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» It's happy 50th birthday to the UK's largest architectural practice, **Building Design Partnership**. Not quite first and last, but first, Preston Bus Station, and latest, University of Wales, Newport City Centre Campus, which just collected an RIBA Architecture Award. From its foundation by George Grenfell Baines in 1961, it now employs almost 1,000 people in the UK, of whom 30 per cent are architects.

» Picking up a 10,000 euro prize in the Changing the Face international architectural competition, sponsored by DuPont, was this scheme by **Juan Andres Diaz Parra**. Called *Frozen in Time*, the premise is to cover the outside of Moscow's Pushkinsky Cinema with globular elements that disperse water to create a cooling mist in the summer and this dramatic ice and stalactite coating during the Russian winter.

» Until 16 October, the Barbican's Curve Gallery is hosting an installation by Japanese architect **Junya Ishigami**. He will also speak on the subject of his continuing his exploration of Architecture as Air, which he tackled at last year's Venice Biennale of Architecture, picking up the Golden Lion Award for best project. Above is previous project, *Balloon*, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Tokyo.

» Reimagining a traditional mode of transport using concept car forms, materials and techniques led to this 21st-century sedan chair by **Ana Fonseca**, part design (she hopes it will 'revolutionise the automotive industry!'), but more performance. Fonseca, boarded the the sedan chair before being carried around Lisbon, gathering a crowd as she went, in what she says was an homage to stereotypical car ads.