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More taxes: Teachers' union wants cut of business profits

Singing the same old tired song, Nevada's teachers' union is calling for yet another tax to feed the insatiable appetite of our "free" government education system, this time a tax on business profits. According to the union, the public schools are underfunded.

Actually, the amount of money spent on government schools has never been higher, nor have teachers and administrators received higher pay or better benefits. And, in spite of all the sob stories, the truth is teachers are working, on average, less than ever. Class sizes, and hence teacher workload, is at an all time low, and will drop even further shortly. Teachers work 9 months a year, and still average more than \$42,000 a year in pay and benefits. Teacher pay, for hours worked, is excellent; in fact, if teachers worked a normal schedule, 12 months, rather than 9, they would make \$56,000 a year.

Still, it is never enough, and the union plans to sponsor a ballot initiative to create a 5 percent "profits" tax on businesses.

Union greed, not the phony front they use of "underfunded schools", is behind this potential debacle. Ignore for a moment the endless bleeding of the taxpayer — look at it from the prospective of Nevada's future. As the state begins to feel the effects of gaming's spread across the nation, our business climate should be made as attractive as possible, and a 5 percent profits tax is hardly an invitation to new businesses that would diversify our economy.

Taxpayers have a little leverage yet, since school districts must receive fund-



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ing through bond measures passed by the voters. If you're not satisfied with the schools' performance, or feel the existing budgets should be allocated more efficiently, or are sick and tired of the endless demands for more money by the union, you have the option of expressing yourself at the ballot box. Hit them where it really counts — in the pocketbook.

Until recently, such negative votes have been rare, but the evidence is overwhelming that taxpayers are reaching their limit.

Of course, the unions and their government hacks are always seeking ways to circumvent the taxpayer, and the most recent innovation is to bypass the local voters and appeal to the Legislature. Several bills were introduced and passed this session, which allow school districts to fund various projects with state monies. This is a serious encroachment on local control, but, with the school boards, PTAs and Legislature dominated by pro-union hacks, the shift has taken place with barely a whimper. With time, ballot measures for bonds may become a thing of the past — and with them, any semblance of customer-based decision making.

In spite of paying the piper, taxpayer-

ers cannot call the tune, as demonstrated by the failure of the Legislature to mandate instruction in American historical documents, including the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. While claiming to already be instructing students in these basic founding documents — a bold faced lie — the educators' loudest complaint was being forced to follow any required curriculum on these matters. In short, they want the Legislature to give them taxpayer money, with no strings attached.

The proposed law was passed by the Senate, but was killed by the Assembly "Education" committee, a committee which should more properly be renamed what it truly represents, the "Teachers Union" committee.

The real danger to the government schools is not from critics like myself, but from a refusal to change. As a monopoly, no market-based decisions are required. Customers, except a few more affluent or extremely dedicated types, have no where else to turn. Hence, there is no desire to meet customer demand. All current evidences suggest a serious decline in educational output, yet such evidences are ignored or belittled by the government school monopoly.

As the costs continue to escalate, and the quality goes down, a powder keg of discontent is growing. Vouchers, charter schools, home schooling, private and parochial schools are all seeing dramatic upswings in public support and participation, a signal of unhappiness with the government schools their supporters should heed carefully. Instead, the edu-

crats attack the symptoms, rather than the disease. Every effort to increase educational opportunity is derided as a threat to the most holy and untouchable government school monopoly. Rather than adjust according to customer demand, the school system remains rigid and unbending. And, like a broken record, their answer remains stuck in a single verse: "more money!"

The union's constant cry of "more money for the children" is falling on increasingly skeptical ears. The truth is the union demand for more taxes is not for the children, but to line the pockets of union members. This shameless exploitation of the goodwill of the people — in the name of the children — is disgrace. We see an upwardly spiraling salary scale for teachers and administrators at the same time we see teachers claiming a lack of funding available for pencils, paper, books and basic classroom supplies.

This 5 percent profit tax, I hope, will be the blow that kills the goose that lays the golden egg. The government monopoly in education needs to end. Competition will allow teachers to find their true market value, and costs will decline as service expands, as has happened with every monopoly that was set upon by free market forces — in spite of the dire predictions of doom and gloom from the privileged monopolists. Competition, not taxation, is the solution for our failing system of education.

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Some thoughts on the theories of evolution

To question the validity of the theory of Evolution in some minds is the height of ignorance and superstition. All "educated" people KNOW it is a fact, not a theory — and those who dared through the years to challenge the new theory, which was quickly granted scientific sainthood, were treated like heretics at an inquisition.

Yet, there is clearly a growing discord among our educated elitists. In spite of the publicly displayed persona of absolute certainty, reviews of their more penetrating studies reveal something not acknowledged outside the realms of academia: a growing concern over the lack of evidence.

The truth is, Darwin expected his theory to be proven over time by the fossil record. The "missing links" would be revealed as the layers of earth's prehistory were stripped away, showing that all living organisms have come to be through slow and seemingly imperceptible changes occurring over eons of time.

Yet, the fossil record has had the opposite effect; all fossils of current living things look remarkably similar to their latter day descendants; "missing links" which should be common, are nonexistent. Even some used as examples of evolution, such as the platypus, show virtually no change from their most prehistoric fossil ancestors.

To reconcile this evidence, that if anything invalidates evolution, modern evolutionists have come up with a new theory, which, ironically, disproves the "slow change over eons of time" concept held as unquestionable for more than a



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century. This new theory says evolution can occur extremely rapidly, and is called "punctuated equilibrium".

Now if, as we were all taught in our biology classes, evolution occurs over time, and that the fossil record proves it, why would there be a need for or an acceptance of "punctuated equilibrium"? The relatively friendly reception the scientific community has given this new theory shows how little evidence and hence credibility the older traditional theory had amongst its dogmatic adherents.

