## Today's News - April 5, 2006

Are plans for the Arc in Palestine destined to gather nothing but awards and dust? — A look who's designing Yale's \$2 billion building program (more like who isn't designing something?). — Washington, DC's ballpark design called banal. — Hawthome's take on plans for Gehryland in L.A. and Brooklyn in a "post-Jane Jacobs era." — A starchitect triple-bill panel at L.A. Design Week. — In London, Piano's "shard" to get a little sister. — No holds barred in Q&A with Koolhaas. — Getting inside the head of a landscape architect who's changed Oregon (and a lot of other places) forever. — An architect deemed either an eccentric or a creative genius hopes to ensure a place in history. — 17 projects win CNU Charter Awards for urban design. — Denver museum sets opening date - it's on time and on budget (that's refreshing news!). — On view: Sottsass in L.A.: beauty is primary goal. — In Seoul, Korean architects turn a steely eye on everyday objects. — Exhibit in India shows off LOA (that's living organic architecture). — CCA lecture series senses the city on many levels. — Building without a permit? You could get caught with new mapping technology.

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Architect Suisman Designs Palestinian Homeland for Rand Corp.: It's a concept of breathtaking sweep and simplicity, yet it's surprisingly practical... Is the Arc simply a dogooder notion destined to collect dust along with its awards? By James S. Russell-Bloomberg News

Yale Under Construction: In the last ten years...a \$2 billion program of renovations and new buildings. And there's more on the way. — Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg; Gwathmey Siegel; William Rawn Associates; Pelli Clarke Pelli; Venturi, Scott Brown; Payette Associates; Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott; Centerbrook Architects; Herbert S. Newman & Partners; Goody Clancy; Helpern Architects; Charney Architects; Kieran Timberlake Associates; Kallmann, McKinnell & Wood; Canon Design; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Ellerbe Becket; Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge [slide show]- Yale Alumni Magazine

A Banal Bowl: Washington's ballpark plan is no architectural home run...Send the architects...back to the drawing board...insistence on a boldly modern ballpark has backfired, with...emphasis on lightness and transparency...suitable for a garden-variety airport terminal. By Catesby Leigh — HOK Sport; Cooper, Robertson & Partners- Wall Street Journal

Gehryland, USA: Should one architect — even the world's most famous architect — be responsible for all of the buildings in two massive developments? ...In the end, the most fascinating issue is how you sell a megaproject to the public, the city, and the press in the post-Jane Jacobs era. By Christopher Hawthorne-Metropolis Magazine

Frank Gehry Meets His Peers: The architectural superstar recently joined Cesar Pelli and Thom Mayne for an L.A. Design Week panel discussion- BusinessWeek

Shard's little sister wins planning permission: Renzo Piano's 'gem' building for the site between Borough High Street and London Bridge station has been granted planning consent by Southwark Council. [images]- London SE1

"Evil Can also Be Beautiful": Rem Koolhaas talks about Prada and politics, building in autocratic states and the allure of the ugly.- Der Spiegel (Germany)

A designer who changed Portland, and Oregon, forever: The real beauty of a show like this is how much it allows you to get inside the head — and the hand — of a great designer. By Randy Gragg — Lawrence Halprin- The Oregonian

The Visionary: Some people say he's disconnected from reality. Others think he's a creative genius. ...Richmond's maverick architect, Haigh Jamgochian...in the twilight of a career...hopes to ensure a legacy or at least a place in history.- Style Weekly (Virginia)

CNU Announces 2006 Charter Award Honorees: Seventeen Projects Set High Mark for Urban Design and Development- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

Art museum's 'crowning jewel' set to open Oct. 7: ...the building will be done on time and on budget... By Mary Voelz Chandler -- Daniel Libeskind [slide show]- Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

Ettore Sottsass Designs Follow Form, Not Function, in Los Angeles Exhibition: For the designer, beauty is the primary goal, not merely building a better mousetrap- New York Times

Steel going soft: architects show own version of everyday objects: "Architects and Furniture" at Lock Museum in Seoul -- Kim Young-sub; Hwang Doo-jin; Min Hyun-sik; Seung Hyo-sang; Kim Young-jun; Choi Mun-kyu; Kwon Mun-seong [images]- Korea Herald

Breathing easy: Living organic architecture [LOA] is one that is propelled by a passion for nature and natural forms -- Luigi Fiumara; Mistry Architects- Deccan Herald (India)

Sensing the City II Free Lecture Series at Canadian Centre for Architecture starting April 20...will address lighting and fear in public space, city soundscapes, unconventional asphalt, and designing for cold climates. — Tillett Lighting Design; Büro Kiefer; Norman Pressman- Canadian Architect

Aerial Imaging Swoops Low Down: The mapping technology is being used for public safety, but also by officials who don't have to leave the office to see who's building without a permit. Wired News

Northwestern University Ford Motor Company Engineering Design Center: Engineering and design education now cross traditional departmental boundaries in a light-filled, LEED Silver campus building. — Davis Brody Bond [images]- ArchNewsNow

Zaha Hadid Architects: Phaeno Science Center, Wolfsburg, Germany

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