Today's News - March 24, 2003

A glistening spa to help with end-of-winter blahs. -- Radio round with Libeskind (in transcript form). -- Where have all the critics gone? (Our show research shows them alive and kicking.) -- Starchitects abound in Beijing, but "the necessity of demolishing all but 5.5 sq km of the 62 sq km within the old city walls is questionable - and so is the ruthless way it is being carried out." -- In London, "one of the best new apartment blocks in Britain, a minor masterpiece... points the way to the kind of compact housing our cities need..." (and where an architecture critic would actually like to live?). -- Praise for Pelli in Minnesota. -- Dublin architects gain global eyes. -- Hopes that Milwaukee will "continue to resist cookie-cutter solutions that would turn interesting old streets into Anywhere USA." -- Santa Fe codes limiting "styles to Pueblo and Territorial has meant 'stagnant' and 'monotonous' districts..." (Isn't that what tourists want?). -- A treasure trove of Frank Furness being restored and reused in Delaware. -- Stucco finally unstuck from Arthur Erickson glass house. -- Library expansion like going to "dinner at the Guggenheims'." -- Examining Utopia: "The paradox is that urban utopians of our generation have had to devote their intellectual energy to undoing the work of the utopians of the past." -- Art Deco delicacies (includes Glancey list of Deco gems around the world).

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