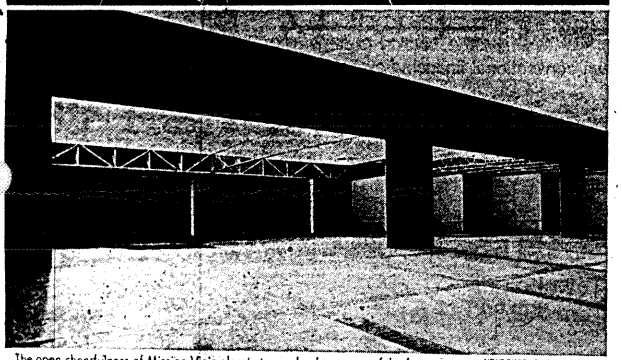
Mission Viejo school cited for building design



The open cheerfulness of Mission Viejo elementary school was one of the factors in its winning American Institute of Architects citation. Above are two different work areas for students and teachers.

NEWS PHOTO BY HOWARD BROCK

An innovative elementary school in southeast Aurora has been cited for "outstanding architectural design" by the American Association of School Administrators and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

It is the new Mission Viejo Elementary School located in the planned community of the same name — situated on eight acres of deeded land from the developers. As part of the package as well Mission Viejo donated $11,000 in visual aids to the school and some $1,000 for the purchase of 38 trees surrounding the school. Each tree represents a state that preceded Colorado into the Union.

In making the award the AIA described the open design facility as "a cheerful elementary school that is charming and simple and a welcome neighbor to the surrounding residential area."

THE SCHOOL is a "form follows function" structure that, were it not for the use of elevations and a few small conference and special function rooms, would resemble more closely a warehouse rather than a learning facility.

It is a low brick building similar in shape to a warehouse. There are girder beams used in much the same way as James Ream did in his design of Currigan Exhibition Hall.

The front entry is treated as a coutryard with the brick walls and steel girders but minus the roof — a technique that floods the front of the structure with light.

Students work in areas rather than conventional classrooms and areas often are defined by well planned elevations.

The purpose of the design has been to simplify as many functions as necessary. In actuality the building emerges as a basic one room schoolhouse — 1974 style.

Among the more delightful touches is a very private reading loft adjacent to the media center for serious readers and a music room that lends itself to a single student or an entire band without seeming out of scale.

THE HIGHLY functional auditorium-gymnasium works well for both as long as whatever is being given in the auditorium

(Concluded on page 68)

MISSION VIEJO

GRANADA HOMES
FROM $34,795

LA PAZ HOMES
FROM $42,500

SEVILLE TOWNHOMES
FROM $28,500

Open Daily 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
or by appointment
(303) 755-5181

ASK ABOUT OUR
GUARANTEED
TRADE PROGRAM

Contemporary duo offered

Flair of California introduced a new contemporary furniture duo for Mid-Season Market in the L.A. Mart. The clean tailored lines give the design an ageless look.

Created on a natural dark base in oak, both chair and sofa have the "floating" look so popular in today's styles. The introductory pieces are upholstered in a homespun fabric with racing stripes of earth tones in orange, brown and black against a natural wheat background. Individual back and seat pillows add comfort to the smart ensemble. The new designs from Flair of California are available throughout the 11 Western states. They are sold exclusively through the Bullock's stores in Southern California, and the A.G. Emporium in San Francisco.

Huntington Square

Distinctive apartments offering efficiency and convenience in the Northglenn Area.

One and two bedroom apartments begin at $118.00 including gas and water and come equipped with all electric designer kitchens, wall to wall carpeting, drapes and independent air conditioning.

Each building has complete laundry facilities, ample off-street parking and 24 hour security doors. 30 day leases are available. Walk to shopping at Garland Shopping Center.

Take the Valley Highway north to 104th Avenue exit. Drive east to Washington, then left to 105th Avenue.

105th Avenue and Washington St.
Call: 452-4063

Preview Showing
PARKSIDE

Now . . . More Living Than Ever

NOBODY OFFERS YOU MORE FOR YOUR MONEY
NOBODY OFFERS YOU BETTER FINANCING

FROM $26,995

VISIT THE MODELS TODAY!

104th and Ute Lane 469-8262

sales office open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Whirlpool Armstrong

This, then, is Shenandoah.
You are invited
to visit and share it.

...Featuring preview values during early development.
...Overlooking the city from atop Southeast Denver.
...Combing Western open spaces with a completely fenced community. (There's an around-the-clock security officer on duty at the gatehouse).
...With a swimming pool, a private lake, tennis courts, a park and a clubhouse.
...Highlighting greenery and elegance. With carefree maintenance.
...Only 177 homes built by a master builder. For the discerning.

Shenandoah

VSP* HOMES
in Shenandoah
15500 East Smoky Hill Road
By Witkin
Telephone 751-4260
*Very Special Planning
Shenandoah ... on historic Smoky Hill Road immediately east of Quincy Avenue and Parker Road. Homes from $64,450 to $75,000. Custom lots also available. Please call for an appointment.

Witkin
A US HOME COMPANY