

## *The Complete Obama Timeline*

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On August 1 the *Chicago Tribune* reports that Nadir Soofi, one of the assailants in the attempted May 3 terrorist attack at a free speech event in Garland, Texas, purchased guns in 2010 that were part of the Obama administration's ill-advised Operation Fast and Furious. "The idea of the secret program was to allow [gun stores] to sell illegal weapons to criminals and straw purchasers, and track the guns back to large smuggling networks and drug cartels. Instead, federal agents lost track of the weapons and the operation became a fiasco, particularly after several of the missing guns were linked to shootings in Mexico and the 2010 killing of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry in Arizona. ... The FBI so far has refused to release any details, including serial numbers, about the weapons used in Garland by Soofi and Simpson. Senate investigators are now pressing law enforcement agencies for answers, raising the chilling possibility that a gun sold during the botched Fast and Furious operation ended up being used in a terrorist attack against Americans." [79229, 79230, 79237, 79243, 79248]

Retired Lieutenant Colonel and former Congressman Allen West writes, "I can confirm that the United States Navy is bringing charges against Lt. Cmdr Timothy White for illegally discharging a firearm on federal property." (White was one of the officers who reportedly returned fire when Mohammed Youssef Abdulazeez shot and killed five members of the U.S. military in Chattanooga, Tennessee.) West continues, "What kind of freaking idiots are in charge of our Armed Forces—pardon me, our 'unArmed Forces?' What would they prefer that Abdulazeez had been able to kill all the Marines and Sailors at the Naval Support Reserve Center? Let me draw an interesting contrast: Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus is more concerned about lifting the ban on transgendered Sailors. Mabus has a problem in that for the first time since 2007 the US Navy will not have a Carrier Battle Group operating in the Persian Gulf. But this knucklehead has no problem with the Navy seeking to destroy the career of a Sailor, a commander of an installation, returning fire against an Islamic jihadist attack. I do not care if it was his personal weapon, he deserves a medal for facing the enemy. Folks, this has become the Obama military that will not implement policies for our men and women in uniform to be protected—but will punish them if they do protect themselves." [78231, 79232, 79234, 79263, 79276, 79326]

"Ponder this, Obama will pardon drug dealers, but men who fight the enemy are imprisoned? Now, can someone, any one of you inane characterless liberal progressive trolls explain that to me? Explain it to us that you would rather have had more Sailors and Marines die than for this Navy Commander to draw his personal weapon in defense of his command. That's what the Naval Support Center was for Lt. Cmdr White—his responsibility to defend, protect. Here we have a president and secretary of state sitting down with a sworn enemy in Iran who holds four Americans hostage, and we're going to bring charges against an American Naval Commander who returned fire against the enemy. This is indeed FUBAR [fucked up beyond all recognition]! ... This is just another

in the long line of reasons why we must NEVER allow [another] progressive socialist to be commander-in-chief.” [79231, 79232, 79234]

At the Aspen Security Forum, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson says, “The one thing I hear consistently [from Muslims in the United States], ...is, ‘ISIL [ISIS] is trying to hijack my religion. We can’t let them do that.’ And so, if you call it ‘Islamic *anything*’, uh, we are dignifying this terrorist organization with occupying a part of the Islamic faith, which Muslims in this country I know push back very strongly on. If I went into these communities calling it ‘Islamic extremism’ I’d get nowhere.” Challenged by the lame political correctness of his statement, Johnson responds, “I could not disagree more. Um, ISIL would like us...” Reminded, “It *is* called the *Islamic* state,” Johnson says, “Yes, and many people believe that, uh, they do not to be... not deserve to be called Islamic or a state. Uh, ISIL, I think, like to be referred to as Islamic extremism, because it therefore concedes that what they are saying and what they are doing occupies legitimately some form of Islam, which is about peace. And so, here domestically, I think it’s critical that in order to build our relationship and build our level of cooperation with the Islamic community here, um, we have to say to them, ‘Look, we understand that what this depraved terrorist organization is no part of your religion.’” [79257, 79258, 79259, 79352]

At WeeklyStandard.com Michael Graham responds, “Even if you buy Johnson’s intellectually feeble claim that the Koran-quoting, Allah-praising, Halal-keeping members of Islamic State have ‘no connection to Islam,’ they certainly believe they do. Denying a connection between al Qaeda and Islam would be like denying any connection between the Christian Identity movement and Christianity. The typical Christian understands that, which is why they don’t object. Even more disturbing... Johnson says he can’t call Islamic terror ‘Islamic terror’ out of deference to American Muslims because they won’t cooperate with homeland security efforts if he does. So the head of DHS believes American Muslims will stand by and watch their fellow Americans die in bomb blasts over a vocabulary dispute? That may be the most insulting thing you’ll ever hear anyone say about Islam in America. If I met someone at a cocktail party and they expressed such a juvenile, naive opinion, I’d roll my eyes and wander back to the bar for another Bushmills. But to hear it from the guy whose job is to protecting my family from terrorists? That’s too important to be ignored.” [79260]

Caroline Glick warns at Townhall.com of Obama’s support of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. She writes, “Like the Iranians, since the war [in Syria] broke out, Erdogan has played a central role in transforming what started out as a local uprising into a regional conflict between Sunni and Shiite jihadists. With Obama’s full support, by late 2012 Erdogan had built an opposition dominated by his totalitarian allies in the Muslim Brotherhood. By mid-2013, Erdogan’s Muslim Brotherhood-led coalition was eclipsed by al-Qaida spinoffs. They also enjoyed Turkish support. And when last summer ISIS supplanted al-Qaida as the dominant Sunni jihadist force in Syria, it did so with Erdogan’s full backing. For the past 18 months, Turkey has been ISIS’s logistical, political and economic base. According to Brett McGurk, the State Department’s point man on ISIS, about 25,000 foreign fighters have joined ISIS in Syria and Iraq. All of

them transited through Turkey. Most of the antiquities that ISIS plunders in Iraq and Syria make their way to the world market through Turkey. So, too, most of the oil that ISIS produces in Syria and Iraq is smuggled out through Turkey. According to the US Treasury, ISIS has made \$1 million-\$4m. a day from oil revenue.” [79216, 79239, 79344]

“...Last week, Obama cut a deal with Erdogan that changes the West’s relationship with Erdogan. Instead of maintaining its current practice of balancing its support for Turkey with its support for the Kurds, under the agreement, the West ditches its support for the Kurds and transfers its support to Turkey exclusively. The Kurdish peshmerga militias operating today in Iraq and Syria are the only military outfits making sustained progress in the war against ISIS. Since last October, the Kurds in Syria have liberated ISIS-controlled and -threatened areas along the Turkish border. ...After refusing for months to work with NATO forces in their anti-ISIS operations, Erdogan announced he was entering the fray. He would begin targeting ‘terrorists’ and allow the US air force to use two Turkish air bases for its anti-ISIS operations. In exchange, the US agreed to set up a ‘safe zone’ in Syria along the Turkish border. Turkish officials were quick to explain that in targeting ‘terrorists,’ the Turks would not distinguish between Kurdish terrorists and ISIS terrorists just because the former are fighting ISIS. Both, they insisted, are legitimate targets. Erdogan closed his deal in a telephone call with Obama. And he immediately went into action. Turkish forces began bombing terrorist targets and rounding up terrorist suspects. Although a few of the Turkish bombing runs have been directly against ISIS, the vast majority have targeted Kurdish forces in Iraq and Syria. ...Already the Kurds are reporting that the US has stopped providing air support for their forces fighting ISIS in the border town of Jarabulus. Those forces were bombed this week by Turkish F-16s.” (Obama has facilitated Turkey’s strikes against the Kurds—even though the Kurds are on the U.S. side in the fight against ISIS.) [79216, 79239, 79344]

“...Two years ago, in August 2013, the world held its breath awaiting US action in Syria. That month, after prolonged equivocation amidst mountains of evidence, the Obama administration was forced to acknowledge that Iran’s Syrian puppet Bashar Assad had crossed Obama’s self-declared redline and used chemical weapons against regime opponents, including civilians. US forces assembled for battle. Everything looked ready to go, until just hours before US jets were scheduled to begin bombing regime targets, Obama canceled the operation. In so doing, he lost all deterrent power against Iran. He also lost all strategic credibility among America’s regional allies. ...Obama has gone full circle in concluding his deal with Erdogan. Since entering office, Obama has sought to cut deals with both the Sunni jihadists of the Muslim Brotherhood ilk and the Shi’ite jihadists of the Iranian ilk. His chemical deal with Assad and his nuclear deal with the ayatollahs accomplished the latter goal, and did so at the expense of America’s Sunni Arab allies and Israel. His deal last week with Erdogan accomplishes the former goal, to the benefit of ISIS, and on the backs of America’s Kurdish allies. So that takes care of the Middle East. With 17 months left to go till Obama leave office, the time has apparently come for the British to begin to worry.” [79216, 79239, 79344]

*The New York Times*’ editorial board writes, “The exaggerations and half-truths that some Republicans are using to derail ...Obama’s important and necessary nuclear deal with

Iran are beyond ugly. Invoking the Holocaust, Mike Huckabee, a contender for the Republican presidential nomination, has accused Mr. Obama of marching Israelis ‘to the door of the oven.’ Tom Cotton, a senator from Arkansas, has compared Secretary of State John Kerry, who helped negotiate the deal, to Pontius Pilate. What should be a thoughtful debate has been turned into a vicious battle against ...Obama, involving not just the Republicans but Israel’s prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. The unseemly spectacle of lawmakers siding with a foreign leader against their own commander in chief has widened an already dangerous breach between two old allies. Policy considerations aside, what is most striking about the demagoguery is how ahistorical, if not downright hypocritical, it is. Negotiating with adversaries to advance a more stable world has long been a necessity, and Republican presidents have been among its most eager practitioners.” [79286]

Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson responds, “Because the *Times*’ editors and Democratic lawmakers were famously loyal to the previous Commander-in-Chief, right? Benjamin Netanyahu believes the accord profoundly endangers his country’s safety; many Republicans agree, and have also concluded that the deal imperils the United States. ...Obama likes to tout other foreign leaders’ support for the agreement, even pressing British Prime Minister David Cameron to lobby the Senate on its behalf. Is this an ‘unseemly spectacle,’ too? An American politician siding with foreign leaders over his own Congress? It’s a nonsense argument, designed to re-imagine principled opposition on a crucial issue as illegitimate and unpatriotic nihilism.” [79287]

“It’s also amusing that the *Times* editorial explicitly sets aside ‘policy considerations,’ which are the entire basis for most opponents’ critiques, in order to showcase the brilliant insight that past Republican presidents have engaged in diplomacy with US adversaries. They present this as a ‘gotcha.’ It’s nothing of the sort. Republicans aren’t opposed to fruitful and productive negotiations that advance American interests and make the world safer and more stable. They’re opposed to lopsided agreements that give away the store to fanatical terrorist regimes while actively destabilizing the world. The editorial also ignores the substantial cohort of Democrats who are assailing the accord as weak and unacceptable. The *Times* would like its readers to believe that opposition to the deal is just another partisan project from wild-eyed know-nothing Republicans. In fact, it’s serious, informed and bipartisan.” [79287]

While the mainstream media is obsessed with the story of a lion shot by a dentist on safari in Zimbabwe, GotNews.com points out that in 2010 the Food and Drug Administration approved the sale of lion meat in the United States. [79233]

NYPPost.com reports, “Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has published a new book called ‘Palestine,’ a 416-page screed against the Jewish state. A blurb on the back cover credits Khamenei as ‘The flagbearer of Jihad to liberate Jerusalem.’ ...Khamenei makes his position clear from the start: Israel has no right to exist as a state. He uses three words. One is ‘nabudi’ which means ‘annihilation.’ The other is ‘imha’ which means ‘fading out,’ and, finally, there is ‘zaval’ meaning ‘effacement.’ Khamenei claims that his strategy for the destruction of Israel is not based on anti-Semitism, which he describes as

a European phenomenon. His position is instead based on ‘well-established Islamic principles.’” [79235, 79236, 79331]

At GatestoneInstitute.org Soeren Kern describes the problem of Muslim “No-GO Zones in Germany.” “Duisburg, which has a total population of around 500,000, is home to an estimated 60,000 mostly Turkish Muslims, making it one of the most Islamized cities in Germany. In recent years, however, thousands of Bulgarians and Romanians (including Sinti and Roma ‘gypsies’) have flocked to Duisburg, creating a volatile ethno-religious cauldron. ...In the Duisburg neighborhood of Marxloh, for example, a horde of Lebanese immigrants on June 29 attacked two police officers who were attempting to arrest two men for smoking cannabis on a public sidewalk. Within minutes, the officers were surrounded by more than 100 men who tried to prevent the arrests from taking place. Ten squad cars and dozens of police reinforcements were required to rescue the two officers. Also in Marxloh, two men who got into a fight on June 24 used their cellphones to call their friends for backup support. Within minutes, more than 300 people had gathered at the scene. At least 100 police officers attempted to separate the two groups, but the mob quickly turned on the police. According to Duisburg police spokesperson Ramon van der Maat, ‘It happens time and time again, we are called to an incident that at first does not seem so bad. But then we need nine, ten or eleven police cars to restore order.’” [79238, 79262]

Bernhard Witthaut, Chief Police Commissioner of Germany, has stated, “Every police commissioner and interior minister will deny it. But of course we know where we can go with the police car and where, even initially, only with the personnel carrier. The reason is that our colleagues can no longer feel safe there in twos, and have to fear becoming the victim of a crime themselves. We know that these areas exist. Even worse: in these areas, crimes no longer result in charges. They are left to themselves. Only in the worst cases do we in the police learn anything about it. The power of the state is completely out of the picture.” “Germany,” notes Kern, “is now home to the largest number of immigrants (8.2 million) of any member state of the European Union. Germany also has the second-largest Muslim population (5 million) in the EU. Germany continues to be the recipient of the largest number of asylum applications in the EU. Germany received more than 200,000 asylum-seekers in 2014, and that number is expected to more than double by the end of 2015.” [79238]

In Memphis, Tennessee, police officer Sean Bolton (an Iraq War veteran) is shot and killed by Tremaine Wilbourn—who was out on “supervised release” after having served time in prison for a bank robbery. Bolton is white; Wilbourn is black. Obama and Al Sharpton have no comment. (On August 3 Wilbourn turns himself in, and tells reporters, “‘I want you to know that one, I am not a cold-blooded killer and two, I am not a coward.’” His supporters chant “Free T!” at the federal building in Memphis.) [79271, 79272, 79315, 79316, 79323]

On August 2 Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee, appears on *Meet the Press* and inadvertently includes Hillary Clinton in her list of right-wing Republicans. Wasserman Schultz also (again)

stumbles on a question about the difference between Democrats and socialists. MSNBC's Chris Matthews also appears on the program, and says, "Socialists traditionally believe in government control of the economy, and Democrats believe in modifying the economy to help the people at the bottom with a safety net." (Matthews is wrong if he does not think Democrats seek government control of the economy. As an example, the push for a "single payer" health care system was not intended to "help people at the bottom," it was intended to give the government *100 percent control* of the nation's health care system. More accurately, socialism is a system of government control and ownership of the means of production. A government that allows private ownership of the means of production but exercises significant control over that production warrants use of the term fascism more than the term socialism.) [79244, 79245, 79255, 79267, 79358, 79428]

On *This Week*, Donald Trump defends a November 25, 2014 Twitter message: "Sadly, because president Obama has done such a poor job as president, you won't see another black president for generations!" Trump tells ABC's Jonathan Karl, "Because I think that he has set a very poor standard. I think that he has set a very low bar and I think it's a shame for the African American people. And by the way, he has done nothing for African Americans. You look at what's gone on with their income levels. You look at what's gone on with their youth. I thought that he would be a great cheerleader for this country. I thought he'd do a fabulous job for the African American citizens of this country. They have problems now in terms of unemployment numbers, look at their unemployment numbers. And you have, here you have a black president who's done very poorly for the African Americans of this country. ...And I think that I will win the African American vote and I think I will win the Hispanic vote. And if you see the recent polls that came out, Jon, you'll see that because I'm leading in the Hispanic vote." [79273]

On *Face the Nation*, Donald Trump logically declares, "I fight like hell to pay as little as possible [in taxes] for two reasons. Number one, I'm a businessman. And that's the way you're supposed to do it. The other reason is that I hate the way our government spends our taxes. I hate the way they waste our money. Trillions and trillions of dollars of waste and abuse. And I hate it." He admits he is "probably the first candidate in the history of politics within this country to say... 'I try to pay as little tax as possible.'" Trump also says he may tie a release of his tax returns to the release of all of Hillary Clinton's emails. [79278, 79279]

WSJ.com reports, "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday [August 3] will set the nation's first-ever limits on power-plant carbon emissions, mandating ambitious cuts that exceed the targets laid out in a proposal released last year. The EPA will require a 32% reduction in the emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels—a move the Obama administration describes as a 'historic action' to combat climate change but one critics are likely to argue is both costly and untenable. The final version of the climate policy gives states more time to comply with the regulations but also raises the bar with a steeper cut to emissions than the 30% target proposed in a draft rule last year, according to a senior administration official. ... 'Climate change is not a problem for another generation. Not anymore,' ...Obama says in a new video. 'That's why on Monday, my administration will release the final version of America's Clean Power Plan—the biggest,

most important step we've ever taken to combat climate change.' Republicans and some Democratic lawmakers, along with the coal industry and governors whose states rely on coal for much of their electricity, strongly oppose the plan and are expected to challenge it on Capitol Hill and in the courts." [79246, 79247]

On *Aaron Klein Investigative Radio*, G. Gordon Liddy—of Watergate break-in fame—points out that “nobody even caught a cold at the Watergate office building. But four devoted American citizens, including an ambassador, were left to die in Benghazi. ... You know, it's like in World War II, on June 6th 1944, when we invaded Europe. Nobody wanted to wake up Adolph Hitler and tell him what was happening. It's sort of akin to that. Nobody wanted to wake up anybody who can do anything. So they just hoped that they could skate through it. Well, people died because of that attitude.” Hillary Clinton gets away with things because the “American press has been protecting her by sort of omission, if you know what I mean.” Of the Hillary Clinton email scandal, Liddy states, “It's obvious what she has done. She has cherry picked information to go public. Destroyed and or concealed the rest. ... The woman is a flat out liar. She's a woman who is devoted to the dollar rather the country. And I think her election would be a disaster for the American people.” [79253]

At *WashingtonTimes.com* Guy Taylor writes, “With U.S. intelligence officials scrambling to contain damage from potentially hundreds of spy agency secrets in Hillary Rodham Clinton's private emails, questions are mounting over why the Justice Department has not yet opened a criminal investigation against the Democratic presidential front-runner for mishandling a mountain of classified information. While some secrecy experts believe Mrs. Clinton will be able to build a strong case that material on her server was not classified at the time it was moving through her emails, others assert that what the former secretary of state did was far more egregious than the mishandling of information that saw former CIA Director David H. Petraeus sentenced to two years probation and a \$100,000 fine. ‘I don't see how the Justice Department would be able to avoid at least investigating this,’ said Kevin Carroll, a former CIA officer and secrecy lawyer in Washington. ‘What Petraeus did was really small in comparison, because there was no exposure of any information to any foreign intelligence services. ... Information put on [Clinton's] home-cooked server and then sent around to other accounts is a very, very serious counterintelligence breach, and they're going to have to have a really substantial look at the damage that's been done to every agency that's had its intelligence compromised.’” [79270]

On MSNBC, former South Carolina Democrat party chairman Dick Harpootlian says, “I think Hillary [Clinton] comes into the race, as she did in '08 with all kinds of baggage... There's [sic; there are] going to be distractions, we saw just this week with *The Wall Street Journal* about payments money raised to the [Clinton] Foundation and speeches given, prior to her becoming secretary of state... It's that kind of record and those kinds of distractions that will keep her off balance and the Democratic party off-balance throughout the Clinton campaign... I think it's very important to understand, she will die a death of a thousand cuts, as I said some time ago while [Vice President Joe] Biden can focus the voters on him and on what he proposes to do... Joe Biden is an inspirational

figure. He gives a great speech... Bill Clinton had that. Barack Obama had that. Even George W. Bush has that. Hillary Clinton does not have the ability to inspire people.” [79254]

Donald Trump leads an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll of Republican candidates conducted July 26-30 with 19 percent. Scott Walker follows with 15; Jeb Bush, 14; Ben Carson, 10; Ted Cruz, 9; Mike Huckabee, 6; Rand Paul, 6; Marco Rubio, 5; Chris Christie, 3; John Kasich, 3; Rick Perry, 3. All other GOP candidates (Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, George Pataki, Jim Gilmore) have one percent or less. [79256]

NYTimes.com reports that Vice President Joe Biden “and his associates have begun to actively explore a possible presidential campaign, which would upend the Democratic field and deliver a direct threat to Hillary Rodham Clinton, several people who have spoken to Mr. Biden or his closest advisers say. Mr. Biden’s advisers have started to reach out to Democratic leaders and donors who have not yet committed to Mrs. Clinton or who have grown concerned about what they see as her increasingly visible vulnerabilities as a candidate. ...On Saturday [August 1], the New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd reported that Mr. Biden had been holding meetings at his residence, ‘talking to friends, family and donors about jumping in’ to challenge Mrs. Clinton in Iowa and New Hampshire, the first two nominating states.” (How Clinton responds to a Biden candidacy will be interesting. Attacks on Biden will be seen by many as attacks on Obama’s agenda and policies, so she will have to tread lightly. Clinton despises Obama—but she has to be careful not to make it obvious as she goes after Biden.) [79265, 79266]

On August 3 White House press secretary Josh Earnest appears on CNN’s *New Day* and admits he has not seen the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood, but defends the abortion mill anyway: “I don’t have a whole lot of insight into the specific policies and procedures that Planned Parenthood follows. But what they say, is that, they say they follow the highest ethical standards in the industry.” (Translation: “Just trust them and keep the taxpayer subsidies flowing.”) [79284]

On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, Earnest defends strict new “global warming” restrictions to be placed on power plants: “There’s no doubt that this is going to be a difficult transition, but it’s a transition that is clearly in the best interests of our economy, it’s clearly in the best interest of the health of children all across the country, and it’s in the best interests of the planet. ...If we actually make progress in investing in this clean energy, what we’re actually going to do, we’re actually going to lower costs for consumers. [Making it more expensive for power plants to operate will most certainly not lower costs for consumers.] We’re going to take the most important, substantial step that our country’s ever taken to reduce the causes of climate change [climate change is caused by the sun’s impact on the earth, the earth’s orbit, ocean currents, clouds, wind, volcanic eruptions, and thousands of natural processes that take place on the planet every day—not power plants] and what we’re going to do, we’re going scale back the carbon pollution that our power generators are currently allowed to spew into the atmosphere. For too long, we’ve seen Washington,



D.C., putting off and delaying action, serious action, to fight the causes of climate change. And we've seen special interests mobilize to try to fight any effort to do that. And I have no doubt that special interests in Washington, D.C., are going to squeal, as are the politicians who are in their pocket. But the fact of the matter is, these rules are going to do something to finally confront the causes of climate change, it's actually going to have significant benefits for public health, particularly children with asthma, and it's going to accelerate the progress that we've made already in transitioning to a clean energy economy." (CO<sub>2</sub> levels have nothing to do with asthma. Earnest is using shameless scare tactics.) [79285, 79382, 80503]

Obama announces strict new "Clean Power Plan" power plant regulations—not passed by Congress, but arbitrarily imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency—to fight "climate change." (The plan is essentially a national energy tax, something he could not persuade Congress to pass when Democrats controlled both the House and the Senate.) Obama says, "Climate change is no longer just about the future that we're predicting for our children or grandchildren, it's about the reality that we're living with every day." Politico.com writes, "[T]he regulation has drawn fierce opposition and threats of lawsuits from GOP lawmakers and coal-dependent industries, which say it will force coal-fired power plants to shut down, prevent new ones from opening, make electricity more expensive and possibly cause blackouts. Hillary Clinton and other Democrats running for president have praised the rule, while Republican 2016 hopefuls condemn it." [79282, 79288, 79290, 79327, 79355, 79357, 79385]

The Media Research Center notes NBC anchor Lester Holt's praise for Obama's comments. Holt called the address "a rare moment at the White House" in which Obama "got unexpectedly emotional as he unveiled a sweeping controversial plan to deal with climate change, which he called 'one of the key challenges of our lifetime.'" NBC's Chris Jansing says Obama "made a passionate case for reducing carbon emissions, especially from coal-burning power plants, arguing that nothing less than our health, safety, and future are at stake." At CBS, Scott Pelley provides a more balanced report, pointing out that "More than a thousand U.S. power stations fueled by coal will face major changes, and that industry is suing. Because this is an executive action and not a law, a future president could change these rules." [79373]

Even if mankind is contributing to significant changes in the earth's climate—an argument which is arguably absurd—Obama's demands will make no difference in "global warming" whatsoever because the United States is only one nation among about 190. Making Americans pay more for electricity, and put up with power outages, while China opens a new coal-fired power plant every few weeks is nonsensical. To intentionally drive up the cost of electricity in the hopes that such an action *might* cause the average temperature of the earth to fall by a fraction of a degree is simply ludicrous—especially when thousands of jobs will be lost in the process. (If, for example, an American manufacturer is forced to pay 30-40 percent more for electricity to operate a factory, that increase in overhead gives a competitive advantage to factories in China. The planet will not be "saved" from "climate change"; more jobs will move from the United States to China.) [79355, 79357, 79382, 79424]

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) says Obama's scheme "will deliver another blow to the economy and the middle class." House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) calls it "an expensive, arrogant insult to Americans who are struggling to make ends meet." Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) calls the regulations "unachievable without great economic pain" and a "burden ... Obama thinks the American people should bear for the sake of his legacy." (It is worth noting that Obama's regulations bring back the cap-and-trade gimmick he was unable to persuade Congress to pass. The new regulations, influenced—and perhaps partially drafted—by non-government groups such as the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Sierra Club, require that each of the 50 states present plans outlining how they will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 30 percent. Those plans can include cap-and-trade schemes.) [79290, 79334, 79355, 79357, 79371]

At DailySignal.com economist Nicolas Loris observes, "Even though electricity generation accounts for the single largest source of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States, the estimated reduction is minuscule compared to global greenhouse gas emissions. Climatologists estimate that the administration's climate regulations will avert less than two hundredths of a degree Celsius by 2100. [One study estimates an average global temperature reduction of a mere 0.009° Celsius.] In fact, all the plan will do is bring about higher energy bills, lost income, fewer jobs and a weaker economy—with little to no impact on the Earth's temperature. The role of the federal government should be not to promote or restrict any energy source or technology, but instead to enforce free-market policies that generate innovation and provide competitive prices. In fact, the federal government has done much more to restrict the development of these energy sources than promote them, with Obama's climate regulations being the latest blow. ...Further, a regulation that increases energy prices will disproportionately eat into the income of the poorest American families. The cumulative economic impact of higher energy prices will be hundreds of thousands of jobs lost and more than \$2.5 trillion in lost economic growth." [79319, 79355, 79357, 79424]

Stephen Moore later notes at Townhall.com that "...almost all the states that are politically liberal and vote unfailingly Democratic are low coal use states. ...Only conservative Idaho is a red state with low coal consumption. Meanwhile, the heavy coal using states bleed red. West Virginia, Kentucky and Wyoming all get about 90 percent of their electric power from coal. Missouri, Utah, Indiana and North Dakota also get 75 percent of their electricity from coal. ...[T]he pain from the new Environmental Protection Agency rules won't be evenly distributed across America. Far from it. The liberal coastal states will feel relatively modest jobs losses because they rely less on manufacturing. On the other hand, coal-producing states, such as West Virginia and Wyoming, will see massive job losses and increases in electric utility costs. ...Obama's policies that have had such a crushing effect on middle-income family finances are about to get a whole lot worse. ...It's time to label the Obama green policies what they truly are: steep taxes on red state America. By the way, many purple states such as Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia also get hammered by Obama's climate change agenda." [79630, 79771]

Puerto Rico defaults on a \$58 million debt payment, paying only \$628,000 of the total due. According to USA Today.com, “Puerto Rico’s outstanding debt of \$72 billion is far bigger than Detroit’s \$20 billion bankruptcy two years ago but a fraction of Greece’s \$350 billion in obligations. But unlike Detroit, there’s no law allowing Puerto Rico to declare bankruptcy. And Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has said the federal government won’t bail out the island, as institutions such as the International Monetary Fund rescued Greece. ...Lew told Congress a significant portion of Puerto Rico’s debt is held by individual retail investors or municipal bond funds. Earlier this year, Charles Schwab said about 30% of municipal bond mutual funds have holdings in the island. ...Although Puerto Rico could raise taxes to narrow its budget deficit, that likely would accelerate the mass exodus of residents from the island... The commonwealth has been in and out of recession since corporate tax breaks for manufacturers locating there were phased out in 2006.” [79561]

With Obama increasingly turning his back on Israel, the Jewish state agrees to purchase four advanced battleships from Germany. OverpassesforAmerica.com reports, “The 430-million-euro purchase is part of Israel’s effort to secure the gas rigs in its economic waters—an offshore region that includes gas-drilling areas, extending beyond Israel’s territorial waters in the Mediterranean. ...Germany’s TKMS shipyard in Kiel will provide the Israeli navy with four advanced patrol corvettes, which will become part of the defense parameter.” [79519]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “An investigation may have found evidence a top State Department aide to Hillary Clinton took advantage of government employment rules with potential conflicts of interest and overpayments. In a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry Thursday [July 30], Sen. Chuck Grassley [R-IA], chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said an inspector general probe suggested Huma Abedin leveraged her State Department job to benefit her two other employers at the time: the Clinton Foundation and a consulting firm called Teneo Strategies. Teneo Strategies was founded by a longtime aide to Bill Clinton, Douglas Band, and boasted the former president as a paid board member when it first launched in 2011. Abedin allegedly sent or received more than 7,000 emails on her government account that involved Band, the letter said.” [79268, 79353, 79387, 79773]

Obama’s propaganda arm, Organizing for Action, sends a tweet reminding the entire world that the next day is Obama’s birthday. [79269]

Obama attends a “Presidential Summit for the Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders.” One attendee asks Obama, “Persons with Albinism in Africa are being killed and their body parts harvested for ritual purposes. My request to you is to raise this issue with the heads of state from African countries to bring these atrocities to an end.” Obama responds, “Well, eh, eh, eh, can I just say, the notion that that any African would discriminate against somebody because of the color of their skin, after what black people around the world have gone through, is crazy. It is infuriating and, and, I have no patience for it, I, when I was in Africa, I said, th... th... there are important traditions

and, uh, folkways that need to be respected. That's [sic; that are] part of who [sic; what], you know, each culture is, each country is, but there's [sic; there are] also just foolish traditions and, and old ways of doin' business." [79335, 79396, 79429, 79481]

CNSNews.com notes, "As *Sky News* reported in February, some African witch doctors use Albino body parts in witchcraft rituals. In Tanzania, a one-year-old Albino boy was kidnapped and his arms and legs were hacked off; police suspect those body parts were used in witchcraft. At least 70 Albino people were killed in Tanzania in the last 10 years, reported the article, and the United Nations has condemned the paganistic practice, which reportedly is on the rise." The mainstream media pays no attention to the fact that Obama is condemning the harvesting of body parts in Africa while at the same time his administration is defending Planned Parenthood—which is arguably doing the same thing in the United States. At Townhall.com Matt Vespa writes, "I guess albinos in Africa are just a tad higher on the totem poll than babies regarding respect for life in the Obama White House." [79335, 79396, 79429, 79481]

At CommentaryMagazine.com Michael Rubin warns, "Since ...Obama has begun his outreach to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iranian attempts to destabilize Bahrain have accelerated. There have now been four weapons caches seized in country, and two interceptions of smuggling attempts by boat, and two by bus. Forensic analysis pointed directly to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and Kata'ib Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy operating in Iraq. ...[T]he increasing Iranian aggression toward Bahrain simply foreshadows the immediate future with Iran's hardliners empowered by a deal which does little to constrain Iran's nuclear program but much to empower the Iranian hardliners bent on regional transformation." (Pamela Geller observes, "Tiny Bahrain is a pillar of Washington's military framework in the region. It hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, which is a critical counterbalance to Iran. But now, emboldened by Obama's capitulation, the Iranians don't see any force in the world with the will or the means to stop them. This is just the beginning of a great deal more unrest and instability fomented by the mullahs—and that will be Barack Obama's most lasting legacy.") [79349, 79350]

According to a Quinnipiac poll, Americans oppose Obama's nuclear deal with Iran 57 to 28 percent, "with only lukewarm support from Democrats and overwhelming opposition for Republicans and independent voters... Voters say [by] 58-30 percent the nuclear pact will make the world less safe... Opposing the Iran deal are Republicans 86-3 percent and independent voters 55-29 percent, while Democrats support it 52-32 percent. There is little gender gap as men oppose the deal 59-30 percent and women oppose it 56-27 percent." (During a 2008 presidential debate with Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Obama said "the biggest threat to the United States is a terrorist getting their hands on nuclear weapons [sic]." In 2015, Obama negotiates an agreement that allows a state sponsor of terrorism to get its hands on nuclear weapons.) [79280, 79281, 79310, 80208]

According to a Monmouth University poll, Donald Trump leads Republican candidates with 26.0 percent. Behind Trump are Jeb Bush (12.2 percent), Scott Walker (11.1), Ted Cruz (5.8), Mike Huckabee (5.7), Ben Carson (4.6), Chris Christie (4.4), Ron Paul (4.4), Marco Rubio (4.4), John Kasich (3.2), Carly Fiorina (1.9), Rick Perry (1.8), Bobby Jindal

(1.2), Rick Santorum (1.0), Lindsey Graham (0.7), George Pataki (0.4), and James Gilmore (0). Trump's favorable/unfavorable rating has improved, from 20/55 in June, 40/41 in July, to 52/35 in August. [79305, 79306, 79332]

In an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, Hillary Clinton's favorable/unfavorable rating plummets to 37/48 (down from 44/40 in June). Remarkably, Hillary "first woman president!" Clinton is in negative territory *among women* who were surveyed: 41/45. (*National Review's* Jim Geraghty: "Go figure, women voters don't like pathological liars.") Among black voters, Clinton has gone from 81/3 to 66/15 in only one month. Among Democrat primary voters, Clinton's lead over Senator Bernie Sanders falls to 51-22. (She was at 61 percent one month earlier.) [79309, 79330]

It is worth noting that Obama's voting record in the U.S. Senate was even to the left of that of socialist Bernie Sanders. (Of course, the mainstream media rarely bothers to mention that Sanders is a socialist.) A *National Journal* review of Senate votes in 2007 gave Obama a liberal voting average of 95.5 and ranks him the most to the left of any Senator. Sanders ranked fourth, with an average of 93.7. (Then-Senator Joe Biden took third place in the "most-liberal" rankings in 2007, while Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) took second place. The 2008 ratings are largely meaningless because Obama was then so busy campaigning that he was absent from the Senate floor for many votes.) [79880, 80075]

To the surprise of no one, Senate Democrats block a cloture motion that would have allowed a vote to proceed on the elimination of federal funding of Planned Parenthood. The vote is 53-46, with 60 votes needed. HotAir.com reports, "With the Senate voting against de-funding, attention now turns to attempts to de-fund Planned Parenthood via the budget process. Already, 18 House Republicans have said they will not allow passage of any essential bills to fund the federal government if such bills do not include language de-funding Planned Parenthood. Attention will also now turn to Congressional and state efforts to investigate Planned Parenthood's sale of body parts from aborted babies and state-level efforts to de-fund Planned Parenthood further." (Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) votes no for procedural purposes, in order to be able to later request a re-vote. Campaigning in New Hampshire, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) misses the vote. Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) votes with the Democrats. Senators Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Joe Manchin (D-WV) vote with the Republicans.) [79291, 70292, 79304, 79318, 79322, 79337, 79354]

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List, notes, "When the Senate last voted to defund Planned Parenthood, only 42 voted for it. Since that 2011 effort, things have only gotten worse for the nation's largest abortion provider. The Center for Medical Progress has released less than half of its damning evidence of brutality and callousness at Planned Parenthood and, as more videos are made public, outrage will surely grow." [79304]

DailySignal.com writes, "The fact that there were 53 votes to defund Planned Parenthood... will be a very important number when Congress returns in September.

Here's why. Because Congress hasn't passed individual appropriation bills to fund various government agencies, departments and programs, it will have to put all those appropriations into one big continuing resolution this fall, and pass it, to keep the entire government operating. Monday's vote in the Senate to defund Planned Parenthood shows that there aren't 60 votes to pass that continuing resolution if Planned Parenthood funding is included in it. The question is, do the 46 senators who voted for continuing to fund Planned Parenthood believe it is so important to continue giving taxpayer dollars to the nation's largest abortion provider, especially in light of the current scandal, that they will refuse to pass a continuing resolution that doesn't fund Planned Parenthood? Are they willing to shut down the government rather than pass such a continuing resolution?" (That is, the Republican-controlled House and Senate can draft appropriations legislation without including funding for Planned Parenthood. If the Democrats block the legislation (or Obama issues a veto), the government will shut down—and the Democrats will be responsible.) [79318]

Not only does Planned Parenthood receive about \$500 million from the federal government each year, in 2014 its lobbying arm, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, received more than \$435,000 from just three labor unions (AFSCME, UFCW, and SEIU)—without the permission of the union workers whose union dues fund those payments. According to the Media Research Center the "largest Planned Parenthood donors include Warren Buffett, George Soros, Bill Gates... Warren Buffett's Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation is by far the largest donor to Planned Parenthood in America. The President and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway gave a total of \$231 million to Planned Parenthood between 2010 and 2013." George Soros' "Open Society Institute gave \$18.4 million to the abortion giant. ...The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was the fifth largest Planned Parenthood donor between 2010 and 2013—giving over \$14.5 million. ...The liberal Ford Foundation (not associated with Ford Motors) has one of the most direct and strong connections to Planned Parenthood. Not only did the Ford Foundation given \$13.5 million to Planned Parenthood between 2010 and 2013, Planned Parenthood Federation of America's own president, Cecile Richards, is on the Ford Foundation's Board of Trustees." [79372, 79377, 79488]

According to FreeBeacon.com, "A majority of House lawmakers now support a resolution to reject the recently signed nuclear agreement with Iran, marking another blow to the White House's aggressive push to convince Congress to back the deal... At least 218 Republican lawmakers have signed on to support a resolution expressing 'firm disapproval' of the nuclear deal, which would provide Iran with billions of dollars in sanctions relief while enabling it to continue work on ballistic missiles and other nuclear research." [79298, 79299]

FoxNews.com reports, "The Obama administration has signaled it may intervene next week in a civil lawsuit in which 11 American families won a potential billion-dollar judgment from the Palestinian leadership over a series of bombings and shootings that killed or wounded dozens of U.S. citizens, a move that critics say would find the government siding with terrorists over its own citizens. The families won a \$218.5 million judgment in February after a seven-week trial in Manhattan Federal Court in

which a jury found the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian Authority were responsible for a string of attacks from 2001 to 2004 that killed 33 and injured hundreds. A 1992 law that requires damages in such cases to be tripled, as well as interest on the award, would push it to as much as \$1.1 billion. The judgment, which the Palestinians are appealing, would equal nearly a third of the Palestinian Authority's annual operating budget." [79294, 79297]

BizPacReview.com notes that "Obama was photographed by the Associated Press on Sunday sans wedding ring on his return to the White House from Camp David. But his ringless weekend began much earlier, when he was photographed on Friday, signing a highway bill with an unadorned left hand. Without prying into the private affairs of the first couple's marriage, it's worth noting that the first lady has spent much of her summer away from her husband—taking the girls on a trip to Europe in June that cost taxpayers a pretty penny, and spent last week in Palm Springs, according to the Free Beacon. That being said, it's difficult to imagine what the president might be accomplishing by going without a ring. It's not like he has a chance to convince some potential romantic interest he's not married. Singles bars in D.C. aren't exactly full of women who aren't politically aware. And Bill Clinton he's not." [79325]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, at a September 10, 2010 press conference, several reporters noticed that Obama was not wearing his wedding ring. A White House spokesman later said the ring is being repaired. According to Bumpshack.com, "Journalist Keith Koffler joked, 'There was some snickering in the press room afterward that he might have become so hungry during Ramadan that he ate it.'" (Some believe the absent ring was somehow a signal of Muslim support, and point out that Muslim men are not supposed to wear jewelry during Ramadan. In 2015, Ramadan ended on July 17.) [14893, 14894, 14895, 14896, 14897, 14898]

On October 9, 2012, Jerome Corsi, author of *Where's the real Birth Certificate?*, reported at WND.com that an extreme close-up of a photograph of the ring Obama wears on his wedding ring finger appears to show the Arabic text for "There is no God but Allah." Corsi wrote, "As a student at Harvard Law School, then-bachelor Barack Obama's practice of wearing a gold band on his wedding-ring finger puzzled his colleagues. Now, newly published photographs of Obama from the 1980s show that the ring Obama wore on his wedding-ring finger as an unmarried student is the same ring Michelle Robinson put on his finger at the couple's wedding ceremony in 1992. Moreover, according to Arabic-language and Islamic experts, the ring Obama has been wearing for more than 30 years is adorned with the first part of the Islamic declaration of faith, the Shahada: 'There is no God except Allah.' ...Sincere recitation of the Shahada is the sole requirement for becoming a Muslim, as it expresses a person's rejection of all other gods. Egyptian-born Islamic scholar Mark A. Gabriel, Ph.D., examined photographs of Obama's ring at WND's request and concluded that the first half of the Shahada is inscribed on it. 'There can be no doubt that someone wearing the inscription 'There is no god except Allah' has a very close connection to Islamic beliefs, the Islamic religion and Islamic society to which this statement is so strongly attached,' Gabriel told WND." TheBlaze.com later reported, "One academic, a professor at Duke University, provided a candid assessment,

but asked to remain off-the-record. Based on the images and analysis present in the WND report, he said that the script present on Obama's ring appears to be Arabic and that it does, indeed, include the first portion of the shahada." [38209, 38280, 38281, 38282, 38283, 38429, 38513, 38518]

Judicial Watch reports, "The U.S. government paid a controversial civil rights activist/comedian to deliver an anti-white racist tirade at a major federal agency during Black History month and Judicial Watch has obtained the disturbing transcript and the shocking video of the offensive political rant. It took place at the United States Census Bureau earlier this year and the paid speaker was Dick Gregory a self-professed humanitarian and drum major for justice who claims that his social satire changed the way white Americans perceive African American comedians. But Gregory's angry outburst at the Census Bureau was not funny to some employees and the agency was forced to explain that it will thoroughly review its procedures for selecting future speakers to 'ensure their views are appropriate for the federal workplace.'" [79336]

At the taxpayer-funded event, Gregory said "whites stole black inventions, such as ice hockey and the cotton gin, and accused the U.S. government of conspiring to kill Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and Tamir Rice in Cleveland, Ohio. The movie King Kong is really a depiction of former heavyweight champion Jack Johnson dating white women, Gregory claimed at the Census Bureau performance, and whites treat ...Obama 'like dirt' and 'like he's a Redneck Cracker that [sic; who] can't read or write.'" Gregory also "advised his black audience not to obey 'white racist cops,' which he also referred to as 'filth.' The rioters who destroyed Ferguson after a cop fatally shot a black man with an extensive criminal record who had just committed a robbery, didn't steal enough merchandise from the businesses they looted, Gregory told his government audience. 'I was complaining about Ferguson because the N\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't getting enough,' Gregory said, according to the transcript obtained by JW. 'Did you see the brother go in there and walk out with a half-pint, I said 'Get some tips.' And, y'all be trying to trick them [sic] White folks and say rebellion. No rebellion is put together, predicated, on some White person shooting a Black person and that tips it off. Those was [sic] riots, riots.' Gregory also told his audience of public servants that if he were president of the United States no white people would be in his cabinet. 'Had I been elected to be the President, listen good White folks, none of y'all [sic] would be in my cabinet,' he says. 'Now don't worry about Black folks who be [sic] saying 'oh, he didn't mean it.' So, I'll say it ten times, non of y'all be [sic] in my cabinet, none of y'all be in my cabinet, none of y'all be in my cabinet.'" [79336]

On August 4 a fifth undercover video of Planned Parenthood is released. According to Townhall.com's Katie Pavlich, the footage "shows Director of Research for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast Melissa Farrell discussing how abortionists 'adjust' abortion procedures to keep entire baby bodies [cadavers] intact in order to best provide, and sell, wanted body parts. 'We can get creative about when and where, and under what conditions we can, um, interject something that is specific to the tissue procurement needs,' Farrell says. 'If we alter our process, we are able to obtain intact fetal cadavers, then we can make it part of the budget that any dissections are this, and splitting the



specimens in different shipments in this. I mean, that's, it's all just a matter of line items.' 'Take whatever they want,' Farrell added about the benefits of selling whole baby bodies, preferably at 22 weeks of age [5-1/2 months]." Farrell says of the dissection process, "I know it's sickening on some level, but it's fun." [79307, 79312, 79328, 79329, 79333, 79338, 79340, 79343, 79381, 79430]

ABC's *Good Morning America* ignores the controversy and the Planned Parenthood vote in the Senate but, according to the Media Research Center, "devoted 18 minutes of air time to boy band One Direction. Only *CBS This Morning* bothered with the Republican effort to defund the abortion group, allowing a meager 25 seconds. Even in that scant amount of time, co-host Norah O'Donnell managed to spin the undercover footage of the organization in a friendly way. O'Donnell opined, 'The health provider is under fire for the way it gives fetal tissue to medical researchers.' Health provider? Not abortion provider? The group 'gives' fetal tissue? Additionally, NBC's *Today*, a four hour show, also avoided the story. On Monday [August 3], *NBC Nightly News* and the *CBS Evening News* skipped the vote. ABC's *World News* allowed 25 seconds. In contrast, however, to CBS, *World News* anchor David Muir did not use the word 'give' in relation to aborted babies: 'Republicans calling to cancel federal funds for the organization in the wake of several controversial videos showing Planned Parenthood employees discussing the sale of fetal tissue.'" [79374]

Fox News announces the 10 Republican presidential candidates who will appear in the first prime time (9 p.m. Eastern time) debate on August 6: real estate developer Donald Trump, former Florida governor Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, brain surgeon Ben Carson, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and Ohio Governor John Kasich. At 5 p.m. the other candidates will debate: former Texas governor Rick Perry, former Senator Rick Santorum, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), former New York governor George Pataki, and former Virginia governor Jim Gilmore. [79308, 79313, 79314, 79345, 79346, 79356]

A July 22-30 WMUR poll in New Hampshire shows Hillary Clinton ahead of Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) by a only six points: 42-36—in a poll with a margin of error of 5.9 points. (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes, "[W]hen Clinton lost New Hampshire and Iowa against Barack Obama in 2008, she couldn't regain enough momentum for a comeback. Think Sanders is just a fluke? Think again. Sanders has more individual donors now than Obama did at the same time during the 2008 cycle.") [79317, 79360]

On CNN, former Clinton advisor Richard Socarides says, "The issue the Republicans face is that they are, every candidate seems to be against women. Every candidate seems to be against everybody who's not a white man. I mean, the Republican Party has got this challenge in the primary." (Socarides may never have heard of Ben Carson (black), Carly Fiorina (female) Ted Cruz (Hispanic), or Marco Rubio (Hispanic).) [79361]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “The FBI has begun looking into the security of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s private e-mail setup, contacting in the past week a Denver-based technology firm that helped manage the unusual system, according to two government officials. Also last week, the FBI contacted Clinton’s lawyer, David Kendall, with questions about the security of a thumb drive in his possession that contains copies of work e-mails Clinton sent during her time as secretary of state.” (An FBI investigation would not be done without the approval of Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and Lynch would not consent without Obama’s approval. There are two possibilities: The White House has agreed to an “investigation,” provided it will “find nothing” so that Clinton can be exonerated, or Obama and his fellow Democrats want Clinton further damaged in the polls—soon—so that Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) can enter the presidential race.) [79341, 79359, 79362, 79380]

Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill states that she “did not send nor receive any emails that were marked classified at the time. We want to ensure that appropriate procedures are followed as these emails are reviewed while not unduly delaying the release of her emails. We want that to happen as quickly and as transparently as possible.” (The lawyerly statement does not mean there was no classified information in any emails; it means only that the word “classified” was not written anywhere in the message. In reality, it is impossible that none of Clinton’s emails contained classified information because even details of her schedule were classified. If she had told anyone, “On Tuesday Obama and I will be going to Berlin to meet with Chancellor Angela Merkel,” even that might be considered classified because of security concerns. Information is considered classified if its disclosure would likely harm national security.) [79341, 79359, 79380]

In an interview with Newsmax.tv, author Ed Klein (*Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. The Obamas*) says Michelle Obama and Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett “are doing everything they can at this point to encourage Joe Biden to throw in his hat [and enter the presidential race]. Klein says Hillary Clinton is in “a kind of race against time. Which is going to come first, is she going to be able to sew up the nomination by just throwing more money, more organization at the primaries so that she is unbeatable—or will a criminal indictment come down from the Justice Department [over her personal email system while Secretary of State] before that fact? And they’re very concerned about which is going to come first.” [79379, 79383, 79386]

Political strategist Dick Morris adds, “I believe that Hillary is in free fall. She’s dropped from the high 60s to 37 percent in favorability and she’s going to continue to drop and she’s losing her grip on the base... Something may happen before she sews up the nomination ... which is the sound of Hillary crashing and hitting bottom. If Biden comes into the race, the opening head-to-head would probably be Hillary 38 [percent support], Biden 18, [Senator Bernie] Sanders 15. And then a month later, it’ll become close to a two-way tie. I don’t think that Hillary can easily defeat Biden and Sanders. Biden would probably win that contest.” [79379]

TheDailyBeast.com writes, “For some wealthy donors, it doesn’t matter who takes the White House in 2016—as long as the president’s name is Clinton or Bush. More than 60

ultra-rich Americans have contributed to both Jeb Bush's and Hillary Clinton's federal campaigns, according to an analysis of Federal Election Commission data by Vocativ and The Daily Beast." [79389, 79390]

The Debka File reports, "Shortly before US Secretary of State John Kerry was due in Qatar Monday, Aug. 3, Iran's highest authorities led by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Sunday launched a public campaign to support Tehran's noncompliance with the Vienna nuclear accord and UN Security Council Resolution 2231 of July 20, on its ballistic missile program. The campaign was designed by a team from Khamenei's office, high-ranking ayatollahs and the top echelons of the Revolutionary Guards, including its chief, Gen. Ali Jafari. ...The Security Council Resolution, which unanimously endorsed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Vienna nuclear accord) signed by Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif, called on Iran 'not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons, including launches using such ballistic technology until the date eight years after the JCPOA Adoption Day.' Tehran retorted that none of its ballistic missiles were designed to deliver nuclear weapons, and so this provision was void. Shortly after its passage, the foreign ministry in Tehran issued an assurance that '...the country's ballistic missile program and capability is untouched and unrestricted by Resolution 2231.'" [79348]

In a live webcast to the U.S. Jewish community, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu points out that "Iran's terrorist regime continues to develop intercontinental ballistic missiles. I want to make it clear to you. Iran is not building these ICBMs to hit Israel. They already have missiles that can hit Israel everywhere. They are building these ICBMs to hit you. To hit the United States. You are the Great Satan. We are just a small Satan." Netanyahu condemns Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran, but says opposition does not mean support for war—and to claim it does is "outrageous" and "utterly false." "The alternative is still no deal or a better deal, not war." [79347]

After Netanyahu's webcast, Obama meets with Jewish leaders at the White House. The JPost.com writes, "According to National Jewish Democratic Council chairman Greg Rosenbaum, one of nearly two dozen heads of Jewish organizations at the meeting, one of the participants took umbrage with Obama's characterization of those who are opposed to the deal as warmongers. [Obama] then launched into an explanation of why he believed that the rejection of the deal would ultimately lead to a US military attack. Obama said that if Congress rejected the deal, the Iranians would walk away from negotiations and he would be under intense pressure to take military action. ...Several figures in the room questioned Obama's equating skeptics of the deal to 'neocons' responsible for the invasion of Iraq in 2003. ...Among the participants in the meeting were two AIPAC representatives, two from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, two from J Street and one from a variety of other American-Jewish organizations, such as the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Federations of North America and Jewish Council for Public Affairs." [79419, 79420]

WesternJournalism.com writes, “According to some present at the meeting, Obama behaved like a lawyer for Iran... ‘They will fight this asymmetrically. That means more support for terrorism, more Hezbollah rockets falling on Tel Aviv, I can assure that Israel will bear the brunt of the asymmetrical response that Iran will have to a military strike on its nuclear facilities,’ Obama was quoted as saying. In Obama’s thinking, the only alternative to the current deal is war because the regime in Iran would not return to the negotiation table to discuss changes in the deal. Opponents of the deal would then pressure the administration to launch a military strike on Iran—and that would be answered by Iranian rockets on Tel Aviv, [Obama] argued.” [79458]

Newsmax.com reports that at least three House Democrats state they will vote against Obama’s Iran deal: Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY), Nita Lowey (D-NY), and Ted Deutch (D-FL). [79378]

A report by the Congressional Research Service analyzing the fight against ISIS states, “Without a single authority responsible for prioritizing and adjudicating between different multinational civilian and military lines of effort, different actors often work at cross-purposes without intending to do so. ... These coalition coordination challenges were demonstrated in recent military campaigns (and particularly in Afghanistan). Exacerbating matters, other actors in the region—some of whom are coalition partners—have different, and often conflicting, longer-term regional geopolitical interests from those of the United States or other coalition members.” [79991, 79992, 79993]

