terms of architectural aesthetics, the best, most expressive form reveals mild but tasteful touches."- Taiwan Review](#)

[A New Dean Designs without Borders: Expect bold ideas from Mohsen Mostafavi](#)

[when he begins his term as dean of the Graduate School of Design \(GSD\)...seeks to create an environment in which there are no sacred cows...](#)- Harvard Magazine

[Kent State architecture dean leaving for Toronto company: Steven Fong...recently formed Khoury Levit Fong with partners Rodolphe el-Khoury and Robert Levit in Toronto.](#)- Beacon Journal (Ohio)

[Call for proposals for education sessions to be presented during the 32nd Annual Conference and Theatre Tour in Atlanta, GA, July 16-19, 2008; deadline: December 31, 2007 \[pdf\]](#)- League of Historic American Theatres

[Top 100 living geniuses: Oscar Niemeyer - #9](#)- Telegraph (UK)

[Why Scotland Has the Best Ghosts: Fake Scotsmen, celebrity hauntings, and a real ghost story...when casting around for haunted castles and houses to visit, I had 300 to choose from. \[slide shows\]](#)- Slate

[Modern Focus on the Patient: Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah, gives form to a parallel shift in medicine that emphasizes the art of healing rather than the mere administration of scientific procedures. -- Anshen+Allen \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



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