

Today's News - May 2, 2006

Security fears and impact on architecture - some solutions are better than others. - A striking new Oregon courthouse brings back the idea of public buildings as a community focal point (security included). - Lessons to be learned from engineering failures: "Devices can be made foolproof, but not damn-fool-proof." - Just what Dubai needs: 29,000 more hotel rooms. - Times Square's version of the Spanish Steps ("on steroids," of course). - Museum news: artful in Connecticut; deft in Akron; austere in Austin; and an historic military prison in Malta to be transformed. - India's new National Institute of Design to be a "distinct and energy-conscious environment for designers of tomorrow." - An architect who's designing for the future by reusing the past (including 747's). - A conversation with architects heading a research-driven practice. - Prefab exhibit arrives in Vancouver with a display of socially-minded architects "turning prefab on its head." - Tributes to Jane Jacobs keep crossing the transom...a select few worth reading (including Kamin and Sorkin).

Editor's note: The ANN calendar has been improved: Recent Additions are listed at the top, and an Events Selection option allows you to view calendar by event category...check it out!

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[Fear Factor: Security in a New Age: Designing in a post 9/11 world has forced architects and planners of public spaces to revisit some basic tenets and beliefs...Concern for security...has undoubtedly had the most direct impact on architecture. By John Hockenberry -- Thom Mayne/Tim Christ/Morphosis; Rogers Marvel Architects; Vishwan Chakrabarti; David Childs/Carl Galioto/SOM; James Carpenter \[images\]- Metropolis Magazine](#)

[Courthouse for 21st century emerges in Eugene: ...a distinctive profile that is meant to bring back the idea of public buildings as a focal point for the community...pays homage to the classical spirit in new forms. -- Thom Mayne/Morphosis- KGW.com \(Oregon\)](#)

[Engineering a Safer, More Beautiful World, One Failure at a Time: For Henry Petroski, failures in design and construction present perfect teaching opportunities.- New York Times](#)

[Dubai to get Dh100b tourism and leisure complex: ...world's longest hotel strip...will feature a cluster of 31 hotels offering more than 29,000 rooms and 100 theatres...- Gulf News](#)

[Opening on Broadway Soon, a New Look for TKTS and Father Duffy Square: ..."New York's Spanish Steps...on steroids." -- Perkins Eastman/William Fellows Architects; John Choi/Tai Ropiha \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[An Artful Impression: New Britain Museum's Expansive New Wing Home To Masterful Spaces: If you would like to see a great case for the counter-trend in museum design, visit the...new Chase Building... By Michael J. Crosbie -- Ann Beha Architects- Hartford Courant \(Connecticut\)](#)

[Deft strokes taking shape: Revamped Akron Art Museum set for initial exhibition next spring..."part of the urban fabric of the city." -- Wolf Prix/Coop Himmelb\(l\)au; Westlake Reed Leskosky \[slide show\]- Akron Beacon Journal \(Ohio\)](#)

[Austere, though still art-friendly: Blanton Museum outwardly foreboding, but inside the spaces work. By David Dillon -- Herzog & De Meuron; Kallmann McKinnell & Wood; Booziotis & Company; KMW; Peter Walker- Dallas Morning News](#)

[Plans for first military prison museum: ...attraction would ensure it is preserved and would also generate funds through which the \[Corradino\] community would benefit. -- Richard Lankesheer, William Scamp, Edward Barry, William Lamb Arrowsmith, Sir Joshua Jebb \(1866\); Heritage Enterprise; Malcolm Borg- Times of Malta](#)

[It'll be a pol \[bylanes\] waltz at new National Institute of Design \(NID\) campus in Gandhinagar: ...a "distinct and energy-conscious environment for designers of tomorrow." -- Sen Kapadia; Suresh Banker- Indian Express \(Mumbai\)](#)

[Securing a Future by Reusing the Past: Inventor, environmentalist, architect -- David Hertz is designing and building post-modern recycled homes for a greener world \[slide show\]- BusinessWeek](#)

[Architecture Research Office \(ARO\): Stephen Cassell and Adam Yarinsky...a model for research-driven architectural practice \[California College of Arts Public Lecture\]- Architecture Radio](#)

["Some Assembly Required": Vancouver Art Gallery Reveals Fabulous Prefab: A quixotic new exhibition...attempts to resurrect this noble architectural socialism...shows the work of a new generation of socially minded architects who are turning prefab on its head.- Globe and Mail \(Canada\)](#)

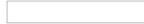
[An Appreciation: Pragmatic, strong-willed Jacobs a champion of the "foot people"...her impact remains immeasurable and promises to outlive her. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune](#)

[Jane Jacobs: Michael Sorkin remembers the foremost urban thinker of our time: She knew the difference between a club and a rapier and always chose the right one to wield in holy war, when to be philosophical and when to leap screaming onto the table.- The Architect's Newspaper \(NYC\)](#)

[Remembering Jane Jacobs: Urban planner Thomas G. Lunke on the life and times of a local luminary.- City Limits \(NYC\)](#)

[Jane Jacobs and New York: ...remembered as one of the greatest advocates of New York City's urbanism...there aren't too many professional planners of all stripes who don't acknowledge in some way her important contributions. By Tom Angotti- Gotham Gazette](#)

[INSIGHT: Public/Private Space & Yonge-Dundas Square: Pubic/private-sector collaboration and a shared vision deliver CPR to a once-blighted square in Toronto. Effie Bouras, Assoc. AIA](#)- ArchNewsNow



[Richard Meier & Partners: Hans Arp Museum, Rolandseck, Germany](#)

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