
Editor's note: Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day (U.S.). The ANN newsletter will return to your mailboxes bright and early on Tuesday.

Acropolis museum plans on hold. -- Relaunching a regeneration project in Kent and reviving a San Francisco landmark. -- There's no there there in Toronto square. -- City parks that make their marks; Muschamp praises Central Park. -- Strip malls reinvented and reused everywhere. -- The "grottiest" street in London. -- Eco houses in Ireland. The Garden State (New Jersey) gets greener. -- A biotech building beginning of downtown boom in Phoenix. -- Architectural stars and duals in the Blue Ridge region. -- Utzon receives his Pritzker. -- Staten Island design awards. Internship survey offers insights. -- Question: Why are amphitheatres elliptical? -- Book reviews and Dragon Boat challenges.

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Obituary: Patrick Gwynne, 90: Architect who made his home an illustration of what modern design could offer- Guardian (UK)

Greek museum plans "thwarted": Greece highest court has ruled against the government's plans on a new museum at the Acropolis - Bernard Tschumi [images]- BBC

£100m Kent development gets relaunched: A tender for architects to create a masterplan for the urban regeneration project was published this week.- Building (UK)

The People's Plaza: Five years in the making, landmark Ferry Building lives again. By Zahid Sardar - SMWM: BCV Architects; Page & Turnbull [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

There's no there there: In the final part of a series on place and placelessness, Lisa Rochon laments that Toronto's new Dundas Square fails on many levels as a public space.- Brown + Storey Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

New Report on City Park Systems Released: Cincinnati, Portland, Minneapolis, and Seattle seem to be getting most of the factors right most of the time.- Environmental News Network

A Garden for All as Private Eden: Central Park, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, is our great urban oasis. By Herbert Muschamp- New York Times

It's a Mall World: Abused yet used -- strip malls endure through sheer utility.- Salt Lake City Weekly

Lime Street tops Liverpool Architecture and Design Trust poll for grottiness- Guardian (UK)

Eco houses - not just for three little pigs- Irish Times (via Archeire.com)

Warming trend: Garden State grows 'greener' with alternative building practices- The Star-Ledger (New Jersey)

Phoenix prepares for TGen building: city hopes... biotech industries expected to migrate to the area to take advantage of its research will help revitalize downtown. - SmithGroup- Arizona Republic

Best and worst architecture of the Blue Ridge Region: Architects evaluate some of the stars and some of its duds. - Blue Ridge Business Journal (Virginia)

King Juan Carlos Gives Pritzker to Jørn Utzon- Art Daily

Appreciating architecture as art: AIA/Staten Island 2003 design awards- Staten Island Advance

2003 Internship & Career Survey- ArchVoices

Query: Why are amphitheatres elliptical?- Nexus Network Journal

Quick reads to a designer home: Architectural books focus on the living, not the look. By Katherine Salant- Inman News

2003 Dragon Boat Challenge June 26: benefit for CRASH, the construction and property industry charity for the homeless- Dragon Festivals

- Tadao Ando: Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, Massachusetts
- Exhibition: "Tadao Ando: Regeneration - Surroundings and Architecture," Tokyo Station Gallery
- Books: "Oscar Niemeyer: A Legend of Modernism" and "Starck by Starck"

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