On *Hardball*, Joy Reid states, “There is something about African-American politicians who get a lot of heat for anything that appears to challenge the unquestioned greatness of the country and we do have real race problems, which came to fore when [Obama] got elected. They are real. They’re out there and people who embody and espouse them and don’t like the idea of [Obama] asserting himself as an African-American man using the powers of the presidency and [Donald] Trump is the perfect leader for them.” Host Chris Matthews responds, “Our poll today, just out this weekend, makes the point, at least in gross terms what you said. Thirty three percent of this country, across the board, is very negative towards Obama, very negative. Personally, they just don’t like him. Now, it could be all those reasons. He turned out to be more of an aggressive president, more of a Democratic-advocate president, a black-advocate president. I think he’s been moderate, myself, your view? Is there this kind of virulent—I know there is a 33 percent that just say, ‘I don’t want this guy in the world. I don’t want him anywhere here.’” (Matthews’ claim that Obama is “moderate” is ludicrous, as is his amazement that 33 percent of Americans have negative feelings toward him. Matthews assumes racism is the motivating factor. It does not occur to him that many people simply do not like Obama’s agenda and his actions over the last six years. Additionally, Matthews seems unaware that more than a few presidents have been disliked by at least 33 percent of the voters.) [79375]

Despite his criticism of Obama-bashers, Matthews also says, “I think it’s really smart that Sarah Palin’s been brought into this cotillion with Donald Trump. He’s now building kind of a ‘Team Trump,’ kind of a Trump party. It shows him [to be] a leader. You

always can tell if someone's a leader; you look behind, is anyone following? That was the problem with Obama for a long time; there was nobody back there. This guy [Trump] looks like he's building a force in the party." [79391]

On August 5 Obama defends his Iranian nuclear deal in a contradiction-filled address at American University. He trots out the same weak (and false) arguments the administration has been repeating for weeks, makes the usual bogus argument that anyone who disagrees with him supports war, and criticizes opponents of the deal for being "partisan"—neglecting to note that many Democrats oppose the agreement. Remarkably, Obama says, "Just because Iranian hard-liners chant 'death to America' does not mean that that's what all Iranians believe. In fact, it's those hard-liners who are most comfortable with the status quo." (In fact, the "hard-liners" are the Iranian regime. They support the agreement because they know they pulled the wool over the eyes of Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry.) "It's those hard-liners chanting 'death to America' who have been most opposed to the deal. They're making common cause with the Republican caucus." (Obama apparently expects people to believe such an insult is not partisan, or perhaps he has DailyKos.com writing his speeches.) [79363, 79364, 79365, 79376, 79407, 79415, 79427, 79432, 79433, 79448, 79452, 79454]

It is worth noting that in May 2010, at the University of Michigan commencement ceremonies, Obama said, "[The second way to keep our democracy healthy is to maintain a basic level of civility in our public debate. These arguments we're having over government and health care and war and taxes, these are serious arguments. They should arouse people's passions, and it's important for everybody to join in the debate, with all the vigor that the maintenance of a free people requires. But we can't expect to solve our problems if all we do is tear each other down. You can disagree with a certain policy without demonizing the person who espouses it. You can question somebody's views and their judgment without questioning their motives or their patriotism. Throwing around phrases like 'socialists' and 'Soviet-style takeover' and 'fascist' and 'right-wing nut'—that may grab headlines, but it also has the effect of comparing our government, our political opponents, to authoritarian, even murderous regimes." (Obama has always been good at giving advice that he never follows.) [79502, 79503, 79504]

It is also worth noting that Obama chose American University (with an intentionally supportive audience) as his venue because it was where President John F. Kennedy had delivered an important Cold War speech. (Obama is apparently superstitious and believes a predecessor's wisdom can rub off on him simply because he speaks on the same campus.) In 2009 Obama promised to work toward "a goal of a world without nuclear weapons." His words alone were somehow deemed sufficient to award him with a Nobel Peace Prize. Six years later he is paving the way for Iran to develop nuclear weapons, which many suspect will only encourage Saudi Arabia and perhaps other Middle East nations to pursue nuclear weapons. Obama's misguided attempts at nuclear disarmament may instead spark nuclear proliferation—but the world should not hold its breath waiting for his Nobel Peace Prize to be revoked. [5019, 5092, 5126, 79553]

Obama says the “majority of the Iranian people have powerful incentives to urge their government to move in a different, less provocative direction—incentives that are strengthened by this deal.” (The Iranian regime is not about to move in a “less provocative direction,” regardless of what the average Iranian wants. Obama should have learned that lesson in 2009, when election fraud resulted in the reelection of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Obama did *nothing* to support demonstrators marching in the streets for weeks before the election.) “We should offer them that chance. We should give them the opportunity.” If it succeeds, “that would be good for Iran and good for the United States. It would be good for a region that is known for too much conflict and would be good for the world.” (If it fails, it may mean the destruction of Israel and an Iranian ICBM headed to toward the United States.) [79365]

Obama claims, “After two years of negotiations, we have achieved a detailed arrangement that permanently prohibits Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. It cuts all of Iran’s paths to a bomb. It contains the most comprehensive inspection and verification regime ever to monitor a nuclear program.” (The agreement does not such thing. Even if Iran does not cheat, it will be able to develop nuclear weapons after the limitations expire.) [79395]

“This deal is not just the best choice among alternatives. This is the strongest, non-proliferation agreement ever negotiated.” (DailySignal.com writes, “In reality, the Iran deal undermines previous U.S. nonproliferation policy by rewarding decades of covert and illegal nuclear activities by Iran, including those involving weapons.”) “And because this is such a strong deal, every nation that has commented publicly, with the exception of the Israeli government, has expressed support.” (Obama’s use of the word “publicly” is revealing. He knows full well that nations are criticizing the agreement in private, among them Saudi Arabia.) [79395, 79422]

Obama falsely claims his deal “permanently prohibits Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.” (Even if Iran follows the agreement to the letter, its development of nuclear weapons will only be delayed, not prohibited.) According to Obama, the deal “contains the most comprehensive inspection and verification regime ever negotiated to monitor a nuclear program.” (Again, the claim is meaningless if Iran does not plan on following the terms of the agreement. It has already stated that it will not allow the inspections Obama claims will be allowed.) “If Iran cheats, we can catch them, and we will,” says a naive Obama—who completely ignores that fact that Iran has cheated on agreements since its revolution in 1979 and no one has any way of knowing what kinds of operations the regime is conducting in secret. That some underground facilities have been identified does not mean there are not more which have not.) [79422]

Obama boasts about inspections provided for in the agreement: “This access can be with as little as 24 hours’ notice.” (At NationalReview.com Rich Lowry writes, “Underline the word ‘can’ in that sentence.” Iran is unlikely to often allow such access. The word “must” should have been negotiated.) [79492]

“It is true that some of the limitations regarding Iran’s peaceful program last only 15 years.” (Lowry again: “This is truly insipid. The whole point of the deal is to limit Iran’s ‘peaceful program’ because no one believes that it is peaceful.”) [79492]

“For Iran to cheat, it has to build a lot more than just one building or covert facility like Fordow. It would need a secret source for every single aspect of its program. No nation in history has been able to pull off such subterfuge when subjected to such rigorous inspections.” (Of course, Obama has no way of knowing what Iran is doing in secret, just as hundreds of millions of Americans have no idea what the U.S. military and the CIA are doing in secret. Claiming Iran can readily be caught is as absurd as the Treasury Department claiming it has caught 99 percent of all U.S. currency counterfeiters. How would it know, if the best counterfeiters are simply too good to be caught?) [79422]

Obama also says, “An argument against sanctions relief is an argument against any diplomatic resolutions of this issue.” (DailySignal.com responds, “The assertion is grossly misleading because the criticism has to do with how little the United States is getting from lifting sanctions on Iran, not with the diplomatic solution per se. The cruel reality is that the United States and our allies will be the main target of Iran’s ‘pernicious’ activities, as [Obama] calls them. Sanctions were biting and got Iran to the negotiating table. In fact, a French negotiator recently recommended that Congress can reject the deal and that the United States will be able to get a better one about two years later. There is no reason to make Iran’s terrorist activities easier while legitimizing its nuclear program and putting Iran in a strategically stronger position in the next few years, as this deal does.”) [79422]

“Congressional rejection of this deal leaves any U.S. administration that is absolutely committed to preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon with one option: another war in the Middle East.” (Obama—doing Iran a huge favor—is claiming there is no alternative to his weak deal other than war. That is absurd on its face and is simply a lie. DailySignal.com: “[General] Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the joint chiefs, reiterated that ‘we have a range of options’ should the deal fail, along with Admiral [John M.] Richardson, the nominee to be the next chief of naval operations. In short, war would not result from the rejection of the deal. A war is more likely to result if Iran obtains a nuclear weapon, which the deal makes easier over the long run.” Obama’s claim that war would be the alternative to his agreement completely ignores the fact that *he* is the nation’s commander in chief. No individual Senator or Congressman can start a war simply because he dislikes Obama’s nuclear deal. How does Obama think a war would start when it is only *he* who has the authority to order the U.S. Armed Forces to act?) [79422]

Despite criticizing opponents of the agreement for using scare tactics, Obama does precisely the same thing, saying, “Rejection of this deal leaves any U.S. administration that is absolutely committed to preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon with one option: another war in the Middle East. I say this not to be provocative. I am stating a fact. ... Without this deal, Iran will be in a position, however tough our rhetoric may be, to steadily advance its capabilities. Its breakout time, which is already fairly small, should

shrink to near zero. ...The choice we face is ultimately between diplomacy and some form of war. Walk away from this agreement, and you will get a better deal ...for Iran.” [79395, 79400]

At NationalReview.com former terrorist prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy writes, “In Iran, what Obama referred to as ‘hardliners’ chanting ‘Death to America’ *are the regime*. First and foremost among them is ‘supreme leader’ Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Obama’s claim that Iranian ‘hardliners’ really oppose the deal—which of course implies that he is only dealing with regime ‘moderates’ (what else?) with whom we can safely play ball, is a fairy tale. To be sure, Obama’s media friends are helping him broadcast this fairy tale; that, no doubt, is why [Obama] is able to run to the nearest college campus and get applause for his kooky claims. But the reality is that Khamenei—the guy Obama implored to cooperate with him—is the chief hardliner. The Iran deal could not have happened unless Khamenei supported it; he supports it precisely because it is breathtakingly good for Iran. ...Iran’s very “moderate” foreign minister Javad Zarif, who not only supports the deal but negotiated it, assured Iranians that the regime would ‘continue the arms supply policy’ under which it supports Hezbollah and other anti-American, anti-Western, anti-Israeli jihadists. The only difference is that, now, thanks to Obama’s deal, they will have an additional \$100 billion-plus with which to materially support terrorism.” [79384]

“So the fact of the matter is that the people on Capitol Hill who oppose the deal are the people on the side of authentic Iranian moderates. It is Obama who is lending aid and comfort to America’s avowed, unapologetic enemies—enemies who could not be more brazen in trumpeting their hostility, and who steer a regime that has killed thousands of Americans. ...[I]t is worth recalling that in 2009, when Iranian democracy activists rose up in protest and appeared poised to attempt overthrowing the hardliner regime, it was Obama—not Americans who oppose Obama’s Iran deal—who turned a deaf ear to them, even as the regime shot them dead in the streets. [Obama] had his choice between cajoling Iranian hardliners and championing Iranians who yearn for a better relationship with the West ...and he made it.” [79384]

Rush Limbaugh points out one of Obama’s contradictions: “...Obama is saying that sanctions will not stop Iran from building its nuclear program. Not just today, either. I mean, this has been part of the argument from the beginning of this arrangement to drop the sanctions because the sanctions, they’re not gonna [sic] stop them from doing anything anyway. ...Obama’s out trying to make the claim that we can prevent Iran from cheating with this deal and so forth, [and] the [threat of re-imposing] sanctions are the key to it. But at the same time, he says that sanctions are not gonna [sic] stop the Iranian nuclear program, and that’s his excuse for getting rid of them, because they’re not gonna [sic] stop anything. So why would the threat of re-imposing them bother the Iranians? If the existence of sanctions is no big deal, then why would ‘snapping’ them back on be a big deal? And yet that’s what he’s out there saying would happen here. If they cheat. ‘That’s right. We catch the Iranians cheating, we could put those sanctions right back on.’ But wait a minute! You just said the sanctions are not gonna [sic] stop them. ‘Well, that’s



right. You're asking a question you're not supposed to ask. You're just supposed to let me say it and applaud." [79397]

NationalReview.com's Jonah Goldberg writes, "It was the most shameful presidential speech on foreign policy in my lifetime. Shame on him and his fans [for applauding it]." [79495]

Michael Goldfarb translates Obama's speech in a Twitter message, "To sum up: It's a perfect deal, no criticism has any merit, opponents are Jews and warmongers." [79426]

BloombergView.com reports, "The U.S. intelligence community has informed Congress of evidence that Iran was sanitizing its suspected nuclear military site at Parchin, in broad daylight, days after agreeing to a nuclear deal with world powers. ...Intelligence officials and lawmakers who have seen the new evidence, which is still classified, told us that satellite imagery picked up by U.S. government assets in mid- and late July showed that Iran had moved bulldozers and other heavy machinery to the Parchin site and that the U.S. intelligence community concluded with high confidence that the Iranian government was working to clean up the site ahead of planned inspections by the IAEA." Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) says, "I am familiar with it. I think it's up to the administration to draw their conclusions. Hopefully this is something they will speak on, since it is in many ways verified by commercial imagery. And their actions seem to be against the grain of the agreement." ("Against the grain of the agreement" means, "Iran is already cheating.") [79475, 79476, 79477]

Media leftists naturally praise Obama's speech. The Media Research Center later notes some of the coverage: "Leading the way was *NBC Nightly News* as anchor Lester Holt began the program's coverage of the speech by observing '[t]he battle over the Iran nuclear deal grew even more intense today as ...Obama gave a sweeping speech with fiery words for critics.' Hanging on to Obama's every word at American University, senior White House correspondent Chris Jansing hailed him for being 'on the attack' and 'answering critics of the Iran nuclear deal with an impassioned, nearly hour-long defense. ...Mr. Obama took sharp aim at his critics, saying they're the same people who argued for war in Iraq.' ...Chalking those against the deal to being just 'entrenched opponents,' Jansing reported that they're being bolstered by 'pro-Israel groups, spending big' to the tune of '[a] \$25 million TV ad blitz.' ...Anchor David Muir hyped that Obama spent part of his day 'taking on critics of his landmark nuclear deal with Iran, warning that the only alternative to the deal is war.' ...Muir gushed that the commander-in-chief was 'defiant' and explained how Obama ruled that 'Republican opposition to the deal is, quote, 'knee-jerk partisanship,' with 'pundits critical of the deal 'armchair nuclear scientists.''" [79451]

TheHill.com reports, "The only Obama administration official to view confidential 'side deals' between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) admitted Wednesday she and her team have only seen rough drafts. 'I didn't see the final documents. I saw the provisional documents, as did my experts,' said Wendy Sherman, a lead U.S. negotiator for the deal, at a Senate Banking Committee hearing. Sherman,

undersecretary of State for political affairs, said she was only allowed to see the confidential deals ‘in the middle of the negotiation’ when the IAEA ‘wanted to go over with some of our experts the technical details.’ She maintained the deals—which focus on with Iran’s prior work on a bomb and access to Iran’s Parchin military site—are still confidential and can’t be submitted to Congress.” In fact, the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act—which Obama signed—requires that all side agreements be submitted to Congress for review. Sherman sidesteps that inconvenient fact by telling Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), “Well, it’s very difficult—it’s very difficult to give you something that we do not have.” (The administration almost certainly intentionally chose not to hold copies of the side deals, which Obama claims do not exist. He should meet with Sherman so they can get their stories in sync.) [79392, 79393, 79436, 79447, 79468]

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) expresses concern that Sherman has read the documents, while he is not being allowed access to them—even though he is expected to vote on whether to approve the Iranian agreement. Vitter asks, “I have to vote on this agreement. You don’t think it’s appropriate that I would get to read it.” Sherman replies, “You’ll have to make your own judgment about it.” Asked again, she says, “My opinion is that it’s in the United States’ national security interests for there to be a comprehensive safeguards protocol and that those protocols remain confidential.” (In other words, the Obama administration believes it is in best interests of the United States *not* to trust 100 U.S. Senators with information about a nuclear agreement that gives the world’s largest sponsor of terrorism a glide path to nuclear weapons.) [79392, 79393, 79436, 79447]

In an interview with *The Atlantic*’s Jeffrey Goldberg, Secretary of State John Kerry says, “The ayatollah constantly believed that we [Americans] are untrustworthy, that you can’t negotiate with us, that we will screw them. This [possible Congressional rejection of the nuclear agreement] will be the ultimate screwing. ...The United States Congress will prove the ayatollah’s suspicion, and there’s no way he’s ever coming back. He will not come back to negotiate. Out of dignity, out of a suspicion that you can’t trust America. America is not going to negotiate in good faith. It didn’t negotiate in good faith now, would be his point.” (Kerry apparently wants members of Congress and all Americans to support the agreement out of fear of “hurting the ayatollah’s feelings.”) [79370, 79399, 79418, 79522]

Kerry adds that Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif “specifically said to me in the last two weeks, ‘If we get this finished, I am now empowered to work with and talk to you about regional issues.’ This is in Congress’s hands. If Congress says no, Congress will shut that down, shut off that conversation, set this back, and set in motion a series of inevitables about what would happen with respect to Iranian behavior, and, by the way, the sanctions will be over.” (The naive Kerry not only believes Iran will honor the commitment, he believes it will eagerly come back to the table to “play nice” on other issues.) [79370, 79399, 79522]

Kerry offers a monumental lie: “I’ve gone through this backwards and forwards a hundred times and I’m telling you, this deal is as pro-Israel, as pro-Israel’s security, as it gets. And I believe that just saying no to this is, in fact, reckless.” Kerry also calls it “a

waste of time” to debate whether Iran wants to wipe Israel off the map. [79370, 79399, 79522]

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues a statement: “[W]hile investigating the Gold King Mine in Colorado, an EPA cleanup team triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with responders and local and state officials to monitor water contaminated by the release. The release’s path flows through three of EPA’s regions (Region 8 (Colorado/Utah & Southern Ute Tribe); Region 6 (New Mexico), and Region 9 (Navajo Nation). EPA has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordination among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington, D.C. EPA is closely coordinating with officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation.” (The spill is monumental and releases several million gallons of contaminated water.) [79615, 80254]

According to *The Boston Globe*, “Officials say a quarantine is in place at a Birmingham home because of a possible Ebola case. Edward Khan of the Jefferson County Health Department says the patient is being treated at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital after developing symptoms and notifying authorities. Khan says the patient recently traveled to a country with Ebola cases, but he didn’t identify the country or name the patient. Khan says the patient didn’t have direct contact with anyone known to have Ebola and is considered ‘low risk’ for the disease. He says the patient is being tested and results will be released Wednesday.” [79366]

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopts a rule requiring public companies to disclose the ratio of the CEO’s compensation to the median compensation of its employees. CNSNews.com writes, “So if the CEO makes a million dollars and the median employee makes \$50,000, the ratio would be 20:1. A company would be required to calculate the annual total compensation for its median employee using the same rules that apply to the CEO’s compensation.” Congressman Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) calls the rule “the latest example of the SEC squandering its resources on rulemakings that do nothing to help small business startups and will instead harm U.S. companies and investors. The SEC has devoted thousands of man-hours and millions of dollars to finish rules mandated by the Dodd-Frank Act that neither address the causes of the financial crisis nor advance the SEC’s statutory mission. ...I’m guessing that a worker who loses his or her job will take little comfort in knowing the ratio between the CEO’s pay and the salary that they are no longer receiving because Dodd-Frank has put them out of work.” [79461]

The SEC rule is clearly designed to stoke the fires of envy and class warfare among voters. The reality is that while many average Americans may believe CEOs of large corporations are overpaid, they wrongly believe, “If only that pay were evenly distributed among the employees everyone would be far better off.” The absurdity of that belief can be demonstrated by one example. General Motors CEO Mary Barra is certainly well-paid, and perhaps is compensated with a pay package of about \$15 million per year. General Motors has about 216,000 employees. If Barra were paid only \$500,000 and the remaining \$14.5 million were divided equally among those 216,000 employees, each

would receive a mere \$67.13—and, of course, Barra would quit and find a job where her talents were better appreciated. [79461]

CNN.com reports, “An Iranian warship briefly pointed weapons on its deck at a U.S. military helicopter and coalition warship two weeks ago in the Gulf of Aden, a Defense official told CNN on Wednesday. The two ships were just a few hundred yards apart on July 25 when Iranian crewmembers pointed what are believed to be on-deck machine guns at the warship and the U.S. military helicopter that had just landed on that coalition ship’s deck, the Defense official said.” [79367]

In a “weapons-free” Antioch, Tennessee movie theater, police shoot and kill a man armed with pepper spray, a gun and a hatchet. One person was reportedly attacked with the hatchet. The man is later identified as Vincente Monsanto. [79368, 79369, 79403, 79445, 79446, 79457]

At Breitbart.com author Peter Schweitzer (*Clinton Cash*) writes, “Newly released financial disclosures reveal Bill Clinton received \$16.46 million in payments from a George Soros-backed for-profit education company, as Hillary Clinton’s State Department funneled tens of millions of dollars to a group run by the company’s chairman. With \$4 billion in annual revenue, Laureate Education is America’s largest for-profit college company. From 2010 until just days before the 2015 release of *Clinton Cash*, Bill Clinton served as Laureate’s ‘honorary chancellor.’ When the Clinton campaign team obtained a copy of the book and its Clinton-Laureate connection revelation, Bill Clinton abruptly resigned. ...Shortly after Laureate made Bill Clinton its honorary chancellor in April 2010, Hillary Clinton made Laureate part of her State Department Global Partnership. ...As the leader of the embattled for-profit college industry, Laureate has come under fire and been investigated for its practices in monetizing education, reports the *Washington Post*. Still, Clinton proudly championed the group that paid him over \$16 million and allowed his image to be plastered all over Laureate’s \$200 million annual marketing materials, even as Hillary Clinton pumped tens of millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars to Laureate’s sister group [the International Youth Foundation].” [79388]

Over the objections of Democrat Governor Maggie Hassan, the state of New Hampshire votes to cancel \$650,000 of Planned Parenthood funding. [79394, 79404]

On CNN, Alisyn Camarota interviews Senator James Lankford (R-OK) and notes a May 2015 Gallup poll showing that “80 percent of respondents... believe abortion should be kept legal.” DailySignal.com later points out, “Twenty-nine percent said abortion should be legal under any circumstances. Fifty-one percent said abortion should be legal only under certain circumstances. Nineteen percent said abortion should be illegal in all circumstances. ...Here’s what Camerota could have said: ‘That’s 70 percent of Americans who believe there should be limits on abortion.’ (Adding together the 51 percent who said it should be legal only in certain circumstances and the 19 percent who said it should not be legal under any circumstances.) Those who identify as pro-choice are more inclined to report the poll the way CNN did, and those who identify as pro-life

are likely to use the latter number—the point being, in this particular poll and many others, you can ‘interpret the data’ to get the spin you want.” [79423]

WSVN.com reports, “Three of the 16 Planned Parenthood facilities inspected in Florida last week were performing procedures beyond their licensing authority, and one facility was not keeping proper logs relating to fetal remains, officials announced Wednesday. The Agency for Health Care Administration released a report saying clinics in St. Petersburg, Fort Myers and Naples were performing second-trimester abortions when they were only licensed to perform first-trimester abortions. The report also found that a Pembroke Pines clinic was not following its own procedures for the labeling and dating of the disposal of fetal remains.” [79444]

CNSNews.com reports, “A group of government researchers working for a National Institutes of Health laboratory in Montana made ‘humanized mice’ by implanting the mice with tissues cut from human livers and thymuses taken from babies at 17 to 22 weeks gestational age. ... The NIH could not answer some basic questions about the fetal tissue used in these research projects that U.S. taxpayers funded.” [79459, 79460]

In London, the vile, radical Islamist preacher Anjem Choudary is arrested and charged with encouraging the support of ISIS. WashingtonPost.com writes, “The trial of Choudary and an associate, Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, will be a major test of the British government’s new strategy against extremism in all its forms. ... Sue Hemming, head of Special Crime and Counter Terrorism at the Crown Prosecution Service, said in a statement that the pair is accused of drumming up ‘support for ISIS in individual lectures which were subsequently published online.’” [79411, 79412, 79413, 79417]

The al-Qaeda branch in Yemen issues a message urging jihadists to “strike America in its own home and beyond. According to CNN.com, says the letter is “attributed to Ibrahim al-Asiri, the master bomb-maker with al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).” [79414, 79416]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Half of Bill and Hillary Clinton’s charitable giving last year went to the Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation, according to a review of the latest financial disclosures from their private foundation. The Clintons earned more than \$28 million in 2014 and claimed around \$3 million in income as charitable tax deductions, according to tax returns released by Hillary Clinton’s campaign last Friday. The campaign emphasized Clinton’s charitable giving in a press statement, saying that it ‘represented 10.8 percent’ of her income in 2014. But roughly half of that money—\$1.8 million—appears to have been channeled to the Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation. According to the tax returns, the Clintons gave \$3 million in 2014 to the Clinton Family Foundation, a small private foundation that the family uses as a pass-through to other charities. Records show the CFF disbursed \$3.7 million in 2014, including \$1.8 million to the Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation.” [79398]

NYPPost.com reports, “The FBI investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton’s unsecured email account is not just a fact-finding venture—it’s a

criminal probe, sources told The Post... The feds are investigating to what extent Clinton relied on her home server and other private devices to send and store classified documents, according to a federal source with knowledge of the inquiry. 'It's definitely a criminal probe,' said the source. 'I'm not sure why they're not calling it a criminal probe. The DOJ [Department of Justice] and FBI can conduct civil investigations in very limited circumstances,' but that's not what this is, the source stressed. 'In this case, a security violation would lead to criminal charges. Maybe DOJ is trying to protect her campaign.' ...If it is proved that Clinton knowingly sent, received or stored classified information in an unauthorized location, she risks prosecution under the same misdemeanor federal security statute used to prosecute former CIA Director Gen. David Petraeus, said former federal prosecutor Bradley Simon. The statute—which was also used to prosecute Bill Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, in 2005—is rarely used and would be subject to the discretion of the attorney general. Still, 'They didn't hesitate to charge Gen. Petraeus with doing the same thing, downloading documents that are classified,' Simon said. 'The threshold under the statute is not high—they only need to prove there was an unauthorized removal and retention' of classified material, he said.' (Samuel "pants" Berger removed classified documents from a National Archives reading room and spirited them out of the building in his trousers and socks.) [79409, 79450, 79482]

OPSEC, an organization that supports the protection of "U.S. Special Operations Forces and national intelligence assets," writes Secretary of State John Kerry to request the security clearance suspension of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Clinton staffers Jake Sullivan, Cheryl Mills, and Huma Mahmood Abedin. Many might argue that Abedin should never have received security clearance in the first place because of the close association of members of her family and the radical Muslim Brotherhood. Former terrorist prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy noted in July 2012, "...*Abedin herself* is directly connected to Abdullah Omar Naseef, a major Muslim Brotherhood figure involved in the financing of al-Qaeda. Abedin worked for a number of years at the Institute for Muslim Minority Affairs as assistant editor of its journal. The IMMA was founded by Naseef, who remained active in it for decades, overlapping for several years with Abedin. Naseef was also secretary general of the Muslim World League in Saudi Arabia, perhaps the most significant Muslim Brotherhood organization in the world. In that connection, he founded the Rabita Trust, which is formally designated as a foreign terrorist organization under American law due to its support of al-Qaeda." According to Shoebat.com. Abedin "also joined the Muslim Students Association (MSA) Executive Board at George Washington University." The MSA is a Muslim Brotherhood front group. [79537, 79538, 79814, 80408, 80409, 80410]

McCarthy points out, "A person is not required to have done anything wrong to be denied a high-ranking government position, or more immediately, the security clearance allowing access to classified information that is necessary to function in such a job. There simply need be associations, allegiances, or interests that establish a potential conflict of interest. Government jobs and access to the nation's secrets are privileges, not rights. That is why the potential conflict needn't stem from one's own associations with hostile foreign countries, organizations, or persons. Vicarious associations, such as one's parents' connections to troublesome persons and organizations, are sufficient to create a

potential conflict. ...Huma Abedin's connection to Abdullah Omar Naseef, by itself, would have been more than enough justification to deny her a security clearance. That would have made it inconceivable that she could serve as deputy chief of staff to the secretary of state. Ms. Abedin has very disturbing connections to the Muslim Brotherhood. Though she is not a policymaker, she is an important adviser, and during her three-year tenure, federal government policy has radically shifted in the Brotherhood's favor, to the point that the Obama administration is not only embracing the previously shunned Brotherhood but issuing visas to members of formally designated terrorist organizations." [79537, 79538, 79814]

DailyCaller.com writes, "Food stamp use has increased nearly 300 percent nationwide since 2014, despite a drop in the poverty rate, according to a report released Wednesday by The Foundation for Government Accountability. 'Even though poverty rates are declining, the number of people receiving food stamps continues to climb,' the report detailed. 'Food stamp spending is growing ten times as fast as federal revenues.' According to their report—'Restoring Work Requirements Will Help Solve the Food Stamp Crisis'—the problem results from less restrictive eligibility requirements. ...'Federal law generally limits food stamp eligibility for non-disabled childless adults to just three months out of any three-year period unless they meet specified work requirements,' the report also noted. 'These work requirements have become irrelevant in recent years, however, as states have been given waivers to exempt able-bodied adults from federal work requirements.' The Obama administration had granted working requirement waivers to 40 states and partial waivers to another six states. As a result more states are providing food stamp benefits to more adults who don't work despite not having physical disabilities preventing them from doing so." (One of the first things Obama did after entering the White House in 2009 was to begin to dismantle the welfare reform measures Congress forced Bill Clinton to accept in the late 1990s.) [79401]

At BusinessInsider.com Russell Granger comments on Donald Trump's popularity, calling him "the most emotionally persuasive candidate in the race." "But there's a hitch," writes Granger. "Humans like to be able to rationalize their decisions with logic and reason, even—and perhaps especially—when our decisions are so emotionally based. If Donald Trump can't follow up on his success in connecting emotionally by offering some solid and seemingly logical rationale for folks to pin their votes on, will all his persuasive power go poof at the polls?" (The same question could have been asked of Obama's candidacy in 2008. Americans voted for Obama based on emotion, rather than reason. To suggest they are incapable of doing that again would be a mistake, especially when the emotional response to "I'll make America great again" may be far greater than the response to "first black president.") [79402]

FoxNews.com reports, "Outraged families of American victims of Iranian-sponsored terrorism moved Wednesday to block the deal to lift economic sanctions on Tehran in exchange for nuclear inspections, filing a federal lawsuit to stop frozen assets to which they stake a claim from being released to the Islamic Republic. In the suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, some two-dozen plaintiffs claim they are owed hundreds of millions of dollars in damages by Iran and will never

receive their legally determined compensation if funds frozen by the U.S. are released back to the ayatollahs as part of the recent nuclear deal. The families are seeking to enjoin the frozen assets until Iran pays nearly \$2 billion in judgments and pledges to stop sponsoring terror through proxies Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas. ...The lawsuit names the U.S. State Department and Treasury Department as well as Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew as respondents... The families, who have been awarded judgments against Iran for attacks that include drive-by shootings and suicide bombings committed from 1995 to 2006 by Iran's terror proxies, say their only chance of being paid is to collect from the frozen funds. They don't anticipate Iran honoring the judgments awarded by U.S. courts. ...A 1992 law allows American victims of state-sponsored terror to go after the governments that finance attacks." [79405]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The Obama administration is violating a judge's order to turn over documents in the Aug. 6, 2011, shutdown of a U.S. helicopter—call sign Extortion 17—that killed members of SEAL Team 6 in Afghanistan, a watchdog group is charging. On the fourth anniversary of the worst one-day loss of military life in the war on terror, families of the dead say they are aghast that the government will not honor basic requests under the Freedom of Information Act. 'It has now been four years since Extortion 17 was shot down,' said Doug Hamburger, whose Army air crew son, Patrick, was one of the 30 Americans killed. 'I find it quite disturbing that the government is not willing to give us the answers we deserve. I find it very irritating that we will not question the Afghans about their knowledge of what took place that night.' ...U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon in February signed an order requiring the Obama administration to release documents on a continual basis through the spring and summer. The Justice Department said at least 50 documents in the Pentagon have been identified as relevant, but only one has been turned over. And Justice unilaterally set a new deadline for the release and then ignored it, Mr. Klayman said. Throughout, he said, Justice lawyers have refused to take his phone calls." (Conspiracy theorists believe the Taliban was given information about the helicopter's destination so it could be shot down, preventing the SEAL Team 6 members from telling what they knew about the Osama bin Laden operation in May 2011.) [79421, 79557, 79558]

On *Special Report*, Brit Hume comments on Obama's address earlier in the day: "Among the people crying, 'Death to America' are the leaders of the country [Iran]. It's not as if they're some minority rabble in Iran that cries, 'Death to America,' the very leaders do, the very people he [Obama] just made a deal with do that. ...That entire speech... was so characteristic of him; it was dishonest, it was partisan, and in the end it was insulting. [79408]

On *Hannity*, Judge Andrew Napolitano and Sean Hannity discuss the classified emails in the Hillary Clinton messages she claims contained none. Napolitano says, "She denied that there were any classified documents on her email system or server." Noting that some have already been identified, he adds, "Well she cannot deny that any longer. ...It absolutely is [a violation of the law], but it's worse than that. I saw emails, not the ones that the inspectors general saw, I saw emails that have been revealed under the Freedom of Information Act. And in them, she is discussing the location of French fighter jets



during the NATO bombardment of Libya, how big the no fly zone is, where the no fly zones are, and are you ready for this?—the location of Ambassador [Christopher] Stevens, who of course was murdered, in Libya. If that is not classified, if she didn't think that was classified, she has no business being in public office. ... What Mrs. Clinton did, by transferring and moving classified information through a non-classified venue, that's a felony for each piece of information she passed through." [79551]

On *Hardball*, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani tells Chris Matthews, "First of all, [Donald Trump is] not a Roman candle. This is a very smart guy. This is a person who is media savvy in ways that some of the other candidates aren't. And he's a lot more substantive than you realize. I've known Donald 25 years. Meaning, he understands a lot of the world issues with a lot more depth than you probably realize. So we might have a little of a Ronald Reagan here, a guy they underestimate. And in my particular case, I'm personally friends with five or six of them [the GOP candidates]. And I [will] have a hard time deciding who I'd like to see be president and I'm probably going to take a little while. But I expect Donald Trump is going to do pretty darn well [in the debate] tomorrow night." [79406]

On August 6, the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, Obama says, "Sadly, too many states are making it harder for folks to vote—instituting photo ID laws that on the surface sound good. But I am certain, because we've actually looked at the data on this, that almost nobody wakes up saying, I'm going to go vote in somebody else's name—doesn't happen." (Obama's claim is absurd. There could be few, or there could be millions of people voting under someone else's name. The truth is that no one has any way of knowing because such fraud is almost impossible to prevent. As an example, political operatives routinely scour obituaries in the months leading up to an election—knowing full well that there is no concerted, prompt effort in many states to remove the names of dead people from voter registration rolls. If John Doe at 123 Main street dies three weeks before an election, any operative can go to the polls, claim to be John Doe at 123 Main Street and receive a ballot. Photo ID requirements reduce the risk of such fraud, and most Americans support such rules. The Heritage Foundation has compiled a list of at least 300 documented cases of voter fraud.) [79595, 79765, 79766]

The Department of Justice backs a lawsuit against Idaho "anti-camping" legislation that prohibits homeless people from living and sleeping on public property. At NationalReview.com John Fund writes, "The DOJ claims that when a city can't provide adequate shelter for all its homeless, such laws violate the Constitution's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. From the DOJ's filing: 'If a person literally has nowhere else to go, then enforcement of the anti-camping ordinance against that person criminalizes her [sic; that person] for being homeless.'" [79927, 79928]

The Heritage Foundation's James Sherk reports, "The Los Angeles city council will vote this week on exempting collectively bargained wages from its new \$15 an hour minimum wage law. That's correct—if unions get their way, only unionized employers will be able to pay their employees less than \$15 an hour. ... Unions have used this novel organizing approach in several other cities. Similar ordinances required large hotels in several

California cities to unionize or pay \$15 an hour.” (The audacity of the scheme is astounding. The labor unions organize demonstrations to get cities to boost the minimum wage to \$15, and *then* lobby for legislation *exempting* union workers from the higher pay requirement. That results in businesses such as hotels caving in and grudgingly accepting unions—because they will be able to pay the union workers *less* than \$15 per hour. The workers do not get \$15 per hour, but the labor union collects union dues from the new members. Meanwhile, uninformed journalists continue to report false claims that a \$15 minimum wage would add only four percent to the cost of restaurant meals, and about 1,000 restaurant jobs were lost in Seattle in May after the minimum wage was increased to \$11 per hour.) [79426, 79542, 79601, 79612]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama has no plans to retract his statement that Iranian hardliners are in sync with Congressional Republicans. (The phrase, “Let them eat yellow cake” may come to some minds.) [79443]

LibertyUnyielding.com reports, “The FBI is now referring some potential terror suspects for psychological counseling as part of a new touchy-feely strategy to defeat homegrown Islamic State supporters. Rather than lock up everyone in the U.S. suspected of potential terrorist activity, the FBI will direct up to 10% of the thousands of people under investigation to the shrink’s couch, where they can rehash the indignities of their childhoods that led them to seek retribution by opening fire on crowds of innocents or blowing up jetliners.” (At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “The FBI is bound as a matter of policy to ignoring and denying the ideological wellsprings of the jihad terror threat in Islamic doctrine. So it is understandable that it would look for causes in other places, no matter how implausible. There is also a whiff of Soviet-era totalitarianism in this: the Soviet Communists declared their political opponents insane and put them in asylums. In Obama’s weak and declining U.S., we are just putting them in ‘counseling’—but the underlying assumption is the same.”) [79472, 79473, 79474, 79524]

Seven Republican candidates engage in the evening’s first candidate debate: former Texas governor Rick Perry, former Senator Rick Santorum, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), former New York governor George Pataki, and former Virginia governor Jim Gilmore. Fiorina comes across as the most polished, intelligent, capable, and strong. A very somber Graham suggests the nation should be prepared to commit U.S. ground troops to the Middle East in the fights against ISIS. [79480, 79484]

Former Hewlett Packard CEO Fiorina zings Donald Trump when asked about polls. Looking to the other candidates, she asks, “I didn’t get a phone call from Bill Clinton [as did Trump] before I jumped in the race, did you? Did any of you get a phone call from Bill Clinton? I didn’t. Maybe it’s because I hadn’t given money to the [Clinton] Foundation or donated to his wife’s Senate campaign. Since he has changed his mind on amnesty, on health care and on abortion I would just ask what are the principles by which he would govern?” But she does congratulate Trump on being the frontrunner in the race, a result of the fact that the voters are “sick of politics as usual. The political class has

failed you, that's just a fact and that's what Donald Trump taps into." [79431, 79434, 79435, 79439, 79484]

Fiorina closes with, "Hillary Clinton lies about Benghazi, she lies about emails, she is still defending Planned Parenthood, and she is still her party's front-runner. 2016 is going to be a fight between conservatism and a Democrat Party that is undermining the very character of this nation. We need a nominee who is going to throw every punch, not pull punches, and someone who cannot stumble before he even gets into the ring. I'm not a member of the political class. I am a conservative. I can win this job. I can do this job. I need your help. I need your support. I will, with your help and support, lead the resurgence of this great nation." [79509]

Media pundits almost universally declare Carly Fiorina the winner of the debate. The Democrat National Committee apparently agrees, as it quickly sends a tweet: "Fiorina says her business experience prepared her to be president. But under her 'leadership,' HP stock fell 53%." (Of course, under Obama's "leadership" the national debt has increased by more than \$8 trillion, and millions more Americans are receiving food stamp benefits. In fact, Hewlett Packard grew from a \$44 billion company to a \$90 billion company under Fiorina. The stock decline was a result of the company's purchase of Compaq, at a time when the industry as a whole was slumping. The DNC clearly does not understand business.) [79449]

TheHill.com writes, "Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina stood out Thursday in the first GOP primary debate, taking shots at Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton while showing off her foreign policy acumen. ...Fiorina outlined an ambitious agenda for her first days in office if she were to become president. She would call Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Iranian supreme leader to express displeasure with the agreement, she said, then on the second day, she'd convene a summit at Camp David with Arab allies. ...She criticized Clinton for dodging questions on topics including the 2012 attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans dead. 'We need a nominee who is going to throw every punch, not pull punches,' Fiorina said. Google reported that Fiorina was the most searched candidate during the early debate, and she also received the most Twitter chatter. Pundits also gave her good reviews, with *Washington Post* columnist George Will saying she 'stood out with precision and fluency,' and Fox News host Chris Wallace also praising her. Fox News pundit Charles Krauthammer said she won the debate 'going away.'" [79463]

Wallace says, "I'd have to say I was most impressed with Carly Fiorina. I think she just stood above the other six people on the stage. She was sharp on national security. She was, not surprisingly for a former CEO, sharp on domestic policy and budget, money issues. I just think there's kind of a sharpness and intelligence about her and a precision [in] her message that really cuts through. I was frankly a little surprised that she didn't make the top 10." (Fiorina did not make the top 10 because of poll numbers. She has low poll numbers because few Americans know anything about her. Few Americans know anything about her because the media has focused almost exclusively on Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, and Jeb Bush. On the other hand, those who are impressed by Fiorina

know her only from listening to her polished campaign speech. They have yet to learn whether she supports a “pathway to citizenship” for illegal immigrants or thinks Islam is a “religion of peace.” In a September 26, 2001 speech—just weeks after the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States—Fiorina praised the Ottoman Empire.) [79464, 79604, 79605, 79965, 79966, 79967]

Politico.com writes, “Only Carly Fiorina may have found the break-out moment she needed, with pundits and insta-polls crowning her as the clear winner of the undercard debate, as she delivered a smooth, commanding performance while others struggled to gain traction.” [79465]

According to a Rasmussen poll, 38 percent of all likely voters believe Vice President Joe Biden would be a better president than Hillary Clinton; 29 percent say Clinton would be a better president; one-third are undecided. Among likely Democrat voters, 40 percent believe Biden should run, while 45 believe he should not. [79466, 79467]

Fox News reports that Iranian Quds force commander General Qassem Soleimani visited the Kremlin in July, in defiance of travel sanctions. (Secretary of State John Kerry has promised that Soleimani would never be removed from the sanctions list, foolishly believing that would follow United Nations rules.) [79544]

CNN reports that the remaining U.S.-trained rebels in Syria are unaccounted for, having fled, been kidnapped, or killed. (The U.S. military has trained only about 50 “New Syrian Forces.” Its goal is 5,000 per year.) [79437, 79679, 79680]

Obama tweets a message to Jon Stewart, who is leaving Comedy Central’s *The Daily Show*: “You’ve been a great gift to the country.” (Translation: “Thank you for ridiculing conservatives for years.”) [79438]

WSMV.com reports, “Tennessee Army and Air National Guard members with valid Tennessee handgun permits will now be allowed to carry handguns at state armories and facilities. Maj. Gen. Max Haston, Tennessee’s adjutant general, announced the decision Thursday. The move comes after last month’s attack at a Chattanooga military facility that left four Marines and a sailor dead.” [79440]

Politico.com reports, “The State Department’s request that Hillary Clinton’s former deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin, return any work-related emails in her possession went unreceived for two months because of issues with delivery of State’s mail and email messages asking for the records, according to Abedin’s lawyers. After the controversy over former secretary of state Clinton’s use of a private email account and server for official business erupted in March, Abedin was among 10 current or former State Department officials asked by their former agency to provide any similar messages on their private accounts. But Abedin’s lawyers said she didn’t receive that request for more than two months after it was sent on March 11. ...It’s unclear why State Department officials had so much trouble tracking down Abedin, who is currently vice chair of

Clinton's presidential campaign. It's also not clear whether State's snail-mail letter was sent to an old address for Abedin, a wrong address for her or was returned for some other reason. The State Department declined to comment on the delay." [79441, 79505]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The Department of Homeland Security will propose to Congress to direct \$110 million away from Immigration and Custom Enforcement's budget and reprogram it to other agencies within DHS like the Secret Service and DHS cyber operations, a source with access to information within ICE told The Daily Caller. 'The DHS justification is, 'Well, ICE, you're not using all of your budget, and, it's coming from bed and deportation money, because you can't arrest people and you can't detain people. So it doesn't makes sense that you're not using your budget, so we are going to take it away from you and give it to other divisions of homeland security,' the person said. ... 'And so now ICE officers are shaking their heads saying, 'Hey they don't let us do our jobs and now they're taking our budget and our money away from us and our cars,' so they're really frustrated,' the source told TheDC.'" [79455]

CNBC.com reports, "U.S. officials tell NBC News that Russia launched a 'sophisticated cyberattack' against the Pentagon's Joint Staff unclassified email system, which has been shut down and taken offline for nearly two weeks. According to the officials, the 'sophisticated cyber intrusion' occurred sometime around July 25 and affected some 4,000 military and civilian personnel who work for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Sources tell NBC News that it appears the cyberattack relied on some kind of automated system that rapidly gathered massive amounts of data and within a minute distributed all the information to thousands of accounts on the Internet. The officials also report the suspected Russian hackers coordinated the sophisticated cyberassault via encrypted accounts on social media." [79442, 79523]

Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) announces he will vote against Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran: "I believe the vote to disapprove is the right one. Under this agreement it will be able to achieve its dual goals of eliminating sanctions while ultimately retaining its nuclear and non-nuclear power. [It is] Better to keep U.S. sanctions in place, strengthen them, enforce secondary sanctions on other nations, and pursue the hard-trodden path of diplomacy once more, difficult as it may be." (Schumer can safely oppose the deal even if it angers the White House in the short term, because he knows there are probably not enough votes to override an Obama veto. Obama therefore gets what he wants, while Schumer can say to his constituents, "Well, at least I tried.") Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) also says he will not support the agreement: "The answers I've received simply don't convince me that this deal will keep a nuclear weapon out of Iran's hands, and may in fact strengthen Iran's position as a destabilizing and destructive influence across the Middle East." (Schumer reportedly told Obama of his decision but asked him to keep it a secret until the next day. Obama then leaked the information, forcing Schumer to go public with his statement.) [79469, 79485, 79487, 79489, 79490, 79491, 79494, 79513, 79535, 79549, 79574, 79585]

Ilya Sheyman, executive director of the far left MoveOn.org, states, "If this is what counts as 'leadership' among Democrats in the Senate, Senate Democrats should be

prepared to find a new leader or few followers. In response to Senator Schumer's decision to side with partisan war hawks, MoveOn.org's 8 million members are immediately launching a Democratic Party donor strike." [79535, 79536, 79671]

Fox News conducts its second debate of the day, featuring the top 10 Republican presidential candidates, based on recent polling: real estate developer Donald Trump, former Florida governor Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, brain surgeon Ben Carson, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and Ohio Governor John Kasich. (Many observers will argue that the earlier debate with the "bottom tier" candidates was much more impressive, with fewer absurd questions and far more thoughtful responses. Carly Fiorina is fortunate to have been in the first debate.) With 10 candidates all trying to get attention, limited to only one minute per response, none is able to provide viewers with a good understanding of his ideology or agenda. Making matters worse is the questions from Bret Baier, Chris Wallace, and Megyn Kelly, who seem to be going out of their way to stoke controversy (for ratings) and provoke confrontations between the 10 men on stage. (The questioning by Bill Hemmer and Martha MacCallum in the earlier debate had fewer, but some, childish "gotcha" questions. This *Timeline* believes the future of the nation is too serious to waste viewer time with "show of hands," "yes or no," "give us two words to describe..." and "Does God speak to you?" questions that serve no purpose other than to provoke controversy or embarrass candidates.) [79456, 79470, 79478, 79479, 79483, 79486, 79539, 79583, 79597]

The debate opens with an attack on Trump, with all candidates being asked to pledge to support the eventual Republican nominee and agree not to run as a third party candidate. Trump, to no one's surprise, refuses to agree. The time-wasting question is clearly meant to shame and discredit Trump—who errs in not giving a good response. He does not point out that some of the other nine candidates on the stage would never actively support or campaign for each other, or that the Republican party has a shameful track record of attacking conservative candidates who dare to challenge "establishment" Republicans in the primary elections, and then abandoning those conservatives who win those primary elections. (The "establishment" is pushing a Jeb Bush-Marco Rubio ticket. Wall Street clearly would not mind a "safe" Bush versus Hillary Clinton race, because it would win no matter which crony capitalist is victorious in the contest. Neither Bush nor Clinton would upset the status quo, as would Rand Paul or Ted Cruz. Rupert Murdoch, CEO of Fox News' parent company News Corporation, has been photographed enjoying a dinner with Jeb Bush and Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett. Few paper-trailed "official directives" to journalists and media pundits to push particular candidates are likely to exist, but it is naive to believe that political preferences do not filter from the top of the corporate ladder down.) [79514, 79515]

Interestingly, the attacks on Trump come from the Fox News debate moderators, rather than Trump's competition on the stage. Whether that was by chance or the result of some "secret agreement" between the candidates' campaigns and Fox is not known. Rush Limbaugh later comments, "We all made a mistake. We assumed that the orders went out

to the candidates. But the candidates did not make one move toward taking Donald Trump out. The broadcast network did; the candidates didn't. ...Not one of the remaining nine candidates joined Megyn Kelly in taking the shot at Trump. Not one. Yet we have been told that there were orders from Republican donors to take Trump out." (Kelly in particular is excoriated by many conservative viewers. Author Robert Ringer later writes, "Megyn Kelly is razor sharp, impeccably prepared, relentless, tough, verbally skilled, and, to boot, a pretty good looker. She's also an egomaniacal smart-aleck who seems intent on following Glenn Beck down the path to mediocre celebrity status.") [79526, 79749]

Kelly slams Trump for having insulted women, to which Trump responds (to considerable audience laughter), "Only Rosie O'Donnell." Kelly argues that the insults have extended beyond O'Donnell. (Kelly neglects to mention that Trump's arguably crude insults have often been prompted by criticism of him. On *The View*, O'Donnell had called Trump a "snake oil salesman" and criticized him for having been married more than once and for not firing Miss USA Tara Connor for drug use. (Trump owns the Miss USA Pageant.) While Trump may have called a few women (and men) fat pigs, slobs, and losers, O'Donnell is no angel. Of pro-lifers, O'Donnell has stated, "I'd like to take my [menstrual] period blood I no longer have and write, 'you're all assholes.' I'd like to smear it all over some people's faces." (Whether Kelly endorses that statement is not known.) [79833, 79834, 79875]

Trump certainly turns off some conservative viewers by praising Canada's socialized health care system, and perhaps does little to gain new supporters with his obtuse responses to questions. (Nevertheless, some polls later suggest Trump did well in his appearance.) Chris Christie and Ron Paul do themselves no favors by arguing with each other about NSA spying; Paul has the U.S. Constitution—specifically the Fourth Amendment—on his side but Christie is the bigger bully. Ben Carson and Ted Cruz get few questions but answer thoughtfully and calmly. [79456, 79470, 79478, 79479, 79526, 79583, 79748]

Another loser is arguably a bland Jeb Bush, who says nothing to make viewers believe he has what it takes to defeat the eventual Democrat candidate. Bush says, "I believe that the great majority of people coming here illegally have no other option. And there should be a path to earned legal status for those that are here." (In other words, Bush is not going to do much to stop illegal immigrants from entering the country and is eager to help those who are already present.) The debate's winners may be Cruz, Rubio, and Huckabee, who are articulate and forceful without being abrasive. They say nothing to lose any supporters but likely gain some. [79594]

*Timeline* readers know that the term "natural born citizen" historically meant birth on U.S. soil to two U.S.-citizen parents. On the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1862, Congressman John Bingham—the "father of the 14th Amendment"—stated, "All from other lands, who by the terms of [U.S.] laws and a compliance with their provisions become naturalized, are adopted citizens of the United States; all other persons born within the Republic, *of parents owing allegiance to no other sovereignty* [emphasis

added], are natural born citizens. Gentleman can find no exception to this statement touching natural-born citizens except what is said in the Constitution relating to Indians.” In 1866 Bingham stated, “Every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States *of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty* [emphasis added] is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.” [18420, 18466, 18783, 18784, 18795, 79566]

Several of the Republican candidates for president (Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum) are, like Obama, *not* eligible to legally serve as president. For example, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) was born in Canada, to a Cuban-citizen father and a U.S.-citizen mother. The “establishment” has, however, decided that Cruz is eligible to serve as president. But if Cruz is eligible, despite being foreign-born, why did the Obama campaign and the media work so hard in 2008 to claim Obama was born not in Kenya, but in Hawaii? Why did Obama have to produce a forged birth certificate if Kenyan birth would *not* have rendered him ineligible? If Obama was born in Kenya, his birth situation was *exactly the same as that of Ted Cruz*: foreign birth, foreign father, American mother. If Cruz is eligible, Obama should be able to admit, “Yes, I was born in Kenya.” The presidential eligibility requirement in the U.S. Constitution has not only not changed since 2008, it has not changed since 1789. If Cruz is eligible in 2015, was he not also eligible in 2008? If Cruz is eligible in 2015, why would a Kenyan birth have rendered Obama ineligible in 2008?

