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IT'S been four years since Alfred Taubman, the former Sotheby's chairman, spent a year in jail and paid a \$7 million fine for conspiring to fix commissions with rival Christie's. Now the jailbird is getting honors. At Pier 60 on Thursday night, the Museum of Arts & Design bestowed one of its 2006 Visionaries Awards on Taubman, who made his first billion as a Detroit shopping mall developer. Bill McCuddy emceed as Architectural Digest Editorin-Chief Paige Rense was also honored before the likes Taubman's wife. Iudy. Adrienne Landau, Joan Jedell, Mario Buatta, John Loring and Reed Krakoff.