Los Angeles Department of City Planning RECOMMENDATION REPORT

CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION CASE NO.: CHC-2007-1585-HCM

HEARING DATE: May 3, 2007 Location: 11973 W. San Vicente Boulevard

TIME: 10:00 AM Council District: 11

PLACE: Hollywood Women's Community Plan Area: Brentwood - Pacific

Club Palisades

1749 N. La Brea Area Planning Commission: West Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA 90046 Neighborhood Council: None

Legal Description: Westgate Acres, M B 7-90/91,

Lot 51

PROJECT: Historic-Cultural Monument Application for the

BARRY BUILDING

REQUEST: Declare the property a Historic-Cultural Monument

APPLICANT: Diane M. Caughey

Friends of The Barry Building

19757 Inspiration Trail Topanga, CA 90290

OWNER: William H. Borthwick and David B. Borthwick

245 N. Saltair Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90049

RECOMMENDATION That the Cultural Heritage Commission:

1. **Take the property under consideration** as a Historic-Cultural Monument per Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.125 because the application and accompanying photo documentation suggest the submittal may warrant further investigation.

Adopt the report findings.

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Attachments: March 24, 2007 Historic-Cultural Monument Application

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SUMMARY

Built in 1951 and located at 11973 San Vicente Boulevard in Brentwood this two-story, flat-roofed commercial structure exhibits character-defining features of a mid-twentieth century California modern style structure. The building is organized around a central courtyard and opens to the street under a front façade raised one floor above the sidewalk on small steel pipe columns, pilotis style. The garden courtyard extends beneath the building creating an entrance off the street while maintaining a sense of enclosure within the courtyard. There is a surface parking lot at the rear of the property lot at the rear of the property connected to the courtyard by a small breezeway. Surrounding the open courtyard on two levels are small office suites. Dutton's Brentwood Bookstore has occupied the majority of the ground floor spaces for the past 22 years. Beneath the southeast corner of the raised front façade, a small freestanding structure sits slightly askew to the orthogonal grid of the building.

The building composition consists of a courtyard which becomes the organizational center of the building, serving as both public circulation and an outdoor room. Two curving stairs, located on diagonal corners, modulate the courtyard space. Their concrete filled steel pan treads cantilever from a central concrete pedestal punctuated with triangular decorative openings. Steel pipes support both the stair and second floor walkway railings. Exposed detailing such as that of the exposed metal plates and bolts which support the railings are part of the overall building aesthetic.

The subject building may be significant as a well-preserved example of mid-twentieth century California modern architecture. In addition, the architect, Milton Caughey, was one whose work continued and advanced the tradition of the new architecture in Los Angeles, originally founded in the ideas of the 1920's and 1930's and established as a California movement by Schindler and Neutra.

Later alterations to the subject property include a 1993 addition of a small receiving and storage structure at the rear. The screens originally separating the rear patios from the parking lot have been removed as have a few of the original windows which have been replaced with aluminum ones. In addition, some windows have been painted over. The men's bathroom has been remodeled and a low ramp has been added in the courtyard. A large section of the original planting at the center of the courtyard has been paved.

First housing Brentwood Books in 1960 and subsequently Dutton's Brentwood Books, the building and the courtyard have provided a communal gathering place, where such authors and prominent figures as Kurt Vonnegut, Alice Walker and Al Gore have held their book signings. In addition, daily readings are held in the courtyard space which has been utilized as an intimate neighborhood resource for many years. The suites of the original barbershop and dentist office are still used as such today.

CRITERIA

The criterion is the Cultural Heritage Ordinance which defines a historical or cultural monument as any site (including significant trees or other plant life located thereon) building or structure of particular historic or cultural significance to the City of Los Angeles, such as historic structures or sites in which the broad cultural, economic, or social history of the nation, State or community is reflected or exemplified, or which are identified with historic personages or with important events in the main currents of national, State or local history or which embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type specimen, inherently valuable for a study of a period style

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or method of construction, or a notable work of a master builder, designer or architect whose individual genius influenced his age.

FINDINGS

Based on the facts set forth in the summary and application, the Commission determines that the application is complete and that the property is significant enough to warrant further investigation as a potential Historic-Cultural Monument.

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

IDENTIFICATION
1. NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT THE BARRY BUILDING
2. STREET ADDRESS 11973 W. SAH VICENTE BLVD.
CITY LOS AHGELES, ZIP CODE 90049 COUNCIL DISTRICT
3. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 4404 - 025 -008
4. COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION: TRACT WESTGATE ACRES
BLOCK HOHE LOT(S) 51 ARB. NO. 1
5. RANGE OF ADDRESSES ON PROPERTY 11973 # 11975 W. SAH VICENTE BLVD.
6. PRESENT OWNER WILLIAM H. BORTHWICK, ET AL. & DAVID B. BORTHWICK
STREET ADDRESS 245 N. SALTAIR AVE E-MAIL ADDRESS:
CITY LOS ÁNGELES: STATE CA ZIP CODE 90049 PHONE ()
OWNERSHIP: PRIVATE PUBLIC
7. PRESENT USE COMMERICAL OFFICE ORIGINAL USE COMMERICAL OFFICE
DESCRIPTION
8. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE MID-FRENTIETH CENTURY CALIFORNIA MODERN (SEE STYLE GUIDE)
9. STATE PRESENT PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE OR STRUCTURE (SEE OPTIONAL DECRIPTION WORK SHEET, 1 PAGE MAXIMUM)
SEE ATTACHED

HISTORIC-CULTURAL MONUMENT APPLICATION

NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT THE BARRY BUILDING		
10. CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1951 FACTUAL: FACTUAL: ESTIMATED:		
11. ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, OR ENGINEER MILTON H. CAUGHEY, AIA		
12. CONTRACTOR OR OTHER BUILDER		
13. DATES OF ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS MARCH 10, 2007 (1 8X10 BLACK AND WHITE GLOSSY AND 1 DIGITAL E-MAILED TO CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION@LACITY.ORG)		
14. CONDITION: EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE		
15. ALTERATIONS SEE ATTACHED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION		
16. THREATS TO SITE: NONE KNOWN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT VANDALISM PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT		
17. IS THE STRUCTURE: ON ITS ORIGINAL SITE MOVED UNKNOWN		
SIGNIFICANCE		
18. BRIEFLY STATE HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE; INCLUDE DATES, EVENTS, AND PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH THE SITE (SEE ALSO SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET: 750 WORDS MANIMUM IF USING ADDITIONAL SHEETS) SEE ATTACHED		
19. SOURCES (LIST BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, SURVEYS, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH DATES)		
20. DATE FORM PREPARED MARCH 24, 2007 PREPARER'S NAME DIANE M. CAUGHEY ORGANIZATION FRIENDS OF THE BARRY BULDINGSTREET ADDRESS 19757 INSPIRATION TRAIL CITY TOPANGA STATE (A ZIP CODE 90290 PHONE (310) 455-9897 E-MAIL ADDRESS: diane.caughey@gmail.com		
E-MAIL ADDRESS: CURGNEY(" AMAIL. COM		

DESCRIPTION WORK SHEET

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

THE BARRY BUILDING IS A NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT	NUMBER OF STORIES -STORY,
1950'S CALIFORHIA MOPERN RECTANGULAR PLAN	COMMERCIAL OFFICE STRUCTURE USE (RESIDENCE, ETC.)
WITH A STUCCO FINISH AND MATERIAL (WOOD SLIDING, WOOD SHINGLES, BRICK, STUCCO, ETC.)	WOOD TRIM. IATERIAL (WOOD), METAL, ETC.)
IT'S FLAT ROOF IS ASPHALT NATURAL (CLAY TILE, ASPIRALT OR WOOD SHINGLES, ETC.)	WINDOW MATERIAL .
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THE ENTRY FEATURES A	TC.)
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SECONO FLOOR OPEN WALKWAYS. (SEE ATTACHED DE VERTICALLY: FORMALITY OR INFORMALITY: GARDEN WALLS, ETC.	ESCRIPTION
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

SIGNIFICANCE WORK SHEET

TYPE OR HAND PRINT IN ALL CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS

Complete One or Both of the Upper and Lower Portions of This Page

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

THE BARRY BUILDING NAME OF PROPOSED MONUMENT	IS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF
MID-TWENTIETH CENTURY CAUFORNIA ARCHITECTURAL STYLE (SEE LINE 8)	MOPERN ARCHITECTURE
AND MEETS THE CULTURAL HERITAGE ORDINANCE BECAUSE OF THE OF ITS ORIGINAL FORM, DETAILING AND INTEGRITY.	HIGH QUALITY OF ITS DESIGN AND THE RETENTION
AND/OR	
HISTORICAL SIGNI	FICANCE
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DEVELOPMENT OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF HIS COL	HEIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT
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Physical Description

The Barry Building

The 13,300 square foot Barry Building located at 11973 San Vicente Boulevard in Brentwood is a two-story, flat-roofed commercial structure constructed in 1951. Designed in a mid-twentieth century California modern style, the building is organized around a central courtyard. The building opens to the street under a front façade raised one floor above the sidewalk on small steel pipe columns, pilotis style. The garden courtyard spreads out beneath the building creating a welcoming entrance off the street while maintaining an intimate sense of enclosure within the courtyard. The building is located on the property immediately adjacent to the street. There is a surface parking lot at the rear of the property connected to the courtyard by a small breezeway. Surrounding the open courtyard on two levels are small office suites. For the past 22 years Dutton's Brentwood Bookstore has occupied the majority of the ground floor spaces. Beneath the southeast corner of the raised front facade a small freestanding structure, currently used as a café, sits slightly eschew to the orthogonal grid of the building. Its twisted grid acknowledges the entrance to the on-site parking while directing pedestrians into the courtyard beyond.

The building is a composition of masses and voids, transparencies and solids. The four interior sides of the building create the void of the inner courtyard. The front and back building pieces read as separate but integrated horizontal masses overlapping the slightly lower side elements. The inner void of the courtyard becomes the heart and organizational center of the building, serving as both public circulation and an outdoor room. Two elegantly curving stairs, located on diagonal corners, modulate the courtyard space. Their concrete filled steel pan treads cantilever from a central concrete pedestal punctuated with triangular decorative openings. The stair and second floor walkway railings are supported by small steel pipes that tilt slightly inward. The railing is connected to the building with exposed metal plates and bolts. Such exposed structural detailing celebrates the workman's craft and becomes part of the overall building aesthetic

The building is primarily stucco over wood frame construction with floor to ceiling large grid wood windows on the majority of the interior facades as well as on the rear facade of the building. Smaller steel frame windows occur along the outside facades. The raised front façade consists of an unadorned stucco plane with a simple horizontal band of windows treated with operable vertical sunshades that provide environmental control for the south facing offices. Inside the courtyard solar control is addressed through full-height, horizontal wood louvers set away from the façade of the west facing offices. On the east interior façade an open decorative wood grid provides a compositional counterpoint to the louver screen opposite. Additional passive environmental features that occur throughout the building include overhangs for sun control and operable clerestory windows for natural ventilation.

The building is a series of visual layers and transparencies as one moves from the street through the pilotis entry and into the courtyard. The open street side acts as a picture frame inviting the eye under the building into the courtyard beyond. At the upper back of the courtyard a colorful Mondrian-like composition of geometric window grids pulls the eye deeper into the space. The rich tropical planting welcomes one to move into the heart of the courtyard where the transparency of the floor to ceiling glass allows one to see through the building to where, in the past, small garden patios existed behind each office. At the second floor, views through

the abundant glazing and over the roof tops reveal adjacent high rise buildings and local trees.

The building sits within a context of several other late-forties or early-fifties modern style buildings. To the east, Milton Caughey designed a group of small two-story shops across the driveway from the Barry Building. Built in about 1953, they are of a similar modern style and detailing. There is a tiny courtyard off the driveway allowing for entrances to a few rear shops and room for one large tree. Prior to the construction of the Barry Building and to its west, David Barry built a one-story modern-style building which housed the original office of David Barry Jr., but is now occupied by the Mano Gallery. When the courtyard building was built he moved to its second floor and still maintains his office there today. Sandwiched between the Barry Building and the gallery is an open floral shop with a plant nursery behind. The Bonner School, also a low profile modern era building, sits west of the gallery.

The Barry Building is generally in good condition with only a few changes made to the original building. In 1993 a small addition for receiving and storage was built at the rear of the building and the screens originally separating the rear patios from the parking lot have been removed. The men's bathroom has been remodeled, a few windows have been replaced with aluminum ones and some windows have been painted over. A low ramp has been added in the courtyard. Some of the original tropical landscaping remains in the courtyard today, however a large section of original planting at the center of the courtyard has been paved over with flagstone in order to accommodate a variety of outdoor activities.

Significance Statement

The Barry Building

The Barry Building in Brentwood is significant as an excellent example of midtwentieth century California modern architecture and as a recognition of the architect's contribution, during his eleven short years of practice, to the architectural movement of the 1950's. The architect, Milton Caughey, was one whose work continued and advanced the tradition of the new architecture in Los Angeles, originally founded in the ideas of the late '20's and '30's and established as a California movement by Schindler and Neutra. The Barry Building embodies the aesthetic and stylistic features typical of the experimentation with new ideas that gave such vitality to the architecture of the period. The building reflects the architect's contribution to exploring variations on the ideas of space and design inherent in the California modern movement. According to Gebhard and Winter in Guide to Architecture in Southern California, the momentum of ideas and vitality that earlier enlightened the architecture of Los Angeles had run down by 1965. The Barry Building, built in 1951, is one of the rare commercial buildings left in West Los Angeles that exemplifies the period of great inspiration and ingenuity in California modern architecture.

The small commercial courtyard building was commissioned by developer David Barry and designed by local architect Milton H. Caughey, AIA. Built in 1951, the building exemplifies the concerns of the modern movement as it manifest in Southern California where the mild climate and ideals of a California lifestyle influenced the typology of the modern architecture practiced there. Milton Caughey's work explores interests similar to those of his contemporary masters, such as the unity of interior and exterior space, the abstraction and simplification of form, harmony with nature, healthy living and environmental considerations. The Barry Building embodies these modernist concerns as well as the individual creativity of the architect.

