

## Government blamed for growth pains

By Richard Peraza  
Staff Writer

"Bad government" is the root cause of clogged roadways, smoggy skies and other Southland growing pains, developers and planners were told Tuesday.

Steve Hayward, director of the Claremont Institute's Golden State Project, had no trouble assigning blame while addressing a growth issues conference in Irvine sponsored by the California Building Industry Foundation. The Claremont Institute is a conservative

### State budget cited as one of problems

think tank headquartered in Montclair.

The current maladies, which are giving rise to slow-growth movements, were "quite easy to see and accommodate" years ago, but politicians followed a different path, Hayward said.

He cited the state budget as an example, noting that a decade ago 16 percent of the spending plan funded transportation, including new freeway

construction. Now, 6 percent of the budget is for transit — barely enough for maintenance of what already exists, he said.

"It now takes almost as long to plan and build a freeway as a nuclear power plant — 20 years," he said. Costs can reach \$150 million a mile, he added.

The solution to Southland growing pains lies in shying away from fees and

regulations that limit developers and placing more user fees — such as a fee for freeway use during peak hours — on residents, he said.

The "myriad of fees and added costs" on builders is the biggest factor pushing the region's home prices skyward, with no ceiling in sight, Hayward said.

But, "instead of reforming our government, our politicians propose more

of the same that got us into this mess," he said.

"There's scarcely a public official or developer who will criticize growth management in public," although many builders lambaste it privately, said Hayward. The slow-growth "initiatives seem to have accomplished their goals despite losing at the polls," he added.

Hayward criticized a Southern California Association of Governments proposal to cut job commutes and smog by shifting more housing toward Orange

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## Residents try to save oak trees

### Diamond Bar hears residents' concerns

By Jessica Ellman  
Staff Writer

Residents are pleading with Diamond Bar city officials to exert their new, much-talked-about local control and stop a developer from destroying a pristine canyon in the western part of the city.

At the Diamond Bar City Council meeting Tuesday night, residents asked the council to keep Arciero and Sons Inc. from removing oak trees and grading through a canyon just below a planned middle school site.

The Walnut Valley Unified School District is building South Pointe Middle School at Larkstone Drive above the canyon. Arciero owns the land just below the school site.

Don Schad, who lives behind the area known as Sandstone Canyon, pleaded with council members to stop the destruction.

"It's a magnificent canyon with incredible oak trees, all kinds of botanical species which are unique. We're trying to preserve this canyon for all eternity.



Senior Jeff Baker and student body clerk Diane Ellington take care of business at the student store at Don Lugo High

Staff Photo by Tom Zasadzinski

permits, said Rudy Lackner of the Los Angeles County Public Works Department and the city's acting planning director.

But residents in the area claim oak trees are being tagged for removal and grading is being done off the school site. "I don't want to see this beautiful canyon destroyed for the sake of a few homes," said resident Sunny Matindale.

County public works officials have been ordered by Diamond Bar to check the area each day to ensure that no construction is taking place, said City Manager George Caswell.

Arciero plans to build 80 luxury homes in the area. The company needs a conditional use permit, a permit to remove several oak trees, an amendment to the community general plan and a zone change before it could begin construction, Lackner said.

None of the above requests have been  
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Staff Writer

Free enterprise may be hazardous to students' health, but it's critical to the survival of extra-curricular activities, say local students who are fighting a state attempt to cut back student store hours.

"This is our way of supporting activities and programs," said Kedron McDonald, a senior at Don Lugo High School in Chino.

While the state Department of Education is worried about a few M&Ms, students are facing the loss of thousands of dollars that support extra-curricular activities, McDonald said.

"We understand the importance of this store," she said.

At issue is the department's attempt to get students to eat more healthy food at school. Available state or school officials declined to comment, but the proposed restrictions

"There is no other way we can raise \$20,000."

—Kedron McDonald

were born out of concern for student eating habits as well as direct competition with cafeteria sales, according to a memo from the department's Child Nutrition Food Distribution Division.

"This regulation is needed to provide a reasonable policy that will advance the nutritional goals and the effectiveness of the child nutrition programs, including the control of competitive foods outside the food service area," the memo reads.

