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A call for Scotland to use more homegrown talent. -- An exhibition in Leipzig reveals that East German architecture has a lot more to offer than urban eyesores. -- Mayne takes Manhattan and gets two thumbs up. -- Not everyone is thrilled with Cloepfil museum addition in Michigan or a corporate HQ in Indianapolis. -- Texas HQ fares better. -- Architects “bare their fangs” and hurl “trash talk” at each other over Kansas City stadium project (how professional). -- Competition jury in India charged with bias (winner doesn’t think it’s so, of course). -- 11 New York deans discuss the state of architectural education. -- One Canadian firm “snaps up” another. -- ASLA student awards announced. -- Another thumbs-up for architecture atlas. -- Everyone needs a laugh: SPA announces shortlist for Gurning Prize (you must vote).

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East German Architecture’s Second Chance: “Two German Architectures”: A new exhibition in Leipzig reveals that East German architecture has a lot more to offer than urban eyesores. So why does it have such a bad reputation? [images] - Deutsche Welle (Germany)

Beauty more than skin deep: A shimmering and transparent $120M design also makes it clear this East Village site will be a standout... new Cooper Union will be clothed like a body in a translucent veil. By Justin Davidson - Mayne/Morphosis - NY Newsday

Cooper Union Engages the Neighborhood: With a shimmering metal facade punctured by the swollen form of an atrium, the design bursts with communal energy. By Nicolai Ouroussoff - Thom Mayne/Morphosis - New York Times

Museum addition viewed: Some leery of plan to increase size, space of University of Michigan Museum of Art - Brad Cloepfil/Allied Works Architecture - Ann Arbor News

Simon designs splendor in the glass: Mall giant’s headquarters plan glitters with angles and lines... hope will deflect criticism of its location: a Downtown Indianapolis park... - Indianapolis Star

On the brighter side: Pier 1’s new digs offer views, sun-filled spaces - Duda/Paine Architects [images] - Star Telegram (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

Arena architect teams bare their fangs: Trash talk aside, other big sports architecture firms did not bother to apply, because they didn’t think they had a chance... - HOK Sport/Ellerbe Becket/360 Architects; Frank Gehry/Crawford Architects - Kansas City Star

Arena’s mission: More than a building: Facility seen as way to boost urban renaissance... AAA Kansas City has been lobbying to create a series of community forums... By Steve Paul - HOK Sport/Ellerbe Becket/360 Architects; Frank Gehry/Crawford Architects - Kansas City Star

Bias charge on jury for botanical garden: The results of the international architecture competition for... project in Noida have sparked off a controversy following charges of alleged favouritism. - Hindustan Times (India)

Deans List: The New York area has a concentration of arguably the most powerful educators in the country. We’ve assembled eleven deans... to ask them about their schools and the state of architectural education. - The Architect’s Newspaper

Stantec to snap up Dunlop Architects - Globe and Mail (Canada)

ASLA Announces 2004 Student Awards [links to projects/images] - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Book Review: “Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture”: The wide world of architecture...great strength lies in its recognition that architecture can also be a less arrogant... By Justin Davidson - NY Newsday

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