

Today's News - March 2, 2006

Rogers cuts his ties to group pushing Israeli boycott, but his terse statement doesn't appease everyone. – School design and Libeskind on the Gulf Coast. – Hopes not very high for great architecture for Vancouver Olympics. – Shopping centers playing the role of town centers in Mexico. – New blueprint for San Diego's downtown good for all or design for "a playground for the wealthy?" – A new approach to school design. – Plans for Denver's historic Civic Center are a bit too hush-hush with rumors flying that Libeskind has a scheme (he also suggests demolishing Ponti's museum perimeter wall). – Along with security bollards, anti-sitting devices taking an artful turn. – In Tokyo, "pet architecture is great design" squeezed into the most unlikely corners." – Mansion mania going to new (and grotesque) heights in the U.K. – Tolla and Lignano talk about artifice, salvage, and habitable space. – Classic Eichlers have a new generation of fans. – A small Mackintosh show makes a big statement in Bendigo, Australia.

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[Javits Architect Cuts His Link To Group Pushing Israel Boycott: After coming under fire from local politicians and Jewish leaders \[Richard Rogers\] has rescinded his association with a group of fellow building designers pressing for a boycott of Israel.](#)- New York Sun

[Katrina Update: Mississippi School Design Institute, Libeskind Working in Gulfport](#)- Architectural Record

[Vancouver builds a drab home for the Games: In British Columbia's new generation of sports venues, rising budgets and a risk-management mentality aren't leaving any room for great architecture. By Lisa Rochon -- Stantec Architecture; Kasian Architects; Cannon Design](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Olé! Shopping Malls Sprint to Mexico: Over the last two years, developers have spent at least \\$1.5 billion to build shopping centers in Mexico, and the pace is picking up.](#)- New York Times

[Making Plans: Will downtown \[San Diego\] ever buzz with real creative energy?](#)- San Diego Citybeat

[Getting REAL: the Philadelphia Story: An interview with John Sole and David Schrader on the Redesign of the High Schools in Philadelphia: Integrating Project Project-Based Learning and the Architectural Process -- Schrader Group Architecture](#)- DesignShare

[New plan for Civic Center? ...rumors began flying about a totally different - and very hush-hush - new plan...Someone thought Libeskind might have great ideas for Civic Center, even though he is not a landscape architect, and approached him to come up with ideas.](#)- Denver Post

[Cities find new ways to deter loiterers: Don't even think of sitting here...anti-loitering devices are finding fresh uses in the urban environment...](#) -- Vitetta; Olin Partnership- Philadelphia Inquirer

[Pet project: Parts of Tokyo may be filled with prestigious department stores, but what about the awkward plots between these giants? ...some of the most interesting retail design is squeezed into the most unlikely corners. -- Yoshiharu Tsukamoto; Klein Dytham Architecture](#)- mad.co.uk

[Mansion mania: Rooney's plan for 'Waynesor Castle' upsets local residents: ...trend to knock down old properties has been prompted by a moratorium on green-field residential developments...imposed by Macclesfield Borough Council.](#)- Independent (UK)

[Urban Scan: Lo-Tek...headed by Ada Tolla and Giuseppe Lignano juxtaposes artifice, salvage, and habitable space into formal constructs. \[links to video/audio files\]](#)- Architecture Radio

[A rousing encore for the Eichlers: Futuristic for the '50s, the classic tract houses with their comfortable, open floor plans have attracted a new generation of fans.](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Charles Rennie Mackintosh: Designs for a Modern World: A small exhibition of works by the Scottish designer, but it makes a large statement.](#)- The Age (Australia)

[Green Design as Great Design: The Architecture of Sustainability: A design competition and conference seek to merge technical ingenuity and compelling design. -- Bruder; Gang; Mazria; Timberlake; etc. \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[-- Renzo Piano Building Workshop: Woodruff Arts Center, High Museum of Art, Atlanta](#)
[-- Video: Santiago Calatrava: City of Arts and Sciences, Valencia, Spain](#)

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