The new idea is that evolution occurs extremely rapidly, spawned by natural disasters that force virtually immediate genetic changes to perpetuate survival.

How this happens, and exactly where the miraculous gene pools that must exist for this to occur have come from, is as yet unanswered. But, as always, wild conjecture and postulation run rampant.

"If the world suddenly gets hotter, you might survive better with a new skin color, or you might sprout a tail to maneuver in the dense tropical forest that spreads around the globe," reads a

recent Associated Press story on the new theory.

The absolute absurdity of such suggestions, swallowed by many without question, shows the political notion of telling the "big lie" and repeating it over and over holds true for science as well.

But, for fun, let us put it into practical application. Last week, I wrote about the mountain yellow legged frog, and how this Sierra creature was being considered for listing as an endangered species, thanks to the non-native trout eating them up. If "punctuated equilibrium" is correct, this should be no problem — the frog will simply evolve itself some trout repellent characteristics.

The problem is, the trout may evolve rapidly too. Perhaps it will grow lungs instead of gills, feet instead of fins, and march right up on land and still eat those poor old frogs.

If punctuated equilibrium were for real, why would any species ever be endangered? How could you go extinct, if you could simply reach into that magical genetic bag and accommodate every situation?

The whole theory of evolution, both old and new, lies in the face of simple common sense. If I were to suggest that something as mechanically complex as an ordinary pocket watch had somehow "evolved," I would be mocked as a loon. Yet to suggest that something as fantastically complex as life itself simply happened, and that all the incredible variety came into being through "random mutations" or sudden natural disasters is accepted almost without question.

Imagine a pocket watch just showing up in nature; not only that, but also this pocket watch can magically repair itself; additionally, it can reproduce itself, in perfect simultaneity to the original watch. Ridiculous? Of course. Yet a single human cell is thousands of times more complex and intricate than even the finest watch.

Could the "primordial blue-green algae" produce a watch? No. Yet, evolutionists speak of "simple" cells forming in the "primordial soup", creating the "building blocks" of life without a challenge, in spite of the fact these "simple" cells have been shown to be more complex than any major city in America!

Time is another eye-opener. Statements such as "this evolved somewhere between 15 and 20 million years ago" are common. But think about that for a minute. They just gave themselves a **FIVE MILLION-YEAR VARIABLE!** They get away with such outrageous claims because our human brains cannot comprehend such huge numbers. A million, a billion, or a trillion, they're almost all the same in our minds.

All of creation, with its almost unbelievable intricacy and variety, points to one undeniable truth: this did not come about by mere accident or random chance.

Logically, there must be a designer, a Creator. I'm betting on it. And I plan to celebrate His birthday on Dec. 25th.

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Campaign finance reform — GOP initiative vs. liberal left

"Our first major battle is to clean up the polluting influence of money in Nevada politics."

An ultra-liberal front group, The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN), headed by homosexual rights activist Bob Fulkerson, published a booklet on election financing called "Jackpot! Campaign Financing in Nevada."

The quote at the start of this column is from an editorial in the booklet written by Fulkerson and co-author Paul Brown.

In Jackpot, PLAN breaks down campaign contributors by dollar amount and donor group for legislative races. For example, the No. 2 special interest donor listed is "gaming", which gave \$559,832.

In the finest liberal tradition of living in glass houses and throwing stones, PLAN decries the influence of special interest money, while conveniently ignoring a critically important fact: PLAN's membership is made up of the very worst offenders!

The front-runner in shoveling out all that filthy lucre, the top producing tainted spring gushing forth the "polluting influence of money in politics", is none other one of the left's strongest supporters—the unions.

According to PLAN, big labor contributed a whopping \$576,575 to politicians, outspending even the gaming industry. Yet PLAN's members include the AFL-CIO, the Nevada State Education Association (the teachers union), Culinary Workers Union #226, HERE Local #86, Laborers International Union of America #169,



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and SEIU locals #1864 & 11071. Publishing a diatribe about the "polluting influence of money in politics" while having the worst offenders in the complaining organization is equivalent to fighting prostitution while Joe Conforte sits on your board of directors.

Here in Nevada the GOP is successfully pushing a ballot initiative, "The Paycheck Protection Initiative" to eliminate Union misuse and abuse of their member's dues to finance political campaigns, something a group which is supposedly seeking campaign finance reform, such as PLAN, would logically support.

To force someone to give money for a party or candidate they do not support is wrong, no matter who, union or non-union, does it.

Unions are in a panic over the probable passage of the Paycheck Protection Initiative, and not without cause. In Washington State, a similar measure was overwhelmingly approved, and union political slush funds dried up. The number of teachers contributing to their union's political action committee dropped from over 45,000 to 8,000. The number of state employees giving to their union PAC dropped from over

40,000 to a token 82. Obviously, without the coercion and force the unions now have to strong-arm their own members into "donating" money, cash to buy politicians will decline sharply.

Fearing the worst — a vote of the people — and not willing to give up so much extorted money and what it can purchase without a fight, the unions and their leftist allies, calling themselves "Nevadans for Fairness", have turned to the courts to block the ballot initiative from being placed before the people.

Ironically, but not surprisingly, PLAN is listed as a trustee of "Nevadans for Fairness", and Paul Brown, co-author of "Jackpot!" is listed as well.

Joining PLAN in the lawsuit is Rabbi Mel Hecht and Reverend Caesar Caviglia. Liberals scream long and loud about "Separation of Church and State" every time a conservative religious leader or organization, such as the Moral Majority or Pat Robertson get politically active. But notice when the religious participants are leftists they are welcomed into the political arena with open arms.

Governor Bob Miller, in an unusual and totally improper move, also joined in the lawsuit. Miller, as governor, is to represent all of the people, and to personally join in a lawsuit while holding office violates that principle. It is interesting to also note one of Miller's 1936 campaign workers, Kenny Guinn, head of "Republicans for Miller" in his successful reelection, opposes the GOP plan as well.

