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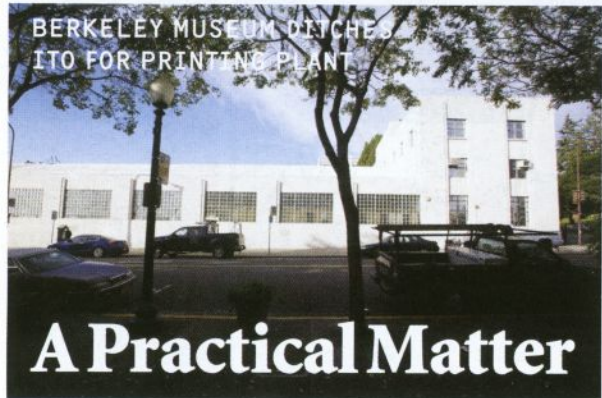
After four years in the works, a proposed residential tower next to San Francisco's iconic Transamerica Pyramid is getting the runaround from the planning commission. The project, designed by local firm Heller Manus, has been on the docket

twice—and the architects hope the third time, in March, will be the charm. The 38-story highrise is proposed for 555 Washington, on the same block as the Pyramid, in the city's Financial District. The **continued on page 9**



DOWNSTOWN GETS UP

Opened in the mid-1950s, the 700-unit Jordan Downs public housing complex in Watts is a cold collection of repetitive and faceless brick buildings that has, like its cousins in places like Chicago, New York, and St. Louis, become a grim emblem of urban poverty, gang violence, social isolation, **continued on page 10**



The staff at the Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive may be on their way to discovering a new appreciation

decided to revamp a 1939 printing plant on the planned site, at the intersection of Central and Oxford streets. Museum director Laurence Rinder told *AN* that the current plan is to renovate the existing 48,000-square-foot structure and build a new addition that will double its size, giving the institution the added space it needs for a viable expansion. The museum board is expected to vote yea or nay on the plan this month. "It's really an undiscovered gem, and another great part of the **continued on page 12**

NEWBIE AT THE POST

The Family Violence Prevention Fund, a nonprofit organization based in San Francisco, broke ground last month on its new \$18 million headquarters at the much-scrutinized Presidio Main Post. The project will be located a few buildings from the Walt Disney Family Museum, which opened in the fall, and just down the road from where the recently scrapped Contemporary Art **continued on page 3**

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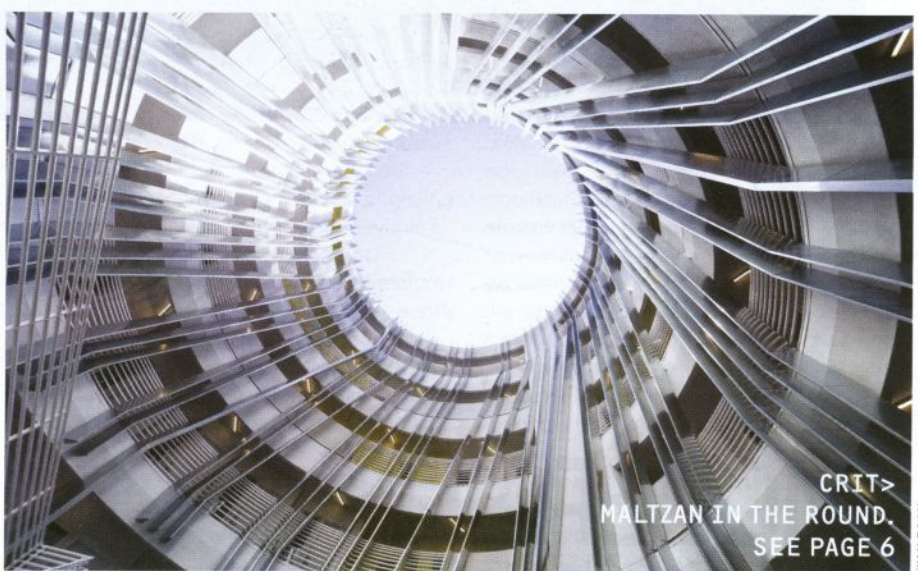


MUSICAL CHAIRS

It's been some time since the West Coast had its last earthquake, but local planning departments recently experienced big tremors. First, Raymond Gastil, Seattle's city planning director since August 2008, resigned on January 28. And on February 1, Richard Bruckner, former director of the Pasadena Planning **continued on page 5**