Technically there is one other factor. If Obama was born in Kenya to only one U.S. citizen parent, he was not only not a natural born citizen of the United States, he was also not even born a “generic” U.S. citizen—because the law at that time required the citizen parent to have been a U.S. resident at least five years after attaining age 14, and Obama’s mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, did not meet that requirement. (She was only age 18 in August 1961.)

An estimated 24 million viewers watch the debate—about seven times more than watch Jon Stewart’s final appearance on *The Daily Show*, and the largest audience of any non-sports telecast in cable television history. (Fox News’ efforts to plug the event pay off for the network, but the viewers arguably learn little other than Chris Christie and Rand Paul do not like each other. Not much can be gained from 60-second responses to questions that are either inane or cannot possibly be answered in 60 seconds.) [79500, 79534]

On August 7 political strategist Dick Morris writes, “In its GOP primary debate coverage, Fox News’ recent desire to be accepted into the fraternity of leftist leaning journalists was on full display. Having built its audience by being fair to conservatives, its anchors now seek to pivot to the left in order to satisfy their professional peers. It is very revelatory that CNN praised Fox News for its handling of the debate. Fox News couldn’t care less what the audience or the Republican candidates thought of them. It was trying to make it in the journalistic cocktail circuit. That’s why they pummeled Trump with such personal attacks and treated all of the other candidates like enemies. Megyn Kelly was especially partisan, her bias showing through her questioning of Trump. You can bet she’ll never be as tough on Hillary as she was on the Donald last night and certainly won’t be asking her



personal questions. Fox News showed an arrogant contempt for its audience in its leftist bias and was, in effect, telling them that they have no other place to go. The network's choice of who got to answer questions was just one of the many ways it showed a bias. Conservative Ted Cruz had to wait for 25 other responses before he was finally asked a question—and that one was about God. Conservative newcomer Ben Carson was ignored for so long by the Fox News anchors that he even commented that he was wondering if he would ever get the chance to speak. Fox News could have shown that it could be fairer than any other station. Instead its liberal bias rivaled that of George Stephanopoulos.” [79496]

MediaEqualizer.com writes, “With its big debate night in the can, the good news for Fox is that its usual enemies on the left hate it quite a bit less, at least for the moment. The unfortunate side effect: an avalanche of complaints from very angry conservatives who thought they might have been watching MSNBC by mistake. Many are longtime viewers who are now feeling betrayed.” There was “an overwhelming sense that questions were designed more to weed out certain candidates rather than merely be tough. On Fox’s Facebook page, tens of thousands voiced their anger...” Among the comments, “This was shameful. You [Megyn Kelly] and Fox News did not treat the candidates fairly. You tried to make Donald J. Trump look foolish. All you did was make Fox News look foolish.” “Donald J. Trump still has my vote.” “[Megyn Kelly and Chris Wallace] should be ashamed of themselves for their unfair demeanor towards Donald Trump. They apparently had their own agenda. Trump still did his thing though!” “Megyn, you’re an embarrassment to journalism. I wanted to watch a presidential debate, not a hit job by you and Fox.” “Tonight’s debate loser: Fox News.” (For the prior week, Fox News’ Megyn Kelly has been criticizing Trump on The Kelly File. Fox News owner Rupert Murdoch, and much of Wall Street, would be more than happy to see the final nominees to be Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton—because neither one would rock the crony capitalist boat.) [79497, 79498, 79510]

Carly Fiorina’s debate success carries over to the RedState Gathering in Atlanta, where she receives three standing ovations. Among her statements: “[W]e’re also going to have to have a nominee who is prepared to take on every mythology of the Democrat party. Whether it’s the ‘war on women,’ or they’re the party that cares most about African Americans, or Hispanics, or the poor. The truth is, the Democrats have been bad. Bad for women, bad for African Americans, bad for Hispanics, bad for economic growth opportunity and respect in this nation. That’s what we need to win this job. I can win this job!” [79499, 79507, 79530]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal scores point with the conservative audience, saying he will end funding of Planned Parenthood and eliminate the IRS, OSHA, and the EPA. Jindal says that, unlike Hillary Clinton, he is not “evolving” on the issues to match the polls. (According to a study by the CATO Institute, Jindal is the only governor running for president who cut spending in his state: by an average of 1.76 percent per year. The biggest spenders have been Jeb Bush in Florida and John Kasich in Ohio.) [79501, 79725, 79726]

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush is generally well received at the RedState event but gets booed over some of his remarks on immigration policy. [79531]

RedState event host Erick Erickson, who did not invite Ben Carson to speak at the event, disinvites Donald Trump because of his offensive remarks—and invites Fox News’ Megyn Kelly in his place. For the record, Erickson has engaged in his own share of offensive comments, calling now-retired Supreme Court Justice David Souter a “goat-fucking child molester,” Michelle Obama a “Marxist harpy,” and stating, “That Michelle Obama public service announcement on Haiti is not very flattering. Move the camera back please.” For Erickson to be outraged over Trump’s remarks is therefore more than a bit hypocritical. Similarly, Kelly once appeared on Howard Stern’s radio program, where she seems to have thought that discussing her bra size, her husband’s penis size, and sex in the third trimester of her pregnancy would somehow help establish her as a credible and objective journalist. In addition, Kelly once posed for GQ magazine wearing black lingerie. (In January, 2007 DailyKos.com stoked rumors of an affair between Fox News’ Brit Hume and the then-just-divorced Megyn Kendall (Kelly).) [79527, 79528, 79540, 79545, 79559, 79560, 79577, 79586, 79593, 79606, 79625, 79626]

Erickson’s action promptly arouses the anger of Trump (and Carson) fans. Whatever the opinions people in the media might have of Trump, however, they are irrelevant. Whether Trump would be a good president is *for the voters to decide*. It was Fox News that decided to put what it considered the “lesser” candidates—including Carly Fiorina—in an afternoon debate. It was Fox News that decided to go after Trump in the evening debate. It is RedState.com’s Erickson who decided to deny attendees the opportunity to hear Trump speak. [79527, 79528, 79540, 79545, 79559, 79560, 79577, 79586, 79790, 79791]

At LewRockwell.com Dan Phillips later writes that Erickson “is controlled opposition. Like a lot of Con Inc. [‘Conservative, Inc.’] functionaries who consider themselves the genuine opposition, he has a history of attempting to gate keep just how far that opposition can go, such that his and his fellows’ challenge to the Regime is legitimate discourse, but any farther or outside certain bounds and you’re an extremist who must be disavowed. For example, RedState famously banned new accounts for Ron Paul supporters when they stormed RedState in defense of their candidate and his positions. RedState also squelched discussion on their site of the Federal Reserve and sound money. It is farcical to believe that you can represent a fundamental challenge to the Regime without addressing the Central Banking and funny money scheme that props the whole house of cards up. ...Con Inc. wants candidates who check all the boxes because it easily satisfies a certain portion of the base and reinforces the Republican vs. Democrat, conservative vs. liberal, Red Team vs. Blue Team dynamic. The Establishment wants the two sides to shadow box with each other in what amounts to little more than theater while they continue to direct policy in a way that enriches them. Trump is the audience member who won’t shut up about the obvious production gaffes. ...Erickson was OK with Trump when he viewed him as a safety valve for angry yahoos, but when that match Trump was striking began to threaten to really burn down the house, like when Trump and his angry supporters brought Fox News to their knees, well that’s starting to get serious.” [79790, 79791]

Erickson's excuse for not inviting Carson to speak is that he saw the candidate at two veterans events and "he spent the entire time talking about himself and his battle with [Obama] and it just struck me wrong." Breitbart.com writes, "Contacted in London, where he has traveled on business, Armstrong Williams, Dr. Carson's longtime business manager and confidant said, 'This is an outrage. When I heard what Erick Erickson said about his justification for not inviting Dr. Carson, I immediately thought it was a smear and outright lie. I dare Erick Erickson to show transcripts where Dr. Ben Carson appears in front of two groups of veterans and speaks solely about himself and ...Obama. On the occasions when Dr. Carson uses stories from his personal narrative, it is to illustrate how one can overcome difficult situations. Dr. Carson took time away from his busy campaign schedule in the state of Iowa to emphatically communicate his grave disappointment with Erickson and perplexed to understand his true hidden agenda. Dr. Carson holds our troops and veterans in the highest esteem, and would never give a speech to a group of them without specifically addressing their concerns. What's more, you would think that the RedState audience would want to hear from someone like Dr. Carson because he has taken on ...Obama directly while some of his opponents in the Republican primary have been on the sidelines for the past eight years. I don't know what Erickson's motivations are—but there is something here far deeper than he didn't like what he heard at two speeches.'" According to Breitbart.com, "In a previous interview, Erickson labeled himself an 'activist' rather than a 'reporter' and previously said [of] Carson, 'I don't see a rationale for his candidacy.'" (Erickson has apparently decided he should decide for the voters which candidates are viable.) [79596]

Trump may very well fall by the wayside as a result of some of his outrageous remarks; his candidacy may be short-lived—and perhaps deservedly so. But what may be an orchestrated effort by the "establishment" and the media to destroy Trump may end up working in his favor. With Twitter and Facebook being bombarded with versions of, "It's not up to Megyn Kelly and Erick Erickson to decide who deserves my vote," *The Kelly File's* ratings may fall and RedState.com may see its readership suddenly plummet. Millions of voters are fed up with "the establishment" and are unwilling to accept a race between two seemingly pre-ordained candidates, Jeb Bush and Hillary Clinton. The support for Donald Trump and Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) may be far less about who they *are* than who they are *not*. Trump and Sanders "call it like they see them" and are certainly not Bush or Clinton. How the events will play out cannot be predicted in advance, but it is safe to suggest that millions of voters will stay home on election day if the choice is between Bush and Clinton. (If Trump crashes and burns, Carly Fiorina may end up attracting the support of many voters who find Trump's anti-establishment, outsider status appealing.) [79527, 79528, 79540, 79545]

Billionaire investor and philanthropist Carl Icahn tweets, "After last night's debate I decided to accept Donald Trump's offer [to be his] Secretary Treasury." "Seriously, the methods of electing our corporate and political leaders have become completely dysfunctional." "In both areas, we are in dire need of a breath of fresh air." (Trump made the offer in June. Whether Icahn is serious or joking remains to be seen, but this *Timeline* believes it is wise for candidates to openly discuss their preferences for cabinet members

far in advance of the election. Such choices often tell the electorate far more about the candidate than the candidate's speeches.) [79640]

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke tells DailyCaller.com, "I've been real disappointed in [Senator] Rand Paul [R-KY... Early on, he met with Al Sharpton. And I don't care who people meet with, but the reason he gave for meeting with Al Sharpton was he wanted to get the black perspective of things. I thought that's insulting. Al Sharpton is so far removed from the black perspective." Clarke (a black Democrat) adds, "If you want to find out the black perspective, you need to start treating black people as individuals. Go down and start talking to people. Hang in some of these areas. The barber shops, the churches. And get a multitude of perspectives, not just one. [Sharpton] doesn't speak for all black people. So when I saw that [Paul meeting with Sharpton], I thought typical 'pandering.'" (Although Paul reasonably believes it will help the Republican party if it "reaches out" to black voters, Sharpton certainly does not represent all blacks. In fact, he largely represents only himself.) [79565]

The Department of Labor reports that only 215,000 jobs were created in July, down from 231,000 in July. the unemployment rate remains 5.3 percent. A record 93.77 million Americans of working age are *not* in the workforce—and a majority of them are *not* counted as unemployed because they have given up looking for work and are on welfare. The labor force participation rate is a mere 62.6 percent, a 38-year low. (That is, only 62.6 percent of working age Americans are working.) More than 6 million Americans are working at part-time jobs because they cannot find full-time employment. According to WashingtonExaminer.com, "9.041 million foreign-born women held jobs in December of 2007 compared to 10.028 million today—or a gain of roughly 1 million jobs. In contrast, 59.322 million U.S.-born women held jobs in December of 2007 compared to 59.258 million today—or a loss of nearly 64,000 jobs. Overall, nearly 25 million foreign workers, men and women, hold jobs inside the United States, according to a Senate immigration expert." [79493, 79516, 79517]

On its web site, the Department of Agriculture notes a six-fold increase in the use of food stamps at roadside farm stands and farmers markets and calls it a "win-win-win scenario." [79663]

Bill Sardi warns at LewRockwell.com of what lies ahead if interest rates start returning to more normal levels. He writes, "Interest rates on money the Federal Reserve central bank issues to lender banks is going to gradually rise from 0.0-0.2% to ~3.5%. The Congressional Budget Office says this is going to happen in the second-half of 2015. That is the feared moment when the financial industry has to suddenly be weaned off of free money. This means that lenders will add two or three percentage points to that when they lend money to buy houses and automobiles, so consumers are likely to start paying 5.5-6.5% on a newly issued home mortgage instead of the prevailing 3.92%. That will have serious repercussions in the housing market that will finally fall flat. The housing market has been falsely propped, first by no down-payment loans, then by low interest loans, then by those elite members of the financial classes who benefited from all this

free money who bought \$1+ million homes. Unless incomes begin to rise, the housing market is toast.” [79471]

“Once interest rates rise on borrowed money from the Federal Reserve, banks are going to have to raise their interest rates on long-term savings accounts from less than 1% to maybe 3.0% to halt the continued erosion in the value of saved money (about \$8 trillion in these savings accounts). That rate of interest does not match the rate of inflation, said to be 2.2% target rate by the Federal Reserve Bank but more like 5-6% from 2010 to 2015 according to ShadowStats.com... But savers are finally going to lick their wounds and start earning meaningful interest on their money again. Savers will still be losing wealth [because of inflation], but just not as much. Commensurate with a rise in interest rates on borrowed money there will be a prodigious increase in the amount the government pays for money it has already borrowed—\$13 trillion of the \$18 trillion national debt is held by the public. ...The Congressional Budget Office says the interest rate on the national debt will gradually rise from 1.8% to 3.9% over the coming decade. Interest payments will rise to \$227 billion this year then double to more than \$480 billion by 2019 and triple to \$722 billion by 2024. ...More money is being sucked out of the private sector and funneled into paying collective bills for Medicare and Social Security as the portion of retirees in the population rises. Federal borrowing is going to crowd out additional private investment in a circuitous downward spiral that will doom the American economy.” [79471]

“The only other ways out of this mess are to (a) sell off trillions of dollars of assets and/or (b) print lots and lots of electronic money with resultant run-away inflation. Someone once said, tongue-in-cheek, just allow China and Japan to buy Alaska... There are those free spenders and money printers who say the US cannot become technically insolvent with respect to its own currency because we have a fiat money system and can print all the dollars we want. While run-away inflation (erosion of what the dollar will buy) would be the result, the fallback position is that the US dollar is the world’s reserve currency (currency used in international trade) and that props up demand for the US dollar. But an overly strong dollar is being used against the US. Foreign nations buy up US dollars to prop up its price and then undercut it with their cheaper currencies to outbid US companies for business (what is called currency manipulation). This results in a half-trillion trade deficit that robs over 7 million jobs.” [79471]

Economist and author Peter Schiff disagrees, later telling CNBC, “I think [raising interest rates is] the last thing the Fed wants to do... Of course, the second to last thing they want to do is admit that they can’t raise rates. If the Fed wanted to raise rates, they would’ve done it years ago. They keep talking about how they’re waiting for improvements in the labor market, yet they pretend they’re maybe going to raise rates in September. The labor market is not going to get any stronger between now and September. If anything, it might get weaker. We had a pretty bad private sector ADP payroll number today. Just 185,000 jobs. The goods producing sector—the most important sector—particularly weak. Just 2,000 manufacturing jobs created. And the labor force participation rate just hit a new low... The lowest of this cycle... They can’t admit that they’ve inflated a gigantic bubble and it needs a constant supply of air in the form of zero percent interest rates and, I think,

more quantitative easing. They have to pretend that they've created a legitimate recovery that doesn't need this monetary support. If they admitted that they are never going to raise rates, then the dollar would tank and that would send long-term interest rates much higher and the Fed doesn't want that. So in order to have their cake and eat it too, they keep talking about how they're getting ready to raise rates, but never actually raise them and have to deal with the consequences. Which would be another financial crisis..." (This *Timeline* agrees with Schiff—and Bonner & Partners' Bill Bonner—that the Federal Reserve is not about to raise interest rates. It will simply continue to inflate the money supply—with eventual disastrous results.) [79521, 80091]

DailyCaller.com reports, "Prosecutors in the office of Baltimore city state's attorney Marilyn Mosby directed police investigators to withhold evidence from the attorneys for the six cops charged in the Freddie Gray case that the 25-year-old had a history of taking part in 'crash-for-cash' scams carried out in order to obtain legal settlements. ...If true, Gray's scheme and prosecutors' withholding of potentially exculpatory evidence would be the latest blow to Mosby's case against the cops." [79506]

Obama, his wife, and daughters head to Martha's Vineyard for a 17-day vacation. They will stay in a \$22.5 million, 7,000 square foot mansion. (WeaselZippers.com reminds readers of a statement by Obama during a 2008 interview: "You have to understand that, uh, that if you seek that office you have to be prepared to give your life to it. ...uh, uh, uh, essentially the bargain that any president I think strikes with the American people is, um, you, you give me this office and in turn my fears, doubts, insecurities, foibles, need for sleep, uh, family life, vacations, leisure—is gone. I, I, I am giving myself to you, and the American people should have no patience for whatever's going through your head because you've got a job to do. And, and so, uh, how I think about it is, um, that you don't make that decision unless you are prepared to, to make that sacrifice, uh, that trade-off, that bargain." Since entering the White House Obama has played more than 200 rounds of golf.) [79508, 79533, 79741, 79742, 79857]

While millions of Americans talk about the GOP debates, the Democrat National Committee schedules only six for their party—and the first will not take place until October 13. The schedule is a clear effort to protect Hillary Clinton from losing ground to her Democrat challengers. One of them, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, states, "This is not how democracy works. It's ridiculous. The campaign for presidency should be about giving voters an opportunity to hear from every candidate and decide on the issues, not stacking the deck in favor of a chosen candidate." [79511]

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) caves in on the issue of defunding Planned Parenthood, stating he will not remove its funding from the coming appropriations bill: "We've been down this path before. This is a tactic that has been tried going back to the '90s and it always has the same ending—that the focus is on the government shutdown and not on the underlying issue that is being protested. We are not doing government shutdowns and we are not threatening to default on the national debt." (McConnell's argument is absurd. If the House and Senate pass an appropriations bill that funds the federal government's operations but excludes funds for Planned Parenthood,

there would be no government shutdown *unless* Obama chooses to veto the legislation *over that one issue*. Obama would be unlikely to do so, because *he* would then get the blame for any shutdown. Under McConnell’s “plan,” once Planned Parenthood funding is approved, the burden would then be on Congress to remove it. Such stand-alone legislation would promptly be vetoed by Obama, and that veto could not be overridden without a two-thirds vote. McConnell is simply giving Obama and his fellow “progressives” what they want.) [79529]

At Observer.com former Department of Justice attorney Sidney Powell reports, “In a letter sent to the U.S. State Department and just filed today with U.S. federal Judge Emmet G. Sullivan, the counsel for [former Hillary Clinton chief of staff] Cheryl Mills wrote: ‘Ms. Mills does not believe that she has paper copies of potential records in her possession. Following our production on August 10, 2015 [of the defense counsel’s version of the electronic records], we have instructed her to delete any and all electronic records in her possession.’ That is a far stretch from a statement by Ms. Mills under penalty of perjury, and she and her lawyers are planning to delete the emails Judge Sullivan wants produced? Judicial Watch has made an emergency filing in Judge Sullivan’s court to stop the further destruction of evidence of what may very well be assorted criminal conduct and violations of numerous federal laws. This all just surfaced in State Department’s status report filed today in response to Judge Sullivan’s order. Yesterday evening, State finally produced some correspondence between it and Hillary’s right and left hands—Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills. It has not produced its correspondence with Mrs. Clinton, and it is now clear that Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Abedin and Ms. Mills plan to thumb their noses at the Judge and the State Department. No one is ‘cooperating,’ despite their empty rhetoric to the contrary.” [79518, 79547]

Ms. Powell continues, “It is especially telling that there was no Inspector General at the State Department while Mrs. Clinton led the department. That independent watchdog surely would have put a stop to such an illegal and unauthorized practice immediately. Obviously, that is why Mrs. Clinton didn’t allow an Inspector General. As soon as the Inspector General had the opportunity to review her first 40 emails, he immediately identified classified or sensitive information that should never have been outside the State’s secure channels. ... There is a lot more that we don’t know. The question now is, with all of this deceit, delay, and destruction past, present and planned, how long will it be before Judge Sullivan issues a show cause order to hold Secretary Kerry, Ms. Mills and/or others in contempt, issues an order to prevent the destruction of Ms. Mills or anyone’s electronic records, and appoints a special prosecutor to investigate the entire corrupt cabal? The train a comin’ right now is driven by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan—the man who named a special prosecutor to investigate the Department of Justice and its ‘Public Integrity Section.’” [79518, 79547]

Santa Maria, California Police Chief Ralph Martin responds to the death of 64-year-old Marilyn Pharis, who was raped and beaten by two illegal immigrants on July 24: “I think this is a national issue. It starts with administration and their policies. You can draw a direct line to this governor and legislature [because of their loose immigration policies]. I am not remiss to say that from Washington D.C. to Sacramento, there is a blood trail to

Marilyn Pharis' bedroom. According to FoxNews.com, "...Victor Aureliano Martinez Ramirez, 29, an illegal immigrant from Durango Canatlan, Mexico... has been arrested six times in last 15 months, for crimes including sexual assault, possession of methamphetamine and weapons and driving without a license. His most recent arrest occurred just eight days before the attack on Pharis. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement admitted in a statement it did not issue an immigration detainer, which would have led to deportation, for Ramirez following the most recent arrest." Ramirez' accomplice is Jose Fernando Villagomez. [79520, 79570, 79587, 79588, 79867]

Congressman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, later asks, "How many Americans must die at the hands of unlawful criminal immigrants before the Obama Administration takes a serious look at the failure of its own policies? The Obama Administration's callous disregard for our nation's immigration laws has spiraled into a public safety crisis that has manifested itself in the heinous murder of another innocent woman, this time a veteran of the United States Air Force. The Obama Administration should be leading the way in immigration enforcement so states and localities can no longer ignore federal law and enact dangerous sanctuary policies. Instead, this Administration's misguided policy that only certain criminal convictions should render an unlawful immigrant a 'priority' for removal—leads to countless crimes inflicted on Americans and legal immigrants." [79867]

James Holmes, the Aurora, Colorado theater killer who gunned down 12 people, is sentenced to life in prison. Judge Carols Samour, Jr. reads the verdict: "We the jury [of nine women and three men] do not have a unanimous final sentencing verdict on this count, and we the jury understand that as a result, the court will impose a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on this count." (At least one of the jurors refused to agree to a death sentence.) [79512]

Talk radio's Michael Savage excoriates Fox News' Megyn Kelly: "It's clear that Martha Washington [Kelly], Roger Ailes [Fox News president], and Rupert Murdoch [News Corporation CEO] are working for Hillary Clinton. It's as clear as a bell that 'Mayhem Kelly' has gone over to the dark side, and frankly her looks are changing. ...Megyn Kelly's looks may have not changed to herself in her Cinderella mirror backstage. The cameras that we all watch is the portrait that I'm referring to. The portrait of Dorian Kelly is quite revealing. You watch her face change. You'll see it change over the coming months now that she is drunk on her own power. You'll see what I see, because I see things before anyone else." Newsmax.com adds, "But it wasn't just Kelly he railed against, but Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. Facebook was the main sponsor of the debate, hosted by Fox News, and Savage said that was because Zuckerberg wants to open the nation's borders so he can get cheap labor for his website." Savage: "When have you ever heard of a man in favor of cheapening American wages and flooding America with illegal aliens buying a network during the opposition's debate? Well you just heard of it. ...Mark Zuckerberg joined forces with Fox News to undermine one Donald Trump and that was for one reason only: Zuckerberg is the greediest man in the history of the world. Zuckerberg doesn't care who gets hurt, he just wants them in this country." Trump is the "biggest threat to the status quo. The establishment is afraid of Donald Trump." [79546]



LibertyNews.com reports on Grassfire polls of conservatives conducted before and after the August 6 debates.

The pre-debate responses:

Donald Trump - 37.6%  
Ted Cruz - 23.4%  
Ben Carson - 15.4%  
Scott Walker - 11.2%  
Others - less than 10%

The post-debate responses:

Ted Cruz - 29.6%  
Donald Trump - 23.6%  
Ben Carson - 12.6%  
Carly Fiorina - 8.3%  
Marco Rubio - 6.5%  
Mike Huckabee - 6.4%  
Scott Walker - 5.9%  
Others - less than 5%

“For Donald Trump this represents a loss of 37.1%. So to the question of whether or not Fox News hurt Trump, the answer is clear. The debate appears to have been devastating for Trump, convincing more than a third of his previous supporters to jump ship. ...Cruz jumped to first place with an increase of 26.8%. Fiorina jumped a whopping 439% to go from a non-starter to 8.3% and a spot in the top five. Rubio surged from 1.6% to 6.5%. This is a stunning move for Fiorina, who also registered in the top for ‘second choice’ and is now among the leaders in the acceptable/unacceptable categories. Based on our polling, we anticipate that Fiorina has a HIGH CEILING in the GOP field and could quickly establish herself as a top-tier candidate who fights to the end for the nomination.” [79548]

At ForeignPolicy.com Brad Hoff notes a recent interview of retired Defense Intelligence Agency director Michael Flynn by Al Jazeera’s Medhi Hasan. “Michael Flynn confirms to Mehdi Hasan that not only had he studied [a] DIA memo predicting the West’s backing of an Islamic State in Syria when it came across his desk in 2012, but even asserts that the White House’s sponsoring of radical jihadists (that would emerge as ISIL and Nusra) against the Syrian regime was ‘a willful decision.’ ...Flynn seemed to want to make it clear that the policies that led to the rise of ISIL were not merely the result of ignorance or looking the other way, but the result of conscious decision making.” Hasan asks, “You are basically saying that even in government at the time you knew these groups were around, you saw this analysis, and you were arguing against it, but who wasn’t listening?” Flynn replies, “I think the administration.” Hasan: “So the

administration turned a blind eye to your analysis?” Flynn: “I don’t know that they turned a blind eye, I think it was a decision. I think it was a willful decision.” Hasan: “A willful decision to support an insurgency that had Salafists, Al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood?” Flynn: “It was a willful decision to do what they’re doing.” [79554, 79555, 79578, 79681]

Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes, “Mehdi Hasan is a highly suspect analyst and Foreign Policy Journal appears to be a pro-jihad paleocon publication, and Al Jazeera is certainly a pro-jihad propaganda outlet. All that is noted, but if this transcript is accurate, former DIA director Michael Flynn is confirming that the Obama Administration knowingly decided to support al-Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood in Syria, and directly enabled the rise of the Islamic State. And given the Obama Administration’s general stance toward the global jihad and Islamic supremacism, what would be unbelievable about that? In a sane political atmosphere, this would be enough to bring down the Obama presidency. Instead, it will get little notice and no action whatsoever.” [79556]

The claim is essentially that the Obama administration worked behind the scenes to support ISIS, al-Qaeda, and the Muslim Brotherhood to turn a “jayvee” team into a varsity team that would take down the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria. Several years later, Assad is still in power—and ISIS is wreaking havoc in the region, eliminating the gains made in Iraq made by tens of thousands of Americans. (Whether Obama’s actions can be regarded as incompetent or treasonous is debatable.)

In an interview with *Spiegel*, Israel Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon says, “The way the negotiations [with Iran] had been managed by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany was a historic mistake. Now we have a deal which is going to allow Iran to become a military nuclear threshold state. In a decade or so, they’ll be allowed to enrich uranium without any restrictions. In a couple of months, when the deal is implemented, Iran will have access to \$100 billion (in frozen funds), and in addition to having money to rehabilitate the economy, they will also have money to ‘export the revolution.’ The Iranians will provide financial support to organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad as well as the Houthis in Yemen and the Shiites in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. They are going to intensify their activities and improve their terror infrastructure. And what about the missiles that can reach all of Israel and parts of Europe? They’re not part of the deal. ...One way or another, the Iranian military nuclear ambitions should be stopped. We can in no way tolerate an Iran with nuclear weapons. We prefer for this to be done through a deal or sanctions, but in the end, Israel should be able to defend itself.” [79575, 79576]

Politico.com reports, “Acting in response to a request from a federal judge, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Friday submitted her first official, formal certification under penalty of perjury that she had all her work-related email turned over to the State Department. However, two aides to Clinton [Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills] appear to have rebuffed parallel requests from U.S. District Court Judge Emmet Sullivan that they similarly certify that they’d turned over certain emails and other records in their

possession relating to their work at State. ...Clinton's formal declaration may not satisfy her critics because while she has said she directed that all potential federal records in her private email account be turned over to her former agency, she can't personally certify that the handover was complete because she left the actual sorting process to her attorneys." [79532, 79646]

Judge Emmet Sullivan's order states, "The Court hereby directs the Government to request that Mrs. Hillary Clinton, Ms. Huma Abedin, and Ms. Cheryl Mills i) not delete any federal documents, electronic or otherwise, in their possession or control, and ii) provide appropriate assurances to the Government that the above-named individuals will not delete any such documents. The Government shall inform the Court of the status of its compliance with this Order no later than August 12, 2015, including a copy of any assurances provided by Mrs. Clinton, Ms. Abedin and Ms. Mills that they will not delete any federal documents in their possession or control." [79532, 79646]

On August 8 former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee issues a statement that is certain to outrage many Democrats—and the White House: "Thank God for Sen. Schumer and his opposition to this reckless nuclear deal with Iran. While I disagree with Sen. Schumer on most things, I applaud him for putting peace in the Middle East above partisan politics. Despite endless arm-twisting and enormous political pressure from the White House, Sen. Schumer chose statesmanship over partisanship. Sen. Schumer's opposition to the agreement sends a signal to every pro-Israel Democrat in Washington that they don't have to 'walk the plank' for ...Obama—they can stand for peace and reject this bad deal. And I pray that they will." [79541]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is forced to leave a campaign event in Seattle, Washington after being shouted down by "black lives matter" activists who take over the stage. According to NBCNews.com, "[T]wo women approached the podium just as Sanders began addressing the crowd of several thousand, and demanded the microphone. Sanders stepped aside, and one woman got into an argument with an organizer, shouting 'We are angry!' After being given the microphone, and after the crowd booed, one of the women said, 'I was going to tell Bernie how racist this city is ...but you already did it for me.'" (Apparently the activists believe it is racist to boo them for outrageous and illegal behavior. Some might argue that leftists, having spent decades creating a society of victims, are now increasingly paying the price for their mistake.) [79550, 79567, 79588, 79701]

Hillary Clinton issues a "declaration" that states, "I, Hillary Rodham Clinton, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct: 1) While I do not know what information may be "responsive" for purposes of this law suit [sic; lawsuit], I have directed that all my e-mails on clintonemail.com in my custody that were or potentially were federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done. 2) As a result of my directive, approximately 55,000 pages of these e-mails were produced to the Department on December 5, 2014. 3) Cheryl Mills [Clinton's former chief of staff] did not have an account on clintonemail.com. Huma Abedin [Clinton's closest aide] did have such an account which was used at times for

government business. Hillary Rodham Clinton.” (The lawyerly statement is loophole-ridden. Obviously, records that Clinton had already been destroyed were no longer in her custody; she does not certify that *all* records were provided; and there may be records on accounts other than clintonemail.com. For Clinton to claim she does not know what records may be “responsive” to the court’s request is ludicrous; she is simply giving herself an excuse she can use in the future, depending on what records might eventually be collected. Further, she did not provide anything; she merely “directed” that someone else provide them; that also gives her an out.) [79594, 79590, 79650]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The State Department says all of the potential secret information in former Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton’s emails has knocked them off pace, and told a federal judge late Friday [August 7] that’s why they are currently in violation of his orders. John F. Hackett, the top open-records officer for the department, said the government belatedly realized all of the potentially classified information in Mrs. Clinton’s communications and, prodded by two watchdogs, realized they needed to be running her emails by intelligence officers to make sure they weren’t giving out secrets.” (In other words, Clinton’s emails have to be carefully reviewed in order to redact the classified information she insists they do not include.) [79562]

At USAToday.com Windsor Mann writes, “[I]f the best part of your political career occurred before your political career, there may be a problem with your political career. Such is the case with [Hillary] Clinton’s. According to a new Gallup poll, more voters view her unfavorably than favorably, giving Clinton her worst net favorable score since 2007. The same woman who deleted thousands of ‘personal’ emails is now going out of her way to share details about her life, for the simple reason that everything else she has attempted—listening tours, policy speeches, other kinds of speeches, hiding from the press, going to Chipotle, being a woman—has failed to galvanize prospective voters. As in 2008, Clinton entered the 2016 presidential race hoping to win on account of her name or, failing that, her gender. Having failed to excite voters by simply existing, she now hopes to woo them with her personality, by telling them stuff [about her youth and her mother] they neither want nor need to hear. ...If Clinton’s personality is her chief asset, she’s in trouble. To a lot of people, she comes across as neither affable nor interesting nor honest. ...Even if Clinton were well liked, that would not solve her most fundamental problem, which is that she is well known. People get tired of even things they like. That is why popular TV shows get cancelled, why bands that used to fill auditoriums no longer do, and why more people would rather listen to Bernie Sanders and Vanilla Ice than to Hillary Clinton.” [79816, 79817]

CNN.com reports, “Some in the U.S. intelligence community warn that ISIS may be working to build the capability to carry out mass casualty attacks, a significant departure from the terror group’s current focus on encouraging lone wolf attacks, a senior U.S. intelligence official told CNN on Friday. To date, the intelligence view has been that ISIS is focused on less ambitious attacks, involving one or a small group of attackers armed with simple weapons. In contrast, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, has been viewed as both more focused on—and more capable of—mass casualty attacks, such as plots on commercial aviation.” [79579, 79580]

On August 9 Reuters reports that Tesla, which manufactures electric luxury cars with the generous assistance of taxpayer subsidies, “is losing more than \$4,000 on every Model S electric sedan it sells, using its reckoning of operating losses, and it burned \$359 million in cash last quarter in a bull market for luxury vehicles.” (The Tesla Model S Sedan starts at \$69,900. Even if Tesla’s figures are accurate—which is questionable—taxpayers who cannot afford the expensive vehicles are being forced to pay taxes to subsidize the wealthy drivers who want to brag about their “green” cars.) [79641, 79642, 79643]

Cuban officials round up and arrest pro-freedom demonstrators in advance of Secretary of State John Kerry’s August 14th visit. Angel Moya, an Obama-masked demonstrator says, “What is happening is his [Obama’s] fault. The Cuban government has grown even bolder. That’s why we have this mask on. Because it’s his fault.” (State Department spokesman John Kirby says the Obama administration is “deeply concerned” by the arrests—but Kerry will still visit the island and “make nice” with the Castro regime.) [79647, 79648, 79703, 79762]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), pushes his socialist agenda to a full crowd of 19,000 at a basketball arena in Portland, Oregon. (Offers of “free stuff” paid for by others are certain crowd gatherers.) [79636]

NBC announces the results of its first post-debate poll:

Donald Trump – 23% (up 1%)  
Ted Cruz – 13% (up 7%)  
Ben Carson – 11% (up 3%)  
Carly Fiorina – 8% (up 6%)  
Marco Rubio – 8% (unchanged)  
Scott Walker – 7% (down 3%)  
Jeb Bush – 7% (down 3%)  
Rand Paul – 5% (down 1%)  
Mike Huckabee – 5% (up 1%)  
Rick Perry – 2% (unchanged)  
John Kasich – 2% (down 1%)  
Bobby Jindal – 1% (unchanged)  
Chris Christie – 1% (down 2%)  
Lindsey Graham – 1% (unchanged)  
Rick Santorum – 0% (down 1%)  
George Pataki – 0% (unchanged)

The top four vote-getters received 55 percent. With all four of them considered outsiders or anti-establishment, the Bush team is no doubt having fits—as is the Clinton team. Hillary Clinton believes she can defeat Bush and does not want to face an anti-establishment candidate who might stir up the “I’m mad as Hell and I can’t take it any more!” crowd. The last thing Clinton would want to face is a Cruz-Fiorina ticket. The

Republican establishment also fears such an outcome and does not want a “rock the boat” nominee. (Although the establishment pays lip service to Ronald Reagan, the truth is that the Republican party and Wall Street did everything in its power to oppose Reagan in the 1980 primaries. Reagan won the nomination and the general election by the sheer force of his personality.) [79563, 79564, 79572, 79573, 79584]

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the Fox News team had a pre-debate plan in place to crush Donald Trump if the occasion arose. The “script,” according to one of the three moderators, Bret Baier, read, “Mr. Trump, in your business you have rules. You follow rules. We have rules on this stage. We don’t want to have to escort you to the elevator outside this boardroom.” (In other words, Fox had planned a specific attack line to use against Trump, apparently in the event of “fireworks.” In fact, the only confrontation of the debate was between New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)—which was *encouraged* by a question from Megyn Kelly.) The Times writes, “[W]hen Kelly rehearsed a question for another candidate—delivered in the staccato style that adds to her reputation as a tenacious interrogator—a producer at the table said, ‘He’ll go berserk.’ That’s a compliment for Kelly, who smiled.” (These are examples of why so many Americans hate the news media. During the 2012 debates there was certainly no evidence that any questions had been designed to make Obama “go berserk,” but such questions for Republican candidates are not only allowed, they are encouraged.) [79738, 79739]

According to the *Daily Mail*, British jihadis have plans to assassinate Queen Elizabeth II “next weekend at an event to mark the anniversary of the end of the Second World War. ... [P]olice and MI5 are involved in a frantic race against time to thwart the assassination plot being orchestrated from Syria by Islamic State commanders. The extremists aim to strike on Saturday [August 15] by exploding a deadly pressure cooker bomb during events in Central London to mark the 70th anniversary of VJ Day—Victory in Japan.” [79568, 79569, 79581, 79582, 79797]

TheBlaze.com reports, “According to a new poll, Carly Fiorina is the Republican presidential candidate of choice after Thursday night’s debates. The nationwide poll of more than 17,000 people from the Association of Mature American Citizens—a conservative organization for those 50-years-old and up—asked who won Thursday night and included candidates in the official GOP debate and the earlier, second-tier debate. With 6,273 votes Fiorina led the poll at 36 percent. Texas Senator Ted Cruz came in second place with 17 percent of the votes (3,015), and controversial real estate mogul Donald Trump came in third place with 14 percent of the votes (2,414).” [79591]

Demonstrations, looting, and violence take place in Ferguson, Missouri on the anniversary of the police shooting of Michael Brown. Police shoot and wound Tyrone Harris, Jr., who had opened fire on a police vehicle—and who was out on bond for a prior felony. (One Politico.com headline: “Police shoot man who allegedly fired at officers near Ferguson protests”—as if the bullets fired at the police were imaginary.) A reporter for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* is attacked and hospitalized. Among the protesters arrested are Princeton professor Cornel West (an extremist, socialist friend of Obama

who served on his Black Advisory Council during the 2008 campaign) and professional agitator Deray McKesson. Protester chants include, “Ready for what? We’re ready for war!” and “Fuck the police!” [10088, 79592, 79593, 79595, 79586, 79592, 79599, 79600, 79608, 79639, 79666]

St. Louis Alderman Antonito French lets four protesters into his “Heal St. Louis” office to avoid gunfire. They promptly steal laptop computers and iPads. [79589]

On August 10 Reuters reports, ‘Two women shot at the U.S. consulate in Istanbul on Monday and at least nine people were killed in a wave of separate attacks on Turkish security forces, weeks after Ankara launched a crackdown on Islamic State, Kurdish and far-left militants. ...The Revolutionary People's Liberation Army-Front (DHKP-C), considered a terrorist organization by the United States and Turkey, said one of its members was involved, and called Washington the ‘arch enemy’ of the people of the Middle East and the world.’ [79591]

At FoxNews.com Jennifer Griffin reports, “Just hours after a deal last month allowing the U.S. to use Turkey’s air bases to launch sorties against ISIS, Turkey pulled a move that left American military leaders surprised and outraged, and raised questions about the two nations’ alliance in the war on the jihadist army. With only 10 minutes notice to their American partners, Turkey launched a massive air strike of its own July 24 against a Kurdish militant group in the northern mountains of Iraq. The U.S. had barely enough warning to make sure its own forces were out of the way, according to a military source with knowledge of the tension Turkey’s attack caused in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center, the allied headquarters in the air war against ISIS. ‘A Turkish officer came into the CAOC, and announced that the strike would begin in 10 minutes and he needed all allied jets flying above Iraq to move south of Mosul immediately,’ said the military source, describing events that took place in the center, in a secret location in the Middle East. ‘We were outraged.’ ...‘We had U.S. Special Forces not far from where the Turks were bombing, training Kurdish Peshmerga fighters,’ the source said. ‘We had no idea who the Turkish fighters were, their call signs, what frequencies they were using, their altitude or what they were squawking [to identify the jets on radar].’” [79787, 79788]

The Society of American Journalists writes Obama to express “deep concern about the constraints on information in the federal government today. These include: prohibiting staff from communicating with journalists unless they maneuver through public affairs offices or through political appointees; refusing to allow reporters to speak to staff at all, or delaying interviews past the point they would be useful; monitoring interviews; and speaking only on the condition that the official not be identified even when he or she has title of spokesperson.” (Obama has been in the Oval Office for six-and-a-half years and journalists are finally getting around to “expressing concerns” about a lack of transparency.) [79743]

An organization called Veterans Against the Deal releases an ad featuring retired Staff Sergeant Robert Bartlett, who was seriously injured in Iraq in 2005, arguing against

Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. Bartlett says, "I was blown up by an Iranian bomb... that's who we're making a deal with. Every politician who's involved in this will be held accountable. They will have blood on their hands. A vote for this deal means more money for Iranian terrorism. What do you think they're gonna [sic] do when they get more money? Call your Senator. Tell him, 'No deal with Iran.'" [79589, 79590, 79603, 79655, 79694, 79694, 79737]

At Breitbart.com Joel B. Pollak reports, "Several left-wing groups have united in an 'Astroturf' campaign to create a false impression of public support for the Iran deal at town hall meetings across the nation. The effort, called '60 Days to Stop a War,' is being coordinated by MoveOn.org, an anti-war group, the National Iranian American Council, a pro-Iran lobby group; Daily Kos, a left-wing blog site; and other left-wing groups. As in the Obamacare effort in 2009, the apparent goal of '60 Days' is to create a media sensation that can drown out the American public's overwhelming opposition." [79598]

Newsmax.com reports, "Former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman has been named chairman of United Against Nuclear Iran, a nonprofit, nonpartisan education and advocacy group that opposes the nuclear deal recently negotiated with Iran by the Obama administration." Lieberman says, "UANI has led the effort to economically isolate the Iranian regime, and its bipartisan and international expertise makes it a highly respected voice on the merits of the Iran agreement. I am honored to assume this new leadership role at this important time." [79638]

FreeBeacon.com reports that Obama "approved of Iran's right to operate a nuclear program in 2011 during secret meetings with Iranian officials, according to new disclosures by Iran's Supreme Leader. The comments, made earlier this year by [Ayatollah] Ali Khamenei, dispute claims by the Obama administration that it only began talking to Iran after the election of President Hassan Rouhani. Khamenei revealed in a recent speech that talks began in secret with anti-Semitic, Holocaust denying former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. At this time, Obama told the Iranians he endorses Iran's right to have a nuclear program. 'The issue of negotiating with the Americans is related to the term of the previous [Ahmadinejad] government, and to the dispatching of a mediator to Tehran to request talks,' Khamenei said in a recent speech translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). 'At the time, a respected regional figure came to me as a mediator and explicitly said that U.S. President [Obama] had asked him to come to Tehran and present an American request for negotiations,' Khamenei disclosed. 'The Americans told this mediator: 'We want to solve the nuclear issue and lift sanctions within six months, while recognizing Iran as a nuclear power.' 'I told that mediator that I did not trust the Americans and their words, but after he insisted, I agreed to reexamine this topic, and negotiations began,' Khamenei added. Other Iranian officials also have admitted that Obama's goal from the get-go was to endorse Iran's nuclear program and then lift economic sanctions on the country's economy." [79623, 79658, 79676, 79709, 79904]

Interestingly, Obama enlisted then-Senator John Kerry (D-MA) to oversee his overture to Iran, rather than then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Andrew C. McCarthy explains



why at NationalReview.com: “Clearly, there are two reasons: Obama needed someone outside the administration, and Kerry’s status and track record made him a natural. Remember, Obama was running for reelection in 2011-12. Public opposition to Iran’s acquisition of nuclear weapons and, therefore, to Iran’s enrichment of uranium was very strong—and, indeed, remains so. Consequently, Obama pretended on the campaign trail that he would vigorously oppose Iran’s uranium-enrichment efforts ... even as he was covertly signaling to the jihadist regime that he was open to recognizing Iran as a nuclear power. ... With Obama out feigning opposition to Iran’s enrichment activities, it would not do to have a conflicting message communicated to Iran by his own administration. What if Iran, to embarrass Obama, were to go public about an administration entreaty that directly addressed enrichment? It would have been hugely problematic for the president’s campaign. Obama thus needed an alternative: someone outside the administration whom Obama could trust but disavow if anything went wrong; someone the Iranian regime would regard as authoritative. John Kerry was the perfect choice.” [79675]

Obama’s second reason for choosing Kerry was “...Kerry’s belief that the United States should capitulate to Iran on the ‘right to enrichment’ was well known to the Iranians. ... [W]hen Obama wanted to assure [Ayatollah] Khamenei that he would be flexible on Iran’s demands (even as the president was telling Americans the opposite in his reelection campaign), Kerry relayed a letter to the Iranian regime in Tehran. The letter was transmitted through the same intermediary, the government of Oman, that Obama would later use to transmit his message to Iran’s supreme leader. According to a key adviser to the speaker of Iran’s parliament, Kerry’s letter stated that the United States recognized ‘Iran’s rights regarding the enrichment cycle.’ MEMRI says that Kerry’s letter triggered two meetings in Oman between American and Iranian diplomats and, finally, Obama’s letter to Khamenei. The Obama administration would soon officially agree that Iran has a right to enrich uranium. The capitulation details were formally handled by Kerry once he became Obama’s second secretary of state. Obviously, his audition went well.” [79675]

In Exeter, New Hampshire, a reporter asks Hillary Clinton, “Madame Secretary, any comments on the Iran deal? Senator [Charles] Schumer’s not supporting it—are you disappointed in him?” Clinton walks away and say, “Thank you all.” [79662]

NBCNewYork.com reports, “A White House staffer threatened her boyfriend, a U.S. Capitol Police officer, with his own weapon during an argument, according to police.” Barvetta Singletary “was arrested at the scene without incident. She is charged with domestic violence. Singletary is currently a Special Assistant to the President and House Legislative Affairs Liaison. [She is paid \$125,000 per year.] A White House spokesperson said Singletary has been placed on unpaid leave, and her access to the White House complex has been revoked until they have more information.” [79602, 79607, 79654, 79657, 80004]

NBCNewYork.com reports, “A 20-year-old New Jersey man has been charged on terror-related counts for allegedly trying to help organize a ‘small army’ of ISIS fighters in New York and the Garden State and for traveling overseas with the intent to join the terror

group, federal prosecutors said Monday. Nader Saadeh, who lived in Rutherford until he left the country May 5, allegedly to join ISIS, was arrested Monday on charges of conspiring and attempting to provide material support to the terrorist organization, federal officials said. He was previously taken into custody in Jordan. Saadeh's brother, Alaa, along with at least three others in New York and New Jersey, were arrested in recent months in connection with the alleged ISIS cell." [79621, 79622]

Tucson's KVOA.com reports, "One of the men charged in the [December 2010] murder of U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian Terry pleaded guilty to one count of murder, Monday morning. Once a potential candidate for the death penalty after the murder of the agent, the drawn up plea deal now states that the U.S. and the defendant will ask for 360 months imprisonment, with credit for time served since his arrest in October 2012. ...As part of the plea agreement, the United States agreed not to execute Burboa and to dismiss all other charges against him, including charges of interfering with federal officers and killing Terry with 'malice aforethought' the second charge in the superseding indictment." [79633, 79634, 79704]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The political fallout from last week's toxic spill at Colorado's Gold King Mine intensified Monday, with critics saying the incident has exposed clear hypocrisy within the Obama administration while threatening the credibility of the Environmental Protection Agency at a crucial moment. Rather than express outrage as it has done in the wake of previous environmental disasters, the White House would not comment on the spill and instead directed all questions to the embattled EPA. The agency, meanwhile, remains under intense fire after its contractors accidentally breached a dam at the mine last week and sent toxic sludge flowing into the Animas River. The contaminated water has spread to New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, and EPA officials were forced to concede that more than 3 million gallons were released into the river—a much higher amount than the agency's initial estimate of 1 million gallons. The fluid contains lead, arsenic and other heavy metals. ...Critics say the administration is exercising a clear double standard by failing to demand the kind of accountability—including the firings of those responsible—that it has demanded of private companies. They also say the EPA has seriously damaged its own credibility by failing to reveal the incident until a day later, and by initially downplaying the size of the spill." [79616, 79617, 79618, 79619, 79620, 79664, 79665, 79711]

Dan Kish, senior vice president for policy at the conservative Institute for Energy Research, states, "Their [the EPA's] response has been terrible. They've hedged the truth, if you will, which puts people in jeopardy because it turns out it's much worse. They're doing precisely the sorts of things they level charges at other people for doing. It's ironic in a lot of ways because, typically, when big, iconic things happen like this, they spend a huge amount of time trying to throw gasoline on the fire. They always tell us they're right, everybody is wrong. In this particular case, they've got their hands full." Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) states, "It has been five days since the spill and the EPA has failed to answer important questions, including whether the polluted water poses health risks to humans or animals. It is concerning that the agency charged with ensuring that the nation's waters are clean is reportedly responsible for the toxic water spill at

Gold King Mine. A spill of this magnitude could be devastating for the families who live nearby and depend on the Animas River in their daily lives.” (The Animas River is a tributary of the San Juan River, and its water eventually flows into the Colorado River.) [79616, 79617, 79618, 79619, 79620, 79664, 79665, 79711]

An August 7-9 Public Policy Polling survey gives Donald Trump the lead in Iowa, with 19 percent. Ben Carson follows with 12; Scott Walker, 11; Jeb Bush, 11; Carly Fiorina, 10; Ted Cruz, 9; Mike Huckabee, 6; Marco Rubio, 6. All other GOP candidates are at 3 percent or less. Fiorina’s favorable/unfavorable rating is 56/15; Carson’s is 69/10; Rand Paul’s is a dismal 31/45. A July 20-21 Public Policy Polling survey of Hispanic Republicans gives Trump a favorability rating of 34 percent. Bush has 31 percent; Cruz, 30; Rubio, 30. [79613, 79514, 80501, 80502]

In a national Morning Consult poll of Republicans, Donald Trump leads with 32 percent; Jeb Bush is in second place with 11 percent. All other candidates are at less than 10 percent. [79627, 79628, 79652, 79656]

On CNBC billionaire investor Warren Buffett says, “I wouldn’t be surprised if [Donald Trump] maintained a quite a solid base for some time.” [79637]

In an August 7-9 Ipsos/Reuters poll, Trump gains 24 percent, Jeb Bush has 12, and all other candidates finish with 8 percent or less. [79652, 79653]

One unnamed Republican National Committee source tells Reuters, “Why should we [the GOP] give this guy [Trump], any person, 25 million eyeballs to help his candidacy or her candidacy for an independent run?” HotAir.com comments, “[T]he real question is, why would anyone with a spot on the Republican National Committee still be saying things like that aloud? If you’re seriously talking about taking a declared candidate who is not only in first place, but *just smoking the rest of the field at this point* and refusing to allow him a seat at the debate you’ve essentially nullified the validity of the process. The RNC doesn’t get to pick the nominee, nor does CNN or we annoying folks at Hot Air or the rest of the new media. The voters do, and that’s the end of the story. If a quarter of them want Trump then he must be heard at the debates.” [79652, 79653]

At Politico.com the Media Research Center’s Brent Bozell writes, “If Republicans nominate a third Bush to face a second Clinton, they will suffer their third consecutive loss in the battle for the White House. Each of those losses will have been rooted in one undeniable fact: a milquetoast, Washington establishment-backed nominee is unelectable. Grassroots conservatives, rank-and-file Republicans and Tea Party supporters have figured this out. Since the Washington establishment blessed Jeb Bush with the title of front-runner last December, he has steadily lost support. I know this base. I have worked with them for over three decades. I have raised tens of millions of dollars for Republican candidates only to see one after another betray the very constituents who put him (or her) in office. ...The GOP establishment donor class, dominated by the crony capitalists at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, felt very comfortable investing over \$100 million in Bush. The professional consultants and Washington lobbyists who pocket large chunks of that

cash have convinced these donors their money will bury any opposition. And yet they're backing someone who's rejected by four out of five voters in his own party." [79624]

"...In 1996, [then-Senator] Bob Dole declared himself a conservative. [Senator John] McCain does it every time he's running for office. In 2012 Mitt Romney called himself 'severely conservative.' Ultimately none of them made the sale because conservatives weren't buying. Conservatives have had it with Me-Too Republicans, the kind who spend millions of dollars campaigning as champions of conservative values only to passively—and dishonestly—go along with liberal Democrats on virtually every single important issue. They've had it with the cowardice and/or duplicity of John Boehner in the House and Mitch McConnell in the Senate. ...They're not about to put up with more of these broken promises by a moderate in the White House in 2017. This time around the Republican Party has several worthy conservatives who can unite the party and win the White House, and GOP voters will see actual success if they nominate one of them instead of a third Bush who will lose to a second Clinton." (Bozell supports Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) for president.) [79624]

NBCNews.com reports, "China's cyber spies have accessed the private emails of 'many' top Obama administration officials, according to a senior U.S. intelligence official and a top secret document obtained by NBC News, and have been doing so since at least April 2010. The email grab—first codenamed 'Dancing Panda' by U.S. officials, and then 'Legion Amethyst'—was detected in April 2010, according to a top secret NSA briefing from 2014. The intrusion into personal emails was still active at the time of the briefing and, according to the senior official, is still going on. ...The time period overlaps with Hillary Clinton's use of a private email account while Secretary of State from Jan. 21, 2009 to Feb. 1, 2013. The names and ranks of the officials whose emails were actually grabbed, however, were not disclosed in the NSA briefing nor by the intelligence official." [79631, 79632, 79650]

At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon writes, "Getting a hold of Hillary's emails during all this should have been a walk in the park for the Chinese. In fact it should have been a walk in the park for just about anybody, including precocious seventh graders in Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Clinton, it will be recalled, informed us she wasn't even aware you could have two email accounts on one cellphone. Of course, that was a lie, but the kind of lie only a technological illiterate would make. It was absurd and almost daffy." [79649]

Hillary Clinton proposes a college plan that would raise taxes by \$600 billion over 10 years and spend about \$350 billion on handouts to students, states, and colleges. (Such a scheme will not reduce the cost of education; it will merely encourage the schools to raise tuition to absorb the additional \$350 billion.) Clinton—who has charged more than \$200,000 to deliver a speech at colleges—tells reporters, "No family and no student should have to borrow to have to pay tuition at a public college or university." The statement is absurd on its face. (She may as well have said, "No family should have to borrow money to buy a house or a car.") Few students have the financial wherewithal to pay for college without borrowing. For Clinton to claim that students and their families should not have to borrow any funds for college is code for, "I will make *someone else*

pay.” (At NationalReview.com Patrick Hedger notes that Texas Tech University has its own water park, “and LSU is racing to finish one as well.” Perhaps if the schools spent less money on resort-like facilities their tuition costs could be lowered.) [79609, 79610, 79629, 79651, 79929]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) outdoes Clinton, telling an audience in Oakland, California, “We have legislation in, that I will fight to implement as president, that will make every public college and university in America tuition-free.” There are about 13 million students attending two-year and four-year public colleges and universities. With an average cost of about \$15,000 per year for tuition, room, and board, giving all 13 million students a “free ride” would cost the taxpayers \$195 billion per year. Sanders does not explain where that \$195 billion would come from, or why the cost of education should be borne by anyone other than the students and their parents. In addition, there are about 4.5 million students attending private colleges and universities, at an average cost of about \$33,000 per year, or about \$148.5 billion. Sanders should be asked to explain why those students and their parents should pay \$148.5 billion each year for higher education while students at public colleges and universities should be expected to pay nothing. [79660, 79661]

If a particular private university costs \$20,000 per year and a nearby public university costs \$15,000 per year, some students will consider it worth the additional \$5,000 to attend the private school. But if Sanders makes the taxpayers foot the entire bill for the public university, the difference in costs changes from \$5,000 to \$20,000. Beside the fact that it can hardly be considered fair to expect some students to pay \$20,000 while others are not required to pay anything, the increased difference in costs will encourage students to abandon the private colleges and universities and hop aboard Sanders’ free train ride to a public institution. Private schools will close their doors, and public schools will not be able to handle the increased demand. The public colleges and universities will then plead for additional taxpayer funds to pay for building expansion and increased staff. (Could anyone believe that if the government gave every family a free car the automobile dealers would not quickly run out of cars?) The total cost of Sanders’ scheme will clearly cost far more than \$195 billion per year, and that bill will be passed on to the taxpayers—including those who do not have children in school.