Even more fascinating has been the

treatment Democratic Gov. Miller and Democratic Senators Reid and Bryan have given to the one Democrat with enough guts to challenge GOP front-runner Kenny Guinn and all his millions. The three titular leaders of the party have blacklisted fellow Democrat Joe Neal, giving de facto endorsements to GOP front-runner Kenny Guinn. Perhaps the left and Guinn are ideologically more aligned than most realize. The public reason given was Neal's support for locating the nuclear dump here in Nevada; one suspects it has more, much more, to do with his support for raising gaming taxes. Now that Jan Jones has tossed her hat in the ring, it will be entertaining to see when and how enthusiastically she is received by her own party.

If the intention of the left is to reduce the "polluting influence" of special interest money in politics, the GOP Paycheck Protection idea is an excellent first step, and PLAN, if they were at all sincere, would be collecting signatures to get it on the ballot, not joining in lawsuits to thwart the will of the people. The GOP itself should also question why its members should support Kenny Guinn in light of his close ties with most of the Democratic Party hierarchy and his refusal to support his own party's efforts.

Its time to take a closer look at Lt. Gov. Lonnie Hammargren.

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Franklin D. Roosevelt — should we stigmatize or memorialize?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt. To many, he's a hero, the greatest president of the 20th Century, perhaps greatest of all time. I know of no president, past or present, who is so revered by the citizens who lived through his administration and who defend him with an almost religious zealotry.

Unfortunately, FDR, judged in the more dispassionate light of historical review, comes up far short of the demigod status his image carries.

Let's start with the great depression, which lasted from 1929-1941. Roosevelt was swept into office in 1932, promising economic recovery to the nation. This was in fact something new; prior to FDR, the federal government had a very limited role in the nation's economy. Depressions were nothing new; we've had a series of them since the inception of our republic. The constitution limited the powers of the federal government, but FDR ignored the constitution and instigated a whole series of government programs, all ostensibly to "help the forgotten man" get back on his financial feet.

Economically, it was a dismal failure. Politically, it was a master's stroke, reaping dividends even today.

At the peak of the depression, 1933, unemployment hit a record high of 12-14 million. Bread lines and "Okies" kitchens, the dust bowl and "Okies" migrating west are all scenes still used today to show the destitution and discouragement prevalent in the United States. FDR gave them hope and they responded with permanent adoration. Problem is, unemployment remained



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at record levels right up to the start of WWII. In 1938 — five years after the "New Deal" was started — 10 million were still unemployed. In 1939, 9.5 million. Recovery did not occur until WWII broke out in Europe.

All Roosevelt did was transfer money from the private sector to the government, used that money through programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) the National Recovery Administration (N.R.A.) and an alphabet's worth of others and "created" new jobs, thus seeming to employ millions.

Many people who lived through the depression and who discuss this with me get very passionate about this, pointing out that FDR gave their father, uncle or brother employment, thus putting food on the table and hope back in their hearts. That's the direct consequence. What they don't see are the indirect effects.

If the money would have remained in the private sector, new jobs would just as surely have been created; not only that, but since the private sector spends it money in a much more meaningful

and truly market-driven way, real economic growth would have been much greater than the very limited success of the New Deal.

Roosevelt also borrowed very heavily, being the first U.S. President to totally embrace "Keynesian Economics," the theory that governments should borrow or print money, pump it back into the economy and "jumpstart" economic recovery.

Once again, the theory is nice on paper but ignores basic economic realities. If the government borrows the money, it simply reduces the capital available to the private sector, driving interest rates up and economic output down.

Roosevelt also took the U.S. off the gold standard and devalued the dollar in relation to gold, thus artificially inflating the currency — giving him more dollars to spend but of much lesser value — another example of what can properly be called "voodoo economics," smoke and mirror effects politicians use to create temporary or illusory "economic recovery."

FDR's "New Deal" if anything, probably prolonged the Great Depression. A depression or recession is really nothing more than an economic re-establishment of output in relation to consumption. The "roaring 20s" had to be paid for and the inevitable reduction in consumption was the result. Excessively "tight" monetary policies by the Federal Reserve Board (another example of government screwing up the economy) also greatly contributed to slowing recovery. Had FDR stayed out of the picture com-

pletely, the economy would most likely have recovered sooner and more robustly.

The most damning condemnation of FDR relates to WWII. It is now well established that he and his top people, such as George Catlett Marshall, knew well in advance the Japanese were going to attack Pearl Harbor and other U.S. bases in the Pacific. We had broken their secret diplomatic code and had received the final message giving Yamamoto the go ahead. Additionally, several governments around the world had specifically warned us of Japan's intentions.

Roosevelt, campaigning in 1940, promised to keep American boys from being embroiled in another European war — a sentiment shared by an overwhelming majority of Americans — while at the same time, he was secretly plotting with Churchill and others to escalate U.S. involvement. In fact, FDR had been plotting well before 1940 and, in retrospect, an event as cataclysmic as Pearl Harbor would have been the only way to break America's tradition of non-involvement in European wars. Today, all school kids are drilled with the evils of "isolationism" and "fortress America" and, Pavlovian like, accept without question our being the world's police force — concepts entirely contrary to our founders' beliefs.

FDR is the father of the "industrial-military complex" that liberals claim to loathe; indeed, the government/big business relationship bloomed under FDR's efforts to supposedly help the "common man". During WW II, the small and

independent businesses were shut down, either directly by the government or indirectly when the help and/or owner were drafted and, as always, government war contracts were extremely lucrative.

