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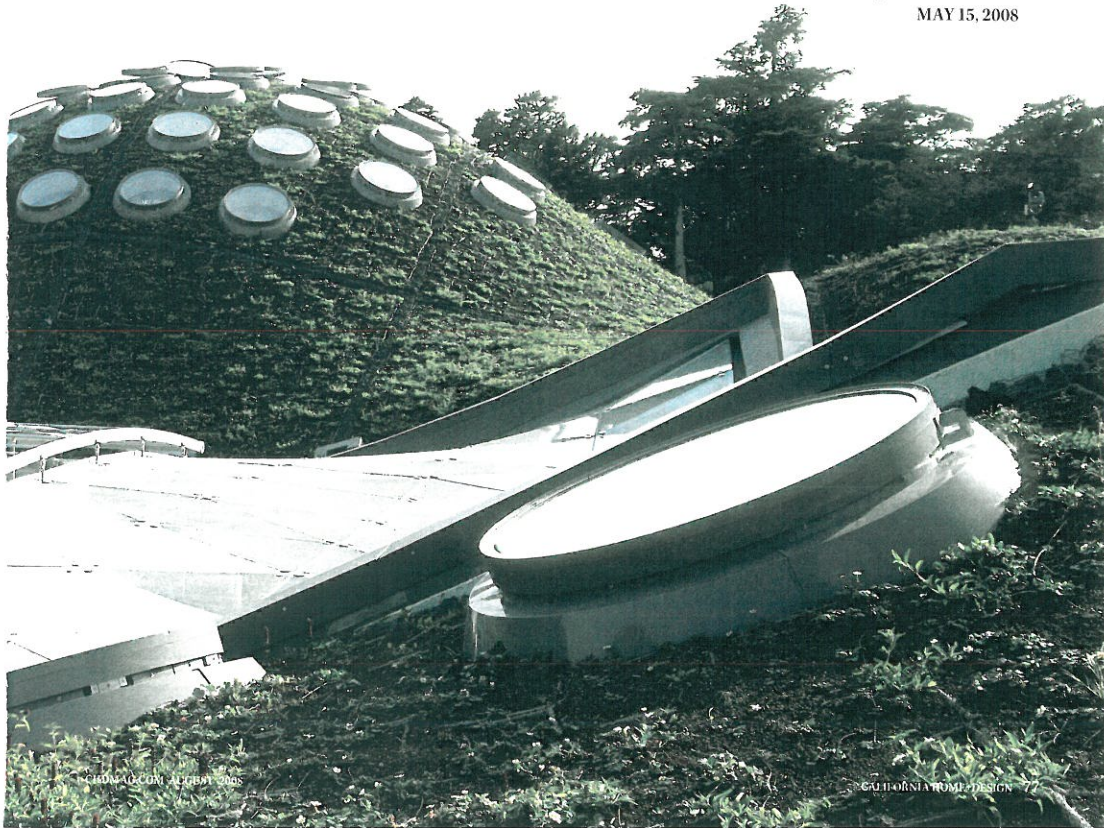
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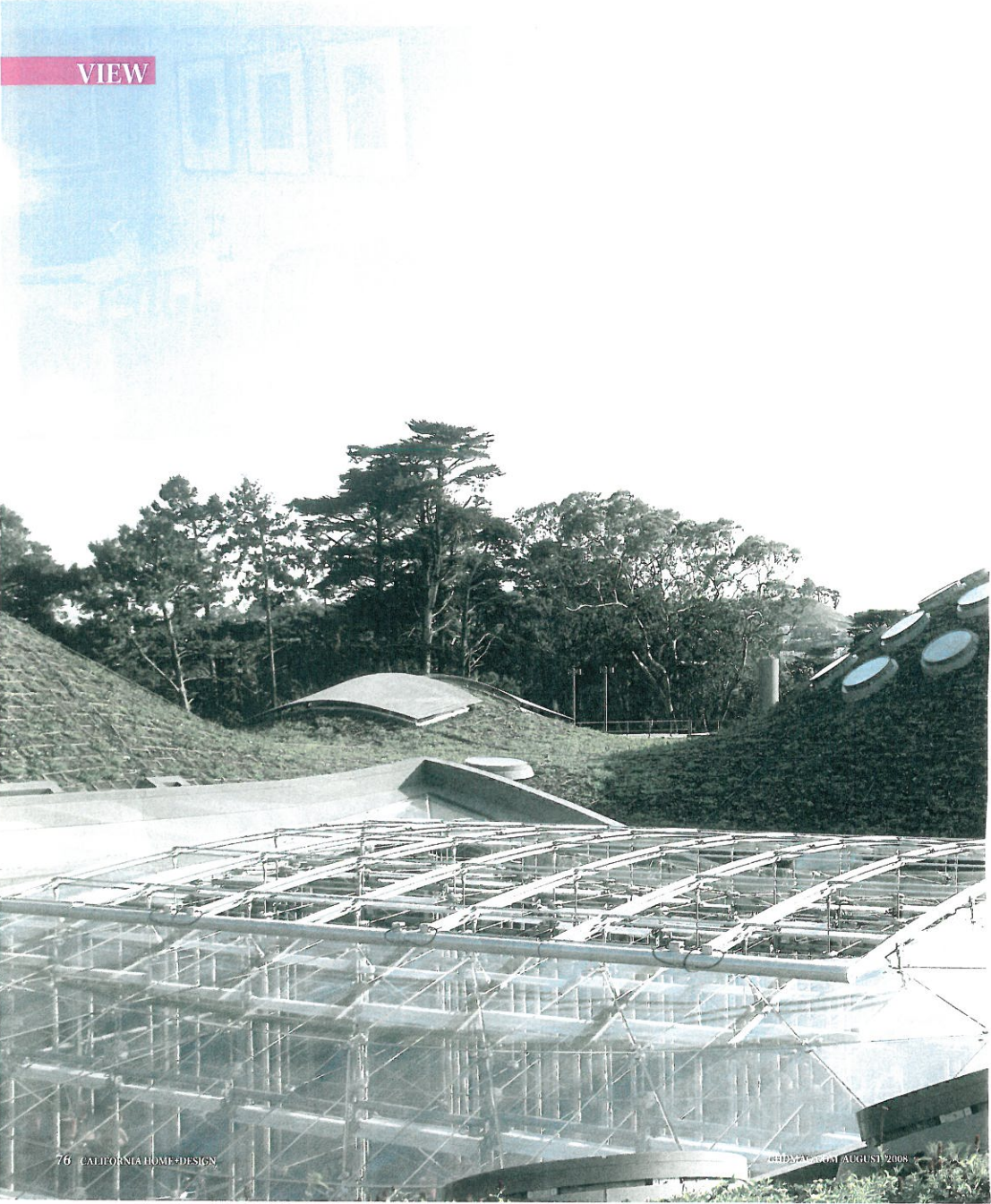
The buzz surrounding San Francisco's new California Academy of Sciences, designed by this year's AIA Gold Medal recipient, Renzo Piano, can be heard throughout the country. While in town last May, New York photographer Joshua McHugh got a sneak peek, taking advantage of an all-access pass to shoot the building during the final phases of construction. McHugh captured the curves of the glass ceiling and the living roof, which was recently planted with nine native species including California poppies and wild strawberries, against the backdrop of Golden Gate Park. Visitors can experience a similar view from the top when the Academy of Sciences opens on September 27. "While it's quite a dramatic structure, it integrates into the environment beautifully," says McHugh. "I can't wait to see the finished product." (Check out next month's *CH-D* for a complete tour.) —*Erin Feher*

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