In addition, if young adults do not have to save for their college educations there is far less of a reason for them to seek employment. Why should they work through high school to save for college if Sanders or Clinton will get the taxpayers to pay for it? Why should they work their way through college? The end result of “free college” will be graduates with expensive (for the taxpayers) degrees but *no* work experience at all. More than a few employers will put the blank resumes in their cylindrical files.

The goal of the Sanders (and Clinton) scheme is, of course, *not* to reduce the cost of higher education, Neither of their plans will reduce costs. In fact, both their plans will increase costs because the demand for higher education will increase as soon as it becomes “free.” (How many young adults who cannot now afford college will decide to attend once it is provided for by the state? One million per year? Two million?) The

ultimate goal of the schemes is to gradually *eliminate* private colleges and universities—except for a few high-end schools for the offspring of Hollywood, Wall Street, and government “elites.” Eliminating private schools means the federal government can *control all the colleges and universities*. Federal funds mean federal rules. Federal rules mean brainwashing. (For those who believe there is leftist indoctrination in our nation’s colleges and universities now, just wait until Clinton and Sanders are done with them.)

The National Nurses United union endorses socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) for president. (The Communications Workers of America union previously endorsed Sanders.) [79645]

On *The Kelly File*, Judge Andrew Napolitano states, “If [Hillary Clinton] no longer has the server, where is it? Did she knowingly rid herself of the server? And if she still has the server, then her [August 8] statement violates the law because it is untruthful. Because the server has copies of the e-mails on it and she didn’t turn over all copies of the email. So this federal judge [Emmet Sullivan] has to dig a little deeper.” [79668]

On August 11 Muslims in Jerusalem harass a group of U.S. Congressmen visiting the Temple Mount. According to JPost.com, “The delegation said the harassment began when they ascended the Mount, and a man yelled at Elizabeth Jenkins [wife of Congressman Evan Jenkins (R-WV)]—who was wearing a calf-length skirt and a long-sleeved shirt—that she needed to cover up more. Police were needed to break up the melee and clear the way for the group to continue its visit. ...Men wearing shirts with Wakf insignia then repeatedly interrupted the guide and tried to grab his diagrams and maps. The guide responded that he is doing nothing illegal and will only stop if told to do so by police. ...Soon after, 15-20 men began to harass the group, interrupting the tour guide, shouting and pointing, and once again police were needed to break up the commotion. ...On their way out, the delegation saw a group of Jewish visitors being confronted by a Muslim group, who was crowding around them and shouting ‘allahu akbar.’” [79746, 79747]

YnetNews.com reports, “Israel police and Shin Bet operatives arrested early in July Ibrahim Adel Shehadeh Shaer, a 21-year-old resident of Rafah and Hamas fighter with significant knowledge of Hamas’ actions in Rafah and tunnel digging that was revealed during his questioning. Among the intelligence gained from Shaer during his questioning, the Shin Bet was able to confirm that a road recently built by Hamas along the border fence was intended for a surprise attack on Israel involving vehicles that would even cross the border. ...Shaer also disclosed specific emergency procedures followed by Hamas and the organization’s intention of using tunnels rebuilt since last year’s Operation Protective Edge to launch attacks in Israel. ...Shaer said that Iran was sending money, advanced weapons and electronic equipment to the Gaza Strip including devices to disrupt radio frequencies meant to help down Israeli UAVs above the Gaza Strip. He also claimed that Iran had trained Hamas operatives in paragliding with the goal of infiltrating Israel.” [79754, 79755]

In Lee County, Florida, illegal immigrant Brian Omar Hyde murders Darla Pitts (age 37), her pregnant daughter Starlette Pitts (17), and Starlette's boyfriend, Michael Kelly, Jr. (19). According to MRCTV.org, "Hyde, a native of Belize and Starlette's cousin, was revealed to have illegally entered the U.S. in January through Texas. He was wanted in connection to a recent robbery and was suspected in a double murder case dated back to October of 2013. He was only charged with 'handling stolen goods.' He was also arrested last November for assaulting a police officer, which he disputed." [79822, 79823, 79964]

Hillary Clinton meets with several Black Lives Matter activists, and probably does herself no favors as far as black voters. At Townhall.com Matt Vespa provides a description of the meeting, which was captured on video by *Good* magazine: "One of the activists discusses the issues plaguing black Americans, specifically the rates of incarceration that occurred after President [Bill] Clinton signed the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act in 1994. The former president has since distanced himself from his crime bill, which also provided funding to add 100,000 additional police officers on the street. Hillary brought up the need for a process that will bring about change regarding Americans' views on race. ... The former first lady then told the activists that they're going to need to come together as a movement, define a strategy, and engage in a discourse to move forward what they want to get done about their issues." [79996]

"...[T]hings got a bit heated when the activists noted that the problem is grounded in white violence towards the black community. 'If you don't tell black people what we need to do, then we won't tell you all what you need to do,' said the activist. Hillary's handlers can be heard trying to drag the former Secretary of State away from the discussion. 'This is, and has always been, a white problem of violence. There's not much that we can do to stop the violence against us,' he added. Clinton responded by saying, 'Respectfully, if that is your position then I will talk only to white people about how we are going to deal with the very real problems.' YIKES." [79996]

China devalues its currency, the yuan, in order to make its products even less expensive on the global market. Newsmax.com explains, "China doesn't let its currency trade freely in financial markets as the United States does. Instead, it links the yuan's value to the U.S. dollar. Then it restricts trading to a band 2 percent above or below a daily target set by the People's Bank of China. On Tuesday [August 11], the central bank set the target 1.9 percent below Monday's level—the biggest one-day change in a decade. It also made a technical change to give market forces more influence in determining the yuan's value: Its daily target will now be based on the previous day's closing value." [79699, 79780]

Economist, investor, and author Peter Schiff comments, "China's economy is not failing and this is a small devaluation, 2 percent. The Chinese currency has increased in value dramatically over the past several years along with the US dollar. So this move was motivated not by the exchange rate between the yuan and the dollar, but between the yuan and all the other currencies because the dollar is in a bubble right now. The dollar is very over-valued ... and the dollar is a bubble. This dollar bubble is going to burst. Our economy is in much worse shape than the Chinese economy. The Fed [Federal Reserve]

is going to be forced to admit this. They're not going to be raising interest rates, they're going to be doing QE4 [a fourth round of quantitative easing, or expansion of the money supply]. That's going to sink the dollar and then the Chinese are going to have to revalue their currency much higher in the future against the dollar and it's the dollar collapsing that's going to hurt the US, not this recent move by China. ...We're on the verge of a much worse financial crisis than the one we went through in 2008 and it's going to take the form of a currency crisis. You're talking about currency wars. America is going to 'win' the currency war, which is a race to the bottom, and you don't want to win a currency war because a currency war is different from most wars in that the object is to kill yourself and unfortunately, we're going to succeed." [79699, 79750]

China's actions will be seized upon by Donald Trump, who has been complaining for years about its devaluing of the yuan in order to boost exports. But Trump (and pretty much everyone else in politics) never mentions that the United States government routinely devalues the dollar as well—although it does so in a more deceptive manner: it simply creates money out of thin air to “finance” budget deficits. Creating more money reduces the value of the dollar and results in price inflation. Dollars are worth less not because it is assigned an arbitrary value chosen by a politburo, but because they keep getting printed, with nothing of real value to back them up.

On Bloomberg TV, former Obama administration economist Austan Goolsbee calls Trump too “thin-skinned,” and absurdly claims, “it has been a long time since we've had a very thin-skinned person in the White House.” (Obama is undeniably one of the most thin-skinned individuals to ever occupy the Oval Office.) [79721]

Jerry A. Kane writes at CanadaFreePress.com, “Rupert Murdoch handed over 21st Century Fox, the conglomerate behind Fox News, to sons James and Lachlan July 1, 2015. James is now CEO and Lachlan executive co-chairman. Last year Murdoch elevated his sons to prominent positions, James to co-COO and Lachlan to non-executive co-chairman, but the turnover of the conglomerate came sooner than expected. For 15 years, Roger Ailes has enjoyed near total autonomy as head of Fox News, but Ailes' sovereign rule ended abruptly with the move. A 21st Century Fox spokesperson told The Hollywood Reporter from now on, ‘Roger will report to Lachlan and James.’ ...To say that Ailes and Murdoch's son James have a strained relationship would be a bit of an understatement. James, whose wife once worked for the Clinton Foundation, is a rabid environmentalist who led the campaign to make News Corp a carbon-neutral company. Conversely, Ailes is a ‘fierce climate-change denier,’ who allegedly has called James a ‘f@#\$%!g dope’ and ‘Fredo.’” [79611]

“Ailes was not notified of the management change in advance. Apparently, Murdoch has been convinced that Fox News will continue do well without Ailes at the helm. ...Now that control of Fox News has been given to Murdoch's sons Ailes' fair and balanced reporting and conservative punditry will soon fall by the wayside. ...Last month at the behest of Ailes, Fox News gave Trump more airtime than any other candidate, and analysts and hosts made pro-Trump arguments and gushed over him. But then the network jumped the shark at the Republican Party's first presidential primary debate in



Cleveland, Ohio, last Thursday. Murdoch's message to blunt Trump's rise in the polls came loud and clear over his social media and publishing outlets, and the Fox News debate moderators tried to destroy his candidacy in a single night by unleashing an all-out character assassination to discredit him." (Fox News' recent hiring of non-conservative Meghan McCain—daughter of Senator John McCain (R-AZ)—as an on-air "analyst" of some sort may be an indication of where the Murdoch brothers may intend to take the network. They may not like where it ends up in the ratings.) [79611, 79710]

At Breitbart.com Alex Marlow and Stephen K. Bannon thoroughly examine Fox News' Megyn Kelly's "performance" in the August 6 debate. They ask, "First, what is 'good journalism'? Has it come to mean asking gotcha questions designed to catch politicians off guard, pushing them off their talking points? ...If by 'good journalism,' however, we mean questions designed to elicit informational responses that will be helpful to viewers, Kelly failed in her duties on Thursday night. Kelly asked fifteen questions during the debate. A huge majority of those questions targeted Republicans in ways that would have pleased Clintonista George Stephanopoulos. There is a reason Jorge Ramos of Fusion praised Fox News, as did anchors on MSNBC and CNN. As did the *New York Times* opinion page. And, of course, as did Hillary Clinton." Kelly's question to Ben Carson was "a list of specifics to which Carson had no opportunity to respond, followed by a broader question about leading designed to cast Carson negatively." [79673]

With regard to Kelly's question to Donald Trump about insulting women, she "didn't provide the staggering audience of 24 million the context from the episode of *The View* that prompted Trump to disparage comic and host Rosie O'Donnell. O'Donnell, as it happens, provoked Trump's ire by mocking women who participated in his pageants as well as *women* in his family, past and present. ...Kelly didn't just ask Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker about his abortion position. She phrased it in language that would have made Cecile Richards of Planned Parenthood proud: 'Would you really let a mother die rather than have an abortion, and with 83 percent of the American public in favor of a life exception, are you too out of the mainstream on this issue to win the general election?' She asked no questions about the Democrats' abortion-after-birth position." [79673]

Kelly's question to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie was designed to provoke a confrontation. Rather than simply asking Christie for his opinion on NSA spying on U.S. citizens, she asked, "Do you really believe you can assign blame to Senator [Rand] Paul just for opposing the bulk collection of people's phone records in the event of a terrorist attack?" Kelly's question to former Florida governor Jeb Bush: "To the families of those who died in that [Iraq] war who say they liberated and deposed a ruthless dictator, how do you look at them now and say that your brother's war was a mistake?" The article's authors observe, "It's fair to say that Iraq was not George W. Bush's war any more than it was Hillary Clinton's war. Iraq was a war voted for by the United States Congress to enforce United Nations resolutions, with a coalition of dozens of countries. Kelly also asks, Bush, "Governor Bush, I want to ask you, on the subject of name calling of your fellow candidates, a story appeared today quoting an anonymous GOP donor who said you called Mr. Trump a clown, a buffoon, something else ['asshole'] that cannot be

repeated on television.” That question—based solely on a rumor—served no purpose other than to provoke a question. That is not journalism; that is inciting a fight. Finally, Kelly asked if any of the candidates had received “any word from God?”—an absurd question that is unlikely to be asked at a Democrat debate. The point of Kelly’s shameless question was to prompt one or more candidates to express their religious beliefs so strongly as to turn off voters who may be non-religious or anti-religion. [79763, 79748]

Pamela Geller reports, “The Islamic State Hacking Division has hacked and released military and government information info. Junaid Hussain is in on this—he’s a British jihadist believed to be in Syria who is part of ISIS hacking division. I am appalled at Obama’s indifference to the safety and security of our military while obsessively pursuing a nuclear pact with the world’s largest state sponsor of terror.” CNN.com adds, “Many of the phone numbers and email addresses on the list were not in service, when tested by CNN. But one person on the list, reached by phone, confirmed that he had previously served in the U.S. military. He asked not to be named, but said he had recently been notified by the Pentagon that his name and personal information were on the list. Another, reached by email, confirmed that she was a government employee who has been warned by the military about being on the list.” [79677, 79678, 79842, 79843]

At ThePostEmail.com editor Sharon Rondeau reports, “In the February 21, 1996 edition of the Hyde Park Herald, an announcement of an event sponsored by the University of Chicago’s branch of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) listed then-Illinois State Senate candidate Barack Obama as a featured speaker. ...As reported by KeyWiki, beginning in the early 1990s, Obama fraternized with numerous members of the DSA, which helped to form the New Party, ‘an electoral alliance dedicated to electing leftist candidates to office.’” (As noted in volume 1 of this *Timeline*, Obama was a member of the New Party.) [79705]

Secretary of State John Kerry is asked if sanctions will be re-imposed if Iran violates sections of the agreements dealing with conventional weapons and ballistic missiles. Kerry responds, “No. Specifically, the arms embargo is not tied to the snapback; it is tied to a separate set of obligations. So they are not in material breach of the nuclear agreement for violating the arms piece of it.” (In other words, Iran can build or buy 10,000 ICBMs and program them to strike the United States, in violation of U.N. agreements, and the Obama administration will still refuse to re-impose sanctions.) [79690, 79691]

Kerry also makes the absurd statement, “If we turn around and nix the [nuclear] deal and then tell them [the Iranians], ‘You’re going to have to obey our rules and sanctions anyway,’ that is a recipe, very quickly, my friends, business people here, for the American dollar to cease to be the reserve currency of the world. ...[T]he notion that we can just sort of diss the deal and unilaterally walk away as Congress wants to do will have a profound negative impact on people’s sense of American leadership and reliability.” (In fact, it is the deal itself which has had a “profound negative impact.”) While Obama has falsely been claiming that a rejection of the agreement with Iran would result in war, Kerry falsely claims it would mean the collapse of the dollar. Both are

shamelessly using scare tactics to frighten people into calling members of Congress to demand approval of the nuclear deal. [79635]

A Monmouth University poll shows only 41 percent of Democrats are in favor of Congress approving Obama's Iran agreement. [79737]

Harvard professor Lawrence Lessig announces the formation of a committee to consider his possible entry into the Democrat race for president. Leftist Lessig states, "So here's the idea we're gonna [sic] test: a referendum president, a candidate who runs for president making a single promise, that, if elected, he would serve as long as it takes, but only as long as it takes to pass fundamental reform to finally achieve citizen equality. Once that reform is passed, this president would step down, and the elected vice president would become president to fill out his term. The candidate is the referendum. The campaign is for that referendum." [79644]

In a national Rasmussen poll, Donald Trump falls to 17 percent; Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has 10 percent, as does Jeb Bush; Carly Fiorina and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker each have 9 percent; Ben Carson, 8; Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), 7. [79716, 79717]

Hillary Clinton apparently has better security for events than does Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), as several "Black Lives Matter" protesters are preventing from entering a Keene, New Hampshire campaign event. DailyCaller.com reports, "According to reporters on the scene, the protesters showed up late and a fire marshal and Secret Service agents blocked them from entering the event. Campaign spokesman Nick Merrill offered to swap out people who were already inside the event so that the Black Lives Matter protesters could enter. They declined the offer but requested to meet with Clinton in an overflow room set up at the event, which was held at Keene Middle School. It is unclear which attendees would have been kicked out of the event in exchange for the activists." [79667]

In Florida, U.S. District Judge Donald M. Middlebrooks throws out a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) lawsuit brought by Judicial Watch, claiming there is insufficient evidence to bring the case and to allow the plaintiffs discovery to obtain evidence. (The Bill Clinton-appointed judge essentially declared the lawsuit a fishing expedition designed to prove that the Clintons sold access to government in exchange for donations to the Clinton Foundation.) [79674]

At NationalReview.com Victor Davis Hanson slams Obama's August 5 speech in defense of his Iranian nuclear agreement, calling it "mean-spirited and dishonest" and perhaps even "counterproductive." The address "was mostly made-up history mixed with invective. Indeed, he talked far more roughly about his congressional partners than he did about our Iranian enemies, who have worked so hard to kill Americans over the last 35 years. Obama assured us that in the past a 'nonproliferation treaty ... prohibited nations from acquiring nuclear weapons.' One wonders, then, how India, China, North Korea, and Pakistan ever obtained them, given they were all forbidden to do so under 'new agreements' forged by Democratic and Republican presidents. Is there much logic in the assertion that the intelligence was flawed when we went to war with what proved to be a

non-nuclear Iraq, but that we can trust the same intelligence agencies to apprise us precisely of the nuclear status of Iran?” [79659]

“‘After two years of negotiations,’ Obama went on, ‘we have achieved a detailed arrangement that permanently prohibits Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. It cuts off all of Iran’s pathways to a bomb.’ The deal does no such thing. Iran can still possess some enriched uranium. It can still operate centrifuges. It is not subject to anytime, anywhere inspections. And it will be almost impossible to restore international sanctions should Iran be caught cheating. As in the case of Obamacare, most of Obama’s pre-negotiation assurances are now either forgotten or ignored. ...Obama claimed that the Bush administration’s decision to go to war in Iraq was ‘a preference for military action over diplomacy.’ Yet the Iraq War was authorized by both houses of Congress, with a majority of Democratic senators voting in favor, and the resolution contained 23 writs of action—all following up, in the post-9/11 climate, on the regime-change and liberation acts signed into law by former president Bill Clinton. The Bush administration spent months at the United Nations seeking to persuade Security Council members France and Russia... to authorize military action in order to enforce U.N. sanctions. In contrast, Obama went to war in Libya without congressional approval.” [79659]

“The most disingenuous element of Obama’s entire speech was his assertion that ‘More than a decade later, we still live with the consequences of the decision to invade Iraq... Today, Iraq remains gripped by sectarian conflict, and the emergence of al-Qaeda in Iraq has now evolved into ISIL [ISIS].’ When Obama entered office in January 2009, post-surge Iraq was quiet. By the end of his first year in office, three Americans had been killed. In 2010, fewer Americans were lost in Iraq each month than in accidents involving the U.S. military. That is why Joe Biden thought Iraq would be the administration’s ‘greatest achievement,’ and Obama himself declared the country ‘stable and self-reliant.’ Pulling all U.S. troops out at the end of 2011, against the advice of almost all sober military and diplomatic experts, achieved the desired talking point for the 2012 reelection campaign, but collapsed the country and birthed ISIL.” [79659]

“Obama’s demagoguery is as if President Dwight Eisenhower had pulled all U.S. troops out of South Korea in 1955 to prep for his 1956 reelection campaign—and then blamed the ensuing North Korean victory and devastation of South Korea on Harry Truman for entering the Korean War in the first place in 1950. What mostly brought Iran to the negotiating table was not skillful Obama diplomacy, but the ongoing increases in global gas and oil supplies, and the resulting collapse of oil prices, which assuaged our Asian and European allies’ worries about skyrocketing oil prices should Iranian oil go off the market. The prospect of a glut persuaded them to join in sanctioning Iran. The plunge in oil prices that strengthened the Obama administration’s hand came about as a result of private exploration in the U.S. that occurred despite rather than because of Obama’s efforts.” [79659]

“...Obama says there is ‘daily access’ to Iran’s ‘key’ nuclear sites. But what if Iran declares a site not ‘key’ and therefore off limits? Obama likewise assures us, ‘This access can be with as little as 24 hours’ notice.’ Does anyone really believe that? Not Obama

himself, for he immediately qualified that with, ‘And while the process for resolving a dispute about access can take up to 24 days, once we’ve identified a site that raises suspicion, we will be watching it continuously until inspectors get in.’ If a 24-day wait is no hindrance to inspection, why then have it at all? The definition of appeasement is to accept demands from an aggressor and then declare that the resulting concessions were of no real importance in the first place.” [79659]

“Obama insists: ‘Congressional rejection of this deal leaves any U.S. administration that is absolutely committed to preventing Iran from getting a nuclear weapon with one option, another war in the Middle East. I say this not to be provocative, I am stating a fact.’ That is not a fact. And it is shameful to suggest that it is. Again, the alternative to the deal is not war now, but rather continued sanctions, and a continuation of the increased oil production by the U.S. and the Gulf monarchies that brought a cash-strapped Iran to the table. Both measures could be ratcheted up even further. ...Obama reassures us that Iran’s ‘conventional capabilities will never compare to Israel’s.’ Israel is a country of 8 million people, Iran one of nearly 78 million—with appendages in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, the West Bank, and Lebanon that together perhaps already have more conventional missiles pointed at Israel than Israel has bombers that can reach them.” [79659]

“Obama downplays Iran’s Hitlerian rhetoric: ‘Just because Iranian hardliners chant ‘Death to America’ does not mean that that’s what all Iranians believe.’ That is an adolescent remark—analogous to saying that just because Hitler promised a ‘final solution of the Jewish question’ did not mean that all Germans shared his anti-Semitism. What would it matter even if such an assertion were true? ...Obama should know better. The problem is not that Iranian ‘hardliners’ are chanting ‘Death to America.’ Rather, to take one example, Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in good *Mein Kampf* fashion, has just published a book of 400-plus pages outlining the de facto end of Israel. It is beneath a president of the United States to equate U.S. congressional representatives with theocratic fascists. But that comparison is about what Obama offered when he declared, ‘It’s those hardliners who are most comfortable with the status quo. It’s those hardliners chanting ‘Death to America’ who have been most opposed to the deal. They’re making common cause with the Republican caucus.’” [79659]

“It is rich from Obama to declare that critics of the deal are playing politics and endangering U.S. credibility: this, from a man who, as senator, in the middle of the critical surge in Iraq in 2007 declared it a failure and advocated pulling out all U.S. troops in the spring of 2008. It was Obama who destroyed U.S. credibility by setting empty deadlines with Iran, empty step-over lines with Russia, and an empty red line with Syria, while promising to shepherd Libya to a stable postwar government, a policy whose natural trajectory ended in Benghazi. ...The final irony? ...Obama’s rambling and mean-spirited speech may well achieve the opposite effect of its apparent intention. It may persuade some members of his own party that they could do a lot better than joining a dishonest deal and a disingenuous deal-maker.” [79659]

At NYSun.com Ali Wambold, grandson of the last Crown Prince and Shah (in exile) of the Qajar Dynasty of Iran, Mohammad Hassan Mirza, writes that Obama, “in asserting that the choice we face with Iran is ‘between diplomacy and some form of war,’ misjudges the Islamic Republic. It is already at war. Nor does Mr. Obama’s agreement actually achieve its stated objective: to prevent, or even meaningfully delay, Iran’s acquisition of nuclear weapons capabilities. Congress is right to challenge the accord. ...To treat with the Islamic Republic over the particulars of its weaponry while failing to address the very purpose of its bellicosity is delusional. The so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action does nothing to change the fact that, in plain Farsi, Iran is committed to world conquest by Islam, with its clerics as warlords. Those to be conquered include America (the ‘Great Satan’), Israel (the ‘Little Satan’) and the Sunni-led Gulf States.” [79683]

“...If Iran’s holy war continues (as it does) despite this deal, what is the purpose of lifting sanctions and releasing \$150 billion in frozen assets, thereby providing vast resources to finance it? Iran needed an atomic program less to wage its jihad than to manipulate America into lifting sanctions. Which is what Iran accomplished at Vienna, along with gaining such benefits as the lapse in a few years of constraints on arms trafficking and enhanced verification, such as it is, a few years later. ...If this Administration can’t negotiate a deal with Khamenei that incorporates not only real verification and that repeals sanctions only in return for positive changes in behavior—including a constitutional amendment stripping global jihad from its founding revolutionary purpose—then no deal is the best alternative. ...Many Iranians hunger for freedom, even if ...Obama is silent on their cause. We saw this in 2009, when their struggle for an honest election was crushed in the streets. Most don’t hate the West. Those voices can emerge if the regime is constrained and contained. Communist Russia, a nuclear superpower that under a different ideology also sought world dominion, was successfully contained until its regime collapsed. It is possible for America to contain the Islamic Republic. Iran’s would-be trading partners, who also want to keep doing business here, have reasons to cooperate. Ayatollah Khamenei could be contained, but not by underwriting his jihad through subsidies like the JCPOA [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Obama’s nuclear agreement with Iran].” [79683]

Politico.com reports, “Hillary Clinton has asked her staff to hand over her homemade email server to the Justice Department, her campaign said Tuesday night, just hours after an independent government watchdog said she had at least two ‘top secret’ emails on her unsecured network. Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill told reporters that Clinton ‘directed her team to give her email server that was used during her tenure as Secretary to the Department of Justice, as well as a thumb drive containing copies of her emails already provided to the State Department,’ Merrill said in a statement. ‘She pledged to cooperate with the government’s security inquiry, and if there are more questions, we will continue to address them,’ he added. The announcement came soon after an Intelligence Community Inspector General confirmed that it found two ‘top secret’ emails when examining a sample of several dozen emails from Clinton’s fuller stash of 35,000. That’s a significant upgrade of the intelligence classification. The FBI has opened a probe of the security of Clinton’s private email set-up. The ICIG said two out of four emails it

discovered on Clinton's server, which it believed contained classified information, were in fact 'highly classified' among intelligence agencies, according to a letter the office sent Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) on Tuesday. 'These emails ... have been properly marked by IC classification officials, and include information classified up to 'TOP SECRET,' reads the letter to the Iowa Republican." (The FBI also takes possession of thumb drives with emails that were in the possession of Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall.) [79699, 79670, 79672, 79682, 79684, 79685, 79686, 79687, 79688, 79698, 79700, 79706, 79708, 79714, 79715, 79718, 79720, 79745]

Of course, Clinton eventually turning over her server is meaningless if its most incriminating data has been wiped clean. Although it is true that "deleted" data actually remains on the server's hard drive and is only flagged as "eligible for overwriting," that status exists only until the data has been overwritten by new data. Additionally, if Clinton had anyone of minimal competence taking care of her server, he or she would have removed one or more hard drives from the server, replaced them with new drives, and tossed the originals into the nearest river. If Clinton turns over the server and it is found to contain information that destroys her candidacy, that is further proof that she is too brainless to serve as president of the United States.

The *CBS Evening News* spends 27 seconds reporting on the Clinton news, according to Newsbusters.org. Anchor Scott Pelley says, "Late today, we learned that the intelligence community inspector general has found that two e-mails on Hillary Clinton's private server should have been classified top secret." (Pelley's statement is incorrect. The information is now and was at the time of the email top secret. That the words "top secret" may not have appeared in the body of the email is irrelevant.) NBC and ABC do not bother mentioning the story. [79707, 79734]

At NYPost.com Victoria Toensing (former chief counsel for the Senate Intelligence Committee) and Pete Hoekstra (former House Intelligence Committee chairman) write, "Understandably, those who have never dealt with classified material—the general public—can be misled by 'political spin.' It's important to put the questions about Clinton's personal storage of government emails into the same context in which they are viewed by national-security professionals. Clinton's spokesperson vehemently and repeatedly claimed that press reports about her emails were 'false.' However, the most troubling allegation—that the emails on Clinton's personal server were found to contain classified information—was not specifically refuted. Probably because it's not 'false.' Clinton tried to wiggle out of this problem by suggesting that the matter was overblown because the documents were not classified at the time she had custody and 'various parts of the government' are 'disagree[ing]' about whether the material should be classified." [79729]

"Not so. In a random sampling of 40 emails, two inspectors general found that four individual emails, or 10 percent of the sample, contained classified information. According to Office of Inspector General spokesperson Andrea Williams, those emails were 'classified when they were sent and are classified now.' Clinton's spokesperson argued that Clinton couldn't have been aware that the material was classified because it

wasn't specifically marked. But that statement ignores how the process works. The reason government officials with security clearances are required to keep their correspondence on the appropriate government server is so the material can be vetted and classified prior to hitting 'send' to an uncleared recipient. ...Clinton's argument is a sham. The reason the documents weren't marked is because she never submitted them for clearance. Moreover, Clinton should have been sufficiently aware of what was 'classifiable.'" [79729]

The August 11, 2015 letter from L. Charles McCullough, III, Inspector General of the Intelligence Committee, to Grassley and others states that Hillary Clinton's emails "include information classified up to 'TOP SECRET/ /SI/TK/ /NOFORN.'" (TS = Top Secret; SI = Special Intelligence, or SIGINT; TK = Talent Keyhole, or information from satellites; NF = NOFORN, or "no foreign national" viewing.) [79686, 79687, 79740, 79745]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, states, "For months the Select Committee on Benghazi has called on Secretary Clinton to turn over her server to a neutral, detached third party for independent forensic examination. She refused every entreat. Secretary Clinton said she created this unusual email arrangement with herself for 'convenience.' It may have been convenient for her, but it has been troubling at multiple levels for the rest of the country. Congress, the media, the public, private litigants and FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] requestors were denied access to public documents, and recently the Inspectors General for two separate Executive Branch entities expressed concern about the possible exposure of classified material as a direct result of her decision to eschew the email rules applicable to everyone else and create her own. The IC [Intelligence Community] Inspector General revealed Secretary Clinton's emails and server contained not just 'top secret' classified information, but 'compartmented' classified intelligence not releasable to foreigners, which must be noted in the timing of this announcement. Both the ICIG and the State Department IG were nominated by ...Obama and confirmed by the Senate when it was controlled by Democrats. Secretary Clinton's decision to prioritize her own convenience—and desire for control—over the security of our country's intelligence should concern all people of good conscience." [79685, 79728]

In a "normal world," Clinton's campaign would be over and she would be prosecuted for violating federal laws; whether that will happen to Clinton remains to be seen. What is certain is that Clinton will brag that she "voluntarily" gave up the server in the "spirit of transparency"—which means, "The FBI said, 'turn it over or we will come back with a warrant,' and I didn't want to be branded with having been issued a warrant." (What is also certain is that the threat of prosecution will "keep Clinton in line" as far as supporting Obama's agenda and policies. She has already come out in favor of his Iranian nuclear agreement, knowing full well that if she takes stands against Obama he can telephone Attorney General Loretta Lynch and order her to step up the investigation of Clinton's emails and server. Clinton must "play nice" with Obama because she knows he can destroy her if he—and Valerie Jarrett—decide to do so.)



Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal tells WQAD, “Hillary Clinton is already under investigation by the FBI. Now she’s signed a sworn affidavit to a federal judge, under penalty of perjury, that she has handed over all of her government business emails, which means that she’s one email away from prison time. She’d better pray the Chinese government doesn’t do a document dump. Maybe her friend Martha Stewart can stop giving her interior decorating advice and give her jailhouse survival tips instead. Orange really will be the new black.” [79702]

On August 12 massive explosions at a chemical warehouse in the port city of Tianjin, China kill at least 100 and injure more than 700. BusinessInsider.com reports, “Two Chinese news outlets, including the state-run The Paper, reported that the warehouse was storing 700 tons of sodium cyanide—70 times more than it should have been holding at one time—and that authorities were rushing to clean it up.” Firefighters cause additional explosions with their fire hoses “because sodium cyanide is a toxic chemical that can form a flammable gas upon contact with water.” [79981]

McClatchy News’ White House reporter Anita Kumar, appearing on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, laughably states, “There are several investigations into her [Hillary Clinton’s] conduct, not into her, but into her use of personal email and a personal server.” (Kumar does not explain the difference between an investigation of Clinton and an investigation of her conduct.) [79735, 79736]

According to ABCNews.com, “The last batch of Hillary Clinton emails released by the State Department included one from Clinton asking to borrow a book called ‘Send: Why People Email So Badly and How to Do It Better,’ by David Shipley and Will Schwalbe.” One chapter of the book is titled, “How to Delete Something So It Stays Deleted.” [79760, 79761, 79887]

Rowan Scarborough writes at WashingtonTimes.com, “The revelation that Hillary Rodham Clinton’s private emails contained sensitive information derived from spy satellites and signal intelligence undercuts her defense that she had no reason to believe she was dealing with classified information, security experts say. ‘If she is so ignorant that she doesn’t recognize that this type of information in the email as being classified, it just calls into question her overall competence,’ Larry Johnson, a former CIA analyst trained in the rules of handling government secrets, told The Washington Times. As details emerge about the extent of Mrs. Clinton’s use of personal email to exclusively conduct business as secretary of state, her defense has shifted. At first, she stated flatly that her private emails did not hold or transmit classified information. She later amended that defense to claim that none of the information she sent by private email was classified at the time she sent it. Now, her defenders have evolved her story further, suggesting that she didn’t know information she was handling was classified because it wasn’t marked as such.” [79752]

Congressman Trey Gowdy tells Fox News, “The lady out in front of the Department of Justice wears a blindfold and holds a set of scales and she does so that she treats everybody the same whether it’s me or you, whether it’s General [David] Petraeus,

whether it's a cabinet level official. I was not part of the prosecution team or the defense team for David Petraeus, I don't know all of the facts. I know this, the same rule ought to apply people irrespective of their station in life. So, I'm going to have to count on the Bureau [FBI], and [Director] Jim Comey has a reputation for even handedness and fairness. The same folks who investigated and prosecuted General Petraeus [for having classified information in a drawer of his desk at his residence] are looking into the current allegations with respect to classified information [in Hillary Clinton's unsecured emails] and if the facts are the same then I expect the result to be the same." [79695, 79730]

Rush Limbaugh comments, "Obama can't move in for the kill here [and take Hillary Clinton out of the race] for obvious reasons. But he could do a drip, drip, drip. You know, every day a little bit more news shows up about Hillary's server and her e-mails and what's on it, and this drip, drip, drip continues to create doubt, doubt, doubt in the minds of your average, ordinary news consumer, particularly readers of *The New York Times*, and there's nothing Hillary can do about that because she can't prove anything and she can't deny it. ...And then there's another theory. This is what has been described as 'the tinfoil hat theory,' and it is this: Yes, there are top-secret documents on the server of Hillary Clinton among her emails. What if there is also something about Obama on this server in an email or something that he doesn't want anybody to know. So you go get the server, you get it in your possession, and then nobody hears anything about it for quite a while." [79731, 79767]

"...But she's openly lied about this. And then over here you've got Bernie Sanders just surging. And just a little sidelight about this, 'cause all of this is gonna [sic] pave the way either for Uncle Joe Biden to come in or Lurch, John Kerry, who definitely wants to throw his hat in this ring. And there's that aspect of this, too. You take a look now at the Democrat presidential primary and who are the two front-runners here? An aging, frumpy, Nurse Ratched kind of non-charismatic, stern-looking woman [Clinton]. And over here a guy that looks like he's 85 years old bounding about, being thrown off the stage by Black Lives Matter protesters [Sanders]. We're told the Democrat Party's the party of youth and hip and cool and all of this, and yet the best thing they can come up with is a couple of dinosaurs. Who both happen to be white. Who both happen to be Marxists to one degree or another. Where is the youth? Where is the hip? Where is the cool?" [79731, 79767]

"...But I do not believe that Mrs. Clinton has had a reversal of thought and been shamed into giving up the server. I don't think that's it, 'cause you can't shame the Clintons, and there are no coincidences with the Clintons. I think the idea that she's gonna [sic] give up the server is an indication of the seriousness of the legal problem that she's got... But the Clintons, I have no idea. I do not share a mind-set with them. I understand a lot of their psychology, but when the law's coming after you? I mean, these people used to be in charge of the law. ...I don't think Obama wants her to be president. I don't think Obama wants her at the levers that could change or dismantle what he thinks [is] the greatest legacy in the history of presidencies. I don't think there's any love lost. And I think this drip, drip, drip of information about this that's come out, the leaks that were supposedly

true turned out to not be true, I think it's all been designed to chip away at her support and character and to start raise and create doubts about her." [79731, 79767]

Limbaugh's "drip, drip, drip" observation is almost certainly correct. The assumption is that, behind the scenes, Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett is orchestrating the slow but steady release of information to damage Hillary Clinton and pave the way for Vice President Joe Biden to "save the Democrats" from the Clinton collapse and continue Obama's agenda. Of course, the Clintons will not go down without a fight. DCWhispers.com writes, "Team Clinton, never one to lightly take what some are quietly referring to as blackmail, is rumored to have let Valerie Jarrett know that if Hillary is seriously damaged by the email scandal, so too will the Obama administration. Longtime Clinton loyalists are at this moment said to be preparing for war against the Jarrett-controlled White House if such a thing becomes necessary." (Obama and Jarrett hate the Clintons, and the hatred flows in the other direction as well. Each side certainly "has dirt" on the other. Obama and Jarrett can leak information that can damage Hillary Clinton, but the Clintons can respond with their own leaks that could seriously damage Obama's "legacy." If the nation is not destroyed in the process, the war may be entertaining to watch.) [79825]

The American Freedom Defense Institute's Pamela Geller writes, "Hillary is such a tool for jihad and a knave to her lover pal Huma Abedin, I don't care how this destroyer gets her comeuppance, as long as she does. Like [Al] Capone and tax evasion charges. It was hardly the worst of what he did, but it got him put away. She should be sitting in prison for Benghazi, but if this is the best we can do, so be it. Although I hardly trust the DoJ." [79744]

At NationalReview.com former CIA analyst Buck Sexton writes, "What's making headlines across the political spectrum is that some of the material [Hillary Clinton] sent via her personal server was so sensitive that it was designated 'Top Secret.' This is a jaw-slaps-the-table moment. Even for those of us who hold a very low opinion of Mrs. Clinton's character, integrity, and judgment, this is a graver offense than many had contemplated. Merely the storage of 'Top Secret' e-mails—never mind their dissemination over open channels to some individuals likely not cleared to read them—is a federal felony. On top of that, it is unthinkable that Hillary could have sent such sensitive information and not known at the time that it was sensitive. She knew what she was doing, and she knew what was at stake. ...Keep in mind that Hillary Clinton's obligation as a U.S. government official with classified access went far beyond the need to avoid intentional disclosure to foreign powers (which is espionage). We are talking about a Cabinet-level appointee—one with almost total access to sensitive national-security information and who is responsible for the safety and security of thousands of State Department employees all over the world. She must set an example for other government employees. I've seen CIA interns with more security sense than Madame Secretary had." [79860]

"...At this point in the sordid Clinton e-mail saga, the facts are beyond dispute: Hillary used a private, unsecured e-mail system for official government business, including the retention and dissemination of classified material up to and including "Top Secret"

communications. In doing so, she violated basic good sense, professional obligations, and federal law. She did all this to evade public scrutiny of her dealings while in office, and she has lied repeatedly to the American people about it since. Even for a Clinton, this is all very low and unseemly. Worse than that, it has jeopardized national security. Hillary has no explanation or valid defense. This should be “game over” for her presidential campaign. Her entourage of advisers and toadies should now focus on hiring an adept criminal-defense team. But I very much doubt that will be the case. Her e-mail system was reckless, but her hubris surely arose in part from the knowledge that Hillary can expect dispensations from the sort of people who sit in federal prosecutors’ offices. This is particularly true of the grotesquely politicized Obama Department of Justice. They will bury this scandal, alongside the carcasses of the investigation into the IRS’s tea-party-targeting scandal, Operation Fast and Furious, and everything else this administration has suppressed.” [79860]

In an interview on the Spanish language network Univision, Hillary Clinton responds to a question about her email scandal: “[Y]ou have to remember, Judicial Watch is a partisan group that has been suing Democrats, me in particular, for twenty years. Anything that they can sue over to create partisan advantage, they do. The facts are very clear here. I did turn over all work-related e-mails in an effort to help the State Department make sure that their records were complete. And those are the facts. Now that doesn’t mean I will ever convince these partisans who are, you know, trying to make all sorts of allegations. But I think the American people understand that.” [79756]

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton later responds, “Hillary Clinton’s attacks on Judicial Watch for its success in suing for her State Department records under the Freedom of Information Act will not deter us from our nonpartisan work. Hillary Clinton has a nasty record of attacking and threatening those who try to hold her accountable to the law. It was Hillary Clinton who chose to conduct official government business on a separate email system. It was this decision by Hillary Clinton that placed classified information and the nation’s security at risk. In addition, it prevented government records from being properly searched as required by law in response to Judicial Watch’s Freedom of Information Act requests and lawsuits. A federal judge has led the way in requesting answers from her under penalty of perjury. Mrs. Clinton has a problem with the truth and obeying the law—and that is why a federal judge has requested information from Mrs. Clinton, the State Department, and her closest advisors. Blaming Judicial Watch for the email mess she made is pathetic.” [79757]

A State Department spokesman gives reporters a lame excuse for Hillary Clinton’s actions: the emails containing classified information were only sent to her; she did not originate them. (The distinction is meaningless. Clinton still had classified information on an unsecured, non-government server—in violation of federal law.) [79763]

Former Florida Jeb Bush has to cut short a campaign appearance in Las Vegas after protesters begin chanting, “Black lives matter!” [79777, 79778, 79779]

Investors.com writes, “The FBI’s arrest of a group of New Jersey and New York Muslims trying to organize a ‘small army’ for the Islamic State leaves little doubt we are facing a full-blown Islamic insurgency inside our borders. According to a just-released federal criminal complaint, five young Muslim men tied to IS were busted conspiring to recruit a small army for the terror group in New Jersey and New York. The busts bring to 70 the number of IS-inspired terrorists arrested in this country in homeland plots. Meantime [sic; meanwhile], the FBI reports that all 56 of its field offices have active investigations against other IS suspects. It’s now clear we’re besieged by a Fifth Column. Yet the White House fatuously insists these are unrelated, unconnected, isolated, one-off ‘lone wolf’ incidents. Federal agents don’t see it that way. They see all these ‘lone wolves’ running in the same religious pack.” [79794, 79795]

The Center for Medical Progress releases another video (number 6) describing the Planned Parenthood “procurement” process for fetal body parts to be sold and shipped. Former StemExpress employee Holly O’Donnell states, “It’s not an option, it’s a demand. If there was a higher gestation, and the technicians needed it, there were times when they would just take what they wanted. And these mothers don’t know. And there’s no way they would know.” (That is, even if the mother did not give her consent, if the baby was the “right age” for the organs that were needed they would be taken *without permission*.) “The women I worked for, “states O’Donnell, “were cold. Just cold. They don’t care. They just wanted their money, they didn’t care that the girl was throwing up in a trash can, crying...” [79692, 79693, 79696, 79697, 79713, 79719, 79727, 79753]

A Franklin Pierce University/Boston Herald poll of likely Democrat voters shows Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) with a 44-37 lead over Hillary Clinton in. HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey notes, “Five months ago, Hillary had a 37-point lead over Sanders, 44/7, in a poll in this same FPU/BH series. That’s a 44-point swing in the gap in just five months, a stunning rebuke to Clinton, and much of that came in the last few weeks. Just last week, WMUR showed Sanders only back by six points, 42/36. The Pierce poll shows several danger signs for Hillary, and for Democrats who lack any realistic options at the moment. Hillary still has higher favorability ratings in this poll than Sanders, but that’s now within the margin of error (80 to 76). Sanders’ favorability has shot up 20 points in five months, while Hillary’s has edged downward by four—and her unfavorable responses rose from 12% to 18%. Furthermore, most of Sanders’ favorability is ‘very favorable’ (54 points), while less than half of Hillary’s is ‘very favorable’ at 36 points.” [79676, 79689, 79712]

Morrissey adds, “...New Hampshire requires primary candidates to be registered to the party on whose tickets they run, and ...Sanders is still not a Democrat, but an independent Socialist. The Democratic Party in New Hampshire has said they will certify him, but any person with standing in the state can challenge his qualification to be on the ballot. Does anyone want to bet that Team Hillary lets that opportunity go to waste? Even if they challenge it, though, the problem remains, and not just for Clintonistas. Hillary 2016 is exciting people as much as Hillary 2008 did. If Hillary’s doing this poorly among Democrats while desperately tacking leftward, she’s going to get clobbered in a general election—and they have no realistic Plan B.” [79712]

CNSNews.com reports, “The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) apprehended 99,580 ‘Other Than Mexican’ families and unaccompanied children along the U.S. border with Mexico so far through June of fiscal year 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015). ‘Other Than Mexican’ refers to all illegal aliens apprehended on the border that are from countries other than Mexico.” (The numbers are clear evidence that the government of Mexico is facilitating the travel of those immigrants. Mexico strongly controls its border with Guatemala and has much tighter immigration rules than the United States. It is absurd to believe that 100,000 families and children from Central or South America can enter Mexico and then cross the U.S. border without the Mexican government being aware of that activity.) [79722]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The CEO and Board of Directors of Solazyme, a company the military paid \$149 per gallon for ‘alternative’ fuel, have donated more than \$300,000 to Democratic candidates and committees, according to a Washington Free Beacon analysis. Recipients of significant donations included the Obama Victory Fund and the Democratic National Committee. Additionally, Solazyme donated between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to the Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation. A Congressional Research Service (CRS) report found that the Department of Defense (DOD) paid Solazyme \$149 per gallon for fuel made of algal oil, costing taxpayers a total of \$223,500 in 2009. The group also received a \$21 million stimulus grant from Department of Energy in 2009. ...Solazyme claims that their process serves as a better alternative to limited resources such as petroleum, vegetable oils, and animal fats.” [79723, 79724]

CNSNews.com reports, “The federal government raked in a record of approximately \$2,672,414,000,000 in tax revenues through the first ten months of fiscal 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014 through the end of July), according to the Monthly Treasury Statement released today. That equaled approximately \$17,955 for every person in the country who had either a full-time or part-time job in July. ...Despite the record tax revenues of \$2,672,414,000,000 in the first ten months of this fiscal year, the government spent \$3,137,953,000,000 in those ten months, and, thus, ran up a deficit of \$465,539,000,000 during the period.” [79774]

Breitbart.com, noting the far left web site BuzzFeed.com’s savage attacks on Donald Trump, suggests they may have something to do with the fact that Trump competitor Marriott International being one of its advertisers: “Marriott kicked off its public partnership with Buzzfeed just as Buzzfeed’s news division gained notice for hammering the idea of a Donald Trump presidential candidacy. ...Marriott did not return an inquiry regarding the financial specifics of its relationship with Buzzfeed. In addition to Marriott, Buzzfeed also runs sponsored content from the hotelier Country Inns & Suites By Carlson. Buzzfeed is also in bed with current Trump enemies Macy’s and NBC. ...Buzzfeed has a reported history of allowing its sponsor relationships dictate its editorial content.” [79775]

Ninety-year old former president Jimmy Carter issues a statement: “Recent liver surgery revealed that I have cancer that now is in other parts of my body. I will be rearranging my schedule as necessary so I can undergo treatment by physicians at [Atlanta’s] Emory

Healthcare.” (Carter’s father and three of his siblings died of pancreatic cancer. On August 20 Carter announces that about 10 percent of his liver had been removed and that he has “four spots of melanoma” on his brain and will begin radiation treatments.) [79732, 79733, 79751, 80071]

While many applaud Jimmy Carter for his post-presidency accomplishments, Politico.com posts an article about Obama’s future library/center and the Obama Foundation—headed by his long-time friend Martin Nesbitt. “Nesbitt said that in contrast to other former presidents, Obama’s Chicago-based library will be an all-in-one institution—a presidential library, museum, archive, foundation and center—and it will serve as the primary platform for both Barack and Michelle Obama, who has ruled out any future in politics. ...Obama’s mentoring program for black youth, My Brother’s Keeper, and the scaled-down version of his grass-roots campaign network, Organizing for Action, are both expected to become part of the institution as well.” Politico then ridicules Carter and exalts Obama to the limit: “Unlike Carter, who committed himself to [only] spreading democracy and human rights in the Third World, Obama won’t limit himself to one mission.” (From Politico’s perspective, Carter apparently set the bar too low by “merely” trying to spread democracy and human rights, while Obama is so great and wonderful that he will set goals far beyond Carter’s “puny plans.” Politico’s statement would be less laughable had Obama actually done anything to promote democracy and human rights in the Third World in the six-plus years he has been in the Oval Office.) [80238]

At WND.com author Jack Cashill (*Deconstructing Obama*) writes, “The Constitution does not define the term ‘natural born [citizen].’ But there is a pretty substantial historical record of what the Founding Fathers meant by the term. Basically, they wanted to assure that no future commander in chief would have divided loyalties. The problem is that this definition has never fully been tested. There is no official body that determines whether a presidential candidate meets the definition. So the court challenges to Obama’s eligibility made sense. Many of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention served in the first Congress, which passed the Naturalization Act of 1790. In this act, they defined ‘natural born citizen’ to include ‘children of citizens of the United States that may be born beyond the sea, or out of the limits of the United States.’ These founders were less concerned that a child be born in the United States than that he [be] born to two parents of undivided loyalty.” Cashill notes that Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. (Obama’s alleged father) “had no intention of ever becoming an American citizen. Unlike any other presidential parents, both Obama Sr. and Obama’s white mother [Stanley Ann Dunham] spent the great part of their adult lives outside the United States and had little but contempt for the country their son presides over.” [79982, 79983]