FDR, at Yalta and Potsdam, gave away to the Soviet Union, a regime that makes Hitler's Third Reich look paltry by comparison, all of Eastern Europe and many other choice pieces of the world, setting the stage for the Cold War, Korea, the fall of free China and ultimately, Vietnam. America's armies won the war militarily, but America's politicians gave the victory away to an "ally" as rotten or worse than the vanquished Nazis.

FDR interned 112,000 Japanese, two thirds of which were born in the U.S., American Citizens stripped of their civil rights, their property, their dignity and sent to concentration camps. Ironically, these Japanese men were drafted directly from the camps to serve the U.S.

FDR was a liar, a socialist, a destroyer of constitutionally limited government and the father of our paternalistic welfare state which is literally eating the guts out of our country, both politically and economically. He deserves no memorial — a dirge would be more appropriate.

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Barbano's column; Sparks' financing and Farley foolishness

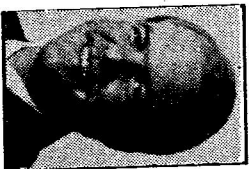
For myself, the university system is, politically speaking, enemy held territory, the last bastion of the Marxist/socialist/liberal ideology in the U.S.

Without the "higher education" community, these philosophies (theologies, really) would be held with the same disdain that fascism justly receives. That's why, when it comes to electing university regents, I don't get too involved. Just the enemy camp choosing generals.

However, I really enjoyed the Howard Rosenberg-Mary Ellen McMullen regent race. To me, it was great. I like nothing better than watching two ultra-liberals beat the hell out of each other. And now, with the board doing everything possible to exclude Rosenberg, we all have a ringside seat as a whole series of exposes and fights are brought to light, revealing the inbred nature of the educational power structure.

My hat goes off to Sparks Tribune columnist, Andy Barbano, who has done a superb job of exposing the various relationships between lobbyists, legislators and university regents in an excellent series of columns. The high caliber of Barbano's columns were almost as good as if Ralph Heller had done them.

This whole Rosenberg episode will do for the regents what the Whitehead case did for the Nevada Supreme Court. Before it's all over, if some of the allegations prove true, the public image of the university system will be severely tarnished. (Actually, it won't be tarnished, it will be restored to its honest level). Ironically, Rosenberg owes his elec-



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tion, which was a squeaker, to the conservatives. Brian Mahoney, KOH radio's main talkmeister, promoted Rosenberg almost daily prior to the general election. KOH has been labeled "redneck radio" by the liberals due to the heavy conservative lineup in its talk shows, and Brian is conservative to the core. KOH has a very large radio audience, and I'm certain that put Rosenberg over the top. Rosenberg's underdog role in the race, as well as his being the lesser of two evils, made him the logical (if not the most desirable) choice, his homosexuality and ultra-leftist views not withstanding. There was no "none of the above" slot on the ballot, so the voters were stuck with two lousy choices. For me, in good conscious, I couldn't bring myself to vote for either; I simply bypassed that race on my ballot.

Another irony is that Barbano normally takes the liberal side of most issues. Being a loyal union man from way back, he knows how money, graft, and other forms of "influence peddling" grease the skids of politics; what he's

exposing in the university system is certainly not something brand new to him. I have no idea of his motives, but I say — keep going! Root out and expose the corruption. Liberals bashing liberals. I love it.

I've noticed the liberal Reno Gazette Journal hasn't done much on the Rosenberg-regent fight, nothing in depth anyway. Normally, that's how liberals deal with problems within their own ranks. As FDR said, "They may be sons-a-bitches — but they're OUR sons-a-bitches!" Something tells me Barbano's going to find himself excluded from certain social circles he's customarily been welcomed in.

Congratulations are in order for the city of Sparks' financial division, headed by Terri Thomas. They received a certificate of achievement for excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association, for the 15th straight year, after an annual audit of city finances by the accounting firm of Kafoury, Armstrong and Company.

Best news from the audit: Revenues for the city expanded by 12 percent to 47.8 million, and expenditures increased 7 percent to 47.6 million.

Growth was given as the reason revenues increased at a rate greater than expenditures. I would like to see the city's financial division do a report on the frequently asked question, "Does growth pay for itself?" According to this audit, at least for the city of Sparks, it does indeed.

One of the great economic myths of our time is that you can spend yourself into prosperity. This doesn't work for private households, and it certainly doesn't apply to the government. Yet, in spite of an almost unbelievable debt load, many people still subscribe to "Keynsian Economics", i.e., the belief that when the economy slows down, the government should "prime" the economy through increased spending.

Cory Farley, the most popular columnist in the Reno/Sparks area, and a liberal icon, recently wrote about the proposed balanced budget amendment, and why it was a bad idea. He stated: "When things go soft in the economy, spending your way out [government spending] is a time honored cure, and ... the balanced budget amendment means that 40 percent plus one member of Congress could stop corrective action if the economy goes bad!"

The way liberals think scares me. Keynes' theory sounded good in the 1930's; today with more than 60 years of govern ment "priming" to look back on, only a aberal could cling to such an antiquated view of government spending.

Where does government get the money it spends? 1. Taxes. 2. Borrowing. 3. Printing money. If government taxes the money, it merely redistributes what already would have been spent into the economy anyway. Taxes tend to discourage production; also, due to bureaucrats getting a cut of the tax revenue, the spending is less effi-

cient than if left in the hands of the original producer of the wealth taxed.

If government borrows the money, it simply removes a portion of the capital available for borrowing by the private sector. This generally leads to increased interest rates, because of the increased competition. Net result: less real growth than if the government had stayed out of the picture entirely.

When the government prints money, it merely inflates the total supply, which cheapens the value of money already in circulation. For people who can adjust their prices and wages accordingly, you can live with it, but for people on fixed incomes, such as seniors on pensions, it can be devastating. It can also destroy savings, as well as the incentive to save, which in turn reduces the capital available for real economic growth.

