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Walla Walla, Washington wants new ideas for its historic downtown. – As a South Carolina county prepares for growth, officials band together to end developers’ “bully tactics.” – L.A.’s affordable housing policy faces a showdown with developers. – Civic-design principles should guide Philadelphia’s riverfront development. – New Orleans’s Katrina recovery chief offers “a cool mix of realism and fatalism.” – Montreal’s plan to clean up its red light district has some seeing red. – Battle over Neutra’s Gettysburg Cyclorama heating up. – Plans to turn a tiny Swiss town into a world-class resort (complete with sandy beach). – An architect reimagines an apartment. – Tribute to an architectural idealist. – Dubai to host International Design Forum. – SVA launches Designer as Author podcast series. – 28 win NZIA Resene New Zealand Award. – 38 win ASLA 2007 Professional Awards. – Kurokawa doesn’t win Tokyo election. – SANAA on view in Antwerp.

Call for entries: Walla Walla Market Station Design Competition: ...replace the existing facility, incorporate expanded uses and integrate other potential community amenities in picturesque and historic downtown; cash awards; registration deadline: April 14; late registration/submission: June 1 - Downtown Walla Walla Foundation (Washington)

Tiny towns brace for waves of development: Parts of Jasper County...are expected to change from rural to urban...amounting to at least six major residential projects and an estimated 60,000 new homes...To prepare for the growth, officials...have banded together, putting an end to the bully tactics that developers sometimes use when planning projects. - Charleston Post and Courier

Developer says housing policy is a fixer-upper: Los Angeles’ push to have developers set aside portions of new residential projects for below-market-rate housing is facing a showdown. - Los Angeles Times

Op-Ed: On the riverfront: ...a set of civic-design principles...admonish Philadelphia to take the long view and protect the public good by quelling the crush of pell-mell development that threatens to cut off the Delaware River behind a wall of private development. It’s our time, Philadelphia. Let’s go down this road together. By Harris Steinberg/PennPraxis - Philadelphia Inquirer

Steering New Orleans’s Recovery With a Clinical Eye: New Orleans’s belatedly appointed Hurricane Katrina recovery chief, Edward J. Blakely...a cool mix of realism and fatalism is, to all evidence, guiding him three months into his tenure as the executive director of this city’s Office of Recovery Management. - New York Times

Curring the sin in Montreal’s red-light district: A plan to scrub the peep and porn from the lower Main threatens the city’s identity, some say. - Globe and Mail (Canada)

Battle over Gettysburg projects pits historians, vendors vs. park service: Dion Neutra...He also believes it’s not too late to restore the Cyclorama Building designed by his late father -- master architect Richard Neutra. - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Egyptian tycoon plans alpine oasis: ...transform Andermatt into a luxury resort, complete with a golf course and a pool with its own sandy beach. - BBC News

A Touch of Artistic License: Kevin Kennon reimagines an apartment, which had been used as lawyers’ offices, as a combined living and gallery space. - New York Times

Tribute: Architectural idealist: Modernist Joseph Allen Stein preferred to design public housing and finished his career in India. - San Francisco Chronicle

Moutamariat’s inaugural International Design Forum attracts top global and regional leaders. Dubai, a city that has placed creativity and design at the centre of its transformation, will host the IDF May 27-29 – Hadid; Koolhaas; Bernard Khoury; Hani Rashid/Asymptote; Greg Lynn; etc. - AME Info (United Arab Emirates)

School of Visual Arts MFA Design Department launches a new public resource: Designer as Author Podcast Series – Milton Glaser; Paola Antonelli; Rick Poynor; etc. - School of Visual Arts (SVA)

NZIA Resene New Zealand Award Winners 2007: 28 projects were selected from more than 119 entries - New Zealand Institute of Architects

ASLA Announces 38 Winners of 2007 Professional Awards - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Kurokawa Loses Tokyo Election - Architectural Record

The Antwerp cool: The Belgian fashion metropolis celebrates the architecture duo SANAA...“Kazuyo Sejima & Ryan Nishizawa (SANAA) / Walter Niedermayer” at the “deSingel” cultural center until May 6 - Sign and Sight (Germany)

River Tune: Elbe Philharmonic Hall: The cultural centerpiece of HafenCity, Hamburg...
will be a crystalline ice sculpture atop an earthy warehouse - with beautiful music, luxury living, and a spectacular public plaza high above the River Elbe. – Herzog & de Meuron

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