The Architect

Milton H. Caughey was born in 1911 in Pennsylvania. He received his BA from Amherst College in 1934 and his MFA from the Yale School of Architecture in 1938. In the summer of 1936 he worked for the influential Neo-classicist firm of McKim, Mead and White in New York. After graduation, he worked from 1938-39 for George Howe and later William Lescaze on buildings for the New York World's Fair. Howe and Lescaze designed the first International Style high-rise building in the United States, the Philadelphia Savings Fund Building, (PSFS) in 1932. They were early modern influences on the architect's work. In 1940 Caughey moved from the East Coast to Los Angeles in order to practice modern architecture in an openminded and climate conductive atmosphere. He worked for March, Smith and Powell there until 1942 when he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve as a lieutenant. In 1947 he opened his own architectural practice in Los Angeles. From 1953—1957 he practiced in a partnership as the firm of Caughey and Ternstrom. Thereafter he practiced as a sole proprietor under Milton Caughey and Associates. In 1958, at age 46, Milton Caughey died suddenly of a heart attack, cutting short the promising career of a highly talented architect in mid-life.

Mr. Caughey received four Merit Awards for Excellence in Design and Execution from the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The first two awards in 1954 were for the Pachappa School and for the Hillburg residence at Capistrano Beach. He received two more awards in 1957 for the Riverside Juvenile Hall and the Monroe School.

Mr. Caughey's work was documented by the well-known architectural photographers Julius Shulman, Marvin Rand and Robert Cleveland. He served as a visiting critic and lecturer at the USC School of Architecture in 1953-54 and 1955-57. He was also a respected and honored watercolor artist and served as president of the Westwood Art Association in 1957.

The legacy of buildings Mr. Caughey left behind is significant given the short time in which he practiced. The Barry Building designed in 1950 was one of the architect's early commissions and one of his few commercial projects. Around the same time he designed the Barrington Playground (1950) and his own residence on Chenault St. (1951), both in Brentwood. Two of his better known California modern houses, the Garred house (1949) and the Goss house (1950) were included in David Gebhard and Robert Winter's classic *Guide to Architecture in Southern California*, published by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (1965) which featured houses of the modern era by such contemporary masters as Gill, Eames, Saarinen, Neutra, Schindler, and Soriano among others. Schindler, Soriano, and Eames, an acquaintance of Caughey, were most likely the greatest contemporary influences on his work. Like Schindler, he used a romantic personalism in his design and use of space, and an individualism and ingenuity in his treatment of modern motifs.

All of his houses featured flat roofs, exposed wood post and beam construction, walls of glass, large sections of which slide open to patios where outdoor living provided harmony with nature and a healthy California life style. Transparency and visual movement through the spaces were attributes of the modern style he employed with finesse and skill in all his projects. His designs were distinguished by simplicity, clarity of structural systems, and unostentatious architectural charm.

Although he continued to design some houses, by 1953 his attention turned to larger scale work, primarily schools, detention homes and playgrounds, mostly in the Riverside area. The same modern features noted above that were hallmarks of his residential work were translated into these larger projects. Economy of costs through the careful use of materials, the plan organization, passive energy elements and easy maintenance became primary concerns of Caughey in the design of schools. He experimented with new structural materials like exposed metal trusses and diagonal bracing, indoor/outdoor classroom spaces, sun-shading, and covered outdoor hallways, and open classroom plans. Near the end of his life, Caughey ,like many modern architects of the time, designed using steel construction, modular systems and prefabrication. As noted in an LA Times article (1959), "When finished it [Rubidoux High School] will exemplify the latest techniques in the use of steel as a primary construction material." (article in appendix)

Significant schools that expressed his continued exploration of the ideas of the California modern typology were Mountain View Elementary School (Riverside 1954), Victoria Elementary School (Riverside, CA 1955), Hemet High School Gym, (Hemet, CA Mid-1950's), Ramona High School (Riverside, CA, associate architect 1956-7), Highland Elementary School (Riverside, CA 1957), and Rubidoux High School (Riverside, CA 1957-8). (photos in Appendix)

In an article in *Architectural Forum*, Oct, 1954 entitled "Young Architects: Ten outstanding buildings by some of the nations most promising young designers," Caughey's Pachappa School was featured noting: "... exterior metal louvers [occur] on both north and south glazing in classrooms to stave off sky glare as well as sun; both side walls of classrooms 100% glazed, horizontally stiffened with exposed X-rod bracing;..." Bright colored and cheery, this 12-classroom school accepts the bright sun and California kids with unostentatious, but real, architectural charm." (articles in appendix)

The Building

The Barry Building designed in 1950 was one of the architect's few commercial projects. The building expresses the architect's clear interest in exploring modernist ideas. One of the unmistakable influences on the design was Le Corbusier, whose ideas Caughey first encountered while at Yale. The front façade of the Barry building is raised up on steel columns, pilotis style, with the garden spreading out beneath it, reminiscent of one of Le Corbusier's most famous houses, the Villa Savoye. Also influenced by the vernacular of Le Corbusier is the simple planer façade of the Barry building, devoid of decoration except for the horizontal bands of windows. One can see similar Corbusian influences in the CBS Radio Building in Hollywood, designed in 1937-38 by William Lescaze for whom Caughey had previously worked.

Milton Caughey, like Schindler before him, was familiar with and integrated into his designs, the kind of modern experiments in abstraction found in Europe. Interest in geometric abstractions in architecture stem from Neo-plasticism, a Dutch movement based entirely on the abstract geometric compositions of Mondrian. Neo-plasticism grew between 1917 and 1931 in Holland around the review called *De Stijl* and its universal idiom of elemental geometric forms, pure colors and extreme simplicity became an important influence on the formational ideas of the Bauhaus, headed by Walter Gropius. In the Bauhaus aesthetics were combined with practical function.

As an artist as well as architect, it is apparent that Mr. Caughey used these abstract compositional ideas in the Barry building as well as in his later schools. The most obvious use of pure geometric compositions occurs in the building facades where the grid of storefront windows, solid doors, sunshading devices, and the large grid screen become the elements of the composition. These grids interplay to create everchanging abstract compositions as one moves around the building. The upper back wall of the courtyard works like a Mondrian painting, with the horizontal and vertical window grids forming a geometric composition of solids and voids, neutrals and colors. This type of geometric window composition was highly developed in the work of Charles Eames.

About the same time that ideas of simplification and abstraction were being developed in Europe, there was a parallel interest in simplicity in California. This understated simplicity was hinted at in the solid massing and plain surfaces of the California Mission style. The quiet monumentality of the Mission style so beautifully developed by Irving Gill, had its influence on Southern California modern architecture. The Barry building exemplifies these two influences that helped create a California modern style: the European movement of abstraction and the Mission style of simple surfaces, clear massing, and restrained decoration. In the building these modernist concerns are expressed by the way the four simple masses of the building that form the open courtyard are carefully articulated to read as separate

pieces. These separated masses create an interlocking composition of forms in space. The small twisted café element under the pilotis is intentionally held away from the ceiling plane to separate it from the floating mass above. In the Barry building the architect pushes beyond the modern ideas of his day by introducing the twisted grid into the pure geometry of the rectilinear courtyard. The skewed grid introduces a dynamic element into the building producing a moving composition of abstract geometric parts.

Another idea that was influenced by the modernists and individually developed by the architect was the expression of movement through the building. This sense of movement was achieved by framing the entry and developing layers that pull one through the space. The architect sensitively designed this experience of movement by employing such architectural devices as: the low steps set at a slight angle to the courtyard, the opening and closing down of space through planting, the transparencies that occur where glazing exists on both sides of a room or at glass corners. Additionally, he leads one's eye up and through the space by his use of composition in forms and flat surfaces, forced perspectives created by the curving stairs and the tilted railings.

The courtyard, although a basic organizational device, embodies another California Modernist ideal, that of healthy outdoor living. The unity of exterior and interior spaces, mastered by Neutra and emphasized in the modern houses of the time, is less commonly used here in a commercial setting. The ideals of fresh air, operable windows, outdoor patio space, sunlight with sun controls and a harmony with nature were brought into the workplace in the Barry building. Today, with the green movement in architecture, these features are again highly valued. The courtyard was originally a showcase for many tropical plants brought there from all over the world by the owner David Barry. His special interest in exotic plants resulted in a tropical nursery next door to the Barry building, and in Mr. Barry's influence on the planting of the Coral trees along San Vicente, themselves now an Historic Cultural Monument.

The Barry building is not only an excellent example of mid-twentieth century modern architecture but also an expression of an individual architect's creativity within the modern vernacular. Already mentioned is the introduction of the twisted grid which foreshadowed later contemporary design. The long shallow steps leading one into the courtyard are also set at an angle to the building grid. Like the twisting of the café building these steps provide a dynamic movement within the otherwise simple static orthogonal geometry of the courtyard. The architect designed elements of surprise, playfulness and movement into the calm clarity of the overall scheme. The architect's romantic personalism is expressed in the two elegantly curving stairways that grace the courtyard and gently guide one to the second floor. The playful triangular openings in the concrete stair bases add an abstract composition of their own while subtly echoing the diagonal grid established by the angle of the café. The unique inward tilting stair and walkway railings are another surprising and dynamic invention of the architect. In juxtaposition to their playfulness they express the aesthetic functionality of the modern movement in their straightforward bolted connection to the building.

Today the building has become a authentic piece of the Brentwood fabric, first housing Brentwood Books in 1960 and subsequently the much loved Dutton's Brentwood Books, which has been in the building since 1983. The courtyard provides a well-used community gathering place, where book signings and author's

readings occur daily. Just a few of the well known authors that have signed their books there are Al Gore, Ralph Nader, Carolyn See, Maria Shriver, Alan Shephard, Amy Tan, Gore Vidal, Kurt Vonnegut, Alice Walker, and Tom Wolfe. But it is the local community that uses the building as an intimate neighborhood resource. School fundraisers, community gatherings, noonday lunch-timers, book and café guests, all enjoy using the lush courtyard and surrounding businesses. Many of the businesses, including David Barry Jr., Margorie Braude and Ray Keller, have maintained their offices there for well over 30 years. The suites of the original barbershop and dentist office are still used as such. The building has been called both wonderfully funky and a sacred space. But no matter how each person experiences it, it has become a genuine landmark along San Vicente Boulevard in Brentwood, California.

APPENDIX

The Barry Building

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- (4) Citizen-News (Wed. May 29, 1957) First place award for watercolors at Westwood Art Assoc. exhibit and Los Angeles Times (1958) "Architect heads WW Art Group."
- (5) Los Angeles Times (July 16, 1958) "Architect Milton H. Caughey Dies."
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- (38) Los Angeles Times. (Apr. 19, 1959). "Steel units featured at Riverside school." Rubidoux High School, Riverside, CA. 1957-8.
- (39) Los Angeles Times. (Feb 9, 2007). "Much more than steel and wood," by Diane Caughey.
- (40-42) List of well known authors that had book signings at Dutton's Brentwood Books.
- (43) Santa Monica Mirror, (Feb. 15, 2007). "Save Our Bookstore."



(1) Milton H. Caughey

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29,



'GOOD WORK!'-Milton H. Caughey (r.). winner of first place for water colors in the Westwood Art Assn. art exhibit in the City Hall Tower, is shown with Joseph Cook (I.), exhibitions chairman, and Curtis Opligher, city art coordinator.

Art Group Heads W

Caughey, Brentwood president, and well known architect and Heading the executive board or Westwood Art Association for the new club year is Milton I teacher.

Ida L. Platt, corresponding secretary; Nina Shepherd, recording secretary; Walter Wedlock, treasurer; Douglas Duder, exhibit Other new officers include Cecil V. Comara, vice president; Stephen Longstreet, program consult ant; Agatha King, bulletin editor: chairman.

Also, Royette Dibbs, member-The 5-million-dollar pavilion publicity, Onis Rice, refresh housing the United States exhibitments, and Mrs. Janet Caughey, tion at the Brussels World's Fair social chairman. ship chairman; Alice

MILTON CAUGHEY

Caughey announced that the executive board meetings have Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Meeting tonight will be at been scheduled for the second the home of Mrs. Platt, 11735 Roxis the largest circular building in BOARD MEETING the world without interior columns, according to the 1958 edi-

ion of the Americana Annual.

Three members of the associacolor, oil and casein paintings at tion are exhibiting their water the Security-First National Banl bury Dr., Beverly Hills. in Prudential Square.

Architect Milton H. Caughey Dies

Milton H. Caughey, architect, died suddenly in his home at 11773 Chenault St., Brentwood, early yesterday. He was 46.

A native of Warren, Pa, and a graduate of Amherst College and the Yale Graduate School, Mr. Caughey began his architectural career in Los Angeles in 1945 after service as a Navy lieutenant in World War II.

Mr. Caughey was the winner of four Southern California honor awards from the American Institute of Architects. He was president of the Westwood Art Association, president of the West Area Co-ordinating Council of Los Angeles, a member of the architectural board of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and fleet captain of the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club.

Mr. Caughey leaves his widow, Mrs. Janet Disque Caughey; two daughters, Linda and Diane; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Caughey of Warren, Pa.; and a sister, Mrs. Jane Spicer of Rhode Island. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Woodbury Fete Set

Woodbury College will observe its 75th anniversary Friday at a Founders Day open house starting at 9 a.m.

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PART PROOFF CAUGHEY, Milton Hazeltine, architect, was born in Bellevue, Pa., Dec. 20, 1911, son of Francis Morrow and Grace (Hazeltine) Caughey. Milton H. Caughey received his preparatory education at the Kiskiminetas Springs School, Saltzburg, Pa., and was graduated A.B. in 1934 at Amherst College, and B.F.A. in 1938 at Yale University, where he also did graduate work in architecture. Meanwhile, he was a draftsman for E. A. & E. S. Phillips, architects of Meadville, Pa., in 1935 and for McKim, Meade & White, architects of New York City, in the summer of 1936. He did architectural work in 1938-39 for George Howe and later for William Lascaze, both architects of New York City, in connection with buildings for the New York World's Fair of 1939-40. He was a draftsman for Anthony Lord, Asheville, N.C., in 1939-40, for Albert Kastner, Albany, Ga., in the latter year, and for Marsh, Smith & Powell, Los Angeles, Calif., during 1940-42. After doing architectural work on a U.S. Navy building at San Pedro, Calif., in 1942-43, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve, in which capacity he served during the Second World War as an instructor in damage control at Cornell University. For a few months in 1946 he worked as a draftsman for Gordon Kaufmann, Los Angeles. From the latter year until 1953 he conducted an independent architectural practice in Los Angeles, and during 1953-57 he was a member of the architectural firm of Caughey & Ternstrom in that city. Thereafter until the close of his life he practiced as Milton Caughey & Associates. He chiefly designed schools, playgrounds, detention homes, and private residences. His principal projects were the Barrington Playground in Brentwood, Calif. (1950), Riverside County (Calif.) Juvenile Hall (1955), and a number of schools in Riverside, Calif., including the Pachappa School (1953), Mountain View School (1954), Monroe School (1955), Victoria School (1955), and Highland School (1957). He also served as associate architect on the design of Ramona High School in Riverside (1957), and at the time of his death he was working on plans for Rubidoux High School in that community. Caughey served as a visiting critic and lecturer at the University of Southern California School of Architecture in 1953-54 and again during 1955-57. He was the recipient of four honor awards from the Southern California chapter of the American Institute of Architects for buildings designed by him: two in 1954 for the Pachappa School and for the Hillburg residence at Capistrano Beach, Calif., and the other two in 1957 for the Monroe School and the Riverside County Juvenile Hall. Additionally, Caughey served in 1948 as president or the West Los Angeles Coordinating Council for Youth, and from 1955 until his death he was a member of the architectural planning committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. He was a member of the American Institute of Architects, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and the Kiwanis Club of Westwood Village, Calif. His religious affiliation was with All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, Calif., and he was a Republican in politics. His pastimes included the study of history and archaeology, hunting, fishing, and sailing, and in connection with the last-named he served as fleet captain of the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club at one time. An accomplished painter in the medium of water color, Caughey received an award for the best water color in the 1957 art exhibit of the Westwood Art Association, which he served as president in the following year. He was married in Beverly Hills, Calif., Oct. 30, 1937, to Janet, daughter of Kenneth Hulbert Disque of Erie, Pa., an engineer, and had two daughters, Linda and Diane. Milton H. Caughey died in Los Angeles, Calif., July 15, 1958.