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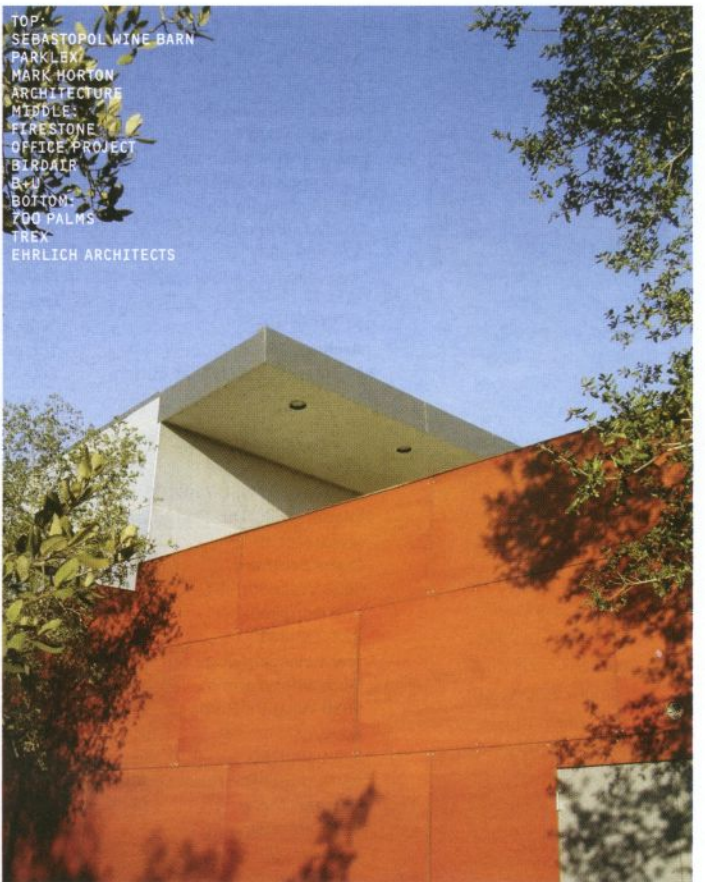
"Trex is a fantastic material because it's made of recycled materials (plastic and sawdust), it's durable and low-maintenance, and although it is marketed for decking, it can make an interesting building skin material as a rainscreen." Steven Ehrlich Ehrlich Architects

"Parklex provided a very soft and natural material juxtaposition to the hard-edged metal siding and roofing. It allowed the building to appear to belong in its agrarian setting." Mark Horton Mark Horton Architecture

"Paul Phillips, Sarnafil regional director, is excellent to work with. He will review details for appropriateness and is also very good at translating our design intent into buildable solutions." Thomas Schneider Barton Myers Associates

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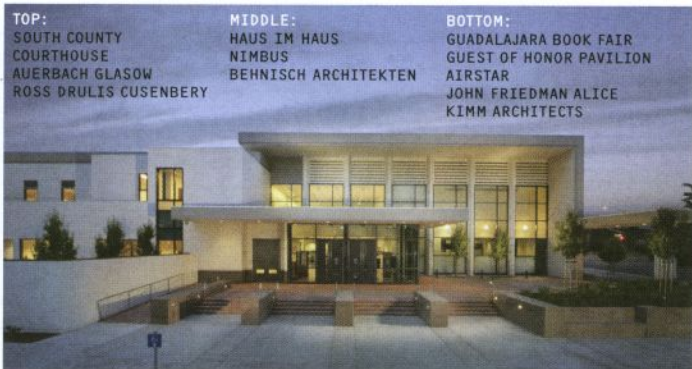
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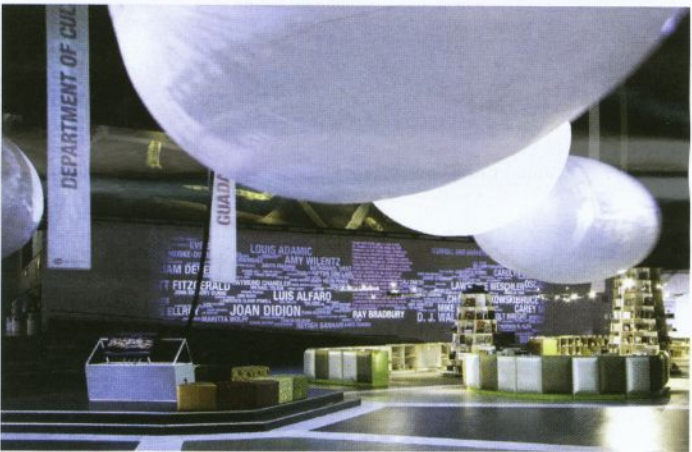
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