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Kansas City cannot be accused of taking a timid step into the future, judging by Moshe Safdie's design for a new performing arts center. Maya Lin didn't want to, but does offer her thoughts about Ground Zero. New York City's bid to be the 2012 Summer Olympic venue isn't on the "back burner" any more. Sydney can look forward to a commercial construction boom. David Chipperfield's library in Des Moines may grow even greener. Peter Max takes on Poughkeepsie. Robert A.M. Stern aims to please preservationists. The BBC is getting new digs, and schedules a series on architecture. Sasaki Associates' winning plan for the Beijing Olympics draws flak from local architectural traditionalists. Landmark loos are protected...and much more.

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