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Milton H. Caughey: Architectural Projects

Incomplete list

Residential Projects

Garred House, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles, 1949

Goss House, Brentwood Heights, Los Angeles, 1950

Spicer House, Weekapaug, Rhode Island, 1950

Caughey House, Chenault St, Brentwood, Los Angeles, 1951

El Medio House, Pacific Palisades, 1950-'52 (later bought and remodeled by Eric Owen Moss as the 708 House)

Hillburg House, Capistrano Beach, CA 1952 (AIA award)

Mudd House, Trancas Beach, Malibu, 1952-'54

Institutional and Commercial Projects

Barry Building, San Vicente Blvd. (AKA The Dutton's building), Brentwood, 1951

Barrington Playground, Brentwood, Los Angeles, 1950

Pachappa Elementary School, Riverside, CA 1953 (AIA award)

Addition to Lowell School, Riverside, CA Early 1950's

Barry Building (adjacent bldgs) Brentwood, CA 1953 (not apart of historic monument)

Mountain View Elementary School, Riverside 1954

Monroe Elementary School, Riverside, CA 1955 (AIA award)

Victoria Elementary School, Riverside, CA 1955

Riverside Juvenile Hall, Riverside CA 1955 (AIA award)

Bryant Elementary School, Riverside, CA Mid-1950's

Walgrove Elementary School, Venice, CA Mid-1950's

Hemet High School Gym, Hemet, CA Mid-1950's

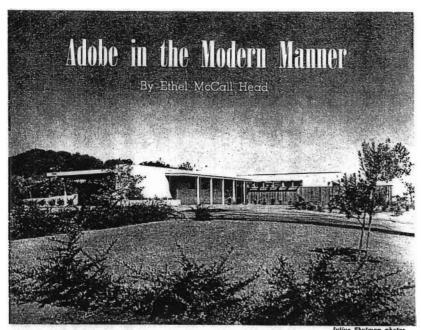
El Sereno Playground, Los Angeles, CA Date unknown

Caughey/Maston Offices, 920 La Cienega Blvd, Beverly Hills, with Maston, 1956

Ramona High School, Riverside, CA, associate architect 1956-7

Highland Elementary School, Riverside, CA 1957

Rubidoux High School, Riverside, CA 1957-8



The Garreds' long, low house has character of a California ranch house but is Modern in treatment. Adobe brick is grayed-grape color, fir of bedroom wing is tobacco brown.

THIS long, low house set on a plateau offering magiscent views of city, mounains and valley has a characer reminiscent of the Early alifornia ranch house. Built fadobe brick and Douglas it has a crisp Contemporry freatment and borrows athing from the past except onest simplicity.

of wanted a one-story fouror easy ramity living and that s exactly what their architect. Allton Caughey, has given hem. Though the home is unit of sdobe brick and wood with roofed porches, its hanlling is definitely Modern.

Set on a plateau above the oad with magnificent vistas n all directions, the house ugs its site and the landscapng by Eckbo, Royston & Wiliams makes the building one vith the natural beauty of its ocation.

The drive from the street pelow ends in a spacious moor court providing plenty of parking for guest cars. The arport is shielded from the front by a bold adobe brick wall with planting pocket.

The guest steps from the car to a long covered and oricked porch leading to the entry, or the members of the family may step from the automobile in the carport, unler cover, and go through an opening to the same passageway.

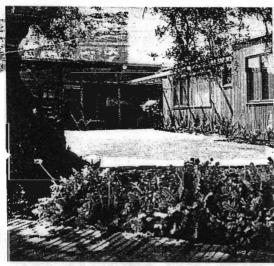
Exterior adobe brick is painted a grayed grape tone with posts and fascia of a matching color. The bedroom wing of vertical grain Douglas fir is stained a natural to-bacco brown and offers interesting textural contrast to the masonry. The architect has used the same color for the same material inside and outside the house.

This same principle is applied to the flooring material. The covered entrance passage is bricked and the bricks enter the house to form an entry hall, continue across the end

of the living area to become one with terrace paving, breezeway to bedroom wing and west terrace. This creates a flow of interior and exterior space.

From the entry door, one

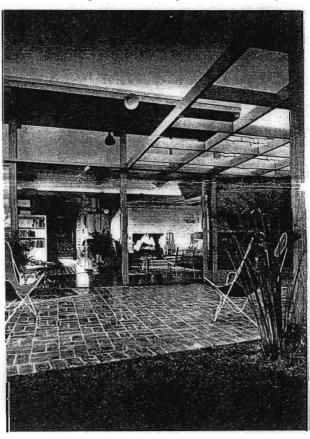
may turn to the left down a short hall which leads to dark-room and study-guest room and bath. This seclusion of the study which doubles as guest room from the rest of the (Continued on Page Twelve)



At right angles to the glass-walled living-dining area is a bedroom wing, built of vertical grain Douglas fir.

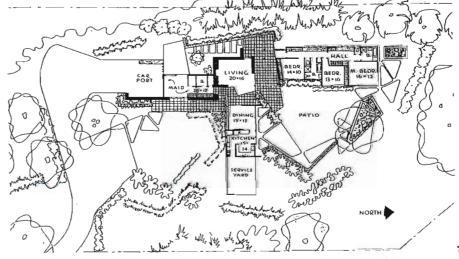


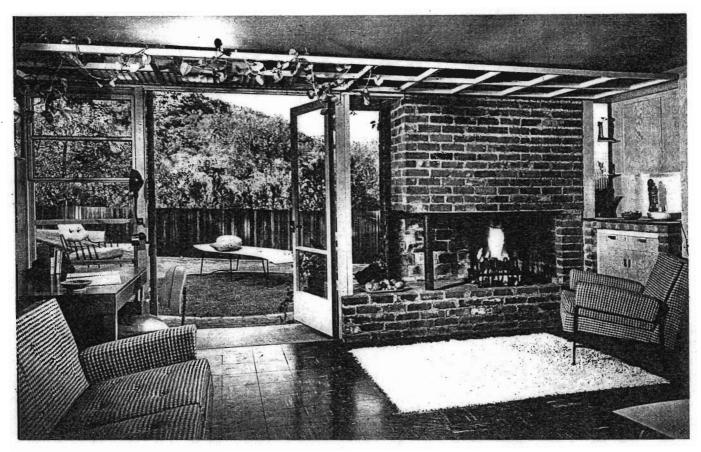
Above: Window wall of concrete and brick-floored living area overlooks the valley. Below: From the terrace one looks into living area, down hall past entrance to study.





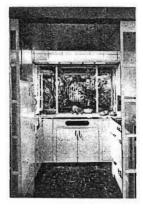
Row of transom windows runs above wood storage wall beyond dining area.





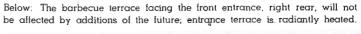
This present living room will later become the den. On this side it opens on the sun terrace, on the opposite side onto a barbecue terrace.

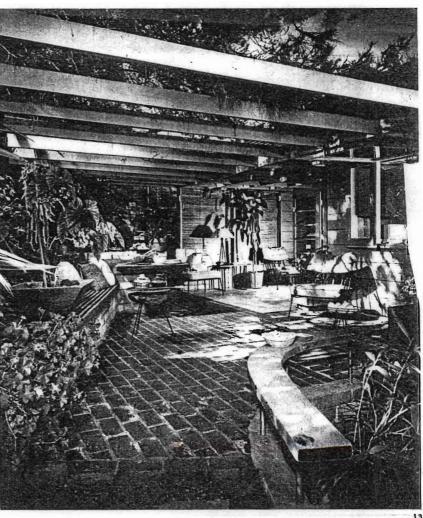




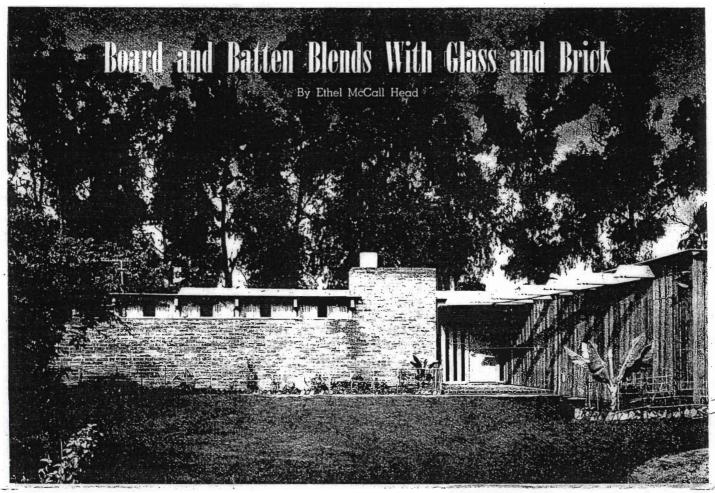
Plastic panel above table just inside entrance door conceals the kitchen area.

Sliding screen separates kitchen and den; window opens to barbecue area.

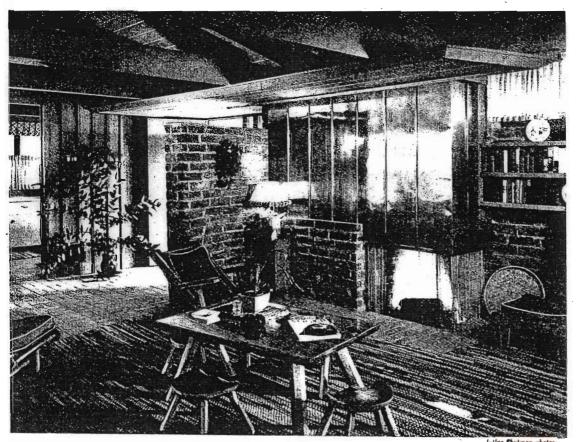








The redwood garage wing is at the right of the off-street motor court; brick fireplace wall extends under transom windows to give privacy from street.



From the bedroom wing one looks across the living area to the handsome, copper-laced fireplace set in brick wall which continues around the corner to form a partial partition concealing entrance door, kitchen can be glimpsed across the hall.

OARD and batten construction used to be synonymous with ranch house design. But here is a house built largely of redwood board and batten combined with glass and brick in the Modern manner.

Privacy from the street, outdoor living on a well wooded site and easy house-keeping have been provided in an area of 1670 square feet. Milton Caughey, AIA, planned this house for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goss and their baby daughter with emphasis on their informal way of living. A spacious motor court off

A spacious motor court off the street eliminates a lot of front yard garden maintenance. The board and batten redwood garage and kitchen wing are set off by a chimney of generous proportions. A continuing brick wall extends across the front of the house with only transom windows under a wide roof overhang. Ultimate privacy from the street is thus achieved in this house which opens with walls of glass to both back and side terraces.

A glance at the floor plan will show the brick of the entry porch continuing into the house, across the end of the living area, the adjoining kitchen and counter and flowing out to the rear terrace. Such a bricked area makes very practical flooring for main circulation and is partic-

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The plain rectangle is given

SPECIFY a simple rectangle and you can have the least costly of all home plans. Specify a simple rectangle and you can also hand your designer his greatest challenge. No plan is more demanding of true inventive thinking, and no house can look more ordinary when such thinking is not applied.

The designer of this house met the problem head on and produced what we think is a home

with exceptional appeal.

The living area dominates the plan. It is spaciously light and has a furniture arrangement that suggests an atmosphere of quiet enjoyment — of leisurely family conversation. (Perhaps the absence of a TV screen contributes to this quality. It is there, but well concealed behind the paneling beside the fireplace.)

Though a house for essentially sociable people, it provides the privacy each of us wants and needs . . . a place for solitude and relaxation. If you love children but still cherish a life of your own, it's

a comfort to know that a sliding door can separate the active and quiet halves of the house.

The kitchen is a large, warm and friendly room. It is cut off from view from the living room but its furniture-type cupboards continue on around to

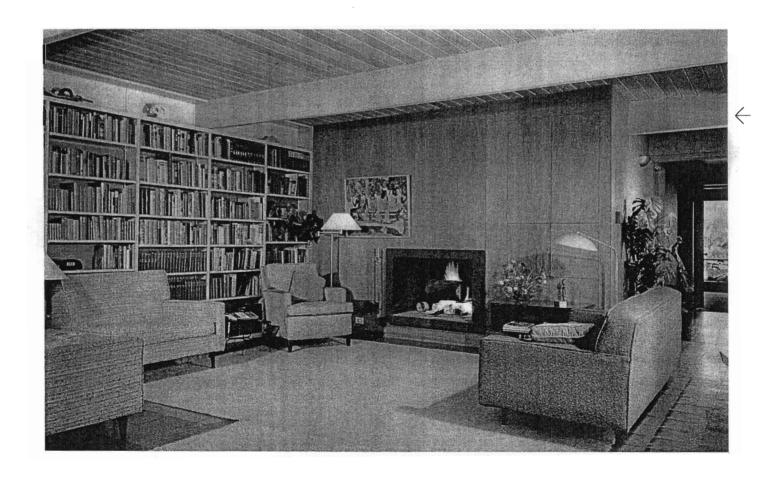
encircle the dining area.

