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Waterfront visions everywhere - from Toronto to Hobart, Edinburgh to Minneapolis. - Big plans for Yankee Stadium 2 are a big let-down: a "watered-down view of history" and a "Las Vegas Solution." - Berlin's newest memorial "not the great work of outdoor sculpture it might have been. It's just big-very big." - Result of recent RFQ for Denver justice center master plan will tell if "destination architecture" (a.k.a. the Bilbao effect) has had its 15 minutes of fame. - Of Freedom Tower, condo conversions, and San Diego's downtown rebound. - Risks and rewards abound in reinventing decommissioned military bases. - Too many streetscapes lined up like so many lollipops. - A Modernist campus that remains one of the most beautiful in the world. - Ando "hurls" his ideas as he takes on a resort in Korea.

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