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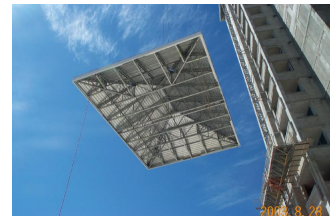
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### Save Time and Improve Jobsite Safety by Rafting

Rafting involves constructing a roof truss assembly on the ground and installing it in a series of prefabricated assemblies.

Assembly on the ground is a fast and safe alternative to handling component members while working on a wide flange beam or walking on a narrow wall plate. Rafting allows bracing, HVAC ductwork and some mechanicals to be installed before the lift occurs.



A Symetrical truss shape, such as TrusSteel, lends itself well to the rafting process. Cascade Mfg Co can provide engineering for rafting your next truss project. Give us a call at 800/942-4685.



### Updated TrusSteel Guide Specs Available

TrusSteel has published revised versions of their product Guide Specifications for architects and specifiers. These specifications are written in the CSI three-part format and are available for download in both Word and pure text versions.

Please click to view and download a copy of these specifications.  
[TrusSteel Guide Spec Sheet-Word Doc](#)

## Look

We are changing the way that we make contact with you. *Steel News & Views* is being changed to an electronic format that will be sent as an email.

Because events that can affect the construction industry are taking place at the speed of your connection to the internet, we want this information to be delivered timely. With email we can keep you abreast of the industry's pulse quickly and concisely.

Information will be available at your schedule. This format will also allow us to make contact with you more frequently.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.

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### How Green do you want to go?

By: Jane Beyers - The Oregonian

Getting greener isn't as difficult as it used to be. These days, simply by choosing a home with energy-efficient appliances and systems, a buyer can contribute to the reduction of smog, acid rain and global warming to the tune of 4,500 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

That's what Energy Star, a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, is designed to [More.....](#)



### Production, Home Building Probably Fell: U.S. Economy Preview

By: Bob Willis

March 15 (Bloomberg) -- The recession gripping the U.S. deepened last month as factories and home builders scaled back even more, economists said before reports this week.

Industrial output fell 1.3 percent in February, according to the median estimate of analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News before Federal Reserve figures tomorrow. Construction began on the fewest houses on record, a March 17 report from the Commerce Department may show. [More....](#)



### Sustainable Design: What Do Europeans Know That We Don't Know (But Should)?

By: Jerry Yudelton, PE, MBA, LEED AP - Building Design and Construction

U.S. and Canadian Building Teams that fail to figure out how to use the kinds of technologies and innovative design approaches already in place in Europe are going to fall behind competitors who do. Although North American green building practices and technology have come a long way in the past 15 years, it's my opinion, based on my research in Western Europe and the United Kingdom for my forthcoming book, *Green Building Trends*: [More....](#)



### Tallest U.S. building to get new name

Reuters

The 110-story Sears Tower, tallest office building in the Western Hemisphere, will be renamed the Willis Tower, global insurance broker Willis Group Holdings said on Thursday. [More....](#)

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