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Playing the odds for Stirling Prize. — A crisis brewing for Scottish architecture? One opinion: "set-piece "signature" buildings...have had their day." — An exhibition in Edinburgh tells a different story. — Calatrava's Chicago spire inspires the desire for great architecture to trump the fear of terrorism. — A very different take: "a great designer is commoditized, and a great city is caricatured." — The architect's pen as magic wand. —Ground Zero transit hub clips wings and grows a beak. — South Florida (as elsewhere) searches for affordable and workforce housing solutions. — A soaring wing for the Louvre's Islamic art. — New JFK terminal "a billion dollars' worth of antiseptic airport neutrality." — Revisiting 1959 vision for San Francisco - and a good thing it didn't come to pass. — Maltese firm wins in Croatia. — Good news for Herningway's house in Cuba. — Exploring architecture and the brain. — CA Boom II opens its doors in Santa Monica. — European Heritage Days launch in September.

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Stirling prize shortlist unveiled: ...this year's runners are as different from one another as a seaside donkey and a Derby winner...William Hill is, as usual, offering odds. By Jonathan Glancey -- Foster and Partners; Bennetts Associates/Lomax Cassidy and Edwards; Zaha Hadid; Enric Miralles/Benedetta Tagliabue/RMJM; O'Donnell and Tuomey; Alsop Design Ltd- Guardian (UK)

Scotland's modern architecture in crisis? ...set-piece "signature" buildings...have had their day. It won't be the first time that a movement of swaggering architectural modernity has been left looking architecturally - and morally - bankrupt. By Miles Glendinning -- Jencks; Gehry: Miralles [images]- The Scotsman (UK)

10/10 Buildings that made a difference: This year's RIAS Festival Fringe exhibition features ten extraordinary buildings from the last ten years - buildings that have made a difference culturally, environmentally, economically or simply by raising the standards of good design.- Archiseek (Scotland)

Editorial: Rising above fear: Calatrava's proposal reflects several hopeful trends...Most hopeful, however, is the desire for great architecture trumping the fear of terrorism.- USA Today

The Spire: Chicago Lite? Is it possible? Could it happen? Of course it could. Whether it should is another story...a great designer is commoditized, and a great city is caricatured. — Santiago Calatrava [images]- The Slatin Report

When words fail, Calatrava's pen saves the day...lt might as well be a magic wand. By Kevin Nance- Chicago Sun-Times

Approval Expected Today for Trade Center Rail Hub: In the name of security, Santiago Calatrava's bird has grown a beak. Its ribs have doubled in number and its wings have lost their interstices of glass. — STV; DMJM Harris- New York Times

Housing Outside the Bubble: Not just for speculators: South Florida searches for affordable and workforce housing solutions.- The Slatin Report

<u>Louvre Gets \$20 Million for New Islamic Wing -- Mario Bellini/Rudy Ricciotti [images]</u>-New York Times

A soothing [JFK] air terminal, but lacking panache: American Airlines has bought itself a billion dollars' worth of antiseptic airport neutrality. By Justin Davidson – DMJM-NY Newsday

In 1959, the vision for the Bay Area was a place of filled marshes, flattened hills and houses galore: ...if the Bay Area today is guilty of swinging to a protective extreme, this is still a better approach... By John King- San Francisco Chronicle

Maltese architectural firm wins international competition...[for] a 15-floor high commercial building in Split, Croatia. -- Architecture Project [image]- Malta Independent

Thomasville Furniture Agrees to Underwrite Effort of Finca Vigía, Ernest Hemingway's House in Cuba- National Trust for Historic Preservation

Built for the brain: Imagine architects so clued in to the workings of the brain that they are able to design classrooms suited to the various stages of most children's development...A dream ideal? Not really. — Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture- Washington Times

It's showtime: CA Boom II opens a door to contemporary style and invites everyone in...at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium [images]- Los Angeles Times

September 2-3: Launch of this year's European Heritage Days- Council of Europe

Rethinking Form and Function: Swarthmore College Unified Science Center becomes an intellectual and social magnet for an entire campus. — Einhorn Yaffee Prescott; Helfand Architecture [images]- ArchNewsNow

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-- Under construction: Raimund Abraham: JingYa Ocean Entertainment Center, Beijing, China

-- Randall Stout: Art Museum of Western Virginia, Roanoke, Virginia -- Design Hotel: Niall D Brennan & Associates: The Morgan, Dublin, Ireland

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