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it's fairly safe to assume that our departed city manager's interpersonal communication skills and demeanor were deemed unacceptable by some of his co-workers. Exactly how much more do we need to know, and at what cost?

City councilors have explained that part of the rationale for offering Gorayeb a severance and a year's pay, versus an at-will termination and three months compensation, was that the severance option would keep the details of the investigation closed to the public. The Council's concern being that there was information and opinions shared during the investigation that was understood to be confidential, and if revealed now could apparently seriously damage relationships among the remaining staff at City Hall.

Gorayeb is gone and many are understandably infuriated that taxpayers will be covering his compensation for the next year. It could be argued that we, as taxpayers, have every right to know all the details surrounding the defective situation we are now being asked to cover under warranty.

The problem is, regardless, we are stuck with the deal the city agreed to offer Gorayeb. Airing out the city's dirty laundry may satisfy a passing curiosity, but the potential negative ramifications don't warrant it. Reputations and working relationships at city hall could be irreparably damaged, and it would no doubt be a huge distraction from dealing with the issues that our community expects city hall to be dealing with.

Unless the end goal is to replace everyone at City Hall, there is no need to drag this ugly issue out any further.

Greg Werts

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To the Editor:

First of all, the mayor and all the city council should resign immediately. They have all become complicit in what Gorayeb has been doing. Everything that Goreyab has touched, approved, negotiated and passed needs to be gone over with a fine-tooth comb with an independent lawyer (NOT the current one).

The citizens of Sisters should bring suit against the city for wanton waste of tax dollars on a man who should have been fired a long time ago. Again, because of the spineless mayor and council, Goreyab got away with

everything he wanted.

Hopefully Sisters will wake up and hire someone who has government/city experience and is from Oregon and has the best interests of Oregon in mind. Goreyab was a manipulator, not a negotiator.

I sincerely hope that Sisters returns as the town it once was — minus the corruption.

Les Roe

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To the Editor:

In the debate over the Sisters School District's proposed \$10.7 million bond, articles appearing in recent issues of *The Nugget* have suggested the District's discretionary spending is only just beginning.

In "District promises oversight of bond projects" (April 20), Superintendent Curt Scholl rationalized the purported need for new athletic facilities — which alone would cost roughly \$838,750 if the bond passes — by saying, "Our schools are parks facilities in many ways."

Are we funding education or paying for a new city park?

In "Ballots out for school bond measure" (April 27), *The Nugget* cited bond advocate Jay Wilkins' justification for the discretionary expense to be that quality facilities are necessary for Sisters to compete for enrollment with other local districts.

This is what school districts do: continuously tax and spend in an endless bid to progressively increase enrollment. In the Sisters School District's eyes, stable funding for educating our current students is not enough. Constant expansion is their mantra. The schools must look like show-horses to impress and fill ever more seats.

When additional enrollment exceeds capacity, a new school must be built. Yet more taxes.

What's also worrisome is that, rather than conduct comprehensive and unbiased reporting, *The Nugget* has seemingly chosen to become a mouthpiece for bond advocates. "Ballots out for school bond measure" detailed Mr. Wilkins' pro-bond arguments for the overwhelming majority of the article, yet it failed to interview a single person opposed to the measure.

The Nugget also front-loaded all arguments in favor of the bond measure in its Letters to the Editor (April 27). Arguments in

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Boys golf hosts event at Black Butte Ranch

By Rongi Yost
Correspondent

The Outlaws hosted their annual Sisters Invitational, held at Glaze Meadow at Black Butte Ranch on Thursday, May 5, with nine teams in attendance.

Sisters had a good outing, and Coach Bill Mitchell commented he was pleased they didn't finish last. Junction City took top honors with a team score of 357, and Cascade was runner-up at 362. Sutherlin took third with 365, and North Marion finished at 388. Remaining scores were: Newport (396), Sisters (400), Stayton (409), Cottage Grove (416). Sweet Home only brought three players so did not receive a score.

The Outlaws lowered their team score to 400, which marked their lowest team score in three years.

Austin Lake had his best round of the season and finished with an 84.

Mitchell said, "Austin just bought a new driver, and we have been working on alignment and weight shift, and he hit it well today."

Andrew Mayes (junior) broke 100 with a nice round of 97, which included a birdie on the No. 5 hole, a par three. Andrew knocked it in from the green-side bunker for a two. Kade Owen shot a 106, Devin Robillard shot a 113, and Wyatt Hernandez rounded out the scores with a 142.

"Austin and Andrew both did a good job today, and Kade shot a 49 on the back nine," said Mitchell. "We are hoping we can carry this into districts next week. Our goal is to break 400 as a daily team goal, and I think we can. We've been having a putting competition every day at practice, and that is also helping."

The golf team was to participate at districts Monday and Tuesday, May 9-10, at Tokatee.

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