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Elsewhere in the world: Views on architecture and culture spring from "Women Who Build," an exhibition in Beirut focusing on Spanish and Lebanese women architects. – A plea to get serious about Toronto's waterfront. – Architecture and the "Wow" factor explored. – Paying attention to fun and funky roadside buildings. – Shipping containers and housing. – Safety of Athens stadium dome called into question. – A cathedral in Cleveland leads the city's "green" movement. – Exhibitions for the weekend: John Hejduk, David Adler, and Venturi-Scott Brown.

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