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- Rochon finds similarities between MoMA/AFAM and VAG plans: "Bulldozing great architecture in the name of housing great art. That's how low some big public art institutions -- including, most recently, the Vancouver Art Gallery -- have sunk."

- "Changing nothing about Donald Judd's original vision" for 101 Spring Street was "an unprecedented restoration project for ARO."

- "Finding Mies: A talk with Phyllis Lambert on the making of a masterpiece: "Building Seagram..."how she picked Mies (who knew there was a list of 'those who could-but-shouldn't, those who should-but-couldn't, and those who could-and-should'), and the legacy of the CCA."

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- Heritage group flags up Southbank worries; Twentieth Century Society outlines "serious concerns"...said the new glass box proposed under Feilden Clegg Bradley's plan to overhaul the Southbank Centre will end up blocking views of the complex...also criticised the way the plans had been presented to the public, accusing FCB of leaving out "key details." -- BD/Building Design (UK)

- Legacy of the CCA:

- United Nations

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- The Calgary Park That's United Historic Preservationists and Parkour Athletes: ...at 38-year-old, the Brutalist public space is starting to show its age...The city is itching to overhaul Century Gardens Park...Early proposals range from sprucing up the existing park...to completely razing it and building a new park from scratch. -- Calgary Heritage Initiative Society [images] - The Atlantic Cities

- Icons of Glass: The presidential library is an architectural conundrum...if anyone can handle the contradictory impulses and requirements, it is Robert A.M. Stern...George W. Bush Presidential Center speaks of considerable sophistication and an eagerness to please...-- The Architect's Newspaper - Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects; Francis Rattenbury (1912)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

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20 Projects Shortlisted for $1 million Aga Khan Award for Architecture. -- AbCT/Architecture by Collective Terrain; Marc Mimran Architecture; Bernado Bader Architects; Bangkok Project Studio/Boonserm Prempthada; Ateliers Lion Associés/Dagher Hanna & Partners; Peter Rich Architects; 2A+I/A, Ion+, Mario Cucinella; Groupe 3 Architectes; Trace Architecture Office; Shigeru Ban Architects; Salima Naji; Rumah Asuh/Yori Antar; Minakshi Jain; ICHTO East Azerbaijan Office; Studio Tamassociati; WOHA Architects; Mass Design Group; etc. [Images] - Aga Khan Development Network

Call for entries: DC Water Green Infrastructure Challenge: more than $1 million for design and construction of Green Infrastructure projects in the Potomac and Rock Creek drainage areas in the District of Columbia; deadline: October 1 - DC Water/District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

Call for entries: CoD+A Awards: Collaboration of Design + Art: design projects that demonstrate the most successful integration of commissioned art into an interior or architectural space; no fee; deadline: May 31 - The Art Commission

-- COBE + Transform: BIBLIOTEKET / THE LIBRARY, Copenhagen, Denmark
-- Braga, Porto, Cascais, Marco de Canavezes, Lisbon: Portugal is one of the few countries where you can actually see the political development manifest itself in the architecture. -- Álvaro Siza Vieira; Eduardo Souto de Moura

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