The only breaks in the basic rectangular outline of the plan are made by the two bathrooms and the utility room. Their angle gives the front entrance an added degree of protection from the street. The door is further set apart by a planter and an airy divider marking the roof extension.

To further camouflage the regularity of the plan, the garage and fences wing out at slight angles from the house, sheltering the terraces and playing

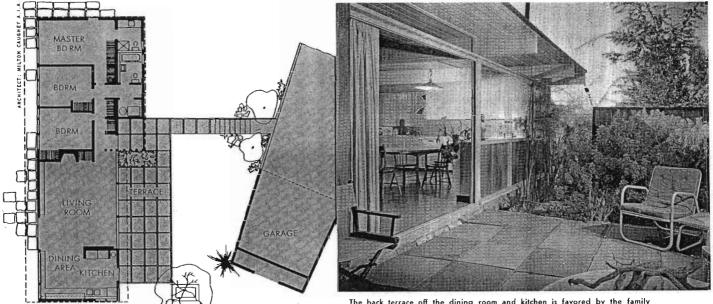
up the unsymmetrical shape of the lot.

Though modest in scale, by aiming at durable styling, the architect has linked good design to serene simplicity, a practical arrangement of space and all the facilities essential to gracious living.



a hospitable look

BY RUTH CORELL



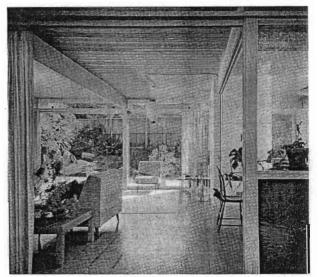
The plan tells the story. It is a neat rectangle with the exception of the bathrooms and heater room. The living and dining-kitchen areas span the width of plan. Bedrooms are all conveniently arranged on the short hallway

The back terrace off the dining room and kitchen is favored by the family for outdoor meals. It is paved in cement squares, partially protected by the wide eaves and sheltered from neighbors by rustic wood fence and plants

The living room is planned for active or quiet hours. There are books with lights to read them by. Beside the fireplace are TV and sound systems. But furniture is grouped socially if conversation is more to family tastes

An overscale glass door may be pushed aside in good weather to merge indoor and outdoor living rooms. This view of the front terrace and main entrance shows how planter and grid divider insure privacy for relaxation





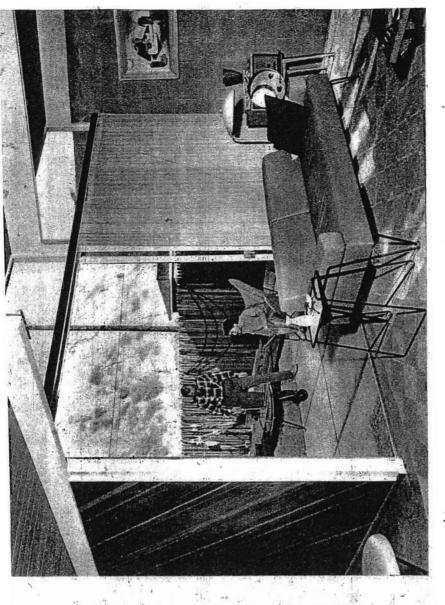
Behind the chair at the right is a slender black line marking the sliding door that can completely separate the kitchen-dining area from the living room. Another sliding door shuts off the hallway leading to the three bedrooms

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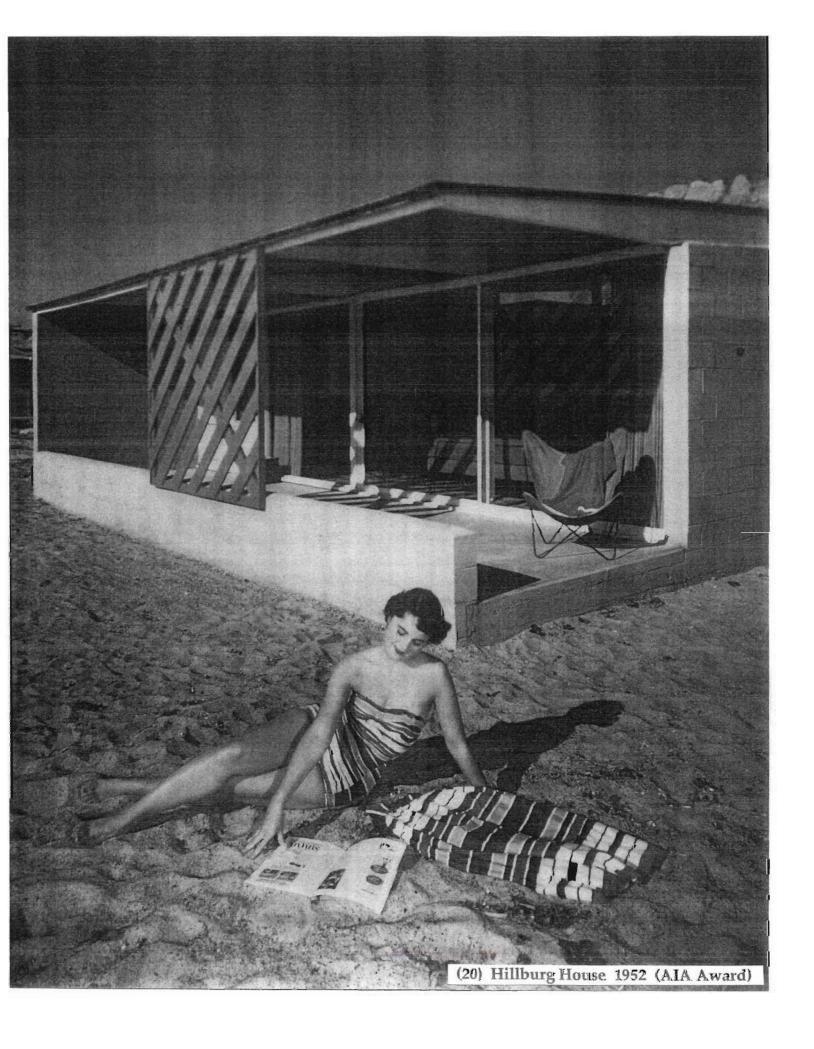
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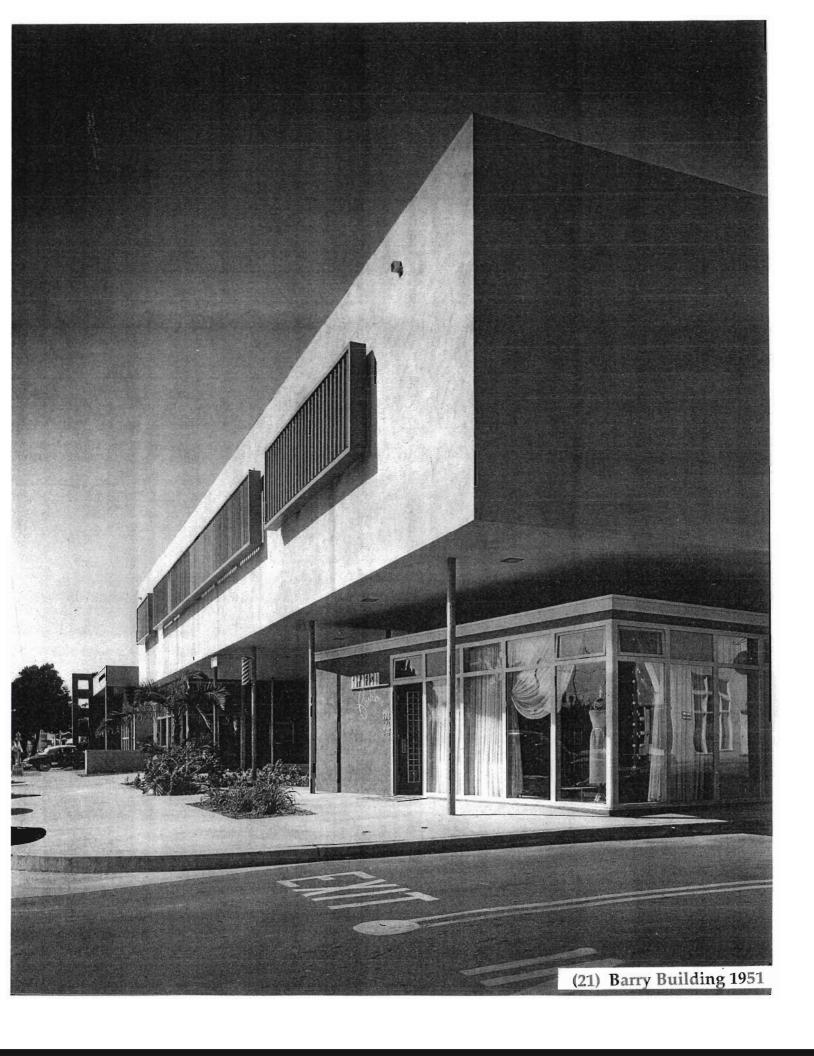
(18) Hillburg House 1952 (AIA Award)



CONCRETE paves half the patio; the rest is sand. Area of the house is 959 square feet and it's placed sidewise

GLASS is fixed or slides in frames of painted steel. The high side of roof is oitched inland low side in the contract of the c







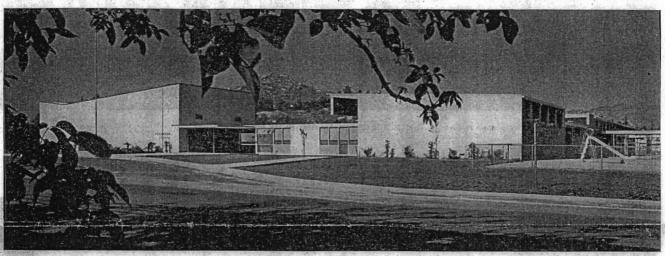
CAUGHEY & TERNSTROM, both under 40, have been partners two years. TERNSTROM graduated from the University of Southern California in 1940, also spent more than three years in the navy. CAUGHEY graduated from Yale Architectural School in 1938, went West to work on the coast and serve three years in the navy.

PACHAPPA SCHOOL, Riverside, Calif.
M. H. CAUGHEY & C. C. TERNSTROM, architects
HEERS BROTHERS, general contractors
WILLIAM PORUSH, structural engineer
HILBURG, HENGSTLER & TURPIN, mechanical, electrical engineers

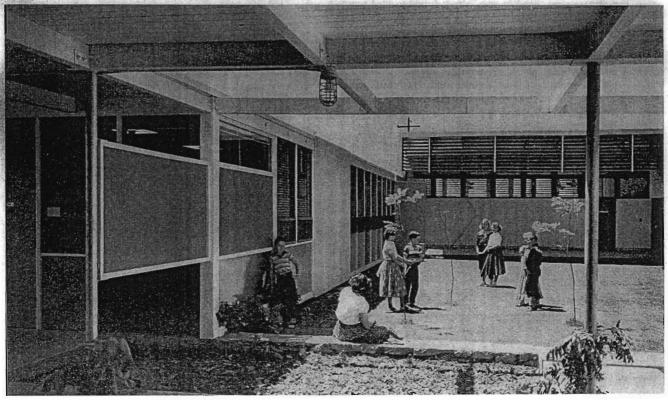
SCHOOL SHIELDED FROM THE SUN

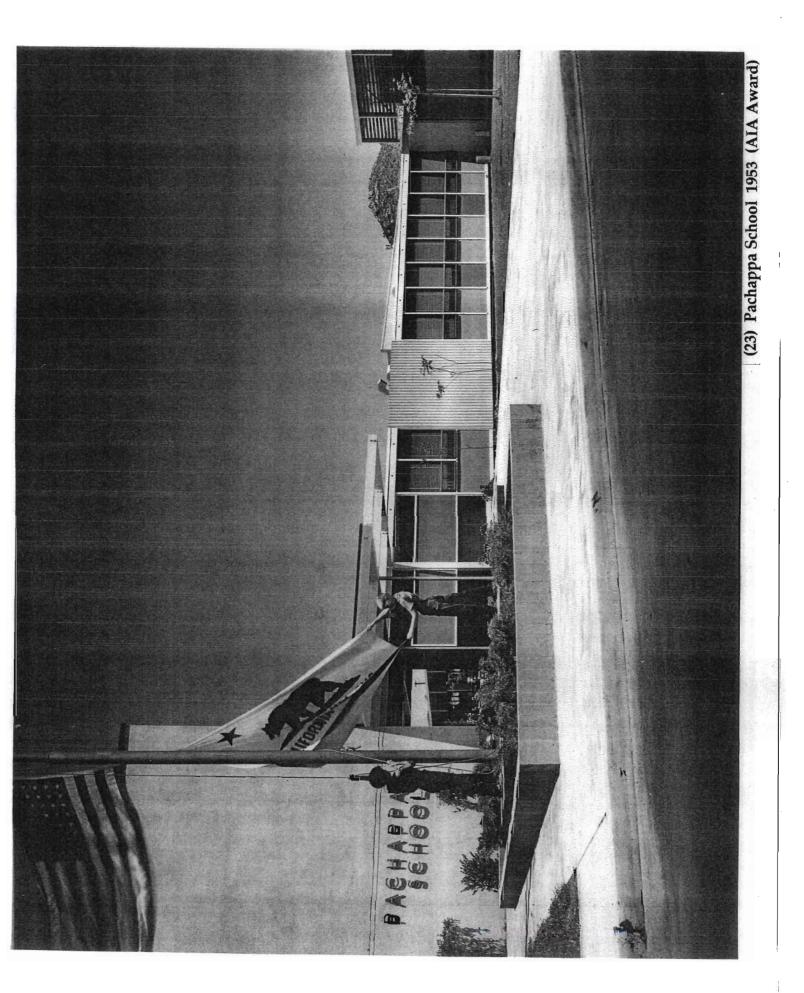
Points worthy of note in the trim, low-cost building (\$11.50 per sq. ft; total, \$292,680): \(\rightarrow\) exterior metal louvers on both north and south glazing in classrooms to stave off sky glare as well as sun; \(\rightarrow\) both side walls of classrooms 100% glazed, horizontally stiffened with exposed X-rod bracing; \(\rightarrow\) frame and stucco construction throughout; \(\rightarrow\) classroom partitions of plywood plastered on one side against sound transmission, left naked as own finish on other side (and serving also as the only shear bracing in the building—there is no diagonal sheathing).

