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"You just cannot in this world today customize every single thing": NYC hopes to pare \$432/sf down to \$325/sf in school construction (\$146 is national average). – In Berkeley (and everywhere else), "the threat to existing communities isn't density...or tall new buildings. It's bad new buildings." – A massive initiative for affordable housing across the U.S.; and "public housing unlike anything we're ever likely to see" in Australia. – With Kyoto Principals in mind: environmental education for architects; eco-condos; finding gold in brownfields; and an award for an environmental innovator. – Opinions are split over plans for a monorail in Seattle. – Adventures for the weekend: Muschamp wants to check into the Hudson just to recuperate from exhibition of hotel design in New York; Sydney opens 55 buildings and locations, old and new, for tours; 11 metro stations in Budapest turn into a multi-stop museum detailing the lives of significant architects and the inspiration behind their works; and a trove of Islamic treasures now on view in Hawaii. – and more.

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