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Let it go

I was pleasantly surprised to open the paper the other day and not see one article about Jerry Hanson and the fantastic deal he got from the city of Desert Hot Springs. He cut the deal and the city agreed to it, so what is the big uproar about? Everybody from their city said he did a great job.

Was it too good of a deal? Probably, but the point is it was all agreed to by both parties and he did a great job. Let it go. It seemed The Desert Sun was on a witch hunt.

Now maybe the paper can focus its energy on Desert Hot Springs City Council member Hank Hohenstein.

- Paul Austin

La Quinta

Let's get with it, folks

Desert Hot Springs may be undergoing a building renaissance with land deals and housing developments happening daily, and that may not be a bad thing. However, along with monied investments and progress comes lobbying, control and power, greed and deviousness ("Mayor contestant to send complaint to grand jury," Aug. 23). We have the latter in spades.

The City Council has had onerous tasks and has been questioned continuously. There may be riches and wealth in the land. The roads and sewers in the developing areas are being "handled" and improved, and it all looks "oh so pretty." What needs to be tended are the homeless, the murders, the gangs, the drugs and the burglaries. We finally get a decent qualified chief of police, and he promptly gets fired. How stupid was that?

Our senior center and our Lilliputian of a library has already burst its seams, and our medical deficits are deplorable. These issues need immediate attention.

The blots on our escutcheon have been some bad apple from the bottom of the barrel, folks, and its time members of the community stopped whining and complaining, rose up and paid close attention to the individuals we vote for and seat on our council.

- Dr. Audrey Kahane

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Highway robbery

Remember Jesse James? He cleaned out the banks, railroads and anything with money, and then rode off into the sunset. Didn't the same thing happen to Desert Hot Springs? What next?

- Jerry Thomas

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