• ArcSpace brings us a luminous "cake box" of a library in Japan.
• Vietnam is becoming "a hot spot for many Western architects" (though it "does have its drawbacks").
• A look at how several clusters of Chicago suburbs are "defying the scarcity mindset" and flourishing by working creatively across borders to rehabilitate and revitalize communities.
• Can urban vertical farming solve the world's hunger problem, or is it "more of a project for dreamy young architecture students than a practical solution"?
• Rollo finds a "tasty" design in a "fine little building" in an Australian industrial park that is "a joy and a revelation" (and feeds a lot of needy people).
• Mississauga's "bxorn" Absolute tower (a.k.a. the "Marilyn Monroe") puts "curvaceous into condominiums" in the Toronto "burb.
• Kamin comes down hard on plans for Chicago's old post office: it is a "financial fantasy and architectural nightmare" that "seems straight out of Disney," with a sales pitch that is "Barnum & Bailey meets the Mall of America." (ouch!).
• Preservationists in Ridgefield, CT, raise the alarm re: the possible demolition of Philip Johnson's 1956 Schlumberger-Doll Research HQ.
• Hess takes a long look at Lautner's "lengthy struggle with Los Angeles" and explains why we "still can't spell Lautner without L.A." (a great read!).
• First look at the interiors of the Barclays Center basketball arena (part of the controversial Atlantic Yards project in Brooklyn): "We didn't want to overload the arena by making it too glitzy." - On the other hand, high rollers will get their own VIP entrance and, it seems, "critics were nonplussed by the arena's glitzy design."
Students design flood-proof future: Queensland University of Technology (QUT) architecture students have turned their efforts to helping Brisbane recover from the January floods, with some innovative results..."Bouncing Back: Resilient Design for Brisbane" through July 29- Brisbane Times (Australia)

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Iranian Cultural Foundation - Houston Honors Architect Houshang Seyhoun With Endowed Scholarship in his name at the University of Houston - Hines College of Architecture...to student projects inspired by [his] collective works.- PR Web

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