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Why Tate Modern's extension stacks up: The costs may be spiralling for Tate's £215m pyramid, but I think the result will be worth every penny...And to have a tower dedicated to art rather than another temple dedicated to Mammon will be as much a delight as a relief. By Jonathan Glancey -- Herzog & de Meuron [image, links]: Guardian (UK)

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Foreigners Contribute to Seoul Skyline — a Lot: ...why not hire domestic architects? ...the answer is simple: not enough professionals with experience in high-rise architecture...the merits of working with renowned foreign architects are worth the money...This fixed mind set is troubling local architects as they're stripped of the opportunity of even getting a review of their portfolio. -- Richard Rogers; Daniel Libeskind; Gana Architects - Korea Times

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Prince of Wales to follow up 'carbuncle' architecture speech after 25 years: To deliver the RIBA Trust Annual Lecture on May 12, a quarter of a century after he launched his "carbuncle" "broadside at the architectural elite" (hopes are things will be "more cordial" this time).

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