

Islamic extremists take advantage of the West's weakness

by Billy James Hargis II, publisher

Egypt is on fire and the flames may soon spread to Jordan and even Saudi Arabia. Egyptian Christians are suffering.

But while the situation on the streets of Cairo is confusing, even more so are the messages coming out of the White House. Obama seems to have had no problem abandoning Hosni Mubarak, a dependable U.S. ally for three decades – who dared to make peace with Israel.

Reminiscent of Jimmy Carter, Iran and the Ayatollah Khomeini, Obama appears ready to welcome the terrorist Muslim Brotherhood to play a key role in a “reformed” Egypt – if only the organization will politely renounce all violence and promise that it will support democracy from now on.

If the Obama White House really believes this will work, it is even more hopelessly incompetent than anyone ever imagined!

The Muslim Brotherhood is the godfather organization for jihad in

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Protesting against Egypt's Hosni Mubarak

Chinese pianist mocks America with anti-U.S. anthem at state dinner

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Lang with Obama

A Chinese pianist thumbed his nose at his White House hosts by playing an anti-American song at a recent black-tie state dinner.

“Chinese-born Lang Lang gave a musical shout out to America-hating patriots in his homeland,” wrote *New York*

Post reporter S.A. Miller, when he “tinkled the ivories with the famous anti-American propaganda tune ‘My

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Hawaiian senate bows to ACLU, stops praying

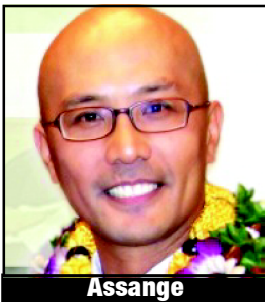
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Nine Hawaiian lawmakers recently gathered on the floor of their state senate, bowed their heads and continued an American tradition older than our nation itself.

They *prayed*.

“Nine senators gathered near the Hawaiian flag on the senate floor, joined hands and bowed their heads,” reported Tim Sakahara of *Hawaii News Now*. “Sena-

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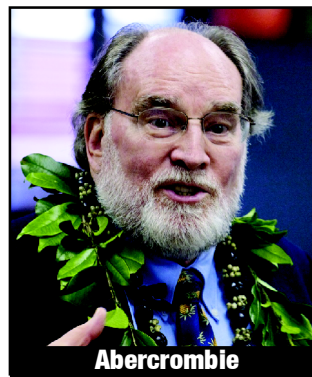
Assange

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

Dropping a bombshell on Minneapolis talk radio KQRS, Hollywood gossip columnist Mike Evans recently announced that his longtime friend, Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie, had been unable to make good on a public promise to publish Barack Obama’s birth certificate.

While he was still governor-elect in December, Abercrombie had pledged that he would release Obama’s birth certificate to the public.

He had bragged to the *Los Angeles Times* that he was going to put an end to the ongoing controversy – and would produce proof that Obama is a Hawaii



Abercrombie

native and, thus, eligible to be President of the United States.

“Maybe I’m the only one in the country that could look you right in the eye right now and tell you,” Abercrombie told the *Times*, “I was here when that baby was born.”

The governor-elect talked of remembering a young Obama, allegedly telling gossip columnist Evans, “I remember him playing in a T-Ball league,” when five or six years old.

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Superintendent says God deflected bullet

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Live on nationwide TV, the school superintendent who had fearlessly faced down a gunman, shared his gratitude to God.

“God blocked the bullet,” Superintendent Bill Husfelt told ABC’s *Good Morning America*. “I was very confident that I was going to get shot. I wasn’t pulling for it, but I was ready if that was going to happen. I knew where I would go.



Bill Husfelt

On CBS’ *The Early Show*, he told his story again, this time saying, “God blocked the bullet. I really believe that.”

“A Florida school superintendent who calmly confronted a gunman who threatened to shoot him during a board meeting, says God protected him when the man opened fire,” reported the *Associated Press*.

Boldly, the school administrator had

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What next will liberals try to blame on Palin?

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The liberal left rarely misses an opportunity to blame Sarah Palin, talk radio and the Tea Parties for whatever is convenient. We all remember the words of Obama’s chief advisor, Rahm Emmanuel, “Never let a good crisis go to waste.”

The recent shooting of Blue Dog Democrat Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and conservative federal judge John M. Roll has been no different.

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What will liberals try next to blame on Sarah Palin?

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“There isn’t a shred of evidence that deranged Tucson massacre suspect Jared Loughner ever listened to talk radio,” notes columnist Michelle Malkin.

“Indeed, after 300 exhaustive interviews, the feds ‘remain stumped’ about his motives, according to the *Washington Post*. “But that hasn’t stopped a coalition of power-grabbing politicians, progressive activists and open-borders lobbyists.”

And they are quick to point fingers, notes Ann Coulter: “The same people who had blamed Sarah Palin for the massacre at the Tucson Safeway and then taunted her for her ‘silence’ were enraged when she responded.

“MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann mocked Palin’s silence throughout his show: ‘And why is the ever self-promoting Miss Palin so quiet? And it’s quiet, isn’t it? It’s too quiet. The silence is deafening.’”

“It was deemed an admission of guilt that she hadn’t spoken about the Tucson shooting or denied the accusations that she had inspired the shooter,” writes Coulter. “The next day, Palin posted a video response, and Keith immediately attacked her for ‘the worst timed political statement ever.’”

“It’s almost as if liberals would attack Palin whatever she did,” notes Coulter.

Different rules for Fort Hood vs Tucson

“Make no mistake,” writes Malkin. “The Hate Speech Inquisition is real.”

And their inconsistency is astonishing. On November 5, 2009, U.S. Army Major Nidal Hasan opened fire at a troop readiness center in Ft. Hood, Texas, killing 13 people.

Within hours, the world knew that Hasan reportedly shouted “Allahu Akbar!” before he began shooting, visited websites associated with Islamist violence, wrote Internet postings justifying Muslim suicide bombings, considered U.S. forces his enemy, opposed American involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan as wars on Islam, and told a neighbor shortly before the shootings that he was going “to do good work for God.” There was ample evidence, in other words, that the Ft. Hood attack was an act of Islamist violence.

“Nevertheless,” observes columnists Byron York, “public officials, journalists, and commentators were quick to caution that the public should not ‘jump to conclusions’ about Hasan’s motive. CNN, in particular, became a forum for repeated warnings that the subject should be discussed with particular care.”

Indeed, “The important thing is for everyone not to jump to conclusions,” said retired General Wesley Clark on CNN the night of the shootings.

“We cannot jump to conclusions,” said CNN’s Jane Velez-Mitchell that evening. “We have to make sure that we do not jump to any conclusions whatsoever.”

“I’m on the Pentagon chat room,” said former CIA operative Robert Baer on CNN. “Right now, there are messages going back and forth, saying ‘Do not jump to the conclusion this had anything to do with Islam.’”

Obama underscored the rapidly-forming conventional wisdom when he said, “I would caution against jumping to conclusions until we have all the facts.”

‘Don’t jump to conclusions!’

“When Republican Congressman Pete Hoekstra, then the ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, suggested that the Ft. Hood attack was terrorism, CNN’s John Roberts was quick to intervene. “Now, President Obama has asked people to be very cautious here and to not jump to conclusions.”

“Fast forward a little more than a year,” writes York, “to January 8, 2011. In Tucson, a man opened fire at a political event, gravely wounding congressman Gabrielle Giffords, killing a federal judge and five others, and wounding 18.”

In the hours after the attack, little was known about the alleged shooter. “Yet,” writes York, “the network that had shown such caution in discussing the Ft. Hood shootings openly discussed the possibility that Loughner was inspired to violence by Sarah Palin.

“Although there is no evidence that Loughner was in any way influenced by Palin, CNN was filled with speculation about the former Alaska governor.

“Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik condemned ‘the vitriol that comes out of certain mouths about tearing down the government.’”

So, CNN’s Wolf Blitzer turned to reporter Jessica Yellin for analysis. The sheriff had “singled out some of the political rhetoric in creating the environment that allowed this to happen,” Yellin told Blitzer.

Obama had also delivered that message, saying it was partly “the political rhetoric that led to this.”

That ‘rhetoric’ equals Sarah Palin

“That’s why,” Yellin told Blitzer, “we want to bring up one of the themes that’s burning up the social media right now. On Twitter and Facebook, there is a lot of talk, in particular, about Sarah Palin.

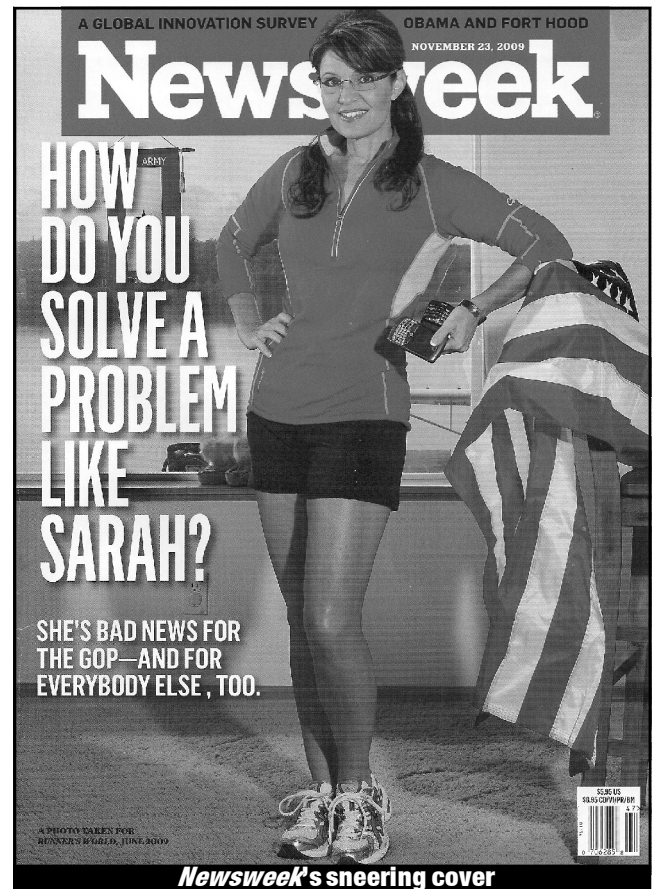
“As you might recall,” Yellin continued, “back in March of last year, when the health care vote was coming to the floor of the House and this was all heating up, Palin tweeted out a message on Twitter saying ‘common sense conservatives, don’t retreat – instead reload.’ And she referred folks to her Facebook page.

“On that Facebook page was a list of Democratic members she was putting in crosshairs. Giffords was one of those.” Instantly, Palin was convicted! How many times would we hear about those “crosshairs?”

“In the past couple of years Sarah Palin and her family have been blamed for practically everything,” observes Internet commentator Michael Hardin.

“A paranoid schizophrenic shoots a moderate Democratic member of the House and a conservative judge and where does intellectual opinion put the blame?” asks commentator Donald Devine. “It is all those right-wingers like Sarah Palin.”

Then we learn the Tucson shooter had been



stalking Congresswoman Giffords back in 2007, back when Palin was known only in Alaska.

So, the shooter wasn’t inspired by her 2010 Twitter “crosshairs” message after all! Upon learning such inconvenient facts, did the liberal media apologize?

“To be sure, there is a lot of heated rhetoric in American politics, as ever,” writes *City Journal* editor Andrew Klaven. “For instance, last spring, three Democratic congressmen cruelly slandered Tea Party members by accusing them of spitting on them and calling them racial slurs—a charge that was reported as true by the *New York Times* even after it was thoroughly debunked by videotapes of the event.

“Film director Rob Reiner compared the Tea Party to the Nazis. New York mayor Michael Bloomberg blamed an Islamist attempt to bomb Times Square on ‘someone who didn’t like health care or something.’

“Indeed, the left’s hysterical response to all who disagree with it – that they are racist or sexist or ‘phobic’ or somehow reminiscent of Hitler – has become so predictable that satirists, from the libertarian Greg Gutfeld to the liberal Jon Stewart, have made fun of it in routines.

“But never mind that, because the left’s sudden talk about incendiary political rhetoric in the wake of the Arizona shooting isn’t about political rhetoric at all.

“It’s about the real-world failure of leftist policies everywhere—the bankrupting of nations by unfundable social programs and the appeasement of Muslim extremists, not to mention the frequently fatal effects of delirious environmentalism.”

‘Europe is in debt and on fire’

“American citizens are in political revolt. Even the most left-wing president ever is making desperate overtures to his right.

“But all that might be tolerable to leftists if they weren’t starting to lose control of the one weapon in which they have the most faith: *the narrative*.

“That is what they believe in instead of the truth. If they can blame George W. Bush, make Sarah Palin out to be an idiot and call the Tea Party racist until you think it must be true, they might yet retain power – in spite of the international disgrace of their ideas.

“Though they still dominate the narrative on the networks, most cable stations, most newspapers and much of Hollywood, nonetheless Fox News, talk radio, the Internet and the *Wall Street Journal* have begun to respond in ways they can’t ignore.

“That’s the hateful rhetoric they’re talking about: *conservatives interrupting the stream of leftist invective* – and dismantling their arguments with facts.

“As for leftists’ reaction to the Arizona shooting, call it ‘Narrative Hysteria,’ a frantic attempt to capitalize on calamity by casting their opponents, not merely as racist or sexist or Islamophobic this time, but as somehow responsible for an act of madness and evil.

“Shame on them.”