Money is the bottom line, and students know the value of a dollar as well as any state official, McDonald said. The student store generates a major chunk of the associated student's general budget, she said.

"There is no other way we can raise

\$20,000," she said.

The money pays for assemblies, conference fees, sports officials, drill team and band tournaments, dances and trophies for athletic and academic competitions, said Diane Ellington, finance clerk for Don Lugo students.

The proposed rules would only allow students to open their stores during the last class period and after school, McDonald said. Store hours are already limited to one half-hour before school, two 30-minute lunch breaks and after school, she said.

Further restrictions would encourage more students to get their snacks off campus, McDonald said.

A closed store also would promote black market candy sales, McDonald said. One student at another Chino

store is making \$50 a day, she said. And frankly, students don't buy the nutritional argument, McDonald added.

"They're selling Coke from the cafeteria ... doughnuts and Doritos ... all these greasy things," she said.

In mid-April, McDonald went to Sacramento to testify against the proposed restrictions before the state Board of Education. The scene was a packed house, said McDonald, one of 90 students who spoke to the state board.

Don Lugo student activities director Connie Weeks and Chino High student Rebecca Laschober also went.

The overwhelming protest prompted the state board to return the plan to school nutritionists for revision, McDonald said.

"We've won the battle and we're still waiting to hear on the war," she said.



Two Victorian homes are pulled down Holt Avenue to their new sites in Pomona early this morning.

## Old homes moved to new home

By Elissa Cottle  
Staff Writer

The dark, pre-dawn hours aren't usually the best time to see historic preservation enterprise in action.

But during those moonlit hours this morning, the streets of Pomona saw a valuable piece of the city's heritage tucked into safekeeping.

Two of the city's historic homes, considered to be fine examples of turn-of-the-century architecture, were moved from locations where they would have been demolished to a scenic neighborhood where they can be restored and lived in once again.

The large task of transporting the two-story structures, known as the Weigle House and the Holt House, took place from about midnight to sunrise, beginning at Sixth Street and Park

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## Poly race issue may get ticket

By Lorna Corpus  
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly Pomona student government officer — requesting action against alleged accusations of racism and improper misconduct in a recent election — warned a university elections committee Tuesday that if it didn't disqualify his opponents' ticket, the decision would have a

negative effect on student politics.

"What they did was indecent, improper and wrong. The Gaines-Lopez ticket should be disqualified ... because we were called racists and accused of participating in racist activity," Ken Sherwood, Associated Students Inc. vice president, told the ASI Elections Committee in an open student hearing on the

campus.

"If you don't disqualify the ticket, you are telling students that it is OK to make false statements about people."

However, Anthony Kurt Gaines, ASI president-elect, defended himself against charges that he, his running mate Linda Lopez and their supporters defamed their campaign opponents

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land home.

The sweet treat was what they and their relatives were most excited about — at least after a 3½-hour vacuuming of their giant bee hive.

"Sometimes we could hear the wall buzzing or little picking, but it didn't bother us," Lynette said, pointing to wooden panel-

who were concerned recently for the safety of their 6-month-old daughter, Salina.

The couple called professional beekeeper Greg Manston, who removed the docile swarm, complete with queen bee, from under an 8-foot-by-1-foot slab of exterior siding and then advised them to fill the hollow area with plenty of insulation.

## Diamond Bar/from B1

approved by the county, and must now must go through city channels, he said.

At least 25 residents were at the meeting to protest the project, and council members encouraged them to return to future meetings.

Because the item was not on the agenda, no action was taken. However, council members assured the residents that no action would be taken until after pre-announced public hearings.

Councilman Gary Werner said he would be in favor of a

building moratorium just to make the point to developers that they must abide by the city's planning process.

In other business, the council voted 4-1, with Werner dissenting, to approve the first reading of an ordinance that would require permits for all fences or walls more than 3 feet high.

The council also tabled discussion on improving traffic signals until the next meeting, when a full report is expected to be ready.

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and Los Angeles counties while steering industry to job-poor San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Left alone, the construction market will eventually reach job-housing balance, he said. "SCAG may very well be embarking on a regulatory policy to correct a crisis that doesn't exist," he said.