The government, led by people anxious for re-election, fell in love with the "government spending is good" philosophy, which is why today we have a \$5 trillion deficit in the Federal General Fund, a \$12 trillion deficit in Social Security, and interest payments of \$250 billion.

Liberals still believe in "free lunches" — hey, if you didn't have to pay for it, it's free, right?

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Ironies: Some contrasts between actual and ideal

Irony No. 1: Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder died recently, going to his grave a bitter man. Snyder lost his job as a sports commentator for saying that black Americans were better athletes because at one time they were systematically "bred," i.e., treated like livestock, controlled and regulated in their reproduction to produce higher quality offspring. This created a tremendous public outcry and Snyder got canned.

Now, I don't watch sports on TV very often, and I really don't care much about Jimmy "The Greek." However, my sense of justice and fair play were grossly disturbed by his treatment, because, ironically, he was correct. At the time of the outcry over Snyder's comments I was reading "From Slavery to Freedom," a book by John Hope Franklin, America's most distinguished black historian. Here is a direct quote: "There was always the fear that the supply of slaves would be exhausted ... One of the ways in which the slave holders guarded against this was the systematic breeding of slaves, one of the most fantastic manipulations of human development in the history of mankind. Despite the denials and apologies of many of the students of the history of American slavery, there seems to be no doubt that innumerable slave holders deliberately undertook to increase the number of saleable slaves by advocating mating them and encouraging proficiency in every possible way. Experiments in slave rearing were carried on, albeit surreptitiously, in much the same way that efforts were made to discover new products that would grow on exhausted soil."

Snyder lost his job and career for telling the truth.

Irony No. 2: American liberalism holds its very greatest contempt (supposedly) for fascism, especially as practiced by the National Socialists (Nazis)



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Few things throw a liberal into a greater sense of rage than the

Nazi practice of burning books, i.e., censorship of thought. Ironically,

American liberals are carrying on this Nazi tradition today by enforcing a code of "political correctness." Just as the

Nazis once destroyed and suppressed all thought that may cast a positive light on their chosen enemies, so today

do American liberals censor all "incorrect" thought and published comment

are correct. The treatment of Jimmy "The Greek" is an excellent example.

No one stopped and asked "what are the facts?" No way. Snyder had opened

the one can of worms that liberals have actively sought to censor — questions

and discussions about racial differences. Ironically, the Nazis censored all

material that may have been positive on Jews and other "undesirables."

American liberals seek to censor all material that may shed negative light,

or even suggestions of differences, on the races. Both branches stem from the

same root — suppression of information to prevent individuals from reaching

conclusions contrary to what the fascists (American or German) want.

completely delivered, except for the head. A pair of scissors are forced into the baby's skull, opened, and a high-power suction tube is inserted, which removes the brain, resulting in the death of the baby. The reason the baby is not completely delivered before being murdered is because if the head is still inside the mother, it is technically an "abortion." If this baby had its brain removed after being completely delivered, it is "murder, first degree." That's the only reason. *There is no medical reason this procedure would ever have to be conducted.*

Yet, who champions this abomination? American liberals. Ironically, the fascist connection comes through again.

The fascists justified murdering people by need of "Lebensraum" (living room), or to destroy "subhumans." Liberals,

using similar lines of twisted logic, justify the practice of killing babies with "overpopulation," "every child a wanted child" (justifying killing all "unwanted" children), "they will be raised in poverty and squalor," i.e., subhuman conditions.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, made it perfectly clear that her goal was to reduce the number of offspring the poor and other socially and racially "undesirable" types had. Her concepts on "Eugenics" are virtually identical with Adolf Hitler's — especially ironic, since Sanger was a Jew. Sanger wanted to destroy the "undesirables" by stopping their reproduction; Hitler simply carried it one step further and destroyed the already born as well.

Hitler's views on abortion? For the "master race" it was wrong; not on moral grounds, but on the desire to increase the "best blooded" race as much as possible. But for others? I quote from "Hitler," a biography by Joachim Fest: "When he (Hitler) discov-

ered in a memorandum a proposal to ban the sale and use of abortifacients in the occupied eastern territories, he became wildly excited and declared that he would 'personally shoot down ... the idiots' responsible for this idea. On the contrary, he went on, it seemed to him essential to promote a vigorous business in contraceptives."

This leads to: **Irony No. 4:** One of Hitler's primary goals was to eliminate the Jewish race. The holocaust was the result of putting this concept into action. Ironically,

thanks to abortion and contraception, Jews today have the lowest birth rate of any minority in the world. Jews are not reproducing fast enough to replace the natural death rate; if current trends continue, they will virtually cease to exist. What Hitler tried to accomplish through force and murder the Jews are doing to their own race voluntarily. Historians looking back on this time may find this to be the greatest irony of all.

The long term results of this are very serious, because, according to The Bell Curve, by Murray and Herrnstein, Jews are the most intelligent branch of the human family. European Jews score highest on I.Q. tests, and a study of people at the top of the more advanced forms of human endeavors,

such as science, medicine, law, engineering, show Jews to be represented in numbers greatly disproportionate to their ratio in society as a whole. The next highest scoring group, the Asians, are already beginning to occupy the higher echelons of advanced thinking

being vacated by the aging population of Jews. The long term loss of the most intelligent may result in a slowdown in the intellectual growth of human development.

Irony No. 5: George Bush largely lost the election to Clinton by lying to the American people. "Read my lips," stuck hard and fast in the average person's head and when Bush broke that promise, American turned on him — and justly so — with a vengeance.

Ironically, if Bush had lied, not once, but several times, he probably would have had a better shot at reelection. How so? Well, Clinton has lied repeatedly on more issues than a single column would hold. He lies whenever the occasion calls for it. He is unscrupulous. Yet, by flooding the airwaves with lies, he has apparently succeeded in diluting Americans' insistence for honesty from public officials — if the polls are correct. Character doesn't seem to matter. However, predictions in May are often proven wrong by the results in November and I have hope that he will be defeated.

