

Today's News - December 1, 2003

ArcSpace takes us to France, New York, and Seattle. – WTC memorial finalists' designs are judged (mostly none too kindly); questions about their feasibility; and future implications of the technology used to "fly through" the designs. – There is much to be learned from an old planned town. – An interview with DOCOMOMO's majordomo. – Prefab housing that is "ruggedly handsome." – To save power, a Chinese city will cut power at least once a week. – Toronto airport ready for take-off (and ready for Christmas shopping season?). – St. Louis museum "issues a provocative challenge to the reigning idea that today's museums have to be spectacular icons." – National Gallery of Victoria sets a global standard. – In Chicago, high-priced no-view space, but lavish architectural details. – The Smithsons: "...post-war masters of architectural hype" and one of "the trendiest design couples in Britain." – Another son of an architect reveals his father's foibles. – New online resource for building green. – Artists explore office life.

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