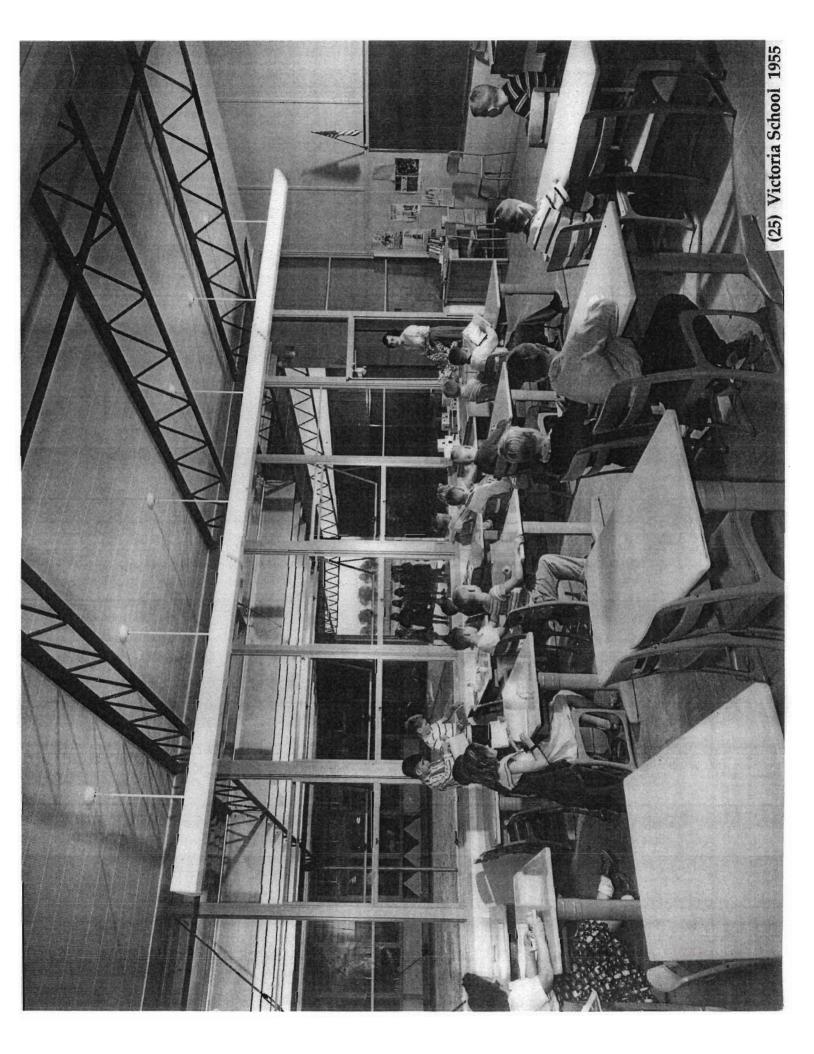
Bright colored and cheery, this 12-classroom school accepts the bright sun and California's kids with unostentatious, but real, architectural charm.

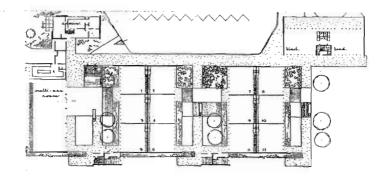


Covered crosswalks connect two main wings of school, save hallways









Back-to-back classrooms enlarged by courts

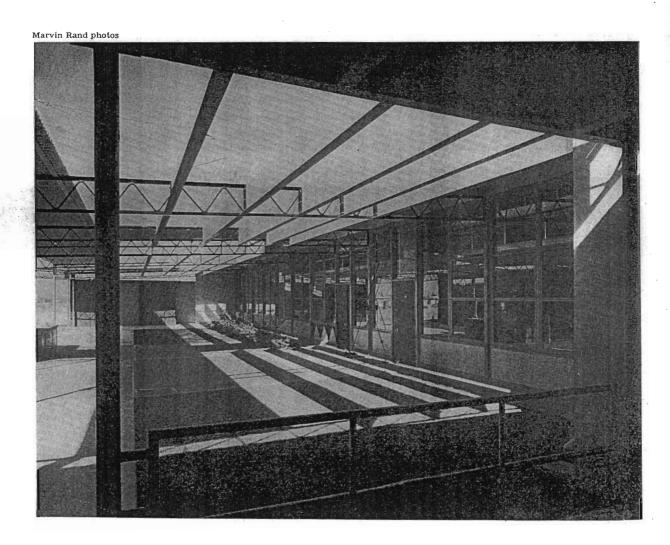
Victoria Elementary School Riverside, California

CAUGHEY & TERNSTROM Architects

WILLIAM PORUSH Structural Engineer

HILBURG & TURPIN Mechanical-Electrical Engineers

T. C. PRICHARD & SON General Contractors



THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, whose present enrollment is 360, appears to be quite unpretentious but it has an unusually workable plan of back-to-back classrooms enlarged by courts. The gently sloping site, rather small in view of future expansion, requires the use of ramps and two separate levels. Buildings are fitted tightly on the upper side to provide maximum playground space, with an odd shaped corner reserved for kindergarteners.

The back-to-back classroom solution offers 1) better site utilization; 2) economies in construction; and 3) pleasant, really usable courts designed for interclass activity or open air eating and spacious enough to minimize distractions. A central utility core facilitates removal of walls when desired; movable cabinets and chalkboards aid teaching flexibility. Sink and storage counters in the courts expedite outdoor instruction, eliminating the need for an installation at each classroom. Fluorescent fixtures supplement daylight and cross ventilation is afforded by a continuous roof unit.

The open, no-glazed side of the multipurpose room creates additional space and the same personnel can supervise both hot and sack lunchers. The area is large enough to accommodate such events as the PTA carnival. Radiant heat allows all-year round use; fenestration and fencing control the wind. Glare and reflection in all courts are reduced by lawn, brick and colored concrete areas as well as overhead louvers and roofs.

OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS

Structure: foundation: reinforced concrete; frame: openweb steel beams; floors: concrete slab.

Exterior Finish: stucco—California Stucco Co.; brick—
(Grout-Loc) Davidson Brick Co.

Read Surfacing: composition and group)—Planear Division.

Roof Surfacing: composition and gravel—Pioneer Division-Flintkote.

Windows: steel sash—(Truscon) Republic Steel Corp. Doors: steel—(Kalamein) Overly Manufacturing Co.

Floor Surfacing: asphalt tile in classrooms—(Matico) Mastic Tile Corporation of America; vinyl tile in kitchen— (Vinylflex) Hachmeister, Inc.

Partitions: stud and plaster.

Interior Finish: plywood finished shear panels; ceramic tile in toilets-Gladding, McBean & Co.

Ceilings: acoustical tile-Pioneer Division-Flintkote.

Lighting Fixtures: fluorescent; others—Wagner-Woodruff Co.

Heating: gas fired wall heaters—Payne Furnace Co.; electric heaters for smaller rooms—Thermador Electrical Mfg. Co.; gas fired boilers in multipurpose and kindergarten—Bryan Electrical Manufacturing Co.; radiant in administration—Trane Co.; radiant controls—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.; exhaust fans—Ilg Electric Ventilating Co.

Plumbing and Sanitary: toilets and lavatories—Crane Co.; drinking fountains—Haws Drinking Faucet Co.

Grinking fountains—Haws Drinking Faucet Co.

Special Equipment: aluminum louvers—Aetna Steel Products Corp.; porcelain enamel letters—California Metal Enameling Co.; linoleum countertops—Armstrong Cork Co.; laminated plastic tabletops—Formica Co.; folding tables—Son-Nel Products, Inc.; rolling counter doors—Cookson Co.; sinks and drainboards—job-built stainless steel; dishwashing machine—Hobart Manufacturing Co.; garbage disposer—Waste King Corp.; lockers—Worley & Co.; corkboard—Armstrong Cork Co.; chalkboard—(Fibraslate) Son-Nel Products, Inc.

Total Area: 24 425 sq. ft

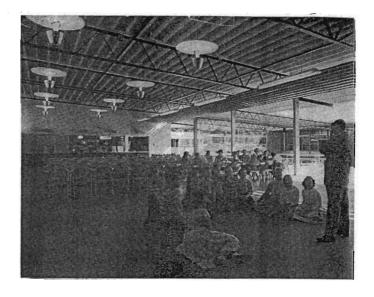
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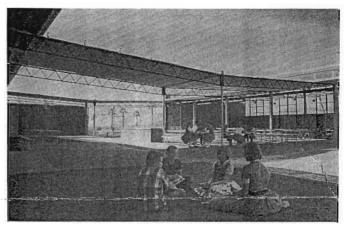
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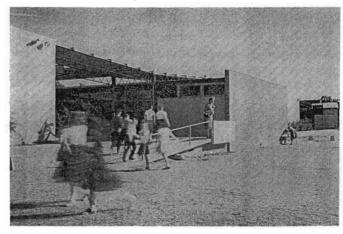
Cost per Square Foot: \$13.47.

Date of Completion: November 1956.

Pacific Architect and Builder-November 1958







OVERHEAD LOUVERS put shadow on otherwise hot ground plant, easing eye strain, creating livability. Center walkway eliminates passing by classroom window wall, acts as glare control; crossover walkways reduce circulation. Ramps connect two levels of gently sloping site.

Three Riverside Schools' Dedication Conducted LA Timens Man 25 51

School and civic officials of Angeles Architects Milton Riverside and Dr. Roy E. Caughey and Clinton Tern-By a Times Correspondent tions at the Victoria and Mon-RIVERSIDE, March 24 - roe Schools designed by Los

At Victoria School, the dedicated three new elemen multipurpose room has an open side facing a small in-Simpson, State Superintend-strom, ent of Public Instruction, tary schools here recently.

"This is the first time," Dr. ner court, around which class-Simpson said, "that I have rooms are grouped. Radiant helped to dedicate three new and overhead heating has schools in the same school proved ample, it was closed system on the same day."

Back-to-back placement

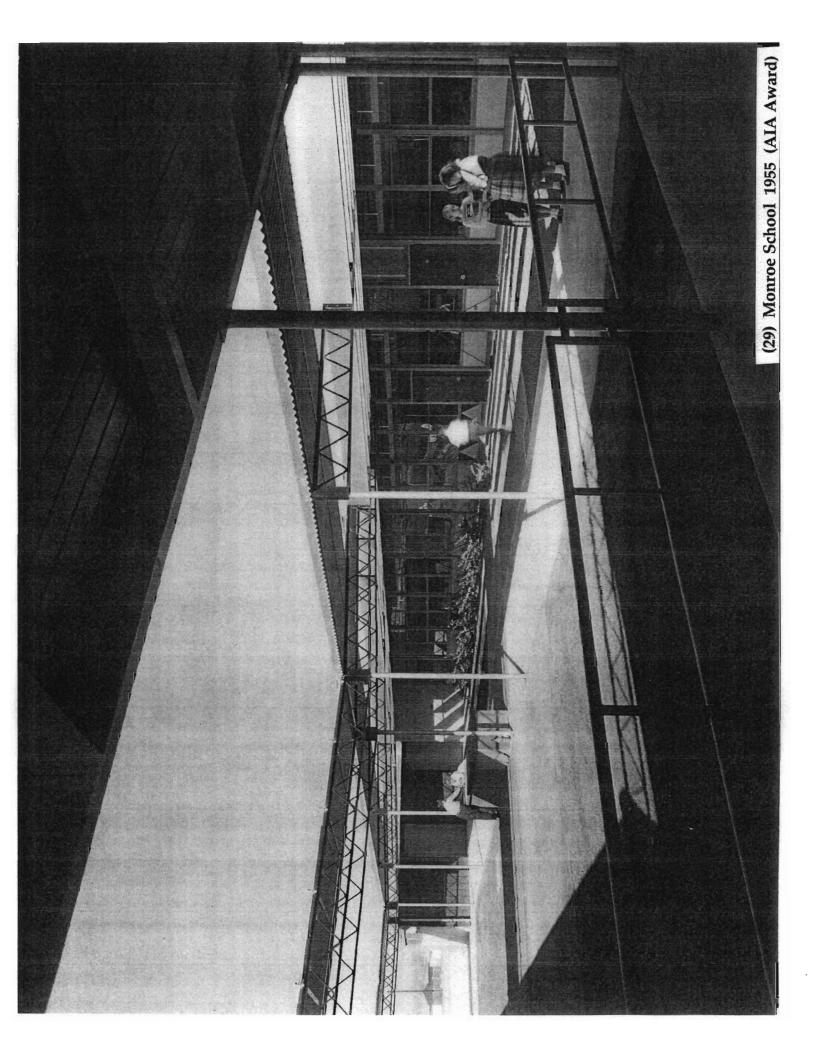
Victoria, Monroe and Jeffer-classroom wings at the Victoria Schools. While the Victoria and Monroe Schools has plassroom additions at each louvres has retained control Schools also served to reduce costs been open only a few through single-wall construcweeks, school trustees have tion, it was explained. school. Eighteen new classand other facilities have been new plants are and Monroe

