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This month, SMPS looks at staying the course in stormy seas with well-grounded plans for succession. -- While London just got the nod for the 2012 Olympics, "Long live the 2014 New York World's Fair." -- Eminent domain ruling is not an endorsement for good planning. -- The attorney who fought the ruling says it's a wake-up call. -- L.A.'s school building boom not without environmental battles. -- Three architects from three different parts of the world take on disaster zones, the homeless, and the urban poor. -- Pearman surveys Cotswold plans and finds "a fascinating experiment, an attempt to make a leisure Utopia out of water and architecture." -- Big plans to put Auckland Art Gallery on the international art and architecture map. -- Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre in for a major (and much-needed) makeover. -- San Francisco's Presidio under a George Lucas/Lawrence Halprin spell. -- V&A's new magic garden casts its own spell. -- Landscape has Holyrood "causing consternation once again." -- Video landscape as the architect's new building material. -- ULI has a new chairman (er - chairwoman) who has her eye on creative infrastructure.

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