Unfortunately, Bob Dole doesn't generate much enthusiasm as a candidate. He is better than Clinton, that's granted — Elmer Fudd would be better than Clinton — but Dole's a lackluster choice at best. If he fails to pick a conservative, such as John Engler or Tommy Thompson, as his running mate, and

instead picks a moderate or liberal, he will go down to defeat, because many conservatives will simply not go out and vote. If they stay away, this may hurt as well the Republicans' chances for holding on to the House and Senate. The Republican leadership will have no one to blame but themselves, due to their failure to fulfill their promises and their uncalled for and vicious attacks on the conservatives in the primary. It was the conservatives that got them elected in the first place and it will be the conservatives that — possibly — will take them out.

How ironic *Ira Hansen is a longtime Sparks resident.*

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Hansen's column was an insult

Editor:

I have just read the article by Mr. Ira Hansen in the Feb. 21 edition entitled "Name Proposed Community Center at Paradise Park after Local Leader" and I am angered at the attitude and perpetuations of half-truths and misconceptions Mr. Hansen presents in his article.

As a professional black female, I was insulted and appalled at the way Mr. Hansen lumped the black community together in stereotypical statements relating to issues facing black America today. First of all, when did Mr. Hansen become an "expert" on black community and their thoughts and concerns on who we consider a black leader. Mr. Hansen has reached from one end of the spectrum to the other (Jackson and Farrakhan) and stated that these two men are the recognized leaders of black people. I am a native Chicagoan, born and raised in Chicago when Mr. Jackson and his Operation Push and Rainbow Coalition was in full force. Yes, Mr. Jackson has made some inroads for black people and has spoken up for black people when it was necessary. But by no means, did black people embrace Mr. Jackson as the spokesperson for them, their children and their communities as a whole. A lot of black people did, and still do, have some major problems with Mr. Jackson and his real commitment to the black community.

As far as Mr. Farrakhan is concerned, most black people do not agree with the anti-Semitic attitudes and hate that Mr. Farrakhan espouses. However, Mr. Farrakhan does point out some real truths of the conditions of black people today, especially in those communities that are predominately black and unfortunately poverty ridden. Mr. Farrakhan hits home with the suggestion to buy from blacks. It is a well known fact that blacks in this country have the highest spending power, why not spend it in our own stores from our own people. Mr. Farrakhan tells the truth when he states that the majority of stores owned in black communities are owned by other races who DO come in and economically "rape" our communities by selling their merchandise at ridiculously high prices and yet give nothing back to the community, including jobs. But because a majority of people in these

racess were also responsible for the looting and rioting in L.A. after the Rodney King verdict. Could it be that Mr. Hansen is again operating in half-truths, intentionally making black people look like the bad guys while ignoring the evil done by everyone else?

Finally, Mr. Hansen's analogy of parenting was the straw that broke the camel's back for me. Was Mr. Hansen implying that black people are the children and the government is the parent and we need to be punished or maybe "trained" back into the submission in which we were held for 385 years? Or better yet, just shot and killed?

As far as blacks and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is concerned, Dr. King was an icon and is still an icon and will be an icon for generations to come. We, as a people, are proud of Dr. King and the message he stood for, the stance he took and the sacrifices he made, including his own life. We are not against the message of Dr. King: "character not race," the only problem is the rest of America seems to have not yet "gotten with the program." It is clear to a number of black people that white America still sees our skin color when we apply for a job or promote our businesses. They are the ones who cannot see beyond our skin color to our characters, abilities and qualifications, who make assumptions and form opinions before we even open our mouths to speak. America has chosen those blacks who they let become successful, they always have and always will. This way they can always point to a few and say "see, if they did it, you can do it too." Neglecting to tell them, "but only if we let you." A person's business cannot survive if no one buys from them, and a person cannot get a job, no matter how qualified they are, if no one hires them.

Dr. King brought the ugly face of racism into everyone's living room. Dr. King allowed America and the world to see how blacks in this country were being treated. His message should never be forgotten, but his message now needs updating and I am sure that Dr. King was for more than being able to sit at a lunch counter or any seat on the bus. He was for true progress, a progress that not only takes a few with it, but the masses. At this time, the masses of black people are not where Dr. King intended them to be. The new "leaders" as Mr. Hansen calls them are taking the dream farther. We not only want to sit at the lunch counter, we want to own the lunch counter. We not only want to sit in any seat on the bus, we want to own the bus company

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I was especially offended by Mr. Hansen's use of the phrase "Black Rage." He has totally taken the phrase out of context and turned it into a violent image. He is mistaken in his statement that the L.A. black side of town got millions of dollars into a rebuilding campaign. When was the last time Mr. Hansen visited those sections of L.A. and saw the brand new structures? I would probably say he hasn't. It is common knowledge among those who deal in the truth and not propaganda, that although the government has promised millions of dollars, very few of those millions have ever been seen. Those buildings that were destroyed are either still in the condition they were in after the fires burned out, or torn down and only empty lots replace them. In addition, why didn't Mr. Hansen use the phrases "White Rage, Hispanic Rage, and Asian Rage" since those

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Mr. Hansen is dealing in idealistic visions, while blacks are beginning to wake up and see that realistically, we are not better off than we were 25 years ago. Yes, a few of us have made it to the top, but the numbers of us not even making it to the ladder are increasing at an alarming rate. I agree with Mr. Farrakhan, we need our own grocery stores, automobile dealers, doctors, lawyers, teachers, etc.