“...The first sentence of the 14th Amendment reads as follows: ‘All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.’ Obama supporters insist that the 14th amendment makes anyone born in the United States a natural born citizen. But the two senators who wrote this amendment felt otherwise. They included the phrase ‘subject to the jurisdiction [of those states]’ to exclude the children of foreigners who claimed

allegiance to another country. Supreme Court rulings have upheld this interpretation. What this means is that even if Barack Obama had been born in Hawaii his status as a ‘natural born citizen’ is not a given.” (Cashill neglects to point out that the Amendment does not even include the term “natural born citizen.” The sentence he quotes merely reads “citizens.” It does *not* read “natural born citizens.” Thus, even if one believes that a child born in the United States to illegal immigrant parents soon after they cross the southern border is a generic citizen, it is *not* a natural born citizen because that child does not have two U.S. citizen parents.) [76214, 79992, 80011, 80036]

Worth noting is the phrase, “and subject to the jurisdiction thereof.” If merely having been born on U.S. soil is sufficient to make one a U.S. citizen, why are those words even *in* the Amendment? At NationalReview.com Edward J. Erler, a senior fellow at the Claremont Institute, later writes, “Indeed, during debate over the amendment, Senator Jacob Howard, the author of the citizenship clause, attempted to assure skeptical colleagues that the language was not intended to make Indians citizens of the United States. Indians, Howard conceded, were born within the nation’s geographical limits, but he steadfastly maintained that they were not subject to its jurisdiction because they owed allegiance to their tribes and not to the U.S. Senator Lyman Trumbull, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, supported this view, arguing that ‘subject to the jurisdiction thereof’ meant ‘not owing allegiance to anybody else and being subject to the complete jurisdiction of the United States.’ Jurisdiction understood as allegiance, Senator Howard explained, excludes not only Indians but ‘persons born in the United States who are foreigners, aliens, [or] who belong to the families of ambassadors or foreign ministers.’ Thus, ‘subject to the jurisdiction’ does not simply mean, as is commonly thought today, subject to American laws or courts. It means owing exclusive political allegiance to the U.S.” [80022, 80036, 80067, 80068, 80201, 80328, 80424, 80548]

Erler continues, “Furthermore, there has never been an explicit holding by the Supreme Court that the children of illegal aliens are automatically accorded birthright citizenship. In the case of *Wong Kim Ark* (1898) the Court ruled that a child born in the U.S. of *legal* aliens was entitled to ‘birthright citizenship’ under the Fourteenth Amendment.” *Wong* did not address the issue of children born in the United States to *illegal immigrants*. In addition, *Wong* only addressed the issue of generic citizenship. It did *not* declare that children of legal immigrants are *natural born* citizens. Those who point to *Wong* as “proof” that Obama is a natural born citizen are grossly mistaken—but that does not stop them from using that case in their arguments. Further, more than a few legal scholars have ridiculed the *Wong* decision, which implies that a child born in Italy to an American couple vacationing in Venice would be an Italian citizen, rather than an American citizen. That is absurd. No European nation is foolish enough to grant citizenship solely on the basis of the place of birth. Canada apparently grants citizenship to the child of legal resident immigrants. (Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) was born in Calgary, Canada—to a Cuban father and an American mother. Under Canadian law, he was born a Canadian citizen. Cruz therefore could not by any stretch of the imagination be considered a natural born citizen of the United States. Cruz eventually renounced his Canadian citizenship—but that action *cannot change the circumstances of his birth*.) [80022, 80067, 80078, 80201, 80249, 80424, 80548]



Erler points out that “there was almost unanimous agreement among its framers that the [Fourteenth] amendment did not extend citizenship to Indians. Although born in the U.S., they were not subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Beginning in 1870, however, Congress began to pass legislation offering citizenship to Indians on a tribe-by-tribe basis. Finally, in 1923, there was a universal offer to all tribes. Any Indian who consented could become a citizen. Thus Congress used its legislative authority under Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to determine who was within the jurisdiction of the U.S. It could make a similar determination today, based on this legislative precedent, that children born in the U.S. to illegal aliens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. A constitutional amendment is no more required today than it was in 1923. Legislation to end birthright citizenship has been circulating in Congress since the mid ’90s and such a bill is circulating in both houses today. It will, of course, not pass Congress, and if it did pass it would be vetoed [by Obama]. But if birthright citizenship becomes an election issue and a Republican is elected president, then who knows what the future might hold.” (Erler’s reference to Indians actually pertains to the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, also called the Snyder Act.) [80022, 80029, 80030, 80032, 80036, 80067, 80201]

It is difficult to imagine that the framers of the Fourteenth Amendment intended to confer the boon of citizenship on the children of illegal aliens when they explicitly denied that boon to Indians who had been born in the United States. Those who defy the laws of the U.S. should not be allowed to confer such an advantage on their children. This would not be visiting the sins of the parents on the children, as is often claimed, since the children of illegal aliens born in the U.S. would not be denied anything to which they otherwise would have a right. Their allegiance should follow that of their parents during their minority. A nation that cannot determine who becomes citizens or believes that it must allow the children of those who defy its laws to become citizens is no longer a sovereign nation. No one is advocating that those who have been granted birthright citizenship be stripped of their citizenship. Equal protection considerations would counsel that citizenship once granted is vested and cannot be revoked; this, I believe, is eminently just. The proposal to end birthright citizenship is prospective only.” [80022]

14amendment.us notes, “The phrase ‘*subject to the jurisdiction thereof*’ was intended to exclude American-born persons from automatic citizenship whose allegiance to the United States was not complete. With illegal aliens who are unlawfully in the United States, their native country has a claim of allegiance on the child. Thus, the completeness of their allegiance to the United States is impaired, which therefore precludes automatic citizenship. ...The correct interpretation of the 14th Amendment is that an illegal alien mother is subject to the jurisdiction of her *native* country, as is her baby. Over a century ago, the Supreme Court appropriately confirmed this restricted interpretation of citizenship in the so-called ‘Slaughter-House cases’ [83 US 36 (1873) and 112 US 94 (1884)]. In the 1884 *Elk v. Wilkins* case, the phrase ‘subject to its jurisdiction’ was interpreted to exclude ‘children of ministers, consuls, and citizens of foreign states born within the United States.’ In *Elk*, the American Indian claimant was considered not an American citizen because the law required him to be ‘not merely subject in some respect

or degree to the jurisdiction of the United States, but completely subject to their political jurisdiction and owing them direct and immediate allegiance.’ The Court essentially stated that the status of the parents determines the citizenship of the child. To qualify children for birthright citizenship, based on the 14th Amendment, parents must owe ‘direct and immediate allegiance’ to the U.S. and be ‘completely subject’ to its jurisdiction. In other words, they must be United States citizens.” [80036]

In *Elk v. Wilkins*, the Supreme Court wrote, “The main object of the opening sentence of the 14th Amendment was ...to put it beyond doubt that all persons, white or black, and whether formerly slaves or not, born or naturalized in the United States, and owing no allegiance to any alien power, should be citizens of the United States ...The evident meaning of [the words, ‘and subject to the jurisdiction thereof’] is, not merely subject in some respect or degree to the jurisdiction of the United States, but completely subject to their political jurisdiction, and owing them direct and immediate allegiance. ...Persons not thus subject to the jurisdiction of the United States at the time of birth cannot become so afterward, except by being naturalized...” [80398]

On Fox News, Judge Andrew Napolitano says, “Our colleagues in the intelligence community have told me with certainty that if it was on that server, it can be extracted. If ‘top secret’ was on there, we know she [Hillary Clinton] lied, and she committed a felony by possessing and storing top secret information on an insecure server. If ‘top secret’ was not there, we will know that someone removed it.” (In any event, federal laws were violated by Clinton and perhaps by others. If someone intentionally stripped a confidential, secret, or top secret classification from one or more emails, that is evidence of a conspiracy.) Whether Napolitano is correct that experts can recover data from an erased hard drive remains to be seen, but that may be a moot point if the hard drives in Clinton’s server have been removed, destroyed, and replaced.) [79768]

On August 13 FoxNews.com reports, “The FBI has taken possession of the personal e-mail server used by Hillary Clinton during her tenure as secretary of state, according to a published report. Barbara Wells, an attorney for Denver-based computer services firm Platte River Networks, told The Washington Post that federal agents picked up the server from a private data center in New Jersey Wednesday afternoon. The attorney told the paper that the server ‘was blank’ and no longer contained useful information. ‘The information had been migrated over to a different server for purposes of transition,’ Wells told the paper. ‘To my knowledge the data on the old server is not available now on any servers or devices in Platte River Network’s control.’ Wells added that the company had cooperated with the FBI and had been told it was not a target of the investigation. ...The Post reported that Platte River Networks had been hired by former President Bill and Hillary Clinton to upgrade their private e-mail network in June 2013, after Hillary Clinton had left the State Department. As part of the job, the old server was taken from the basement of the Clintons’ Chappaqua, N.Y. home and moved to the New Jersey data center.” [79758, 79769, 79815]

HotAir.com writes, “If I’m following that correctly, the data on the old server from [Clinton’s] tenure as Secretary of State was copied over to one of Platte River’s servers.

Then Hillary's server was wiped clean. Then, somehow, the data from the old server also disappeared from Platte River's server such that now there seems to be no archive of the old server anywhere. Why? The FBI's hopefully/presumably trying to recover the data from Hillary's old server, which is now in their possession, but I'm not sure why a copy wouldn't have been preserved at Platte River. Maybe they're periodically deleting old info from their own servers to preserve memory and Hillary's archive got caught up in that? ...[I]t seems significant that Fox's source on all of this is a State Department official. That suggests someone in the department, likely in the IG's office, is angry about Hillary's malfeasance here, which means she may have real enemies on the other side of this investigation. This inquiry *may* be for real." [79800, 79815]

"Second, there's an oddness to the server saga insofar as the whole thing seems sloppier than you'd expect a Clinton operation to be. One question that's never really been answered is why the server was so poorly secured from hackers in the first place. Why, for that matter, was it run out of her basement instead of being outsourced to some highly secure private outfit that knew what it was doing? ...She and Bill are worth nine figures; she could have paid someone to do it for her, but didn't. How come? One obvious explanation is that the Clintons are famously secretive and therefore wouldn't have trusted an outside party to run their shady e-mail operation for them, but that doesn't add up. The more amateurish/DIY the server security was, the greater the risk that it would be penetrated by hackers and enemy spies, which could in turn wreck her chance at the presidency. Surely a tech professional could be found who'd run this for them and who'd keep his mouth shut about what was going on for the right price. All of which raises a larger question: Why was a private e-mail server so important to her to begin with? The headaches involved in maintaining the server, deleting the e-mails, scrubbing the classifications, etc, seem way, way more trouble than they're worth compared to just sticking to secure government e-mail. If this all about 'convenience,' as her fans claim, there seems to have been nothing actually convenient about it. There has to be a good reason why she insisted on transacting official business on a private server, away from prying federal eyes. That's still the mystery at the heart of all this." [79800]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "A federal judge ordered the State Department on Thursday [August 13] to work with the FBI to get access to the 32,000 emails former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said were personal and that she didn't return to the government, as the courts get more deeply involved in the Democratic presidential front-runner's email practices. One judge is trying to decide how the government is going about determining what classified information is included in Mrs. Clinton's messages, while another is exploring the email practices of Mrs. Clinton's top aides, as the State Department deals with a backlog of requests for her communications, which she only recently returned to the administration." [79883]

Townhall.com's Kate Pavlich writes, "Earlier this week we learned from the Inspector General that Clinton had at least two classified, top secret emails hosted on her server. Keep in mind the server was a) not secure b) it's illegal to send or receive classified information on a private email account or server. Yesterday the FBI got their hands on Clinton's server and to no one's surprise, it is blank. ...Imagine that. The woman who

deleted tens-of-thousands of emails she deemed ‘personal’ before leaving the State Department has wiped her server clean before the FBI was able to get their hands on it. Not a smidgen of corruption, I’m sure.” [79759]

The server should, of course, have been taken by the FBI in March, as soon as it became clear that Clinton was using it for work-related emails. At DailySignal.com Hans A. von Spakovsky writes, “Getting *copies* of emails from Clinton’s lawyer is not sufficient for a security investigation, particularly in light of the fact that the House committee investigating Benghazi recently obtained copies of emails between Sidney Blumenthal and Clinton that had not been disclosed or turned over. Not only does that allow an investigation to be limited by what may be selective bias in the emails turned over to the State Department and the Justice Department, but it does not allow for the type of forensic investigation of the server required to check its security protocols and whether there is any evidence that it was hacked. Since Clinton has said that about 30,000 emails were deleted that she claimed were ‘personal,’ we don’t know what an actual examination of her server will reveal, if anything. That will depend on how professional the deletion was and whether the emails were permanently deleted from the system, making them unrecoverable.” [79764]

“Gathering other security information on the system will depend as well on whatever other protocols may have been applied to her server to purge or restructure the system. ... The fact that we now know that emails containing classified information were on the server—information labeled as ‘Top Secret’ according to the latest memorandum from the inspector general—means that the classified information has already been mishandled. ... The bottom line is that it is vital that a thorough, competent investigation be carried out to determine if Clinton’s handling of her government communications damaged our national security and led to unauthorized parties gaining access to sensitive State Department communications and discussions in addition to classified material.” [79764]

If Clinton is able to survive the scandal—and that is questionable—she will be able to do so only by throwing one or more people under the bus. But that prompts the question, are Clinton aide Huma Abedin and former chief of staff Cheryl Mills willing to “take the hit” and go to prison to protect her? The answer may depend on how big a reward Clinton can dangle in front of them, to be collected the day their period of parole begins.

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey notes that although Hillary “obstruction of justice” Clinton’s server “got wiped... [t]hat doesn’t mean that the FBI can’t retrieve the data; their forensics work in this area is top-notch. It would take a world-league security expert to beat the FBI’s ability to restore hard drive data—and if they had hired a world-league security expert in the first place, they wouldn’t be in this mess. Why wipe the hard drive at all? Hillary et al insisted that the e-mail server had no sensitive material on it, and that it was a completely legitimate choice on her part. And yet, after Congress discovered its existence and demanded that Hillary produce the records, she pulled off what she wanted ... and then the hard drive got wiped. That indicates a *mens rea* for destroying evidence, rather than an indication of having nothing to hide. So much for transparency, eh?

Instead, Hillary's team is now lawyering up. Politico reports today that Huma Abedin has a team of lawyers on the case as she comes under scrutiny from both Congress and federal judges probing the evasion of FOIA demands during Hillary's tenure—and Abedin's unusual financial arrangements at State." [79772, 80136, 80155]

"...Of late, the pushback from Team Hillary is that any classified material on the server wasn't sent or received by Hillary Clinton. For purposes of 18 USC 1924, that's irrelevant; the server was put in place by Hillary Clinton, owned by her, and located in her house. If any classified material went through it, Hillary Clinton is as legally responsible for retaining it illegally as her aides would have been for transmitting it, and just the retention is a crime. But if Hillary didn't send or receive it, who did? No wonder Huma's lawyering up, although she might want to rethink the idea of keeping a former Clinton aide on the team. ...[T]here *was* a crime, and likely a multitude of them. It was a crime to have classified material at the Clinton residence, especially Top Secret/compartimented intelligence data, regardless of what form it was in. It's a crime to transmit such material outside of secured and approved government systems, even (as 18 USC 793 (f) (1) states) when it's done out of gross negligence rather than malice. That carries a 10-year prison term per count. It was a violation of the Federal Records Act to have the private e-mail server in the first place, as well as a violation of a presidential executive order. Wiping the hard drive after its exposure could well constitute obstruction of justice, which carries a 3-5 year prison term. That's why Democrats are panicking. They're still not being honest about it, but they're beginning to see the scope of the scandal now." [79772, 80136, 80155]

DailyCaller.com points out that Clinton's "mysterious email server has been in a private data center in New Jersey since 2013, that is, until the IT company the former secretary of state hired to maintain the hardware handed the 'blank' device over to the FBI Wednesday. Clinton's attorney, David Kendall, informed the Department of State in a letter Wednesday that the company hired to manage and maintain the server, Denver-based Platte River Networks, was turning it over to the Department of Justice. Kendall also told State he handed over three thumb drives that contained Clinton's emails. ...The server was [allegedly] housed in the basement of Clinton's Chappaqua, N.Y. home while she was Secretary of State. After she left office, Clinton hired Platte River Networks, which moved the system from her home to a private data center in New Jersey." [79781]

Although the FBI reportedly "assured Platte River Networks that it is not the target of any investigation, Republican lawmakers have questions for the company. Senate Homeland Security Committee chairman Ron Johnson [R-WI] sent a letter to Platte River's chairman Treve Suazo asking for information about the security of Clinton's server. 'Given that the server was used to conduct official State Department business, questions have been raised regarding whether classified information was stored on the private server,' Johnson wrote in a letter obtained by McClatchy. He also sought to find out 'if that data was secure, who had access to that material and whether all official documents were appropriately preserved.'" (Because Platte River Networks was never granted security clearance by the Defense Department's Defense Security Service, it may have broken the law by taking control of Clinton's server and erasing data. Clinton

herself, of course, would have broken the law when she ordered the company to do so. In addition, Clinton's server was apparently never included in lists of systems and vulnerabilities that all agencies, since 2010, have been *legally required* to submit on a monthly basis to the Department of Homeland Security.) [79781, 79888, 80296, 80297, 80315]

TheHill.com writes, "The Clinton campaign's decision to give up the server and a thumb drive containing backup copies of emails left Democrats scratching their heads as to why the former secretary of State had resisted for months turning over the server. Coupled with new polls that suggest Clinton is vulnerable, Democrats are nearing full-on panic mode. 'I'm not sure they completely understand the credibility they are losing, by the second,' said one Democratic strategist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. 'At some point this goes from being something you can rationalize away to something that becomes political cancer. And we are getting pretty close to the cancer stage, because this is starting to get ridiculous.' 'Look, this is a classic example of the cover-up being 10 times worse than the so-called crime—though in this case there wasn't a crime,' [falsely claimed] another progressive strategist. ...[C]oncerned Democrats keep coming back to the same question: Why did the Clinton campaign not simply hand over the private server when the controversy first erupted in March? 'It's bizarre,' said the Democratic strategist. 'Let me give you some simple strategic communications advice: Put everything out first, on your terms. If you wait, or you are forced to do it, you always lose and look bad. ...That is exactly what is happening here, and I find it inexplicable.'" [79770]

The *Daily Mail* reports, "The Internet company used by Hillary Clinton to maintain her private server was sued [in November 2014] for stealing dozens of phone lines including some which were used by the White House. Platte River Networks is said to have illegally accessed the master database for all US phone numbers. It also seized 390 lines in a move that created chaos across the US government. Among the phone numbers which the company took—which all suddenly stopped working—were lines for White House military support desks, the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, a lawsuit claims. Others were the main numbers for major financial institutions, hospitals and the help desk number for T2 Communications, the telecom firm which owned them. A lawsuit filed on behalf of T2 claims that the mess took 11 days to fix and demands that Platte River pay up \$360,000 in compensation." [79856]

At RealClearPolitics.com Charles Lipson writes, "The political class is seriously underestimating the impact of Hillary Clinton's email controversy. They see it mainly as a problem of public opinion and electoral politics, where it has been increasingly costly but not yet fatal. The political damage—the drip, drip, drip of revelations—has been bad, but there is worse to come. Hillary Clinton's big problem now is legal, and it could well be insurmountable politically. Here's why. Once a 'political' issue finally moves into the legal system, as the Clinton email server has, it moves forward with an independent logic. That logic will slowly ensnare Secretary Clinton. ...Even if the Department of Justice is highly politicized—and it is—there is a powerful legal procedure here that will be hard to kill off. It began when the intelligence community's inspector general, I. Charles McCullough III, and his counterpart at the State Department, Steve Linick, made a

referral to DOJ, saying that classified materials may have been compromised. McCullough also wrote Congress that a spot check of 40 Clinton emails showed that 'four contained classified [intelligence community] information.' That meant classified materials were being held in an unauthorized, insecure site—the Clinton server. In fact, the materials were also being held in a second unauthorized site. Clinton had given the materials to her attorney, David Kendall, on thumb-drives for his safekeeping. Since the communications are, by her own admission, official business and possibly classified, she may not have been authorized to transfer them, nor he to receive them." [79782]

"The FBI has clear legal responsibilities when it is presented with such a referral. It must investigate and secure the materials. Fortunately, the FBI is run by a director with a reputation for independence and integrity. James Comey's agency has now gotten the server and thumb-drives, the ones Clinton said she would never give up. She had no choice but to surrender them or face obstruction-of-justice charges. ...I assume the Department of Justice will be lethargic. Under Eric Holder, the Obama Justice Department was the most politicized since John Mitchell cleaned the Augean Stables for Richard Nixon. The department is still packed with political appointees, but Holder's successor, Loretta Lynch, has a good reputation from her days as a prosecutor. She may well play this straight. If so, then she would start with the IT guy and Clinton's assistants and try to roll them up, as you would in a normal criminal probe. My guess is she will do that only if she gets a wink and a nod from a White House ready to sink Hillary." [79782]

"...If the FBI officially determines classified material was being held on the server, or foreign intelligence agencies hacked into it, or official materials were erased and not turned over to the courts, as Clinton stated under oath she had, then Director Comey will face the hardest decision of his professional life. If he recommends prosecution and the DOJ refuses, you can be sure an infuriated intelligence community will leak the news. That would be fatal to Clinton politically since it would smell like a cover-up. It is possible, of course, that the investigations will give Secretary Clinton a clean bill of health. But it is far more likely that they will bring legal peril, and, with it, political disaster." [79782]

WashingtonTimes.com writes, "Security experts say that if Hillary Rodham Clinton retained her government security clearance when she left the State Department, as is normal practice, it should be suspended now that it is known her unprotected private email server contained top secret material. 'Standard procedure is that when there is evidence of a security breach, the clearance of the individual is suspended in many, but not all, cases,' said retired Army Lt. Gen. William Boykin, who was deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence in the George W. Bush administration. 'This rises to the level of requiring a suspension.' A State Department official declined to comment on whether Mrs. Clinton still holds her clearance or whether it is under review by the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, which awards and suspends security clearances. ... 'I have no doubt she has retained her security clearance,' said a former senior intelligence official who worked in several different national security offices. 'It's almost automatic for somebody in that position for, as a courtesy, to retain full security clearances. And I think it should be suspended immediately until this is cleared up.' This

source said James R. Clapper, the director of national intelligence, has that authority.” [79796, 79807]

FoxNews.com reports, “The latest revelations about top secret information traversing Hillary Clinton's private email server have triggered accusations that someone in her ‘inner circle’ likely stripped the classification markings, illegally. The claims come after the Clinton campaign stuck to the argument that the Democratic presidential candidate, while secretary of state, never dealt with emails that were ‘marked’ classified at the time. ...[A] State Department official told Fox News that the intelligence community inspector general, who raised the most recent concerns about Clinton’s emails, made clear that at least one of those messages contained information that only could have come from the intelligence community. ‘If so, they would have had to come in with all the appropriate classification markings,’ the official said. The official questioned whether someone, then, tampered with that message. ‘[S]omewhere between the point they came into the building and the time they reached HRC’s [Clinton’s] server, someone would have had to strip the classification markings from that information before it was transmitted to HRC’s personal email.’ The official said doing so would ‘constitute a felony, in and of itself. I can’t imagine that a rank-and-file career DOS [State Department] employee would have done this, so it was most likely done by someone in her inner circle.’ The messages apparently contained satellite imagery and signals intelligence, information that diplomats cannot unilaterally obtain.” [79799, 79813]

HotAir.com asks, “Why would anyone in Hillary’s inner circle want to remove those markings? The only apparent reason is to preserve semi-plausible deniability that she knowingly handled classified information on an insecure system, right? Without the markings, you can’t prove that she knew that the info on the server was classified even though it should have been obvious, between the sensitivity of the info and fact that satellite photos were part of it, that the material was likely classified and shouldn’t be included in private e-mail. The deeper this gets, the clearer it seems that Hillary undertook this private e-mail set-up from the beginning on the assumption that she could and would plead negligence if it was ever discovered what she and her inner circle were up to. She can probably survive negligence politically. If it turns out that her lackeys were intentionally laundering classified documents of their formal classifications in order to protect her and other top cronies like Huma Abedin, though, I don’t know. At some degree of brazenness, even Hillary’s not above the law. I think. In theory.” [79800]

Newsmax.com reports, “U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan on Thursday ordered the State Department to file by noon Friday [a report describing] what it is doing to search former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s recently surrendered email server... ‘The court also reiterated its directive that the State Department disclose additional information about where government records may reside,’ according to a press release from Judicial Watch, which filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit seeking records about the employment status of Huma Abedin, Clinton’s former deputy chief of staff. The judge’s order noted that the State Department had indicated on August 7 that it would provide additional information about ‘all servers, accounts, hard drives, or other devices in the Department’s possession or control that may contain information



responsive to Plaintiff's Freedom of Information Act request in this case.' Sullivan said the report also must include information on how the department is working with other government agencies, such as the FBI and Justice Department, to search Clinton's private email server." [79808]

MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell whines on behalf of Clinton: "[T]here's going to be a cloud of suspicion... by those who just want to see conspiracy theories. There's almost no way she can clear this up to the satisfaction of critics on the other side in terms of the politics of this, and it's taking its toll." [79811]

At Breitbart.com John Nolte writes, "On one hand NBCUniversal is telling us it is serious about news objectivity, while on the other hand, and mostly under the radar, NBC is funneling an astonishing \$400 million in capital into two of the most extreme left-wing news outlets in America: BuzzFeed and Vox. One need only watch 10 minutes of MSNBC to understand that NBC News is an extremist organization in favor of open borders, partial birth abortion, the government setting CEO pay, and destroying people's lives through the pushing of the Climate Change hoax. Unfortunately for NBC, though, the MSNBC experiment only resulted in a ratings catastrophe. To right the ship, NBC is promising that MSNBC will be moving from opinion news to straight news. We'll see." [79776]

Dave Taylor, a geologist who warned of the consequences of the EPA's handling of the Red, Bonita, and Gold King mines in a July 30 letter to Colorado's *Silverton Standard*, tells Breitbart.com, "The EPA was basically deceptive. They were saying we're going to plug the Red and Bonita mine with a hydrostatic reinforced concrete plug, then we're going to see what will happen. The Gold King mine [closed in 1923] was already plugged by someone else years ago with wood timbers, rocks and mud, and it was exfiltrating an unknown quantity of water, and they decided to remove that old plug so they could see the true quantity of water it was leaking. That old plug in the Gold King mine was kind of unstable material. It was incompetent and stupid for them to go up to that existing plug and try to remove it without knowing how much water was upstream and behind it and what the hydrostatic pressure was. The plug was stable until they fooled around with it. Once they disturbed it, that's what activated the blowout. ...When you're fooling around with something like this, you better have a backup plan particularly when there's a whole town immediately down river. ...They went to the entrance, the portal, and started blindly digging and this thing unloaded. Three million gallons behind that and it blew, and there was no stopping it. They started digging on this thing and dislodged the plug and the water started coming through. ...That's one thing about the government. They never gave any thought to the possibility this thing could blow. 'If we take the plug out, there will still be just 100 gallon per minute coming out' is what they thought. ...Whenever I worked for them [the EPA], I always dreaded it because they have such a know-it-all attitude. That's how they got in trouble on this deal. They just didn't think." [79783, 79784, 79785]

Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL) announces he will vote against Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. He states, "I have decided that I cannot support this deal. The goal of the

recently concluded negotiations was to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. The negotiators worked diligently, but in the end, the JCPOA allows Iran to remain a nuclear threshold state while simultaneously reaping the benefits of relief from international sanctions. ... We must maintain a strong sanctions regime—to do otherwise is to give up our leverage. Sanctions are what brought Iran to the table, and they depend on large-scale international cooperation and compliance.” [79789, 79812]

According to *The Jerusalem Post*, “The national Jewish community’s security arm asked Jewish institutions to be on the alert after Osama Bin Laden’s son called for attacks on Jewish American interests. The Secure Community Network alert... said that Hamza bin Laden, who has ambitions to lead Al Qaeda, the terrorist organization founded by his father, posted an audio message calling ‘for the targeting of Jewish American interests globally.’ ‘Hamza also reportedly called for attacks on Washington, London, Paris and Tel Aviv,’ the alert said.” [79840, 79841, 79859, 79861]

WND.com reports, “New Census data out this week shows the tidal wave of immigration just keeps gathering steam, while one of the top-tier GOP presidential candidates [Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)] is probing for answers to why so much of the terrorist activity in recent years appears to involve immigrants or their offspring. The total immigrant population—defined as anyone not born in the U.S.—swelled to a record 42.1 million in the second quarter of 2015. European immigrant population, by contrast, actually declined over that same period, going from 4.4 million in 2000 to 4.3 million in 2015.” [79786]

Mrctv.org reports, “Activists for illegal immigrants are protesting a decision by [new Republican] Maryland governor Larry Hogan to notify federal immigration officials when an illegal immigrant who has been convicted of a serious crime, is involved in a gang, or is considered a threat to national security is about to be released from detention facilities in Baltimore. Hogan’s decision to enforce the federal request is a departure from the policy of his predecessor, [Democrat] Governor Martin O’Malley, who refused to alert authorities as to the time and place where criminal aliens would be released from the city’s detention facilities. Protests, led by the illegal immigrant activist group ‘CASA de Maryland,’ are scheduled for Thursday outside of the governor’s mansion in Annapolis.” [79798, 79824]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The Obama administration has intervened in a landmark legal case brought by the American victims of Palestinian terrorists, urging the court to limit restitution for the victims out of fear that a sizable payout could collapse the Palestinian government, according to a copy of the court filing. Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken argued in a filing to a New York City court that a hefty payout to the victims of Palestinian terror crimes could burden the Palestinian Authority (PA) and interfere in Obama administration efforts to foster peace in the region. The victims are entitled to as much as \$655 million from the PA following the conclusion of a decade-long lawsuit that exposed the Palestinian government’s role in supporting and paying for terror attacks in Israel. ... [A] lawyer representing the victims argues that if the Palestinian government can continue paying terrorists currently imprisoned in Israeli jails, it can pay the victims

of these terror acts.” (At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “Whatever else Barack Obama may be, he is always consistent. Always on the side of Islamic supremacists, against Israel, and against effective counter-terror efforts.” (If the Palestinian Authority is short on cash, it should ask for financial assistance from Suha Arafat. The billionaire widow of PLO leader Yasser Arafat resides in Paris and lives off the fortune her husband skimmed off the top of aid payments from the United States and the United Nations, and receives a pension from the Palestinian Authority of about \$17 million per year.) [1367, 1383, 79792, 79793, 79844]

On August 14 Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) tells the *Morning Joe* hosts, “My concerns are bigger than Hillary Clinton. They deal with whether or not our national security is going to be preserved, and also the extent to which classified information should only be seen by people that have clearance to do that, and it’s also an issue of whether or not the laws are going to be abided by.” [79820]

*Morning Joe’s* Joe Scarborough states, “The State Department, the intel[ligence] agencies, are setting themselves up for scathing reviews in the future. Because I talked to a top intel person three days ago by phone who told me this is very simple. If there’s classified information outside of the agency, the first immediate concern is for the FBI to go secure it and then conduct the investigation and this top intel leader said to me it’s unprecedented that the State Department and intel agencies and the White House knew and the FBI knew for as long as they knew that there was classified top secret material outside of their domain, unsecured, and they allowed it to stay that way because it was Hillary Clinton.” [79829]

“And they suggested when this blows up, that it isn’t just Hillary Clinton who is going to be facing charges if there are any charges to be faced, or it’s not just Hillary Clinton who is going to be possibly losing, well not losing her job but there are people in the State Department that are covering up for Hillary Clinton every day. There are people in the intel agencies that are allowing her to get away with things that nobody else would. This leader told me you know classified information is out there. It’s a very simple two-step process. You immediately secure it. And then you bring it into the facility and then you conduct the investigation. State Department has been absolutely shameful in how lax they’ve been pursuing this. They’ve been stonewalling, they’ve been lying to the American people. They’ve not been, they have not been straightforward because it’s Hillary Clinton. And it wasn’t until the IG of the intel agency started talking about this... that there was movement on this at all. Is this not the entire intel system and the State Department system breaking down and failing for political purposes?” [79829]

Bloomberg.com reports, “The FBI is seeking to determine whether data from Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s private e-mail server may still exist elsewhere, a U.S. official said. After acquiring the server on Wednesday, agents are attempting to determine whether e-mails may have been backed up on another machine, said the official, who asked for anonymity. The official said it’s one of the next logical steps in the agency’s investigation into whether the former secretary of state’s private e-mail account handled classified information. Barbara Wells, an attorney for Platte River

Networks, a Denver-based company that has managed Clinton's private e-mail since 2013, said in a phone interview Thursday that the server turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation 'is blank and does not contain any useful data.' But Wells added that the data on Clinton's server was migrated to another server that still exists. She ended the interview when questioned further, declining to say whether the data still exists on that other server and who has possession of it. ...The suggestion that some of the data Clinton said she erased from her private e-mail server might still exist came as the Democrat turned over her server to government officials, who are investigating whether classified material might have been improperly exposed. ...Clinton's server was held in a secure data center operated by 'a third-party' in New Jersey when it was handed over to the FBI on Wednesday, said Wells. She declined to identify the third party." [79801, 79802]

DailyCaller.com reports that the Denver-based Platte River Networks "was not cleared to handle classified materials, according to the chief spokesman for the Defense Security Service. The DSS is an arm of the Defense Department and is the only federal agency authorized to approve private sector company access to sensitive or confidential material. ... 'Platte River is not cleared' to have access to classified material, stated Cindy McGovern, chief public affairs officer for DSS in a telephone interview with The Daily Caller News Foundation." Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) states, "The revelation that Secretary Clinton used a private company, Platte River Networks, to maintain her personal server raises questions about what steps the company took to preserve and secure sensitive information in Secretary Clinton's email." [79827, 79932]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's top aides, used personal email accounts to conduct government business in addition to a State Department email and an account on the controversial server Mrs. Clinton kept at her New York home, the State Department confirmed to a federal court Friday. The State Department admitted to the judge that it doesn't have control over those documents, and can't be sure it has all of the records from their time in the administration. John F. Hackett, the top open-records official at the department, said they have officially concluded that Ms. Abedin and Ms. Mills 'used personal email accounts located on commercial servers at times for government business.' Ms. Abedin, meanwhile, had an account at clintonemail.com, the domain tied to the Clinton home server. Mr. Hackett also said he has no way of knowing what else might be out there, and has to trust the two women and their lawyers to turn over what they have. 'The department is not in a position to attest to non-department servers, accounts, hard drives or other devices that may contain responsive information,' Mr. Hackett said in a declaration filed with Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in a case brought by Judicial Watch, which is seeking records from Mrs. Clinton's aides." [79830]

Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, states, "The State Department refused to answer questions about what is even in its possession. Now we know that the Obama administration and Hillary Clinton have joined hands in this email scandal. It is now clear that Mrs. Clinton is withholding servers and emails from the FBI and Justice Department,

and Judge Sullivan is being misled to conclude otherwise. We will seek appropriate relief from the court.” [79830]

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) sends a letter to Hillary Clinton’s attorney, David Kendall, questioning his authority to hold Clinton’s email files: “Further reporting indicates that Secretary Clinton may have provided you copies of her emails in December 2014 and that government officials realized that the emails contained classified information in May 2015 yet the Department of State did not deliver a safe to store the thumb drives until July 2015. Thus, since at least May 2015 and possibly December 2014, it appears that in addition to not having an adequate security clearance, you did not have the appropriate tools in place to secure the thumb drives. Even with the safe, there are questions as to whether it was an adequate mechanism to secure TS/SCI material. Given the importance of securing and protecting classified information, especially TS/SCI material, it is imperative to confirm when, how, and why you, and any of your associates, received a security clearance in connection with your representation of Ms. Clinton and whether it was active while you had custody of Secretary Clinton’s emails.” Grassley asks Kendall to answer 13 specific questions by August 24. (Kendall later responds in a letter to Grassley, stating that he was given security clearance by the Department of Justice in November 13 and by the State Department in November 2014. Kendall does not answer all of Grassley’s other questions.) [79959, 79960, 79961, 80009, 80354, 80355, 80418]

At TheDailyBeast.com Michael Daly notes that while Hillary Clinton continues her presidential campaign “a decorated Marine officer who has deployed four times faces being discharged from the corps he loves because he used his personal email to send a single classified report as an urgent warning when lives were at stake. The stateside message from Marine Reserves Major Jason Brezler to Forward Operating Base Delhi in Now Zad, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, went unheeded. Three young Marines were shot to death as they worked out in a gym by an Afghan teen brought on the base by the same corrupt and double-dealing pedophile police chief whom Brezler had declared to be an immediate threat. Yet the only person to be investigated in connection with the killings is Brezler, the Marine who sought to prevent them. To compound the injustice, the two generals who ruled against Brezler based their decision on a Board of Inquiry transcript whose 451 pages contain 1,548 sections marked ‘[inaudible].’ And those gaps are accompanied by an astonishing number of errors. One witness who was critical to the defense reported that he found 47 mistakes in his testimony and could have found more but the ‘incredible number of ‘inaudible’ and outright errors was so great that I did not correct ones where I had no idea what was said exactly.’” [79954, 79955, 79962]

A Vox Populi poll of registered voters shows Hillary Clinton trailing a “generic” Republican candidate—by 13 points—in Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, Ohio, and Virginia. Clinton’s favorable/unfavorable rating is a dismal 36/57. She is also “underwater” on the issue of trust: 37/60. (Clinton’s decline has been so steep and quick that some desperate Democrats are even calling for former vice president Al Gore to enter the 2016 race. One unnamed “senior Democrat” tells BuzzFeed.com, “They’re figuring out if there’s a path financially and politically. It feels more real than it has in the

past months.” Others dispute the claim.) [79803, 79804, 79805, 79806, 79810, 79819, 79845, 79848, 79866]

MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell tweets, “so if Al Gore supporters talk about him running and Biden [is] undecided what about John Kerry? He tells me not now but [that] doesn’t mean not forever.” [79852]

The University of Missouri tells graduate students it can no longer provide subsidies for their insurance coverage because of an IRS interpretation of an ObamaCare rule. CampusReform.org reports, “In a letter sent to the graduate students, the university explained that the Obamacare ‘prohibits businesses from providing employees subsidies specifically for the purpose of purchasing health insurance from individual market plans.’ The IRS, according to the university, is treating the university’s student insurance plan as an ‘individual market plan,’ which thus prohibits the university from subsidizing the students’ health insurance.” [80062]

Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the opening of the U.S. embassy in Havana, Cuba. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) states, “The Cubans have basically pocketed all of these concessions that [Obama] has made, but they have been very frank: Nothing is going to change in Cuba. ... We are going to open up to Cuba, but Cuba’s not going to open up to us... It’s a one sided deal. and that’s why it’s such a bad idea. We shouldn’t have diplomatic relations with anti-American, communist dictatorship that oppresses its own people, harbors fugitives of American justice, including a cop-killer from New Jersey, and gives the Russians and the Chinese a base of operations to spy electronically against us.” (One day earlier Rubio said of Fidel Castro’s demand for millions of dollars in compensation for trade embargo losses over the decades, “Obviously, it’s ridiculous talk, but this is the kind of thing that they’re doing. It’s a subliminal method they’re sending to their people. That wasn’t a message to Americans, that was a message to the Cubans. And the message is, I know you’re going to have an American flag at this new embassy, I know you’re going to see more Americans travelers coming here. But we’re still anti-American. Don’t get your hopes up. Nothing is going to change in Cuba.”) While on the communist island, Kerry says, he “feels at home” in Cuba. [79821, 79851]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “Donald Trump will unveil a series of position papers in early September... beginning with a plan to address immigration policy that was crafted with the counsel of Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL), a favorite of conservative activists and an outspoken border hawk. That document will be followed soon after by his proposal for revamping the U.S. tax code. ‘My immigration paper, my tax paper—they’re pretty much done. But I don’t want to do [release] them in August. I’ll wait until September, when everyone [in Congress] is back [from vacation], in all fairness. ... We’ll release a number of them. We’ll start with immigration and then we’ll do tax. Those will be the first two.’” Trump tells the *Post*, “I like [Sessions]... Tough guy. I like that. We have a similar thought process.” [79878, 79879]

In an August 5-9 Gallup poll, Obama is in negative approval/disapproval territory on all major issues but one: race relations, 46/50; education, 44/49; climate change, 44/42; the

economy, 41/56; terrorism, 41/55; foreign affairs, 39/55; immigration, 36/61, and Iran, 33/55. [79818]

According to a Fox News poll, “a 58 percent majority thinks [Hillary] Clinton ‘knowingly lied’ when she announced in a March press conference that no emails on her private server contained classified information. A third says there is ‘another explanation’ for internal government investigators determining secret info was in fact on Clinton’s server (33 percent). Moreover, by a 54-37 percent margin, voters feel Clinton put our national security at risk by using a private email server. Among Democrats, 27 percent think Clinton lied and 29 percent say her actions put the country in danger. Independents are nearly three times as likely to say Clinton lied as to think there’s another explanation for national secrets to show up on her server (67 percent vs. 23 percent). And over half of independents, 54 percent, feel Clinton put the U.S. at risk. Some 87 percent of Republicans say Clinton lied and 81 percent think she put the nation’s security at risk.” [79831]

DCWhispers.com writes, “Reportedly it was a phone call several days earlier from a high-ranking legal representative of the Clinton Machine to the offices of Attorney General Loretta Lynch that set in motion what some are whispering to have been almost ‘absolute capitulation’ on the part of Team Hillary. This was then followed up by representatives from the DNC [Democrat National Committee] who are equally desperate to see the ongoing email scandal situation resolved sooner rather than later. Hillary Clinton and her campaign are in very serious trouble. She knows it, they know it, and now the Obama-Jarrett DOJ is literally holding the keys to the Clintons’ future in their Martha’s Vineyard-vacationing hands. The most recent phone call regarding the legal implications of the ongoing FBI investigation into Mrs. Clinton’s private email server and potential violation of federal law as it pertains to the handling of classified information comes months after an earlier meeting between the principal parties to this legal and political dilemma... If a tentative agreement had been reached between the Clinton and Obama camps during their March 23rd meeting, it now appears said agreement has dissipated given the recent leaks indicating at least two top secret documents were found to have been in Hillary Clinton’s possession—documents that were on an unsecured server, an act which is a serious violation of federal law. Mrs. Clinton’s fortunes are further darkened by her earlier on-the-record claims to not have had such documents and now there are those implicating her in a direct attempt to tamper/destroy evidence in an ongoing investigation.” [73394, 73423, 73428, 79825]

DCWhispers continues, “‘Will we have a job next year?’ That is now the question on the minds of an increasing number of Hillary Clinton campaign staffers who are hearing a myriad of rumors from generally reliable sources in and around Washington D.C. regarding the seriousness of the current Democratic presidential frontrunner’s legal troubles. Team Clinton is desperate to receive assurances from the Obama DOJ [Department of Justice] that the investigation will proceed in the delayed drip fashion that has become the hallmark of the Obama administration—drag [it] out long enough until the public loses interest entirely. This scenario is said to be a less than satisfactory one to the DNC power brokers though who fear the scandal could blow up in the final months of

the 2016 campaign, thus ensuring a Republican White House victory. At least one high-ranking member within the DNC made clear to fellow members how strongly he opposed any such deal with the Clinton Machine and is aggressively pushing to have a candidate ‘in place and ready’ to step into what he feels is an ‘inevitable void’ when the Hillary Clinton campaign collapses. This information appears to corroborate yet another earlier D.C. Whispers report on the subject.” (Jarrett reportedly sent a “trusted operative” to meet with Vice President Joe Biden—vacationing in South Carolina—to encourage him to run for president.) [79825, 79826]

“Bill Clinton was recently reported to have initiated an ‘all is well’ pep talk to leading election staffers in recent days as well as working the phones to ensure all-important donor dollars continue to roll in for his wife’s campaign. While those dollars and endorsements have yet to publicly dry up, growing discontent within the Democratic power structure is making itself known to the Clintons. If the Obama DOJ is directed to actively pursue its investigation into Hillary Clinton and then both Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett more fully shift their allegiance to a 2016 alternative, the once-powerful Clinton Machine might finally find itself little more than a torn and tattered remnant of its former glory.” [79825]

Fetal tissue company Stem Express informs Congress it is cutting its ties with Planned Parenthood. [79828, 79863]

Actor James Woods tweets a photograph of Obama hugging Planned Parenthood’s Cecile Richards, with the caption, “I’ve got your back... You can sell the other parts.” [79969, 79970]

On Martha’s Vineyard, Obama plays his 244th round of golf since January 20, 2009. (WashingtonExaminer.com notes, “Obama’s predecessor, George W. Bush, golfed 24 times over eight years, cutting his playtime off after the 9/11 attacks, believing it unseemly to be seen enjoying himself at a time of war.”) [79832]

TruthRevolt.org reports that after a Muslim asylum-seeker who was scheduled to be deported slashed and killed a mother and her son in an IKEA store, IKEA “responded by ceasing the sale of kitchen knives.” [79835, 79836]

ABCNews.com reports, “Before her death earlier this year, American hostage Kayla Mueller was repeatedly raped by the top leader of ISIS, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, according to counter-terrorism officials. Mueller’s family confirmed to ABC News that government officials have told them that their daughter, who would have turned 27 today, was the victim of repeated sexual assaults by al-Baghdadi. ‘We were told Kayla was tortured, that she was the property of al-Baghdadi. We were told that in June by the government,’ Kayla’s parents, Carl and Marsha Mueller, told ABC News today.” [79837, 79838, 79839, 79862]



On *Newsmax Now* former Bill Clinton political strategist Dick Morris (who arguably has been wrong more often than he has been right with his predictions) suggests that Hillary Clinton will be indicted. “It’s shocking that she would do this stuff on an unsecured server. And remember that these are two emails out of 40 that were reviewed. There are 30,000 more to go. What does the Secretary of State talk about [in those emails]? National parks or garbage collection? She’s going to speak about stuff that’s either classified or borderline classified. When they go through all 30,000, the evidence is going to be so overwhelming that I believe she will be indicted. ...Who’s the one who’s in charge of deciding what’s secret and what’s not? Hillary Clinton. So if the documents came and they were unclassified, unmarked, it was her duty to mark them and to respect that marking. Obviously, drones and the kind of information you’re talking about would be top secret. Hillary was reckless in consigning all this to her personal server because of the very material that the Secretary of State deals with.” [79855]

“I believe the evidence will be so overwhelming that she violated the protocols that I don’t think they’re going to have any choice but to go after her. ...I see her being indicted, I see her being forced out of the race, I see [Vice President Joe] Biden running and I see a lot of pressure ramping up on other Democrats like [Secretary of State John] Kerry and [former Vice President Al] Gore and [former governor] Deval Patrick in Massachusetts and a bunch of others, [Senator] Elizabeth Warren [D-MA], to get into the race. Not as opponents of Hillary but as understudies. ...The magnitude of the evidence is going to be so overwhelming that it’ll be impossible not to indict her. So yes, I do believe Hillary Clinton will be indicted and will be forced out of this race.” [79855]

In a *very* angry and defiant address at the Iowa State Fair, Hillary Clinton says, “Now they’ll try to tell you this is about Benghazi, but it’s not. Benghazi was a tragedy. Four dedicated public servants lost their lives, and we have to be focused on how to prevent future tragedies, but let’s be clear. ...It’s not about Benghazi. And you know what, it’s not about emails and servers either. It’s about politics. I will do my part to provide transparency to Americans. That’s why I’ve insisted 55,000 pages of my emails be soon as possible. I’ve even offered to answer questions for months before Congress. I’ve just provided my server to the Justice Department. But here’s what I won’t do. I won’t get down in the mud with them. I won’t play politics with national security or dishonor the memory of those who we lost [in Benghazi]. I won’t pretend that this is anything other than what it is, the same old partisan games we’ve seen so many times before. So I don’t care how many superPACs and Republicans pile on. I’ve been fighting for families and underdogs my entire life and I’m not going to stop now.” [79853, 79854, 79858]

DCWhispers.com says of Clinton’s address, “This was a performance based almost entirely on the fear of what is coming at her as the investigation into the ongoing cover-up of her private email server intensifies day-by-day. Remember, if not for the Benghazi investigation, we would likely never have known about that server and Mrs. Clinton’s illegal use of top secret information. Team Clinton destroyed evidence, wiped the server (the one she now boasts she handed over only after months of saying she would never do so) and if current rumors are true, appears to have been caught willfully destroying yet more evidence long after she was legally obligated to turn it over. This is footage of a

politician nearing an emotional brink from which [she] may never fully recover...” (Although Clinton is clearly lashing out at Republicans in her comments, this *Timeline* believes she is also addressing the White House. She is essentially telling Obama and Valerie Jarrett, “I am not giving up, no matter what you throw at me, and if you continue, you will find out that the Clinton team can dish it out as well.”) [79858]

Hillary “deleter of the free world” Clinton also tells the Iowa audience, “You may have seen that I recently launched a Snapchat account. I love it. I love it. Those messages disappear all by themselves.” (Clinton’s lame attempt at a joke may come back to haunt her. If she is convicted of any federal crimes involving her email schemes, her cavalier attitude will certainly be taken into consideration during the sentencing phase.) [79931, 79994]

On August 15 Queen Elizabeth II stands up to jihadist assassination threats and attends a public memorial event marking the 70th anniversary of VJ Day—victory over Japan in World War II. Obama observes the solemn occasion by playing golf with Bill Clinton and Vernon Jordan. At Townhall.com Andre Walker quotes Donal Blaney, CEO of the Young Britons Foundation: “The White House has largely ignored Victory over Japan Day because winning wars doesn’t fit with Obama’s narrative of appeasement. As a Brit I’m disgusted the Islamic State told us they’d kill our Queen. But I am proud that today she turned up anyway with thousands of my fellow countrymen to protect her. You’d think someone [allegedly] born within a few miles of Pearl Harbor [Obama] would remember the horrors of the unprovoked Japanese attack on the United States in 1941—and would want to commemorate America’s defeat of Japan 70 years ago this week. It’s as if Obama is embarrassed that America defeated totalitarian tyranny. Thank God WE have a Head of State that we can be proud of here in Britain.” Walker notes, “It is estimated there were 71,000 British and Commonwealth casualties in the fight against Japan, this figure includes more than 12,000 prisoners of war who died in Japanese captivity. Many were starved and beaten as they were used as slave labor, building the infrastructure the Japanese needed to maintain their foothold in Asia.” [79865, 79868, 79869, 79876, 79882, 79971]

Black Lives Matter demonstrators protesters block I-395, disrupt traffic in Washington, D.C., and protest at the Capitol Building. Among the protesters is Taylor Griffin, a press assistant in the office of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). [79870, 79871, 79872, 79811, 79915]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “Hillary Clinton is in trouble. Really big trouble. According to the *Washington Post*, the same prosecutor who took down General David Petraeus for improper possession of classified information is now looking into Hillary Clinton’s email server. ...Petraeus plead guilty to misdemeanor charges after keeping physical copies of classified information locked in a desk drawer at his house. He also shared them with his biographer and mistress Paula Broadwell. Prosecutors originally recommended felony charges. ...Based on what we know so far, Clinton’s possession of top secret, classified information on her personal server is far worse than the Petraeus case. First, the classified information Petraeus had in his possession was classified at a

lower level than the information on Clinton's private server, which was classified at the highest level. Second, Petraeus may have shared information with his mistress, but Clinton [may have] shared it with enemy hackers and foreign governments. ...Based on her continued defiance, if charges are brought against Clinton I doubt she'll bow out gracefully like Petraeus did." [79847]

Richard Grenell, former spokesperson for U.S. ambassadors to the United Nations, tweets, "Shocking to hear a former SecState swear she never sent or received diplomatic policy details—no wonder she accomplished very little." (Grenell raises a valid point. How could Clinton have even done her job if she never received or sent classified information? The job cannot be performed without routinely dealing with classified information.) [79873, 79874]

At the Iowa State Fair, Donald Trump arrives in his helicopter and circles the area several times—partly to annoy Hillary Clinton. On the ground, he brags, "My crowd is 10 times Hillary's." Asked about the helicopter overhead, Clinton says, "I was just looking at the people." Asked about the email scandal, she tells reporters, "It's not anything that people talk to me about as I travel around the country. It is never raised in my town halls." (Of course, her campaign staff carefully selects attendees for her events and pre-screens questions.) [79849, 79850, 79864]

Hillary Clinton heads to Martha's Vineyard, according to FoxNews.com, to join Obama and "attend the 80th birthday party for Vernon Jordan, a Democratic operative and former Clinton administration adviser." (Whether Obama and Clinton will meet privately is not known.) [80267]

