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## Uncommon Sense

By Dr. Glenn Mollette



### Is The Ukraine Deal Really A Deal?

America has given Ukraine a lot of money. Does anyone really know? President Trump recently said \$350 billion while other sources say we have spent less than \$200 billion. A billion dollars is a billion dollars. Hundreds of billions of dollars mean Americans across our country are being taxed hard earned dollars to send to another country for the purpose of financially underwriting their war.

The Beatles sang, “Can’t Buy Me Love,” but apparently you can buy some fake friends for a while. When the money ceases then the love and friendship you bought speedily goes away.

If we don’t write big checks to countries like Ukraine then they get mad really quick and for some reason, we become the bad guys. What happens when we totally run out of money? Our national debt is \$36 trillion dollars. Who will rescue us when we go bankrupt and there is no Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid? No one will come to save us.

Approximately 58,220 Americans were killed in the Vietnam war. This number includes battle and non-battle related deaths. The Vietnam war cost around \$111 billion in 1968 dollars, equivalent to approximately \$800 billion in today’s dollars. The war lasted about 15 years. What does our country have to show for \$800 billion and almost 60,000 lives? A lot of graves and a lot of Veterans with PTSD.

The war in Afghanistan cost America approximately \$2,313 trillion dollars from 2001 to 2022. This includes money we spent in Afghanistan and Pakistan but does not account for the cost of lifetime care for veterans. Some estimates suggest the total cost could be higher ranging from \$4 to \$6 trillion when including long-term medical care and disability compensation. Plus, we spent over \$68 million on a second runway at Bagram airfield in 2006 making it the best and strongest runway in that part of the world.

In the 1960s we built the Kandahar International Airport which cost us over \$15 million dollars. Who are the people using these airports today? A lot of Americans have suffered to pay big taxes bills while our government plays Santa Claus.

It’s a great idea to ask Ukraine to pay back the billions we have given to them. The idea of America having access to their land and vast resource of minerals sounds appealing. Financially it sounds like it would be worth mega billions and would supply us with badly needed resources. However, how many roads and bridges will we have to build? How big will our military presence have to become to protect American citizens who will go to work the land? A military presence in Afghanistan could only mean the possibility of altercations with Russia’s army which would escalate into America becoming head and shoulders into a full scale war with Russia.

Putin can’t be trusted as far as you can throw the car sitting in your driveway. A growing presence in Ukraine by America will eventually mean fighting to protect our interests in that country. Such a land deal with Ukraine sounds like a

### Wellness Cen. Art Exhibit Begins March 6

The art gallery located in the Morgan County Youth and Wellness Center has a new exhibit featuring the work of Diana Weddington Adkins, Marita Cain, Sylvia Carter, Jane Collett, Charlene Craft, Ron Gevedon, Phillip Harman, Rosa Havens, Pam Oldfield Meade and Catherine Wells. The art will be on display until March 30. The public is invited to join us for an artist reception Thursday, March 6, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pictured at right is an oil painting by the late Marita Cain titled, “Poppies in a Basket.”



### City receives League of Cities Liability Grant

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) has presented the City of West Liberty with a KLC Liability Grant. KLC has awarded more than \$6.5 million to its members since 1999 to help fund initiatives to reduce liability for its members.

"We are proud to team up with our members to create environments that protect their most valuable asset — the people who live and work in Kentucky cities," KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney said. "By reducing liability and streamlining expenses, cities can invest in safety, growth, and a brighter future."

KLC Insurance is the com-

monwealth’s largest municipal insurance program. The agency helps members increase public safety with proactive programs and services and provides affordable liability, property, workers’ compensation, and other municipal insurance products.

The Kentucky League of Cities also offers employee benefits programs, legislative advocacy, financial and municipal law services, training, community development, and other resources that serve cities.

good deal but has the potential of becoming a very bad deal.

Unfortunately, after last week’s oval office disaster between Zelenskyy, President Trump and Vice-President Vance there may never be a deal.

If Russia eventually topples Ukraine, Putin won’t be making any deals, paying anyone anything back and we may be buying our bread from him.

Glenn Mollette is the author of *American Issues and Uncommon Sense* available via all book dealers

### Senior Citizens Menu

Meals Are Served With Water and Milk

Thursday, March 6 — Fish Sandwich, Strawberry Applesauce, Oven Browned Potatoes, RF/RC Creamy Cole Slaw, 1% Milk.

Friday, March 7 — Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Beets, Margarine, Fruit Cocktail, 1% Milk.

Monday, March 10 — Plain Omelet, Whole Wheat English Muffin, 1% Milk, Margarine, Cottage Cheese & Peaches, Low Sodium V8 Vegetable Juice, RS Hashbrown Potatoes.

Tuesday, March 11 — Breaded Pork Chops, Collard Greens, Mashed Potatoes, Whole Grain White Roll, Banana, 1% Milk, Margarine, White Pepper Gravy.

Wednesday, March 12 — RF Chicken Salad Sandwich on Croissant, Red Fat/Red Cal Broccoli, Raisin Salad, Apple, Tomato-Cucumber Salad, 1% Milk.

Thursday, March 13 — Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Whole Grain White Roll, Margarine, 1% Milk, Red Grapes.

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### Available For Adoption



This is Judge - a 3 year old male American Bulldog. He is a sweetheart, loves to love you.



This is Denali - a 6 month old female Boston/ Aussie mix. She is a very sweet pup,

For More Information: contact the Morgan County Animal Shelter at 743-2545 or stop by. Shelter Hours are Mon., - Fri. 10:00--2:00.

# RALLY THE RED

## 2025 CALL TO REORGANIZATION MASS MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MORGAN COUNTY



**Where:** West Liberty City Council Room  
West Liberty City Hall  
West Liberty, Ky 41472

**When:** Thursday March 6, 2025


**Time:** Registration 5:30 - 6:00 pm

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm**

**No one will be allowed to register that was not in line by 6:00 pm**

**Precinct & County Officer Elections**


- ☐ Must be registered as a Republican in Morgan County by October 8, 2024, and
- ☐ Must provide a government issued photo ID to be eligible for admission & to participate



## Congrats, Cougars and Lady Cougars!

**Boys 62nd District Champs  
Girls Runners-Up**

**Good luck Cougars and Lady Cougars in the 16th Region Tournament.**



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