

Today's News - June 26, 2002

There's an interesting assortment of product stories today. Plastic that melts in water? Now there's a concept well worth investigating for a number of applications besides candy wrappers that litter the highways. And there are other museums in the news this week besides MoMA Queens. And it seems our friendly McMansion builders are broadening their vocabularies - if not their sensibilities - with buzzwords like "solar" and "feng shui" (will wonders never cease?).

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[Call for Papers: Inclusivity - A Challenge for Public Art and Urban Design. Deadline: July 15](#)- AbsoluteArts

[Designs for court add space, grandeur: Committee, mayor nearing final decision...proposed plans for the \\$211 million courthouse - Cannon Design; KBJ Architects; Rink Reynolds Diamond Fisher Wilson; Spillis Candela DMJM with Porphyrios Associates \[images\]](#)- Florida Times-Union

['A marvelous transformation': downtown \[Tacoma\] once defined by crime, neglect and botched opportunities is emerging as a lively hub of education, arts and urban living](#)- The News Tribune (Tacoma, Washington)

[Design contract approved for \\$60 million Science Center of Iowa - Zimmer Gunsul Frasca](#)- Lincoln Journal Star

[Health-care building boom in the Knoxville area](#)- Knoxville News-Sentinel

[Turkish Firm Plans a \\$60 million Seaside Kremlin \[hotel\] for Tourists: ...plans to build a hotel modeled on the White House in Washington \[image\]](#)- The Moscow Times (Russia)

[Say Good-Bye to Plastic: Trash That Melts - Just Add Water](#)- Wired

[Council to Decide Fate of 'Green' Building Plans: Funds Would Remedy 'Sick Building Syndrome'](#)- The Daily Californian

[Building design shapes learning...says a study](#)- BBC

[Out of Turmoil at Boston Museum, Director With Bold Vision - Malcolm Rogers: Sir Norman Foster \[images\]](#)- New York Times

[Cooper-Hewitt Shake-Up and Layoffs Reverberate](#)- New York Times

[Group Objects to Center Plan for the Capitol: A group dedicated to preserving the work of Frederick Law Olmsted...is pressing for changes in the project](#)- New York Times

[How to Design the Perfect Product: Start with Craig Vogel and Jonathan Cagan. Integrate style and technology with a dash of fantasy. Apply to everything from toasters to cars](#)- Fast Company

[The 15 Best Product Designs: Craig Vogel and Jonathan Cagan offer their list of the top-15 best-designed consumer products of the past 100 years. What's on your list?](#)- Fast Company

[From solar electricity to Feng Shui: Home-builders tempt buyers with sun power. 'harmonious' space classes](#)- Inman News

[Exhibition Review: New Trends of Architecture in Europe and Japan 2002 - Stylish installation by young architects from EU, Japan](#)- Daily Yomiuri (Japan)

[Sustainable Showcase: Architects' Own Office by Geoffrey Reid Associates](#)- ArchNewsNow

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