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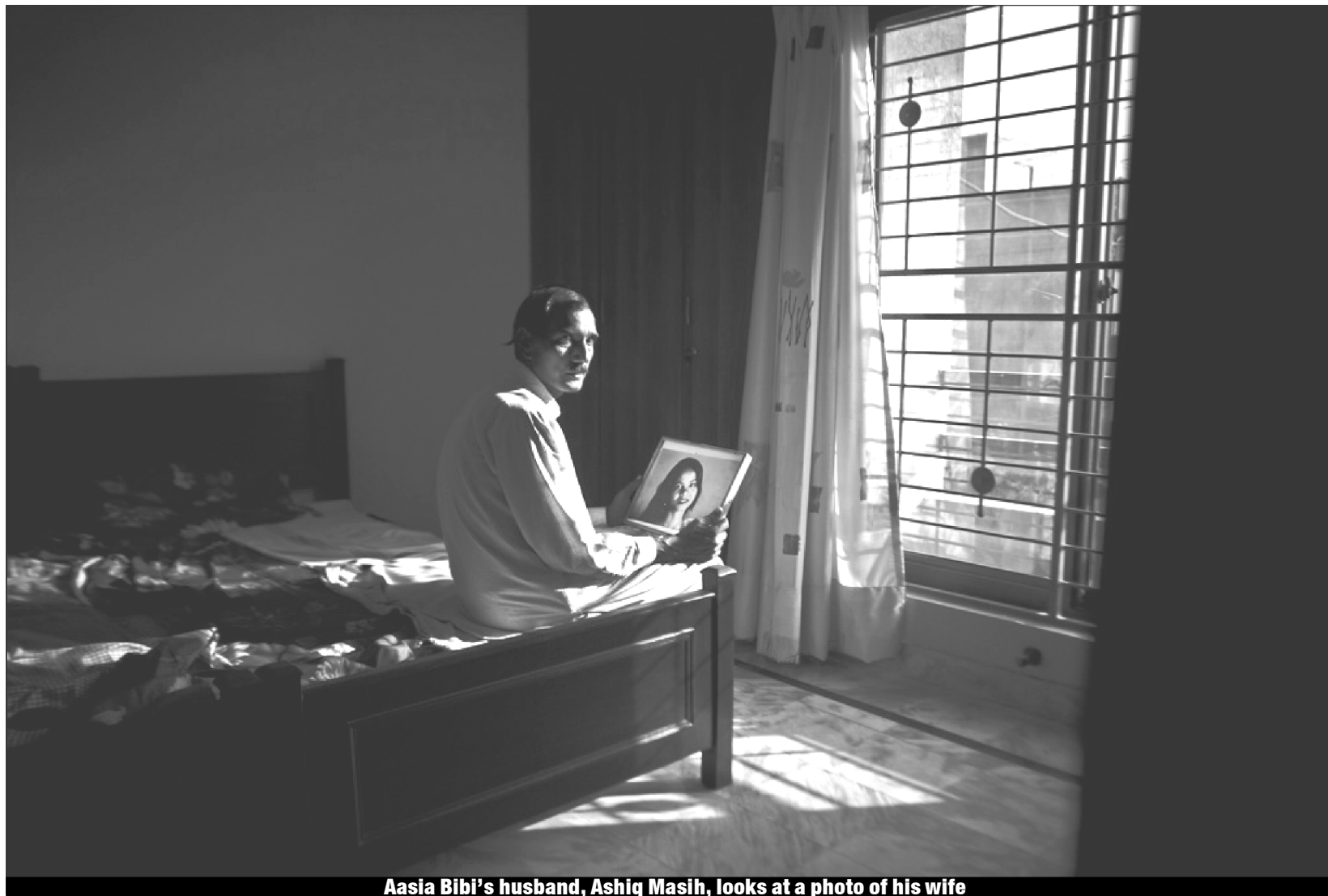
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Aasia Bibi's husband, Ashiq Masih, looks at a photo of his wife

Key defender assassinated, Aasia Bibi awaits verdict in isolated cell

compiled by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

Aasia Bibi, the Pakistani Christian mother of five condemned to death for sharing her faith, has been moved into an isolation cell after the assassination of her most prominent defender.

Salman Taseer, 66, the provincial governor of the Punjab, was murdered in Islamabad by one of his bodyguards on January 4. He had been an outspoken critic of religious extremism and a voice of moderation in Pakistani politics.

He had taken up Aasia's cause and called for the repeal of Pakistan's blasphemy laws, which carry a death penalty for all who criticize the Prophet Mohammed.

A westernized politician and self-made millionaire, Taseer had called for a presidential pardon for Aasia. She is accused of testifying of her Christian faith to her Muslim neighbors.

In court, she has been accused of telling them "Jesus Christ saved my soul. What has Mohammed done for you?"

He came under severe criticism after hardline Islamists demanded that he be killed for calling for the repeal of the controversial blasphemy laws. He was gunned down by a bodyguard who freely admitted killing Taseer as a heretic.

A \$5,000 price has been put on Aasia's head as well – with a *fatwa* or religious edict calling for her murder should she be released or pardoned.

There were reports that she had been freed, but these proved to be false. Aasia's husband, Ashiq Masih, visited her in January and confirmed that the prison authorities, in agreement with the government, have moved her to a isolation cell for her own protection, since

the possibility of a summary execution if she were to make an appearance in the High Court of Lahore," reports Rachel Ford for the *Christian Post* newspaper.

Haroon Masih, the director of Masihi Foundation, said allowing Bibi to appear in a public courtroom of Lahore would be "highly ill-advised" and "would expose her to shooting by radicals, as happened to the brothers Rashid and Sajid Emmanuel, accused of blasphemy and murdered during the trial before the court in July 2010 in Faisalabad."

If the request is not approved, the Masihi Foundation hopes to arrange a private convoy for her if it becomes necessary to leave the compound of her prison cell.

"Given recent events, we do not trust highly in the security services offered by the state, composed of Muslim men," Masih told the Fides news agency.

"Terrorists may strike at every opportunity or infiltrate the guards that should be protecting her. We must do everything we can to protect Aasia's life. We hope that, given the national and international mobilization, Aasia will soon regain her freedom, given her innocence."

"Salman Taseer's assassination by a member of his own bodyguard came because he had visited Aasia Bibi in prison," reported Ann Marie Hourihane for the *Irish Times* newspaper. "His assassin has been warmly

supported by extremists as a good Muslim."

"She lives at the heart of a nightmare, condemned to death. She has been in jail since June 2009. Her husband and their five children, who are aged between nine and 20, are on the run between Christian houses in Pakistan. Taseer was the last powerful person to hold out the hand of friendship to her.

"It is perhaps because the roots of Aasia Bibi's terrible fate are so petty and so local that she lodges so stubbornly in the mind. She was working as



The late Salman Taseer, meeting with Aasia Bibi in prison – in full veil

CORRECTION: In the January edition of *Christian Crusade Newspaper*, two photos identified as Aasia Bibi apparently were of a different person. A 20-year-old portrait provided by her husband appears on page 19 of this issue. We apologize for the error.



Hawaii's new governor, Neil Abercrombie, on the campaign trail

Could Obama's birth certificate expose an embarrassing secret?

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However, once Abercrombie was sworn into office, no birth certificate was displayed to the public. In mid-January, the *London Daily Mail* reported the new governor had admitted an investigation had unearthed "papers" proving Obama was born in Hawaii in 1961.

What were these papers?

Why won't Obama release them? Abercrombie would not say.

In an interview with the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, the new governor became evasive when reporter Richard Borreca asked: "You stirred up quite a controversy with your comments regarding birthers and your plans to release more information regarding President Barack Obama's birth certificate. How is that coming?"

Abercrombie's answer was oddly rambling

"I got a letter from someone the other day who was genuinely concerned about it; it is not all just political agenda. They were talking on Olelo [Hawaiian public radio] last night about this; it has a political implication for 2012 that we simply cannot have," the governor answered. "It was actually written I am told, this is what our investigation is showing, it actually exists in the archives, written down. What I can do, and all I have ever said, is that I am going to see to it as governor that I can verify to anyone who is honest about it that this is the case.

"If there is a political agenda then there is nothing I can do about that, nor can the president."

Well, what does all that mean?

As governor-elect, Abercrombie had claimed he would provide copies of the birth certificate to anyone who wanted to see it. Yet, days later as governor, he didn't seem to want to talk about it anymore.

"It became apparent," wrote the *Daily Mail*, "that what had been discovered was an unspecified listing or notation of Obama's birth that someone had made in the state archives and not a birth certificate."

However, Abercrombie would not say.

Then Evans dropped his bombshell.

Evans, a Honolulu native who makes his living reporting Hollywood celebrity gossip, claimed his long-time friend, the governor, had told him there is no

Then a few days later Abercrombie explained to the Associated Press that he had intended to make the birth certificate public, but Hawaii's Attorney General, David

Louie, wouldn't allow it.

Louie reportedly informed the new governor that they couldn't disclose any individual's birth documentation without that person's consent.

And Obama had refused to give any such consent.

As a result, "There is nothing more that Governor Abercrombie can do within the law to produce a document," explained Donalyn Dela Cruz, a spokesperson for the governor.

"Abercrombie," reported the Associated Press, "who was a friend of Obama's parents and knew him as a child, launched an effort in December to find a way to dispel conspiracy theories that the president was born elsewhere. The governor said at the time he was bothered by people who questioned Obama's birthplace for political reasons.

"But Abercrombie's investigation reached a dead end when Louie told him the law restricted his options."

Why did Abercrombie tell the *Star-Advertiser*: "It actually exists in the archives, written down."

What exists 'written down'?

Is it a birth certificate or not? The governor would not say. The Honolulu newspaper took Abercrombie's comments to mean that a long-form, hospital-generated

no proof at all that Obama was born in Hawaii."

However, six days after the Minneapolis bombshell, Evans told Fox News reporter Jana Winter that it was all a misunderstanding.

Evans, "now claims he misspoke when he said last week that Hawaii's governor told him he was unable to find President Barack Obama's original birth certificate after a search of state and hospital archives," Winter reported.

Evans told her he was "remorseful and embarrassed" that he "appeared to have given the impression" that he had discussed the search for Obama's birth certificate with Abercrombie.

However Evans had done far more than just give an "impression."

His exact words on January 20 were: "Yesterday, talking to Neil's office, Neil says that he searched everywhere using his powers as governor. There is no Barack Obama birth certificate in Hawaii. Absolutely no proof at all that he was born in Hawaii."

Yet on January 25, Evans changed that to: "Only this I can tell you is 100 percent fact: that Neil never told me there was no birth certificate. I never talked to him."

So, what's going on?

Why such a complete change?



Gossip columnist Mike Evans

Obama birth certificate in the Hawaii state archives.

But six days later, Evans abruptly changed his story. "When Evans spoke to Abercrombie's office on January 19," reported Jack Cashill for the *American Thinker*, "Abercrombie reportedly had searched the relevant Hawaii hospitals using his powers as governor, and concluded, according to Evans, 'There is no Barack Obama birth certificate in Hawaii, absolutely

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ated birth certificate for Obama may not exist within the vital records maintained by the Hawaii Department of Health.

The *Advertiser* reported that efforts were “still being made to track down definitive vital records that would prove Obama was born in Hawaii.”

Abercrombie is no Tea Partier nor a conspiracy theorist. He is a liberal Democrat and apparently thought he was helping Obama by resolving the birth certificate question.

He stated that the birth certificate issue would have ‘political implications’ for the next presidential election “that we simply cannot have.”

What kind of implications would those be?

How about an inability to run for re-election? A bill sponsored by Arizona State Representative Judy Burges has attracted more than 30 co-sponsors in both the House and Senate of that state’s legislature.

Under Burges’ bill, presidential campaign committees would have to provide the State of Arizona with an affidavit stating a candidate’s citizenship and age.

The bill would also require “an original long-form birth certificate that includes the date and place of birth, the names of the hospital and the attending physician and signatures of the witnesses in attendance.”

It would also require a “sworn statement attesting that the candidate has not held dual or multiple citizenship and that the candidate’s allegiance is solely to the United States of America.”

The bill would prohibit

Arizona’s secretary of state from listing on the ballot any candidate who does not meet those requirements.

If it passes, Obama’s next move should be interesting.

Why all the secrecy?

Why doesn’t Obama just release the document and put an end to all the conspiracy theories?

In an interactive discussion on the website Hillbuzz, the following was observed by participants:

“Mystery solved! Obama will not release birth certificate because his name is legally written ‘Barry Soetoro’ on it,” surmised one contributor.

“Remember, Abercrombie promised that once he was elected governor, he would prove Obama’s birth certificate existed because he would march down to the Hall of Records and demand its production from the archives and he would then hold it aloft in the gentle Hawaiian breeze, high above his balding pate, for all the world to see, thereby producing the document Obama has spent millions to keep hidden.

“Well, after he was elected, Abercrombie strangely acknowledged no original birth certificate could be found for Obama in Hawaii, but that there were ‘hand-

written notes’ that he was born on the island of Oahu in 1961. Abercrombie did not claim he saw the actual birth certificate.

“But, now he’s claiming it’s illegal to produce the birth certificate even if he did find it, because Obama refuses to let the public see this document.”

In another public commentary titled “Ground Report from Hawaii,” participants speculated: “Neil Abercrombie, the new governor of Hawaii, waded into the mess wanting to clear everything up for the president.”

But that hasn’t happened

Instead, Abercrombie has only added to the confusion by admitting there doesn’t seem to be a birth certificate only some kind of handwritten notation in the archives.

“He can honestly claim the deception and obstruction happened before he took office,” noted participants, “and when he tried to find the truth, he was told he didn’t have legal access to the birth records. So he’s off the hook, but the incumbent state officials may not get off so easily.”

Participants in the Internet discussion went on to

“If it passes, it will calm the birthers down,” the bill’s primary sponsor, Representative Rida Cabanilla said. “All these people are still doubting it because they don’t want the birth certificate from Obama. They want it from our state office.”

He seems oblivious to the fact that this won’t solve anything.

What’s needed is for Hawaii to release the real thing, the original – not one more printed form that Hawaii officials argue “carries the same legal weight as a birth certificate.”

“If the people are so concerned about Barack Obama and if he was actually born in Hawaii, born in the United States, let them pay a fee of 100 bucks,” said Representative John Mizuno, according to KHON-TV, Channel 2 News in Honolulu. “We can certainly use the money, and we don’t need to hear their complaining anymore.”

speculate that Hawaiian officials are being less than forthcoming because the original birth certificate exposes secrets that Obama wants to remain secret.

What kind of secrets?

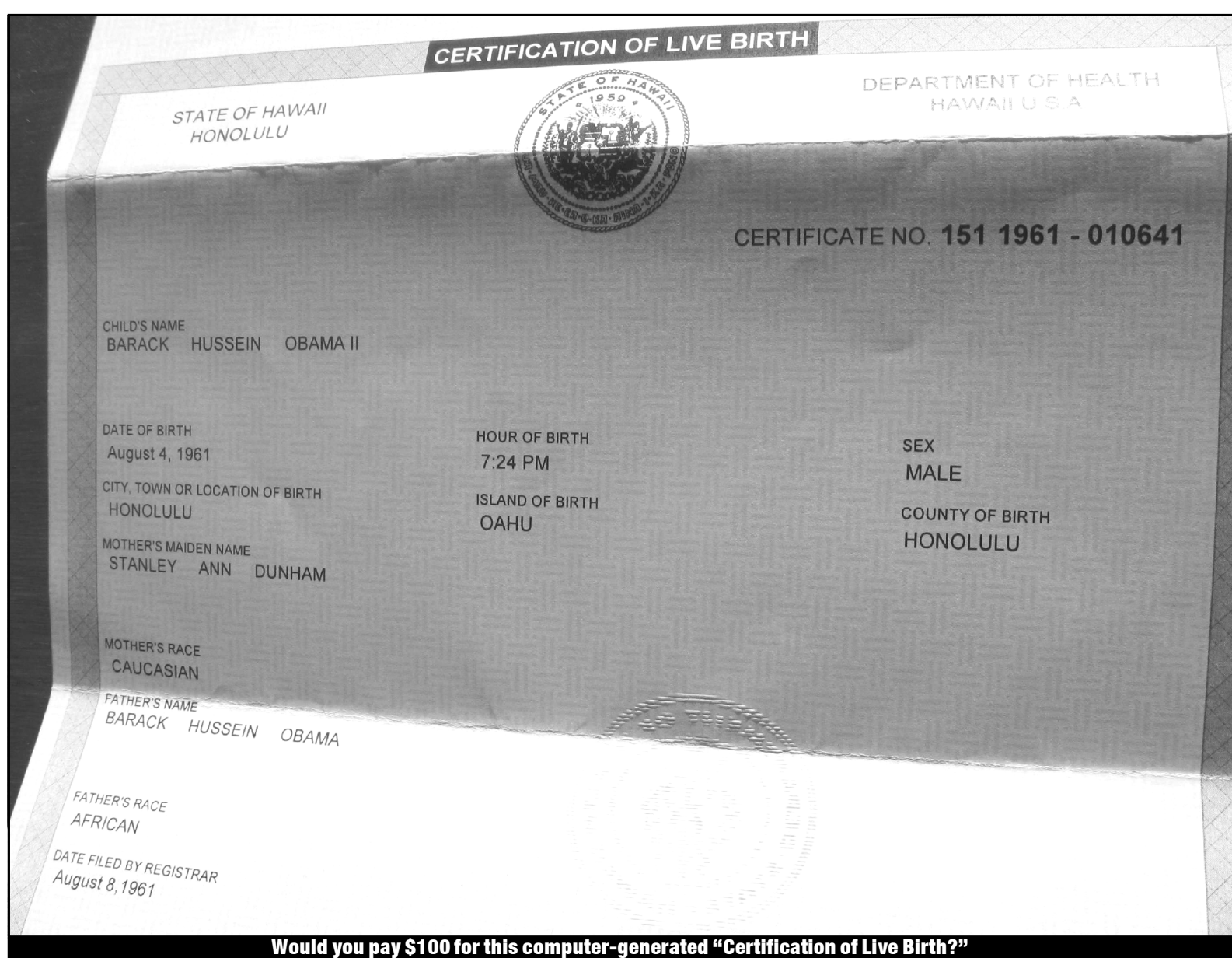
Award-winning author Jack Cashill believes Obama doesn’t want the public to learn that Barack Hussein Obama Sr. really wasn’t his father.

