Today's News - October 7, 2004

Competition open for innovative homes (that will be built). — Time for new urbanists take on suburbanization of cities. — Seattle suburb (as elsewhere) deals with "boomburg" syndrome. — Londonderry (Northern Ireland) wants to turn its urban vision into reality. — Is rezoning in New York squeezing out affordable housing? — Libeskind settles with Silverstein (not as many zero's as he wanted). — Foster making his first mark on Manhattan skyline (more to follow?). — Not-so-kind words for L.A.'s newest bulky hulk of a building (from future L.A. Times critic). — Another step forward for Manhattan's High Line. — Bland California campus plans an artful plaza (at last). — Chicago architecture center inspires Australia. — Shows (and no-shows): Frank Lloyd Wright at NYC's Skyscraper Museum; colorful visions of World's Fair in Chicago; voting machines with a twist at Parsons; show terminated because they partied to hardy at Saarinen's TWA Terminal 5.

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C2C Home: Cradle to Cradle International Housing Design Competition: Winning entries will actually be built on a specific site in Roanoke, Virginia. Registration deadline: November 15; submissions due December 15 - William McDonough/Michael Braungart [links to related sites]- Utne Reader
You call this urban? After years of battles in the suburbs, New Urbanists are realizing that the bigger fight may be against the suburbanization of cities. By Inga Saffron - Congress for New Urbanism; John Norquist; Andres Duany; Alex Marshall - Philadelphia Inquirer
City planners struggle to reinvent Bellevue: Suburb strives for a more livable, less car-based downtown...more than 50 volunteer architects, divided into teams, to help create pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods... - Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Time has come to turn vision to reality: Rick Reinhard...chief executive of ILEX, the agency charged with regenerating Londonderry...talks about why the city will never be another Barcelona...and his plans for Northern Ireland's first business improvement district in the city centre.,- Belfast Telegraph (Ireland)
Rezoning Proposals Squeeze Out Affordable Housing From Both Ends. By Tom Angotti - Gotham Gazette

Silverstein, Libeskind settle fee fight- Crain's New York
Hearst Tower Echoes Trade Center Plan: Of the nine might-have-beens from the 2002 design study for the new World Trade Center, one is actually taking form in microcosm. It isn't by Daniel Libeskind. And it's nowhere near ground zero. — Foster & Partners; Adamson Associates Architects [images]- New York Times
It's a Bird; It's a Plane; It's Modernism! Hulking buildings invade Los Angeles...the Caltrans design suggests is an architect with an avant-garde reputation who...is determined to show that he's neither sold out nor softened with age. By Christopher Hawthorne - Thom Mayne/Morphosis [images]- Slate
City ups High Line funding, names designers - Field Operations; Diller Scofidio + Renfro- Crain's New York
Some See University of California Irvine's Arts Project as Overdue: Bland courtyard will become a high-tech plaza with video and 'whispering benches.' - Maya Lin; Pamela Burton - Los Angeles Times
Centre builds up star qualities: Call it the Bilbao effect: "starchitects" who can single-handedly put cities on the world stage...Enter a new breed of cultural reclaimer: the architecture centre...Chicago Architecture Foundation is the model for Australia's first architecture centre. - Glenn Murcutt; Australian Architecture Association - The Australian

Wright's lofty dreams: Exhibit shows the suburban genius had rarefied hopes for the cities, too; "Frank Lloyd Wright: The Vertical Dimension" at the Skyscraper Museum. By Justin Davidson - NY Newsday
Designers Redefine the Political Machine: "The Voting Booth Project," a show of reimagined voting machines. - Robert A. M. Stern; Milton Glaser; Lewis Tsunemaki Lewis; Michael Bierut/James Biber/Pentagram; David Rockwell; etc. [images]- New York Times
Port Authority Shuts Art Exhibit in Aftermath of Rowdy Party: ...was to have run through Jan. 31 [in] Terminal 5, Eero Saarinen's 1962 landmark building, was home to T.W.A.- New York Times

New York Celebrates 2nd Annual Architecture Week October 4-10!- ArchNewsNow

INSIGHT: Ticking the Right Boxes: In today's quest to add value at all costs, are we not losing sight of the most important aspect of all - the architecture itself? By Austin Williams - ArchNewsNow