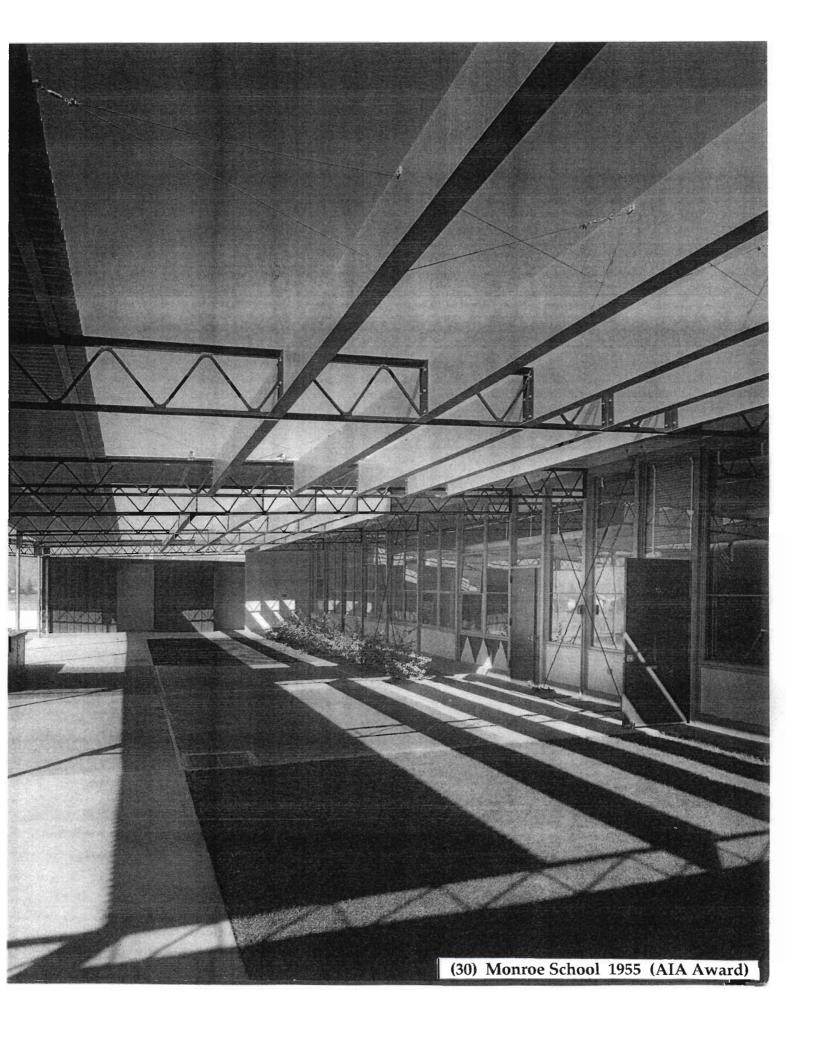
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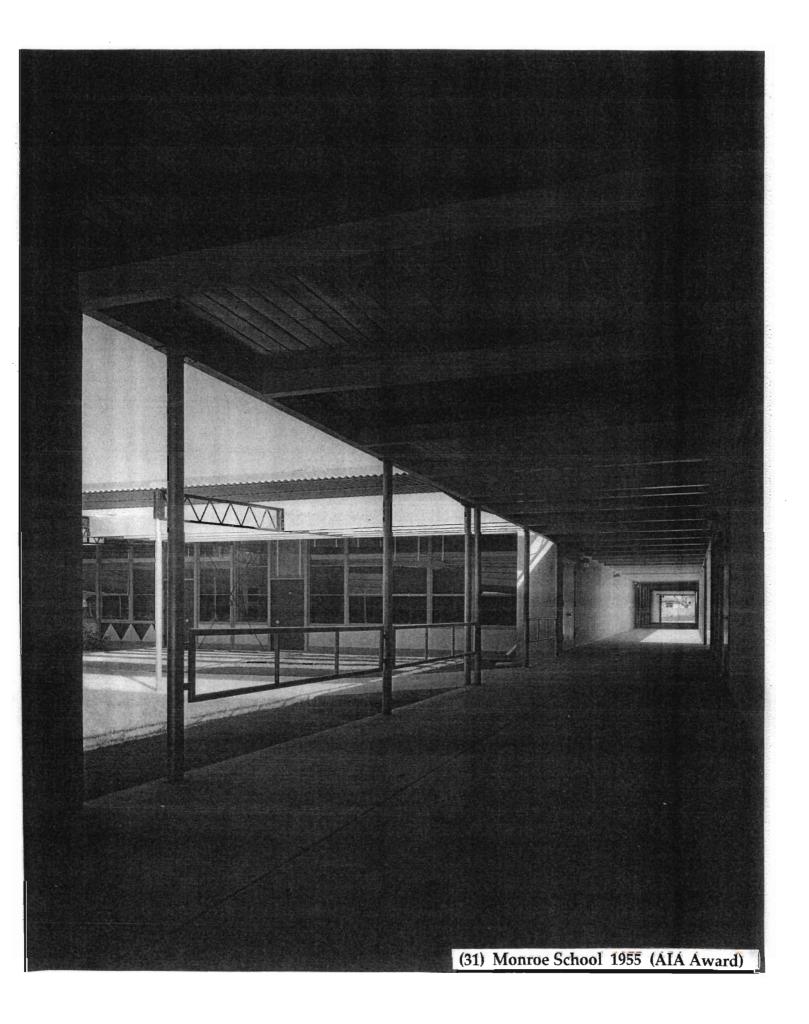
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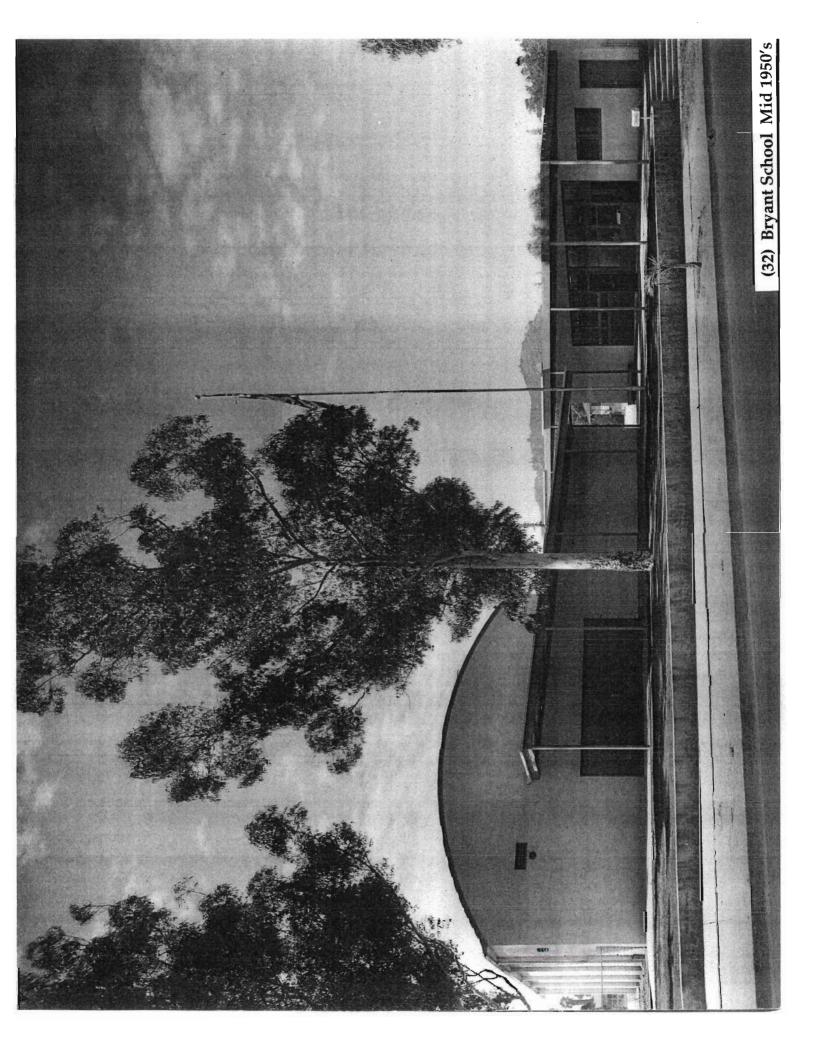
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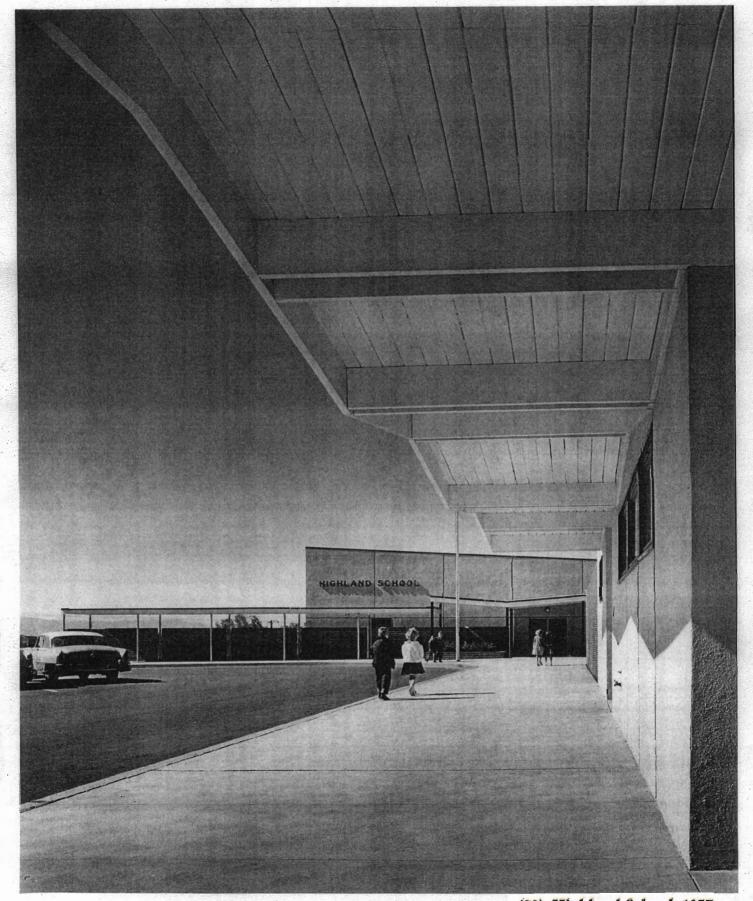




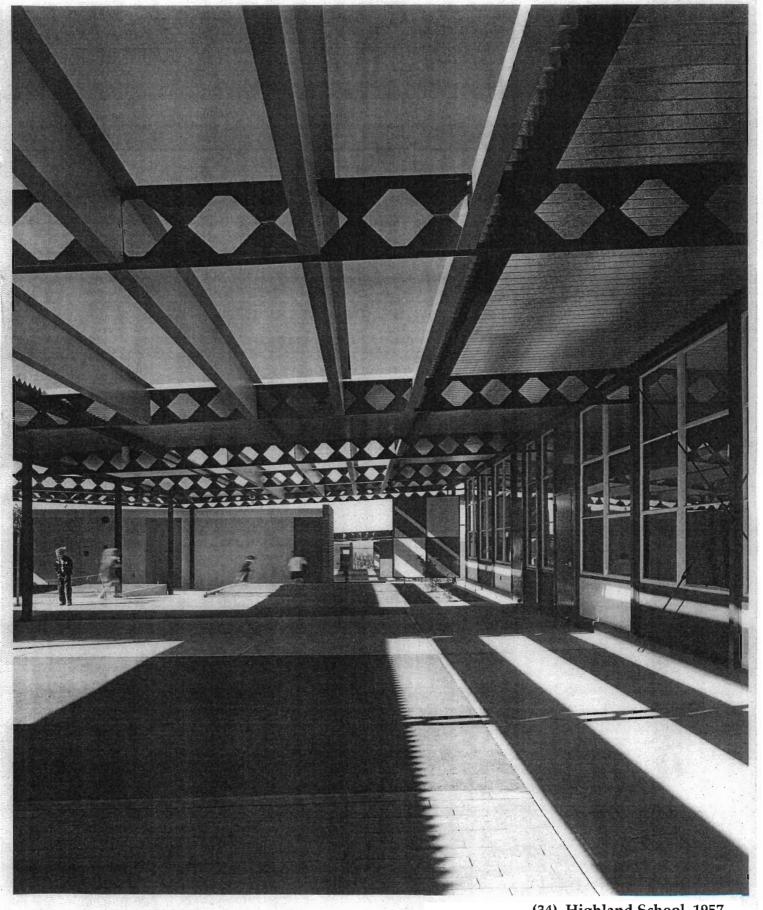








(33) Highland School 1957



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Board Names Senior High Architects

BY ROBERT 1. PATTON a member of the American Instinated that the qualifications of tion action has secured a 40-acre Employment of four architects, tute of Architects National Com- those selected had been thoroughly school site at Magnolia Avenue and mittee on School Buildings and for five years chairman of the California Council of Architects School. Advisory Committee. one in a consultant capacity, to prepare plans for Riverside's second senior high school was authorized yesterday by the Board of

Superintendent Bruce Miller made clear that the addition of a for the major high school project consultant to the architectural staff will entail no additional expense. No Added Cost

> Consultant will be Henry L. Wright of Los Angeles, Others are Herman O. Ruhnau and Bolton C.

Education.

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Details Needed 1500 to 1800 at the outset. up the building program.

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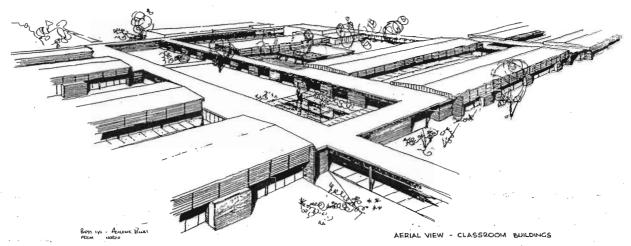
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Aerial view of the classroom buildings for the new high school at Riverside, California. The school has three project architectural firms. These buildings were designed by Caughey & Ternstrom.

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, PLANS A NEW HIGH SCHOOL



by BRUCE MILLER

Superintendent of Schools, Riverside, California

Superintendent Miller began his career as the principal of a small elementary school in the Imperial Valley. Later he became the principal at Ramona and Placentia; and was appointed the superintendent of schools at Ontario, California, in 1940. He has been with the Riverside City Schools since 1951.

VOTING school bonds or boosting tax limitations to finance new schools or additions is a long, low-gear pull, but if the superintendent and his staff can still smile after the last vote is counted, the shift into high should be made with dispatch. Once having decided in favor of school expansion, the public is eager for action. They want their new schools right away, and if the dirt isn't flying within a few weeks, they threaten to "look into the matter."

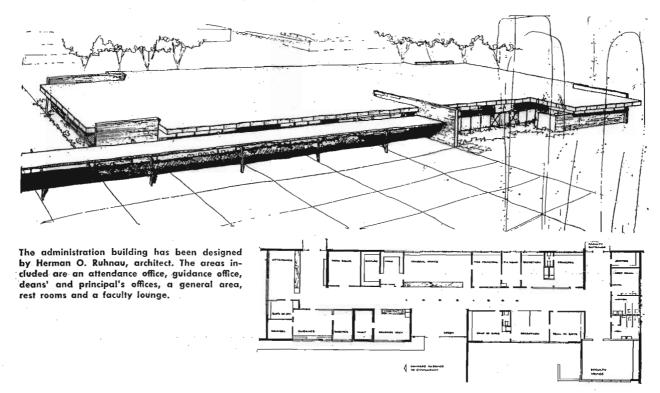
If things have been moving along as they should be, teacher-administrative planning committees have settled their differences and have come to an agreement about improvements for the old plant. Costs have been figured and re-figured with desperate courage.

Most important, the architect or architectural staff will be ready to go; better, they will have been on the job for some time. When money is finally available, there should be no long wait for site utilization planning before preliminary drawings can be authorized, leading to the actual working drawings.

Happy is the superintendent who can crawl out from beneath a bundle of blueprints long enough to wave cheerfully at contemporaries and to prove to more caustic critics that the big job is moving "according to schedule."

