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## Best of 2009: Most-read L.A. at Home articles

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Home editors and home readers are in agreement: We loved Barbara Thornburg's look at the family that called Case Study House No. 22 home. It is a fascinating article about an ordinary man with a not-so-ordinary dream: to build one of the coolest houses in Los Angeles. You also loved our story about the piano's declining importance as a middle-class status symbol, as well as the battle over the clothesline.

Below, the 10 most-viewed Home stories from the last year, with excerpts from each.

1. [Case Study House No. 22: The story behind L.A.'s original dream home](#): "Perhaps the most surprising fact is that the original inspiration for the design may not have come from architect Pierre Koenig but rather his client, Buck Stahl. ... Taken in July 1956, 16 months before Koenig received the commission, the image shows a shirtless Stahl posing with his nephew Bobby Duemler next to a large-scale model of a glass-and-steel house. It bears more than a passing resemblance to the iconic design attributed to Koenig. Is it possible that Stahl deserves some of the credit for the house?"