

Today's News - June 1, 2006

CNU convenes in Providence (modernists welcome - if they behave). – Hawthorne's take on young L.A. architects is mostly positive, but wonders if we're also "training a generation of dilettantes." – Niemeyer doesn't mince words in his "campaign against the specialists." – Eminent domain and chaos in Oregon. – The fate of sacred "viewsheds": who owns the views? – In Ireland, big plans for Cork's center city considered by some to be "grossly out of scale, confused and lacking in conceptual or architectural unity." – For Toronto's Downsview Park, perhaps it's time to start over – with landscape architects this time ("poor Mau" after Koolhaas threw in the towel). – Sadly (and ironically), Manila treasure loses out to a parking lot in the last days of Heritage Month. – Soleri's Sundial Bridge still under clouds. – Airports as the new metropolitan Central Business Districts. – Recycling Philadelphia's Navy Yard: good idea (but a hard-sell for some). – A Kansas county hopes Option B design for stadium will pack some "wow." – A Connecticut memorial is a wall to remember. – Missouri claims first state government building in U.S. to win LEED Platinum. – Predock leaving his mark all around, but not in, Denver.

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[The New Urbanists in Providence: ...Congress for the New Urbanism is being sniped at by modernist design and planning elites. Providence is in their crosshairs, too, so we welcome the CNU to our foxhole...The CNU mustn't let the modernists spin poor Jane Jacobs in her grave. -- Duany Plater-Zyberk \(DPZ\); Reed Kroloff-](#) Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

[Watching L.A.'s Young Architects: Once considered an architectural wasteland, this Southern California city is gaining increased attention due to the newest generation...The danger, to put it a little too bluntly, is that we're training a generation of dilettantes. By Christopher Hawthorne -- George Yu Architects; Escher and GuneWardena; Hernan Diaz Alonso; servo; Gnuform; Lettuce; etc.-](#) Architectural Record

[The Last of the Modernists: Still at work in Rio de Janeiro, Oscar Niemeyer talks about architecture's failings..."I am conducting this campaign against the specialists...I don't respect the guy whose unique talent is to talk about his own profession." \[images\]-](#) Metropolis Magazine

[The Aftermath Of Measure 37: Resisting The National Eminent Domain Backlash: Q&A with Bob Stacey, Executive Director of 1,000 Friends of Oregon...Since the passage of Measure 37, says Stacey, land use practices in Oregon have entered a state of chaos.-](#) PLANetizen

[Owning The Views: Architecture, Consumer Self Restraint and Zoning: Should the fate of sacred "viewsheds" in a community be left up to those who have no regard for them? By Todd Wilkinson -- Remote Studio; Lori Ryker/Brett Nave/Artemis Institute-](#) New West (Montana)

[Plan for key Cork city site is over the top: The scale of a scheme for the centre of Cork is worrying city planners...the principles underlying the design proposal are "grossly out of scale, confused and lacking in conceptual or architectural unity." By Frank McDonald -- Jan Gehl; Ambrose Kelly-](#) Irish Times

[If Downsview Park matters, why has nothing begun? ...there are landscape architects -- Canadian, European, American -- who could turn \[250-hectare\] Downsview into something spectacular. By Christopher Hume -- Bruce Mau; Rem Koolhaas-](#) Toronto Star

[National Artist Juan Nakpil's work being demolished: Avenue Theater latest victim of wrecking ball...going down, ironically, in the last days of May, heritage month, to make way for a parking lot. -- Richard Tuason-Sanchez Bautista/National Commission for Culture and the Arts \(NCCA\)-](#) Philippine Daily Inquirer

[Soleri's public arts Sundial Bridge still not off the ground -- Arcosanti \[image\]-](#) Arizona Republic

[The Rise of the Aerotropolis: ...consists of an airport city core and an outlying area of businesses...the airport itself is undergoing a metamorphosis, taking on many of the commercial functions of a metropolitan Central Business District \(CBD\).-](#) The Next American City

[Recycling a Big Urban Navy Yard: A Philadelphia tract offers a suburban campus feel with city advantages and drawbacks...Conceived by Robert A. M. Stern Architects, the master plan gives shape to this otherwise unwieldy and remote commercial park.-](#) New York Times

[Sedgwick County chooses Option B arena design...from among three designs offered by the Arena Design Consortium..."History will tell us if we have the 'wow' factor, not today" -- HOK Sport; Wilson Darnell Mann; Gossen Livingston; McCluggage Van Sickle & Perry \[slide show\]-](#) Wichita Eagle (Kansas)

[A Wall to Remember: In West Hartford, a Moving Memorial to Fallen Veterans...beautifully expresses this idea of the memorial as a marker in the great circle of life. By Michael J. Crosbie-](#) Hartford Courant (Connecticut)

[State's green building gets award: Department of Natural Resources' new headquarters...the first state government building in the country to get the USGBC's highest-level, or platinum, designation. \(AP\) -- BNIM Architects \(Berkebile Nelson Immenschuh McDowell Architects\)-](#) Kansas City Star

[Predock's projects nearby...has worked his way around Denver. By Mary Voelz Chandler-](#) Rocky Mountain News (Denver)

[So Tall: International High-Rise Prize 2006 Goes to Barcelona's Torre Agbar by Jean Nouvel -- Commendations to: Calatrava; Delugan Meissl Architects; mecanoo architecten; and Riken Yamamoto & Field Shop \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow



[Competition winner: Henning Larsens Tegnestue: Georgian Choreographic Centre, Tbilisi, Georgia](#)

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