

## Today's News - March 14, 2006

A second look at Mies towers in Newark. -- Is there a common ground where smart growth advocates and libertarians can get along? -- New life for a palatial mosque in Yemen and a landmark in Calcutta. -- L.A. has big plans for a "world-class" park. -- A children's hospital in Austin goes for green. -- A London dance troupe has a building that dances. -- Architects throwing curve balls. -- Creating good design by going off the beaten path and blurring boundaries. -- A new conference in Dubai next year will focus on connections between design, business, and creativity. -- Sonoran Institute honors green and unusual design. -- A designer's own history tapped for Baltimore memorial garden. -- A call for Canadian Modernists to help create an oral history. -- EDITORS NOTE: ArchNewsNow is going on the road. Internet access - and hence the newsletter - may be sporadic until 3/22.

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[Second Look: Pavilion and Colonnade Apartments by Mies van der Rohe, 1960: Current news about "starchitects" designing high-rise housing in New York is at an all-time high, but Mies did it across the Hudson River 46 years ago. By Fred Bernstein \[image\]- ArchNewsNow](#)

[Op-Ed: A Libertarian Smart Growth Agenda: Can't we all just get along? ...both smart growth advocates and libertarians can agree that important elements of American zoning law lead to sprawling, car-dominated cities and suburbs, while limiting development choices and property rights. By Michael Lewyn- PLANetizen](#)

[Out of the sand: It was built in 1504, but abandoned 13 years later and left to crumble. Now, after a huge restoration project, Yemen's Amiriya palace is considered the world's most beautiful mosque. -- Selma al-Radi \[images\]- Observer \(UK\)](#)

[English model for edifice revival: \[Calcutta\] landmark to undergo store makeover: devastated by a fire in 1998...to morph into a 400,000-sq ft riverside retail rendezvous that could enhance the waterfront urbanscape and become an icon and a destination. -- Benoy Architects; Dulal Mukherjee- The Telegraph \(India\)](#)

[State Sowing Seeds for a Future L.A. Landmark: Officials are soliciting design ideas from architects nationwide as they plan a 'world class' park at the Cornfield site near Chinatown.- Los Angeles Times](#)

[Green Hospital Has High Hopes: Dell Children's Center Takes the Health Care Lead in LEED -- Karlsberger Architecture \[images\]- Texas Construction](#)

[The dancing building: Siobhan Davies Dance gets its London base. Can you make a building dance? It is hard to describe what is so good about this building except to say that it is fully alive. By Hugh Pearman -- Sarah Wigglesworth Architects \[images\]- HughPearman.com \(UK\)](#)

[Curveballs Are In Play: After the Bilbao Guggenheim, architects are taking ever wilder trips into the light fantastic. By Richard Lacayo -- Gehry, Jürgen Mayer H.- Time Magazine](#)

[Going Off the Beaten Path for New Design Ideas: When most other design firms were still using the same old focus-group techniques, IDEO invented the unfocus group...the lifeblood of...innovative design work. -- Smart Space \[images\]- New York Times](#)

[The drivers of design: ...talent and vision is being transmuted across all the practices of design... Aside from convergence, another influencing factor is a return of design that is borne out of necessity. -- Antonio Citterio; Jump; Starck; Campana Brothers; etc.- Marketingweb \(South Africa\)](#)

[Industrial and urban design in focus: Dubai will host the first Global Design Forum in the region February 3-5, 2007...will focus on connections between design, business and creativity.- TradeArabia News Service](#)

[Housing honors bestowed on the ecological, unusual: You won't find the typical stick-and-stucco, cookie-cutter houses among the winners of the Sonoran Institute's Building From the Best awards. \[images\]- Arizona Daily Star](#)

[In work of designer Alex Castro, history plays a starring role: ...designer tapped to create the Baltimore Immigration Memorial and Liberty Garden. His own past made him a logical choice. --- Baltimore Sun](#)

[Calling all \[Canadian\] Modernists - The Oral History Project- Canadian Architect](#)

[Competition winner: Toyo Ito: Taichung Metropolitan Opera House, Taichung City, Taiwan](#)

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