

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

If anyone one wants to check out the validity of harassment charges against the current city manager check out the online *Nugget* blog site. Go to the 2012 June/Voices concern/priorities Sisters schools and read how our city manager/former school board member responds.

I believe we need a person with more mature communication skills to represent Sisters.

One person serving on multiple boards plus city authority is cross-contaminating the balance of power and is a conflict of interests.

Shirley McBride
Editor's note:
The online link to The Nugget blog, which has been inactive for a considerable time, was scheduled to be removed this week. Due to public interest in comments made in 2012 by Andrew Gorayeb, the link will remain active for a period of a couple of weeks and then will be removed as planned. The blog will remain accessible through search engines for an indefinite period, though the blog will not be maintained.

Jim Cornelius, News Editor

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To the Editor:

After the story in last week's *Nugget* August 19, the DA ordered release of various documents by SPRD and the KTVZ 21 evening news, on Friday, August 2, it has become obvious that a long-festering chicken has come home to roost. SPRD has laid an egg and it's anything but golden.

Andrew Gorayeb, our city manager, has been found out, publicly, and he's really put his foot in it, this time. It seems that — as usual — friends, minions and/or co-conspirators were complicit in having taken measures to cover-up (or “gloss over”) the complaints, letters and so forth, in regards to his unconscionable behavior toward both his lacrosse

players and their parents.

SPRD and it's director should be reprimanded for it's actions (or lack of same) in this matter as well and Gorayeb should be removed from the SPRD board.

Should an abusive, disrespectful, little Napoleon such as Mr. Gorayeb really be a representative for the City of Sisters? I think not.

D.E. Kaufman

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To the Editor:

We are saddened that after 30 years of continuous operation, the new owners of Bronco Billy's made the difficult decision to shutter the business.

At 103 years old, the Hotel Sisters stands as solid and beautiful as she did when first opened for business in 1912. As current caretakers of this historic property, we stand committed to maintain the building with the quality of materials and craftsmanship she deserves. We are turning this unfortunate situation into an opportunity to make some much-needed facility and interior renovations.

We apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment. We look forward to reopening and serving the residents and visitors of Sisters Country in the spring of 2016.

The Reed Family, Landlord

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To the Editor:

I participate in a lot of events (from obedience competitions to crisis response) with our standard poodles.

Of all the events, this year's Doggie Dash was probably the most fun of all! Hated to see it end. I was there from early morning to help set up with Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club, until nearly the last person left the park. Fun events (and I didn't see or participate in all of them) from the time I got there, until we left!

Great job to all the FOSL volunteers! It was a great time and very well organized!

See you next year!

Sue Dolezal

FIREFIGHTERS:
UK crew deployed
to John Day wildfire

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chief knows Western Fire Chiefs Association executive Jeff Johnson — who is the brother of Sisters Fire Chief Roger Johnson.

Chief Johnson and his crew welcomed the UK firefighters eagerly, anxious to hear about how the fire service is conducted in the UK. Hodge and fellow firefighter Glenn Bowyer offered a glimpse of their work in a presentation on Monday evening at Sisters Fire Hall.

In the UK, fire and ambulance services are separate entities, with ambulance service working under the auspices of Great Britain's National Health Service. The fire and rescue service does, however, provide “co-responders” who can get to a medical or accident call quickly and aid a casualty until an ambulance arrives. Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service is the sole responding authority for fire and rescue in a county that covers about 1,400 square miles and a population of 1.5 million. That population is concentrated in two historic British port cities — Southampton and Portsmouth — and is augmented in the

summer by hordes of coastal holiday-goers.

The northern and western parts of the county are more rural and include two national parks, where wildfire is a threat.

The service has some significant challenges. The extensive docks and shipping areas in the two large cities create the scenario for maritime firefighting. Portsmouth is the most densely populated city in Europe and its narrow streets often will not accommodate a fire engine — even though those “appliances,” as they're called, are much smaller than those housed here in Sisters.

They also have to deal with something not seen in the U.S. Some historic homes are required to retain thatched roofs — which obviously are vulnerable to fire and pose some challenges to those who respond to douse a blaze.

Unlike Sisters, there are no volunteers in the fire service — there are full-time firefighters and part-time but paid firefighters, who must live or work within a four-minute response time from their station. Hampshire operates with a staff of 1,845 on a (U.S.) \$103.3 million budget and responds to some 12,000 calls in a year.

The UK firefighters will be in town or deployed in the region for two weeks.

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