SCAG projections predict a continuation of current trends — Los Angeles and Orange counties growing job-rich while San Bernardino and Riverside counties grow job-poor — through the

year 2020, forcing residents to commute to reach jobs.

But an independent study by Wells Fargo Bank pegs Inland Empire growth at 4.4 percent as opposed to SCAG's predicted 2.9 percent. It projects 800,000 new local jobs by the year 2020 in-

stead of SCAG's 324,000, and that's enough to attain balance, Hayward said.

But according to Gordon Palmer of SCAG, "That's an unfair comparison" because Wells Fargo's forecast is the rosiest to surface."

followed an incident in which Gaines testified he found a Gaines-Lopez flier defaced with the words "nigger" and "be-amer."

Chris Hoversten, ASI president, said rumors circulated afterward that someone from his campaign team may have writ-

paper in anger and was the only known witness to the flier.

But addressing Hoversten and Sherwood's formal complaints that he libeled and slandered them, Gaines pointed out he did not mention specific names in his earlier statement. "You can-

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Avenue and ending at Gibbs and San Bernardino streets.

The move was part of a project being orchestrated by John Kasperowicz, a Pomona architect who wants to do what he can to save important historic homes and bring out their original beauty.

Kasperowicz, the principal of JK Architects, already has rescued four historic homes in Pomona and has been called on to offer his preservation expertise in other Southland cities and out of state.

His efforts for the Weigle and Holt houses stand out from the others because these homes will be part of a unique four-unit housing arrangement in Pomona called Heritage Court.

Next to the two old houses, the architect, who owns a development company called the Asparagus Group, plans to build two houses closely similar to two

other historic Pomona homes.

Kasperowicz had hoped to have all four of the originals, but the other two houses he'd planned for the project ultimately were sold to other parties, said Terry Stemple, the architect's historic research coordinator.

Heritage Court, a vacant 1-acre spot at Gibbs Street and San Bernardino Avenue, will feature a private street with cobblestone paving, old-fashioned street lamps and mailboxes, camphor trees and a Victorian gazebo to be shared by the homeowners.

Kasperowicz already has a long list of interested buyers, but is waiting to sell until the houses are completely restored and ready for occupancy in about six months, said Stemple. The architect will be cautious to sell to people who share his values of historic preservation, she said.



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In addition to Brown's complaint, the committee heard another student's (a Hoversten-Sherwood supporter) complaint of racial discrimination. That complaint was consolidated with Hoversten and Sherwood's case. The student elections commit-

student Eric Preston, a Gaines-Lopez campaigner.

Said Preston, "The whole thing is ludicrous and blown out of proportion. This (racism accusations) happen every day on campus — the guys are mad because they lost."

The houses were, or will look like, four grand homes of citrus growers in the area, representing a strong part of Pomona's past.

"They were chosen because they're specific quality examples of the architectural types of that era. We want to show a broad

view of what used to be in Pomona," said Stemple.

One Pomona resident, John Weigle, is especially excited about the historic project. His grandparents were the original owners of the 1906 Weigle House, which first sat on Seventh Street, and he grew up in the house.

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HERITAGE COURT

Heritage Court project, shown in artist's rendering, will include houses moved from Eleanor Street and Holt Avenue, above left, and from Park Avenue and 6th Street in Pomona.

## Memory Lane

Developer Plans a Whole Street of Restored Victorian Homes

By JEFFREY MILLER, *Times Staff Writer*

POMONA—Architect John Kasperowicz is planning a new housing development, but don't expect identical rows of drab tract houses or stucco-encased condominiums.

The homes that will occupy the architect's new neighborhood are four turn-of-the-century Victorians that are standing in the path of progress but soon will occupy a unique development called Heritage Park.

Kasperowicz, owner of JK Architects in Pomona, has moved and restored old homes in the past, but this is the first time he has tried to recreate an entire San Gabriel Valley street, circa 1910.

Usually, he can obtain the homes for free because they are considered blighted by cities seeking to redevelop old neighborhoods and would be razed if he didn't offer to move them. For a devotee of historic architecture like Kasperowicz, the demolition of these homes is unthinkable.