Bob Baer, CNN national security analyst and a former CIA operative, says on *CNN International*, "If this [classified and top secret information], in fact, was on a private server, you and I'd get fired and possibly jailed. This [action by Hillary Clinton] could be a felony. ...If this was on her server and it got into her smart phone, there's a big problem there. Seriously, if I had sent a document like this over the open Internet I'd get fired the same day, escorted to the door and gone for good — and probably charged with mishandling classified information. ...This is very, very serious stuff, and in the discipline of the national security establishment you never let this stuff out of your hands, especially on a hand-held [phone]. If this in fact were on her hand-held [phone]—was sent to her or she forwarded it in any way—I wonder if she's capable of being president." Asked if the situation is a "deal breaker" for Clinton's candidacy, Baer responds, "As a national security employee, a former one, yes. ...I can't tell you how bad this is. A lot of things get talked about, a lot of gossip, but having documents like this sent across the Internet, it could be hacked very easily and probably were hacked, is a transgression that I don't think [a possible] president of the United States should be allowed to... have committed." [79885]

In her opening segment on *Justice with Judge Jeanine*, Judge Jeanine Pirro hauls Hillary Clinton over the coals and lists the federal laws the former Secretary of State has or may have broken with her use of a private computer server for her emails. [79877]

On August 16 ABC White House correspondent Jonathan Karl reports on *This Week*, "...Platte River Networks, the Colorado company that set up [Hillary] Clinton's server, told ABC News it is highly likely that a full backup of the server was made, meaning those thousands of emails she deleted, may still exist. The company says it's cooperating with the FBI." [79884, 79888, 79905, 79906]

Also on *This Week* is Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) is reminded by Martha Raddatz that "...Secretary Clinton signed a statement over the weekend, declaring under penalty of perjury that she has turned over to the government all of the emails that were federal records." Gowdy responds, "Well, I read that statement and if you read that statement, you know why people hate lawyers as much as they do. I don't read the statement that way, and I *can't* read the statement that way because I know that to be false. Remember those 15 emails that Sidney Blumenthal gave our committee that she did not turn over to the State Department—all 15 of those were related to her public records. So we know for a fact that she did not turn over all records and all documents to the State Department, so how she can represent that to a federal judge under oath is something I suspect at some point that judge will ask her." [79886, 79917]

Raddatz also interviews presidential candidate Carly Fiorina and asks, "You also made comments last month on Fox that Hillary has blood on her hands when it comes to Benghazi. Are you saying she was responsible, somehow responsible for the death of those Americans?" Fiorina replies, "What I'm saying is, the night that Benghazi attack happened, Secretary of State Clinton, ...Obama and others knew that this was a purposeful, preplanned terrorist attack. Nevertheless, the next morning she addressed the American people from the State Department and talked about a video and how it didn't represent the values of the American people and several days later, she stood over the bodies of the fallen and said the same. What she should have said that morning was the truth. This is purposeful terrorist attack and we will seek retribution. Instead, she basically apologized. And so what signal did that send? What signal did that send to all the bad guys all over the world? The signal it sent, was open season, we can attack an embassy, murder four Americans and nothing is going to happen." [79893]

On *Meet the Press*, host Chuck Todd asks Donald Trump, "When was the last time America was great?" Trump responds, "I would say that during the administration of Ronald Reagan, you felt proud to be an American. You felt really proud. I don't think since then to any great extent, people were proud." [79894, 79899, 79909]

Trump says, "The people that [sic; who] negotiated that deal [with Iran], mainly [Secretary of State John] Kerry and his friends, are incompetent. ...I would have told them up front, 'You will never get your \$150 billion back.' They are [Iran is] going to be such a wealthy, such a powerful nation, they're going to have nuclear weapons. They are going to take over parts of the world you wouldn't believe. And I think it's going to lead to nuclear holocaust." [79894, 79899, 79909]

So far, Trump seems to be weathering the attacks against him as he retains his lead in the polls. As the weeks pass, however, some of the candidates who are polling the worst will drop out of the race. Which remaining candidates gain their supporters remains to be seen. If Jeb Bush gains from the narrowing of the field, the Republican establishment will breathe a sigh of relief. But if the gains go to candidates like Trump, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), Ben Carson, or Carly Fiorina, the establishment will have to re-think its strategy. It cannot continue to fight conservative voters who are fed up with Republican candidates who make promises they then refuse to fulfill. (That many voters are unaware that Trump is not particularly conservative on some non-immigration issues is another story. Of course, many voters may believe that the immigration issue is important enough that other issues pale in comparison.) The GOP will have to get back to its conservative roots and principles, or run the risk of collapsing as a new, major third party develops. Over the years, the Democrat base has moved further to the far, socialist left—as evidenced by the popularity of Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), while the Republican base has become more conservative. But Wall Street continues to support the crony capitalists, and would be more than pleased with either Hillary Clinton or Jeb Bush in the White House. The voters are shouting, “No more Bushes! No more Clintons!”—and the “establishment” may end up with neither Bush nor Clinton as the nominees. [79907]

TheBurningPlatform.com observes, “Republican kingmakers are nothing if not pragmatic, they want results for their money. They aren’t getting it. They are unhappy. They are angry. But like a chameleon changing colors, they want to be on the winning side. They all know Trump, they also know they can deal with Trump, so they will. The Blitzkrieg is over. Trump survived. The establishment sacrificed many of their finest media plants this past weekend. Every one of them ended up looking like exactly what they are, cheap desperate prostitutes, willing to say whatever was required of them, as long as their paychecks kept coming. Media brands that took a dozen years to build are now damaged goods. Where will Trump take this, who knows? But the man knows how to make a deal, the man knows how to win, and the man knows how to set a mark so people don’t screw with him in the future. It must suck to be Meghan [sic; Megyn] Kelly, Chris Wallace, and Bret Baier, and know that you are shut out from the Trump circus for the indefinite future. ...They took their best coordinated shot at him, and failed.” [79901]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Chris Wallace criticizes GOP candidate Ben Carson for suggesting Obama is anti-Semitic. Carson responds, “All you have to do, Chris, is like I have, go to Israel and talk to average people, you know, on all ends of that spectrum. And I couldn’t find a single person there who didn’t feel that this administration had turned their back on Israel. And I think the position of president of United States should be one where you begin to draw people together behind a vision, not one where you castigate those who believe differently from you. I think it’s a possibility for great healing if it is used in the correct way.” Wallace: “But it’s one thing, one could argue, your policy differs from Israel, but you say in your [August 13 *Jerusalem Post*] article—and you’re talking about his domestic critics here in this country—that there is anti-Semitic themes there. What specifically is anti-Semitic in what [Obama] is saying?” Carson: “Well, I think anything is anti-Semitic that is against the survival of a state that is surrounded by enemies and by people who want to destroy them. And to sort of ignore that and to act like everything is

normal there and that these people are paranoid, I think that's anti-Semitic." (The Obama administration is full of anti-Semites, including National Security Advisor Susan Rice and U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power. Former Obama advisor Robert O. Malley, whose family had close ties to PLO leader Yasser Arafat and who resigned after it was revealed that he had met secretly with the terrorist group Hamas, is another anti-Semite. Additionally, of course, Obama has long been associated with the Jew-hating Reverend Jeremiah Wright and, to a lesser extent, with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.) [453, 453, 3196, 3232, 3311, 4075, 55306, 55307, 79891, 79892]

Also on *Fox News Sunday*, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, says of the FBI's investigation of Hillary Clinton's email server, "I think they're the premiere law enforcement agency in the world. I think that they are as apolitical as anything can be in this culture, and I think they're going to go wherever the facts take them. ...The greater steps that you take to clean something, or delete something, that's a higher level of concealment. ...So your viewers have to ask themselves, to what lengths would they go to delete a yoga email? Would they call in forensic experts to triple-wash a server so they could get rid of bridesmaids emails or yoga practice emails? Of course not! We hit delete button and we forget about it. So the more energy she put into cleansing or wiping the server clean, I think your viewers should take or infer from that that perhaps there was something on there she really didn't want us to see." [79898]

"...My focus is on the four murdered Americans in Benghazi. But before I can write the final definitive accounting of that, I have to make sure that the public record is complete. So all of this started with my desire to get her emails and the emails of her top aides. That's when we learned that she had this unprecedented email arrangement with herself. ...We have agreed on the date [for Clinton to testify before the committee] and the ground rules simple: You're going to stay there until all of the questions are asked and answered with respect to Benghazi. ...If she's going to insist that she's only coming once, I'm going to insist that 'once' be fully constructed—which means she's going to be there for a while." [79898]

Donald Trump releases his immigration plan, which begins with three principles: 1. "**A nation without borders is not a nation.** There must be a wall across the southern border." 2. "**A nation without laws is not a nation.** Laws passed in accordance with our Constitutional system of government must be enforced." 3. "**A nation that does not serve its own citizens is not a nation.** Any immigration plan must improve jobs, wages and security for all Americans." The document points out, "In 2011, the Government Accountability Office found that there were a shocking 3 million arrests attached to the incarcerated alien population, including tens of thousands of violent beatings, rapes and murders. Meanwhile, Mexico continues to make billions on not only our bad trade deals but also relies heavily on the billions of dollars in remittances sent from illegal immigrants in the United States back to Mexico (\$22 billion in 2013 alone). In short, the Mexican government has taken the United States to the cleaners. The cost of building a permanent border wall pales mightily in comparison to what American taxpayers spend

every single year on dealing with the fallout of illegal immigration on their communities, schools and unemployment offices.” [79889, 79890, 79902, 79903]

“Mexico must pay for the wall and, until they do, the United States will, among other things: impound all remittance payments derived from illegal wages; increase fees on all temporary visas issued to Mexican CEOs and diplomats (and if necessary cancel them); increase fees on all border crossing cards—of which we issue about 1 million to Mexican nationals each year (a major source of visa overstays); increase fees on all NAFTA worker visas from Mexico (another major source of overstays); and increase fees at ports of entry to the United States from Mexico [Tariffs and foreign aid cuts are also options]. We will not be taken advantage of anymore.” [79889, 79890, 79902, 79903]

The Trump plan proposals: “**Triple the number of ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] officers.**” “**Nationwide e-verify.**” (Employers must ensure that the Social Security Number of a job applicant appears on the federal government system.) “**Mandatory return of all criminal aliens.** The Obama Administration has released 76,000 aliens from its custody with criminal convictions since 2013 alone. All criminal aliens must be returned to their home countries, a process which can be aided by canceling any visas to foreign countries which will not accept their own criminals, and making it a separate and additional crime to commit an offense while here illegally.” “**Detention—not catch-and-release.** Illegal aliens apprehended crossing the border must be detained until they are sent home, no more catch-and-release.” “**Defund sanctuary cities.** Cut-off federal grants to any city which refuses to cooperate with federal law enforcement.” [79889, 79890, 79902, 79903, 80002]

“**Enhanced penalties for overstaying a visa.** Millions of people come to the United States on temporary visas but refuse to leave, without consequence. This is a threat to national security. Individuals who refuse to leave at the time their visa expires should be subject to criminal penalties; this will also help give local jurisdictions the power to hold visa overstays until federal authorities arrive. Completion of a visa tracking system—required by law but blocked by lobbyists—will be necessary as well. “**Cooperate with local gang task forces.**” “**End birthright citizenship.**” This remains the biggest magnet for illegal immigration. By a 2:1 margin, voters say it’s the wrong policy...” “**Increase prevailing wage for H-1Bs.**” (That is, do not issue work visas for low-wage jobs.) “**Requirement to hire American workers first.**” Petitions for workers should be mailed to the unemployment office, not USCIS [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services].” “**End welfare abuse.** Applicants for entry to the United States should be required to certify that they can pay for their own housing, healthcare and other needs before coming to the U.S.” [79889, 79890, 79902, 79903]

“**Jobs program for inner city youth.** The J-1 visa jobs program for foreign youth will be terminated and replaced with a resume bank for inner city youth provided to all corporate subscribers to the J-1 visa program.” “**Refugee program for American children.** Increase standards for the admission of refugees and asylum-seekers to crack down on abuses. Use the monies saved on expensive refugee programs to help place American children without parents in safer homes and communities, and to improve community

safety in high crime neighborhoods in the United States.” **“Immigration moderation.** Before any new green cards are issued to foreign workers abroad, there will be a pause where employers will have to hire from the domestic pool of unemployed immigrant and native workers. This will help reverse women's plummeting workplace participation rate, grow wages, and allow record immigration levels to subside to more moderate historical averages.” [79889, 79890, 79902, 79903]

Although many in the media have ridiculed Trump’s call for Mexico to “pay for the wall,” that can be done with little effort. First, foreign aid to Mexico could be stopped. (U.S. foreign aid to Mexico in 2014 was \$971 million, or almost \$1 billion. That alone represents about \$500,000 per mile.) The Americans for Legal Immigration PAC (ALIPAC) suggests confiscating drug money caught leaving the United States each year (\$30+ million), end the payment of the Earned Income Tax Credit to illegal aliens (an estimated about \$4.2 billion in 2010), halting welfare benefits to illegal immigrants, increasing visa fees for Mexican visitors to the United States, imposing increased tariffs on Mexican goods, and imposing a tax on all remittances sent to Mexico from immigrants in the United States. (Trump is not expecting the Mexican government to write the United States a check to cover the cost of border wall construction, but the United States can certainly stop giving money to Mexico.) [80263, 80264]

Impressed by Trump’s immigration proposal, author Ann Coulter (*Adios, America: The Left’s Plan to Turn Our Country Into a Third World Hellhole*) tweets, “I don’t care if Donald Trump wants to perform abortions in White House after this immigration policy paper.” “The greatest political document since the Magna Carta.” “IT’S MORNING IN AMERICA, AGAIN!” “We haven’t seen anything like this since Dwight Eisenhower’s ‘Operation Wetback.’ Even Mitt Romney wasn’t this pro-American on immigration.” “Nothing else matters. Unless we stop 3rd worlders pouring in, bloc-voting 4 the Dems, conservatives lose EVERYTHING.” “Only candidate who cares @ ‘black lives’ is Donald Trump. His immigrn plan will increase black, Hispanic, female workers in Silicon Val.” [79910, 79911, 79921, 79922, 79923, 79924, 79925, 79933, 79950]

Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) executive director Mark Krikorian tells Breitbart.com, “The first notable thing about Trump’s immigration plan are the three principles it lays out. Immigration policy must be based exclusively on the interest of We the People of the United States, not wealthy donors, not corporations, not union bosses, not big-city politicians, and not foreign citizens. Why every candidate of every party hasn’t already said this is a mystery. Many of the specifics are also sound: E-Verify, visa-tracking, cutting off aid to sanctuary cities, making overstay of a visa a criminal offense, tightening up on H-1B visas, etc. His support for moderating our current very high levels of legal immigration is welcome, though I look forward to more specifics—which visa categories should be reduced or eliminated? Also, I think the antagonism toward Mexico in the first section is not helpful—Mexico is indeed obstructionist in many areas, though it is helpful in others (for instance, by interdicting many of the Central American illegals headed north). Our approach to our neighbor to the south must be firm, but not ham-handed. But overall, none of the other Republican (or Democratic) candidates (with the



exception of Rick Santorum) has as sound and as well thought-through an immigration plan.” [79920]

One of the more controversial items in Trump’s immigration document is the proposal to “End birthright citizenship”—the practice of automatically granting U.S. citizenship to babies born in the United States even if both parents are illegal immigrants. Supporters of that “anchor baby” practice argue (incorrectly) that it is required by the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which states, “All persons born or naturalized in the United States... are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” *But* the full sentence reads, “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” The words, “*and subject to the jurisdiction thereof*” are not irrelevant. A child born in the United States to two illegal immigrant Mexican parents is subject to the jurisdiction of Mexico, because it is a Mexican citizen by virtue of the citizenship of its parents. The Fourteenth Amendment was *not* passed in order to pave the way for welfare benefits for pregnant Mexicans who illegally cross the border. The Amendment, passed by Congress in 1866 and ratified by the states in 1868, was for the purpose of declaring freed slaves to be U.S. citizens. [79948, 79949, 79974, 80011, 80021, 80022]

Investors.com has noted, “During debate on the 14th Amendment, Jacob Merritt Howard, a senator from Michigan who helped draft the amendment after the Civil War, stated quite clearly: ‘This will not, of course, include persons in the United States who are foreigners, aliens, who belong to families of ambassadors or foreign ministers accredited to the government of the United States, but will include every other class of persons.’ Rep. John Bingham of Ohio, regarded as the father of the 14th Amendment, said it meant ‘every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States *of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty* [emphasis added] is, in the language of your constitution itself a natural-born citizen.’” Regardless of what media pundits may believe in 2015, in 1868 it was understood that a baby was *not* considered a U.S. citizen simply because it was born on U.S. soil. If neither parent was a U.S. citizen, the naturalization process was required to turn that child into a U.S. citizen. Further, it was clear that the term “natural born citizen” meant *born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents*. That is why this *Timeline* and some legal scholars argue that Obama is *not* a natural born citizen. Obama did *not* have *parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty*. (He had only one.) For the same reason Obama is not eligible to legally serve as president, neither are Ted Cruz (born in Canada with one U.S. citizen parent), Marco Rubio (born with two Cuban citizen parents), Rick Santorum (born with one Italian citizen parent), or Bobby Jindal (born with two Indian citizen parents). [79948, 79949, 79974, 80011, 80021, 80022, 80068]

Those who argue that the anchor baby problem cannot be resolved without amending the U.S. Constitution are mistaken. All that is required is for the federal government to enforce immigration laws and *not misconstrue* the Fourteenth Amendment. Additionally, the anchor baby issue largely goes away if illegal immigrants are not allowed to enter the United States in the first place—and if the Mexican government is put on notice that the

United States will give illegal immigrants bus tickets home, rather than rides to the nearest U.S. hospital. (Among the industrialized nations, only the United States follows the absurd anchor baby policy for illegal immigrants.) [79948, 79949, 79974, 80011, 80021, 80022, 80068, 80078]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Morale at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is in the gutter, sources tell The Daily Caller. Staffers at ICE find themselves in a politicized culture and are looking for ways to leave the agency for other job opportunities. ‘There are people at ICE who are just dying to get out. There are often these openings that you see at USA jobs. For any given job, there might be one position open and you are getting on average four or 500 applicants for that one job and many of those applicants are coming from places like ICE,’ one source told TheDC. Additionally, ICE officers and agents find the mission of their jobs—which is to enforce immigration law—is often counter to the orders given to them when they are told to release criminal illegal aliens into the public. ‘They are just so fed up. The organizational culture from where they’ve come from, it has become so politicized. The immigration system is not just broken. It’s dead. A lot of people at ICE are just so fed up,’ the source said. ‘There’s no enforcement, and worse than that when you’re not enforcing you’re being told, ‘Well you basically can’t do the right thing.’ And the right thing being ‘Well, here’s someone who needs to be detained’ and you’re not being allowed to have this person detained.’” [79914]

RT.com reports, “North Korea has issued new nuclear threats to the US saying it will respond accordingly if Washington does not cancel military exercises with South Korea. Pyongyang says it is ready to use its latest weapons, which are ‘unknown to the world.’ The drills are due to take place Monday [August 17] and have become an annual event for the US, South Korea and other allies, a fact that has often irked North Korea. The exercises, called Ulchi Freedom Guardian, are aimed to ‘protect the region and maintain stability on the Korean peninsula,’ a statement from the Korea-US Combined Forces Command stated, as cited by CNN.” (Meanwhile, Iran is sending a fleet of warships to Russian territorial waters for joint navy drills.) [80224, 80225]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “While media coverage has focused on a half-dozen of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s personal emails containing sensitive intelligence, the total number of her private emails identified by an ongoing State Department review as having contained classified data has ballooned to 60, officials told The Washington Times. That figure is current through the end of July and is likely to grow as officials wade through a total of 30,000 work-related emails that passed through her personal email server, officials said. The process is expected to take months. The 60 emails are among those that have been reviewed and cleared for release under the Freedom of Information Act as part of an open-records lawsuit. Some of the emails have multiple redactions for classified information. ... Those 60 emails do not include two emails identified in recent days by Intelligence Community Inspector General I. Charles McCullough III as containing ‘top-secret’ information possibly derived from Pentagon satellites, drones or intercepts, which is some of the nation’s most sensitive secrets. State officials and the intelligence community are working to resolve questions about those and other emails with possible classified information, a process that isn’t likely to be completed until January. That will

be right around the time Mrs. Clinton is slated to face voters in the Iowa caucuses in her bid for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination.” [79895, 79896, 79897, 79900, 79908, 79912, 79916]

Ed Morrissey notes at HotAir.com, “The level of classification [confidential, secret, or top secret] doesn’t actually matter, at least legally speaking. Politically speaking, having Top Secret/compartimented data among that found on Hillary Clinton’s server makes it clear that Hillary’s decision to use an unauthorized private e-mail server for official business and locating it in an unsecured and unauthorized location—her house—was at a bare minimum gross negligence in her duty to protect classified material. That’s all that’s needed for a criminal charge under 18 USC 793 (f)(1), and for that matter, the material doesn’t even need to be classified for that to apply. Possession of such data without authorization is prosecutable under 18 USC 1924, which does specify that material has to be classified—but at any level, including Confidential. ...Dozens of [Clinton] e-mails had redactions accompanied by classification markings, making for further violations of both 18 USC 793 (regarding transmission) and 18 USC 1924. ...[A]ny redaction at all would be evidence of violation of the law, especially 18 USC 793, even those not specifically marked as classified. ...[E]very single one of these is a violation that could result in loss of clearance, termination, and/or prosecution. And those are definitely just updates. There are 30,000+ e-mails that State and intelligence IGs have to inspect, and at this rate we’ll see that number go up into the hundreds. For anyone else, this would already have produced criminal charges, not [Snapchat deletion] jokes on the campaign trail.” [79916, 79931]

In the latest Fox News poll, Donald Trump remains in first place with 25 percent (down from 26 percent), followed by Ben Carson (12 percent, up from 7 percent), Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (10, up from 6), Jeb Bush (9, down from 15), Mike Huckabee (6), Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker (6, down from 9), Carly Fiorina (5, up from 2), Ohio Governor John Kasich (4, up from 3), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (4, down from 5), New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (3), Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) (3, down from 5). [79918, 79919]

The Fox poll asks, “Do you favor or oppose a federal law that would mandate five-year prison terms for deported criminal aliens who come back to the United States?” Fifty-seven percent favor such a law, while 38 percent are in opposition. HotAir.com writes, “Make sure you read the wording of that question carefully. ...They’re not asking about what we should do with illegal aliens who are deported, then come back into the country and murder or rape someone. They’re just asking what to do if the illegals simply cross the border a second time. *A majority now favor a lengthy mandatory prison sentence.* I’m not saying this is an ideal solution to the problem because then we still wind up housing and feeding them until they are inevitably released again, but still... [Donald] Trump has stirred up a hornet’s nest around the country regarding an important issue. People are waking up to this more so than in the recent past and they are angry about it.” [79918]

On August 17 Bloomberg Politics managing editor Mark Halperin appears on *Morning Joe* and comments, “Trump may not end up as the nominee, but right now, he’s changed

the race, not just leading in the Fox poll, but coming to the [Iowa State] fair. I've been to the fair with Barack Obama at his peak, Sarah Palin at her peak, with other candidates, George Bush. The reception Trump got here was not just about celebrity. I walked with him for 45 minutes after the helicopter ride, he came to the fair, and people were yelling things to him with passion. 'Save us,' 'You're the only one who can stop Hillary,' 'Thank you for making America great again.' The other campaigns—the other leading Republican campaigns, monitored Trump's behavior here. And that was part, along with the Fox poll, and along with the developments of the last couple of weeks, of them saying, as you just quoted, they now believe Trump can win [the] Iowa [caucus on February 1, 2017]." [79913, 79926, 79953]

Of Hillary Clinton, Halperin says, "I have never in my career dealt with a presidential campaign who's [sic; which is] as unresponsive to basic questions. ...There's [sic; there are] lots of facts that they won't respond to on a daily basis. You can ask them every day, what are the answers to these questions, at a time when people want transparency, she's still an extraordinarily strong candidate, she's a great public servant. She's, I think, right now, the most likely person to be elected president, but she is not dealing with this issue. And between the FBI and the congressional investigations, this is not only not going away, but it shouldn't go away on the substance, and voters do care about it." [79941]

Also on *Morning Joe*, *The Washington Post's* Bob Woodward comments on the Clinton email scandal: "You've got a massive amount of data. It, in a way, reminds me of the Nixon tapes; thousands of hours of secretly recorded conversations that Nixon thought were exclusively his. ...Is she this secretive, hidden person, or is she this valiant public servant? Look at those 60,000 emails, and you're going to get some answers. ...In the world where [David] Petraeus was dealing either as a general or CIA director, or Clinton was dealing as [head of the] State Department, almost everything is classified one way or another, and you have to have some systems to protect it and you have to use common sense." [79937]

On *Fox & Friends*, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie comments on Hillary Clinton's Snapchat "joke" ("I love it. I love it. Those messages disappear all by themselves."). Christie says, "Her arrogance is breathtaking. It's breathtaking. Mrs. Clinton, this is not about politics. Why don't you just answer this question, 'Why'd you have your own private email server?' ...I'll tell you as a former U.S. attorney, that there's no question in my mind that if there's classified information on there she's in trouble." [79931, 79963]

Breitbart.com reports, "More than two years after the State Department claimed there were no emails responsive to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request about a close Hillary Clinton adviser's contact with the media, the Department has informed a judge it has located 17,855 emails that appear to match the criteria. The website Gawker filed a FOIA request in 2012 seeking any emails between Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Philippe Reines (a top Hillary Clinton adviser) and a list of 33 major media outlets. Interest in Reines' correspondence with the media was prompted by an angry email exchange between Reines and journalist Michael Hastings. In the exchange, Reines lost his temper and told Hastings to 'f-ck off.'" (Journalist Hastings was killed in a

mysterious automobile accident on June 18, 2013. Some claim Hastings was murdered either in retaliation for what he had reported about the Obama administration or to prevent him from additional reporting. Hastings was reportedly working on a story about the CIA at the time he was killed.) [37542, 37579, 45916, 45917, 45929, 45934, 45955, 46120, 46604, 46715, 46989, 79939, 79942, 79975]

“In July of 2013, the State Department responded to Gawker’s request with a letter which stated, ‘After a thorough search... no records responsive to your request were located.’ [That is, it lied.] Earlier this year Gawker filed a lawsuit asking a judge to force State to produce documents which were responsive to its initial FOIA request. Finally, in a ‘court-ordered status report’ the State Department has admitted to having located 81,159 emails belonging to Reines. Of those, State found 22 percent may be responsive to the FOIA request made back in 2012. ‘The Department believes that it will need to conduct a line-by-line review of an estimated 17,855 emails for applicable FOIA exemptions,’ the status update reads. ...No explanation is offered in the status report for why the State Department initially claimed there were zero responsive records to the same request.” [79939, 79942, 79975]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “More than 300 of former Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton’s emails—or 5.1 percent of those processed so far—have been flagged for potential secret information, the State Department reported to a federal court Monday. ...The reviewers have screened about 20 percent of the 30,000 emails Mrs. Clinton returned to the department, which means if the rate of potentially secret information remains steady, more than 1,500 messages will have to be sent to intelligence community agencies, known in government as ‘IC,’ to screen out classified information.” [79940]

At FrontPageMag.com Robert Spencer writes, “They got Al Capone for tax evasion, and they may get [Hillary Clinton’s closest aide] Huma Abedin for ‘violating rules regarding vacation and sick leave’ and for the ‘possible exchange of unsecured, classified data.’ To be sure, these are serious charges, and the available evidence makes it abundantly clear that there is ample warrant to investigate and perhaps even charge Abedin. However, it is a sign of a serious problem with today’s political culture that even more serious allegations regarding Abedin have never been investigated, and almost certainly never will be. Huma Abedin’s Muslim Brotherhood connections have been fully exposed by Andrew McCarthy and bruited about for years. The facts are quite public, albeit largely ignored: Abedin’s parents are both members of the Muslim Brotherhood, but her links to the organization are not just familial. Abedin was for twelve years the assistant editor of the Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs (JMMA), which was founded by Abdullah Omar Naseef, a Muslim Brotherhood operative and al-Qaeda financier. Naseef and Abedin both appeared on the JMMA’s masthead from 1996 to 2003.” (Abedin’s Indian father, Syed Zainul Abedin, is deceased. Her Pakistani mother is Saleha Mahmood Abedin. Although Huma Abedin was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, she was raised in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. A Muslim, Abedin speaks English, Arabic, and Urdu—the national language of Pakistan.) [79951, 79952, 80425]

“Consider that Abedin worked closely for seven years with a member of the Muslim Brotherhood who financed al-Qaeda in light of the Obama Administration’s foreign policy during the years that Hillary Clinton was the Secretary of State. Everyone acknowledges that Abedin and Clinton are extremely close, and that Abedin controls access to Clinton and has tremendous influence over her. Hillary Clinton’s tenure at the State Department was distinguished by the remarkable sight of Egyptian anti-Muslim Brotherhood protestors holding signs denouncing the President of the United States for supporting terrorism, and by the Benghazi debacle, when the Secretary of State sat back and did nothing as jihad terrorists murdered four Americans, including an ambassador. ...Is it at all possible that Huma Abedin, whose parents were active in the Brotherhood and who worked for twelve years for a journal closely linked to the Brotherhood, had anything to do with the pro-Muslim Brotherhood orientation of the Obama/Clinton State Department? ...That few people care about those connections, and that those who do are dismissed as ‘far-Right bigots,’ shows how myopic and foolish our contemporary political culture is. If Huma Abedin had a hand in the pro-Muslim Brotherhood tilt of the Obama/Clinton State Department, that would be a far graver offense than anything she is accused of now, just as old Capone was guilty of far greater crimes than tax evasion. But on the other hand, those tax evasion charges ended Capone’s operations for good, and so if Hillary’s infamous email server does the same to Huma Abedin, no one who values America’s historic role as leader of the free world will have any reason to complain.” [79951, 79952]

Author Ed Klein (*Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. The Obamas*) tells Newsmax.tv, “I’ve been speaking to some people in the FBI, of course on background, and what they tell me is the following: this investigation is not going to be over in a matter of weeks, or perhaps even months. It may take as much as a year. Now that brings us right to the tip of the 2016 presidential election. ...The handling of this scandal by her and her campaign has been nothing but disastrous and for her to joke about it in Iowa when the FBI is hot on her trail is clearly very counterproductive for her. She should be out front in this story and explaining to the American public why she said what she said, which was there were never any confidential or secret documents on her email and why that proved to be not true and what she says about it now. But they’re not dealing with the story at all. They’re trying to make it seem as though it’s some vast right-wing conspiracy when in fact it’s the Obama administration’s Justice Department that’s going after her.” Whether Clinton will be indicted is “hard to say because the FBI has to present a watertight case and if they do, then it’s up to Loretta Lynch, who’s the attorney general under Barack Obama, to either bring or not bring an indictment. From my perspective, as I’ve been saying all along in the books that I’ve written and the interviews that I’ve given, the Obamas do not want to see Hillary Clinton succeed Barack Obama in the White House. So it’s very likely if the FBI can make the case, the Justice Department will in fact come down with an indictment.” [79968]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Department of State officials refused to identify to a congressional committee the ‘chain of custody’—the complete list of people who had access to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s private email server, according to The Daily Caller News Foundation’s investigation. The request was made last spring by

the House Select Committee on Benghazi probing the 2012 terrorist attack on the U.S. Consulate in which Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were murdered. The chain of custody evidence is essential to determining if Clinton or people close to her violated federal laws on handling of classified materials. ... The 'chain of custody' issue is important as federal officials have confirmed that at least 300 or more emails on Clinton's server contained highly sensitive classified material and at least two were stamped 'Top Secret,' the highest classification level within the intelligence community. ... As more is disclosed about the server or servers, the circle of people who came in contact with Clinton's emails grows larger by the day." (Among those who had access to Clinton's emails has been her attorney, David Kendall. That he had the appropriate security clearance to retain her emails on a computer thumb drive is unlikely. Even more unlikely is that his staffers—who printed out 30,000 of Clinton's emails to give to the State Department—had security clearance.) [79972, 80052]

Breitbart.com reports, "Last month, the small Bay Area town of Emeryville, California, (population 10,000) decided to act as flag-bearer for raising the minimum wage in California, hiking its minimum wage to \$14.44 per hour. Even though businesses with less than 56 workers are exempt from the \$14.44 rate and do not have to raise their wages to \$15 until 2018, Vic Gumper, who owns Lanesplitter Pizza, with outlets in Berkeley, Oakland, Albany and Emeryville, decided not only to bite the bullet but swallow it, paying his workers \$15 to \$25 an hour while eschewing tips or raising prices. He advertised his \$30 pizzas and other food items as 'sustainably served, really ... no tips necessary,' according to the *Los Angeles Times*. Sales at Gumper's locations have plunged 25% in the last few months... Gumper admitted, 'The necessity of paying people a living wage in the Bay Area is clear, so it's hard to argue against it, and it's something I'm really proud to be able to try doing. At the same time, I'm terrified of going out of business after 18 years.'" [80383, 80384]

TheHill.com reports, "More than 25,000 families received government assistance despite exceeding income thresholds, according to a sweeping audit of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) public housing program. Of the 25,226 families, 68 percent, or 17,761, receiving public housing assistance had earned more than the qualifying amount for more than a year. Of that number, 13,388 (53 percent) had income that was up to \$10,000 greater than HUD's 2014 income limits, and 11,838 (47 percent) had income that was more than \$10,000 greater than the income limits. The review found that HUD will pay \$104.4 million over the next year for public housing units occupied by over-income families that otherwise could have been used to house low-income families, leaving many who need help stuck on waiting lists. For example, the New York City Housing Authority said a family in the program since 1988 had exceeded income levels since at least 2009. As of November 2013, [this particular] four-person household's annual income was \$497,911, while the low-income threshold was \$67,100." (According to the Census Bureau, median household income was only \$51,939 in 2013.) [80166, 80167, 80168, 80276, 80914]

The DailySignal.com later notes, "[T]he Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) used federal tax revenue and the federal housing voucher program to place low-income residents in

luxury high rises. One luxury building used by voucher holders, 500 North Lake Shore Drive, qualifies as the most expensive apartment building in downtown Chicago, according to Chicago Real Estate Daily. Rents for a one-bedroom approach \$3,000. A voucher holder living at 500 Lake Shore Drive has access to 30,000 square feet of amenities including a landscaped roof terrace with outdoor pool, sundeck, private cabanas, grills, a fire pit, and a luxury Equinox gym with views of Lake Michigan. Units have floor-to-ceiling windows and high-level finishes. The building is situated on prime real estate near Navy Pier. The units subsidized by federal Section 8 vouchers in this building and others are unaffordable for the vast majority of U.S. taxpayers.” [80914]

SHTFPlan.com reports, “The second Ukrainian ceasefire appears to have fallen apart as reports from around the country indicate that heavy fighting has resumed. Though Western media has yet to report on activity that began Sunday, independent journalists and eye witnesses have been updating social networks with photos, videos and first-hand accounts. It’s all-out war in the Ukraine with multiple Ukrainian cities now under attack by rockets, mortars and heavy artillery fire. Other sources note that as many as 50,000 Russian military personnel have massed either inside of Ukraine or directly on its border, with heavy armor, including T-90A tanks making their way to the hot zones.” [80121, 80122]

CNSNews.com reports, “About 135 unaccompanied children, on average, were caught illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border each day in July, according to the latest data released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). That is a monthly record for unaccompanied children (UC) apprehensions so far in Fiscal Year 2015. According to the updated numbers, 30,862 unaccompanied minors have been apprehended at the border so far in FY 2015, which began on Oct. 1. The CBP’s latest numbers run through July 31. ...In addition to unaccompanied children crossing the border illegally, another 4,506 family units were apprehended during the month of July, CBP reports. So far this fiscal year, 29,407 family units have been apprehended at the Southwest border. According to the data, 918 of these are from countries other than Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Mexico.” [79930]

At Breitbart.com Julia Hahn writes, “Demonstrating the broad appeal of his in-depth immigration plan released Sunday, [Donald] Trump’s proposal has won the accolades of one of the nation’s leading experts on the H-1B visas program. The H-1B is a visa designed to provided corporations with cheaper and less experienced guest workers to fill technology jobs. Norm Matloff, a professor at UC Davis, has written extensively about H-1B visa abuses, and his work is widely cited in the H-1B reform community. Matloff, a self-described Democrat and ‘longtime admirer of Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT),’ gave Donald Trump’s H-1B policy ‘an A+’ and was pleased that the Republican frontrunner was willing to take aim at the Republican establishment’s preferred candidate, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL). Rubio is pushing a plan to triple H-1B visas so that corporations can more easily import substitute guest workers.” [79950]

Davis writes, “Trump says in his platform what no other politician, including Sanders, is willing to say: Immigration is great in sensible quantities, but in its present form, both



legal and illegal, it's hammering the lower and middle classes. Take for example the high black and Latino unemployment rates. The Democrats say the solution is education and the Republicans say the path is lower taxes and regulation, and though both may have points, Trump states the obvious—bringing in large numbers of low-skilled immigrants is going to harm the most vulnerable people in our society, our own low-skilled (including earlier immigrants)... Latino activists don't seem to care, nor do their allies in the Democratic Party care. I haven't heard a peep out of Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) about the blight that the immigration-swelled labor market brings on the Latino community. Indeed, the Latino activists want to shut down talk of harm to American low-skilled workers... I say, '¡Arriba Señor Trump!' ... Immigration policy must be a sensible one that is beneficial to those already here. We need a national dialog on the issue, not selfish posturing by politicians. Hopefully Trump's platform will lead to a broader—and more honest!—dialog on this crucial topic." [79950]

While many Americans complain that too many immigrants are being allowed into the country, Breitbart.com reports that, according to the State Department, "As of July 30, the United States has admitted 1,042 Syrian refugees in FY 2015 and anticipates admitting a total of 1,500-1,800 Syrians this fiscal year. We anticipate admitting 5,000-8,000 Syrian refugees in FY 2016." Obama's refugee policy is a security risk, as there is no thorough vetting of the refugees and any of them could be jihadists with plans to attack the United States. Congressman Mike McCaul (R-TX) states, "There is a real risk that individuals associated with terrorist groups will attempt to exploit the refugee resettlement program in order to gain entry into our country. Terrorist networks are constantly probing our defenses and would not hesitate to manipulate a program meant to save those fleeing violence for the purpose of infiltrating operatives onto American soil." [79984, 79985]

Additionally, the demographics of the United States may change drastically over the decades if thousands of Muslims (and Hispanics) continue to be allowed to enter because of their much higher birth rates. Parts of Europe are already seeing their culture changed for that reason. Express.co.uk reports, "The average Afghan-born woman living in the UK has 4.25 children and the average Somali-born woman has 4.19 children. The average for Pakistani women is 3.82. UK-born women have an average of 1.79 children, according to the data from European statistics agency Eurostat. That compares with 2.19 for women living in the UK who were born in one of the 12 eastern European states, and 1.52 for women born in western European countries. Meanwhile women born in Australia and New Zealand who live in the UK have an average of 1.38 children."

Arguably, this is not a "bug" of Muslim immigration, it is a "feature." There is a conscious effort by Muslims to emigrate to European countries and have huge families. They know that it is just a matter of time before they can gain enough political power to impose their culture on others. Many Muslims do not move to England to become Brits; they emigrate for the purpose of converting London to Londonistan. (There is even a term for the process: "immigration jihad," or "hijrah.") [79987, 79988, 80291]

While the Obama administration seems eager to increase the number of Muslim immigrants, it has been rejecting applications for asylum from Yazidis, the Kurds who are being prosecuted in Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Armenia, and Georgia. Very few Christians are being allowed into the United States from the Middle East—despite the fact that they have a far greater basis for claiming persecution than the Central Americans the Obama administration is welcoming across the southern border with Mexico. [79985, 79986]

Anti-abortion activist Lila Rose points out, “Every single senator who voted against defunding Planned Parenthood—except one—has been awarded money from the abortion giant.” [79934]

At Breitbart.com Dr. Susan Berry reports, “The biomedical scientist—who assisted the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) in its preparation to infiltrate Planned Parenthood and expose its practice of harvesting aborted baby parts for sale to biomedical companies—says she suspects that the ‘babies in some of these cases were alive until their hearts were cut out’ for harvesting.” [79979, 79980]

The Obama administration gives Royal Dutch Shell approval to drill for oil and natural gas in the Arctic Ocean off the coast of Alaska. (Hillary Clinton, eager not to lose the “green vote,” expresses her opposition in a tweet: “The Arctic is a unique treasure. Given what we know, it’s not worth the risk of drilling.” Meanwhile, the BBC reports, “Russia has renewed its efforts to get the United Nations to recognise 1.2 million sq km (463,000 sq miles) of the Arctic shelf that it lays claim to.” It is an area “believed to hold up to a quarter of the world’s undiscovered oil and gas.”) [79935, 79936, 79958, 80197, 80223]

Politico.com reports, “It’s now becoming clear exactly how many tens of millions of dollars the TSA [Transportation Security Administration] spent on body scanners that have missed airport security threats, outraged passengers and brought the agency under congressional scrutiny. The \$160 million bill includes \$120 million for the body scanners now in place in hundreds of airports nationwide, according to newly disclosed figures... The rest of the money went to the agency’s ‘naked’ X-ray scanners, which it pulled from airports two years ago amid worries about health risks and the devices’ detailed images of travelers’ bodies. ...Senate Homeland Security Chairman Ron Johnson [R-WI] has such low confidence in the scanners’ ability to catch explosives and weapons that he says the agency should make fliers walk through metal detectors after passing through the body imaging machines.” [79938, 79973]

Sharon Rondeau, editor of ThePostEmail.com, reports that the Hawaii State Department of Health has “no records” that are responsive to her request for a copy of any letters from the Obama campaign requesting Obama’s birth certificate. In 2011, then-White House communications director Dan Pfeiffer stated, “In 2008, in response to media inquiries, [Obama’s] campaign requested his birth certificate from the state of Hawaii. The state sent the... birth certificate.” Rondeau requested documents related to that 2008 request under the Hawaii Uniform Information Practices Act (UIPA), Section 92F. Rondeau asks why Hawaii has “no responsive records” to her request. The answer may be that Pfeiffer was lying when he made his statement. If the Obama campaign requested

a copy of his birth certificate, and a short-form copy was subsequently posted on the Internet, the Hawaii Department of Health must have complied with the request for the document. How can Hawaii claim it does not have the request? [79943, 80034]

LifeNews.com reports, “One of the House committees looking into the scandal of Planned Parenthood selling aborted babies and their body parts is now looking into the Obama administration and whether there is any connection between it and the abortion giant. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform was to know if the Obama administration, via the Department of Health and Human Services, provided any federal grants to Planned Parenthood that ultimately went to pay for the sales of aborted baby body parts and if they were used by Planned Parenthood to ‘support transactions involving fetal tissue.’ Earlier this year, a GAO report found the Planned Parenthood abortion corporation and its affiliates received \$344.5 million in federal funds and another \$1.2 billion in funding from Medicaid (which includes a combination of federal and state funds) for a total of \$1.5 billion over three years from federal programs. Over the three-year period, the abortion giant received \$1.2 billion from Medicaid, \$201 million from the Title X family planning program \$40.6 million from Title XX Social Services block grants and \$25.9 million from the Title V Maternal and Child health Services block grant.” The House committee is asking Planned Parenthood and the Obama administration to provide a detailed accounting of all federal funds that have gone to Planned Parenthood “for each year 2010 though present.” [79944]

On August 18 a terrorist bomb attack kills at least 20 near a Hindu shrine in central Bangkok, Thailand. TheAustralian.com reports, “Authorities have revealed they are searching for a Muslim man called Mohamad Museyin... But the bespectacled man, who was seen leaving a back pack at the Erawan Shrine shortly before the explosion, remains on the run. There are fears he may have fled overseas after being dropped off by a motorcycle taxi driver at Lumpini Park, in central Bangkok after the attack on Monday night. Two other suspects who were identified on security footage and believed to be accomplices have been questioned and cleared by police. ...The motive behind the attack remains unclear. ...Police suspect up to 10 people were involved in the attack that may have taken a month to plan.” (A Muslim leaves a bomb in a backpack at a Hindu shrine, yet the police say the motive remains unclear.) [79976, 79977, 80158, 80159, 80162, 80521, 80522, 80523]

CNSNews.com reports that Obama “has yet to appoint a special envoy to protect religious minorities in the Middle East and South Central Asia even though Congress passed legislation over a year ago creating the post. Also, the White House currently has no information on when the post will be filled.” Obama does, however, manage to find an openly transgender individual to fill the position of “Outreach and Recruitment Director for Presidential Personnel in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.” Raffi Freedman-Gurspan was born in Honduras and named Rafael, adopted, and raised in Brookline, Massachusetts. Rafael now uses the name Raffi, dresses like a woman, and, according to the *Daily Mail*, “was a policy adviser for the National Center for Transgender Equality’s racial and economic justice initiative. Advocates hailed her appointment as an important step for the LGBT community and for ensuring that the

federal government includes the voices and experiences of all Americans. White House senior adviser Valerie Jarrett says Freedman-Gurspan's commitment to improving the lives of transgender Americans reflects the values of the Obama administration. 'Raffi Freedman-Gurspan demonstrates the kind of leadership this Administration champions,' said Jarrett in a statement. 'Her commitment to bettering the lives of transgender Americans, particularly transgender people of color and those in poverty, reflects the values of this Administration.'" (Whether Jarrett will feel comfortable sharing White House bathroom facilities with Freedman-Gurspan is not known.) [80015, 80045, 80046]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "Iranian leaders prevented a top International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) official from disclosing to U.S. officials the nature of secret side deals with the Islamic Republic by threatening harm to him, according to regional reports. Yukiya Amano, IAEA director general, purportedly remained silent about the nature of certain side deals during briefings with top U.S. officials because he feared such disclosures would lead to retaliation by Iran, according to the spokesman for Iran's Atomic Energy Organization (AEOI). ...Iran apparently threatened Amano in a letter meant to ensure he did not reveal specific information about the nature of nuclear inspections going forward, according to Iranian AEOI spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi. This disclosure has only boosted suspicions among some that the Iranians are willing and able to intimidate the top nuclear watchdog and potentially undermine the verification regime that Obama administration officials have dubbed a key component of the nuclear accord." [79989, 79990, 80007]

Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) declares his opposition to Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran, saying, "My devotion to principle may once again lead me to an unpopular course, but if Iran is to acquire a nuclear bomb, it will not have my name on it." "Hope," says Menendez, "is part of human nature, but... unfortunately it is not a national security strategy." Congressman Donald Norcross (D-NJ) also announces he will vote against the agreement. Norcross states, "The Iranian regime is a known sponsor of terrorism that has made no secret of its hatred for both the United States and Israel. Providing relief for them by lifting economic sanctions now essentially rewards past behavior and infuses billions of dollars into their economy that could be used to buy more weapons and outsource more terror. Moreover, the deal does not provide enough assurance that Iran will be restricted from developing or acquiring nuclear weapons. So this windfall may ultimately help fund their nuclear ambitions." [79997, 80005, 80016, 80039]

Having recently whacked the coal industry with tough new regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency turns its attention to the oil and gas industry by announcing plans to require a reduction in methane emissions by 40 to 45 percent by 2025. [80017]

CNN reports that Donald Trump remains in first place in the latest CNN/ORC poll, garnering the support of 24 percent of registered Republican voters (up from 18 percent in July). Jeb Bush has 13 percent (down 2 percent); Ben Carson, 9 (up 5); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), 8 (up 2); Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, 8 (up 2); Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), 6; Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), 5; Carly Fiorina, 5; Ohio Governor John Kasich, 5;

Mike Huckabee, 4. Fifty-eight percent of those polled have a favorable opinion of Trump, up from 50 percent in July); 38 percent have an unfavorable opinion, down from 42 percent in July. [79946, 79947]

Also in the poll of registered voters, Jeb Bush's favorable/unfavorable ratings are a dismal 35/57 percent, with independents (30/62) rating him almost as severely as Democrats (23/69). Even among Republicans, Bush's numbers are only 61/31. [80008]

The *Daily Mail* reports, "The IT company Hilary Clinton chose to maintain her private email account was run from a loft apartment and its servers were housed in the bathroom closet... Daily Mail Online tracked down ex-employees of Platte River Networks in Denver, Colorado, who revealed the outfit's strong links to the Democratic Party but expressed shock that the 2016 presidential candidate chose the small private company for such a sensitive job. One, Tera Dadiotis, called it 'a mom and pop shop' which was an excellent place to work, but hardly seemed likely to be used to secure state secrets. And Tom Welch, who helped found the company, confirmed the servers were in a bathroom closet. ...The company's controversial vice president of sales David DeCamillis is also said to be a 'big Democrat' supporter who offered his house to Joe Biden for the party's convention held in Denver in 2008. ...Speaking to Daily Mail Online at her home in Castle Rock, Colorado, Tera said: 'I think it's really bizarre, I don't know how that relationship evolved. At the time I worked for them they wouldn't have been equipped to work for Hillary Clinton because I don't think they had the resources, they were based out of a loft, so [it was] not very high security, we didn't even have an alarm. I don't know how they run their operation now, but we literally had our server racks in the bathroom. I mean knowing how small Platte River Networks... I don't see how that would be secure [enough for Clinton].'" (The company moved to a larger building in 2015.) [79956, 79957, 79978, 80010]

After a campaign event in North Las Vegas, Hillary Clinton reluctantly takes several questions from reporters. Fox News' Ed Henry asks, "The FBI believes you tried to wipe the entire server. Did you try to wipe the entire—so there could be no email, no personal, no official, wipe the whole thing?" Clinton responds, "Well, my personal emails are my personal business, right? So I—so we went through a painstaking process and turned over 55,000 pages of anything we thought could be work-related. Under the law, that decision is made by the official. I was the official. I made those decisions. As I just said, over 1,200 of the emails have already been deemed not work-related. Now, all I can tell you is, in retrospect, if I'd used a government account, and I had said, 'You know, let's release everything, let's let everybody in America see what I did for four years, we would have the same arguments. So that's, that's all I could say.'" [79995, 80000, 80001, 80003, 80006, 80052, 80053]

Henry pushes again, asking if she tried to wipe the server. Clinton replies, "I, I'm, I'm, you know, I don't, I have no idea. That's why we turned it over—" Henry: "You said you were in charge of it. Did you wipe the server?" Clinton unconvincingly plays dumb "What, like with a cloth or something? No... I, I don't know how it works digitally at all. I do not have any... Ed, I know you want to make a point, and I can just repeat what I

have said. In order to, in order to be as cooperative as possible, we have turned over the server. They can do whatever they want to with the server to figure out what's there or what's not there. That's for the, you know, people investigating it to try to figure out. But we turned over *everything* that was work-related. Every single thing. Personal stuff, we did not. I have no obligation to do so, and didn't." (Angered by the questions, Clinton says, "Thank you all," turns and walks away.) On CNN, "senior tech correspondent" Christina Warren laughs off Clinton's "cloth" remark, telling anchor Carol Costello "it was a fun way to try to, maybe, obstruct from the question." [79995, 80000, 80001, 80003, 80006, 80052, 80053, 80060]

HotAir.com writes, "It's not just the e-mails they're looking at potentially. Now that they have the server, they should be able to tell how many different users were accessing it, including unauthorized users. Which is to say, even if it can't be proved that Hillary herself knowingly transmitted classified information in an insecure manner—not the criminal standard of culpability but the moral standard she'll claim in doing damage control—the feds might be able to tell if foreign spies were reading her e-mail. It'll be fun watching her on the trail trying to sell herself as the experienced adult in the room on national security when the papers are full of stories about the Chinese or Russians reading Top Secret documents right over her shoulder. At a minimum, the feds should be able to glean just how thorough her security protocols were. Did she do everything in her power to impede outside access into the system? The early bets on that are... not in her favor." [80006]

"Another key question: When, precisely, was the server wiped? PolitiFact addressed that question last month and the closest it came to an answer was sometime in the fall of 2014, after the State Department had asked her for her work-related correspondence and she sent them a batch of e-mails in reply. Is that true, or did she actually wipe it much later, perhaps after Trey Gowdy subpoenaed her in March demanding that she produce all correspondence related to the Benghazi attack? If the answer is 'after' then we have obstruction of justice in the form of destroying records to avoid compliance with a lawful demand. In fact, even if the answer is 'before,' you could argue that we have obstruction of justice anyway. Law prof[essor] Ronald Rotunda made a compelling case back in March that if Hillary had reason to believe her e-mails might be subpoenaed eventually, then destroying them would make her guilty of anticipatory obstruction of justice. You shouldn't be allowed to evade punishment, after all, just because you're quick off the block in erasing damaging material while the authorities are still drawing up subpoenas and search warrants. If it turns out the server was wiped much later than we thought, when she clearly had reason to believe congressional investigators and even the FBI might have interest in it, she might be cooked." [80006]

"...The weirdest thing about this scandal is how haphazard Hillary's behavior was throughout. She took a huge risk to begin with by putting her correspondence on an insecure private server, knowing that spies would be eager to infiltrate it, but instead of shelling out big bucks for the best security money could buy, she ran the operation out of her basement and then turned the old server over to a small mom-and-pop shop in the midwest. I would have thought the Clintons would hire their own white-hat hackers to

defend their system from invasive attacks 24/7 and then run the latest server through an industrial shredder every year or so to make sure any data is good and gone. I don't get it." [80006, 80010]

On August 19 a seventh undercover video showing behind the scenes practices of Planned Parenthood is released. According to LifeNews.com, "This latest video catches the nation's biggest abortion business harvesting the brain of an aborted baby who was still alive. ... The Center for Medical Progress alleges that Planned Parenthood is likely breaking federal laws requiring that appropriate medical care and treatment be given to babies who survive abortions. State and federal law require that the same treatment be given to an infant born-alive after an abortion as to a normally delivered baby... California law also prohibits any kind of experimentation on a fetus with a discernible heartbeat..." [79998, 80031, 80200]