People like Mr. Hansen who hold stereotypical racist and ignorant opinions such as the ones he expressed in his article, are the people who continue to keep this country from moving forward to the dream that Dr. King had for this country and especially for black people. There are many people who have read Mr. Hansen's article and believe that what he writes is true, that this is the way black people feel and think. When in fact, what Mr. Hansen writes is so far from the truth that the number of blacks I have shown this article to have been disgusted, angered or amused at the ignorance of one man.

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Mississippi West trouble, right here in River City

Two ancient and lamentable expressions popped up in the news last week. After former Gov. Grant Sawyer died, we were all reminded of Nevada's nickname as "Mississippi West." Silver State media were filled with stories of Sawyer's courageous stand against the racist gambling industrial complex of the 1950s, back when we legitimately deserved the label of westernmost southern state. Because that old story was told again, former Gov. Sawyer could still march for the cause of human rights even though he walks among us no more. Such is the power of a giant.

Simultaneous with the news of Sawyer's death came proof that racism remains alive and well right here in River City. Last Wednesday's Tribune carried the Sawyer story on page two. Ira Hansen's column on page four demonstrated how far this community, this state and this country still have to go.

I usually try to avoid criticizing other writers for this paper. We can all find enough to carp about without sniping at each other. But I cannot let Mr. Hansen's comments pass unchallenged.

I have never met the gentleman, but now would like to. I promise to try my best to subdue the cursing, spitting rage I fell into when I first read his Wednesday words. Before then, Ira



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Hansen presented himself as a more reasonable alternative to his relatives, Daniel and Janine Hansen, who have peddled hatred and intolerance in this state for decades.

Alas, last Wednesday, Ira Hansen saluted the family flag. He raised it on a rope of twisted thinking and secured it with a Gordian Knot begging to be cut down. Perhaps Ira Hansen was merely flushed with the bravado which flows from the surge of his idol, Patrick Buchanan. When hatemongers start accumulating the votes of the desperate, some people think that legitimizes their views.

There was nothing legitimate about Mr. Hansen's column in this paper last Wednesday. I intentionally avoid seven-letter shorthand to typify his work, because I would like to open a dialogue with him, face to face, anytime, any place. I reach out with no illusions. I have faced his relatives in public forums. Logic and reason have

no seeming effect. Dan and Janine just plain have a lot of fun tweaking outraged noses, then ducking back under the sheets for cover.

Now, down to cases. Ira Hansen uses the same techniques as Rush Limbaugh. Their method is simple. Set up a false premise, then use that premise to seemingly prove your point. Build the straw man in order to knock him down. Mr. Limbaugh's record of wall to wall falsehood and inaccuracy is legendary. And he never issues a correction when notified of error.

I speak only for Andrew Barbano, but apparently Ira Hansen speaks for all dark-complected Americans of equatorial descent. Acting on behalf of those melanin-intensive U.S. residents, Mr. Hansen last week personally crowned the Rev. Louis Farrakhan their leader.

Now try and follow the bouncing ball. Because Mr. Farrakhan, the Hansen-anointed modern messiah of black America, is an avowed racist, it follows that all other latter day ebony and café au lait Americans are much closer in their thinking to George Wallace than the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thus, according to black spokesman Hansen, no new community center should be named for King, as Dr. King does not reflect modern black thinking as typified by Rev. Farrakhan. Mr.

Hansen then sullies the name of local businessman Luther Mack by suggesting Mr. Mack as an alternative to Dr. King, based on the above smug illogic. Wait, there's more. And it's even worse. Mr. Hansen often writes of his love of taking high-powered modern weapons and stalking animals, calling it sport. It is thus perfectly consistent that he advocates declaring open season on dissident citizens: "If the government had been serious about stopping the (post Rodney King verdict) rioters, using Napoleon's old strategy would have worked well: 'Give them a whiff of grape (shot).'"

Napoleon quelled riots by meeting them immediately with strong and swift retaliation," says Hansen, "as did George Washington when he stopped Shay's Rebellion and the Whiskey Rebellion ... If the government had told the law enforcement people and the National Guard 'shoot every looter and arsonist you see,' the riots would have been exceptionally short lived."

During any mass public disturbance, shoot-to-kill orders encounter a small problem with precision: how can storm troopers tell a looter from someone moving his own property out of harm's way? Should police and soldiers be ordered to dispense a shoot-on-sight death penalty for anyone carrying a TV set or a boom box? Could you instantly prove you own your own

television set upon demand? Would Mr. Hansen's vigilantes even give you a chance? He conveniently forgot that L.A. only went out of control when police chief Darrell Gates specifically ordered his men to neither protect nor serve.

Back in the Sixties, I had cops tell me they knew how to solve the problem of long-haired kids protesting Johnson, Nixon and the war: mass machine gunning. Alas, that view won out at Kent State and Jackson State 26 years ago. Mr. Hansen would bring us back to those halcyon days of Nixonian law and order.

Could last Wednesday's ramblings have come from the same guy who blasted Bill Clinton over Waco and the BATF for Ruby Ridge? Hansens and Buchanans are dangerous when they stoop to such rabble rousing. Like Lush Rambo, they gain a know-nothing following because of it. A substantial percentage of Americans, mostly under-educated white males, now say they get their news exclusively from talk radio. In that respect, we can be thankful that Ira Hansen writes only for a small newspaper.

But big scores grow from small infestations. What are we to make of Hansen when he says "blacks were unwise to trust a white southern gov-

Name proposed community center at Paradise Park after local leader

It seems that the NAACP and Sparks Mayor Bruce Breslow are out of touch with the black community of the 1990s. Is Martin Luther King still the icon of blacks today? That's questionable, since King's purported desire for American Society was to ignore races and judge people on the "content of their character". While King as an individual may still be held high, his ideas receive a clear rejection by the leaders of black America today. Indeed, the philosophies of George Wallace, rather than King's, are embraced by black leaders now.