“As I was wrapping up my research on my forthcoming book, *Deconstructing Obama*,” writes Cashill, “I asked three of the independent investigators with whom I had been consulting who they thought was the biological father of President Barack Obama.

“To the uninitiated, this may seem a bizarre question. But those who have followed this story – now, perhaps, including Hawaii’s blundering Governor Abercrombie – will not be surprised to learn that I got three different answers.

“Bottom line: When Obama told the nation’s schoolchildren in September 2009, ‘My father left my family when I was 2 years old, and I was raised by a single mother,’ he was lying.

“There never was a family,” scoffs Cashill. Obama and his mother, Ann Dunham, were abandoned when



Would you pay \$100 for this computer-generated “Certification of Live Birth?”

Does this resolve everything?

by the *Christian Crusade Newspaper* staff

The Hawaii State Senate is reviewing a bill that would allow state officials issue a copy of Barack Obama’s birth certificate to anyone who sends the state \$100.

“For just \$100, you too might be able to own a copy of President Obama’s birth records,” reports the *New York Daily News*.

“Democratic lawmakers in Hawaii introduced a bill this week that would allow anybody to obtain Obama’s personal documents, an effort aimed to silence so-called ‘birthers’ and close a projected \$800 million budget deficit over the next two years.”

The problem is that for \$100 purchasers will only get a computer-generated “Certification of Live Birth” – not the much-sought original long-form birth certificate that – if normal procedures were followed – was issued in 1961 upon Obama’s birth.



Barack Obama meets the press

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little Barack was only a few weeks old. Then Obama Sr. left them for good in June 1962, before Obama's first birthday. So, the President is lying when he writes fondly of family memories.

Cashill doesn't believe Obama Sr. is even the father. "There is no hard evidence of a wedding – no witnesses, no photos, no rings, no signed marriage certificate," he writes.

In fact in his autobiography, *Dreams From My Father*, the President admits that his father had children with at least four different women, two of them American, two African.

Another white American, Ruth Nidesand, had two children by him, Mark and David. The latter died young in a motorcycle accident, but Mark survives.

When Obama Sr. died in 1982, lawyers contacted anyone who might have a claim to his estate. Obama's mother was unable to claim anything since she lacked any documents to prove that little Barack – or Barry as he was called then – was the son of Barack Obama Sr. Ruth, on the other hand, had "all the documents needed to prove who Mark's father was," writes the President in his autobiography.

In other words, Ruth could produce a marriage license and a birth certificate for her son Mark. Barack's mother, Ann Dunham, however, had neither.

In that same autobiography, Obama alludes to finding his own birth certificate. Why couldn't Ann Dunham produce it when there would have been a cash payoff?

So, we see the matter of the missing birth certificate is nothing new, according to the President's own autobiography.

But is there another issue here altogether?

There has been such intrigue over the birth certificate. Records have been sealed. The President has refused to allow Hawaiian officials to release his documents.

Every other President in history has always made such documents public.

For example, Gerald Ford freely allowed the release

received independence. In a number of court cases challenging Obama's eligibility, dual citizenship has been raised as a factor that might compromise his "natural born" status under Article 2, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

Those cases argue dual citizenship would make Obama ineligible to be President.

It has been alleged that Obama attended college in the U.S. as an Indonesian student and applied for the financial aid given exchange students.



Young Obama, right, with his mother, half-sister and adoptive father Lolo Soetoro

of documents that showed he was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr., but took the name of his adoptive father after his mother divorced.

Ford did not legally change his name until 1935, a fact he didn't mind the public knowing.

So, why all the secrecy surrounding Obama's docu-

of State.

Reminiscent of George Orwell's novel *1984*, the "counter-misinformation" office communicates the U.S. government-approved view on a wide range of controversies.

Incredibly, the discussion of Obama's birth certi-

ments?

Why all the negative public relations – and the demonizing of anybody who asks questions about the birth certificate?

Instead of being applauded for their search for truth, is a longstanding American journalistic tradition, investigators are mocked in the media as "birthers."

Why such a complete lack of curiosity on the part of the supposedly impartial media?

Just imagine if Ronald Reagan had refused to allow anybody to look at his birth certificate! It would have become a media obsession!

Just imagine what would happen if Sarah Palin were to refuse to answer any questions about her birth certificate!

So, why this odd double standard?

Why is this President being held to a different standard?

For this President, the U.S. State Department maintains a special "counter-misinformation" website that attempts to debunk the notion that President Obama was not born in the United States.

The website is almost sarcastic, as if the topic were too preposterous to even take seriously.

However, the website confirms that Obama was a dual citizen of the United Kingdom and the U.S. from 1961 to 1963 and a dual citizen of Kenya and the U.S. from 1963 to 1982.

It seems that Obama Sr. was a British subject when Obama was born in 1961, then became a Kenyan citizen when that nation

That can't be resolved, however

It seems that at Obama's request those college documents have been sealed as well – blocked from public scrutiny.

An enrollment form has surfaced, however, from the Indonesian school young Obama attended.

It lists his name as Barry Soetoro, his nationality as Indonesian and his religion as Muslim.

The State Department website admission that Obama had dual U.K.-U.S. citizenship, then U.S.-Kenyan citizenship was written by State Department employee Todd Leventhal, who is identified as the chief of the Counter-Misinformation Team for the U.S. Department

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cate is put into the same category as flying saucers, JFK assassination theories and discounted September 11 conspiracies.

Leventhal states on the State Department website that “Obama was originally both a U.S. citizen and a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies from 1961 to 1963 (because his father was from Kenya, which gained its independence from the British Empire in 1963), then both a U.S. and Kenyan citizen from 1963 to 1982, and solely a U.S. citizen after that.”

Leventhal then ignores the theory that Obama gave up his U.S. citizenship when adopted by Soetoro.

He quotes Hawaii State Health Director Dr. Chiyoame Fukino, who stated on July 27, 2009, “I have seen the original vital records on file by the Hawaii State Department of Health verifying Barack Hussein Obama was born in Hawaii and is a natural-born American citizen.”

Then, where are these original records?

When asked to make them public, Janice Okubo, the Hawaii Health Department’s public information officer has quoted Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 338-18, which prohibits public officials from commenting on the birth records of any specific person.

However, she goes on to comment that “I, and Dr. Alvin Onaka have personally seen and verified that the Hawaii State Department of Health has Senator Obama’s original birth certificate on record in accordance with state policies and procedures.”

Great?

Now, can the rest of us see it, too?

No.

She also refuses to discuss just what is written on that original birth certificate.

Leventhal states that the Certificate of Live Birth that the Obama campaign produced is “a real, official document.”

Well, nobody has said it isn’t. The question is “Why can’t the American people see the original long-form birth certificate?”

Indeed, what could be so embarrassing on that birth certificate that Obama cannot allow it to be made public?

One theory is that Obama was legally adopted by his mother’s Indonesian boyfriend, Lolo Soetoro, in the 1970s, and his name was legally changed to Barry Soetoro.

It is common practice in adoptions for a new birth certificate to be issued bearing the adoptive parents’ names and the child’s new legal name – particularly in closed adoption situations when the birth mother has been assured that all records are sealed.

If so, it makes sense that Obama doesn’t want anybody to see his official birth certificate.

Why not?

Well, what if he never filed the necessary papers to change his name back to “Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.?”

Any birth certificate produced by the state of Hawaii would list him as “Barry Soetoro.”

It’s easy to see why

he would not want this to come to light.

“Aside from the legal ramifications,” observes Hillbuzz, “how would the American people feel about Obama lying to them about his name all this time?”

“And if he lied about something as simple as that, what else has he lied about?”

“It would open a whole host of new questions for most people about this man of deliberate mystery.”

Have we been sidetracked by a clever diversion?

Has this all been a smokescreen?

Perhaps so, muses Hillbuzz. “People need to stop claiming Obama was not born in Hawaii and start focusing on that adoption name change. That’s probably what Neil Abercrombie ultimately encountered that’s made him backtrack on all this.

“Think about it: When the adoption went through, the law required Obama’s birth certificate to be changed to reflect his new name, which became, and remains, Barry Soetoro.

‘So, if Abercrombie went looking for anything in the Hall of Records with ‘Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.’ on it, he wouldn’t find anything besides those scribbled, handwritten notations in the archives.”

That would be if the actual birth certificate says “Barry Soetoro” on it.

“That’s why Abercrombie couldn’t locate it and why Obama won’t release it. I honestly and truly believe this solves the entire mystery,” writes the commentator at Hillbuzz. “It is seriously this straightforward.

“Obama was indeed born in Hawaii in 1961

“Obama was indeed adopted by Lolo Soetoro in the 1970s

“Obama’s name was indeed changed to Barry Soetoro in the 1970s

“Obama’s birth certificate was altered per Hawaiian law to reflect his new name in the 1970s

“Obama never changed his name back, most likely because he used ‘Barry Soetoro’ on all of his student aid applications for college, and probably received foreign student grants and admissions assistance playing off his years living in Indonesia

“All the records, transcripts, documents, and paperwork Obama continues to hide from the public is

hidden because it lists his name as ‘Barry Soetoro’ on all of it.

“It is as simple as this, folks.”

That makes good sense

It could explain Abercrombie’s odd behavior – and certainly his sudden disinterest in producing the birth certificate.

“Obama has been lying about this for his entire adult life, so of course Abercrombie was lied to as well,” observes Hillbuzz.

“Obama knew Hawaii’s laws would prevent Abercrombie from releasing the birth certificate, and also from telling anyone that his name is not legally ‘Barack Hussein Obama, Jr.’

In fact, any public official “who sees the birth certificate is prohibited by law from talking about it and no one wants to be the person who comes forward and admits the document says ‘Barry Soetoro’ on it.

“When this all ultimately does come out – in our lifetimes – just imagine the nightmare that’s going to unfold. Would everything Obama did as President be nullified, because there is no such person, legally?”

“Or, would records just be retroactively changed to record him as ‘Barry Soetoro’?”

“Can ‘Obama’ legally use his stage name? Actually at least one other President has gone by an “alias.”

At President Carter’s inauguration, he insisted on being sworn in as “Jimmy Carter,” instead of his legal name, “James Earl Carter.” However, that’s not quite as extreme as someone legally named Barry Soetoro on his own just reverting back to his birth name, “Barack Obama.”

But will it matter if his name is Barry Soetoro?

Internet journalist Pamela Geller of the website “Atlas Shrugged” – named after the Libertarian novel of the same title by the late Ayn Rand, says the American people deserve to know what is on the long form.

“I never pretended to know what was on the vault copy that Obama has spent millions to hide. We could speculate.

“Maybe it was the name of his father. His religion. His place of birth. Maybe, maybe, maybe. All speculation.

“What was most egregious,” she continues, was the mainstream media “refusing to ask these questions.”

After all, they “went so far as to produce forged documents concerning President Bush’s Air National Guard service,” she notes.

CBS News Managing Editor Dan Rather was forced to resign as a result.

She calls “puzzling” the media’s “mad obsession with the minutiae of every detail of every document of Bush’s life, but not one mainstream query as to why the good folks of America are forbidden from viewing Obama’s birth certificate long form. Astonishing.

“There is clearly something on that form that Obama does not want the American people to see,” she writes. “A release of the vault copy would have put this baby to bed a year ago. Instead, Obama and his operatives added fuel to the fire by not only not releasing the vault copy, but by spending upwards of a million dollars on five law firms to fight its release.

“The birth certificate issue is being used to smear ‘birthers’ as conspiracy nuts.

“We, the American people, are not the enemy here.

“We are not the guilty party.

“The media should stop blaming the victim. Remember: conservatives are not responsible for the birth certificate issue at all. Obama is, by refusing to this day to release the vault copy – whether because it contains something damaging or simply because it enables him to wield the weapon of ridicule against the right.

The longer the Obama camp lets this issue fester and grow, the more it divides the country.

“What a nasty game to play on the electorate that put him in office.

‘Are the American people so contemptible as to be deserving of such treatment?’

ANGKA MILAI

No. 203.

1. Nama murid : Barry Soetoro L P

2. Tempat dan tanggal lahir : Honolulu 4-2-61

3. Bangsa: a. Warga negara : Indonesia
b. Keturunan asing :
c. Suku bangsa :

4. Agama : Islam

5. Alamat murid : Ment. Balan 2001/R003

6. Dari sekolah mana (dipindahkan) dan kelas berapa: Taman Randa * Huda Aris

7. a. Diterima disekolah ini tgl: 1-1-1964
b. Ditempatkan dikelas : 1

8. a. Nama orang tua Ayah : L. Soetoro m. A.
Ibu :
b. Pekerjaan : Peg. Dinas Geografi Div. Topo A.D.
(nama ibu diisi, hanya jika ayah sudah meninggal)
c. Alamat : Ment. Balan 21001/R003

9. a. Nama wali :
(hanya diisi, jika orang tua murid tak ada, sudah meninggal atau karena hal lain)
b. Pekerjaan :
c. Alamat :
10. Meninggalkan sekolah ini :
A. Belum tamat. Keluar dari kelas tanggal _____
Kemana _____
B. Tamat, menerima ijazah tanggal _____ No. _____
C. Melanjutkan sekolah ke _____

11. Keterangan lain: _____

School document for “Barry Soetoro,” listing him as Indonesian and Muslim



Chinese concert pianist Lang Lang on stage

Chinese pianist mocks Obama with anti-U.S. performance

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Motherland’ – the theme song from the Chinese-made Korean War movie *Battle on Shangangling Mountain*.

