On Monday, the finalists appeared on Oprah's show (we haven't seen them kissing any baby's – yet). – Muschamp muses on reality and the public. – Would either plan be a mistake? – Libeskind had the odds… but then the committee spoke - we'll know the results tomorrow. – Meanwhile, Robert Moses moseys around the West Side - and likes what might be. – In South-Central L.A., "even a minimal dose of creative energy can have some social value." – Urban renewal, downtown living, and co-housing looking up in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. – Not so happy with downtown Warsaw mixed-use plans. – Celebrating equality in Seattle parks. – Starchitects set to play in the snow in Finland next year. – A theatrical home for basketball history. – Dresden museum proves smaller can be better. – Architectural treasures saved in Japan and savored in New York.

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