"Holly O'Donnell, a licensed phlebotomist who unsuspectingly took a job as a 'procurement technician' at the fetal tissue company and biotech start-up StemExpress in late 2012... tells how her... supervisor instructed her to cut through the face of the fetus in order to get the brain. 'I can't even describe what that feels like,' she says." Center for Medical Progress director David Daleiden states, "Today's video contains heartrending admissions about the absolute barbarism of Planned Parenthood's abortion practice and baby parts sales in which fetuses are sometimes delivered intact and alive. Planned Parenthood is a criminal organization from the top down and should be immediately stripped of taxpayer funding and prosecuted for their atrocities against humanity." (Despite the fact that the latest undercover video is perhaps the most controversial, ABC, CBS, NBC, Telemundo, and Univision neglect to mention its release in their evening news broadcasts.) [79998, 80031, 80061]

Meanwhile, CNSNews.com reports that Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), "who vigorously defended Planned Parenthood on the Senate floor in July, now wants the federal government to make it a federal felony to maim animals. Blumenthal is co-sponsor of a bill that describes what is called animal 'crushing'—the 'actual conduct in which one or more non-human mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians is intentionally crushed, burned, drowned, suffocated, impaled or otherwise subjected to bodily injury.'" [80065]

FoxNews.com reports that billionaire George Soros, who gives millions of dollars to far left and socialist organizations, "has raised eyebrows with major purchases of stock in two large coal companies, firms his critics say he helped bring to their knees. While buying low is the hallmark of any shrewd investor, buying coal goes against the political and environmental ideology Soros has long espoused. ... Soros, whose Climate Policy Initiative think tank recently urged the world to stop using fossil fuels in general and coal in particular, snapped up 1 million shares of Peabody Energy and half a million shares of Arch Coal, giving him significant stakes in what's left of the U.S. coal industry. ... Free market energy experts note Soros has invested more than a billion dollars into think tanks, lobbyists, political action committees and politicians who have pushed for regulations that have nearly destroyed the coal industry, in favor of so called 'clean

energy.’ ...Soros backed ...Obama, who notably campaigned in 2008 shutting down the coal industry, a promise industry experts say he’s kept.” [80080]

H. Sterling Burnett, research fellow and managing editor at the Heartland Institute, observes, “George Soros spent millions of dollars and multiple years helping to driving down price of coal. If he buys enough stock to have controlling interests in these coal businesses, closes them down and leaves the coal in the ground, we might accept that he is a true believer, that his investment was all about stopping climate change and saving the environment. But my suspicion is that he helped to drive stocks down, bought as many shares as he can, and, when stocks rebound, he can sell his shares and make a huge profit.” (Whether Soros is evil is debatable, but there is no doubt he is shrewd and has a plan. Whether that plan helps him but harms America remains to be seen.) [80080]

BBC.com reports, “Slovakia says it will only accept Christians when it takes in Syrian refugees under a EU relocation scheme. The country is due to receive 200 people from camps in Turkey, Italy and Greece under the EU plan to resettle 40,000 new arrivals. Interior ministry spokesman Ivan Netik said Muslims would not be accepted because they would not feel at home. ... Netik denied the move was discriminatory and said it was intended to ensure community cohesion.” [80092, 80093]

It becomes clear why the Obama administration has been so eager to prevent everyone from knowing what is in the secret side deals with Iran. The Associated Press reports, “Iran, in an unusual arrangement, will be allowed to use its own experts to inspect a site it allegedly used to develop nuclear arms under a secret agreement with the U.N. agency that normally carries out such work, according to a document seen by The Associated Press. ...The investigation of the Parchin nuclear site by the International Atomic Energy Agency is linked to a broader probe of allegations that Iran has worked on atomic weapons. That investigation is part of the overarching nuclear deal. The Parchin deal is a separate, side agreement worked out between the IAEA and Iran. ...Without divulging its contents, the Obama administration has described the document as nothing more than a routine technical arrangement between Iran and the U.N.’s International Atomic Energy Agency on the particulars of inspecting the site.” (The White House claims it is “confident” that the IAEA will do a good job.) [79999, 80037, 80043, 80044, 80049, 80066, 80087, 80088]

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) responds to the side deal news: “Allowing the Iranians to inspect their own nuclear sites, particularly a notorious military site, is like allowing the inmates to run the jail.” Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) states, “Trusting Iran to inspect its own nuclear site and report to the U.N. in an open and transparent way is remarkably naive and incredibly reckless. It is time for the Obama Administration to come clean with the American people and provide all information about these secret side agreements between Iran and the IAEA.” Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA) states, “Congress must now consider whether this unprecedented arrangement will keep Iran from cheating. This is a dangerous farce.” (Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton believes Secretary of State John Kerry signed off on the side deals. “If he didn’t sign off on it, then he’s guilty of malfeasance, malpractice as secretary of state.” That is, Obama



and Kerry are at fault either way. If the side deals were made without their involvement and approval they are incompetent. But the deals are so bad that they also should not have agreed to them if, in fact, they did.) [80037, 80242]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Two leading U.S. senators are calling on the Obama administration to release secret letters to foreign governments assuring them that they will not be legally penalized for doing business with the Iranian government, according to a copy of a letter sent Wednesday to the State Department and obtained by the Washington Free Beacon.” Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL), and Marco Rubio (R-FL) “disclosed in the letter to the State Department that U.S. lawmakers have been shown copies of several letters sent by the Obama administration to the Chinese, German, French, and British governments assuring them that companies doing business with Iran will not come under penalty. The Obama administration is purportedly promising the foreign governments that if Iran violates the parameters of a recently inked nuclear accord, European companies will not be penalized, according to the secret letters.” [80089, 80090]

In a CNN/ORC poll conducted August 13-16, Hillary Clinton’s leads Jeb Bush, 53-41; Donald Trump, 52-43; and Scott Walker, 52-44. (Trump trailed Clinton by 16 points in a July poll, and has reduced that to only 9.) Clinton’s favorable/unfavorable percentages among registered voters are 43/55. (They were 45/48 in July.) In a Public Policy Polling survey in North Carolina, Trump leads Clinton 40-38. [80012, 80013, 80027, 80028, 80040, 80070, 80095]

On *Morning Joe*, retired Air Force General Michael Hayden, former director of the National Security Agency and CIA director, says of Hillary Clinton’s handling of emails, “Number one, put legality aside for a second, [what she did] was stupid and dangerous. ...Dangerous to her, and to the republic and to American secrets. But I don’t even think it was legal. That has to be against policy. I’m stunned that her staff allowed her to do that in 2009...” [80020, 80026, 80064, 80076]

The Clinton campaign repeats its most recent explanation for classified information in emails on her unsecured server: they weren’t considered classified until later. In a statement that was no doubt carefully crafted by an attorney, spokesman Brian Fallon says, “She was at worst a passive recipient of unwitting information that subsequently became deemed as classified.” [80059, 80063, 80064]

At *Morning Jolt* Jim Geraghty writes, “The problem for Democrats is that their worldview rests upon their leaders being the smart ones. They’re the ones who are wrapped up in ‘smart power.’ They’re the ones sophisticated enough to ‘empathize with our enemies.’ It’s those knuckle-dragging Republicans, those neocon warmongers, those paranoid xenophobes, those backwards hicks who just don’t understand how the world works. All it takes to get Russia to behave better is a reset button. The fall of Muammar Qaddafi in Libya deserves a ‘victory lap.’ Syria’s Bashir Assad is a ‘reformer’ and ‘the road to Damascus is the road to peace.’ If Democrats acknowledge Hillary [Clinton] made a stupid and consequential decision [with her email server], everything else built

upon that perception of intellectual and judgmental superiority crumbles. Yes, it erodes the case for her to be commander-in-chief. But what's more, it forces Democrats to look at what their foreign-policy philosophy has really generated. Has the outstretched hand really thawed relations with hostile states? Have the concessions made to hostile states changed their behavior, rhetoric, or policies? Are international institutions really responsive to horrific mass violence? Is the world safer? Are human rights more respected? Are extremist groups waning or thriving and expanding? Coming to terms with all of that is just too hard. So many Democrats will choose to believe that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is involved in a partisan witch hunt." [80014]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The State Department destroyed the BlackBerry devices issued to two top aides of former Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton and never issued Mrs. Clinton a device at all, officials told a federal court Wednesday in a filing that raises still more security questions. The filing came a day before officials will have to appear in court to detail the steps they took to try to track down Mrs. Clinton's emails, and whatever computers or other devices she may have used to send them. Judicial Watch, a conservative public interest law firm, has sued to get a look at the emails of Mrs. Clinton and two top aides at State: Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills. All three used email accounts not issued by the State Department to conduct government business, and all three are now under court orders to return those documents to the department to belatedly comply with open-records laws." Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton asks, "If the State Department was not providing secure email devices to Mrs. Clinton, who was? Best Buy? Target? Mrs. Clinton clearly did whatever she wanted, without regard to national security or federal records keeping laws." [80018, 80023, 80050, 80054, 80056]

TheBlaze.com writes, "Despite her repeated insistence that she never sent or received any email marked 'classified' on her private server, Hillary Clinton would have signed a nondisclosure agreement as secretary of state specifying that she understood what information is classified, regardless of whether it is 'marked or unmarked,' national security experts told TheBlaze. That's because every federal employee, including cabinet secretaries, with access to classified information must sign such a document. 'There is no way anyone would have access to classified information without signing a nondisclosure agreement,' said Jim Hanson, a former U.S. Army Special Forces sergeant and former cybersecurity executive. The two-page agreement is known as 'standard form 312' and clearly states that the obligation is on the government official to know if the information is classified after being trained on classified information. ...It's the responsibility of the person to know if the information is classified,' said Hanson, now the vice president of the Center for Security Policy, a national security think tank. 'If she didn't sign a 312, she signed a version of a nondisclosure agreement. If she is indicted, they would lay that document down in front of her and say, 'Is this your signature?'" [80019]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge reports, "An email from a top Clinton adviser containing classified military intelligence information, and one from a top aide containing classified information about the Benghazi terror attack, were the documents that kick-started the FBI investigation into the mishandling of classified information... The emails, among thousands on Hillary Clinton's personal server, were released to the Benghazi

select committee in May and have been widely discussed but Fox News for the first time has identified which Clinton aides sent them and the subject matter. ...The first was forwarded by Clinton adviser Huma Abedin and contained classified material from military intelligence sources. The 2011 email forwards a warning about how then-Ambassador Chris Stevens was 'considering departure from Benghazi' amid deteriorating conditions in a nearby city. The email was mistakenly released by the State Department in full, and is now considered declassified. The second was sent by Clinton aide Jake Sullivan and contained classified information as well as sensitive law enforcement information on Benghazi. The partly redacted November 2012 email detailed how Libyan police had arrested 'several people' with potential connections to the terror attack. Abedin and Sullivan now work for the Clinton presidential campaign. A spokeswoman for the intelligence community inspector general confirmed to Fox News that the information was classified at the time it was sent." [80024, 80025, 80042, 80137, 80141, 80332, 80367]

On *CNN Newsroom*, Democrat strategist Angela Rye comes to Hillary Clinton's defense, saying, "...I think part of this is, it has to be extremely frustrating to be wanting to run a campaign, talk about real issues, families in America hurting, struggling to keep the lights on, and you're having to constantly revisit this, personal e-mails versus non-personal e-mails. Classified versus non-classified. ...It is a real issue, but it's [a press conference is] hardly the right place to talk about in a forum like that. I hope that the campaign will have her do a one-on-one exclusive on air with someone..." (Rye's defense is absurd. A press conference is precisely the place for questions about Clinton's actions to be raised. A "one-on-one exclusive" interview means: "We want to choose the interviewer, and it will be a journalist who supports the Clinton campaign and asks softball questions which have been cleared in advance.") [80033]

At *WashingtonTimes.com* Monica Crowley writes, "There is only one person who controls Hillary Clinton's fate, and it isn't Hillary Clinton. ...If Mr. Obama does not want an investigation to go forward, it does not go forward. Witness the scandals involving the Internal Revenue Service, Benghazi, Veterans Administration and Operation Fast and Furious gunrunning. In each case, Mr. Obama claimed he learned about the scandal 'from the news.' ...He then expressed his 'outrage' and vowed to 'get to the bottom' of each scandal. ...In those cases, he protesteth too much. His faux outrage was a 'tell' that he had no intention of investigating. In Mrs. Clinton's case, he's been quiet. Too quiet. That's a 'tell' that he wants this investigation pursued, likely to the point of charging her. ...Mr. Obama is a clever dark knight: he's not just going after the queen. He's going after her court, too [Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, Jake Sullivan]." [80038, 80120]

"...This brings us to the certain presidential candidacy of Vice President Joe Biden, the one person who can effectively give Mr. Obama that third term. Indications are that he is seriously contemplating it, making initial plans, reaching out to potential donors, and benefiting from the Obamaites whipping up Biden buzz. The White House is even floating the idea of one-term for Mr. Biden, to reassure voters that they wouldn't be making a long-term commitment (even though, as an extension of Obama's presidency, it would be.) Like the Clinton investigation, this is not by accident. Once Mr. Biden joins

the race, he will enjoy the full backing of Mr. Obama. With Mrs. Clinton gone, however, Mr. Obama and Mr. Biden will have to make it up to Democratic women and the radical left, which is currently flirting with socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders. There is only one person who kills both birds with one stone: Sen. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]. The Democratic ticket will be Joe Biden-Elizabeth Warren. That's what Mr. Obama wants. And what Mr. Obama wants, Mr. Obama gets. This is 'Game of Thrones.' And Mr. Obama is winning." (This *Timeline* agrees that Obama wants a Biden-Warren ticket—as well as a pledge by Biden that he will serve only one term, with Warren running for president in 2020. In fact, Obama would prefer that Biden not complete his first term, giving Warren the Oval Office even before 2020.) [80038, 80120]

Former Bill Clinton political advisor Dick Morris apparently agrees with Monica Crowley. On Newsmax.tv's Steve Malzberg Show, Morris says, "From the Clinton point of view this is all a set up by Barack Obama, Michelle Obama and Valerie Jarrett, the three of them. Barack hates Bill, and Valerie and Michelle hate Hillary. And they are determined not to let Hillary be the next president. This is the gospel according to Clinton. ...I think they [the Clintons] believe, and they are basically right, that in the world of Washington you can not have leak after leak after leak from the executive branch in a Democratic administration without the president letting it happen. And you don't see any big investigation, 'oh we are naming a special prosecutor to see who leaked the facts the inspector general has.' ...I think Obama is orchestrating this, not necessarily Barack Obama, but Michelle and Valerie and maybe Barack, but certainly with Barack's knowledge. And that's why Biden is going to announce in September—because they are determined to have Biden as the Democratic nominee because they are confident he will be the rubber stamp they want to succeed Barack. Now you know Biden could never beat Hillary, but Hillary could beat Hillary." (The question is how the Clintons will retaliate against the Obamas and Jarrett.) [80082, 80084]

RedAlertPolitics.com reports that journalist Jose Antonio Vargas, who "rose to prominence after he outed himself as an undocumented alien in a New York Times essay in 2011, ...was hit with a \$41,945.44 tax lien in a court notice on Jan. 7, 2015 for failing to pay taxes in 2010. According to the notice, the date of the assessment was Sept. 23, 2013." Vargas, who is from the Philippines, "has become the most well known illegal immigrant in the country and an outspoken advocate for immigration reform, relying heavily on claims that undocumented aliens will be model citizens and could add substantially to the federal tax base. He repeatedly asserts that many undocumented aliens, like him, already pay into a system they cannot use." (Vargas reportedly paid the overdue taxes on February 11, 2015. Vargas should be worried that if Donald Trump becomes president he may be the poster boy for deportations, as Trump tells him, "You're fired" and puts him on a plane to Manila.) [80048]

Before a town hall event in New Hampshire, a reporter asks Donald Trump, "You said that you have a big heart, and that you're not mean-spirited. Are you aware that the term 'anchor baby,' that's an offensive term? People find that hurtful." Trump replies. "You mean it's not politically correct, and yet everybody uses it? You know what? Give me a different term." The reporter absurdly suggests the term, "American-born child[sic] of

undocumented immigrants.” Trump responds, “You want me to use that? Okay. I’ll use the word ‘anchor baby.’” DailyCaller.com notes, “Trump isn’t the only GOP candidate willing to use the term. Also on Wednesday, Jeb Bush said on Bill Bennett’s radio program ‘Morning in America’ that as president he would work for ‘better enforcement so that you don’t have these, you know, ‘anchor babies,’ as they’re described, coming into the country.” Reporters later give Bush grief as well. [80079, 80094, 80112, 80113, 80114, 80015, 80116, 80117]

TheRightScoop.com notes that on September 6, 2010, *Newsweek* asked, “What’s so scary about an anchor baby?” and listed the names of some famous Americans who had one or more parents who were not U.S. citizens. (The list included Henry Ford, Walt Disney, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Henry Mancini, Groucho Marx, and Obama.) Of course, the term “anchor baby” refers to U.S.-born children of *illegal immigrant* parents—which appears not to apply to anyone on the *Newsweek* list. (The term was widely used and not offensive in 2010, but has suddenly become so in 2015—for partisan political purposes.) [80181, 80182, 80183, 80268, 80269]

The site also notes that on the floor of the Senate in 1993, Harry Reid (D-NV) said, “If making it easy to be an illegal alien isn’t enough, how about offering a reward for being an illegal alien? No sane country would do that. Right? Guess again. If you break our laws by entering this country without permission to give birth to a child, we reward that child with U.S. citizenship, and guarantee a full access to our public and social services this society provides—and that’s a lot of services. Is it any wonder that two-thirds of the babies born at taxpayer expense, at county-run hospitals in Los Angeles are born to illegal alien mothers?” (Democrat Reid was not lambasted by the media and called a racist in 1993, but a Republican making the same statement in 2015 is excoriated and considered evil.) [80180, 80181, 80241]

The reporters are clearly looking to pick fights and create controversy where there is none. The “anchor baby” term has been used for decades. It is an appropriately descriptive term. Whether it offends illegal immigrants is irrelevant, just as it is irrelevant that paroled rapists might not like being called sex offenders. (Sinaloa drug cartel leader Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman Loera sent his wife, Emma Coronel, to the United States to have her twin daughters so that they would have U.S. birth certificates and citizenship. They then returned to Mexico—but will be able to vote in U.S. presidential elections upon turning age 18.) According to LatinTimes.com, Coronel “is reportedly the daughter of deceased drug kingpin Igancio ‘Nacho’ Coronel, who was a key member of the Sinaloa Cartel and one of El Chapo’s right hand men. Nacho was known as ‘The Crystal King’ for his role in ensuring the widespread sale of crystal meth across the United States and Europe. He was killed in a shoot-out with the Mexican army in 2010.) [77999, 78015, 78016, 78023, 78037, 78048, 78049, 80086, 80094]

During the New Hampshire event, Trump angers both Obama and the attorney for Bowe Bergdahl by criticizing the administration’s deal to trade the deserter for five Taliban leaders imprisoned at Guantanamo. Trump says, “We get a traitor named Bergdahl, a dirty, rotten traitor, who, by the way, when he deserted, six young, beautiful people were

killed trying to find him.” In Obama’s trade, the enemy got “five of the people they wanted, five killers back on the battlefield. That’s the kind of deals we make.” [80133]

Trump also slams Obama for allowing Marine Sergeant Andrew Tahmooressi to languish in a Mexican jail after he inadvertently crossed the border with weapons in his vehicle. Trump says, “Remember Sergeant Tahmooressi? ... We had a president [who] didn’t even want to make a phone call. He was in that jail, rotting in that jail, and I helped him with [Fox News] Greta [Van Susteren] and some people, and I helped him financially, and finally he got out... She [Van Susteren] was terrific. By the way, without her... he’d still be there.” (Obama would not even call the Mexican president to demand action, Van Susteren pushed the issue on *On the Record* and encouraged Americans to press members of Congress to act to get the Marine released.) [80202]

In Florida, the Riviera Beach city council votes to rename “Old Dixie Highway” the “Barack Obama Highway.” [80178, 80179]

On *Special Report*, columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on the side agreement allowing Iran to inspect its own nuclear military site at Parchin: “We know in advance that the self-inspection will yield the conclusion that there was no weaponization happening. This is wired in advance, and that’s what makes it important, scandalous and farcical all at once. It’s hard to know what further could be done to make the deal as scandalous as it is.” [80096, 80101]

On *Hannity*, author, talks show host, and legal scholar Mark Levin points out, “[T]he Supreme Court has never ruled that the children of illegal aliens are American citizens.” Levin explains that the words “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” in the Fourteenth Amendment have “nothing to do with geography.” It has to do “with political allegiance to the United States of America. How do we know it? Because they [the authors of the Amendment] said it.” (Logically, if “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” means nothing more than geography, the words themselves serve no purpose. The Amendment states, in part, “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” Those who claim children of illegal immigrants born on U.S. soil are U.S. citizens need to explain why the sentence does not simply read: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.”) [80243, 80244]

On *Hardball*, host Chris Matthews says, “When Hillary Clinton quits... we’re gonna [sic] shut down this show.” (That is, Matthews cannot imagine a scenario in which Clinton drops out of the presidential race.) [80074]

On August 20 a Quinnipiac poll shows Vice President Joe Biden leading Donald Trump 45-42 in Florida, although he is not (yet) an announced presidential candidate. Biden leads Trump 48-38 in Ohio and 48-40 in Pennsylvania. Hillary Clinton’s favorable/unfavorable percentages average 37/55 in those states. Her honest/dishonest percentages are 32/64 in Florida, 34/60 in Ohio, and 32/63 in Pennsylvania. Quinnipiac

notes that “since 1960 no candidate has won the presidential race without taking at least two of these three states.” [80040, 80041, 80055, 80070]

In Florida, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) lead Clinton 51-39; Jeb Bush leads Clinton 49-38; Trump leads Clinton 43-31. In Ohio, Rubio leads Clinton 42-40; Clinton leads Bush 41-39; and Clinton leads Trump 43-38. In Pennsylvania, Rubio leads Clinton 47-40; Bush leads Clinton 43-40; Clinton leads Trump 45-40. [80070]

In a Public Policy Polling survey in North Carolina, Donald Trump has 24 percent; Ben Carson, 14; Jeb Bush, 13; Ted Cruz, 10; Scott Walker, 6; Carly Fiorina, 6; Mike Huckabee, 6. [80081]

The Bush campaign sends a mailing to Iowa voters that features Jeb Bush with his hands on his hips and the words. “Why Jeb?” (Aside from the fact that asking “Why Jeb?” might not be the best phrase to use on a campaign mailing, the images shows Bush with a white right hand and a decidedly darker left hand. The problem may be caused by a shadow, although it appears more likely that Bush’s image was “pasted” onto an outdoor image of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Why the left hand should appear so dark is not clear, but the image will certainly remind some of the faked photo of a young Obama with his mother, grandfather, and half-sister allegedly taken at the airport in Honolulu. In that image also, Stanley Ann Dunham has a white right hand and a much darker left hand.) [80174, 80175, 80176, 80177, 80203, 80204, 80218]

WesternJournalism.com reports, “A Trump for President rally planned for Mobile [Alabama] on Friday night [August 21] has generated so much interest that campaign organizers have had to move the intended location several times—it’s now set for a big football stadium where the annual Senior Bowl is played. Ladd-Peebles Stadium—one of the largest venues in south Alabama—has just been booked for the event at which ‘The Donald’ will say, well, who knows what? A report by WKRG-TV notes that the campaign had initially arranged for the Trump rally to be held at a room that would accommodate around 2,000 people. ‘When ticket demand exceeded that figure, the arena at Mobile Civic Center—which seats ten-thousand people—was considered,’ says the News 5 report. But the scramble for free tickets was so great that the campaign pulled out all the stops [by renting the stadium]. ... Capacity of the stadium where the Friday night lights will be shining on Donald Trump is 40,000.” [80083]

On *Morning Joe*, Donald Trump says the decline of support for Hillary Clinton “may be the beginning of getting [Vice President] Joe Biden into the race. You would think he’d want to get into the race, he’s always wanted to do it, he’s run, I guess, two or three times... so this could be it, but I would say this. You know. Hillary, what she did, if you look at General [David] Petraeus, what she did is far greater as a crime, and it is a crime. The question is whether or not Democrat prosecutors will prosecute her, and everybody is watching to see whether or not they’re honorable, because, frankly, if that were a Republican [who] did what she did, they would have already been in jail.” [80057]

On *Bloomberg Politics*, Hillary Clinton spokesperson Jennifer Palmieri says of her boss's email problems, "She didn't really think it through" when she decided to violate government rules and use a private server for her State Department duties. (In other words, "The candidate I am working to get elected is not a crook, she is simply incompetent.") [80072]

Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson posts a timeline of the events in the Clinton email scandal. [80097]

In the *Daily Mail*, author Ronald Kessler (*The Secrets of the FBI and The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents*) writes, "When it comes to arrogance, Huma Abedin, Hillary Clinton's longtime top aide, and her presidential candidate boss are two peas in a pod, according to Secret Service agents. For that reason, it's not surprising that the FBI investigation of Hillary's use of classified emails reportedly got a jump start after uncovering highly classified emails sent by Abedin and another Clinton aide. Based on the research and interviews for my book... I can say that the FBI would not have opened such a high profile investigation unless it already believed Hillary had violated criminal laws governing handling and dissemination of classified material. Nor, as some media reports have claimed, is the investigation a 'security investigation' into handling of the emails. The FBI does nothing unless it is pursuing violations of criminal laws and targeting individuals." [80184, 80185]

"...While Hillary Clinton claims she will be the champion of the little people if elected, the truth is that behind the scenes she is so nasty and abusive toward her own Secret Service detail and treats them with such contempt that being assigned to Hillary's detail is considered a form of punishment within the Security Service. According to Secret Service agents interviewed for my book... Abedin can be just as rude and nasty as Hillary. ... 'There's not an agent in the service who wants to be in Hillary's detail,' a current agent says. 'If agents get the nod to go to her detail, that's considered a form of punishment among the agents. She's hard to work around, she's known to snap at agents and yell at agents and dress them down to their faces, and they just have to be humble and say, 'Yes ma'am,' and walk away.' The agent adds, 'Agents don't deserve that. They're there to do a job, they're there to protect her, they'll lay their life down for hers, and there's absolutely no respect for that. And that's why agents do not want to go to her detail.' Agents say Hillary's nastiness and contempt for them and disdain for law enforcement and the military in general continued, both when she was secretary of state and now that she is protected as a former first lady, earning her the distinction of being considered the Secret Service's most detested protectee." [80184, 80185]

At LewRockwell.com Judge Andrew Napolitano notes that by giving the government 55,000 paper print-outs of her emails, "she stole from the government the metadata it owns, which accompanies all digital emails but is missing on the paper copies, and she denied the government the opportunity to trace those emails." (For example, the paper copies would not include the "bcc" addresses, nor would they indicate which email recipients then forwarded the messages on to others.) When it was reported that the



emails contained classified information, Clinton “changed her explanation from ‘I did not send classified material’ to ‘I never sent or never received any email marked classified.’ Not only is she continually changing her story, but she is being deceptive again. Emails are not ‘marked classified.’ They are marked ‘top secret’ or ‘secret’ or ‘confidential.’ Her explanations remind one of her husband’s word-splitting playbook.” [80047]

It is worth adding that even if Hillary Clinton never sent classified information, if she received it via her unsecured email her failure to report that violation of security protocols was itself a violation. At Townhall.com D. W. Wilber writes, “According to the Department of State’s own regulations, ‘A security violation is a security incident that... results in actual or possible compromise of the information. For example, if an employee transmits a classified document over an unclassified facsimile machine, the incident would be adjudicated as a violation, as the possibility for electronic interception and transcription of the classified document is real.’ I think an un-secured, un-encrypted private e-mail server would fall into this category. The State Department’s regulations also state that ‘All security incidents will be reported to the Department of State Office of Security. Employees must inform the appropriate security officer, orally or in writing, of any improper security practice that comes to the employee’s attention in order that remedial action may be taken. Upon discovery of improperly secured classified information or of other security incidents, the responsible security officer must complete Form OF-117, Notice of Security Incident. This form is unclassified and must be prepared as comprehensively and accurately as possible.’” (Judicial Watch or a curious journalist should submit a Freedom of Information Act requesting a copy of every Form OF-117 completed by Clinton.) [80051, 80058]

Napolitano continues, “...If Clinton is indicted for failure to secure classified information, she will no doubt argue that if one of the above markings was not on the email, she did not know it was top secret. If she does make that incredible argument—how could satellite photos of a foreign country together with communications intercepts of foreign agents possibly not be top secret?—she will be confronted with a judicial instruction to the jury trying her. The judge will tell the jury that the secretary of state is presumed to know what is top secret and what is not. The only way she could rebut that presumption is to take the witness stand in her own defense and attempt to persuade the jury that she was so busy, she didn’t notice the nature of the secrets with which she was dealing. Not only would such an argument be incredible coming from a person of her intellect and government experience, but it begs the question. That’s because by using only her own server, she knowingly diverted all classified emails sent to her away from the government’s secure venue. That’s the crime.” [80047]

“Will she be indicted? Consider this. In the past month, the Department of Justice indicted a young sailor who took a selfie in front of a sonar screen on a nuclear submarine and emailed the selfie to his girlfriend. It also indicted a Marine who sent an urgent warning to his superiors on his Gmail account about a dangerous Afghani spy who eventually killed three fellow Marines inside an American encampment. The emailing Marine was indicted for failure to secure classified materials. Gen. David Petraeus stored top-secret materials in an unlocked desk drawer in the study of his secured and guarded

Virginia home and was indicted for the same crimes. And a former CIA agent was just sentenced to three years in prison for destroying one top-secret email. What will happen if the FBI recommends that Clinton be indicted and the White House stonewalls? Will FBI Director Jim Comey threaten to resign as he threatened to do when President George W. Bush wanted him to deviate from accepted professional standards? Will Clinton get a pass? Will the public accept that?" [80047]

WesternJournalism.com points out that as U.S. Senator from New York, Hillary Clinton voted for passage of the Sarbanes-Oxley law. One section of that law (18 US Code 1519) reads, "Whoever knowingly alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any record, document, or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States or any case filed under title 11, or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both." [80138, 80139]

Bloomberg.com reports, "U.S. law enforcement officials are investigating how classified material found its way into messages that members of Hillary Clinton's State Department staff sent to her private e-mail address, according to a U.S. official with knowledge of the inquiry. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss an investigation still in its early stages, said there is some indication that Clinton aides drew upon a variety of messages in classified information systems to produce summaries and updates of events in Libya and elsewhere and then sent them to Clinton or her aides using a private server. The official didn't identify the aides. This transfer of classified information onto a server not approved to handle sensitive material is a focus of the investigation and could form the basis for a criminal probe to determine just how much classified material was sent—and who prepared and sent it." [80129, 80130]

LegalInsurrection.com reports, "A hearing was held this afternoon in federal court in Washington, D.C., before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan, in the FOIA case brought by Judicial Watch seeking records regarding then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's aide Huma Adedin's outside employment. ... Today's hearing was over Judicial Watch's request for 'discovery,' which normally doesn't take place in FOIA cases. Discovery could include sworn depositions of witnesses. ... The Judge ordered the State Department to confer with the FBI and DOJ as to searches of the server and thumb drive, including recovery efforts. The Judge wanted to wait until the State Department filed another status report before ruling on discovery issues." [80073]

During a hearing on a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit involving Hillary Clinton's emails, U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan states, "We wouldn't be here today if this employee [Clinton] had followed government policy." [80118, 80119, 80127]

Presstv.com reports, "TVEL, a subsidiary of Russia's state-run nuclear energy company Rosatom, says it will deliver fresh nuclear fuel to Iran's Bushehr power plant by the end of this month. ... Loading of fresh fuel is scheduled for September at the presence of international experts during a planned maintenance of the plant, TVEL said. ... Iran and

Russia signed an agreement in Moscow in November 2014 to build two more 1,000-megawatt units in Bushehr.” [80226]

At Breitbart.com Alex Swoyer writes about the “birth tourism” companies that abuse the nation’s “anchor baby” rule to profit handsomely. “According to [Barella Law’s Kyle] Barella, poor pregnant immigrant mothers coming across the southern border aren’t the ones being targeted, but rather the companies are targeting wealthy foreigners from countries such as China and Russia, at times making \$99,000 dollars per sale.” Barella states, “This is completely legal and it’s wealthy immigrants who pay. The Standard Package for [a company called] Miami Mama starts at \$19,900 dollars and it goes all the way up to what’s called the Imperial Package, which is \$99,000 dollars. ... What the context is, is that these wealthy foreign families can pay to come over to the U.S. usually in their second trimester... they put them up in a hotel, they provide them with prenatal care... with a Russian doctor, [who] is—of course—in cahoots with this program because remember, they’re paying out of pocket—they’re not on U.S. insurance. They give birth in one of the finest hospitals in Florida. While they’re here, they take tours, they’re provided a car service to be driven around to all the shopping in Miami, they give birth here, [their] children are now U.S. citizens... Then, they go back to Russia, they go back to Venezuela, they go back to China and they live there until their kids ... what they do this mainly for is when their kids are of college age, they want them to come to university in the United States, that’s the main reason.” [80077, 80371]

On *Hannity*, Judge Jeanine Pirro says, “[T]here are a myriad of crimes [Hillary Clinton] can be charged with. Number one, she had classified information on an unauthorized and not government server. She knew she wasn’t supposed to do that. What you have to say is, why is it that within days of your being confirmed as secretary of state, why did you need your own private server? Why did you put your pit bulls, Huma Abedin and Cheryl Mills, on that same server? Why are their Blackberrys missing right now? And why did she say, I never received or sent classified, and then she said ‘marked classified’? She keeps pulling back from it. You’ve got destruction of evidence. You’ve got obstruction of Justice. You’ve got Federal Records Act violations. ... The woman should be indicted! ... The woman has danced with federal prosecutors her whole career! She knows the loopholes. The fact that she set this [server] up within days [of being named Secretary of State] tells me that she had some reason to do all this.” [80131, 80135]

On August 21 two unarmed, off-duty members of the U.S. military subdue and beat unconscious a gunman on an Amsterdam-to Paris train. According to FoxNews.com, “Three U.S. servicemen were on board the train and overpowered the man when the train stopped in the northern French city of Arras, 115 miles north of Paris, French media reported. Some reports said the men were U.S. Marines but that could not be confirmed. [According to AirForceTimes.com, one was an airman and another was an Oregon National Guardsman. They were aided by a civilian friend.] The suspect is a 26-year-old Moroccan [later identified as Ayoub El Khazzani], said Sliman Hamzi, an official with police union Alliance, said on French television i-Tele. He was later arrested. The victims were identified as an American, a Briton and a Frenchman. ... Two of the victims were in critical condition, according to a statement from the office of President Francois

Hollande. ...AFP cited French officials saying the suspect is 'known to intelligence services.'" [80099, 80107, 80108, 80140, 80152, 80156, 80157, 80161, 80170, 80171, 80172, 80190, 80191, 80194, 80205, 80206, 80247, 80248, 80396]

In the United States, CNN.com reports the train shooting story with the headline, "Marines Stop Terror Attack." Apparently choosing not to emphasize to the rest of the world that Americans were the heroes who saved lives, in its international edition CNN.com uses the headline, "Actor injured in French train attack." TheBlaze.com reports, "Jean-Hugues Anglade, a French actor who was wounded during the shooting, has slammed the train's staff for allegedly running away and locking themselves inside their working car during the shooting." (On August 24 French President Francois Hollande awards the Legion d'Honneur medal to the three Americans, and a British businessman who assisted them: Alek Skarlatos, Spencer Stone, Anthony Sadler, and Chris Norman. On *Newsmax Prime*, Skarlatos' father Emanuel says, "What I like to take away from this is that the PC crowds, they really need to wake up to the fact and call terrorism what it is. It's dangerous. It's a difficult thing to defend against but they're willing to die for something. There's an old Greek saying 'It's better to die like a lion than to be slaughtered like sheep,' especially this one, a terrorist coward... The PC crowd really needs to take a listen.") [80142, 80143, 80194, 80195, 80229, 80250, 80272, 80288, 80290]

At WashingtonPost.com Theodore R. Johnson suggests that every vote cast by a black person should count as one-and-two-thirds votes. Johnson writes, "A five-thirds compromise would imbue African Americans with a larger political voice that could be used to fight the structural discrimination expressed in housing, education, criminal justice and employment. Allowing black votes to count for 167 percent of everyone else's would mean that 30 million African American votes would count as 50 million, substituting super-votes for the implausible idea of cash [slavery reparations] payments." Johnson's idea is, of course, absurd. There are no longer any living slaves or slave owners in the United States, and to continue advocating policies that compensate for past atrocities not only does nothing to help or punish people who are long dead, it creates conflicts between living whites and blacks when society should be working to erase, not emphasize and encourage, racial animosities. [80270, 80271]

Johnson chose the five-thirds ratio to counter the "three-fifths clause in the Constitution." To his credit, he at least understands that the southern states wanted slaves fully counted for purposes of determining Congressional representation, while the northern states did not want slaves counted at all. The U.S. Constitution's "compromise" was to count all slaves as three-fifths of a free person. (Many Americans wrongly believe the south did not want to count slaves at all and the north wanted them counted. In fact, the opposite was true.) But aside from Johnson's correct understanding of one provision in the U.S. Constitution, Johnson's writing is nonsensical. (Obama counts among his friends advocates of slavery reparations like Charles Ogletree. Another reparations advocate is Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL). In the spring of 1994 Obama taught a class titled, "Current Issues in Racism and the Law," which focused in part on the topic of slavery reparations. In 2008 Obama made voters nervous when he said, "I consistently believe

that when it comes to... reparations, the most important thing for the U.S. government to do is not just offer words, but offer deeds.” To calm fears of white taxpayers and voters, Obama later “clarified” that he was calling not for direct cash payments to descendants of slaves, but indirect aid through government programs to “close the gap” between white and black Americans. That is, Obama’s plan was “stealth reparations, as in, “I’m not going to tax you white people and give your money to black people, I’m going to tax you white people and expand the federal programs that benefit black people.”) [275, 842 pp. 67-68; 936, 1085, 1600, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 80270, 80271]

At NationalReview.com Katherine Timpf reports, “The United States Food and Drug Administration issued a regulation on Thursday ending the use of the word ‘midget’ to describe raisins because the word ‘midget’ is offensive to short people. ...The request is in response to a complaint from the short-stature advocacy group Little People of America. ...The [Washington] Free Beacon reports that the USDA’s Raisin Administrative Committee—yes, that’s a thing—‘approved the removal of the term midget from the standards’ in 2014. Sounds like it’s been a hell of a process to get this all done. But that’s okay. This is, after all, a very important issue.” [80132]

Pat Buchanan writes at Townhall.com, “[N]ow that [the Department of] Justice and the FBI have been called in to look at Hillary’s handling of state secrets, it is not impossible that at the end of this road lies a federal indictment. Should that happen, her campaign and career would be over. And should that indictment come later rather than sooner, the Democratic Party could be headed into the election of 2016 led by a Brooklyn-born septuagenarian Socialist. ...The Democratic Party is approaching the fail-safe point. If it appears that Hillary is headed for the knacker’s yard [a place where old horses are slaughtered], then to whom do the Democratic elites turn, and, equally important, when do they move? For they cannot wait too long. Hence, a ‘Draft Biden’ movement has begun, and veterans of ...Obama’s campaigns are signing on.” [80100]

“Yet the vice president should think long and hard about whether and when he plunges into the Democratic race. For his announcement of availability would be a signal that Joe Biden thinks Hillary is politically dead, or close to it, and he is coming in to drop the hammer. ...How enthusiastic would ...women and feminists be for a Candidate Biden who had delivered the deathblow to Hillary and blocked for another decade any chance of a woman as president? ...[F]or Democrats... Hillary is carrying their basket of eggs, and slipping all over the sidewalk. If they procrastinate in designating someone else to catch the basket if it falls, they get Bernie. But if they move too soon, they will be charged with sabotaging the last best chance for America to elect a woman president. A nice problem for those ubiquitous cable TV talking heads who identify themselves as ‘Democratic strategists.’” [80100]

Reuters reports, “In the small fraction of [Hillary Clinton] emails made public so far, Reuters has found at least 30 email threads from 2009, representing scores of individual emails, that include... ‘foreign government information.’ The U.S. government defines this as any information, written or spoken, provided in confidence to U.S. officials by their foreign counterparts. This sort of information, which the department says Clinton

both sent and received in her emails, is the only kind that must be ‘presumed’ classified, in part to protect national security and the integrity of diplomatic interactions, according to U.S. regulations examined by Reuters.” J. William Leonard, a former director of the U.S. government’s Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), states, “It’s born classified. ...If a foreign minister just told the secretary of state something in confidence, by U.S. rules that is classified at the moment it’s in U.S. channels and US possession.” (Clinton’s protestations to the contrary, those emails containing foreign government information are classified. She simply cannot continue to claim there was no classified information on her private email server.) [80102, 80103, 80126, 80134]

Clinton rolls out another excuse for her law-breaking, tweeting, “From a former Justice Dept official: ‘Our ridiculous classification rules’ are the real problem.” Of course, the rules would not have been a problem for Clinton had she simply used a State Department email account in the first place. (If she is indicted and convicted, the sentencing judge will not think much of her “ignorance of the law” excuse.) Katie Pavlich notes at Townhall.com, “First, Clinton is a government attorney who knows how the law and classification works. Second, thanks to an executive order from ...Obama, Clinton was in charge of labeling classified information during her time as Secretary of State. [She had the power to simplify the rules and make them less “ridiculous.”] Third and most importantly, Clinton said in March, ‘I’m certainly well-aware of the classification requirements and did not send classified material.’ Fourth, ignorance is not a defense. And finally fifth, classification laws are ‘ridiculous’ because American lives and the national security of the United States depends on it. It’s the old cliché: Throwing spaghetti at the wall to see what sticks. So far, it isn’t working.” [80104, 80105, 80106, 80150]

Retired Lieutenant Colonel James Williamson tells DailyCaller.com, “It’s not up to [Hillary Clinton] to decide what level it’s classified at. It’s up to her to obey the law, and clearly she did not. If someone doesn’t have the sense to recognize classified material, they shouldn’t be in such a sensitive position, much less the secretary of state.” Brigadier General Kenneth Berquist, a former CIA intelligence officer, states that Clinton “jeopardized every piece of information that went across her private server line. This is a very good example of how her ‘inconvenience’ put us at risk in the United States. This is hubris. This is an example where people say, ‘I don’t play by the rules.’” Scott Taylor, president of the Special Operations Education Fund, states, “First she was blaming Republicans. Now she’s blaming the intelligence community for over-classifying? She was the nation’s top diplomat. Any conversations she had about troop movements, drone strikes, foreign policy, our allies range from sensitive to Top Secret. That is the job that she signed up for.” [80149]

Fred Rustman, who served in the CIA Senior Intelligence Service, states, “The fact is that anyone who communicates classified material or stores classified material in an unsecure location is violating the rules of security. And obviously she did this. When you parse all of this which she has, and say there weren’t any ‘classified’ documents, none of that amount to a hill of beans. As far as the intelligence community is concerned, they’re the guardians of secrets, and she was a Cabinet-level official.” Retired Marine Corps Colonel

William Cowan states, “It’s absolutely outrageous behavior and total disregard, not only for the law and the policies and procedures, but also for the safety and security of our nation. Did [Clinton] unilaterally decide to declassify all these things? If that’s the case, then it’s even worse. It puts people’s lives in jeopardy. It puts American foreign policy and national security in jeopardy.” (It is worth noting that Clinton had no legal authority to declassify anything that had been classified by an agency other than her own. If she was sent classified information, she was bound by the law to treat it as classified—regardless of whether she agreed with the classification.) [80149, 80373, 80374]

Time.com reports, “Hillary Clinton’s campaign offices around the country have been put on alert after at least two women approached Iowa staff under the guise of being supporters in an apparent effort to catch the campaign engaging in improper or illegal activity, a Clinton campaign official said. The motivations of the women is not known, but their alleged techniques match those of Project Veritas, the conservative group run by James O’Keefe, which specializes in undercover stings meant to embarrass liberal groups and politicians. The group declined to comment on the Clinton campaign’s allegations. ‘Project Veritas does not comment on investigations, real or imagined,’ said Daniel Pollack, the director of communications for the group.” [80110]

At BloombergView.com Josh Rogin and Eli Lake report, “As Russian President Vladimir Putin’s forces took over Ukraine’s Crimean peninsula in early 2014, the interim Ukrainian government was debating whether or not to fight back against the ‘little green men’ Russia had deployed. But the message from the Barack Obama administration was clear: avoid military confrontation with Moscow. The White House’s message to Kiev was advice, not an order, U.S. and Ukrainian officials have recently told us, and was based on a variety of factors. There was a lack of clarity about what Russia was really doing on the ground. The Ukrainian military was in no shape to confront the Russian Spetsnaz (special operations) forces that were swarming on the Crimean peninsula. Moreover, the Ukrainian government in Kiev was only an interim administration until the country would vote in elections a few months later. Ukrainian officials told us that other European governments sent Kiev a similar message. But the main concern was Russian President Vladimir Putin. As U.S. officials told us recently, the White House feared that if the Ukrainian military fought in Crimea, it would give Putin justification to launch greater military intervention in Ukraine, using similar logic to what Moscow employed in 2008 when Putin invaded large parts of Georgia in response to a pre-emptive attack by the Tbilisi government. Russian forces occupy two Georgian provinces to this day.” [80111, 80128]

Obama’s ludicrous advice to Ukraine was essentially, “Let Putin have Crimea, and that will be as far as he goes.” That will remind readers of British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain’s Munich Agreement of 1938, in which Europe essentially let Adolph Hitler have Czechoslovakia and believed that would stop him from going further. Within a year Hitler invaded Poland.

In a CNN poll, opposition to Obama's Iran deal grows from 52 to 56 percent; support falls from 44 to 41 percent. Obama's approval/disapproval percentages are 47/51. [80124, 80125]

In a poll of registered Arizona voters, State Senator Kelli Ward leads Senator John McCain (R-AZ) by 45 to 36 percent. (McCain turn 80 in August 2016.) [80148]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 530 points, closing for the day (and the week) at 16,462. The S&P 500 drops 64 points, to 1971, and Nasdaq declines 171 points to close at 4706. FoxNews.com notes, "On Thursday alone, U.S. equities lost some \$475 billion in market value before shedding \$562 billion on Friday, according to the Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index. Selling pressure that intense, causing the DJIA to drop more than 300 points for two-consecutive sessions, hasn't happened since November 20, 2008, the height of the U.S. financial crisis." [80098, 80109]

The day before the market plunge, Egon von Greyerz wrote at GoldSwitzerland.com," Most people are blissfully ignorant of the fact that 2007-8 was just a mild rehearsal of what we soon are going to experience. The additional \$60 trillion in credit and printed money since then and the lowering of interest rates to zero have given the world the impression that all is now well again. Let me be very clear, **nothing is well**. ...With massive growth in debts, a stronger dollar and collapsing commodity prices, almost every emerging economy is now starring into the abyss. ...[T]he contagion is already spreading to the West and this autumn we will see stock market falls that will shock the world, spreading massive fear throughout the world economy. I expect this autumn to be the beginning of the end of the 100-year-old failed experiment of manipulation and repression of the financial system by bankers and central banks." [80160]

"So the Great Financial Crisis of 2007-9 will now transcend into the Great Financial Catastrophe. This could very well involve a total reset or more likely a collapse of the world economy, financial system and world political system. And it won't be orderly. It is likely to take a very long time and will involve bankruptcies of major parts of the financial system as well as many major nations. It will also lead to social unrest, escalation of wars, major poverty and famine with the world population going down significantly. ...Nobel Prize winners in economics, central bankers and ordinary people will learn the hard way that worthless pieces of paper that they call money cannot create real lasting wealth. For the privileged few that have wealth to protect, gold and silver outside the banking system is a must. At the end of this reset, we will hopefully see a world based on rewarding real work and investment, with real ethical and moral values and a sound monetary system. But the road there will be very long and arduous." [80160]

With Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Joanne O'Donnell lifting a restraining order against the Center for Medical Progress, the organization releases a preview of an eighth undercover Planned Parenthood/Stem Express video. At one point in the recording, Stem Express CEO Cate Dyer jokes about the shipping of intact babies and ensuring that the eyes are closed so the person who opens the box is not too shocked. (The Stem Express web site brags, "[W]e offer the largest variety of raw material in the industry..."



