

## Today's News - February 6, 2006

ArcSpace offers a sharp look at the Sharp Centre. – International RFQ for Toronto's waterfront development. – Beijing's building frenzy may backfire. – Designing for the GSA now means doing more for less - seen an opportunity, not a burden. – Too good to be true? Proposals for New Jersey waterfront town include a tax-free option for current residents. – A new London housing estate "is an overdue return to modernist ideals...a piece of the Mediterranean that accidentally drifted up the Thames like an iceberg." – Big plans and high hopes (finally) for NYC's Governors Island. – A call for the public to be more demanding about public spaces in India. – A Rudolph masterpiece set to be razed. – An Oubrerie gem saved from the wrecking ball. – Owner vows to rebuild Wright's Wyant House (but those pesky perfectionist preservationists...). – van Schaik is passionate about Melbourne's young and innovative architects. – Adjaye as a modern-day Robin Hood. – A lively report from the TED Conference. – The best design shows are in New York, Boston, and London.

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[Request for Qualifications: International Innovative Design Competition for Toronto's Central Waterfront; RFQ deadline: March 9-](#) Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation

[Beijing's building frenzy may have sting in tail for the dragon: ...\\$US160 billion \(\\$A225 billion\) of building that will add the equivalent of three Manhattans to the skyline by 2008...a lot of stock being developed that will be obsolete before it is completed... – Koolhaas; Pei; Andreu; Herzog & de Meuron; China Architecture Design Institute-](#) The Age (Australia)

[Doing More With Much Less Offers a Creative Opportunity for GSA Designers: It just needs to make sure it hires architects for whom doing more with less is an opportunity, not a burden. By Roger K. Lewis-](#) Washington Post

[Competing Plans to Transform a Town: A developer proposing to create a new waterfront town within Sayreville on polluted land claimed...that the project could eliminate the need for current residents to pay taxes. – Spector Group; V. Paulius & Associates \[image\]-](#) New York Times

[Marbella on the Thames: For its architect, this new housing estate is an overdue return to modernist ideals. For its new inhabitants, \[Donnybrook Quarter\] is a vision of the Med in east London. By Steve Rose – Peter Barber Architects \[image\]-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Sleeping Beauty: Governors Island, a trove of history with unrivaled views, has lain fallow for years. Now here comes the money, and the suitors. \[images\]-](#) New York Times

[Designs and the skyline: ...citizens must be "much more critical and demanding" to ensure better aesthetics and functionality of the built environment they use, according to city architects and urban planners. – Indian Institute of Architects \(IIA\); Partha Ranjan Das; Santosh Ghosh-](#) The Telegraph (India)

[Razing Rudolph: The next "Sarasota school" modern building set to be demolished is one of Paul Rudolph's best-known: Riverview High. – BMK Architects \[images\]-](#) Herald-Tribune (Florida)

[Arrested redevelopment: Architectural gem changes builder's plan...decided not to raze it after learning it is one of the most architecturally significant houses in the United States. – Jose Oubrerie \[image; link\]-](#) Lexington Herald-Leader (Kentucky)

[Owner of Wright-designed Wynant House says he needs help: ...vowed to rebuild but said he isn't counting on getting enough to pay for the six-figure restoration the burned-out home will need.-](#) Post-Tribune (Indiana)

[Kicking against the bricks: Passionate architect Leon van Schaik believes Melbourne is a world leader in urban design...Washed-up academic and shameless self-promoter or architectural genius and passionate supporter of young and innovative Melbourne architects? Depends on who you speak to...-](#) The Age (Australia)

[The joyful world of a modern Robin Hood: Always look - and always learn. That's the philosophy that has turned David Adjaye into one of Britain's hottest architects - and one whose work is marked by a great generosity of spirit.-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Mixing genius, art and goofy gadgets: Technology, Entertainment and Design \(TED\) conference – Gehry; Richard Saul Wurman; Dean Kamen-](#) C/Net

[Marching Orders: To See the Best Design Has to Offer, Aficionados Will Have to Hit the Road: New York, Boston, London. By Linda Hales-](#) Washington Post

[Good Neighbor: Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library: A new library adds to the revitalization of a once riot-torn Los Angeles community. – Hodgetts + Fung Design and Architecture \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow

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