

Today's News - July 7, 2006

In the midst of World Cup fever, a question arises: What if the world cared about sustainability as much as soccer? – Green slowly sweeping across the U.S. – A summertime web series covering the fundamentals of green building. – The town great architecture isn't saving: "Would Columbus not be a better place today had all that energy gone into a concerted program of creative urban planning?" - Three insightful (and amusing) takes on Koolhaas's Serpentine "cosmic egg" (Pearman even has pix!). – Nine common hospital planning mistakes (#3: Humoring the "squeaky wheel"). – In Nigeria, an architect regales the profession and its lack of fellowship. – An American architect in post-war Afghanistan confronts stark realities and finds solutions. – More than horses are winning at Ascot. – AIA launches podcasts with Predock, Stewart, and more. – Shriveled carrots and sports a new strategy in engineering education. – Weekend diversions: In Melbourne, everyday objects designed by architects. – In Washington, DC, and New York, a photographic chronicle of Alabama's vanishing architecture. – One we couldn't resist: Dutch architect designs a magnetic bed (pace-makers not recommended).

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[On the Ball: What if the world cared about sustainability as much as soccer? ...how we might sex up sustainability to inspire the same passion, and even greater economic impact.](#)- Grist Magazine

[Green Movement Sweeps U.S. Construction Industry: green roofs; the High Line; green Wal-Mart \[audio\]](#)- National Public Radio (NPR)

[Inhabitat launches summer series, Green Building 101, a weekly column covering the fundamentals of green building.](#)- Inhabitat

[Goodbye, Columbus: Modernism failed to save the Indiana town that architecture famously built. ...imagine \[if J. Irwin\] Miller had truly thought outside the glass-and-steel box. By Philip Nobel – Saarinen; Weese; Pelli; Pei; Roche; Meier; Polshek; Gwathmey; Johansen; Venturi; Birkerts; Larrabee Barnes; Warnecke; the Architects Collaborative; SOM \[images\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Mushroom or muffin? Rem Koolhaas's helium-filled "Non-Pavilion" for the Serpentine Gallery in London...it does edge just a bit nearer that old idea of the flying building, the ultra-minimal structure, the featherlight footprint...advance the art and science of architecture. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[A speech bubble for London: ...new Serpentine Pavilion...a folly in Kensington Gardens and, true to form, it is absurd and ambitious, engaging and slightly troubling...it is everything that the Millennium Dome was not: focused, funny, temporary and purposeful. By Edwin Heathcote – Rem Koolhaas; Cecil Balmond/Arup; Thomas Demand](#)- Financial Times (UK)

[21st-century design: The ultra-cool world of Rem Koolhaas: He's the Dutch architect behind the Serpentine 'bubble' and the man responsible for some of the world's most innovative building projects. – Cecil Balmond/Arup](#)- Independent (UK)

[Project pitfalls: Nine common hospital planning mistakes...many of these errors can be averted.](#)- Health Facilities Management

[Architects Urged to Emulate Banks on Partnership: ...architects were their own worst enemies... profession not progressing because of lack of cordial relationship between fellow architects...less privileged architects are abandoned and frustrated...increases quackery because many untrained persons occupy the vacant positions, and the profession dies... – Okey Nduka](#)- This Day (Nigeria)

[An Architect in Kabul: A Columbia University professor brings modern design to postwar Afghanistan. – Frederic Levrat; Zolayka Sherzad \[images\]](#)- Metropolis Magazine

[Architects design a £200m Ascot winner: While everyone else at Royal Ascot was thinking about the form of the horses, a team of architects...were more concerned about whether people could find the toilets. – Dennis Sharp Architects; HOK Sport](#)- Herts Essex News (UK)

[Architecture Finds Its Voice: Introducing AIA Podcasts: Antoine Predock, FAIA: Choreography of Architecture; R.K. Stewart, FAIA: Sustainability and Architecture; and more](#)- American Institute of Architects (AIA)

[New Engineering Education Research Program Quite Sporting: Shriveled carrots soon may be an engineering teaching tool..."Engineering Principles Through Sports, Sports Equipment and Sports Performance"](#)- Newswise

[Shrink it to fit: Australian architects use building principles to make everyday objects...The exhibition espresso < expressway - Denton Corker Marshall's \(DCM\) non-architecture seeks to raise awareness of this tradition.](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Southern Exposures: Past and Present Through the Lens of William Christenberry: Two institutions celebrate a photographer and his subject: Alabama's vanishing architecture. \[images, slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[The Floating Bed: the result of six years of development by Dutch architect Janjaap Ruijsseenaars working with Bakker Magnetics. – Universe Architecture \[images\]](#)- Gizmag (Australia)

[Resort Hotels of the Future: Students' Winning Designs Shine \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

[Reference This: Two views on trends in public and academic libraries – Field Paoli; Chong Partners \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow

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- [-- Exhibition: Poul Kjærholm, Louisiana Museum, Humlebæk, Denmark](#)
 - [-- Competition winner: Rem Koolhaas OMA, Brewery Site, Copenhagen](#)
 - [-- Two Books: Peter Zumthor Thinking Architecture, and Atmospheres](#)

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