In Riverside, California, where school enrollments have grown more than 50 percent in four years—from 10,500 to 15,800—and where there is no letup in sight, timing is a vital factor. In late April, 1954, the High School District voted \$3,000,000 in bonds for construction of a long-needed second senior high school. The vote was counted on a Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning four architects, already appointed, already in full agreement as to their respective assignments and already well advanced in site planning, really went to work.

While "division" of a major school job is not unusual, several factors are noteworthy with regard to the Riverside plan of procedure. First of all, there was no question in the minds of trustees concerning the quality



superintendent who worked with the architects. This approach has the disadvantage of being a little slower in preliminary phases than other methods, but the advantages outweighed a mild early lag and brought to bear the combined talents and study of many.

The Projects Are Assigned

Architect Herman O. Ruhnau of Riverside was assigned the design of gymnasium, shower and locker buildings, shops and administration building, and the coordination of all specifications and contract documents as well as responsibility for supervision of construction of the entire project. In this task he has available as consultants the other project architects in connection with the buildings they have designed individually. These architects are Bolton C. Moise, Jr., of Riverside, in charge of site development, auditorium and cafeteria, and the firm of Caughey and Ternstrom of Los Angeles. The latter are in charge of all academic classrooms and special rooms.

The entire project will be bid in one lump sum contract in order to take advantage of size and to obtain the lowest unit cost. The contractor, however, under the agreement, will be responsible to only one architect.

Psychological factors have favored the arrangement from the beginning. The school board has respected the abilities of all architects involved and the architects, in turn, have had confidence in each other. Thus there has developed a true pooling of experience and facilities.

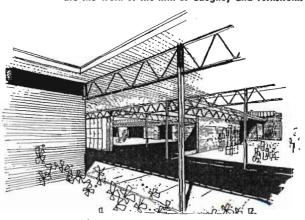
Careful cost controls have been effected. First,

there were frequent meetings with trustees and written confirmations of all decisions. During preliminary planning, all matters requiring board decision were brought up for discussion as they arose, so that when the preliminaries were completed they reflected the board's wishes. Complete preliminary plans were approved before the architects proceeded with working drawings, and a detailed estimate was made based upon the preliminary plans. Another estimate will be made upon completion of the working drawings.

Capacity of the School

The high school will house 1,500 students at the outset and will be expanded to a capacity of 2,000 or more later. All of the unexpandable facilities were grouped in the first phase. These included the audi-

The plans for the central court and covered passages are the work of the firm of Caughey and Ternstrom.



\$1,750,000 PROJECT

ing and three service buildings.

The business administra-tion building will be faced with porcelain enameled steel panels. Steel will be used for principal structural ior walls, and frames for A modular system of con-

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Construction of Rubidoux academic units and six teach-doors and sash Kenneth L. Kelley, president of California Steel

ey & Ternstrom, consists of niques in the use of steel as The \$1,750,000 project designed by Architects Caugh-12 individual structures totaling over 104,135 sq. ft. of floor space including corridors. When finished it will exemplify the latest techa primary construction ma

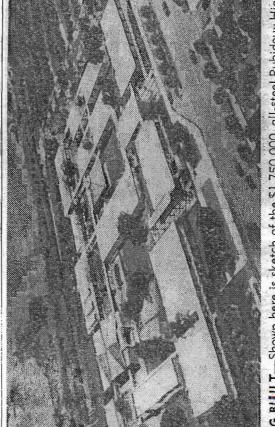
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pansion provide for doubling will accommodate 1,000 stuhe school's enrollment. The contract includes The school, slated for comdents. Plans for future exconstruction of a business administration building, classroom building with pletion in February. present

1959 fall semester, according building with nine teaching Rubidoux High School will to a joint announcement by areas, a music building, a serve the entire western sec-Paul Hoefer, president of library, a kitchen and semi-tion of the Riverside High Hoefer Construction Co., and open cafeteria, a shop-build-School District. Riverside, with partial occu- multipurpose structure in-struction has been adopted scheduled for early in the for in-door-outdoor assembly, wherever standardization is pancy of the new facility corporating an amphitheater to assure maximum economy High School is under way at ing areas, a gymnasium, a

Construction Co.



BEING BUILT—Shown here is sketch of the \$1,750,000, all-steel Rubidoux High School being built in Riverside. School, designed by Caughey & Ternstrom, will accommodate 1000 students and will consist of a total of 15 steel buildings.

Much more than steel and wood

By Diane Caughey

LENTY OF PEOPLE will tell you that Dutton's Brentwood Books is more than a simple bookshop. It's a landmark, they'll say, a literary oasis, a secular church. But it also represents the perfect union of a building and a business.

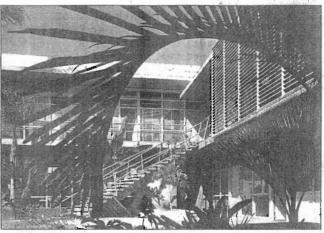
Milton H. Caughey, my father, was the architect who designed that building on San Vicente Boulevard, the one that may be demolished in the near future to make way for a retail-office-condo development. He had a master's degree in architecture from Yale, moved to Los Angeles in 1940 and started his practice after returning from the war. He won a number of awards for the homes and schools he designed, but his budding career was cut short. In 1958, when he was 46, my father died of a heart attack, and the name Milton H. Caughey is little known today.

My family lived in Brentwood — in a house designed by my father — and as a child, I would walk to the simple, two-story courtyard building that Dutton's now occupies. Built in 1950, it's a classic example of midcentury California contemporary architecture. It's solar shades foreshadowed today's green design. The simple facade floats above the sidewalk, held up by small steel columns, typical of the modern movement. The openness created below invites you in off the street to enjoy the intimate heart of the building, the courtyard.

Here, offices with walls of windows surround a space of sunlight, fresh air and nature — a rarity in today's office buildings. The courtyard is a meeting space of interior and exterior, public and private, the perfect gathering spot. My mother, Janet Caughey, now 94, still visits Dutton's weekly.

But authentic landmarks are not built; they grow over time. The first bookstore, Brentwood Book Shop, moved into the building in 1960, and Dutton's bought that business in 1984. Over 22 years, Dutton's expanded into nearly all the other ground-floor spaces, filling them with overflowing bookshelves.

The courtyard became an extension of the store, where authors signed their books and children listened to stories



ROBERT C. CLEVELAND

PERFECT MATCH: The building that has housed Dutton's Brentwood Books for 22 years is uniquely suited to the task.

while their parents sipped coffee from the cafe in the corner.

Like a good marriage, building and bookstore have brought out the best in each other. The wonderful experience of browsing Dutton's shelves is bodily linked to the character of the physical space. The emotional descriptions of the store as "funky" or "sacred" reflect our deep longing for spaces where the world can feel intimate again. History, memory and love have been absorbed into the very steel and wood of the walls. That's what brings a building to life.

Unfortunately, most of our new mega-buildings, built for maximum space and profit, are dead. Their souls have crept out through the door, seeped out through the cracks. Is this the fate of this property on San Vicente Boulevard? As a city, are we destined to lose yet another genuine landmark? I hope not. I'm working with the Los Angeles Conservancy and historic preservationists in the city's Planning Department to nominate the building as a historic cultural monument.

If that fails, Charles T. Munger, who owns the building and a large swath of land around it, has said that any new development would include a ground-floor space for Dutton's or another independent bookstore. But without that building, in my mind, Dutton's would always be a widow.

DIANE CAUGHEY is an architect and Jungian psychotherapist in West Los Angeles.

List of authors

who've had book signings or readings at Dutton's Brentwood in the Barry Building.

Isabel Allende

Martin Amis

Kate Atkinson

Margaret Atwood

Don Bachardy

Russell Banks

Nick Bantock

Lynda Barry

Graeme Base

Charles Baxter

T.C. Boyle

Kate Braverman

Berkeley Breathed (5/07) Octavia Butler

Meg Cabot

George Carlin Rosalyn Carter

Raymond Carver

Michael Chabon

Eoin Colfer

Jackie Collins

Pat Conroy

Robert Crais

Michael Cunningham

Jamie Lee Curtis

Leo & Diane Dillon

Roddy Doyle

Bob Edwards

James Ellroy

Amy Ephron

Louise Erdrich

Percival Everett

Jasper Fforde

Janet Fitch

Anne Taylor Fleming

Jonathan Safran Foer

Dick Francis

Jonathan Franzen

Carlos Fuentes

Cornelia Funke

Al Gore

Jane Hamilton

Carl Hiaasen

Oscar Hijuelos

Alice Hoffman

A.M. Holmes

Nick Hornby

Khaled Hosseini (6/07)

Thomas Hoving

Robert Hughes

Eric Idle

Pico Iyer P.D. James

Diane Johnson

Roger Kahn John Kerry (4/07)

Ross King

Barbara Kingsolver

Nicole Krauss

Jhumpa Lahiri

Chang-Rae Lee

Ursula Leguin Annie Leibovitz

Diane Leslie

Jonathan Lethem

Mario Vargas Llosa

David Lodge

Alison Lurie

David Mamet

Steve Martin

Frank McCourt

Malachy McCourt

Ian McEwan

Larry McMurtry

Anchee Min

Ralph Nader

Howard Norman

Tim O'Brien

Amos Oz

Chuck Palahnick

Robert Parker

Richard Price

Reynolds Price

John Rechy

Ann Rice

Salman Rushdie

Carolyn See

Lisa See

Vikram Seth

Sidney Sheldon

Alan Shephard

Carol Shields

Maria Shriver

Jane Smiley

Lemony Snickett

Sonya Sones

Susan Straight

Amy Tan

Scott Turow

Gore Vidal

William Vollman

Kurt Vonnegut Alice Walker David Foster Wallace Sarah Waters Marianne Wiggins Robert Wilson Tom Wolfe

SAINTA MIONICA REFLECTING THE CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY



FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2007



Once a semester, Toni Courtin, a pre-school teacher at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church Nursery School for 21 years, takes her dass on a reading hour excursion to Dutton's Books on San Vicente, which sets on property recently sold to an individual interested in developing the real estate. Each child is given \$10.00 to buy a book followed by a snack outdoors.

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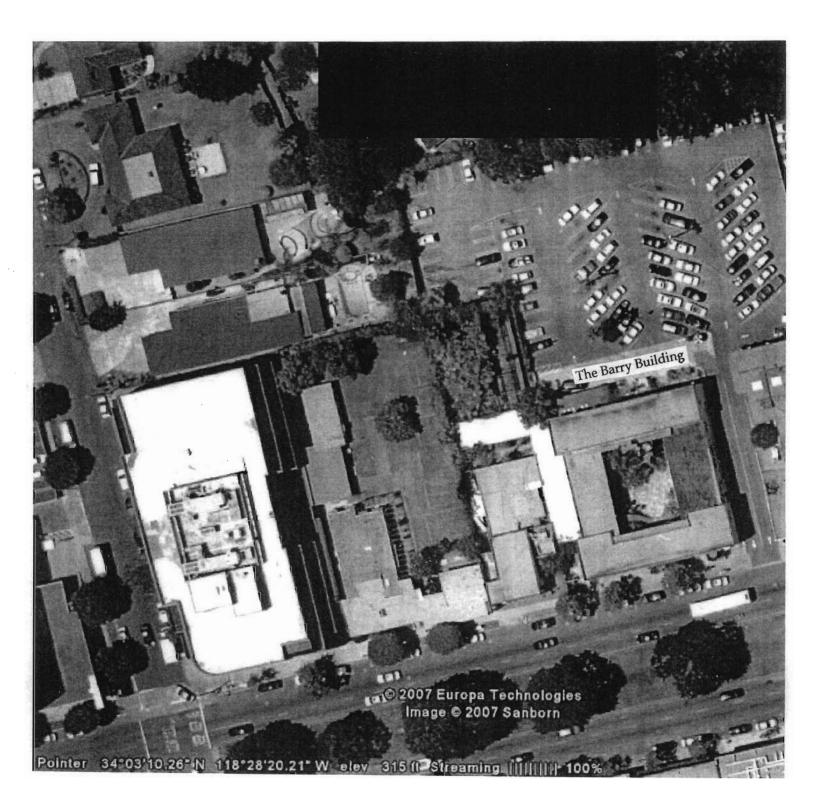
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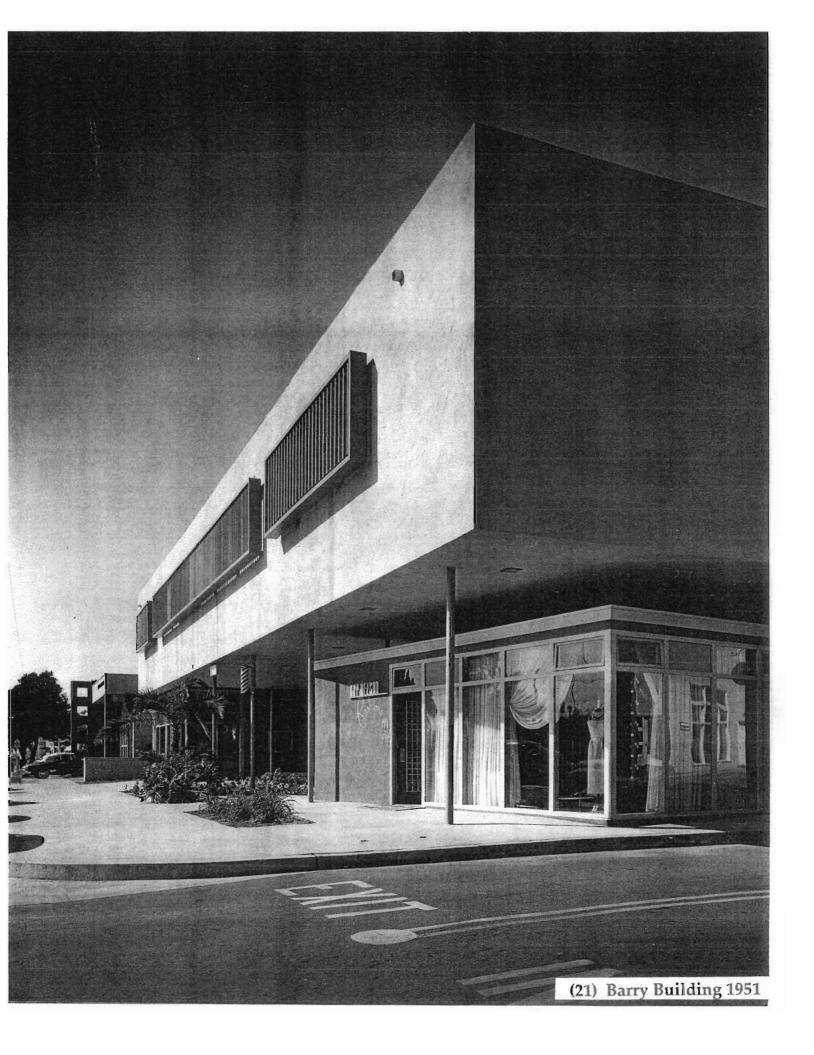
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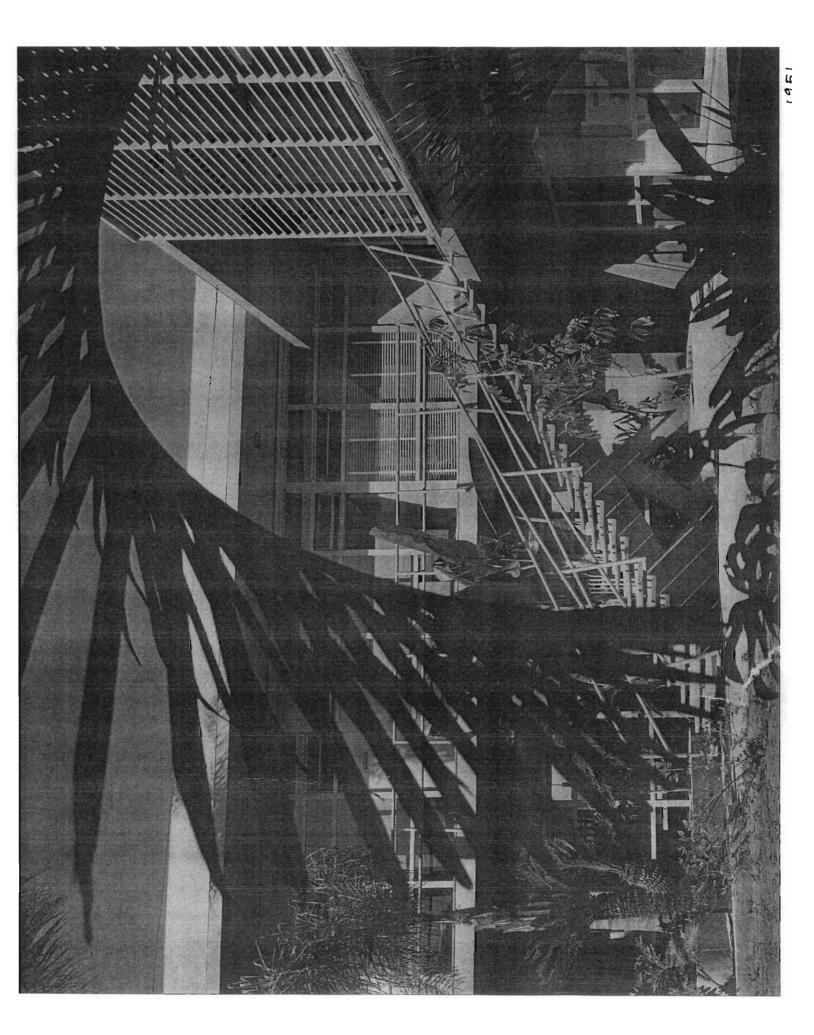
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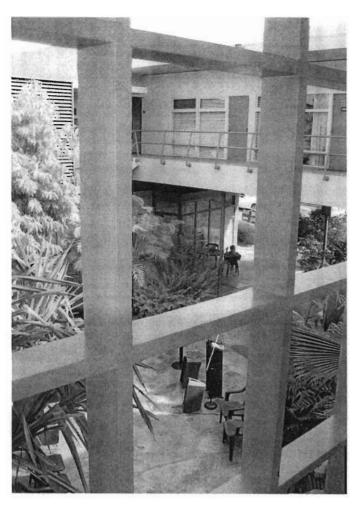


