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Vienna is bursting at the seams, but not all are pleased with development plans. Even a "spectacular apartment complex" by Hadid is "famously devoid of tenants." -- Are London's towering supertowers, but will this new spurt of buildings wreck the capital's skyline? By Matthew Weaver -- Foster + Partners; Renzo Piano; Rafael Vinoly; Ian Simpson; Richard Rogers [slide show, links] - Guardian (UK)

Battersea Power Station announces masterplanning team: Buro Happold, Davis Langdon, Battle McCarthy, DP9 and Roger Preston and Partners are among consultants appointed -- Rafael Viñoly - Building (UK)

New £50m+ exhibition space for British Museum: ...Richard Rogers to design a new exhibition and conservation centre. Costing over £50m...an environmentally-sound "green" contemporary building. -- Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners - The Art Newspaper (UK)

Dunfermline Museum & Art Gallery Competition Result Announced: £10 million gallery and museum on a site adjacent to the world's first Carnegie library. -- Richard Murphy Architects [image] - Archiseek (Scotland)

Proposal for Constellation rocks the boat: What would Baltimore's Inner Harbor be without the Constellation? Area residents and visitors may get to find out if a designer's vision becomes reality. By Edward Gurs - Ayers Saint Gross; Olin Partnership; Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd (1964) - Baltimore Sun

Only in L.A! A 'Green' Gas Station and Trash-as-Animals: Interviews by Frances Anderton -- Sharon Johnston/Johnston Marklee Architects; Rick Fedrizzi/USGBC; John Thackara/Doors of Perception [podcast, links] - KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

Q&A: Ken Yeang about his work to combine high rise architecture and environmental awareness. -- Llweleyn Davis Yeang [links to images] - CNN

Finding inspiration both at home and abroad: Eva Jiricna reminiscences about a 40-year career, spanning from Prague to England [images] - The Prague Post

Local developer saves Williges Building -- William L. Steele (1930) - Sioux City Journal

Vote for fave site. (Thanks a million.): It's "American Idol" meets historic preservation Chicago-style. By Blair Kamin - Chicago Tribune

Call for entries: Design in Glass Awards 2007 for excellence in the aesthetic design and installation of glass and mirror in interior and exterior applications (U.S., Canada, Mexico); deadline: October 1 - Glass Association of North America (GANA)

The Silent Radicals: "Lost Vanguard: Soviet Modernist Architecture 1922-32": a touching, sometimes melancholy portrayal of Russia's architectural ferment and the brutality with which it was ultimately suppressed. By Nicolai Ouroussov - Aleksei Shchusev; Moisei Ginsburg; Ivan Zholtovski; Le Corbusier; Konstantin Melnikov; Erich Mendelsohn; Richard Pare [slide show] - New York Times

Castles in the air: A book of photographs by Richard Pare pays tribute to the radical visions of Russian modernist architecture. "The Lost Vanguard": he becomes both poet and mourner, at once celebrating a building's "radical purity" and grieving for its ill fortune. -- Ginsburg; Vesnin; Shchusev; Melnikov; Shukhov [images] - St. Petersburg Times (Russia)

Modern Dilemma: The struggle between honoring historical buildings and embracing the city's future continues at the Opladen Museum of Southern Art. "Regional Modernism": architects and preservationists interviewed in the video are as dimly lit as Mafia informants, and the backgrounds... are positively Soviet in their scintillating qualities. -- Arthur Q. Davis/Curtis and Davis - The Times-Picayune (New Orleans)
Vertical disintegration: Eyal Weizman, the author of "Hollow Land", whose studies of the "architecture of occupation", bringing a refreshingly new perspective, one of the most original books on Israel to appear in years. The book’s prognosis is not uplifting, but the quality of its analysis is truly exciting. - Institute for Middle East Understanding (IMEU)

Living with leisure: Chris Nichols makes his national book debut detailing the work of leisure architect Wayne McAllister, "Googie School". - Pasadena Weekly (California)

Water Walls: Digital Water Pavilion: A building made of water that will flow at Expo Zaragoza in Spain next year. – MIT, carlorattiassociati [images] - ArchNewsNow

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