

Today's News - February 15, 2006

A new Baltimore museum celebrates African American history and culture. – Some cheer, some are appalled at U.K. architects' call to boycott Israeli construction industry. – Meanwhile, Brits in "bitter debate" over design priorities in the 21st century. – A look at the unique challenges of restoring Modernist masterpieces. – Gehry on Gretzky, Toronto's missed opportunity to be an architectural hot spot, and his tendency to get a bit "schizy." – St. Petersburg, Russia, passed up Moss for a "low-key and subtle" plan by Foster. – After 30 years, National Cartoon Museum may finally have found a permanent home. – Considering "the conservative Israeli building landscape," one architect's attempt to design outside the box is refreshing. – Eight U.S. communities selected to receive assistance in planning long-term sustainability. – Semifinalists for Great American Main Street Awards, and long list for U.K.'s Gulbenkian Prize announced. – ASLA's National Landscape Architecture Month timed for Olmsted's birthday, Earth Day (and spring - we hope!).

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[Symbol and Celebration: Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture: Modern design, vibrant colors, and symbolic interior elements help create a new cultural destination in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and museum district. -- The Freelon Group/RTKL \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[British architects plan barrier boycott: "We hold all design and construction professionals involved in projects that appropriate land and natural resources from Palestinian territory to be complicit in social, political and economic oppression..." By Esther Zandberg – Architects and Planners for Justice in Palestine \(APJP\); Charles Jencks; Michael Sorkin; Richard Rogers; Abe Hayeem; Eyal Weizman; Rafi Segal; Moshe Safdie; Yitzhak Lir-Ha'aretz \(Israel\)](#)

[Is British design on the right road? Should design be about engineering or beauty? After the surprise departure of the Design Museum's Alice Rawsthorn...long-simmering row about the priorities and cultural status of design in the 21st century is about to boil over-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[The Restoration Era: The recently completed renovations of the Yale Art Gallery \[Louis I. Kahn, 1953\] and Wexner Center \[Eisenman Robertson Architects, 1989\] and the Guggenheim \[Frank Lloyd Wright, 1959\] current facelift bring them into the 21st century while providing an opportunity to revisit landmark moments in architectural history. By Joseph Giovannini, David D'Arcy, Jayne Merkel – Polshek Partnership; Wank Adams Slavin Associates; Arup \[images\]](#)- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

[Gehry says Toronto missed its chance with architecture: "...can't transform itself into an architectural hot spot with just a few high profile building projects..." "There's very little social planning; it seems to be more a world of opportunism and entertainment."](#)- CBC (Canada)

[Gehry on Gretzky: At the Art Gallery of Ontario for a preview of his upcoming exhibition, the Great One of architecture defends the Great One of sport...the AGO project now seems to be well on its way...is not cause for exultation-](#) Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Foster to lead £184m project to transform the ancient heart of St Petersburg: ...development promises to be low-key and subtle. By Jonathan Glancey-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Drawing on a landmark's lure: It's wandered from Connecticut to Westchester County to Florida over the last three decades, but now, it seems, the National Cartoon Museum will finally have a permanent home...in New York's Empire State Building. – Ralph Appelbaum Associates-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Designing outside the box: The development of computer software programs...has produced a new architectural language...that creates buildings with amorphous forms...Haim Dotan...is trying to nurture this field and to study it in the context of construction in Israel-](#) Ha'aretz (Israel)

[AIA Selects Eight Communities for Community Assistance Program to Promote Long-term Sustainability-](#) American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[Eleven Semifinalists Selected for 2006 Great American Main Street Awards: ...will be presented at National Main Streets Conference in New Orleans on June 5-](#) National Trust for Historic Preservation

[2006 Gulbenkian Prize long list of 10 projects announced: £100,000 award given annually to one museum or gallery anywhere in the UK \[links to details\]](#)- Gulbenkian Prize

[ASLA has declared April 2006 as National Landscape Architecture Month: This year's theme will be "Discover Landscape Architecture."](#)- American Society of Landscape Architect (ASLA)

[Feb. '06 Build Business: The Other Side of the Table: An Inside View of the Selection Process. By Stephanie Craft, CPSM](#)

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