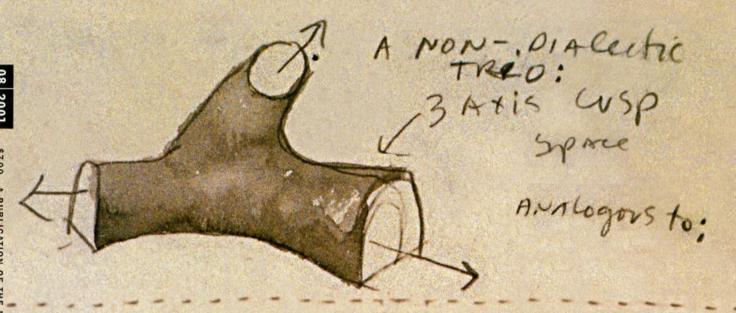
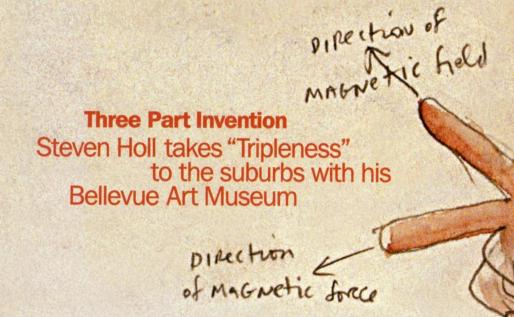
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Austin City Hall by Predock moves forward Design has

been approved for the \$38 million Austin City Hall by Antoine Predock Architect of Albuquerque in association with Cotera, Kolar, Negrete & Reed Architects of Austin, Tex. The masses of the 118,000-square-foot building, to be completed in fall



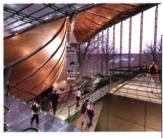


Austin City Hall, to open in 2003, will include a scrimlike bronze skin.

2003, are intentionally angled away from adjacent streets with several small plazas around the perimeter. Primary materials are limestone, bronze, and glass, with a scrimlike bronze skin enveloping the upper levels. According to Predock's design, terraces will be positioned to form analogous relationships to

geological forces in the hill country surrounding Austin. Inside, catwalk-like bridges will intersect a four-story lobby with a bronze ceiling.

L.A. City Hall reopens
after renovation and
retrofit Los Angeles City Hall
formally reopened in early July
after a \$300 million renovation and seismic retrofit. The
building, built in 1928, suffered
serious damage in the 1994
Northridge earthquake and is
now able to survive a 6.8-

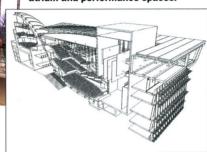


magnitude quake. In the retrofit, 526 isolators or sliders and 70 viscous dampers were installed. The Los Angeles firm AC Martin Partners was the architecture and engineering principal for the seismic project. Levin and Associates Architects and Kaplan Chen Kaplan Architects and Planners worked on the historic renovation, which restored major interior spaces.

Grimshaw wins competition for Rensselaer art and media center London-based Nicholas

Grimshaw & Partners has won a competition for a \$50 million electronic media and performing arts center at Rensselaer Polytechnic

Grimshaw's Rensselaer center includes atrium and performance spaces.



Institute in Troy, N.Y. The 160,000square-foot building, to open in fall 2003, will have five performance venues, including a 1,200-seat theater, a 400-seat recital hall, galleries for electronic and traditional visual arts, and studios. Grimshaw was selected in a competition with Davis Brody Bond, Thomas Leeser, Morphosis Architects, and Bernard Tschumi Architects. Built on a bluff, the building will feature a glass atrium overlooking the Hudson River, Grimshaw envisions the building as a "floating wafer" that extends the Rensselaer campus westward.

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