"The old houses had a certain quality of design and craftsmanship about them that you just don't see anymore," Kasperowicz said. "I just thought it would be a shame to destroy all that."

Shortly after the first of the year, the boarded-up houses will be moved from their current locations around Pomona to a vacant lot at the corner of Gibbs Street and San Bernardino Avenue, near the San Bernardino Freeway.

**Thorough Renovation**

Once the homes are relocated, work crews will begin a thorough renovation, fixing cracked plaster and replacing wiring and plumbing if necessary. Moving and restoring the homes will cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000 apiece, Kasperowicz said.

When Heritage Park opens next spring, the houses should fetch from \$160,000 to \$180,000, Kasperowicz said.

"That's roughly what the homes in that area are going for," he said.

But the development, the first such historical renovation project in Pomona, will provide an alternative to more contemporary homes.

Potential home buyers should be prepared to do without some modern amenities, such as central air conditioning and a large number of bathrooms. However, the homes also have some features that recall a bygone era in housing construction, such as large bedrooms and kitchens, individualistic floor plans and "walls a foot thick," Kasperowicz said.

The houses have all survived a few major earthquakes and will not require any major structural work to meet seismic safety standards, Kasperowicz said.

"These homes have been standing almost 100 years, and they've developed their own balance and stability," he said. "You don't want to go messing with that. . . . I really try to maintain the integrity of the houses."

Besides repairing the ravages of time, Kasperowicz and his employees will also seek to undo any remodeling work and return the homes to

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authentic period condition. In some cases, previous owners' efforts at "modernizing" homes has kept them from being saved for historical renovation.

"A lot of the old homes have been drastically remodeled, like taking a beautiful Victorian and stuccoing the exterior," Kasperowicz said with disgust.

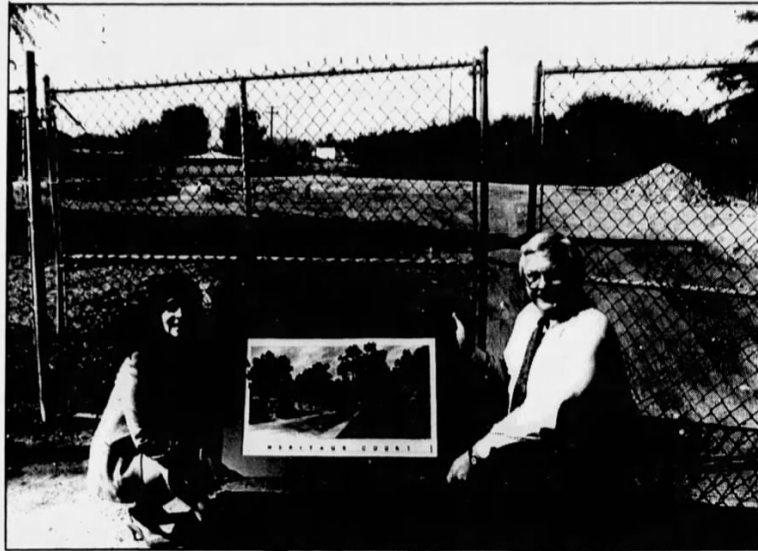
### Authentic Replicas

With the burgeoning interest in restoring old homes in recent years, it is possible to buy new lighting and plumbing fixtures that are authentic replicas of those that originally came with the house. "You can essentially build a Victorian home from scratch now," Kasperowicz said.

The replication of turn-of-the-century style will extend beyond the houses and into the street, which will be paved with cobblestones and lined with old-fashioned street lamps scavenged from the city's salvage yard. A neighborhood gazebo will be built at the end of the street.

If Kasperowicz' vision of a quaint, ersatz historical neighborhood resembles Disneyland's Main Street U.S.A., perhaps his background might be responsible. After he graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 1975, his first job was designing renovations for attractions at the Anaheim theme park.

Kasperowicz later joined the staff of Walt Disney Imagineering, working on projects such as the World Showcase at EPCOT Center



Architect John Kasperowicz and project manager Margaret Perez at the Heritage Court site.

in Orlando, Fla. and Disneyland in Tokyo. Since establishing his own firm, he was consulted as an architect for Knott's Berry Farm and Euro Disneyland in Paris.

