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TODs are the new frontier in urban development. -- One Connecticut town is a poster child for the trend. -- The graying of American suburbs. -- Three architects put Cleveland into "global competition among cities for survival and supremacy." -- BAM's neighborhood redevelopment may have hit some snags, but moves ahead. -- Politics and culture bedevil projects in Jerusalem and some of Foster's projects in Russia. -- U.S. Congress tackles global warming in its own backyard (we can hope, anyway). -- Deal to relocate Rudolph house collapses. -- Canada's other "crystal" wraps a historic building in glass. -- Kennicott on the meanings of memorials. -- Toronto's Luminato disappoints Hume. -- Another take is a big thumbs-up - with ROM crystal giving the most impressive performance. -- A call for public comments on design proposals for Governors Island, "The Park at the Center of the World." -- Quebec Order of Architects names 14 winners of the 2007 Architecture Awards of Excellence. -- One we couldn't resist: RPI grads grow mushrooms (under their beds) for new sustainable insulation.

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