

## Today's News - December 15, 2003

ArcSpace takes us to France, London, Denmark, and Sweden. – WTC memorial plans: process flawed and not as democratic as it seems; calls to take more time. – Farnsworth House 11th hour save by preservationists. – Some modern landmarks not so lucky in Sydney. – Ouroussoff evaluates Baghdad's architectural heritage (great slide shows). – Plans for Stockton, California, honor Filipino ingenuity and heritage. – Glancey appraises 2003 architectural winners and losers. – An experiment in affordable green housing. – Architecture aids the battle to cure autism. – Big plans for rail yards in Chicago. – Pitching to the public to fund Fourth Grace, and plans for the UK's largest cultural buildings. – Attack of the parking podiums in Chicago. – Quick takes on designs for Trafalgar Square's fourth plinth. – Air museum soars. – Cautionary cultural woes in Philadelphia and Toronto. – Awards are golden in India.

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[Letter to the Editor: Memorial Plan: Flawed Process. By Glenn D. Lowry, director of the Museum of Modern Art](#)- New York Times

[The dust needs to settle at ground zero: Can too much democracy be a bad thing? ...New Yorkers are undergoing their own version of the populism plague as they debate a potential ground zero memorial... By Simon Houpt](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Farnsworth House saved: Last-minute donations rescue Mies masterpiece at auction, final price: \\$7,511,500](#)- Chicago Tribune

[It's enough to make an architect walk the planks: ...award-winning Andrew \(Boy\) Charlton Pool...the latest iconic Sydney building to be altered, to the fury of its architect, Ed Lippmann. But he is in good company. - Glenn Murcutt; Harry Seidler; Bruce Rickard; Ken Woolley; Michael Dysart; Peter Muller](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[In Search of Baghdad: A four-part series by critic Nicolai Ouroussoff on the architectural heritage of the Iraqi capital. \[slide shows\]](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Opinion: Building America: Fernandez Hong Leary Wong \(fhlw\) Pacific Group proposal \[for Stockton, CA\] is a monument to Filipino ingenuity and greatness and a means of empowering Filipinos toward leadership roles in charting America's destiny.](#)- The Manila Times

[Attack of the blobs: A giant splodge in Austria, another one in Birmingham, and a heavenly hotel in the Chilean desert ... Jonathan Glancey appraises 2003-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Could 'Affordable' Housing Be Well-Designed – And Green? ...the rest of the country will be hearing about the Winston-Salem experiment. By Neal Peirce-](#) Washington Post Writers Group

[Center's Design Tries To Aid Autism Battle: Can a building help cure a disease? That's the intention of a unique new research and diagnostic center... By Alex Frangos - Hammel, Green & Abrahamson \(HGA\)](#)- Wall Street Journal

[Housing to rise on CSX yard: South Loop boom goes on with \[\\$500 million\] plans for 1,500 units](#)- Crain's Chicago Business

[£40m help for Fourth Grace: Will Alsop's Cloud design, which helped secure the Capital of Culture title, needs public money if it is to be built in time for 2008. \[image\]](#)- iCLiverpool (UK)

[Futuristic 'HQ' planned for Capital of Culture: part of a £35m scheme to create one of the country's largest cultural buildings. - Gaunt Francis Associates-](#) iCLiverpool (UK)

[Attack of the parking podiums: ...lifeless monoliths effectively cut off any interaction between the sidewalk and the building alongside and above them.](#)- Chicago Tribune

['They inspire either hate or indifference': \[Press\] Reactions to the shortlist for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square](#)- Guardian (UK)

[Lots of Air, And Plenty Of Space: At the National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, Bigger Really Is Better. By Benjamin Forgey - William Hellmuth/Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum \[image\]](#)- Washington Post

[Art deals delaying Calder Museum project: in danger of stalling....the city art barons are already fantasizing about the architectural medley... By Inga Saffron - Tadao Ando; Moshe Safdie; Renzo Piano](#)- Philadelphia Inquirer

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Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Honour for Balkrishna Doshi: Golden Architect Award. Other awards to Rajeev Kathpalia; Stephen Paumier; etc.](#) - Indian Express (Ahmedabad)

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