Stephen Yates, an expert on Chinese-American relations who served in President George W. Bush’s administration, told the *Daily Caller* that “My Motherland” is a “propaganda song whipping up nationalist sentiment about the motherland in the midst of the Korean War, in which of course the Chinese killed many Americans.”

Yates said the performance was “offensive.”

Chinese President Hu Jintao, the guest of honor at the dinner, did not let on whether he recognized the popular melody. However, after the performance, the normally stolid Hu gave Lang a hug. Hu was clearly pleased.

The song has been a Red Chinese favorite anti-American propaganda tool for decades.

Chinese bloggers quickly took to the Internet to share news of what they saw as a propaganda coup. “Those American folks very much enjoyed it and were totally infatuated with the melody! The U.S. is truly stupid!” wrote one blogger.

On a blog operated by the SinoVision news service, one person writing as “Professor A” said that “everyone knows this is from a ‘Resist America, Support Korea’ film. It would appear that no one at State either cared that it was pro-Communist Korean war propaganda.”

What do former Communists say?

A former People’s Liberation Army doctor living in the United States said that the performance was nothing less than a propaganda triumph for Chinese Communists.

“In the eyes of all Chinese, this will not be seen as anything other than a big insult to the U.S.,” said Philadelphia resident Yang Jingduan. “It’s like insulting you in your face and you don’t know it, it’s humiliating.”

Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng, in a letter to members of the Congress and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, explained the depth of the insult: “The song is the leading anti-American propaganda by the Chinese Communist Party. Is that not an insult to the USA to play such kind of music at a state dinner hosted by the U.S. President? No wonder it made Hu Jintao really happy.”

Lang disavowed any political intention behind his choice of music in an interview with National Public Radio’s Melissa Block. He insisted he only considered the tune a “beautiful melody.” When asked whether he had intended to “drop a note of nationalism” into the state dinner, Lang replied, “That’s the last thing I want to do.”

Lang said he grew up as a teenager in the United States and had no idea of the background of the song.

“Lang seems to have a short memory,” observed a skeptical Xin Fei, writing for the New York-based *Epoch Times*, the voice of Chinese dissent. “In an interview broadcast in China a few hours before the state dinner, Lang said he planned to play the song at the state dinner in order ‘to help us, as Chinese people, feel extremely proud of ourselves.’”

In a blog post later, Lang wrote, “Playing this song praising China to heads of state from around the world seems to tell them that our China is formidable, that our Chinese people are united; I feel deeply honored and proud.”

Post-Tiananmen brainwashing

“Lang is not singular among Chinese young people in having strong feelings of nationalism and patriotism,” observed Xin. “Inspiring such feelings has been the cornerstone of the Chinese Communist Party’s propaganda and claim to legitimacy since 1989, the year of the Tiananmen Square massacre. His playing ‘My Motherland’ fits perfectly into the Chinese Communist Party template that formed his thoughts and feelings.

“Lang lived his first 14 years in China. This means, for 14 years he was imbued with the Chinese Communist Party’s propaganda, in which ‘My Motherland’ was regularly played.

“I am not the only person skeptical of Lang’s after-the-fact claim that he is an apolitical pianist whose only mission, as he told Ms. Block, is ‘making music.’

“Because the meaning of this song is so widely known in China, the Chinese Internet is full of individuals expressing amazement that Lang played it. The simple message ‘OMG’ short for ‘Oh my God,’ expressed the shock at what is seen as Lang’s arrogance.

A blogger writing anonymously as “Professor A.,” writing on the website China Elections and Governance, noted: “If he knew the song’s background and still chose to play it, then you can guess his motivation. If he didn’t know, then mainland China’s education system is in more of a mess than I thought.

“But perhaps Lang really did not know that ‘My Motherland’ is meant to inspire anti-Americanism. Or, perhaps he is a businessman who fears that he may lose some concert bookings and is giving his fans a fig leaf of an explanation that would allow them to ignore his insulting behavior.

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“But what Lang did or didn’t intend doesn’t really matter in the end.

“In preparation for a state dinner, every detail is gone over meticulously by both sides. The Chinese delegation knew in advance what Lang intended to play, and they allowed him to go ahead.

“If the delegation knew that Lang intended to play a song that would insult Hu Jintao’s host in his own home, Hu would certainly have known this was going to happen.

“Hu allowed the insult to the United States and to President Obama to happen and celebrated the insult as soon as it was delivered.”

Was it a well-planned insult?

There has not been a word of explanation or apology from the Chinese leader.

“Don’t hold your breath waiting for one,” noted Professor A.

“While some in the U.S. media have been sympathetically reporting Lang’s claims of ignorance,” wrote Xin, “some Chinese scholars are holding him together with the Chinese Communist Party responsible for his performance at the White House.”

Zhang Kaichen is the former Liaison Director of the Propaganda Department of the Shenyang City Communist Party Committee, but moved to the United States a year ago.

“I don’t believe it was Lang’s decision,” she said. “It must have been planned and instigated by the Chinese regime. After Lang received criticism, the Chinese Communist Party did not stand up to take responsibility but continued to push Lang to the front of the stage to explain himself.

“Lang has enjoyed many benefits from living in a free society,” added Zhang. “However, he chose to stand on the side of the Chinese Communist Party.”

Hu Ping, a well-known scholar and commentator living in the U.S., pointed out that Lang had said that he had played the song many times before.

“As a world-class Chinese artist, how could he not know the background?” asked Hu.

“According to diplomatic practice, the Chinese Communist Party must have known the song in advance, especially during Hu’s visit. Both countries were very cautious this time and planned everything very carefully. Under these circumstances, both parties would have communicated every detail,” said Hu.

Tang Baiqiao, a well-known human rights activist and international affairs expert, shared Hu’s suspicion that the insult was intentional.

“Lang is self-contradictory in his responses. As an artist, he has played the song many times before and the song was carefully selected. If Lang knew nothing about the background, how did he express his ‘feelings’ through the song?”

Lang used what is a standard arrangement of “My Motherland,” noted Tang. It includes a section from another famous anti-American song, the theme from *Heroic Sons and Daughters*, another propaganda movie.

The lyrics from the section played at the White House are “Why is the flag as beautiful as a painting? Because it is dyed by the blood of heroes. Why is the spring eternal? Because the lives of the heroes are blooming.”

In China, art serves politics

Zhang agreed: “Playing these two anti-American songs at the state dinner communicates an angle, a feeling, and a mood that obviously carry a political intention. Especially in China, art serves politics. Whatever the Chinese Communist Party does is done with a political agenda. The objective for having Lang play the ‘red songs’ cannot be more obvious.”

Lang is very familiar with the song, noted *Epoch Times* staff writer Heng He: “After performing ‘My Motherland,’ Lang wrote in his blog that this was ‘one of the most beautiful songs in the eyes of the Chinese.’ Lang understood himself through his performance to be making a statement ‘about a powerful China and a united

Chinese people.’

“He may have learned to view the song in this way one day in 1997, just before he was to leave for the United States to study at the Curtis Institute. Lang went with his parents to visit their close friends, the composers Yin Deben and his wife Jiang Hong, who worked at the Liaoning Opera House.”

The Campaign to Oppose America

“Yin and Jiang presented Lang with a book of tunes they had arranged for the piano, one of which was ‘My Motherland.’ Lang did not initially like the piece and did not know how to play it. Yin and Jiang determined to help him.

“Present that day was Liu Yuanju, who was writing a book on Lang. In *Dad’s Heart Is This Lofty*, Liu described the scene in the rehearsal hall of the Opera House: ‘Yin Deben emotionally waved his arm and sang the main theme of ‘A Big River,’ the original title of ‘My Motherland,’ loudly. He asked Lang to play with more reverberation, more energy, and more excitement.’

“Yin and Jiang had transcribed the piano solo ‘My Motherland’ from the theme song of the famous movie.”

The film is about a battle in the Korean War, which in Chinese propaganda is often called the “Campaign to Oppose America and Assist North Korea.”

“In their arrangement,” writes Heng, “they added a quotation from the song ‘Battle Hymn of the Heroes,’ which is the theme song for another ‘Oppose America and Assist North Korea’ movie, *Heroic Sons and Daughters*.

“There is a direct line between Lang’s use of music to inspire feelings about a ‘powerful China and a united Chinese people’ and the policy on culture enforced by Mao Tse Tung.

“Mao ruthlessly enforced adherence to Chinese Communist Party ideology, including the doctrine that all forms of culture must serve the interests of the Chinese Communist Party.

“Wang Shiwei was a writer who questioned Mao’s cultural and artistic policy,” writes Heng. “He was beheaded in 1947 – two years before the Chinese Communist Party took over China –

under orders of the Central Social Bureau, which was directly under Mao’s control. After the anti-rightist campaign in 1957, nobody was able to step out of Party’s control in this field. Almost every single song or piece of music written during that period has political meaning.

Hidden meanings; hatred of enemies

“That political meaning may not be obvious, particularly to those coming to Communist China from the outside, and harmless or even beautiful words may have hidden meanings.

“‘Patriotism,’ for instance, has a different meaning in today’s China than it has in other nations and cultures. Patriotism is not love of the nation or the people. It is first of all love for the state – in this case the Chinese Communist regime. But this is not all. The culture established by the Chinese Communist Party teaches that the love for the state must be expressed in the form of hatred towards its enemies.

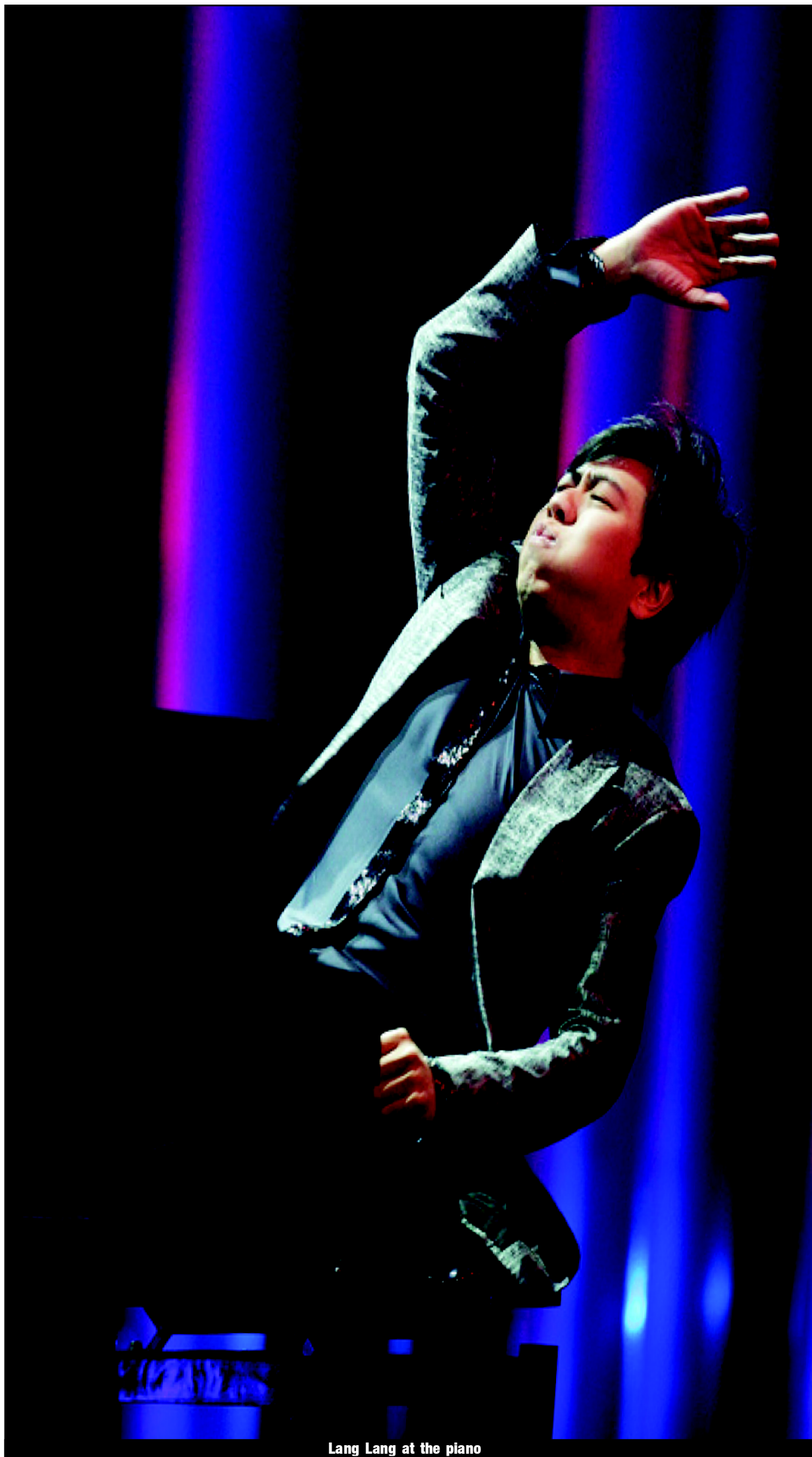
“One of the Chinese Communist Party’s role models is the People’s Liberation Army truck driver Lei Feng. In a famous poem, he described his loyalty to the Party: ‘(we should) treat our comrades as warmly as the spring, and treat the enemies as ruthlessly as a harsh winter.’

“Whether intentionally or not, lyrics in ‘My Motherland’ echo the sentiment of this poem: ‘When friends are here, there is fine wine. But if the jackal comes, what greets it is the hunting rifle.’

“The ‘jackal’ is the Chinese Communist Party’s enemy, the United States. But the lyrics of ‘My Motherland’ as whole have a totally different meaning among Chinese than Westerners would understand from reading their translation.



Obama talks with Hu



Lang Lang at the piano

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“The most popular songs among the Chinese outside China are, ‘Ode to the Motherland’ and ‘My Motherland.’ Both were written during the harshest time of Mao’s rule and neither of them has anything to do with the Chinese nation – with China’s tradition and culture.

“Outside China, Chinese students sang these songs to attack those protesting the Olympic Torch relay. The pro-Chinese Communist Party patriot, in the name of loving the country China, can always find someone to hate, which shows their loyalty to the regime.

in today’s China is not traditional Chinese culture, but the culture established after the Communist regime took over China. And they did not explain what the Chinese regime’s culture is really like.

“In China, the red songs – songs meant to inspire devotion to the Chinese Communist Party – are far from history. In 2009 in the megalopolis of Chongqing the Chinese Communist Party head Bo Xilai started a campaign for singing red songs reminiscent of a Maoist movement.

“It has now spread all over the nation. ‘My Motherland’ is one of the most

“Most of them don’t even realize the meaning of their patriotism. It is in their bones and blood and they were taught as toddlers to think this way. The concept of ‘enemy’ is an abstraction that the Party can use as a weapon whenever is convenient. The ‘enemy’ could be the United States, which has always had a privileged role as the number one enemy, or Taiwan, or the Dalai Lama.

