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- More lessons from Beijing: bigger isn't always better. - Some impressive green innovations "will be a hard act to follow."
- New study shows an up-tick in campuses integrating sustainability into operations (but there's still room for improvement).
- NIMBYists moving from their own backyards to become NOPEs (Not On Planet Earth).
- Becker on the sad state of Chicago Place and plans to "de-mall" the mall.
- Saffron on the sad state of selling Philly's skyline to corporate signage.
- Johannesburg moving ahead with J'Town, a Jozi-style development.
- An eyeful of Foster's master plan to turn Moscow's Pushkin Museum into a vibrant cultural quarter.
- How could we resist: UFO museum landing in Roswell (pix to prove it).
- Gunts finds new campus building in Baltimore to be "unusual, unpredictable, exciting."
- Q&A with Nouvel: he wanted to be a sculptor.
- A conversation with Ho-Am Prize winner Kyu Sung Woo.
- A very longggg conversation with David Fisher about changing the Dubai skyline and challenging post-9/11 gloom.
- Kathryn Dean named director of Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design.
- Calls for entries: 30th Annual Interiors Awards. - interPLAY Cleveland Design Competition. - English Heritage on the hunt for Stonehenge architect - again.
- Another we couldn't resist: an eyeful of Neutra's Maxwell House on the move along Sunset Boulevard.

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Book Review: "NeoHooDoo: Art for a Forgotten Faith": Sharpen your pencils - and get ready to do a NeoHooDoo shimmy. This audacious book is a welcome reminder that no term in contemporary architectural design is as taboo as "vernacular spiritual." By Norman Weinstein - ArchNewsNow

The Olympics and urban planning: ...future Olympic hosts like London shouldn't think that bigger is better...Between the heavy-handedness of Beijing's architectural gestures and the white elephant structures in host cities past, future host cities have precious little room for grand design maneuvers. -- Herzog & de Meuron; Koolhaas; HOK Sport; Ben Wood - Guardian (UK)

Beijing's "green Games"? The 2008 Olympics may not have scored a perfect 10 on sustainability, but it has achieved some impressive green innovations - and will be a hard act to follow...and many lessons to be applied to London 2012. By Shaun McCarthy - Building (UK)

Campus Environment 2008 Research Released: America's colleges and universities have made headway in integrating sustainability as a core value in leadership and campus operations practices, but they are falling short in advancing the issue on the academic front... [link to report] - LAND Online / American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

The Social Functions of NIMBYism: Matthew J. Kiefer observes the full flower of NIMBYism today - no longer just satisfied with their backyard, NIMBYs have become NOPEs (Not On Planet Earth). - PLANetizen

Dead Mall Walking: The day the shopping died: Chicago Place has been a problem child ever since its 1990 opening...is in the process of being "de-malled"...the plan...is to turn much of the atrium and common spaces into a hotel. By Lynn Becker [images] - Repeat (Chicago)

Letter-imperfect: Signs of too much sky writing: Once it's OK for any company that leases a few random offices to scribble its name in the sky, every tall building in Philadelphia will be seen as a blank canvas...Companies want our eyeballs, and our architecture may be the last thing we can't avoid looking at. By Inga Saffron [images] - Philadelphia Inquirer

J'Town estate draws a step closer: ...Jozi Style Housing Design competition...J'Town, the winning design by Palace Architects...will consist of 100 to 150 houses...potential to create a "vibrant, integrated community"... [image, links] - City of Johannesburg (South Africa)

Foster + Partners Paints a New Future for Pushkin Museum: The goal of the project is not only to increase exhibition and archive space, but to develop the site into a vibrant cultural quarter. [slide show] - Architectural Record

International UFO Museum and Research Center Has Close Encounter of the CAD Kind in Roswell, New Mexico...later phases might include a 30- to 40-room boutique hotel. -- Ahearn-Schopfer Associates; Cambridge Seven [images] - Architectural Record

MICA building is unusual, unpredictable, exciting: Welcome to the Gateway, a new building for the Maryland Institute College of Art that was designed to keep people guessing...a building that looks like what it is - a beehive of activity for an area that sorely needed it. By Edward Gunts -- RTKL - Baltimore Sun

Portrait of the artist: Jean Nouvel, architect: "I regret not becoming a sculptor - my parents refused to pay for me to study art...I don't mind controversy - I try in my work to criticise the status quo." - Guardian (UK)

A conversation with Kyu Sung Woo...the first architect to win Korea's Ho-Am Prize for the arts...talks about the Asian Culture Complex, as well as his new housing for Harvard...his thoughts on winning one of the most prestigious awards for the arts in his native country. [images, video] - Architectural Record

"We must break the limits of previous generations": The creator of the world's first rotating skyscraper talks about changing the Dubai skyline and challenging post-9/11 gloom. -- David Fisher - Spiked (UK)

Kathryn Dean appointed director of the Graduate School of Architecture & Urban Design at the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis...founding partner of Dean/Wolf Architects... - Washington University School of Architecture (St. Louis)

Call for entries: 30th Annual Interiors Awards: Any interior design project occupied/open for business after January 1, 2007; deadline: September 24 [pdf] - Contract magazine

Call for entries: Project 2008: interPLAY Cleveland Design Competition: design an intergenerational playscape; registration deadline: November 4 - Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Call for entries: English Heritage on the hunt for Stonehenge architect - again; deadline: October 3 - The Architects' Journal

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[Neutra's Maxwell house moves to Angelino Heights from Brentwood: Once it is reassembled, the new owner will restore and sell it. \[slide show\]](#) - Los Angeles Times

[Design by the Bushel: San Francisco design firms work fast to bring Slow Food Nation '08 to the city's front door, August 29 to September 1 \[images\]](#) - ArchNewsNow

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