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City Says: BHUSD Spent JPA Turf Funds The Wrong Way

By Amanda Peabody

BHUSD received a slap on the wrist as City Council met to discuss expended funding from the Joint Powers Agreement.

City Councilmembers Barry Brucker and Dr. Willie Brien, City senior staff, Beverly Hills Unified School District's Board

of Education members Brian Goldberg and Lisa Korbatov and BHUSD administrative staff convened Tuesday for the liaison meeting.

According to City Council, BHUSD did not spend JPA funds

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Realities Of Beverly Hills Budget Hit Council Hard

By Adam Popescu

Fiscal irresponsibility in cities like Bell have sent ripples throughout greater L.A. and the Golden State, bringing to light the City of Beverly Hills' continuing budget problems.

Beverly Hills' FY 2009/10 annual budget was approximately \$399 million, including the utility enterprise funds for

water, solid waste, sewers and storm drains. The general fund portion of the budget is an estimated total of \$157 million for FY 2010/11, cutting \$27 million over the last three years, and decreasing the budget by 14 percent, City Treasurer Eliot Finkel said.

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Lili Bosse Exclusive: I Will Run For City Council Seat

By Adam Popescu

Lili Bosse is running for City Council. The chair of the Planning Commission and longtime City resident announced her candidacy in an exclusive interview with *The Courier*.

Bosse has also served on the Traffic and Parking Commission and the Beverly Hills Education Foundation from 1994-2002; she currently

serves as BHEF's advisory board chair.

"There are some serious issues facing the City and I'm ready to take on this next leadership role," Bosse said.



Here's where Bosse stands on the issues: the Westside Subway Extension, two hour free parking, Santa Monica reconstruction,

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GO, CLORIS, GO—A mother of five children, the indomitable Cloris Leachman, 84, a devoted follower of yoga, impresses the crowd with her poses in bedroom slippers during Disney's *You Again* premiere at the El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood. More photos in George Christy's column on Page 6.

Photo by Janet Gough/Celebrity Photo

Steven Fenton Not Planning A Bid For City Council... Yet

By Amanda Peabody

Rumors circulating surrounding potential candidates for the March 2011 City Council election can be laid to rest, at least in part.

Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education President Steven Fenton, long thought to seek one of the two available seats, will not run.

"I made a four-year commit-

ment to serve on the Board of Education and I am going to honor it," said Fenton. "I'm not going to bail on our kids because there's an open seat on the City Council."

Fenton comes from a well-politicked Beverly Hills family. His father, former mayor Frank Fenton, and mother Judie are a strong presence in the City, and

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SHOW UP AND BE HEARD—Tea Party organizers entertainer Pat Boone (left) and Josephine Rescigno encourage Beverly Hills residents to join them for the City's first Tea Party rally, Sunday.

Beverly Hills Tea Party Will Host First Rally On Sunday

By Brenton Garen

With the Beverly Hills sign as its backdrop, the Beverly Hills Tea Party will host its first rally Sunday afternoon complete with speeches, music and celebrities.

From 2-4 p.m. at Beverly Gardens Park, any number of people between 350 and 3,500 are expected to attend, according to organizers Pat Boone and Josephine Rescigno.

The Beverly Hills Tea Party movement, with no party affiliation except the tea party, is against excessive government

spending and taxation.

Its mission is to educate, organize and mobilize citizens to secure public policy consistent with its three core values of constitutionally limited government, fiscal responsibility and free markets.

Boone, a legendary singer, actor, composer and personality, said it would be a patriotic event.

"What we're after is what used to happen in town squares across America years ago all the

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tion, tour bus loading, and the budget.

The Beverly Hills Courier: What's your take on the subway and the routes?

Lili Bosse: Actually, I'm one of the people currently reading the EIR, I'm in the thick of the thousands of pages. I believe our City should continue to support the preferred route, which is the Santa Monica route. I don't want the subway to go under our high school. Absolutely, I am in very strong support of the route that has long been considered the preferred route.

BHC: Do you support two hour parking?

LB: Well, who doesn't love two hour free parking? Of course I support doing everything possible to maintain this fantastic perk. It's important to understand that offering free parking doesn't happen in a vacuum. Parking currently draws \$2 million annually from the general fund. The general fund covers other services many of our residents find essential, like maintaining three minute response times for police and fire and operating our library, maintaining our parks. We need to work diligently to evaluate all potential options to develop a fiscally responsible plan to maintain the free parking.

BHC: What do you think about Santa Monica Boulevard's reconstruction option?

LB: I am in favor of improving the surface of the roadway and can tell you through my work with the General Plan, there is strong community support for creating bike lanes.

BHC: How do you feel about the tour bus loading issue on Park Way?

LB: It's important to attract

tourism into our City and drive revenue, but the quality of life of our residents is always my top priority. To me, having tour buses staging anywhere near residential property is unacceptable.

BHC: Any thoughts on the budget, on what you could trim or how you could raise revenues? If you had the opportunity what would you do?

LB: I have a lot of ideas and can tell you a few areas I'd focus on right away. I think we need to reevaluate all of our current fiscal practices in terms of sustainability. With an annual budget close to \$150 million, and our expenses significantly outpacing our revenue, we have to look for every opportunity to make our government more efficient and increase revenue. This would include expanding in lieu parking to finally begin the revitalization of the Robertson, Southeast area; streamlining the permit process in part to attract desirable businesses and help close the gap in commercial vacancies; developing a Beverly Hills Rand-like think tank, utilizing the incredible resource of business minds in our City, to help drive efficiency and revenue; encouraging local support of Beverly Hills business to increase sales tax revenue and focusing more of the City's Marketing outreach to the local/regional client base, which drives 60 percent of Beverly Hills retail revenue. We should also look at cutting costs, as other cities have, by combining municipal and school elections.

FENTON

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remain highly active. Frank Fenton formerly served on the Board of Education before taking a seat on City Council. His term ended in 2009.

"I didn't run for the Board of Education as a stepping stone," said Fenton. "If I wanted to run for the City Council, I would've run for my dad's

seat."

Under Steven Fenton's reign on the Board, the district has seen sweeping changes.

Opportunity permits have been partially eliminated, four new principals have been installed and teaching positions have been saved. Fenton also helped to establish The Bosse Leadership Academy, a BHUSD branding program and revamped the district's mission

statement. Fenton also ensured the placement of interim Superintendent Dick Douglas.

"We have continuity again (in the district) and the will to be the best," said Fenton. "It's incredibly rewarding to be on this Board of Education. I will run for City Council one day, but not in 2011."

Fenton's term on the Board of Education ends in Dec. 2011.

Maple Counseling Sets Date For Crystal Ball

The date has been set and the plans are underway for The Maple Counseling Center's Haunted Crystal Ball.

The annual event takes place Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. at The Beverly Hilton.

This year's Crystal Ball will present awards to Andy Cohen of Gensler (Community Excellence) and Peter Garland of Porta Via Beverly Hills (Community Spirit). The Maple Leaf award will be given to Mel

Feuer, a longtime volunteer for The Maple Counseling Center's Community Circle Program, benefiting children in local elementary schools.

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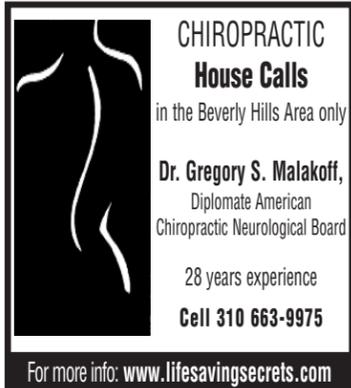
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