‘Tomorrow, we will put the red flag all over the world’

“Once I happened to be near the Chinese national flag raising ceremony in Houston,” writes Heng. “After the flag was raised, one local pro-Chinese Communist Party Chinese community leader gave a speech. I still remember one sentence that he said: ‘Today, we raised the five-starred-red flag in the United States. Tomorrow, we will put the five-starred-red flag all over the world.’

“This was exactly the same sentence as was used in the 1960s and ’70s, when the Chinese Communist Party’s policy was openly to export Maoist-style revolution. We call it the Red Guard language. ‘My Motherland’ and similar songs are the musical expression of this ‘Red Guard language.’

“Today, the Chinese Communist Party is using ‘soft power’ to extend its ideological influence around the world.

“Recently a Times Square billboard began showing an ad that is meant to soften China’s image by showing Chinese celebrities and ordinary Chinese. Those who represent the image of Communist China are not even all Chinese. Three of them are U.S. citizens, and others have U.S. green cards.

“The key consideration is whether these individuals are willing to be used by the Chinese Communist Party and to what extent. The Chinese Communist Party uses everyone who is a Chinese citizen, who is naturalized in another country but was originally a Chinese citizen, or who has a Chinese blood line. The united front work is everywhere.”

Chinese officials say one thing to our faces, then later quite another

“For Party officials,” explains Heng, “being opposed to the United States is part of their job. During the daytime, they criticize the U.S. imperial enemy in Party meetings. In the evening, they host banquets for investors from the United States. In a normal society, this kind of behavior could be a sign of a serious mental disorder. In China, it’s just a Party official’s daily life.

“One day in September 2005, the mayor of the Jinshan District of Shanghai, Hao Tiechuan, led a business delegation to visit Houston and Hao was beaming with amiability.

“Before he became the Mayor of Jinshan, Hao was the deputy director of the propaganda department of the Shanghai Chinese Communist Party Committee. In that capacity, he published an article in *Liberation Daily*, the mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party Shanghai Committee, expressing strong anti-American sentiments.

“On February 24, 2001, he wrote: ‘The United States most likes to control other countries. If they cannot control your country, they will cause trouble for you.

““One of the common means to cause trouble is to support the so-called ‘opposition groups.’” The Communist Parties in a lot of Eastern Europe countries were forced to step down in this way. Behind the political struggle, one important goal is to dominate the market and make money, and to found U.S. happiness on the suffering of other countries.’

“When he met the Houston city officials and businessmen, one person in the audience asked him, ‘I know you hate America, what I don’t understand is how you could change your position so quickly.’”

He ignored the question

“In responding to Lang having played ‘My Motherland’ at the White House, some China scholars working in the West have talked about the different cultures of the two countries,” writes Heng. “These scholars did not explain that the culture

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important of these red songs.

“As for the ‘Campaign to Oppose the United States and Assist North Korea,’ it figures every day in the Chinese Communist Party’s propaganda. For most Americans, the Korean War is history, but for the Chinese Communist Party, the Korean War has never ended.

“And due to the Chinese Communist Party’s propaganda, the Korean War has also never ended for the Chinese people.”

“There’s a wide chasm between what we think our relations are with China and what they really are,” write authors Stephen Gregory and Matthew Robertson in an *Epoch Times* commentary. “Nothing could have demonstrated that better than the recent controversy about the Chinese pianist Lang playing an anti-U.S. propaganda tune at the White House.

“Leading American news outlets focused on the question of whether Lang intended to insult the United States, and quickly reached the conclusion that he did not.

“Leading China experts discussed this incident as a clash between Chinese and American cultures, without discussing what the content of the Chinese culture on display was. The administration seemed not to have known in advance the background of the song that Lang chose and afterwards simply seemed to want to go on with business as usual.

“Lang has repeatedly played at major events for the Chinese Communist Party. At the Beijing Olympics he did something that no self-respecting world-class musician would ever have done: In the opening ceremonies he mimed playing at a fake grand piano. *National Review*’s Jay Nordlinger has called Lang “a court musician” for the Communists.

“For the Communist Party,” observed Gregory and Robertson, “the primary concern has not been what the American press or public would say about the incident – we are a sideshow – but about influencing domestic opinion in China. .

“Understanding the success of Lang’s performance requires understanding the importance of symbolism in China. Tocqueville pointed out long ago that Americans as a democratic people tend to play down formality.

“As a consequence, Americans are less focused on symbolism in cultural relations.

“But symbolism is cardinal in China,” wrote Gregory and Robertson. “The Chinese Communist Party inherited an imperial culture in which every gesture had significance. They co-opted and perverted that culture by retaining the importance of gesture and symbol and filling them with their own ideology. Lang’s playing an anti-American propaganda tune at the White House is a potent form of symbolic communication.”

‘Americans do not understand’

Chinese democratic dissident Wei Jingsheng stood out from the American commentators. He wrote a letter to Congress and Secretary Clinton trying to explain what had just happened.

“Americans and the American media have not fully understood the significance of this symbolic act because they don’t appreciate how central patriotism is to Chinese identity under the Chinese Communist Party and to its legitimacy.

“In the United States, conservatives tend to talk more than liberals about the importance of patriotism. Conservative publications and blogs immediately picked up the story and fastened onto this element: they understood the elemental importance of patriotism, and thus the insult and humiliation that had been inflicted.

“That one end of the political spectrum in the United States would place greater emphasis on patriotism than the other is a natural result in a free country – and one that should be celebrated,” wrote Wei.

“But in China, where the Chinese Communist Party has taught the populace to nurse resentment at perceived slights to Chinese greatness and goaded the nation into a brittle, aggressive pride, seeing Lang play that song was immensely satisfying.

“Americans are not prepared to understand the depth of this satisfaction because they tend to be uninformed about the depth of anti-Americanism in China.”

Chinese want to believe America is in decline

“Lang’s playing the song in the White House was an expression by the Chinese Communist Party that the United States is subservient to China: *the United States is on the way out; China is on the rise; China is number one.*

“While Americans are not competing with China and do not seek to dominate China,” explained Wei, “the Chinese Communist Party seeks to dominate the United States, if for now only symbolically.

“But the regime that seems so efficient and powerful is actually terribly vulnerable. It needs these moments to hold onto power.”

The Communists are nervous about how long the Chinese people will continue to submit to their rule.

“The fundamental issue that Americans have misunderstood,” wrote Wei, “is the role of the Chinese Communist Party itself.

“The chasm of understanding that exists between the United States and China is mainly caused on the one hand by Americans’ lack of knowledge about the history and nature of the Chinese Communist Party, and on the other hand by the indoctrination of the Chinese people into anti-Americanism by Chinese Communist Party propaganda.

“Perhaps the playing of a song at the White House that depicts Americans as ‘jackals’ will help inspire in Americans the desire to know the Chinese Communist Party better.”

The White House has declined to comment on the song selection.



Students atop a tank during the 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising

Will China surpass U.S. economically?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Is it inevitable that China will become the world’s strongest economy and top military power within only a few years?

Not everybody agrees with such predictions by Goldman Sachs Chief Economist Jim O’Neill or *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, who proclaims America’s time is up.

No, writes James Pethokoukis of the *London Evening Standard* newspaper. Author Joel Kotkin agrees with him. So does economist Mark Thoma and columnist Dale Hurd.

“Recently in Paris I discussed China’s prospects with a French construction magnate who is making a fortune in the developing world,” writes Hurd. “He’s abandoned operations in China completely and believes India, which was endowed with British democratic ideas and values in its colonial period, will overtake China. He said of China,

‘Everything is fake,’ and he mentioned all the shiny, new and empty office buildings he saw, how treacherous and predatory the Chinese government can be in business dealings, and the culture of corruption.

Not enough young workers due to forced abortion

“He called their economy a house of cards,” notes Hurd. “China also faces a grim demographic future because of its one-child-only forced abortion policy; it’s a future in which there will not be enough workers to support an aging population.”

Thoma, an economist at the University of Oregon, agrees.

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A pro-China demonstration in San Francisco

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He recently cited a story by the *Bloomberg Letter* financial journal's John M. Berry explaining why China's economy will never surpass the U.S.

"China's economy is growing so fast that estimates of its long-term prowess are bordering on the absurd," wrote Berry. "After Chinese statisticians recently sharply revised their estimate of economic output, some analysts said that in 35 years it would overtake the U.S. economy."

"No way, no how. Even if China's Gross Domestic Product were to grow indefinitely at 11 percent a year—9 percent real growth plus 2 percent inflation—and the U.S. experienced 5.5 percent growth—3.5 percent real and 2 percent inflation—it would take the Chinese 40 years to catch up."

However, he doesn't believe that China will achieve that level of growth—and that the U.S. will surpass 5.5 percent—making it impossible for China to overtake America.

Hurd agrees.

"Is China on a trajectory to overtake America as the world's number one power?" asks Hurd. "The topic is growing in importance to Americans, 65 percent of whom now consider China an 'adversary' or a 'serious problem.' And with the visit of President Hu, we got worrisome headlines like this that suggest an ascendant and dangerous China."

"I guess it's not surprising that the Chinese government has drunk the 'China-Number One' Kool-Aid," writes Hurd. "But for the rest of us, to quote Lee Corso, 'Not so fast my friend.'"

"History shows over and over that when a government mangles natural law and human rights in the weird and evil way Communist China has, the government can't just suddenly change its mind and its policy and skip merrily into some bright capitalist future. As much as America is doing to plant dynamite on its own

position at the top, through big government and an exploding deficit, the seeds of extreme social turmoil and even revolution remain embedded in Chinese society."

A murderous history with the murderers still in power

The Black Book of Communism, an 850-page book of scholarly essays, estimates that 64 million Chinese have died as a result of communism. Countless others had their lives wrecked or family torn apart. China still runs a concentration camp system called the *laogai*, and even tries to make money from it.

The Chinese government "tortures, imprisons and kills pastors, priests, and political dissidents," writes Hurd. "Increasing the standard of living can only be a Band-Aid over stuff like that. Prosperity can't permanently remove the deep and longstanding grievances and social toxins created by Maoism and by hideous experiments like 'The Great Leap Forward.'"

"Back in the 1980s," writes Pethokoukis, "liberals were desperately looking for a 'big economic idea' to combat Reaganomics. Instead of looking inward to the core American value of individualism and entrepreneurialism, they looked eastward to Japan and saw a high-tech, economic superpower where big government was dominant."

"Rather than relying on uncertain and uncontrollable market forces, Japan's elites apparently possessed the wisdom to choose which industries looked the most promising. They then harnessed and directed state resources and favor in their direction."

"Of course," writes Pethokoukis, "by the mid-1990s, the Japanese economic miracle became a decade-long economic malaise. Indeed, later research determined that 'industrial policy' played little role in Japan's

economic ascendancy."

However, "For two decades, it's been the American Model, not the Japanese Model, influencing nations on the hunt for economic growth and a rising standard of living," writes Pethokoukis.

"But some elites in this country never quite gave up on the idea that politicians and bureaucrats can actually run an economy. It's like they think America is a giant General Electric with sectors such as technology, autos, and housing merely divisions to be managed, but without the profit motive, of course."

Is China nearing a breaking point?

British journalist Will Hutton, the former economics editor of the *Guardian* newspaper, argues that the current Chinese economic model—authoritarian, high-saving, export-driven, unproductive, unaccountable—is nearing a breaking point:

"China has made the transition from a planned economy to a more market-based economy, has joined the World Trade Organization, and is so obviously successful that the magic ingredient must be its commitment to markets, the profit motive and private property."

"But the reality is more complex," writes Hutton. "This is an economy and society over which the party seeks and so far has maintained extensive direct and indirect control despite a broad liberalization of prices, a rollback of planning, a boom in foreign direct investment, and substantial autonomy among all forms of enterprise. China is half pregnant and that is the way the party intends to keep it."

"The Chinese model works as far as it goes," writes Pethokoukis. "But after that, it's the American model

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Enamored with China

"And now they have a new national model for spiritual encouragement: *China*."

Indeed, according to Brooks over at the *New York Times*, who was stunned by China's success with the 2008 Olympics:

"The opening ceremony in Beijing drew from China's long history, but surely the most striking features were the images of thousands of Chinese moving as one. We've seen displays of mass conformity before, but this was collectivism of the present—a high-tech vision of the harmonious society per-

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that provides the surest path to deep prosperity.”

Indeed, writes book reviewer Steven Levingston in the *Washington Post*, “China is not likely to surpass the United States as a global economic superpower.”

Levingston cites a new book, *The Next Hundred Million: America in 2050*, in which futurist Joel Kotkin has reassuring words for Americans worried that their country is in decline.

U.S. population will grow, technology will advance

Kotkin says China isn’t likely to overtake the United States as the world’s economic superpower in coming decades, countering predictions of some forecasters who believe the Chinese economy will be the global leader by 2020.

Kotkin also projects that over the next 40 years the United States will not suffer as much as its global competitors from the burden of an aging population. He is a presidential fellow at Chapman University in Orange, California, and an adjunct fellow with the Legatum Institute in London.

He bases his forecasts largely on population trends, fertility rates and immigration patterns. He sees the U.S. population hitting at least 400 million by 2050, an increase of roughly 100 million from today.

He argues that population growth will be a boon to American prosperity, competitiveness and ingenuity. He notes that increased numbers of Americans will place strains on the environment, the energy grid and city housing, but he believes the challenges will spur innovation and technological advancement.

And a larger, more diverse population will fuel America’s future dominance, Kotkin says.

“The U.S. fertility rate remains the highest of advanced countries,” Kotkin writes.

He projects that the Russian population will shrink by 30 percent by 2050 because of a low birthrate. The U.S. population, Kotkin says, will enjoy the added benefit of continued large-scale immigration.

“In advanced countries a rapidly aging or decreasing population does not bode well for societal or economic health,” Kotkin writes, “whereas a growing one offers the hope of expanding markets, new workers, and entrepreneurial innovation.”

“China is undergoing one of the most dramatic demographic shifts,” Kotkin writes.

He says its one-child policy is pushing the country toward a rapidly aging population by 2050. The United Nations predicts that about 30 percent of China’s population will be older than 60 by mid-century.

“Some have predicted that China will become the world’s largest economy as early as 2020,” Kotkin writes, “but this is far from certain. Earlier predictions of eventual Soviet, European and Japanese preeminence, after all, proved staggeringly off the mark.”

“China’s lack of democratic institutions, its cultural homogeneity, its historic insularity, and the rapid aging that will start by the 2020s do not speak well for its global preeminence.”

America is not on the decline, writes Phil Boynton, no matter what the alarmists say. “China’s taking over the United States! We’re doomed! America’s best days are behind her! It seems more and more lately that this type of talk is becoming commonplace.”

“That despite all our accomplishments, this nation is ultimately doomed to decline like many great powers before us.”

No, China does not own America

“I will concede that America is not perfect,” writes Boynton, “but this poorly conceived notion that China owns this nation and that America is going to fall, is not only idiotic, but it isn’t entirely factual.”

“The United States’ debt as of 2010 is \$14.03 trillion and China holds 20 percent of that. Now, looking at these figures, China does not even come close to owning this country, for 75 percent of our country’s interests are owned by none other than Uncle Sam.”

