

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

In the September 16 edition of *The Nugget*, two letters to the editor that, when taken together, reminded me of a process used to resolve complex issues as an engineer at Intel. Define what you think the problem is, collect data to validate, isolate the root cause, formulate a corrective action plan.

Problem definition: Jean Nave reminded us that “the last president who was pilloried and lied about by Democrats as much as President Trump was President Lincoln;” and that “anger and hate is tearing this country apart.”

Data collection: Even before the inauguration of President Trump data proves that plans for overturning the election were in full swing. For four years our nation had to endure a Russian hoax, the attempted destruction of a Supreme Court Judge, a fabricated impeachment, and nonstop propaganda and hate from the mainstream media. We are still waiting for the data Adam Schiff claims to have in his possession proving Trump was working with the Russians.

Root cause: After review of extensive data it is obvious beyond all doubt that Democrats and the mainstream press working hand in hand are the root cause behind the anger and hate tearing our country apart.

Corrective Action: Jensen Newton has laid out an amazing corrective action plan, which I believe is clearly the path for the redemption of our great nation. First, like Jensen has done, all of us — including the intense haters of Trump — should take the time to give thanks for the many blessing we have living in America. Second be “thankful to have an eternal hope in Jesus that no fire can destroy, no mask can hide, and no looter can steal.” Be “thankful to belong to an eternal kingdom whose king is not up for election.”

I would hope that out of this process alluded to by Jean and Jensen our nation would remain “One Nation Under God” and not dissolve into a Marxist/socialist path of destruction.

Personally, I have two additional things I’m thankful for: 1. President Trump and all the accomplishments achieved by his administration to make America great (rarely covered on mainstream media or acknowledged by Democrats); 2. The voices of honest journalists based on facts

and investigation; FOX News and *Epoch Times* newspaper.

Jeff Mackey

To the Editor:

On September 10, Indivisible Sisters (IS) was pleased to host a Zoom meeting with Deschutes County Commissioner position 2 candidate, Phil Chang.

We found him to be fully engaged with our various county concerns, and we appreciated his in-depth responses to our questions. In addition, Phil Chang is a gentleman, and one could not help but appreciate his forthrightness and kind demeanor (visit his website at www.votephilchang.com).

Phil sees the commissioners in Deschutes County as having five main areas of concern:

1. Addressing rapid population growth to manage and preserve open spaces while also working to mitigate traffic congestion.
2. Taking action to address COVID-19, mental health, and other health services issues such as substance abuse and suicide prevention.
3. Maintaining and improving local roads.
4. Advocating that we follow existing land-use laws of Oregon to assure sustainability (for example: solid waste and landfill services).
5. Maintaining public safety and “restorative” justice by monitoring the budgets of Sheriff, Courts and District Attorney’s offices.

He let us know he will amicably work with staff, seek solutions and agreements with his peers and will be a good steward of the budget. Indivisible Sisters has fully endorsed Phil Chang, as has Senator Merkley and Bend’s Vocal Seniority.

Announcements for future Indivisible Sisters events can be found on *The Nugget’s* Announcements page (Carina Miller, September 24, Arlene Burns, October 8, Candidates for Sisters City Council, October 22). These Zoom events are held on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Linda Weick

To the Editor:

I would like to thank two of our local columnists who touched on the negative effects of social media last week (“What a great year,” by T. Lee Brown and “Challenging confirmation bias,” by Audry van Houweling).

I watched “The Social Dilemma” on Netflix and immediately deleted my social media accounts afterward, being horrified at what I learned. These

platforms are effecting our kids (it specifically mentions how teen suicide rates have skyrocketed since Facebook launched) and have already destroyed basic conversation and disagreement. We are so quick to delete a friend, or “cancel” a family member, than sit down and discuss our differences. We are more divided than ever, social media is partly responsible, and they know it.

Their algorithms only show you what you want to see, and they spread hate and fake news (which they admit they can’t control because of the scale), all without any regulation. Everyone should watch this documentary and educate themselves on how these platforms are doing more harm than good.

It’s time to bring back face-to-face conversation and disagreement so we can begin to mend the divide.

Mandee Seeley

To the Editor:

After 27 years on the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg gets no respect from Mitch McConnell. Her body wasn’t even cold yet when he started talking about her replacement. In fact, it was less than two hours after news of her death broke. If he had any decency at all, he would have waited until after her funeral.

Does anyone working with Trump know the meaning of the words *respect* or *decency*?

Paula Surmann

To the Editor:

Heartfelt Sisters thank you!

It has been nearly two months since the passing of my partner and husband of 27 years, Scott Peterson. As is the case for all that have lost a loved one, the transition is often a long, lonely journey. Many questions, few answers.

But I’m sending this note to all the amazing folks of Sisters who have reached out to me with help and support. During a very difficult time, family can offer great comfort for a time and I am eternally grateful. But ultimately they need to return to their own lives, especially in these uncertain times.

So fast forward to my Sisters community. Thank you friends, neighbors, and local businesses who have come forward to offer assistance in so many ways. There are too many to name, lest I forget someone, but you know who you are. My family and I are truly thankful for your love and support and are fortunate to live in such a special place.

Thank you, R.T.

Toni Ramsey



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