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Report from first Beijing Architectural Biennial. – A car-free development in Malta. – Workshops work on turning places around. – The 2005 Serpentine Gallery Pavilion promises to be "a wild, thrilling, slightly bonkers idea..." – What the future might hold for Saarinen's TWA terminal. – Deadline nears for Rome Prize applications. – A crusade for shade in Phoenix. – Scotland's architecture on a roll. – Shipping pallets as shelter. – "Guerilla architects" go mainstream. – Pentagram hears a city's heartbeat. – Results of the Great Places to Work survey. – Dream house includes a green roof and zinc-clad silo. – "The Furniture of Frank Gehry" exhibition worth a standing ovation.

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Beijing not a test field of architects [says Paul Andreau at] Beijing Architectural Biennial - Herzog + de Meuron; Rem Koolhaas/Ole Scheeren/OMA [images]- China Daily

Tigne Point: car free day – every day: ...what will arguably be the largest pedestrianised urban area in Malta. - aoM Partnership- Malta Independent

Project for Public Spaces Workshops: "How to Turn a Place Around" and "How to Create Successful Public Markets" on Oct 28-29 in New York City- Project for Public Spaces

The peak of ambition: The Serpentine Gallery is about to have a mountain built over it...It is a wild, thrilling, slightly bonkers idea that promises to make the Pavilion one of the most exciting architectural events of 2005. By Giles Worsley - MVRDV [image]- Telegraph (UK)

Destination Unknown: Eero Saarinen's last work, the TWA Terminal at JFK, will soon enjoy a second, temporary life as a Kunsthalle. And after that—who knows? - Gensler; Beyer Blinder Belle [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Call for Applications: Rome Prize; deadline: November 1- American Academy in Rome

Shadows of progress: Crusade afoot to create shade for the Valley. From local architects to artists, from outdoor workers to bus riders and skin-cancer researchers, there is a growing movement for shade.- Arizona Republic

Designs on Scotland's new look: ...the shortlist for Scotland's building of the year has been announced...has reignited the debate over Scotland's ability to use home-grown talent... - Richard Murphy Architects; Elder and Cannon, Architects; Frank Gehry; Gokay Deveci- The Scotsman (UK)

City top of the blocks for design: Twenty-seven buildings completed in Edinburgh in the past 18 months feature in Prospect magazine's Scottish Architectural Annual - nearly a third of the 86 entries contained in the survey.- The Scotsman (UK)

Shipping pallets become shelter: With the help from two New York-based architects, Ball State University students got a lesson on how to build shelter from pallets. - I-Beam Design [video link]- NewsLink Indiana

Something funny happened to the radical architecture firm of Diller Scofidio + Renfro. The establishment came calling. By Justin Davidson- NY Newsday

Helping Fashion the Face of the City. The Freedom Tower cornerstone, the Seventh Avenue button and more, courtesy of a design studio that hears the city's heartbeat. By Julie Lasky - Pentagram- New York Times

Second Annual Great Places to Work Survey: Top 5 Firms - RNL Design; Exclaim Design; GHT Limited; Turnerbaston Architects; OWP/P- Interiors and Sources (IS)

Landscape masterpiece: The "green" roof is just one of the architectural features that helps the Kanters' house fit in with its surroundings. - Robert Hillier [images]- Philadelphia Inquirer

Exhibition Review: Seating That's Worth A Standing Ovation: Frank Gehry's furniture is almost as iconographic as his architecture. By Linda Hales-Washington Post

Metamorphosis and Transcending Hype: Observations from the Field: The Venice Biennale offers a message of optimism and exuberant anticipation for architecture in a post-9/11 world — for the most part. By Margaret Helfand, FAIA [images]- ArchNewsNow

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