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Waterworks Victory: Judge Blocks Wrecker's Ball

BEVERLY HILLS — The old Cienega Water Treatment Plant will remain standing at least a few more months, thanks to a court order.

The city is prevented from demolishing the building until further order of the court, he said. Friends of the Waterworks, in an attempt to save the plant from the wrecker's ball, brought suit against the city after the council voted to destroy the building March 3. The preservationist group claims the building is historically significant and that the city should have

conducted an environmental impact report before deciding to level it.

Council members, however, relied on the recommendation of the city's environmental review board, which found the building to be without historical value, therefore eliminating the need for an environmental impact study.

But, according to Fields "sub-

stantial evidence has been presented to the environmental review board and the city council that the waterworks is a historical monument and that demolition would impose a substantial environmental impact."

Attorneys for the city contend that the city complied with all regulations in making its decision to destroy the building. And

attorney Michael Gold argued that the plant, which was severely damaged in the 1971 earthquake, is in a state of emergency and should be demolished immediately.

"No finding was made that it was in a state of emergency," Fields said, countering that the building had remained upright for

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More Than Half of B.H. Parents Voted Home in Measure K Vote

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BEVERLY HILLS — Members of the Yes on K Committee, who had hoped to understand why the parcel tax election they held in March failed, have some interesting information.

Approximately 60 percent of Hills Unified School District parents registered to vote showed up at the polls, according to Anneli Roth who co-chaired the committee with Judge

Fenton. And there are a number of people who want to know why.

"Obviously parents had the most to gain by this," said Roth. The passage of Measure K would have imposed a \$270-per-parcel tax on landowners for five years and would have brought \$2.5 million to the financially-ailing school district.

After studying the election results for more than a month, the two women, along with other committee members, are considering conducting a random sampling of parents who did not vote to determine why they did not come to the polls and "what it would have taken to get them to vote," Roth said.

Although it is too late for another parcel tax initiative to go on the June ballot, Roth said the election results will continue to be studied in hopes that the initiative can succeed in a future election.

"At some point we are going to have to do something like it (the parcel tax election) again," said Roth. But parents will have to "feel the pain of the cuts," she said, before the initiative will come up on the ballot again.

In the meantime, the committee is teaming up with the Beverly Hills Education Foundation in a variety of fund-raising efforts. A recent direct-mail campaign netted some \$40,000, \$20,000 less

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Margaret Harris is on vacation. Speaking Out will return next week.

The Record

The March 26 edition of the Post, the date a Beverly Hills City Council resolution delivered to Mayor Charles Spadaro's office was ed incorrectly. City Ed Kreins had contended that the resolution, concerning the demolition of the Cienega Water Treatment Plant, was delivered to Spadaro's office on March 9, not on March 4 as stated by The Post. The Post is sorry for the error.

'Soviet Union Holding Up My Wedding,' Says Stingray

BEVERLY HILLS — "The Soviet Union is holding up my wedding," a saddened Joanna Stingray said Monday.

The self-styled rock music ambassador to the United States and Soviet Union said that her visa application has been rejected by the Soviet government, and her April 6 wedding to Soviet citizen Yuri Kasparyan had to be postponed.

It's not so much the denied visa that has Stingray so upset now, as much as it is the timing. During her previous 12 trips to the Soviet

Union, there were several times when she feared that she would be denied a visa, but never had any problems.

Now that she has many friends there, and is attempting to bring about cultural exchanges between the United States and Soviet Union through rock music, Stingray says she cannot figure out why the Soviet government has denied her visa.

"In the beginning I was very, very angry," Stingray said. Now, she is just doing all that she can to find out way she has been denied

entry into the country. And Kasparyan is working on his end to find out the answer to the same question. "Yuri has gone to the ministry of foreign affairs to see if he can find out what the hold-up is," Stingray said.

Also her sister Judy Ann was visiting Moscow at the beginning of the week on a student tour, and planned to make further inquiries.

By now, Stingray has let go of some of her anger, and she has found some relief from Secretary of State George Schultz's visit to Moscow this week. Stingray has

sent three letters to Schultz, and though she declined to name names, she said associates of hers in Washington, D.C. have assured her that Schultz is aware of her situation and will be working to help her get back to Leningrad.

Meanwhile, Stingray is keeping busy, trying to find answers, often finding it difficult to keep a cool head, she said. She also refuses to allow governmental bureaucracy to interfere with her future. Said Stingray: "We're going to marry each other on the phone next week."

BevHills Family Y



Planning is underway for the Beverly Hills Family Y's Citizens of the Year Award Dinner, honoring husband and wife team Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna, on June 3. From left are board members Robert Magid, Robert Tanenbaum and Ellen Byrens.