

## Today's News - February 10, 2006

Chicago's Trump Tower begins to rise, but it's too soon to tell whether it will be a beauty or a beast. – Mississauga skyscraper competition yields some exiting possibilities, but will it end up opting for "dowdy" and routine? – New government building on Cardiff Bay in Wales is a symbol of "transparent democracy." – Moscow's Melnikov House under siege. – High hopes to light up the Thames for 2012 Olympics. – An assessment of "the legacy of one of the 20th century's greatest creative duos." – Barnes's Haystack School lands on the National Register of Historic Places. – Chicago's big garden show snags some big names. – On view: in Tokyo, Japan's "high priest of heavy concrete style"; in NYC, some of Spain's rising architectural stars.

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[It has emerged: Suddenly, the Trump Tower seems very real -- and even a little terrifying...Beast or beauty? Monster or gentle giant? We'll know better come 2008.](#) By Blair Kamin -- Skidmore, Owings & Merrill- Chicago Tribune

[Design search raises exciting possibilities: Absolute skyscraper competition...is it possible...that the jury will actually give us the Greater Toronto Area's first...icon of global aspiration and big-city cosmopolitan flair? We'll find out in March.](#) By John Bentley Mays -- Zeidler Partnership; rojkind arquitectos; MAD office; Quadrangle Architects- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[The £67m 'living room of Wales': The Senedd's glass-walled symbol of 'transparent democracy'...has impeccable environmental credentials.](#) -- Richard Rogers- icWales

[Family battle over architect's gem: descendants of Konstantin Melnikov, one of Moscow's most famous architects, are locked in a legal fight for control of his house, a Constructivist masterpiece in the heart of the city.](#)- The Scotsman (UK)

[London Eye architect sheds light on plan for Thames: Marks Barfield seeks sponsors for Olympic project to illuminate the banks of the river in central London...hoped to get about 20 architects and artists to design the light patterns.](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Style of the century: Stirling & Gowan set a template for the future course of British architecture. On the partnership's 50th anniversary, James Gowan gives a rare interview as Ellis Woodman assesses the legacy of one of the 20th century's greatest creative duos](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Haystack Mountain School of Crafts...has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.](#) -- Edward Larrabee Barnes (1961)- Bangor Daily News (Maine)

[New "Garden in a City" show snags big design firms to take place in Grant Park May 13 to 21.](#) -- Jacobs/Ryan Associates; Terry Guen Design Associates; Peter Lindsay Schaudt Landscape Architecture; Wolff Landscape Architecture; Hitchcock Design Group; Mariani Landscape- Chicago Tribune

[Kunio Mayekawa's uncompromising concrete creations: Fans and skeptics alike can test their prejudices at Tokyo Station Gallery's current retrospective of...one of Japan's leading postwar architects and a high priest of heavy concrete style.](#)- Daily Yomiuri (Japan)

[A Survey of Spain, Architects' Playground: "On Site: New Architecture in Spain" \[Museum of Modern Art\] feels undercooked, but there is much to see...What's fascinating about Spanish cities is how fertile they have proven as training ground for brilliant architectural talents of their own.](#) By Nicolai Ouroussoff -- Moneo; Miralles/Tagliabue (EMBT); Sanaa; Abalos & Herreros; Rogers; Hadid; Koolhaas; Ruiz-Geli; Ivorra/García; RCR Architects [slide show]- New York Times

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