

## Today's News - Friday, September 14, 2007

Next up for Dubai: a "jungle" hotel. – Trump trumps the birds with 2 million bucks to build golf resort on conserved coastline north of Aberdeen, Scotland. – Is Beirut ready for a memory museum? – Moving Children's Museum may - or may not - be an answer to fixing a "nowhere" space in Chicago, says Kamin. – Meeting of the Minds Conference explored need for horizontal learning between cities. – Collaboration is the music behind "Singing Ringing Tree." – Also tasting all sorts of flavors in Tutti Frutti competition. – Pentagram makes its mark all over NYC. – Weekend diversions: Hawken's "Blessed Unrest" lets us see old green building debates with "new eyes and new hope." – "Designing for Designers" shows that "buildings should not be only artistic statements or only utilitarian." – San Francisco's Architecture and the City Month launches: Sardar with some neat surprises. – Mayne on his San Francisco Federal Building and architectural optimism. – Eliasson wowing them at SFMOMA. – His dialogue with Thorsen and curators re: Serpentine Pavilion. – London's Open House weekend: a list of smaller, hidden treasures (and not a Gherkin to be found). – On view: "Designing Modern" in Philadelphia, Piranesi and Maurer in NYC, and more. – We couldn't resist: Goofing off is good for us. – Nap spaces and devices: the next corporate office trend?

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[Seven star 'Jungle' hotel tempts developer in Dubai: would feature a two-storey jungle at the top of the 28-storey building – Sybarite Architects \[images\]](#)- Building (UK)

[Wildlife groups dismayed as Donald Trump gets go-ahead to build 'Golfopolis' dream: ...ambition to build the world's greatest golf resort on conserved coastline north of Aberdeen has been recommended for approval on the grounds that the social and economic advantages outweigh the environmental drawbacks.](#)- The Times (UK)

[Is Beirut ready for a memory museum yet? There are great plans for the Barakat Building in Sodeco, and a new scaffolding wrap suggests those plans are finally moving - but the site's future remains uncertain -- Youssef Aftimos \(1924\); Mona Hallak-Daily Star \(Lebanon\)](#)

[Fixing 'nowhere': The Children's Museum has not made an effective case for a move to Daley Bicentennial Plaza, but that doesn't mean Chicago shouldn't seize a chance to improve this subpar space. By Blair Kamin – Krueck & Sexton](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Toyota, U.C. Berkeley College of Environmental Design Come Together to Discuss Transportation, Urban Planning Future: Meeting of the Minds Conference...an intersection of worlds that rarely overlap...Common themes \[included\] need for horizontal learning between cities is critical. -- Urban Age Institute- GreenBiz](#)

[Tubular bells: The Singing Ringing Tree lookout in East Lancashire, designed by Tonkin Liu, would still be a paper project if it weren't for the commitment of a multidisciplinary group of enthusiasts... Without this commitment...the song of Burnley's panopticon might never have been heard. \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Tutti Frutti has room for all sorts: Next week, 26 lucky competition entrants will win the right to design their own home. Architect Will Alsop, one of the contest's expert judges, explains all...-](#) Telegraph (UK)

[Identity Politics: When an arts institution in New York wants to reinvent or reinforce its image, very often the artistic or marketing director's first move is to pick up the phone and call a partner at Pentagram.](#)- New York Sun

[Book review: Blessed Unrest in the Green Building Movement: "Blessed Unrest" by Paul Hawken provides an alternative framework that lets us see the old debates with new eyes and new hope.](#)- Healthy Building Network

[Book review: The Pitfalls of Designing for Designers: "Designing for Designers: Lessons Learned From Schools of Architecture" by Jack L. Nasar, Wolfgang F.E. Preiser, and Thomas Fisher...the point of the book is not to trash prominent architecture buildings and the famous architects who designed them. It is to show that buildings should not be only artistic statements or only utilitarian.](#)- The Chronicle of Higher Education

[Blind date: Four-story facade made of aluminum louvers: ...as part of Architecture and the City Month, participants will encounter many fresh ideas - or at least find arresting interpretations of what we already know or have seen before... By Zahid Sardar -- Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects; Zack/de Vito \[images, links\]](#)- San Francisco Chronicle

[San Francisco Federal Building: Thom Mayne/Morphosis in conversation with Andrew Blum; AIA San Francisco video podcast](#)- AndrewBlum.net

[Olafur Eliasson subverts spectacle: Works in SFMOMA's survey of his career draw visitors out of passivity. By Christopher Knight](#)- Los Angeles Times

[Social whorl: Artist Olafur Eliasson and architect Kjetil Thorsen, designers of this year's spiralling Serpentine Pavilion, discuss their working methods with gallery directors Julia Peyton-Jones and Hans Ulrich Obrist. \[images\]](#)- RIBA Journal (UK)

[Snooping around the capital? Some buildings have attracted celebrity-style crowds on Open House weekend. This year, avoid the queues and search out these smaller,](#)

[hidden treasures...list of places to see and there's not a Gherkin to be found.-- David Chipperfield; Jestico + Whiles; Allies and Morrison; Erno Goldfinger-](#) Guardian (UK)

[Design in Philadelphia: "Designing Modern: 1920 to the Present" at Philadelphia Museum of Art's new Perelman Building; and in New York: "Piranese as Designer" and "Provoking Magic: Lighting of Ingo Maurer" at Cooper-Hewitt-](#) New York Times

[Use time wisely -- by slacking off: Why did hard work at the expense of leisure become an American virtue? ...If the U.S. is to stay strong, we need to goof off more at work, not less. Goofing off is not a waste of time... By Eric Weiner-](#) Los Angeles Times

[Out of the Bedroom and Into the Office: Sleep doesn't have to be the new sex, and workplace productivity really doesn't have to suffer because of tired employees. With napping devices... employees can now combat the post-lunch slump...by taking a comfortable nap... in the office. \[slide show\]-](#) Fast Company

[A Tale of Two Cities: Mixed-use Development in China: New building types and approaches to development leverage the best of international and local talents and practices. By Tim Magill and David Moreno -- 5+DESIGN \[images\]-](#) ArchNewsNow



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