• Belogolovsky’s Q&A with Libeskind is about much, much more than Ground Zero (though brief mention is made, of course).

• Russell likes (most of) what he sees and hears in Safdie's Kaufman Center in Kansas City (especially the "two bulging stainless-steel onions").

• On a sadder note, Safdie is "heartbroken" that his other Kansas City building has not only been left unfinished - it’s going to be demolished (without even talking to him about adapting it to a new tenant's needs - how un-green can you get?!?).

• Greensburg, KS, "breaks rock" to rebuild its Big Well Museum in the shape of a tornado, patterned after the Fibonacci Sequence (great slide show).

• A fascinating debunking of the often-coveted cul-de-sac: "we're now starting to understand about the relative advantages of going back to the way we designed communities a century ago."  

• Washington, DC, may be home to the world's first mixed-use Wal-Mart development (and a few other stores) - is this good or bad? (nice renderings - alas, no architect credited).

• Plans are afoot to turn Scotland's "creepiest building" - a 1966 "masterpiece of radical architecture" (and practically destroyed by vandalism) into a new arts college.

• As Australia faces potential influx of refugees from island nations swept over by rising seas, architects envision "radical plans to settle entire nations on floating cities and artificial islands."

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• Jeanne Gang gets 'vote of confidence' from 2011 MacArthur Fellowship: If [her] rising international profile suggests she doesn't need the funds [$500,000] or cachet of the MacArthur Fellowship, she offers another perspective. The money, she says, can underwrite research that's not funded by clients... By Blair Kamin -- Studio Gang

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• MPIM Asia Awards 2011 recognize 29 winners (multiple kudos to KPF).

• Daily reports from Cersaie 2011 International Exhibition of Ceramic Tile start today (for those of us not in Bologna).

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Irish Architecture Now: 6 Architecture Symposia in the U.S.: ...will showcase their work and discuss issues concerning architecture at leading U.S. architectural schools and institutions beginning September 26. Bucholz McEvoy Architects; Heneghan Peng Architects; McCullough Mulvin Architects; Grafton Architects; O'Donnell + Tuomey Architects; dePaor architects - Irish Architecture Foundation

Call for entries: International Biennial Zumtobel Group Award for Sustainability and Humanity in the Built Environment 2012, curated and organized by Aedes Berlin, in two categories "Built Environment" and "Research and Initiative"; cash prizes; Deadline: December 1 - Zumtobel

Call for entries: Moral Borders: Imperfect Duty: Affordable utopias - the fourth and the last competition for this year's Think Space cycle, devised by Hrvoje Njiric, founder of Zagreb based njiric+ arhitekti; earlybird registration deadline: October 4 - Zagreb Society of Architects / Think Space

Call for entries: 2012 Berkeley Prize International Student Essay Competition: Architecture for the Public Good; open to undergraduate architecture majors in accredited schools of architecture throughout the world; Travel Fellowship Competition and the Architectural Design Fellowship Competition are open to the Essay Competition semifinalists; deadline: November 1 - Berkeley Prize

Call for entries: Paris Market Lab Student Competition for a new restaurant concept that is both restaurant and cooking school; cash prizes; special registration deadline (save money!): November 13 - ArchMedium

-- Arata Isozaki & Anish Kapoor: ARK NOVA, A Tribute to Higashi Nihon, Japan
-- Herzog & de Meuron: Stade Bordeaux Atlantique, Bordeaux, France

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