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Today's News - Monday, April 1, 2002

Happy April Fool's Day (in the U.S., anyway). But we're not fooling around...it's a good day to re-visit the home page (click on "Home" above). This week starts with a featured project from Scotland: architect Mark Walker's own residence (you'd never know it's only an hour from Glasgow and Edinburgh - and 25 minutes from some very fine golf courses). We've also added an "ANN News" column to the home page, so you will have instant access to the most recent news stories posted by ArchNewsNow staff. Last, but by no means least, we would like to thank Calori & Vanden-Eynden Design Consultants for the dramatic ArchNewsNow logo and evolving Web site design (check out the C&V-E link at the bottom of the home page).

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Connecticut: Next for Stamford's Harbor: a 40 Acre Development - Do H. Chung & Partners; Culpen & Wood Architects; Thomas Balsey Associates; Redniss & Mead-New York Times

So Where's the Art? In museums around the world, showy architecture is taking precedence over the collections. It doesn't have to be that way. By Nicolai Ouroussoff [images]- Los Angeles Times

Return of the master builder: Joern Utzon stormed off halfway through construction of the Sydney Opera House...Now, at the age of 83, he has agreed to supervise its renovation. Giles Tremlett tracks him down in a remote corner of Spain-Guardian Unlimited (UK)

Opinion: A City Jewel in the Hands of Mr. Cubicle: Where's the sense in turning the magnificent [Tweed Courthouse] into a Xanadu for bureaucrats...with ordinary New Yorkers inevitably kept out...- New York Times

Two ways of 'modernizing' handsome old libraries By Robert Campbell - Schwartz/Silver; Childs Bertman Tseckares-Boston Globe

Japanese Builder Files Bankruptcy: Nissan Construction abandons restructuring plans and applies for protection from creditors. (AP)- Los Angeles Times

POSITIVELY 2ND STREET: Take a walk to PacBell Park for a crash-course in San Francisco cultural history By John King-San Francisco Chronicle

Squaring the circle at Roy Thomson Hall: Sound advice? - Arthur Erickson; Russell Johnson; Thomas Payne- National Post (Canada)

In D.C., Building Booms Again- Washington Post

US architect cancels visit over security concerns - Daniel Libeskind- Jerusalem Post

Who's at Center of Ground Zero? Permanent Elite - Marilyn Taylor/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, among others - The New York Observer

Exhibition Review: "A Force of Nature: The Life and Work of Jens Jensen" - A fine tribute to poet of the prairie- Chicago Tribune

Architect raises churches and schools 'God's way' - Cook & Associates - Deseret News (Utah)

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