

Today's News - January 16, 2007

California architects doing good in Darfur. – Loblolly house makes high-tech green building a prefab snap. – Left Coast vs. Right Coast: L.A. architects have more "room to dream" than NYC architects. – Duany takes on critics of new urbanism, avant-gardist architects, and environmentalists. – Becker wonders if Chicago Spire developer is "visionary or delusional" (and offers a sharp exchange with Kamin). – Meanwhile, Kamin passes out grades for new campus architecture: "To icon or not to icon?" (and gives an A+ to Holl in Iowa.) – Old money vs. new Foster tower in NYC: the "plate tectonics of power" are shifting. – Using a "velvet hammer," NYC's planning commissioner scores (mostly) thumbs-up as "the curator of a living, breathing city." – "Disneyfication" 40 years ago meant something very different than it does today. – An architect calls for creativity to transform the Modernist City Hall into a civic center for a contemporary Boston. – Orbitz new Chicago HQ "s not your daddy's workplace." – Experts look at New York City's plans for a new way to play. – Dyckhoff finds hope in AR Emerging Architecture Awards winners in the "unflashy virtues of integrity and respect for the user." – Libeskind on the difference between architecture and theater. – At home with Marc Newson. – Campbell finds de Botton to be "the best introduction to architecture I have ever seen."

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[Andrès Duany, Riverfront Gambler: Planning guru guiding Vancouver's East Fraserlands fends off critics...I'd like to know why the New Urbanists are being tarred \[as agents of\] gentrification... – James Cheng Architects; Hughes Condon Marler- The Tyee \(Vancouver\)](#)

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