Although he gained much of his experience in historical renovation and replication through his work at the theme parks, Kasperowicz said his interest in Pomona's period

architecture began soon after he arrived in the city after immigrating with his family from Poland at age 10.

"I remember sitting in church as a little kid and being really interested in the Gothic architecture and not really listening to what was said," Kasperowicz recalled.

Kasperowicz's interest in trans-

forming vacant lots into Memory Lane will continue. He said he hopes to design a larger development in Pomona, mixing 80-year-old Victorians with newly built historical replicas.

"It doesn't make a great deal of money," Kasperowicz said of his renovation work, "but I get personal satisfaction out of doing it."

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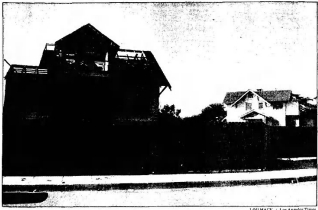
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One of the four homes that will be restored and sold by the city as part of the Heritage Court project.

### Old Housing Project Gets New Life

**■ Redevelopment:** The city will renovate Heritage Court, fulfilling an architect's dream of restoring vintage homes.

**By MIKE WARD**  
Times Staff Writer

Architect John Kasperewicz had a plan to recreate a bit of old Pomona by obtaining Victorian houses slated to be demolished, moving them onto a cul-de-sac he named Heritage Court and restoring them to life.

But the project he began four years ago ran into a financial disaster and an exorcise to neighbors. Vandalism, graffiti and a partially renovated house that still sits on planks. The fourth lot in the city's garden is covered with weeds.

Heritage Court looks like a failed dream, but it is getting a second chance.

The Pomona Redevelopment Agency has agreed to buy the property from Imperial Trust and Lenn, which acquired it from Kasperewicz through foreclosures, and move it back to the neighborhood.

Kasperewicz's dream of restoring the houses with modern electrical wiring, insulation and plumbing while retaining the built-in cabinets, gardens and other attractions of the older homes, the project will have houses that others now might have disappeared with the burning of a wrecking ball.

It's still a great idea, Kasperewicz said. "I am sure the city will make money on it."

But St. Mary's Whelan, the city's development director, said the goal is not to make a profit, but to improve the area.

There have been a lot of complaints.

The city will pay Imperial Trust for the three houses and four lots on Heritage Court, which is just south of the San Bernardino Freeway off San Bernardino Avenue, west of Trow Avenue.

Kasperewicz said he sunk \$300,000 into the project, but it was derailed by delays in obtaining development clearance and property claims and, ultimately, by economic conditions that made financing impossible.

Heritage Court will become the permanent home of a California Craftsman-style house that Pomona obtained from Harvey Alford, a developer in Claremont and former mayor. The city has been tearing the house temporarily in a lot on Holt Avenue.

Built in 1912, the house is a nearly 1,500-square-foot bungalow with a number of distinctive features, including arched windows, terraces, offering an Oriental influence.

It will be placed on Heritage Court beside three two-story houses of about the same vintage.

One of the houses, owned by Kasperewicz at a colonial revival Victorian, was built in 1906 on 10th Street, across from the Pomona marketplace. Another was built in 1912 in a Craftsman style bungalow-style on Holt Avenue.

near Eleazar Street.

Kasperewicz saved these two houses to Heritage Court four years ago and they moved in a California Craftsman style.

Whelan said the city is obtaining easements on the costs of completing the restoration. A second lot will be built along the freeway.

The price of the houses will not be until the city determines the rehabilitation costs.

Whelan said she believes the city can recoup its investment.

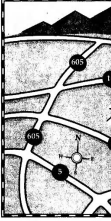
"We think we've made a good deal," she said.

Unlike a developer who has to be concerned with making a profit, she said, the city can afford to pay a higher price for a neighborhood and providing good housing to her families.

Whelan said the city should have to consider creating better. The Heritage Court location, on the site of a former park, is one of Pomona's best neighborhoods, she said.

The development should appear to "improve investment in vintage historical houses," she said. "There are really unique kinds of houses."

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