“Now there is the hypothetical on whether China would call in its loans at some point. Despite specula-

tion and even paranoia, while our economy has been shaken the past few years, China and the rest of the world still sees America as the best land to invest in.

“And let us not forget that we are the largest and most powerful economy in the world. Despite our difficulties, America has managed to carry on.”

“We are entering a new age, not only for ourselves, but for the world around us

“In the 1980s, Japan was seen as the eventual holder of the coveted first-place spot in the world, and hysteria gripped America as it is being gripped now with China.

“However, as we look at the contexts of history and the history being written of today, I know the worries about China will ultimately subside as well.

“Our great nation has endured and continues to endure—unabashed, unshaken and unsurpassed.”

“Recent reports of China’s economic growth contrasted with the U.S. economic downturn have left Americans increasingly concerned that China is becoming a new superpower, controls American finances and will surpass the United States as the world’s leading power,” writes David Weinberger of the Heritage Foundation.

“The reality is that the fundamentals of the American economy are stronger than China’s, and U.S. prospects are better.

“Let’s take exhibit A. It may appear that China contributes the most to world gross domestic product and leads global growth given its 10.7 percent growth last quarter, as well as its 8.7 percent average growth last year. However, that’s not an indicative measure of a strong economy.

“A significant portion of the growth China is experiencing is not creating wealth. It is merely taking it from other countries,” writes Weinberger. “Much of its success is dependent upon others. This is because of the way China’s economy is set up.

“China relies on its trade surplus with the rest of the world as the lifeblood of its economy. It exports vastly more than it imports.

“That does not mean, however, that China does not produce anything. To the contrary, over the last couple of decades, China has contributed to the world economy.

“While China’s production has historically met consumer demand to keep prices low around the globe, the worldwide recession is now causing China to oversupply due to weak global demand, which could lead to deflation,” writes Weinberger. “This is hardly an indication of a sound, robustly-growing economy. If China does not start developing more of its own domestic economy for its people, trouble looms.

“Further, China is not America’s banker, as many people believe. President Obama’s stimulus package was bad policy, but the notion that China is now funding our economy as a result is a fallacy.

America really doesn’t need China

“America could get by without China funding its debt,” writes Weinberger. “What’s largely unknown is that China officially holds less than 7 percent of U.S. treasuries, and that Chinese bond purchases declined in 2009, to under \$100 billion, while our deficit soared to an all-time high of \$1.4 trillion.

“Moreover, China does not buy our debt for our sake; it does so it because it depends on an economy as large and sound as ours for its own growth propelled through trade:

“The same set of rules that keep its currency undervalued means, by law, it can’t spend at home the huge pile of cash that it sits on.

“In that respect, China is more directly tied to us than we are to them. If the United States were to discontinue trade with China, it would hurt them more than us.

“Finally,” writes Weinberger. “China is not going to surpass the United States as the world economic leader anytime soon. We control about a fourth of the wealth in the world—more than China, India, Japan and the rest of Asia combined. Other indicators are just as definitive.

“The average American earns close to fifteen times more than the average person in China.

“If the United States keeps tax rates low, shows spending discipline, and brings the deficit down to promote solid economic growth, there is strong reason to believe that China will never surpass the United States as the world’s largest economy.”

Hawaiian senate bows to ACLU, stops praying

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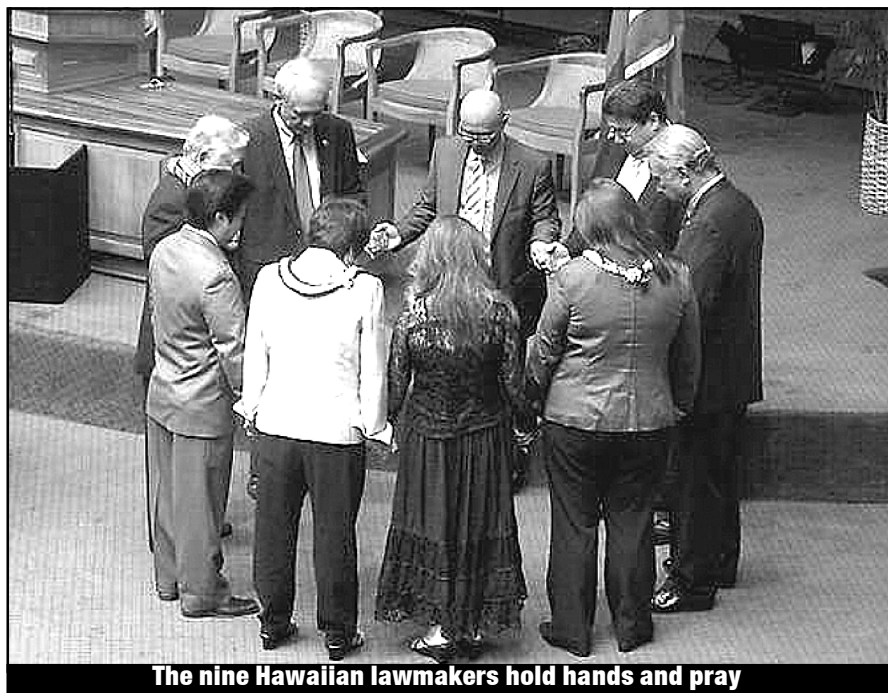
tor Will Espero led the prayer. Joining him were Senators Mike Gabbard, Clarence Nishihara, Glenn Wakai, Michelle Kidani, Suzanne Chun Oakland, Pohai Ryan, Gilbert Kahele and Ronald Kouchi. They did not have a microphone. No one in the public gallery was asked to stand or participate. The whole thing lasted about 30 seconds.

“Then they made their way to their desks and a moment later the session officially began.”

Only days earlier, the Democrat-dominated Hawaii Senate had voted to become the first legislative body to end daily prayer in their state chambers out of fear of the American Civil Liberties Union. The Senate is made up of 24 Democrats and 1 Republican.

According to the Associated Press, the ACLU had written a letter claiming the prayers violated the separation of church and state. That prompted the state attorney general to advise the senate that he doubted their handling of prayers—by inviting speakers from various religions to preach before every session—could survive the inevitable court challenge, said Democratic Majority Leader Brickwood Galuteria.

But how can anyone say that the framers of the U.S. Constitution would have disapproved of prayer. Congress has opened with prayer ever since September 7, 1774, when the Reverend Jacob Duché, Rector of



The nine Hawaiian lawmakers hold hands and pray

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The U.S. Senate prays during a 1939 session

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Philadelphia's Christ Church, read aloud the 35th Psalm, then prayed:

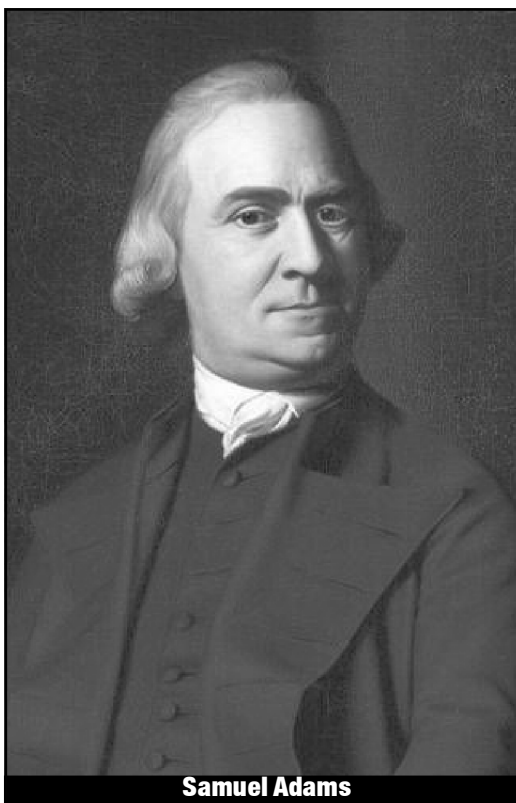
"O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguine purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!"

"Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.

"Amen."

Those present recorded that at the opening of the Continental Congress, a motion had been made that an opening prayer should be offered.

However, a couple of people suggested that the great religious diversity of the group—Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and others—would make such prayer unwise.



Samuel Adams

The great statesman Samuel Adams stood

He declared he was "no bigot, and could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue, who was at the same time a friend to his country."

The motion for prayer was approved. The Reverend Duché was summoned.

Opening with prayer continues in Congress to this day—and has in other legislature in America. This is the first time that a legislature has caved into the ACLU's intimidation.

"When are Christians going to stand up and take back their rights and freedoms before it is too late and God has been wiped out of everything?" asks columnist Susan Hillman. "Which state is going to have the strength to stand up and fight? America was founded on freedom and people are needlessly just sitting there and letting it be stolen away after it was fought for by our forefathers."

The sole Republican in Hawaii's Senate, Sam Slom, asked fellow members to at least make the prayers voluntary instead of banning the practice all together. "The Senate must stand for something," he protested, "and not back away when there are challenges."

His plea fell on deaf ears

The Senate voted to halt their opening prayer.

So, when the state Senate reconvened, Senator Espero organized an impromptu prayer circle on the floor of the Senate.

"One can call it a silent protest. We're just saying we're continuing a tradition that's being done a little differently than in the past," he told the Associated Press. "There are some people who believe we have completely stopped prayer in the senate chamber and that is not the case."

"Last summer, in their ongoing effort to promote secularism, the ACLU sent a complaint to the Hawaii senate," reports Kara L. Kraemer, "in violation of that shadowy phrase 'separation of church and state.'"

A three-member Senate committee was formed to evaluate the issue and recommended that as long as there was no mention of Jesus Christ, prayers would be acceptable at their sessions.

Rather than be constrained, however, the legislative body decided to halt the prayers altogether, which is fine with the ACLU.

Mitch Kahle, known for his demonstrations against Good Friday as a government-endorsed holiday at the state Capitol, also known for forcing the Army to remove a 37-foot cross at Schofield Barracks in 1997, and founder of Hawaii Citizens for the Separation of State and Church.

He was gleeful over his role in getting prayer removed

In April 2010, he was arrested for his disruption of the opening prayer, but was acquitted of disorderly conduct in November.

"I'm disappointed that we're choosing the route of ending the invocation," said Senator Espero. "I think it is a long, honored tradition at the state Capitol and at many other government events and functions. I would think that there would be a way for us to maintain that tradition."

Disappointed and very familiar with ACLU tactics is Attorney Brett Harvey of the Alliance Defense Fund who commented, "They (the ACLU) continue to threaten governments with lawsuits to try to force them into capitulating to their view of society. Governments should take a stand for this cherished historical practice."

Indiana is one state that did take a stand.

While the ACLU was able to halt the traditional prayers given by the Indiana House temporarily, Indiana appealed to a federal court; and the court overturned the decision. As of 2008, prayers are back in Indiana.

In *Marsh v. Chambers*, 1983, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that prayers at the start of each legislative day are not

a violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Such prayers are deeply embedded in the history and tradition of the nation.

But Hawaii has caved in now.

Let us pray that other states will not follow.



A pro-Egypt demonstration in Boston

Egyptian extremists take advantage of U.S. weakness

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the Middle East. In the U.S., it operates through the Muslim Student Association and other front organizations.

Its Palestinian branch, Hamas, is a terrorist organization whose charter calls for the annihilation of Israel. Osama bin Laden got his start in the Muslim Brotherhood. So did Sheik Khalid Mohammed, the mastermind of the September 11 attacks on America.

The Muslim Brotherhood opposes the Egyptian-Israeli agreement of 1979, without which the state of Israel would be under constant attack, just as it was in the first few years of its existence.

So it will be again if the Brotherhood takes over.

And we'll have Obama to thank for it

In suggesting that the Muslim Brotherhood can be a democratic partner in Egypt, the White House has outdone even the Carter administration's destabilization of Iran.

We all remember how Jimmy Carter turned his back on America's staunchest ally, the Shah of Iran. The consequences continue to haunt us as Iran exports terror worldwide, conspires to undermine Middle East stability and rushes to build nuclear-equipped missiles that can turn Israel into a wasteland.

Now, Obama has his own Carter moment in history.

"As Egypt continues to burn, Islamic radicals have escaped from prison, the Muslim Brotherhood has joined Mohammed El Baradei on the street, and socialists continue to mobilize protests in Cairo," observed Fox News reporter Jim Hoft. Meanwhile, "Barack Obama spent the morning watching his daughter play basketball, then went out and partied."

"As thirty years of United States Middle East

strategy teetered on collapse," observed Kristinn Taylor of the Free Republic website, "Barack Obama spent Saturday night at a going-away party for David Axelrod who is leaving the administration to set up Obama's re-election campaign in Chicago."

"It's no coincidence that major revolutions against Western-backed governments have occurred under weak American presidents," observed author Daniel Greenfield.

weakness makes his liberal domestic policies more vulnerable than they otherwise would be. For a moment after Obama's inauguration, Republicans were fearful of him. They quickly found that opposing him is safe and fruitful.

"But presidential weakness is dangerous in foreign affairs," notes Gardiner. "Obama has been deferential to adversaries and tough on allies. He's pretended problems with Russia are as much America's fault as

Russia's, taken human rights off the table with China and begged Iran to talk with him. This hasn't been productive. He's come down hard on Israel and Honduras. That hasn't been productive either."

He apologizes and bows to tyrants – while American interests are destroyed.

He just doesn't understand that America has real enemies – and that key allies must be protected and supported.

"Egypt is not just another country in the Middle East," notes Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat professor for peace and development at the University of Maryland. "It has been the anchor of the U.S. approach to the region since the 1970s. What happens in Cairo inevitably has consequences."

"Iran has three major obstacles to regional dominance," writes Greenfield, "Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia. Of these three, Egypt with its radicalized population, great poverty and limited influence in Washington D.C. was the most vulnerable. Any overthrow of Mubarak would move the Muslim Brotherhood closer to taking power."



The Cairo street protests turn violent

"The Iranian revolution against the Shah happened on Jimmy Carter's watch. The current violence in Tunisia and Egypt is taking place under Obama."

"There are three President Obamas," writes Bill Kristol of the *Weekly Standard* magazine. "There's the Obama who defers, the one who dithers, and the one who's out of touch. The Obama presidencies have one thing in common. They're all weak."

"U.S. foreign policy is an embarrassing mess under the Obama administration," writes Nile Gardiner of the *London Telegraph*. "It is hard to think of a single foreign policy success for the Obama administration, but there have been plenty of missteps which have weakened American global power as well as the standing of the United States."

The problem is that Obama doesn't know how to do anything beyond making speeches. He was able to ply his trade in Tucson – regaining all sorts of points in the polls after turning a federal judge's memorial service into a re-election rally.

Obama is a great talker, agrees Gardiner

"He's also what used to be called a 'press hound.' That's a politician who can't go a single day without lavish attention from the media. But talking and availability aren't the same as leading. Obama has yet to offer strong leadership on anything."

"Obama is a liberal who's surrounded himself with liberals. His

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Anti-Mubarak demonstration

Egyptian extremists take advantage of U.S. weakness

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“But for Iran the priority is to take Egypt out of the game. Whatever happens in Egypt, it will weaken the country. And what weakens Egypt only strengthens Iran.

