

Today's News - September 3, 2003

Yesterday he was the "invisible architect," today he's "quiet": "In a world full of imperial egos, Childs comes across as...a virtuoso of compromise and accommodation." – Libeskind goes on show in Berlin. – A "self-confessed urbanist...has faith in the cultural impact of well-planned public works" in London. – Detroit hopes old buildings will attract new life. – A burst of building in Boston. – UAE construction plans include Lulu Island and "a Disneyland-style fun city." – New Urbanists discuss new urbanism and new worlds. – Lots of pretty words but no pretty pictures of Toronto's Downsview Park - yet. – A department store's architecture surprises and delights: "looks the way British architecture might have done had the visions of sci-fi comic book artists and film set designers of the 1960s been fulfilled." – Old hospital to get a new life as art and design school. – British firms test outsourcing overseas; some say it works. – Mobile homes and prefab gaining with the upwardly mobile.

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