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A rare treat: (free!) access to Ada Louise Huxtable's take on WTC designs. – Plans are also called valiant but vain. – A plea not to rush the memorial design. – Old vs. new in urban design: architecture as a bridge or just anti-social? – New Urbanism is nowhere near dead. – A national architectural policy for Canada? Not if politicians don't smarten up. – In Washington, DC, an urban planner with substance. – Homebuyers or guinea pigs in the hotly debated Playa Vista development. – Energy issues addressed with programming and solar power. – Putting down Parliament building without even taking a peek. – Punching holes in Holl's "porosity." – The new Winter Garden in Sheffield makes the city's cultural agenda hot. – Will a radical Koolhaas skyscraper for CCTV "signal a new openness for the press" in China? – Up in arms about Soldier Field revamp.

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