

Today's News - September 22, 2006

In Vancouver, they're seeing red over Olympic village "green." -- March of the "clone towns" across the U.K. -- Are there lessons to be learned (or unlearned) in Milton Keynes? -- In Delhi, a crackdown on alterations in Lutyens Bungalow Zone (but will it have teeth?). -- A Q&A with the chief Chinese architect working on Beijing's "Bird's Nest" stadium. -- Kennicott's (mostly) thumbs-up take on Pelli's Orange County concert hall. -- Potsdam's newest theater: a mini-Sydney Opera House or a crumpled hat? (second review is in Germans, but great slide show.) -- A touch of glamour in store for new Philadelphia theater (too bad it has to be in an "anything but glamorous" condo tower). -- Sustainable prefab architecture might have real possibilities. -- Miami headed for a billion-dollar Shaq-attack. -- A California Friendly (trademarked, no less) makeover for L.A.'s Barnsdall Art Park. -- A Fast Company collection of Masters of Design. -- Another view from Venice: the French pavilion (replete with sauna and cute architects) deserves the Golden Lion; U.S. pavilion ties, but disappoints. -- CCA offers an amusing view of life in MIT's "sponge." -- A new book looks at 10 years of public art by a Lebanese artist/architect. -- A post-show review of the V&A's Modernism show. -- When art and artists collide (with a bit of architecture thrown in).

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[Trouble on the village green: Tempers flare as city planners and private developers lock horns over \[Southeast False Creek\] Olympic village..."The first time anyone does a green project, you're going to have brain damage"...](#) -- Paul Merrick; Robert A.M. Stern; Stuart Lyon/Gomberoff Bell Lyon Architects- Vancouver Sun

[March of the clone towns: I had the great misfortune...to pass through Hereford...I wonder what the town councillors thought they were doing when they invited the grim reaper of global capitalism to scythe his way through all the independent businesses of what was once a thriving and distinctive market town.](#)- New Statesman (UK)

[Return to Milton Keynes: It was always supposed to be the town of the future, and now it is to get its very own TV station. So did the Milton Keynes experiment work, after all?-](#) New Statesman (UK)

[Crackdown in the imperial bungalow zone: Indian authorities are now introducing an unprecedented crackdown on residents ruining these architectural gems with illegal modern additions ranging from offices to swimming pools. -- Edwin Lutyens-](#) The Times (UK)

[Architect's story of grand 'Bird's Nest': Q&A with chief architect of China's part of the National Stadium -- Li Xinggang/China Architecture Design and Research Group; Herzog & de Meuron-](#) People's Daily (China)

[Rhapsody in Orange: A New Player Comes to the O.C.: Cesar Pelli's \\$200 Million Concert Hall: ...may not break any architectural ground...captures the energy and brusque pragmatism of art in the age of unsentimental capitalism. By Philip Kennicott-](#) Washington Post

[Long-Awaited Potsdam Theater Finally Opens: But not everyone is convinced yet about Gottfried Böhm's new Hans Otto Theater...reminds some of the Sydney opera house...a pagoda, a lotus flower, a crumpled hat... \[images\]-](#) Deutsche Welle (Germany)

[Ein Idyll der Lustlosigkeit: Gottfried Böhms neuem Hans Otto Theater in Potsdam... \[slide show\]-](#) Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (Germany)

[Show-off showplace: Philadelphia Theater Company's planned new theater is designed so the excitement starts on the street. By Inga Saffron -- KieranTimberlake Associates \[images\]-](#) Philadelphia Inquirer

[These prefab homes come with a view: If we can get past our preconceived notions, sustainable prefab architecture might be a real possibility. -- Werner Aisslinger/Loftcube; Hanse Haus; Todd Saunders/BlueSkyMod \[image, links\]-](#) Canton Repository (Ohio)

[Shaquille O'Neal Forms Real Estate Development Group, Enters Miami Joint Venture: ...\\$1 billion, mixed-use development...in downtown Miami...Metropolitan Miami \(The Met\)... -- RTKL Associates; Nichols Brosch Wurst Wolfe & Associates-](#) CoStar

[Construction Starts on California Friendly Makeover to Transform Barnsdall Art Park into Sustainable, Water Conserving Landscape; Project Recalls Frank Lloyd Wright Vision for Hollyhock House "Great Lawn"-](#) BusinessWire

[Masters of Design: Is design a craft, a tool, or an obsession? Wordsmith: Paula Scher/Pentagram; Mind-Reader: Steve McCallion/Ziba Design; Builder: Clive Wilkinson; Incoming! Fresh faces from the front lines of design: David Adjaye, Jennifer Siegal/Office of Mobile Design, Antenna Design; etc.-](#) Fast Company

[French Pavilion Merits Venice Architecture Prize: If it doesn't win a Golden Lion award, then the judges have no sense of humor...U.S. pavilion "After the Flood"...Sadly, the rebuilding proposals look more like overdevelopment -- glorified high-rise chicken coops instead of exciting new solutions for re-housing displaced people. -- Pierre Bouchain; EYZT-](#) Bloomberg News

[The ultimate New Rez: "Inside the Sponge: Students Take on MIT Simmons Hall" at the Canadian Centre for Architecture \(CCA\)...does not replicate the pompous, technical depictions... Instead...presents the residence from an insider's perspective, provoking a somewhat anomalous response: laughter. -- Steven Holl-](#) McGill Daily (Montreal)

[Urban toys for a city that strives to dream: Nadim Karam's new book traces 10 years of public art projects that began with 'Archaic Procession' in Beirut.-](#) The Daily Star (Lebanon)

[Shaped by Modernism: The buildings we inhabit, the chairs we sit on, and the graphic design that surrounds us have all been influenced by Modernism. Ian Lochhead reflects on](#)

[a recent large-scale London exhibition](#).- Stuff (New Zealand)

[Art Capturing Art Capturing Art Capturing... A sculptor, an architect, a photographer and a writer were involved. Collisions may have been inevitable. By Andrew Blum -- Tadao Ando; Richard Serra; Hiroshi Sugimoto; Jonathan Safran Foer](#)- New York Times

[New Frontiers in Science and Design: ASU Biodesign Institute by Gould Evans and Lord, Aeck & Sargent \(images\)](#)- ArchNewsNow



[-- Rafael Viñoly: HHMI Janelia Farm Research Campus, Ashburn, Virginia](#)

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