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A week(!) of catch-up: Praises and pans of WTC plans continue to roll in. – Edinburgh deals with similar dilemmas after Old Town fire. – Three ecclesiastical buildings lead a Top 10 list. – No cookie-cutter schools for Los Angeles (just watch out for those brownfields). – Cornell decides to keep its top-rated architecture school (why was it ever a question?). – "Erase-atecture" - a sad word to add to our lexicon. – New Urbanism: schlock or smart – "The potential is there...the trend should be encouraged and encouraged to improve." – Gehry raises the bar for contemporary architecture in Washington, DC, and may take on Lisbon.

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Op-Ed: Saintly or Sanctimonious? A Candid Critique Of WTC Reconstruction Proposals: ...they are as ridiculous as the first bunch. By James Howard Kunstler-PLANetizen

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Beyond Mourning, Building Hope on Ground Zero: Of the seven proposals for the WTC site, three stand out for their conceptual sophistication, aesthetic subtlety and social sensitivity. By Mark C. Taylor- New York Times

<u>Design for Living: Could The World Trade Center Become The World Cultural Center?</u>- Village Voice (NYC)

<u>Visions for Ground Zero, but Maybe Not New York's - Diller & Scofidio; Rockwell Group [image]</u>- New York Times

Pride of place: The world's best architects face the challenge of replacing New York's twin towers...- Sydney Morning Herald

Windows on the Void: Why seven new designs are merely fantasies.- Slate

Pies in the Skies: In the end, it is the politicians, not the visionaries, who will control the rebuilding of Ground Zero- Newsweek

Starting over: How do you replace something as old and elegant as Edinburgh's Cowgate? Jonathan Glancey weighs up the proposals- Guardian (UK)

The Year in Architecture: Top 10 List By Herbert Muschamp- New York Times

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Renown Cornell architecture school avoids oblivion- Ithaca Journal

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Commentary: Main Street mirage: Retail complexes mimic quaint urban districts. By John King [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Frank Gehry, Clearing a Path: Corcoran Design Is Already Restructuring the Way Washington Thinks. By Benjamin Forgey - Polshek Partnership; Moshe Safdie; Shalom Baranes; William Bonstra; etc.- Washington Post

Gehry eyeing new project in Lisbon- Los Angeles Times

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