

"HAPPENSTANCE"

Nine artists from L.A. deal with accidental juxtapositions and ephemeral beauty. Michael Queenland's readymade is helpfully titled "Standing
Brooms Until All or None Fall Over"; there were
two up and nine down on a recent visit. Rodney
McMillian makes an insolent but surprisingly painterly gesture with a big piece of very dirty beige
carpet tacked to the wall. Amir Zaki manipulates—
too much, perhaps—a series of photos of a house
demolished in a California mudslide, but Leslie
Hewitt takes it as she finds it in C-prints examining sad bits of decoration in an abandoned Chinatown apartment. Through Jan. 21. (Harris Lieberman, 89 Vandam St. 212-206-1290.)