• Good news (hopefully): "serious interest in a smarter coordinated approach to housing, transportation and economic policy is surging within both the Obama Administration and Congress" (many useful/interesting links).
• The bad news: a report on how the economic crisis has architects hurting around the world. - Brisbane is feeling the pinch. - The number of British architects putting in for unemployment benefits has risen an astounding 760% (yikes!).
• Gehry's Beekman Tower in Manhattan might be cut off at the proverbial knees (shades of Foster's Las Vegas adventure?).
• Saffron is happy to see "the last of Philadelphia's resistance to glass" is "reflected in the sheen of its skyline" (now if they could only get the street level right).
• Heathcote visits Tully Hall likes what he sees - for the most part: it's "a vast improvement on what was there but it is not perfect."

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