Sound crazy? Who supported segregation, King or Wallace? Who argued that blacks are better off by keeping them separated from whites, King or Wallace? Who would be perceived as more anti-Semitic, King or Wallace?

Today, the majority of blacks are following the lead of two people, Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan. Jackson's been the leader since King's death; however, after the "Million Man March," which drew somewhere between 400,000 (Park Service estimate) and 2 million (Farrakhan's estimate) it appears the new leader is Farrakhan. Even Jackson himself came and genuflected before Farrakhan.

Farrakhan is openly racist, especially against Jews, and his economic advice to blacks is racism at its ugliest. Buy from blacks, and blacks only. Drive all other races out of your communities, if not by refusing to purchase their products, then by force and intimidation. He supported the rioters who attacked the predominately Korean shop owners after the Rodney King verdict. When blacks looted and burned down much of their own portions of L.A., a lot of us laughed at such stupidity. But the blacks got the last laugh when the fed-



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eral government poured millions of dollars into a rebuilding campaign. Once again, the taxpayers got soaked in an effort to buy off "Black Rage."

One of the first lessons of parenting is "Don't reward bad behavior". When your kid throws a temper tantrum, don't try to pacify him by saying, "Stop crying, and I'll give you some candy". Reason being, the kid will start throwing a tantrum every time he wants to get his way. If the government had been serious about stopping the rioters, using Napoleon's old strategy would have worked well: "Give them a whiff of grape (shot)." Napoleon quelled riots by meeting them immediately with strong and swift retaliation, as did George Washington when he stopped "Shay's Rebellion" and the "Whiskey Rebellion."

The Korean shop owners who pointed a loaded pistol into the faces of would-be looters found that such tactics were remarkably successful at stopping "Black Rage." If the government had told the law enforcement people and the National Guard, "Shoot every looter and arsonist you see," the riots would have been exceptionally short lived.

Farrakhan also strongly opposes miscegenation, and promotes black to black marriages only, another issue which was a strong argument used by white segregationists in the past.

Whether King promoted miscegenation or not, I don't know. But the leaders of blacks today are clearly against being assimilated into the white world through interracial marriage.

Brazil, when it freed its slaves in 1888, adopted a policy of promoting interracial marriage. The idea behind this policy was, as long as two separate races existed, animosity would be the inevitable result. Therefore, the solution was to amalgamate the two races, with the black race virtually disappearing with time. Americans took the opposite view, and strictly segregated the races on the issue of marriage. These laws became non-binding after the Supreme Court declared them unconstitutional in 1967 and an increase in mixed marriages resulted. Today, black leaders are apparently fearful that the long-term consequences will be what the Brazilians desired so long ago, the elimination of the black American culture through absorption into the white world.

The idea that a new community center, to be built in Paradise Park after the city of Sparks takes it over, might be named after Martin Luther King is archaic. Instead, if pleasing today's black community is the goal, we should name it Louis Farrakhan Community Center. To do it right, the building should be shaped like an ancient Egyptian pyramid. At the top of the pyramid, a huge number 19 should be mounted. Over the front entrance, a large sign saying: "No Jews, Koreans, or other such bloodsucking races allowed — Sincerely, Louis Farrakhan." The theme song for the new community center should be Michael Jackson's latest hit, where he warns people not to "Jew" him.

Blacks in America today are at a crossroads. Politically, do they follow the "ignore race" advice of Martin Luther King, or follow the clear trend and adopt a black segregationist approach? Blacks as a viable political force is also imperiled. The rising population of Hispanics and Asians will greatly dilute black influence. Already, the presidency of Bill Clinton has demonstrated this. After election, Clinton largely ignored black America. Blacks were unwise to trust a white southern governor anyway. Today, the threat of a possible Jackson candidacy and the consequential bolt of the black vote from the Democrats is the only leverage left to black Americans. The growing black conservative movement, as evidenced by such notable blacks as Alan Keyes, Walter Williams, Thomas Sowell, and Clarence Thomas, will further dilute the black vote.

If the Sparks City Council wishes to adopt a name that will honor a black American, I have a suggestion. One local black leader has done more to help his fellow blacks than anyone else I'm aware of. He gives them educational opportunities and hands on business experience. He has served as a great example of a black entrepreneur. His name: Luther Mack. The "Luther Mack Community Center." Sounds good. Since it's a local community center, let's name it after a local man who has served all of our community, but especially, the black community.

I've known Luther Mack for years. I used to do work for him. He's an honest businessman who I respect. He deserves some extra recognition, and would serve as an excellent example for young blacks to emulate. He and I have sharply divergent views on politics, and he will probably be angered by the views

I've expressed in this column. Maybe so. Nevertheless, Mack is an individual who has made a big difference, and, using the Martin Luther King approach, I look at him as a man with good character and ignore the differences in our skin color. And that's how it should be. The "Luther Mack Community Center". How about it, Sparks City Council?

NATIONAL POLITICS: Predictions: My column is turned in Tuesday morning, so as I write this, I don't know who won in New Hampshire. But, the momentum is all Buchanan's, and I'll stick my neck out and bet that he'll beat Dole by 2 to 4 percent. If he wins, expect the Republican Party leadership and the national press to mount an all out smear campaign to discredit him.

My idea of a great ticket would be Buchanan-Keyes. These two are the Republican's best debaters and speakers and such a ticket would wipe out the "Buchanan is a racist" garbage his opponents attempt to smear him with. A debate between Keyes and V.P. Gore would be a devastating loss to the Democrats, as would Buchanan vs. Clinton.

FLAT TAX: The Republicans will probably be forced to abandon this as an issue since they've trashed each other over it. They should now adopt the national sales tax as a replacement to the income tax. It's much more palatable, with the elimination of the IRS, as we know it, as a bonus. How much the rich vs. the poor pay will also be neutralized as an issue.

Buchanan has made politics exciting again. Go Pat, Go!

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