“Turkey and Syria are part of Iran’s regional coalition,” writes Greenfield. “Jordan appears to be leaning that way. Lebanon has been taken over. Iraq is set to fall when America leaves. If Egypt falls, that just leaves Saudi Arabia and Israel in the way.”

Careful timing, just like during Carter’s single term

It is no coincidence that the crisis in Egypt has erupted when it has. Iran’s hardliners know that Obama’s time in office is limited. As they did during the Carter administration – they must act before he is kicked out in the 2012 elections.

“The 2010 defeats,” writes Greenfield, “have indicated to the Iranian regime that they might only have a two-year window in which to act before Obama is replaced by an unknown, but probably more conservative politician – a ‘now or never’ moment.

“The Iranian Revolution might never have happened under Reagan. But Carter’s weakness, left-wing politics and contempt for the very notion of defending American interests made it possible.

“The Obama administration doesn’t seem to know what an ally is. Obama’s mistreatment of the UK, Israel and Honduras, the alienation of Karzai and continuing humiliation at the hands of China and Russia through diplomatic insults, show weakness and stupidity,” writes Greenfield. “The Iranian take-over of the region is premised on that incompetence.”

Weak, confused, incompetent

“All this has happened because the Obama administration has been too weak, confused and incompetent to stand for anything.”

And he’s not the only one who sees it that way.

“There is a distinctly *Titanic*-like feel to the Obama presidency and it’s not hard to see why,” says conservative commentator Jim Hoft. “The most left-wing president in modern American history has tried to force a highly interventionist, government-driven agenda that runs counter to the principles of free enterprise, individual freedom, and limited government that have made the United States the greatest

The Muslim Brotherhood has been banned in Egypt for decades. However, the Obama administration “has rolled out the red carpet to the Brotherhood’s Islamist infrastructure in the U.S. It funds the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the Muslim American Society, the Islamic Society of North America, and the Ground Zero mosque activists,” notes McCarthy.

They consider Marxism superior to capitalism

For Obama to attempt to work with such an extremist terrorist group “is hopelessly wrong,” writes McCarthy. However, it is understandable, given Obama’s leftwing stances.

In his book *Social Justice in Islam*, Sayyid Qutb, the Muslim Brotherhood’s leading theologian of the 1950s and ’60s, declared Marx’s system is far superior to capitalism.

So, it should be no surprise that Obama would view them as an ally.

The Muslim Brotherhood has supported Obama, expecting to cash in.

“It is no accident that Islamists in America are among the staunchest supporters of Obamacare and other redistributionist elements of the Obama agenda,” notes McCarthy.

The Muslim Brotherhood’s most prominent theologian is Yusuf al-Qaradawi, best known for his cable TV program, *Ash-Shariah wal-*

Hayat, which broadcasts to an estimated 40 million viewers on the Muslim news network AlJazeera.

Qaradawi regularly calls for his listeners to “conquer America” and “conquer Europe.”

The Brotherhood’s motto is, “Allah is our objective, the Prophet is our leader, the

power in the world, and the freest nation on earth.

“This, combined with weak leadership both at home and abroad against the backdrop of tremendous economic uncertainty in an increasingly dangerous world.”

Obama, the neighborhood organizer, doesn’t have any idea how or why to protect America. He has spent his life undermining this nation – organizing those who are only interested in getting as much as they can get from our treasury – people who have no interest whatsoever in America’s place in the global arena.

Our enemies know his priorities

“Iran is showing us its cards now,” writes Greenfield, “knowing that there’s very little we will do about it. Its plans are moving forward. Ours are not only going nowhere, but actually helping the enemy.”

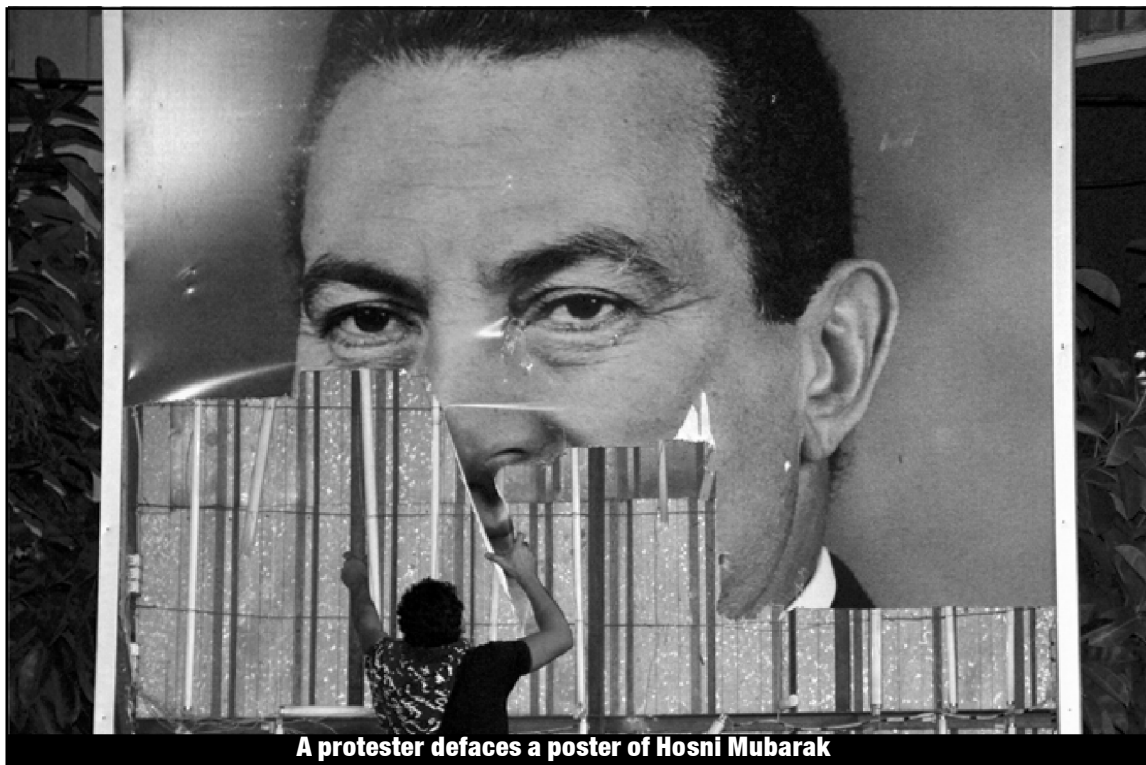
Obama actually seems to believe he can work with the Muslim Brotherhood.

On the liberal news website *The Daily Beast*, Obama administration national-security adviser Bruce Riedel posted an essay called “Don’t fear Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood.” Riedel is just as wrong today as the liberal press was about the Ayatollah three decades ago, says McCarthy, who is a senior fellow at the *National Review* Institute and the author of *The Grand Jihad: How Islam and the Left Sabotage America*.

“One might wonder,” he writes, “how an organization can be thought to have renounced violence when it has inspired more jihadists than any other and when its Palestinian branch, Hamas, a terrorist organization is committed by charter to the violent destruction of Israel.”

“In recent years, the Brotherhood has enthusiastically praised jihad and even applauded Osama bin Laden.” However, none of that, observes McCarthy, “is an obstacle for Riedel.”

Riedel, says McCarthy, “is one reason that Obama is doing everything wrong.”



A protester defaces a poster of Hosni Mubarak

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Koran is our law, Jihad is our way, and dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope.”

Even so, writes McCarthy, Obama’s “see-no-Islamic-evil foreign-policy establishment blathers on about the Brotherhood’s purported renunciation of violence.”

Reaping what they have sown

“The Obama administration,” writes McCarthy, “invited the Muslim Brotherhood to the president’s 2009 Cairo speech, even though the organization was officially banned in Egypt. There is a very good chance we are about to reap what they’ve sown. We ought to be very afraid.”

If the Muslim Brotherhood gains control over Egypt, the prospects for a peaceful future for the United States or for Israel is in grave danger, notes foreign relations journalist Jeff Dunetz.

“So what’s the matter with Egypt?” writes Stanford University historian Victor Davis Hanson. “The same thing that is the matter with most of the modern Middle East.

“In the post-industrial world, its hundreds of millions now are vicariously exposed to the affluence and freedom of the West via satellite television, cell phones, the Internet, DVDs and social networks.

“They become angry that, in contrast to what they see and hear from abroad, their own lives are unusually miserable in the most elemental sense.

“A century after the onset of modern waste-treatment science, many of the cities in the Middle East smell of raw sewage,” writes Hanson. “A century after we learned about microbes and disease, the water in places like Cairo is undrinkable from the tap.

“Six decades after the knowledge of treating infectious disease, millions in the Middle East suffer chronic pain and suffer from maladies that are easily addressed in the West.

“And they have about as much freedom as the Chinese, but without either the affluence or the confidence. That the Gulf and parts of North Africa are awash in oil and gas, at a time of both near record prices and indigenous control of national oil treasures, makes the ensuing poverty all the more insulting.

“All this has been true for forty years,” writes Hanson, “but, again, instant global communications have brought the reality home to the miserable of the Middle East in a way state-run newspapers and state-censored television never could, even if they had wished.

“In reaction, amid this volatile new communications revolution, the Saddams, the Mubaraks, the Saudi royals, the North African strongmen, and all the other ‘kings’ and ‘fathers’ and ‘leaders’ found an effective enough antidote:

“The Jews were behind all sorts of plots to emasculate Arab Muslims,” writes Hanson. “And the United States and, to a lesser extent, Great Britain were stealing precious resources that robbed proud Middle Easterners of their heritage and future.”

True, America has supported some real scoundrels—following the philosophy that “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.”

As a result, we’ve propped up outright dictators

Our policy has been that autocrats as Saddam or the Shah of Iran were tyrants, but at least they were our tyrants.

“After decades of backing authoritarian regimes in the Mideast and North Africa as bulwarks against Muslim extremism, the U.S. faces an urgent challenge as popular uprisings sweep the region,” writes Indira A.R. Lakshmanan in the *Bloomberg Letter*.

“The challenge is how to defend U.S. economic and security interests while supporting democratic values.”

That’s no easy balancing act.

Egypt has been the anchor for U.S. foreign policy in the Arab world since the 1970s, and under Mubarak, has remained a strong defender of U.S. interests in the region on a host of issues, from countering Iran’s nuclear aspirations to preventing weapons smuggling from Egypt to Gaza, as the recent U.S. cables released by WikiLeaks have shown.

Any major change in Egyptian foreign policy under a potential new government “has huge consequences for the U.S.”

Is Obama meddling in areas where he doesn’t know what he’s doing? And does he have America’s best interests at heart?

“Obama has made it clear that he doesn’t believe in American exceptionalism, and has made apologizing for his country into an art form,” writes Gardiner. “In a speech to the United Nations last September, he stated that ‘no one nation can or should try to dominate another nation. No world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will succeed. No balance of power among nations will hold.’

“The Obama administration’s strategy of appeasing America’s enemies while kicking traditional U.S. allies has succeeded in weakening the United States while strengthening her adversaries.

“It is difficult to see how a U.S. president who holds these views and does not even accept America’s greatness in history can actually lead the world’s only superpower with force and conviction.”

Forgotten in all the excitement over the revolution in Egypt has been the precarious situation of Coptic Christians there. Only weeks ago, Copts in Egypt experienced an unprecedented reign of terror.



A protester defaces a poster of Hosni Mubarak

An Islamic jihad-martyrdom suicide bomber murdered 22 people and wounded 80 more at the Coptic Christian Church of the Saints in Alexandria, Egypt on New Year’s Eve.

Just days later, as Christmas, which Copts celebrate on January 7, approached, an Islamic website carried this ominous exhortation: “Blow up the churches while they are celebrating Christmas or any other time when the churches are packed.”

Prospects for them is not very good

If the Muslim Brotherhood takes power in Egypt, the treatment of the Copts is likely only to get worse.

Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton recently injected a note of realism into the mainstream media euphoria over the heroic “pro-democracy” demonstrators in Egypt.

“The overthrow of the Mubarak regime,” Bolton warned, “will not by any sense of the imagination lead to the advent of Jeffersonian democracy. The greater likelihood is a radical, tightly knit organization like the Muslim Brotherhood will take advantage of the chaos and seize power.”

“That will be very bad news for Egyptian Christians,” writes Robert Spencer in *Front Page* magazine. “Apparently aware of this, the head of the Coptic Church, Pope Shenouda III, has forbidden Copts from participating in the demonstrations. It has been widely reported in the West that many Copts are defying this ban; on the other hand, however, a source on the ground in Egypt tells me that the news reports are wrong, and that Copts are not participating.”

Whatever may be the truth of the matter, it is certain that a Muslim Brotherhood state in Egypt would make their situation even worse than it is already.

And Obama hasn’t a clue of what to do

“Obama’s deer-in-the-headlights, finger-to-the-wind, ‘I can’t believe this is happening to me’ initial reaction to the Mubarak implosion has eerie precedents,” observes Hanson.

“After the debacle in Vietnam, Watergate and the Nixon resignation, voters were willing to bet on the smiling but unknown hope-and-change reformer from Plains, Georgia. Jimmy Carter’s campaign and his early presidential speeches on resetting foreign policy sounded uplifting.

“They were certainly a rebuke to the supposedly dark Nixon-Kissinger cloak-and-dagger intrigue. Indeed, Carter’s election marked a return to idealism.

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Egyptian Christians mourn victims of December 2010 attacks

Egyptian extremists take advantage of U.S. weakness

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“Carter’s new America was to entertain no more mindless fear of Communism. Nor would we continue to be a cynical arms merchant to our allies and profit from the tools of death. Anti-Communist strongmen like the Shah were suddenly antithetical to American values.

“In contrast, his radical Islamist enemies were little more than curious and confused intermediaries whose appreciated opposition to dictators would soon be eclipsed by serious European-like socialist reformers.”

Carter scorned our allies, too

“Then 1979 came around, and the unfortunate wages of a well-meaning Carterism became all too apparent after only the first two years of its implementation. The more Carter spoke about human rights, the more he seemed, in hypocritical fashion, to court the Soviet Union for an arms-control agreement, the Arab world for a peace settlement and steady oil sales, and China for economic liberalization through formal diplomatic recognition.

“It almost seemed to the cynical diplomatic world that if a nation were hostile to the United States, powerful or strategically important – and even with a horrific record on human rights – the Carter administration would romance it as zealously as it would snub friendly countries. The past killing of a few thousand in allied countries warranted far more anguish than the killing of several million in enemy ones.

“Hypocrisy and sanctimonious bullying soon replaced the promised unbending

principle and moral courage.

“Carter seemed to be harder on our friends than on our rivals and enemies, especially odd since an aggressive war was more likely to come from North Korea than from South Korea, from the radical Arab world than from Iran or Israel, from the Soviet Union’s proxies than from our own, and from China rather than from Taiwan.”

Herky-jerky, hypocritical

“The wages of such idealism came due – the invasion of Vietnam, the Soviet entry into Afghanistan, revolution and war in Central America, the rise of radical Islam, the flight of the Shah, and the taking of hostages in Teheran.