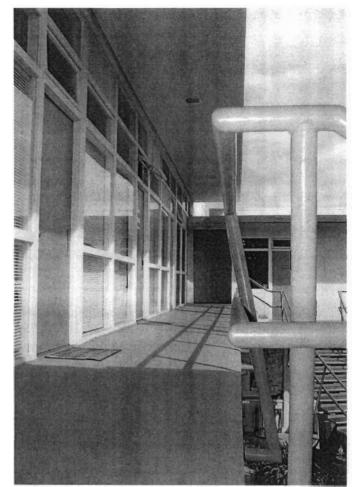


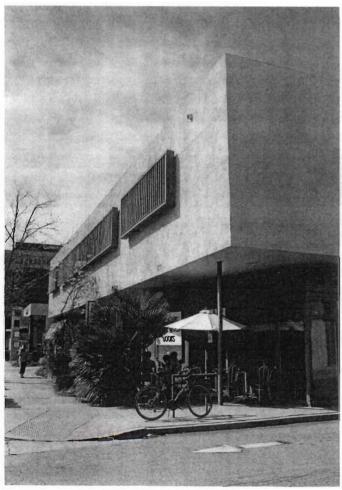


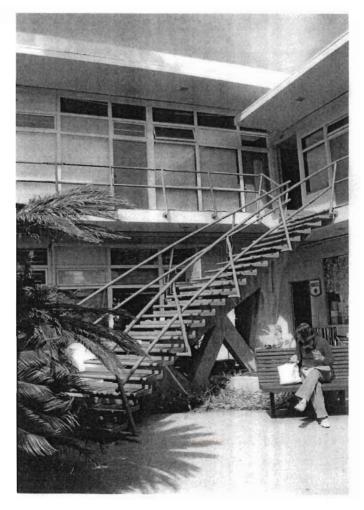


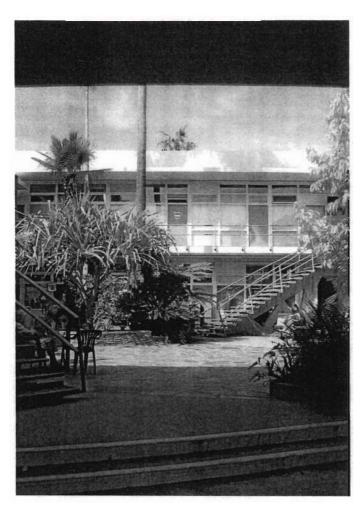
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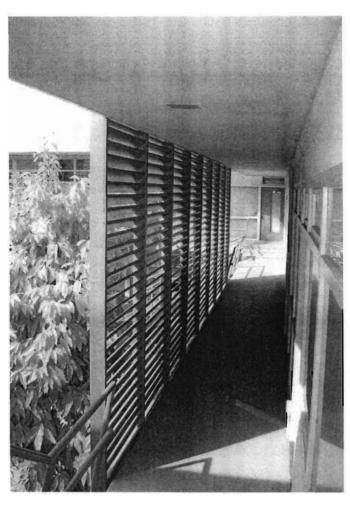


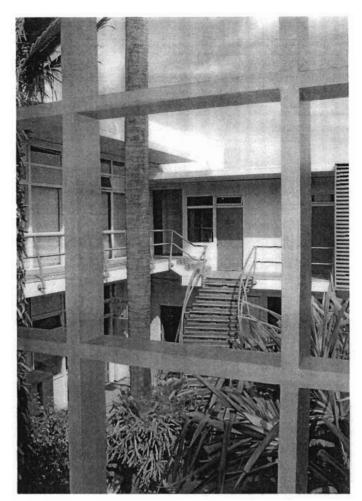




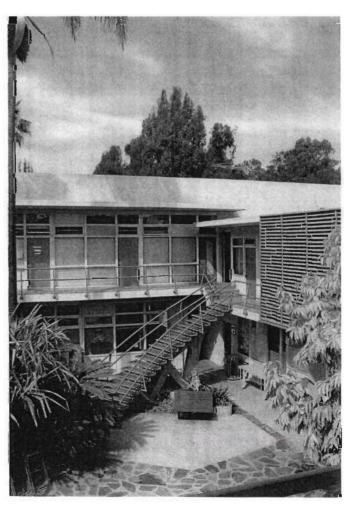


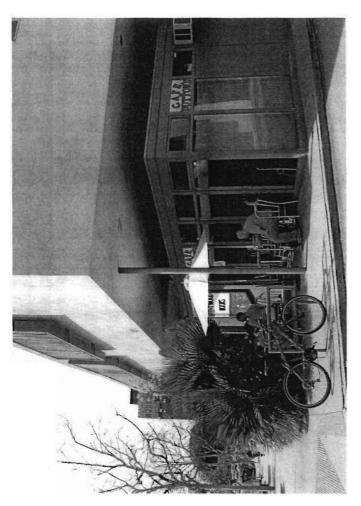


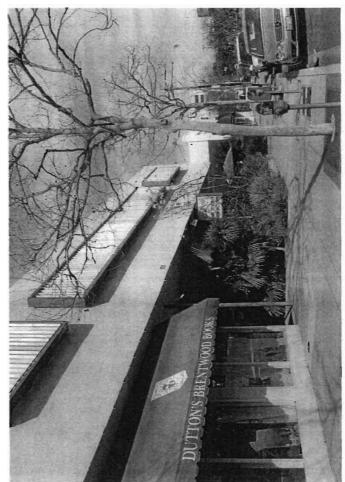


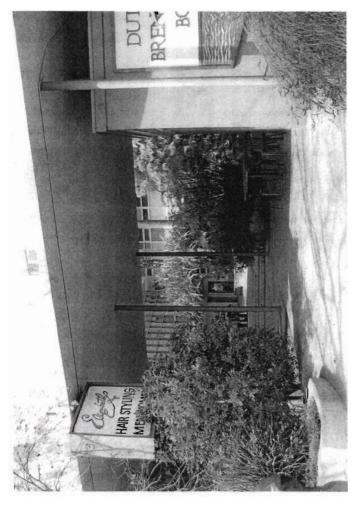


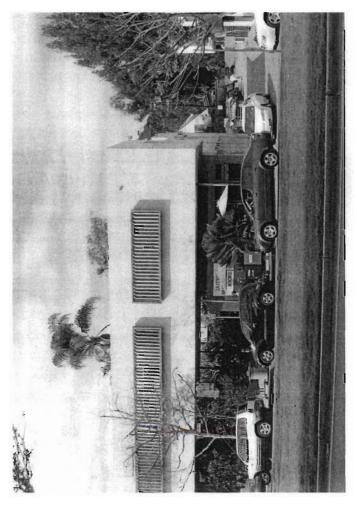




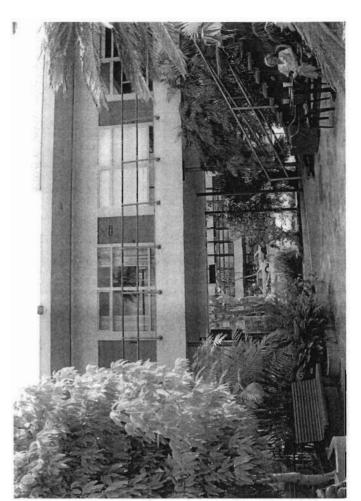




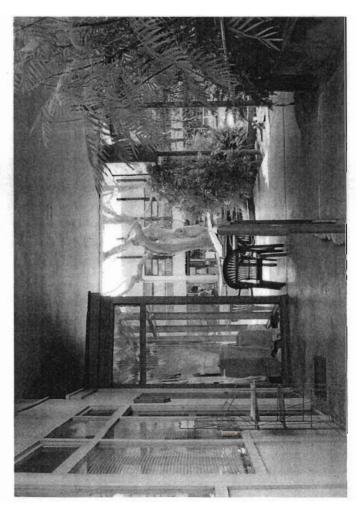
















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04/13/2007

PARCEL PROFILE REPORT

PROPERTY ADDRESSES

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ZIP CODES

90049

RECENT ACTIVITY

None

CASE NUMBERS

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PRIOR-07/29/1962

Address/Legal Information

PIN Number: 129B145 87 16,592.8 (sq ft) PAGE 631 - GRID G4 Area (Calculated): Thomas Brothers Grid: 4404025008 Assessor Parcel Number: WESTGATE ACRES Tract: Map Reference: M B 7-90/91 Block: None 51 Lot: Arb (Lot Cut Reference): Map Sheet: 129B141

Jurisdictional Information

Community Plan Area: Brentwood - Pacific Palisades Area Planning Commission: Neighborhood Council: West Los Angeles None Council District: CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl 2640.00 Census Tract #: LADBS District Office: West Los Angeles

129B145

Planning and Zoning Information

Special Notes: None C4-1VL Zoning: ZI-1802 Hillside Grading Zoning Information (ZI): Ordinance Exemption Area Neighborhood Office Commercial General Plan Land Use: Plan Footnote - Site Req.: Additional Plan Footnotes: See Plan Footnotes **Brentwood** Specific Plan Area: San Vicente Scenic Corridor West Los Angeles Transportation

Improvement and Mitigation No Historic Preservation Review: None Historic Preservation Overlay Zone: Other Historic Designations: None Mills Act Contract: None POD - Pedestrian Oriented Districts: None CDO - Community Design Overlay: None Streetscape: No Sign District: No Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area: None 35% Density Bonus: Eligible

CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency: None Central City Parking: No Downtown Parking: No Building Line: 500 Ft School Zone: None No 500 Ft Park Zone: Nο

Assessor Information

Assessor Parcel Number: 4404025008 Parcel Area (Approximate): 26,789.4 (sq ft) Use Code: 1200 - Store and Office Combination **Building Class:** D65B Assessed Land Val.: \$955,206

Assessed Improvement Val.: \$62,568 Year Built: 1951 1951 Last Owner Change: 12/14/06 Last Sale Amount: Number of Units: Number of Bedrooms: Number of Bathrooms:

\$0 32 0 2 13,301.0 (sq ft) **Building Square Footage:**

Tax Rate Area: 67 Deed Reference No.: None

Additional Information

Airport Hazard: None Coastal Zone: None

Farmland: Area not Mapped

Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone: No Fire District No. 1: Fire District No. 2: No Yes Flood Zone: None Hazardous Waste / Border Zone Properties: Νo Methane Hazard Site: None High Wind Velocity Areas: No Hillside Grading: Oil Wells: Yes None

Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone: No Within Fault Zone Distance to Nearest Fault:

Landslide: Νo Liquefaction: No

Economic Development Areas

Business Improvement District: Federal Empowerment Zone: None None Renewal Community: No Revitalization Zone: None State Enterprise Zone: None Targeted Neighborhood Initiative: None

Public Safety

Police Information:

Bureau: West

Division / Station: West Los Angeles

Report District: 826

Fire Information: District / Fire Station: 19 Batallion: 9 Division: Red Flag Restricted Parking: Νo

CASE SUMMARIES

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