EDITOR's note: ANN will be on the road for the next few days...we'll be back Tuesday, Oct. 19 (with lots of catching up to do, no doubt). — Canadian talent on view in London. — Libeskind has no building to call his own at Ground Zero (some feared he'd be a "difficult" partner). — Another report says "he's still ebullient, burbling..." — Then there's his $300,000 piano (that won't fit in his apartment). — Millennium Park sparks a "super-sized neighborhood" in Chicago. — Lincoln Center's been sparking its NYC neighborhood for years. — Mass-produced (but well-designed) housing soon to be a reality? Yes, if Toyota - and a few others - have anything to do with it. — Malta's bombed-out opera house soon to be home to parliament. — L.A.'s Ambassador Hotel loses out to school (coffee shop as teacher's lounge, nightclub as auditorium...not much else left). — Politics threaten Hemingway home in Havana. — Edinburgh's Old Town might get a new design center. — Australia's National Portrait Gallery finally getting enough walls for its portraits. — IDSA conference takes on "Utopian Realities." — Exhibition coming to Tel Aviv surely to raise some hackles (and hopefully some constructive discourse). — "Shrinking Cities" competition has some decidedly daring winners. — Ballpark designer hopes for home run in National Design Awards.

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Exhibition Review: "RED + WHITE: Canadians in Design" at Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London-ArchNewsNow

Gehry Tops Danny: Ground Zero Winner Scores Art Center: Libeskind has no buildings at Ground Zero to call his own...panel members feared Mr. Libeskind would prove to be a "difficult" partner on the project. - Snøhetta/Adamson Associates; Childs/Skidmore Owings & Merrill; Arad; Calatrava, Nouvel; Foster; Maki- New York Observer

Libeskind has a nation's healing in his hands: ...has been baptized, metaphorically, in the hellfire of New York politics and architecture and emerged, well, slightly singed. But he's still ebullient, burbling... — USA Today

Daniel Libeskind has built a grand piano: And it's some piano: More than 19 feet long. Polished black lacquer with titanium inlays. Price: $300,000-plus. — USA Today

Millennium Park Energizes Chicago's East Loop: developers are carving out residences and retail around the destination... "Overnight it went from solely a business center to a super-sized neighborhood."- National Real Estate Investor

Lincoln Center's economic impact: generated more than $1.5 billion in business for the greater metropolitan area in 2003, according to an economic impact study- Crain's New York

Production line technology for housing: The use of automobile technology to influence the design of homes has been a long held dream of modernist architects....The dream is now becoming reality... By Chris Johnson, NSW Government Architect - Gabriel Poole; Michael Mobbs; Ken Latona; Studio Internationale; Penny Collins/Huw Turner; Greg Lynn; Oosterhuis NL [links to images]- On Line Opinion (Australia)

Opera House set to become new Parliament: The old opera house in Valletta, destroyed by enemy bombs during World War II, will finally be rebuilt as the parliament if Cabinet approves the proposal. - Richard England- Times of Malta

Famed Los Angeles Hotel [Ambassador] Will Be Razed for Schools: ...the hotel's facade will be replicated on one of the new school buildings. - Myron Hunt (1921)- New York Times

An Unmoveable Feast of Hemingway History Struggles to Survive: ...in what architects describe as a preservation emergency...An effort to save the finca, an American cultural treasure and an important Cuban tourist attraction, seems threatened by a storm of politics. - New York Times

Design centre could give clear view on city planning: A new centre for design, architecture and urban living could breathe fresh life into a gap site in Edinburgh's Old Town...RIAS has proposed a shared building...- The Scotsman (UK)

Soul of a nation prepares to spread its wings: The National Portrait Gallery has successfully lobbied for a new home... Not a "wow" building, but nice enough, simple and user-friendly.- Sydney Morning Herald

"Utopian Realities": 2004 Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) National Conference, Pasadena, CA, October 27-30- Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA)

Watch this space: "Territories, Live" explores spatial expressions of national, economic and social conflicts. The exhibition comes to Israel next month, will also include lectures and symposia. By Esther Zandberg - Rafi Segal, Stefano Boeri, Anselm Franke, Eyal Weizman: Ha'aretz (Israel)

Winners Announced in Shrinking Cities - Reinventing Urbanism International Ideas Competition 2004- Shrink City Project

Ballpark Designer Vying for M.V.P.:...a nominee for the prestigious architecture category of the National Design Awards...recognizes role in reinventing the modern baseball stadium...- Joseph E. Spear/HOK Sport; Rick Joy; Polshek Partnership; Rafael Viholy- New York Times

-- Lab architecture studio: Soho Shang Du, Beijing