“The American response often seemed herky-jerky and hypocritical.

“Carter’s ‘open-mouthed shock’ at the Soviet invasion was later amplified by Vice President Mondale’s infamous ‘why?’ summation, ‘I cannot understand – it just baffles me – why the Soviets these last few years have behaved as they have. Maybe we have made some mistakes with them. Why did they have to build up all these arms? Why did they have to go into Afghanistan? Why can’t they relax just a little bit about Eastern Europe? Why do they try every door to see if it is locked?’

“As the world began to heat up in the expectation that the new America either would not or could not play its old Cold War role, a contrite Carter now suddenly played catch-up by approving massive sales of jet aircraft to the dictatorships in Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

“He set in place what was to become the largest covert CIA operation in our history by supplying sophisticated weapons to radical Islamic fundamentalists in Afghanistan.

“He became the first American president to organize a boycott of a scheduled Olympics.

“By 1980 there was a ‘Carter Doctrine’ that essentially declared, in neo-colonialist Monroe Doctrine fashion, that the oil-rich Persian Gulf was an American protectorate and that the United States would use military force to keep out foreign powers. Likewise Carter authorized a sudden build-up in U.S. defense capability.”

It was as if Carter realized that he had been wrong about everything. His conversion to reality in late 1979 and 1980 was a concession that the world simply did not operate in the manner Carter had hoped.

“The further impression,” writes Hanson, “was that if Carter had not so loudly denounced his predecessors and so rashly pronounced his own new wiser policies, then he might not have had to reject his own doctrines so utterly and embarrassingly.”

“Does any of that seem familiar today?” asks Hanson.

Indeed, he notes, we have already seen Obama’s complete repudiation of his 2006–2008 harsh rhetoric attacking tribunals, preventive detention, Guantanamo, renditions, the Patriot Act, the Iraq War, and Predator drones.

“The Bush protocols have been not only maintained but expanded,” writes Hanson, “as under Obama we killed with drones five times as many people in Waziristan in two years as we did in five under Bush.

“There will be no trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed near Ground Zero. Now we are evolving in Carter-like fashion to a reset of the reset-button policies of 2009–2010. That means we will probably hear no more grand talk about outreach to the Iranian theocracy.

“I suspect bowing to foreign monarchs and apologizing for horrific American sins is over as well. Nor are we likely to hear any more mythohistory like the Cairo speech, in which Islam was praised for contributions that it simply did not make.

“Formerly snubbed allies – Britain, Germany, Israel, India, Colombia – will probably not be similarly snubbed in the future. I don’t think there will be any more grand concessions to Russia in the hopes that Putin will reciprocate by pressuring Iran.

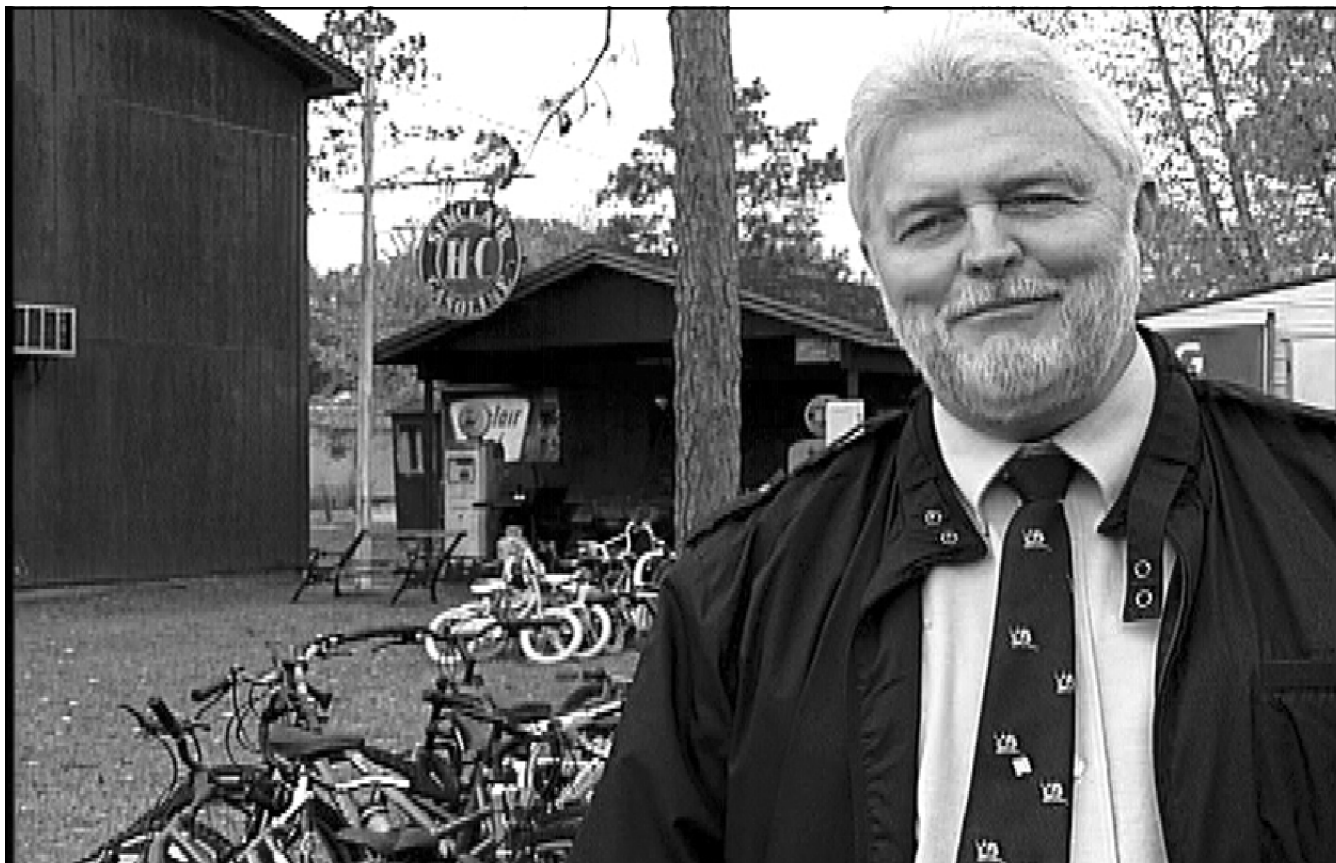
“Our third year of Obama hope and change is beginning a lot like 1979.

“An unjust and imperfect world rejects the utopian visions of another liberal idealist and sees magnanimity as weakness to be exploited rather than as kindness to be reciprocated.

“The ongoing Iranian nuclear program, the fall of Mubarak, the sudden rashness of North Korea, the regional muscle-flexing of Russia and China, the worries of Japan and Western Europe, the emerging new Marxist, anti-American, and anti-democratic axis in Latin America, the implosion of Mexico – again, fairly or not, these will be interpreted as the wages of haughty American pontificating and indecision.

“Once again oil and food prices are skyrocketing, as the dollar weakens, deficits soar and unemployment stays high.”

Just like in 1979.



Panama City schools Security Officer Mike Jones

Superintendent says God deflected gunman's bullets

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faced an angry, rambling man who showed up at a school board meeting, then pulled out a 9 millimeter pistol and fired two shots at Husfelt, missing him both times.

"With a heavily armed ex-convict shooting directly at him, a Florida schools superintendent was prepared to die but said today he was saved when 'God blocked the bullet,'" wrote reporter Darlene McCoy.

"The gunman, Clay A. Duke, opened fire on Husfelt at a school board meeting in Panama City, but nobody was hit. A security officer, Mike Jones, exchanged fire with Duke, wounding him. Duke, 56, then fatally shot himself, the only casualty of the violence caught on videotape.

"He was pointing right at me," Husfelt recalled. "God blocked the bullet."

"Jones fired the shots that felled Duke, the man who

pulled a gun in the meeting chamber and began firing wildly while board members scrambled to safety," reported J. Michael Brown of WMBB-TV.

"Jones served two terms on the school board (1996-2004) and has been in charge of the school district's safety and security for nearly ten years.

"Jones was summoned from his office while the gunman threatened school officials. When Duke opened fire minutes later, it was Jones who fired the shots that brought the gunman down. As he lay on the floor, Duke turned the gun on himself and fired a single, fatal shot to the head."

"Inside that big teddy bear heart of his that hurts for hurting people is a man of steel and a man of great courage," said Luther Stanford, senior pastor of Northside Baptist Church where Jones attends services. "I think Mike is an incredible example of a

regular, everyday, ordinary person that God was able to use in an extraordinary way."

Stanford visited Jones and his family after the shooting. "They're very emotional as you can imagine," said the pastor. "They're trying to gather their thoughts but probably more so than anything they are just praising God for His protection and His intervention. It truly was a miracle."

Duke sat quietly through the first portion of the school board meeting as local children were honored for their achievements. When it came time for citizens to bring up issues, the 56-year-old resident calmly approached the front.

He spray painted a red 'V' with a circle around it on the wall, brandished his handgun and ordered the room cleared.

"Six men stay. Everyone else leave," he said.

Quickly the room emptied as everyone left, including school board member Ginger Littleton.

Moments later, she returned to the room and swung her heavy purse at him. She ended up on the ground after the two struggled. The gunman cursed her, but did not open fire and let her leave the room.

Then he announced that "Someone was going to die."

Husfelt tried to reason with Duke, who complained that his wife had been unfairly dismissed from her job. They talked about possibly finding a job for Duke's wife or looking into the case. Husfelt told the gunman that he likely signed the termination papers, but didn't recall the circumstances.

"I'm the one who signed the papers," Husfelt said, gesturing at the school board members. "Let them go. I don't want anybody to get hurt. I've got a feeling that what you want, is you want the cops to come in and kill you because you are mad. Because you said you are going to die."

"But why? This isn't worth it."

The gunman then pointed the pistol at Husfelt.

"Please don't. Please don't. Please," Husfelt said.

The gunman opened fire at Husfelt and school board members, who dived for the floor. The shots missed them all, even though he was at close range, said Lee Stafford, director of student services of Bay District Schools. Jones then rushed into the room and shot the gunman—who then turned the gun on himself.

"The good Lord was standing in front of me," said the school chief, adding that authorities found two bullet holes behind his desk.

"God blocked the bullet. And I'm not saying that facetiously. I really believe that," Husfelt told CBS' The Early Show anchor Harry Smith.

"I was very confident that I was going to get shot," Husfelt told the ABC Good Morning America hosts. "I wasn't pulling for it, but I was ready if that was going to happen. I knew where I would go if I were to pass away. I was very prepared for that."

"But God blocked the bullet."

Aasia Bibi awaits verdict in isolated cell

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an agricultural laborer in her local village in Punjab. The village elder told her to fetch water.

"What happened next is much disputed — an argument over the relative merits of Islam and Christianity according to some, a refusal by Aasia Bibi's female Muslim co-workers to drink the water she had brought them, on the grounds that it was unclean having been touched by a non-Muslim.

"But the upshot was that the police who came to protect Aasia Bibi ended up arresting her."

When Aasia Bibi was sentenced to death by a municipal court last November, President Asif Ali Zardari, a close friend of Salman Taseer's, ordered a ministerial review, which found the verdict unsound and recommended a presidential pardon.

"The pardon never came. On December 30th the recommendations of the ministerial review were reversed. It became clear that the government had no intention of repealing or reversing Pakistan's

blasphemy law, which is used not just against the tiny Christian population but against Hindus as well.

"Pakistan's blasphemy law is invoked in squabbles of the most minor and local nature. Unfortunate people accused under it, and even their family members, have been summarily murdered. Aasia Bibi knows that her life is not safe even in jail. The pope is one of the many who have appealed, in vain, for her life.

Few other figures in Pakistan have dared to follow in Taseer's footsteps.

Although he was given a state funeral in Lahore, President Zardari did not attend; no leading cleric was prepared to perform his last rites and few Pakistani politicians have come forward to condemn his murder.

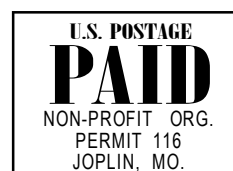
Meanwhile some 500 religious Pakistani leaders have praised his killer and urged Muslims not to mourn Taseer's death.



A 1990s portrait of Aasia Bibi provided by her husband

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An Open Letter from our publisher

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DEAR FRIEND:

This month's edition of *Christian Crusade Newspaper* comes to you a little later than usual and, if we follow the twisted logic of the liberal media, feel free to blame Al Gore.

He says that the massive blizzard that shut down roads all across the Midwest is caused by global warming. His reasoning is that a warmer planet is resulting in this year's dramatically colder temperatures – and the blizzard that dumped 20 inches of snow on Tulsa and closed down our operations.

I marvel at the reasoning of liberals – who also have blamed the recent Tucson shootings of Blue Dog Democrat Gabrielle Giffords and conservative federal judge John M. Roll on Sarah Palin. Read our article about the liberals' odd logic that begins on Page 1.

I hope you will be inspired by our account of the Florida superintendent of schools who faced down another crazed gunman, then boldly told the Associated Press, ABC News and anybody else who would listen that God protected him from harm. *Hallelujah!*

Also starting on Page 1 is our coverage of the ongoing chaos in Egypt. I believe you will be stunned by this inside look at the Obama White House's bungling. Egypt's Hosni Mubarak was no angel. But he supported American interests and stayed faithful to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Elsewhere in this month's edition, we provide an update on the tragic case of Aasia Bibi, a bold Christian woman in Pakistan. She dared to ask her neighbors just what Mohammed had done for them – and proclaimed how Jesus had saved her. For this "blasphemy," she sits on death row. Her situation is dangerous. Pakistan's one national politician who supported her case has been assassinated.

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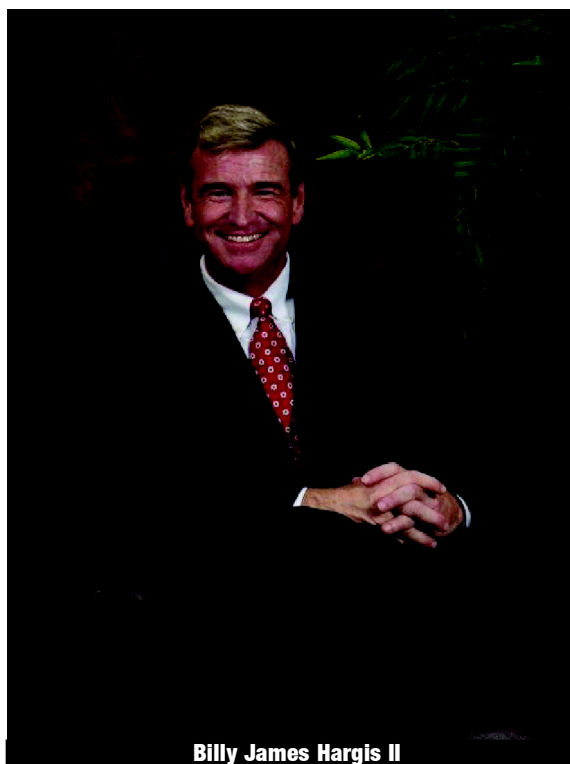
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