MIT vs. Princeton: "...it isn't the cost that is stirring controversy; it is the architecture." MIT calls Princeton's approach "silly" and "stultifying." -- A bridge by Gehry in the UK "is something of national significance;" so is a museum in Toronto - with the caveat "The determination to pull down a brand-new building [Barton Myers's AGO] to give the new stars room to move is sufficiently arrogant..." (By the way - Gehry's also designing for Princeton). -- Dublin's center city to be "a vibrant social and retail centre once again." -- San Francisco's Old Mint will be something new. -- Warning against "monoculture" design guidelines in Australia. -- In Denver, residential rezoning of new home sizes will "reduce opportunities for creative architecture" (since when did a 3,000-sf house - as opposed to a 4,000-sf house - become an uncreative challenge, we wonder...McMansion, anyone?). -- New York ponders retired cruise ships as homeless shelters (we hear Bermuda is nice this time of year). -- Large medical projects on both sides of the Atlantic. -- Kooky furniture in Melbourne. -- An architect is disappointed that his luxurious ($2.9 million) public toilet is causing problems. -- Awards season everywhere. -- New Haven a haven for architects (scroll down page to reach article)...and more.

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