Today's News - October 13, 2004

Gehry wins a piece of Ground Zero (and tears in his eyes), and Snøhetta wins another (we beg to differ with "little-known Norwegian firm" - unless you're an architect living under a rock). – Former fashion designers create a British housing development as a "suburbia with aspirations." – Designing for a good cause: the Robin Hood Library Initiative. – Indianapolis museum picks design team for 100-acre park. – It's a Frank Lloyd Wright kind of day: Tonight's presidential debate in an FLW-designed auditorium originally destined for Iraq; local talent discusses his legacy as FLW conference in Madison, Wisconsin, starts today; and demolition of the Larkin Building in 1949 sparked an era of demolition in Buffalo (but times are changing). – Palm Beach loses a treasure because the "professionals" weren't doing their job. – Prefab house goes on the block - on eBay. – Heery expands its horizons. – Fast Company seeks 2005 Fast 50 movers and shakers. – Another take on San Francisco's "Clamour" show. – Some artful (and bizarre) takes on the unglamorous voting booth on view at Parsons, NYC.

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Gehry Is Selected as Architect of Ground Zero Theater Center: A little-known Norwegian firm, Snøhetta, whose most prominent building is a new library in Alexandria, Egypt, was chosen for the other major cultural building at the World Trade Center site. - Frank Gehry; Snøhetta- New York Times

More mass housing: Red or Dead designers Wayne and Gerardine Hemingway gets to grips with the not-so-archetypal Wimpey home. Staiths South Bank...suburbia with aspirations. Hugh Pearman - Heminwaydesign [images] - HughPearman.com (UK)

Robin Hood L!brary Initiative: A Conversation with Architects Tod Williams and Billie Tsien [images]- Archinect

Indianapolis Museum of Art picks architects for nature park and visitors center: two forums [scheduled] to allow the architects to present their ideas about design and sustainability, and to encourage public discussion about concerns - The Landscape Studio; Marlon Blackwell Architect- Indianapolis Star

Arizona State University lucky find: Auditorium originally planned for Iraqi island...site of tonight's presidential debate - Frank Lloyd Wright- ASU Web Devil

Mr. Wright comes home: group of Madison [Wisconsin] architects and a historic preservationist discuss Wright's lasting impact on Madison. - Linville Architects; KEE Architecture; Erica Fox Gehrig; Renschler Co.- The Capital Times (Wisconsin)

Work of art: Demolition of Larkin Building was key loss for preservation advocates...ushered in a lengthy era of demolition...urban-renewal projects bulldozed whole blocks, and several of the city's most unattractive buildings sprang up -- all in the name of progress. - Frank Lloyd Wright- Buffalo Business First

Razing called town's fault: Preservation Foundation official, landmarks board members chide building department for demolition of Four Winds...."This disaster could have been averted if the professionals had done their job" - Maurice Fatio (1937); Mark Ferguson-Palm Beach Daily News

Interview: Edgar Blazona: eBay auction of the MD280 prototype [prefab] will commence on October 14...All appliances are included. [images]- fabprefab

Edgar Blazona's MD280 on-site at CABoom: A festival of contemporary design, Santa Monica, CA [images]- fabprefab

Heery International Expands into New Markets: acquires HLM Design with offices in Philadelphia, Denver, Orlando and lowa City.- Business Wire

Fast Company seeks 2005 Fast 50 nominations: courageous leaders, energetic innovators, problem solvers and troubleshooters, trend and agenda setters; deadline: December 1- Fast Company

Addressing Glamour: SFMOMA locates the birth of design excess: "Glamour: Fashion, Industrial Design, Architecture"...after each World War, genteel good taste yielded to loud, mass-produced objects...and indulgent architecture -- Versace, Cadillac and Philip Johnson. By Zahid Sardar [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Democracy redecorates: Fresh face for historic Florida voting booths: "Voting Booth Project" at Parsons School of Design (NYC) - Gehry; Stern; Meier; Pentagram; etc.-Toronto Star

Lab architecture studio: Soho Shang Du, Beijing
Exhibition: "Massive Change: The Future of Global Design," Vancouver Art Gallery,
Vancouver BC Canada

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