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Gorayeb out as Sisters city manager

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The question of whether or not Andrew Gorayeb would be returning to his position as city manager was finally answered at last Thursday's Sisters City Council meeting. Council voted 5-0 to accept Gorayeb's resignation effective immediately.

Gorayeb had been on paid administrative leave since February 25, after complaints were made by some City employees regarding conduct that was described only as not financial, physical, or sexual in nature.

Gorayeb will be receiving a severance payment of \$92,042.88, equivalent to 12 months' pay, excluding any PERS payments (retirement

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Burn to Learn...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Firefighters from across Central Oregon engaged in a Burn to Learn exercise at a house on East Adams Avenue on Saturday. Firefighters practiced critical skills including fire attack, ventilation and exposure protection (as seen in the photo). Any hazardous materials are removed from such structures before the event, and safety protocols are strictly adhered to ensure a safe exercise with no danger to the public. Opportunities for this kind of realistic training are not common.

Voters to decide on 9-1-1 district

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Voters will decide in the May 17 election whether to establish a new 9-1-1 service district with a 42.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation permanent tax rate.

That permanent rate would replace a series of temporary levies that have funded 9-1-1 services since 1990.

9-1-1 director Steve Reinke recently spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Sisters and to *The Nugget* about the proposal.

"The main thing we're trying to do is establish permanent funding so we're not going out every five years or so," he said.

The permanent funds will allow the 9-1-1 to keep

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Should the Gorayeb report come out?

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

The Sisters City Council would prefer that the investigator's report into the conduct of now-former City Manager Andrew Gorayeb not be made public. The City contends that it is a private personnel record.

Councilor David Asson has said that the report is comprised of "a short summary version that treated the matter adequately," and a "detailed version that contained contradictory and inconclusive assessments."

He has also noted that the

report contains some negative comments about employees that would hinder the City's effort to move forward after Gorayeb's resignation.

Councilor Andrea Blum told *The Nugget* that the concern over release of the report has nothing to do with protecting Gorayeb, but rather involves the confidence of City employees.

"We knew that people were going to have to be comfortable talking to the investigator," Blum said.

She noted that, though the council was not made

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Coyote attack highlights conflict

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

If you talk to Greg and Kim Zadow of Sisters about coyotes and dogs, you'd best be sympathetic; the other day they and their dachshund/beagle mix, Rudi, had an incident with a coyote that they didn't expect — or need.

The Zadow's home is up against the Deschutes Land Trust's Indian Ford Meadow Preserve, and when Kim went out to pull weeds, as usual her two canine pals Rudi and Pepper came out to help her. When Kim went to shut off the irrigation to stay dry in her weed-pulling project, both dogs went out into meadow to play.



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Coyote: myth-maker, jokester, lamb- and calf-eater, rodent-eater, dog-chaser — one of the best survivors in the West.

Suddenly Pepper came running back to the house, acting excited and apprehensive, and at that moment Kim heard Rudi screaming.

She dropped what she

was doing and took off in the direction she heard Rudi's distress calls, but as she got closer, suddenly Rudi came

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