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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... It 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 intensities 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

Louvre Gets $20 Million for New Islamic Wing -- Mario Bellini/Rudy Ricciotti [images] - 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

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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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