According to WashingtonExaminer.com, Cate Dwyer's sister, Charlotte Ivancic, is the health policy director for House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH). On August 22 CNSNews.com reports that Ivancic is leaving that position to work for the health care lobbying firm Tarplin, Downs & Young—whose clients include Merck, Pfizer Inc., PhRMA, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc., and the AARP.) [80144, 80145, 80146, 80147, 80163, 80164, 80165, 80169, 80192, 80196]

Donald Trump addresses a rally at Ladd Peebles stadium in Mobile, Alabama. Trump says, “We have politicians that [sic; who] don't have a clue. They're all talk, no action. What's happening to this country is disgraceful. ... We're running on fumes. There's nothing here. ... We're not going to have a country left. We need to have our borders. We need to make great [trade] deals.” (Although threatening weather keeps some fans away from the event, the crowd estimate is 30,000.) [80123, 80151, 80153, 80186, 80187, 80216, 80289]

Trump notes that Ford Motor Company is building a new \$.25 billion manufacturing facility in Mexico, rather than in the United States, and that Nabisco is moving its Oreo cookie production from Chicago to Mexico—“I love Oreos. [But] I'll never eat them again. Okay? I'll never eat them again.”—and tells the crowd that if he is elected he will act to protect American jobs. (The Ford plant will produce engines and transmissions. Ford already has plants in Mexico. The high cost of sugar in the United States is driving the Nabisco move. DailySignal.com notes, “U.S. trade barriers currently require Americans to pay twice the average world prices for sugar. Sugar-using industries now have a big incentive to relocate from the United States to countries where access to their primary ingredient is not restricted. If the government wants people making Oreo cookies and similar products to keep their jobs, a logical starting point would be to eliminate the U.S. sugar program, including barriers to imported sugar.” Essentially, Nabisco's Chicago workers will lose their jobs because the federal government protects sugar producers in the United States. That absurd policy not only destroys jobs, it forces consumers to pay more for food—all because the sugar industry has powerful lobbyists.) [80188, 80189, 80193, 80219, 80569]

On August 22 more than 300 rallies to protest Planned Parenthood are held in cities across the country. Megan Fox, who attends a rally in Aurora, Illinois, later writes at PJMedia.com, “While standing within the sound of priests and monks praying the rosary in calming rhythm, another sound came out of the abortion mill in front of us, this one hellish. Planned Parenthood piped discordant, eerie horror music out of speakers hidden somewhere on the building (leading me to surmise they had them installed when the place was built for just an occasion like this!). This is their idea of a sick joke.” (The mainstream media generally ignores the demonstrations.) [80154, 80173, 80255, 80258, 80259, 80260, 80286, 80295]

Vice President Joe Biden meets with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) at his Washington, D.C. residence, which CNN.com calls “another sign he is seriously deciding whether to jump into the Democratic presidential race. The meeting between Biden and Warren, confirmed by two people familiar with the session, is the biggest indication yet

that Biden is feeling out influential Democrats before announcing his intentions. ...Another source familiar with the meeting told CNN that Warren went to the meeting at Biden's request." (This *Timeline* agrees with Monica Crowley's argument that the 2016 Democrat ticket may be Biden-Warren. Biden will represent Obama's "third term," while Warren will represent the socialist future for the far-left Democrat voters—and will attract some women voters simply because she is a woman. Biden will be expected to serve only one term and give the reins to Warren in 2020. If Donald Trump wins the Republican nomination, this *Timeline* believes he will choose Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) as his running mate. Trump will attract the disillusioned voters who are begging for nonsense action, while Cruz will attract conservatives, Libertarians—and even some black and Hispanic voters who do not like that jobs they could have are being taken by illegal immigrants.) [80038, 80120, 80198, 80199, 80209, 80210, 80215, 80231, 80239, 80251, 80265]

Also attending the Biden-Warren meeting are Biden's chief of staff Steve Ricchetti, former aide Ted Kaufman, and political advisor Mike Donilon. (Donilon is a partner at David Axelrod's AKPD Message and Media and is the brother of Tom Donilon, former Obama National Security Advisor. Tom Donilon's wife, Catherine Russell, is United States Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.) [80251, 80252]

Addressing the Defending the American Dream Summit in Columbus, Ohio, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TRX) says, "The Democratic [presidential candidate] field consists of a wild-eyed socialist whose ideas are dangerous for the world... as well as Bernie Sanders." "Democrats wanted an earlier debate, but the invitation was e-mailed to Hillary Clinton." "When I'm president, I will instruct the Department of Education—which should be abolished—that Common Core ends today!" "I will move the [U.S.] embassy [in Tel Aviv] to Jerusalem, the once and eternal capital of Israel." Cruz promises to "repeal every word of ObamaCare," "rip to shreds this catastrophic Iranian nuclear deal," rescind "every single illegal and unconstitutional executive order" signed by Obama, and order an investigation into Planned Parenthood. Cruz also says the IRS should be shut down and its building padlocked. "To our friends in the media," adds Cruz, "I say that somewhat tongue in cheek. Imagine you had traveled thousands of miles in the blazing sun. You're swimming across the Rio Grande. And the first thing you see is 90,000 IRS agents. You'd turn around and go home, too!" [80214, 80220, 80222]

On August 23 Express.co.uk reports, "Counter-terrorism experts have named the [French train attack] suspect as Ayoub El Khazzani, a 26-year-old Moroccan who has links to Islamic State and was being watched by French police. ...A Spanish anti-terrorist official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, revealed El Khazzani had lived in Spain until last year, moved to France then travelled to Turkey then Syria where he is believed to have trained with ISIS before returning to France. He was also arrested in Spain at least once for a drug related source, the source revealed. ...He was carrying at least nine magazines of ammunition with enough rounds to kill all 554 passengers on the train." Khazzani's attorney claimed the Moroccan "found the Kalashnikov, the Luger handgun and a mobile phone abandoned in a bag at the station in Brussels where he had been sleeping." [80207, 80211]

There are reports of massive explosions at the U.S. military base in Sagamihara, Kanagawa, Japan. [80212, 80213]

While vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, Obama criticizes Congress for being on vacation: "Unfortunately, Congress left town for five full weeks—and they left behind a stack of unfinished business. For the first time ever," says Obama, "Congress failed to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank. That left thousands of business owners and their employees at a serious disadvantage compared to their competitors overseas. That's not good for jobs. It's not good for our economy. When it returns from recess, reauthorizing the bank ought to be a top agenda for members of Congress. Congress also hasn't passed a budget—and when they return from vacation, they'll only have a few weeks to do so, or shut down the government for the second time in two years. They've had all year to do this. Months ago, I put forward a detailed plan to strengthen our economy and our national security in a fiscally responsible way. [Obama's budget proposal did no such thing.] And for months, I've said I will veto any budget that locks in the sequester—those senseless cuts to domestic and national security priorities. Remember, we can't cut our way to prosperity." (In fact, cutting the federal budget is the primary method for returning the nation to prosperity. The smaller the government, the larger the private economy. The Export-Import bank is a scam that takes taxpayer dollar and lends it to wealthy corporations like General Electric and Caterpillar—corporations that do not need federal subsidies.) [80277, 80281, 80568]

In Tehran, British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond appears at the reopening of the United Kingdom's embassy. TheBlaze.com reports, "British media appeared to be surprised that offensive graffiti scrawled on the walls four years ago calling for 'Death to England' had not been removed. ...The U.K. closed its embassy in 2011 after a mob of protesters stormed the diplomatic mission to protest sanctions against Iran." (Luckily for Americans, Iran refuses to allow the United States to reopen its embassy.) [80262, 80292, 80293]

MyWay.com reports, "Islamic State militants have destroyed a temple at Syria's ancient ruins of Palmyra, activists said Sunday, realizing the worst fears archaeologists had for the 2,000-year-old Roman-era city after the extremists seized it and beheaded a local scholar. Palmyra, one of the Middle East's most spectacular archaeological sites and a UNESCO World Heritage site, sits near the modern Syrian city of the same name. Activists said the militants used explosives to blow up the Baalshamin Temple on its grounds, the blast so powerful it also damaged some of the Roman columns around it. ...The head of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, said Friday that Islamic State extremists in Syria and Iraq are engaged in the 'most brutal, systematic' destruction of ancient sites since World War II—a stark warning that came hours after militants demolished the St. Elian Monastery, which housed a fifth-century tomb and served as a major pilgrimage site. The monastery was in the town of Qaryatain in central Syria. News of the temples destruction comes after relatives and witnesses said Wednesday that Khaled al-Asaad, an 81-year-old antiquities scholar who devoted his life to understanding Palmyra, was beheaded by

Islamic State militants, his bloodied body hung on a pole. He even had named his daughter after Zenobia, the queen that ruled from the city 1,700 years ago.” [80234]

There is method to the madness of ISIS. The radical Islamists want to destroy all evidence of non-Islamic history. Just as they claim there was no Nazi Holocaust and that Muslims discovered America, they want to claim that Islam has always covered and controlled the entire world. Future generations of Muslims will never question those absurd claims if historic relics have been destroyed and the history books have been rewritten. (Readers may be interested in Frederick William Dame’s fascinating book, *The Muslim Discovery of America*, which “investigates the lives of selected Muslims in America and organizations from the eighteenth century into the twenty-first century. It reveals that there was nothing more than a continuation of typical Islamic deception and subversive jihad. It also documents the lie of the Islamic claim that hundreds of place names in the United States of America and Canada derive from Arabic-Islamic roots. Finally, the book exposes the rewriting of American history by Islamic and pro-Islamic media. This book is alarming, informative, interesting, and true.”) [80235]

On *Meet the Press*, NBC’s Chuck Todd asks Carly Fiorina if she admires Hillary Clinton. Fiorina replies, “In many ways I do. She’s a hard working woman, she’s an intelligent woman. She has dedicated herself to public service. It is also true, however, that she is not trustworthy, that she has lied about some key things, Benghazi, her emails, her server. And she doesn’t have a track record—” Todd interrupts, “Lying is a big charge. Do we, do you know, why do you know she’s lying?” Fiorina responds, “Oh, for heaven’s sakes. The night of the Benghazi attacks, we now know that the State Department and the White House knew that this was a purposeful, pre-planned terrorist attack. Nevertheless, the next morning she went into the State Department and she addressed the American people and talked about a video that did not represent the values of this nation. Several days later she said the same thing over the bodies of the fallen. What she should have said was, ‘This was a purposeful terrorist attack and we will seek retribution.’” Todd: “Do you believe she purposely lied?” Fiorina: “Absolutely, I do.” [80217, 80221, 80278]

Also on *Meet the Press*, former Democrat National Committee chairman Howard Dean claims Hillary Clinton “can’t be blamed” for her email problems, faulting instead the Republicans and the media. (Clinton will not be helped by Edward Klein’s upcoming book: *Unlikeable: The Problem with Hillary*.) [80261, 80266]

On *Fox News Sunday*, former attorney general Michael Mukasey states, “[T]o say that the investigation is not of someone personally is ridiculous. The FBI doesn’t investigate machines. It investigates people. And she’s [Hillary Clinton is] certainly one of the people being investigated. ...It is not a political witch hunt.” Also on the program, Ellen Tauscher, a Clinton pal, former Congresswoman (D-CA), and former undersecretary of state, does her best to defend the former Secretary of State’s email activities. (Her best is nowhere near enough.) [80227, 80230, 80307]

Newsmax.com writes, “Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump’s call for an end to birthright citizenship has focused new attention on the law deemed to grant

automatic citizenship to children born in the U.S. to illegal alien parents. Children gaining birthright citizenship are pejoratively referred to as ‘anchor babies’ because they provide an anchor in the U.S. for family members seeking to enter the country legally. When anchor babies reach age 21, they can petition the government to grant their parents and siblings permanent resident status. The number of babies gaining birthright citizenship has been steadily rising and is now estimated to top 300,000 and reach as high as 400,000 a year, according to John Feere of the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS). The Pew Hispanic Center puts the estimate at 340,000 a year. In the most recent analysis, nearly three-quarters of all children of undocumented immigrants were U.S. citizens, and the children of illegals cost taxpayers some \$52 billion a year in education expenses alone, Judicial Watch disclosed.” [80228]

George Will excoriates Donald Trump in particular, and Republicans in general, for daring to want to deport any illegal immigrants. He writes, “The big costs, in decades and dollars (hundreds of billions), of Trump’s project could be reduced if, say, the targets were required to sew yellow patches on their clothing to advertise their coming expulsion. There is precedent.” (Will apparently does not recognize a difference between identifying *illegal* immigrants for deportation and marking citizen Jews for extermination. The six million people gassed by the Hitler regime should, of course, not have been persecuted at all, but a one-way ticket to Mexico would have been preferable to a one-way ticket to Dachau or Auschwitz.) [80233]

Will notes that Mitt Romney, “who advocated making illegal immigrants’ lives so unpleasant they would ‘self-deport,’ might be president if he had received 10 points more than his 27 percent of the Hispanic vote.” (Will should be reminded that if Romney had received four percent more of the white vote the nation would have been spared Obama. Will, like many media pundits, makes the mistake of assuming that the black and Hispanic votes are monolithic. They are not. Many legal immigrant Hispanics oppose illegal immigration, as do many black voters. It is a mistake to believe that if one panders to illegal immigrants the Hispanic vote can be captured, or that if one does not their votes will be lost. The simple truth is that, the issue of “comprehensive immigration reform” aside, most Hispanic voters support Democrats because they are leftists. They support big government, high taxes on others, and generous government benefits. The Republicans will never capture much of the Hispanic vote, just as the Democrats will never capture the vote of conservatives who believe in small government. Accordingly, the Republicans may as well go after as much of the white vote as they can get and not bother following the “Hispandering” advice of overpaid consultants. [80233]

Will also makes the mistake of assuming that Trump actually plans on deporting as many as 20 million illegal immigrants. Of course that would never happen. It does not have to happen. It is merely one of Trump’s bargaining chips, one that he will give up in order to get the border enforced. Trump would likely settle for a tightly-controlled border, the deportation of all illegal immigrants with criminal records, and a reduction in welfare benefits for non-deported immigrants. But one does not begin negotiations only with what one might eventually accept; one begins with a full list of demands. Trump is a negotiator and deal-maker; Will is a snooty lecturer.) [80233]

At ThePostEmail.com editor Sharon Rondeau explains the historical significance of parental citizenship when determining the citizenship of the child, and discusses the difference between generic term citizen and the more specific term natural born citizen. [80240]

The Obama family returns from its Martha's Vineyard vacation, looking spectacularly unhappy in photos taken as they stepped off the Marine One helicopter on the White House grounds. [80232]

On August 24 the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunges 1,087 points, but then rebounds somewhat and closes down 588 (3.57 percent), at 15,871. Gold futures reach \$1,153.40 per ounce, up from a five-year low of \$1,074 just one month earlier. WTI Crude Oil futures fall to \$38.24 per barrel, down from \$95.96 on August 29, 2014. (While lower oil prices can signal lower prices for drivers at the gas pumps, falling commodity prices—iron is down from \$190 per ton in 2011 to about \$44 today—means weakness in the global economy.) [80245, 80246, 80275, 80317]

At Newsmax.com Ira Stoll, editor of FutureOfCapitalism.com and author of JFK, Conservative, writes, “Investors and financial journalists scrambling to find an explanation for the recent plunge in global stock markets have plenty of suspects. Some look abroad for scapegoats: Greece or China. Others blame Janet Yellen: the Federal Reserve she chairs is at long last on the verge of raising interest rates, if only slightly. Personally, I blame the decline in share values on Donald Trump. Markets are finally taking note of the fact that the Republican presidential candidate atop the polls is someone who wants to restrict immigration, cut back on foreign trade, and raise marginal tax rates. In each case, Trump’s policies are the opposite of the pro-growth approach. On immigration, Trump has made a name for himself as the restrictionist candidate. Yet scholars describe increased immigration as an engine of economic growth.” Absurdly, while most pundits claim Trump has no chance to win the GOP nomination, let alone the general election, Stoll claims the fear of Trump is the cause of the “plunge in global stock markets.” [80237]

Also absurdly, Stoll fails to make a distinction between legal immigrants and illegal immigrants. He notes that “scholars describe increased immigration as an engine of economic growth,” but *legal* immigrants tend to be more productive and better-educated than *illegal* immigrants. Legal immigration introduces into the nation people with experience, skills, and positive attitudes. Illegal immigration introduces into the nation a higher proportion of people who are inexperienced, unskilled, and eager to collect welfare benefits. Stoll also completely rewrites history, stating, “The last time America slammed the immigration door shut, in 1929, with the implementation of President Calvin Coolidge’s great mistake, the Johnson-Reed Act of 1924, a stock market crash and the Great Depression followed.” It is laughable to claim that restricted immigration caused the market crash of 1929 and the subsequent depression. [80237]

On *Morning Joe*, former attorney general Michael Mukasey observes that if allegations against Hillary Clinton are proven to be true she may have disqualified herself from elected office. HotAir.com points out 18 US Code 2071, which states,

“(a) Whoever willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, or destroys, or attempts to do so, or, with intent to do so takes and carries away any record, proceeding, map, book, paper, document, or other thing, filed or deposited with any clerk or officer of any court of the United States, or in any public office, or with any judicial or public officer of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

(b) Whoever, having the custody of any such record, proceeding, map, book, document, paper, or other thing, willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, falsifies, or destroys the same, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both; **and shall forfeit his office and be disqualified from holding any office under the United States** [emphasis added]. As used in this subsection, the term ‘office’ does not include the office held by any person as a retired officer of the Armed Forces of the United States.”

HotAir.com writes, “This may shed some new light on why Hillary Clinton has been so unwilling to answer some very basic questions when facing the press. She has finally been asked directly (by [Fox News’] Ed Henry) if she either wiped the server or directed that it be wiped. She tried to write that one off with a joke, saying, ‘What? You mean with a cloth?’ But her legal team has surely been looking this situation over very closely and are doubtless aware of Title 18, Section 2071, paragraph (b). If the answer to that question is actually ‘yes’ and she admits it in public, she could well be literally ending her presidential bid, not to mention opening herself up to the possibility of a fine or jail time. (Or both.)” [80273, 80274]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama’s 2008 selection of Joe Biden as his running mate indicates Obama’s view of Biden’s capability for the presidency. Earnest states, “[Obama] has indicated, uh, his view, that the decision that the made, uh, I guess, uh, seven years ago now, to add Joe Biden to the ticket as his running mate was the smartest decision that he had ever made in politics. Uh, and I think that should give you some sense of [Obama’s] view of Vice President Biden’s aptitude, uh, for the top job.” (Translation: “Hillary, meet bus.”) ABC’s Jonathan Karl cannot resist the temptation and asks Earnest, “So I assume that means [Obama] would support Vice President Biden if he were to run? This [vice presidential pick] was obviously a better decision than the Secretary of State he chose...” (Earnest points out Obama’s “appreciation, respect, and admiration” for Clinton’s work as Secretary of State—hardly a glowing tribute or recommendation.) [80253, 80256, 80257, 80279, 80280, 80314, 80415]

CNN’s John Berman tweets, “From [CNN’s] Jeff Zeleny: senior Dem says Obama ‘gave his blessing’ to Biden to run at lunch—if he chooses. Decision is his.” (Of course, no one needs Obama’s “blessings” to run. The statement from a “senior Dem” is a calculated

message to Hillary Clinton, not the general public. The fact that Obama is indirectly hinting that Biden has his support reveals that he is worried that Clinton cannot win in November 2016. Obama certainly wants his agenda to continue, and that will not happen with a Republican successor. Yet Biden has run for president in the past and never got very far; he is no shoe-in for a victory. If Obama is putting his eggs in a weak Biden basket, it is only because he believes the Clinton basket is *even weaker*. That suggests Obama believes—or *knows*—that the former Secretary of State will not survive the email scandal.) [80282, 80300, 80301]

In McAllen, Texas, Jeb Bush makes matters worse for his own campaign by saying his “anchor baby” comment referred not to Mexicans but to Asian women who come to the United States to give birth. (Although “birth tourism,” especially among Asians, is an issue worth addressing, it is absurd to suggest that it is acceptable to use the term anchor baby for wealthy Asians but not for poor Mexicans.) [80283, 80305, 80311, 80313]

HotAir.com later offers Bush “a nickel’s worth of free advice. You want to know why Donald Trump is doing so well in the polls and generally kicking your butt? Because he doesn’t immediately run away and bury his head in the sand every time the Army of Political Correctness wags a finger at him over their latest fauxrage de jour. The term anchor baby isn’t racist because, by definition, it can apply to anyone of any race from any other nation on the planet. White Europeans, black people from African nations, Hispanics or Asians... can all play this game. And if it’s not racist, then your opponents will say that it’s ‘offensive’ to illegal immigrants. Boo hoo. Illegal immigrants are criminals and I’m not going to spend my time worrying about whether or not I’ve hurt the feelings of those who make their stock in trade out of breaking our laws. And I don’t expect our candidate to do so either. Even if you’re being purely opportunistic here for electoral reasons (which seems obvious) you don’t need to spend your time worrying about offending people who can’t legally vote anyway.” [80311]

While Jeb Bush panders to Hispanic voters, an August 13-16 CNN/ORC poll shows that in a race against Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump does better [albeit barely] with non-white voters than does Bush. Clinton wins the non-white vote 72-23 over Bush, and 71-24 over Trump. (In July, Clinton led Trump by 56 points among non-white voters; in July she led by 67. As time has passed, Trump has gained non-white support while Clinton has lost it.) [80319, 80320]

Obama (who has apparently never heard of teleconferencing) heads to Las Vegas for a “clean energy summit.” (CBS’ Mark Knoller notes that Air Force One will use an estimated 21,000 gallons of jet fuel for the trip.) [80284]

At the energy event, Obama says, “Now, it’s one thing if you’re consistent in being [in favor of a] free market. It’s another thing when you’re free market until it’s solar that’s working and people want to buy and suddenly you’re not for it any more.” (At DailySignal.com, the Heritage Foundation’s Nicolas Loris writes, “The way America does solar is not free-market. If solar made as much economic sense as Obama purports, it wouldn’t need help from Washington or continually push to extend the handouts it



receives. If solar operated in a free market, taxpayers wouldn't have lost more than half a billion dollars on Solyndra. Private investors would have taken that risk and lost their own money—or even better—made money. But instead we have policies where well-connected special interests and campaign donors direct how taxpayer money is spent and where private capital flows. The well-connected investors stand to reap all the profits, and the taxpayers bear all of the risk.”) [80357]

Obama also claims the “solar industry now employs twice as many Americans as mining coal.” (Loris again: “First of all, when your administration empowers overzealous regulators to implement job-crushing regulations on the coal industry with no meaningful direct environmental benefit, the number of coal miners working an honest day's work is going to shrink. Secondly, solar employing twice as many as the coal industry is not the right metric for success or progress. ...If the goal were simply to create jobs, we could rid the world of mechanical equipment and hire workers to dig our ditches. But the result would be a less prosperous United States and a lot of lost value creation, which would ultimately destroy more jobs than it created. ...There's a stark difference between opposing solar power and opposing solar power subsidies. If the industry can compete without crony government programs, then that will be actual progress, and families and businesses will be better off as a result.”) [80357]

Obama singles out the Koch brothers for criticism, saying, “[Y]ou start seeing massive lobbying efforts backed by fossil fuel interests, or conservative think tanks, or the Koch brothers pushing for new laws to roll back renewable energy standards or prevent new clean energy businesses from succeeding—that's a problem.” (Politico.com later reports, “But [Charles] Koch, who is chairman and CEO of Koch Industries, said his opposition to subsidies for clean energy companies—or any other private businesses—doesn't mean he's against their success. Rolling back corporate welfare is one of the top issues Koch is pursuing with his richly funded political network. Koch said his company also opposes subsidies for fossil fuels. And he portrayed Obama's remarks as an unwarranted personal attack.” (Obama does not criticize billionaire and Democrat donor Warren Buffett, who supports construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and who, according to Politico.com, has been “trying to weaken a 1978 federal incentive program for wind, solar and other renewable power.) [80330, 80536]

Koch states, “I was absolutely flabbergasted that [Obama] could say so many things about us that were the opposite of the truth. I was really dumbfounded. And I know he was there with Harry Reid. So we expect that with [Senate Minority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV], but I didn't expect that from [Obama]. ...We are not trying to prevent new clean energy businesses from succeeding. Any business that's economical, that can succeed in the marketplace, any form of energy, we're all for. As a matter of fact, we're investing in quite a number of them, ourselves—whether that's ethanol, renewable fuel oil. ...We're investing a tremendous amount in research to make those more efficient and create higher-value products.” Koch states he is “opposed to renewable energy subsidies of all kinds.” (There are four Koch brothers, two of whom are actively involved in supporting moderate Republican organizations and candidates—like Jeb Bush. Reid has been particularly vile in his criticism of the Koch family, apparently believing it is acceptable

for wealthy individuals like George Soros and Tom Steyer to fund leftist organizations, but not acceptable for Republicans to do the same.) [80330, 80333]

At a Democrat fundraiser, Obama talks about his Iran deal, bragging, “We don’t rely on bluster or bravado; we focus on strong, principled diplomacy that prevents Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon—and showing once again to the entire world what American leadership really means.” He also says, “It’s hard for me to express how much I love [Senate Minority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV], but it’s easier to do it in a room of people who love Harry Reid. Harry and I drove over here together and we were doing a little reminiscing, and then figuring out how we’re going to deal with the crazies in terms of managing some problems. And then we talked about riding off into the sunset together. Everything I’ve accomplished, I’ve accomplished because Harry Reid was there by my side. And I am forever grateful for his friendship and his strength, because the thing about Harry is he’s a great politician but he’s also a man with a lot of backbone and is willing to do hard things when it’s required, and that’s what you want out of a political leader.” (Some interpret Obama’s remark to mean that all those who oppose his Iranian nuclear deal are “crazies.”) [80321, 80322, 80323, 80324, 80325, 80375]

Meanwhile, Hussein Sheikholeslam, foreign affairs adviser to Iranian parliament speaker Ali Larijani, tells reporters, “Our positions against the usurper Zionist regime have not changed at all; Israel should be annihilated and this is our ultimate slogan. ...[W]e reject the existence of any Israeli on this earth.” [80334, 80335, 80394]

DCWhispers.com writes, “An oddly confident and verbally aggressive Hillary Clinton was said to have made several less than supportive personal remarks about her former boss, ...Obama, while the current Democratic 2016 presidential front-runner was partying the night away at the millionaire’s summer paradise that is Martha’s Vineyard. ‘He doesn’t know. He doesn’t care. He doesn’t have a clue.’ So said the former Obama Secretary of State speaking of [Obama] to a gathering of longtime friends and political supporters. [The event was a birthday party for Vernon Jordan, long-time Bill Clinton pal.] Mrs. Clinton’s mood was described as, ‘upbeat and defiant’ as she and Mr. Clinton drank and danced among those they deem worthy of their trust. (And [among] just enough Obama-friendly figures to ensure her words got back to Obama himself sooner rather than later.)” [80285]

“...Obama was the target of more than a few jokes that night as the gathering grew increasingly boisterous and the divide between the Obama and Clinton machines that much more pronounced. Would the would-be-president’s newly discovered confidence regarding her email scandal be an indication she feels the administration will never allow her to be significantly punished? If so, that would likely indicate the Clintons have communicated to the Obama White House that one will not be allowed to fall without the other. Perhaps that was the true motivation for the odd meeting between a former and current President of the United States on a Martha’s Vineyard golf course last week?” (The suggestion is not without merit. The Clintons likely have enough “dirt” on Obama to destroy him. If Obama allows the Department of Justice to prosecute Clinton for her email law-breaking, she can easily retaliate.) [80285]

At his residence in Washington, D.C., Vice President Joe Biden reportedly meets with former White House communications director Anita “I love Chairman Mao” Dunn, her husband, former White House counsel Robert Bauer, Biden’s chief of staff Steve Ricchetti, and former Biden aide Ted Kaufman. (The meeting is a sign that Biden is not only considering entering the presidential race, he is planning the timing and logistics of doing so. If Biden decides not to run, it will likely only be because he does not want to face what he knows will be brutal attacks from the Clinton machine. After seven years of anger over being bested by Obama in the 2008 campaign, Clinton is not about to give up without a fight. Of course, her bitterness and anger may be precisely what might keep her from capturing the nomination a second time.) [80287, 80316]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “Major Democratic fundraisers have been invited to meet with Vice President Joe Biden at his residence at the U.S. Naval Observatory after Labor Day, part of a series of conversations he is having with senior party players as he contemplates jumping into the 2016 race. Among the guests invited to the gathering are top bundlers who raised large sums for the Obama-Biden campaigns in 2008 and 2012, according to people familiar with the outreach. The sitdown [sic; sit-down] is scheduled to take place during the week following Labor Day.” [80298]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Lois Lerner had yet another personal email account used to conduct some IRS business, the tax agency confirmed in a new court filing late Monday that further complicates the administration’s efforts to be transparent about Ms. Lerner’s actions during the tea party targeting scandal. The admission came in an open-records lawsuit filed by Judicial Watch, a conservative public interest law firm that has sued to get a look at emails Ms. Lerner sent during the targeting. IRS lawyer Geoffrey J. Klimas told the court that as the agency was putting together a set of documents to turn over to Judicial Watch, it realized Ms. Lerner had used yet another email account, in addition to her official one and another personal one already known to the agency. ‘In addition to emails to or from an email account denominated ‘Lois G. Lerner’ or ‘Lois Home,’ some emails responsive to Judicial Watch’s request may have been sent to or received from a personal email account denominated ‘Toby Miles,’ Mr. Klimas told Judge Emmet G. Sullivan, who is hearing the case. It is unclear who Toby Miles is, but Mr. Klimas said the IRS has concluded that was ‘a personal email account used by Lerner.’” (Lerner’s husband’s name is Michael Miles. She reportedly has a dog named Toby.) [80294, 80346, 80376, 80470]

“Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, said it was stunning the agency was just now admitting the existence of the address. ‘It is simply astonishing that years after this scandal erupted we are learning about an account Lois Lerner used that evidently hadn’t been searched,’ he said, accusing the IRS of hiding Lerner-related information throughout—including the existence of the backup tapes of her official email account, which the agency’s inspector general easily found once it went looking for them.” (The use of phony names for email accounts is, of course, how government officials can intentionally thwart Freedom of Information Act requests. If a FOIA request asks for “All emails to or from Lois Lerner” about a particular topic, the government can say it has no

information that meets that criteria—because the requestor would not have known to ask for “All emails to or from Toby Miles.” Hillary Clinton set up her private email server to avoid FOIA requests, because any FOIA request to the State Department would ask for emails to or from Clinton with a .gov address—which she was essentially not using.) [80294]

SiriusXm radio’s Howard Stern comments that voters, “like the idea of a successful businessman [Donald Trump] running the country who might actually be able to get shit done. I’ll tell you why I think he’s going to be the nominee: He’s proven that no matter what he says, people dig him. ...But the problem with it is, and Donald Trump will find this [out]: being the president isn’t like being the president of a corporation. You still got [sic; have] to go through Congress for everything you want to do. And that’s the tough part. You’ve got to be one who can consolidate on both sides of the aisle, some sort of coalition. And it’s very difficult.” [80304]

While the mainstream media does its best to downplay the Hillary Clinton email scandal, it applauds the news of Vice President Joe Biden’s meeting with Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). NBC’s Peter Alexander declares, “This is the story electrifying the political world, especially for Democrats. Joe Biden... making a last-minute trip to D.C. over the weekend to meet with a woman that many liberals wanted to run against Hillary Clinton. ...Warren, a darling among progressives, may be the second most prominent Democratic woman, trailing only Hillary Clinton.” Chuck Todd: “And I think the hope in leaking out the Elizabeth Warren meeting, for Biden, is to send a message to progressives... he’s hoping that maybe hinting about Warren, ‘Hey, maybe she’ll be a running mate’ type of thing, will create a groundswell.” Savannah Guthrie: “He’s trying to tell progressives, ‘Hey, I could be your guy.’” ABC’s Jonathan Karl says, “many on the left practically begged [Warren] to make her own presidential run.” [80308, 80309]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, Bill O’Reilly notes an upcoming White House State Dinner for Chinese President Xi Jinping, asks Donald Trump, “If you were president... would you be throwing him a dinner?” Trump replies, “I would not be throwing him a dinner, we’ve had this conversation. I would get him a McDonald’s hamburger and say ‘You will get down to work because you can’t continue to devalue [your currency].’ You know, we [the Obama administration] will give him a state dinner and what he has done is sucked all of our jobs and he has sucked the money right out of our country.” O’Reilly counters that it is U.S. companies that are taking the jobs out of the country, and Trump counters, “Look, it’s not so much the companies. It’s our government that allowed China to do that to us.” [80306]

Trump, apparently eager to shave several points off his poll numbers, tweets, “Megyn Kelly must have had a terrible vacation, she is really off her game. Was afraid to confront Dr. Cornel West. No clue on immigration!” “I liked The Kelly File much better without Megyn Kelly. Perhaps she could take another eleven day unscheduled vacation!” “The bimbo back in town. I hope not for long.” “She has come back looking like Nancy Grace.” Townhall.com’s Guy Benson tweets, “Donald Trump owns some of the priciest

real estate in all of Manhattan, yet Megyn Kelly is living rent-free in his head.” [80302, 80303]

On August 25 the Center for Medical Progress releases another undercover video exposing Planned Parenthood and Stem Express activities. HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey writes, “The undercover investigation catches StemExpress CEO Cate Dyer describing their now-former partner, Planned Parenthood, as ‘a volume institution,’ but insufficient for their needs. They need ‘another 50 livers a week’ to meet their demand for fetal tissue. Dyer also discusses how StemExpress had to intervene in the ‘procurement’ process in order to get usable specimens, suggesting that abortionists have to change their methods to get them—which would violate federal law. ...Dyer discusses issues with contamination of specimens, which she says is a common problem in abortion clinics. There are ‘rampant problems with bacteria in certain clinics,’ Dyer says, ‘some where you’re kind of like in question of really, should they, you know ...I’ve seen staph [staphylococcus bacteria] come out of clinics.’ The main concern for Dyer in these cases seems to be contamination of the samples rather than the health of the women who get abortions in contaminated settings.” [80299, 80312, 80337]

NYTimes.com reports, “The Pentagon’s inspector general is investigating allegations that military officials have skewed intelligence assessments about the United States-led campaign in Iraq against the Islamic State to provide a more optimistic account of progress, according to several officials familiar with the inquiry. The investigation began after at least one civilian Defense Intelligence Agency analyst told the authorities that he had evidence that officials at United States Central Command—the military headquarters overseeing the American bombing campaign and other efforts against the Islamic State—were improperly reworking the conclusions of intelligence assessments prepared for policy makers, including ...Obama, the government officials said.” [80356]

One hundred and ninety retired generals and admirals send a letter to House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) asking them to stop the Obama administration’s nuclear agreement with Iran (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA). The military leaders write, “Removing sanctions on Iran and releasing billions of dollars to its regime over the next ten years is inimical to the security of Israel and the Middle East. There is no credibility within JCPOA’s inspection process or the ability to snap back sanctions once lifted, should Iran violate the agreement. In this and other respects, the JCPOA would threaten the national security and vital interests of the United States and, therefore, should be disapproved by the Congress. The agreement as constructed does not ‘cut off every pathway’ for Iran to acquire nuclear weapons. To the contrary, it actually provides Iran with a legitimate path to doing that simply by abiding by the deal. ...This agreement will enable Iran to become far more dangerous, render the Mideast still more unstable and introduce new threats to American interests as well as our allies. In our professional opinion, far from being an alternative to war, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action makes it likely that the war the Iranian regime has waged against us since 1979 will continue, with far higher risks to our national security interests. Accordingly, we urge the Congress to reject this defective

accord.” (Whether Obama believes the 190 retired military officers are all “crazies” is not clear.) [80391, 80392, 80437, 80475]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey, noting that one of the Hillary Clinton emails contains a *declassification* date of 09/21/2019, writes, “Declassification dates are set for 10 years after material is first classified. The e-mail was created and sent by Daniel Smith to Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Jake Sullivan on September 21, 2009, and forwarded two minutes later by Abedin to Hillary Clinton. The declassify date of 9/21/2019 shows that State considered this information classified at that time—as well it should, *since it disclosed embassy security gaps and vulnerabilities*. Only an idiot would send something like that in the open, and yet that’s exactly what happened.” [80310, 80344]

“...Now-retired Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns sent Hillary an e-mail with data that was classified during the review of her cache. Burns apparently sent it on a web-based e-mail service, because the footer has an ad for Free Credit Report. *An Excellent Credit Score is 750. See Yours in Just 2 Easy Steps!* Clearly, this is not a secure method of communications, and yet Hillary replies to it while also tossing in sensitive information, now classified, as an afterthought at the end of the reply. There is no other way to describe this than willful disregard of laws and protocols pertaining to national security protections. The materials exposed here might be more sensitive and potentially dangerous than some of the Wikileaks material exposed by Bradley Manning, especially for diplomatic security. And yet, Hillary Clinton wants to run for the office which carries the ultimate responsibility for enforcing those laws and securing the nation’s sensitive data.” [80310]

At NationalReview.com Brendan Bordelon asks, “How could Hillary Clinton’s staff let her get away with it? It’s one of the most perplexing questions surrounding the massive scandal over Clinton’s use of an unsecured, private e-mail server when she served as secretary of state. How could it be that no one in the State Department pointed out that Clinton was violating government policy and putting sensitive information at risk? Why didn’t her closest advisers warn that the move could torpedo her resurgent presidential ambitions?” The answer lies in “the thousands of Clinton e-mails reluctantly released by the State Department in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit are illuminating. They reveal a secretary of state heavily insulated from her agency’s rank-and-file by a devoted inner circle, one which relentlessly lavished praise on Clinton and sometimes functioned more like receptionists than top strategic advisers.” [80366]

“... The vast majority of the 3,500 e-mails released so far were sent or received by just four members of Clinton’s inner circle at State: Cheryl Mills, Bill Clinton’s lawyer during his impeachment trial, who became Secretary Clinton’s chief of staff; Huma Abedin, Clinton’s longtime aide, who became her deputy chief of staff; Jake Sullivan, a foreign-policy adviser to Clinton’s 2008 presidential run, who became her top foreign-policy adviser at State; and Philippe Reines, Clinton’s long-serving Senate spokesperson, who became a senior adviser. ...E-mail after e-mail shows how top State Department officials were kept from dealing with Clinton directly, instead being rerouted to the members of her inner circle. ...E-mails between Clinton and her personal advisers,

meanwhile, were brimming with fawning praise for the secretary. Dozens of times, Mills forwarded messages from State Department observers and lower-level staffers congratulating Clinton on a successful speech or media appearance.” [80366]

“Isolated from the broader department and surrounded by seemingly adoring advisers who were often buried in busy work, it’s perhaps unsurprising that Clinton never thought through the consequences of her private server use. But if history is any indication, a staff shake-up is probably not in the offing. Mills, Abedin, Reines, and Sullivan have served the Clintons for years—some of them through scandals as bad, if not worse, than the private-server fiasco. If Clinton wins in 2016, the only place they’re likely to be going is the White House.” [80366]

At Newsmax.com David Stockman, former director of the Office of Management and Budget under Ronald Reagan, suggests that the Federal Reserve “will likely defer the September rate increase not because there is too little inflation, but because it is scared silly about the kind of stock market hissy fit that is going on at this very moment. In truth, every bus driver and retired postman in America knows that Main Street has been ‘blessed’ with a surfeit of inflation for as long as any ordinary citizen can remember. ... So the Fed is keeping its foot planted squarely on the neck of savers and retirees for the contemptible purpose of keeping the Wall Street gamblers in free carry trade money, thereby hoping to trigger another stock market up-leg in its misbegotten campaign to generate economic growth by showering the 1% with fantastic ‘wealth effect’ windfalls.... Do not buy this dip, even the crater now forming. It does not represent ‘value’; it embodies a nasty trap owing to the unfolding collapse of the worldwide central bank driven financial bubble that has been expanding for more than two decades. ... So now comes the era of gluts, shrinking profits and a drastic deflation of the giant financial bubble that the world’s central banks have so foolishly generated. And this time they will be powerless to stop the carnage.” [80318]

WashingtonTimes.com writes, “Obamacare’s ‘Cadillac tax’ will hit one in four employers that offer health care benefits, a leading industry analyst says in a report being released Tuesday, socking companies with a massive levy that Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill say is unfair to those who have negotiated high-quality plans as part of their jobs. The Kaiser Family Foundation estimates that 26 percent of companies will be affected by the tax when it takes effect in 2018 and 42 percent of employers will be paying the levy a decade later, signaling just how quickly health care costs are expected to rise—and how valuable the Cadillac plans are. Kaiser said some employers probably will cut back on the scope of their plans to duck the tax, resulting in coverage with higher deductibles or networks with fewer doctors. ‘For the most part, these changes will result in employees paying for a greater share of their health care out-of-pocket,’ the study authors wrote. ... Formally known as the high-cost plan tax, the provision is a 40 percent excise on the cost of health care coverage above \$10,200 for an individual and \$27,500 for a family, although those amounts could change when the government issues final regulations for 2018 and as it indexes the thresholds for inflation in later years. The tax is expected to collect a staggering \$87 billion from 2016 through 2025.” (Employers cannot print money, and that \$87 billion has to come from

somewhere. It will come from the pockets of employees or from consumers in the form of higher prices.) [80326, 80380]

Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, joins the list of Obama administration officials caught using private email accounts for work-related transmissions. FoxNews.com reports, “The State Department’s Office of Inspector General (OIG) report said it received reports concerning the use of private email accounts for official business, and identified instances where emails labeled ‘sensitive but unclassified’ were sent from or received by personal email accounts.” [80329, 80338, 80479]

An OAN/Gravis poll conducted August 21-22 shows Donald Trump with 40 percent of the GOP primary vote, followed by Ben Carson (13), Jeb Bush (10), Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (7), Carly Fiorina (5), Ohio Governor John Kasich (5), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) (5), and all other contenders at less than four percent. [80331]

According to a Rasmussen poll, “46% of Likely U.S. Voters believe Clinton should suspend her campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination until all of the legal questions about her use of the private e-mail server are resolved. Nearly as many (44%) disagree. Nine percent (9%) are undecided. Even one-in-four Democrats (24%) agree that the front-runner for their party’s nomination should suspend her campaign for the time being. But that compares to 73% of Republicans and 46% of voters not affiliated with either major party.” [80340, 80341]

In a Public Policy Polling survey in New Hampshire, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) leads Democrat candidates with 42 percent; Hillary Clinton has 35 percent; Jim Webb, 6; Martin O’Malley, 4; Lincoln Chaffee, 2; Lawrence Lessig, 1 percent.” On the GOP side, Donald Trump leads with 35 percent, followed by John Kasich, 11; Carly Fiorina, 10; Jeb Bush, 7; Scott Walker, 6; Ben Carson, 6; and less than 5 percent for all other Republican candidates. [80342]

In a Gallup survey, 37 percent of Americans say the economy is improving; 58 percent say it is getting worse. Obama’s job approval/disapproval percentages are 45/51. [80343]

At ChicagoTribune.com John Kass asks what it is about Donald Trump fans “that drives liberal pundits mad? Perhaps it’s that they’re so darn wiggly with excitement at Trump’s approach. Their eyes become glassy with adoration. Their mouths open in wonder. They’ve given up their hearts and minds to him, and they will be betrayed. So they’re mocked for fools, and the Twittersverse is turgid with snark against them, as if they’re children shy of the age of reason or some vanguard of the new Idiocracy. But as they’re mocked, I wonder if the mockers can remember just a few years ago. Because I’ve witnessed the same exact Trumpian phenomenon in another distinct group. ...The people I’m talking about—who acted exactly as the Trump supporters now being mocked—would consider themselves superior and educated and thoughtful and inoculated against populism. But there was that same adoration, the identical enraptured crowds, the same



wiggly eagerness you find in excited puppies, and it's a safe bet that a few carpets were soiled. By whom? Journalists, when Barack Obama drew near." [80392]

"I saw it with my own eyes: journalists in love, liberals of course, with the same open-mouthed, glassy-eyed wonder of children listening to 'The Neverending Story' at bedtime after warm milk, or Trump in a football stadium. Mocking the crowds wasn't a staple when Obama stood before those Greek columns as some kind of philosopher king at the 2008 Democratic convention. And there wasn't much mocking of crowds when candidate Obama—having clinched the Democratic nomination for president—raised his hands like a messiah to shout: 'This was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal!' 'This was the moment when we ended a war, and secured our nation, and restored our image as the last, best hope on Earth!' ... Americans have long been teased by elite demagogues playing the populist card, appealing to wide mood swings in the electorate in their bid for power. But mocking the people thirsting for populist appeals isn't a contemplation of the future of the republic. Mocking isn't understanding the nature of things or the hearts of the Americans who feel betrayed by their leaders. It's just mocking." [80392]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes at 15,666, down 204 points.

Before an Iowa campaign event, Donald Trump holds a news conference and, while answering reporters' questions, is rudely interrupted by Jorge Ramos, Univision's primary illegal immigrant activist. Security officials escort a protesting Ramos out of the room—in "fast and furious" style. The Mexican television anchor is later allowed back into the news conference, and Trump allows Ramos considerable time to ask questions—despite the fact that Ramos keeps interrupting Trump with additional questions—which are mostly propaganda statements—even before the candidate he has finished answering. The mainstream media focuses on Ramos' ejection, and some reports neglect to mention that Ramos (whose daughter, Paola, works for the Hillary Clinton campaign) was eventually allowed far more time than other reporters to pose questions. ABC comes to Ramos' defense, calling him "perhaps America's best known Latino anchorman" and "a prestigious Hispanic journalist." (Disney is the parent company of both ABC and Univision.) Anyone watching the entire news conference would consider Trump reasonably gracious and Ramos incredibly obnoxious. (DC Dude tweets to Ramos: "You were being an ass and not waiting your turn—the same policy you advocate re: immigration.") [80339, 80351, 80352, 80359, 80360, 80361, 80362, 80368, 80369, 80372, 80388, 80407, 80412]

By ejecting Ramos from the press conference, Trump demonstrates to the public that his patience is not unlimited, that he has power, and that he is not afraid to use that power. By allowing Ramos back into the press conference, Trump demonstrates he can be gracious, yet is not afraid to take questions from an antagonist. This *Timeline* believes Trump's actions were brilliant (regardless of what one may think of his political ideology). Trump exudes confidence and leadership skills, and that is why he is attracting supporters—even among those who do not agree with him on every issue. They want a leader in the White House again, not a puppet controlled by others. (Trump had Ramos

“deported” from the news conference and allowed him back in only after he agreed to follow the rules—much as he expects illegal immigrants to follow the rules before they are treated with the respect they demand.)

At PJMedia.com, Richard Fernandez later makes a brilliant observation: “The real news was not in the words exchanged, but in the picture of Jorge Ramos being escorted out. It was not even borne by that picture, but embedded the emotional calculus of the act. Everyone who thinks Obama was an Alinsky disciple should watch Trump in action. He understands the [Saul] Alinsky principle that public events are not about bandying words. They are about creating opportunities for transgressing certain emotional boundaries. It’s about ‘empowering the powerless.’ Ironic as it may sound, there’s a widespread impression that mainstream Americans are not supposed to answer back when men like Ramos take the stage. It’s *verboten*.” [80369]

“Not too long ago a public figure would have been terrified to confront Jorge Ramos. There’s was no real intellectual content to Trump’s performance at the press conference. [It was] a dangerous, but powerful spectacle of ‘Wow. He’s telling Univision off! Wow!’ It’s William Tell knocking Gessler’s Hat off the pole. It’s the Injuns throwing Tea into Boston Harbor. It’s Donald Trump facing off a sacred cow. It’s dynamite. Other people, especially Ted Cruz, may be better at words than Donald Trump. But it’s not about words. Trumps words don’t actually mean as much as the fact that he’s saying them to the ruling elite’s face. Worse, Jorge Ramos was shown to be powerless. This also was a revelation. . . .When they find that Welleran is nothing but a statue [a reference to Lord Dunsay’s *The Sword of Welleran*], the spell is broken with all that this implies. In due degree this can be very beneficial. It is also potentially dangerous.” [80369]

“Any real Alinsky organizer—and the principles of rebellion leading are universal—knows there’s a thin line between starting a protest and touching off a riot. In Trump’s drama there’s a similarly thin line between standing up to pompous PC people and encouraging real bigotry. The trick is to calibrate the defiance so that the positive effects do not spill over into wholly destructive ends. The chief aim of an agitator is to get people across an emotional Rubicon. By contrast men like [Senator Marco] Rubio and [Senator Ted] Cruz might give you many convincing arguments for wading across that river and describe in detail what they will do when the hour strikes. But they never cross the Rubicon. Only when someone actually does and picnics on the other side brandishing a chicken drumstick is the barrier is broken. The feeling of empowerment is very potent; but like every powerful thing, you have to be careful with it. People will follow you in the intoxication of the moment. One must lead them well, because in that moment, they will follow you anywhere.” [80369]

At Townhall.com, Kevin McCullough later writes, “Bernie Sanders is literally incapable of getting his four grown men security force to remove two loud mouths from #BlackLivesMatters from his own stage—literally giving them his microphone while he stands off on the corner pondering the benefits of pastrami on rye. Meanwhile in camp Trump, all the big guy has to say is a whispered, ‘GO’ and the brute force literally kicks the anchor for Univision out of the event—before letting him back in.” [80525]

At the Iowa campaign rally, author Ann Coulter tells the crowd, “Apparently liberals think ‘anchor baby’ isn’t pleasant sounding. They prefer words like ‘aborted baby.’ But I have an idea. How about anvil babies—because that’s what anchor babies are around the necks of the American taxpayer.” At WND.com Chelsea Schilling writes, “Coulter also blasted the Republican establishment’s tendency to ‘pre-emptively surrender’ every time ‘liberals start yelling, ‘Ooh, that’s mean! You can’t use that word!’ ‘Well they found something new with Donald Trump,’ she declared of the candidate who refused to stop using the term ‘anchor baby.’ ‘And now Americans are finding out about not only the policy of anchor babies but the policies of these speech Nazis. And they’re going to learn, when it comes to Donald Trump, maybe it’d be better to just keep their mouths shut next time.’ ...Coulter reflected on former GOP nominee Mitt Romney’s 2012 loss to ...Obama in the running for the White House. She compared the loss to the story of Joseph in the Bible. ‘He had to be sold into slavery, imprisoned, betrayed, so that eventually he could save the Jews. Maybe Mitt Romney had to lose. And maybe we had to give Republicans one more chance in 2014. And maybe [Senate Majority Leader] Mitch McConnell and [House Speaker] John Boehner had to betray us once again to pave the way for President Donald Trump.” [80336, 80339]

Trump wows the crowd for 50 minutes, getting applause when he calls on all candidates to speak without teleprompters. (The next day Rush Limbaugh comments, “Biggest applause line of the night. Why do you think that is? Why do you think that engendered such raucous support? Because the people are not idiots. ...They’re not lamebrains. They’re not mind-numbed robots. They’re sophisticated enough to know, if you take a teleprompter away from somebody, you’re gonna [sic] find out real quick[ly] what they really think. You’re gonna find out real quick if they have any depth. You’re gonna find out real quick if they have the ability to think on their feet. You’re gonna find out real quick if they have the ability to captivate you with their own words.”) [80381, 80382]

On August 26 Vester Lee Flanagan shoots and kills a WDBJ-TV reporter, Alison Parker, and her cameraman, Adam Ward, as they film a live report. The woman being interviewed by Wilson is wounded and hospitalized. Flanagan, who had worked for the station and used the name Bryce Williams on the air, had been fired more than two years earlier—for what WDBJ general manager Jeff Marks calls “many incidents of anger”—and filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in response. The killer (a black, gay, registered Democrat) shoots himself during a police chase, crashes his car, and dies in the hospital. (Among other things, Flanagan/Williams was reprimanded for wearing an Obama campaign button or sticker during a broadcast.) [80347, 80348, 80350, 80353, 80363, 80365, 80378, 80379, 80389, 80406, 80411, 80413, 80496]

In a 23-page fax to ABC News, Flanagan wrote, “What sent me over the top was the church shooting. And my hollow point bullets have the victims’ initials on them. ...As for Dylann Roof? You [expletive]! You want a race war [expletive]? BRING IT THEN YOU WHITE ...[expletive]!!!” In his “Suicide Note for Friends and Family,” Flanagan claims he has been the subject of racial discrimination, sexual harassment, and bullying.

“Yes, it will sound like I am angry... I am. And I have every right to be. But when I leave this Earth, the only emotion I want to feel is peace... The church shooting was the tipping point...but my anger has been building steadily... I’ve been a human powder keg for a while... just waiting to go BOOM!!!!” [80363, 80364, 80406, 80411, 80496]

Hillary Clinton wastes no time turning the tragic shooting into a campaign issue, tweeting, “Heartbroken and angry. We must act to stop gun violence, and we cannot wait any longer. Praying for the victims’ families in Virginia.” (The prioritization of Clinton’s three statements is interesting: 1. Clinton’s feelings 2. Gun control 3. Sympathy for the victims.) [80349]

Obama outdoes Clinton, saying that the number of gun-related deaths in the United States “dwarfs any deaths that happen through terrorism.” (That may change after Iran attaches a nuclear warhead to an ICBM. In any case, Obama’s point is irrelevant—although he does probably deserve a Saul Alinsky award for shamelessly taking advantage of a tragedy to make *two* points: guns are bad and terrorism isn’t as great a threat as Americans believe. Of course, more farmers die in U.S. tractor accidents than die in terrorist attacks, but that does not justify the prohibition of tractors; and more people die in drowning accidents than in terrorist attacks, but that does not justify the prohibition of swimming pools.) [80386, 80395, 80414]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest calls for “common sense” gun control. (Earnest may not be aware that cold-blooded murder is already against the law.) [80385]

Leftists go berserk after Breitbart.com runs a story about the shooting with the headline, “Race Murders in Virginia: Black Reporter Suspected of Executing White Colleagues—On Live Television,” and the Drudge Report writes, “Killer Wanted ‘Race War.’” (At LewRockwell.com Christopher Manion later writes, “...I find this reactionary response curious, and worthy of analysis. We have to understand that, in their hearts, many of Breitbart’s hateful critics no doubt agree—or at least sympathize with—killer Flanagan’s allegations that he was discriminated against on the basis of race. The Left has always been burdened by collective guilt, and has thus celebrated Affirmative Action to the max. ... Although they oppose (of course—of COURSE!) violence, the Left teaches us that, if there is anyone who had the right to feel aggrieved and to vent his anger, resentment, and envy on whites, it was Vester Flanagan. But there’s more to it than that, and no one has mentioned it. Flanagan not only hated, he envied. He envied his victims, former colleagues Alison Parker and Adam Ward—not only because they had jobs, *but because they were both in successful romantic relationships, something that Flanagan’s suicide note complained that he could never achieve.*” [80429, 80430]

Manion continues, “In his brilliant book *Envy*, Helmut Schoeck explains this deadly sin thus: ‘Is envy the same as jealousy? Not at all. The jealous person looks at the successful person and says, ‘I don’t have that, and I’d like to have it, so I’ll work hard to achieve it.’” For Schoeck, the envious person is far different: he says, ‘I’d like to have that, but I’m too incompetent-lazy-unattractive-poor to have it—BUT I don’t want HIM to have it, either!’ Envy is the engine of socialism. The leftist critics of Breitbart’s story envy

anyone who tells the truth... So they lie. Flanagan, who admitted hating whites, is absolved of that 'hate crime'—and the folks at the website that reported it are branded as racists instead. Envy enthroned. Flanagan envied both of his victims because they had the jobs he wanted and the love he wanted—and they were of the race that he hated. Three strikes, and they're out. We've seen the same movie repeatedly. The Left envies any and all truth tellers because they are popular, honest, and brave—qualities which the Left profoundly lacks. Envy and hate. They drove Flanagan to kill. That's the crime. Telling the truth is simply our duty." [80429, 80430]

Politico.com writes, "Clinton's camp, hands full with the email controversy and a surprisingly stout challenge from independent Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, isn't in a patient mood. Bill Clinton, according to a person who has spoken with the former president in the past couple of weeks, is 'very agitated' by the possibility of a [Joe] Biden candidacy and incensed at the press hype around a possible bid." (Meanwhile, former Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA), a pal of the Clintons, is pressuring Biden not to run, suggesting he could be Secretary of State or an ambassador.) [80416, 80435, 80482]

CBS reporter Mark Knoller asks Earnest about Donald Trump's call for politicians to abandon teleprompters. Earnest responds, "Um, uh, I, I don't have any, uh, well, I'll just, uh, that's a, that's a tough one to, uh, to respond to I think. ...I think certainly each of the candidates has an opportunity to choose how they, uh, deliver their remarks in public, uh, and people are much more focused not on how they deliver their remarks but actually the substance of their message..." [80387]

Jeb Bush, mirroring Obama's January proposal, calls for free community college. (At HotAir.com Taylor Millard writes, "When Bush proposes policies like this, it's no wonder why Republicans haven't won a presidential election since 2004. John McCain tried to run to the left of Obama on mortgages. Mitt Romney wanted to get rid of Obamacare, but also went on NBC and talked about how he was able to get everyone in Massachusetts insured. How is the GOP supposed to be trusted when their candidates propose higher spending without cuts to pay for said spending? This is why fiscal conservatives and libertarians revolted in 2009 with the Tea Party protests. They were looking for fiscal responsibility. What Bush is proposing isn't that. As much as bloggers have been slamming Donald Trump for not being conservative, Bush is showing exactly why conservatives and libertarians don't, and can't, trust him.") [80465]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com that investigative journalist James O'Keefe has confirmed that his Project Veritas has "conducted an undercover video investigation into Clinton's campaign and have plenty of footage to share. The first video shows a paid campaign staffer telling a volunteer that they only want to register voters who will vote for Hillary, a Democrat, when the law requires voters be able to register regardless of their political affiliation or support for a certain candidate. ...'This is just the tip of the iceberg,' O'Keefe says in the video. 'In fact, stay tuned Hillary... check your email.'" [80345, 80358, 80377, 80448]

At Israpundit.org Daniel Greenfield notes the large number of Democrat Senators who are supporting Obama's Iranian nuclear deal—and who have received contributions from the Iranian American Political Action Committee (IAPAC). They include Senators Ed Markey (D-MA), Al Franken (D-MN), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). House recipients of AIPAC money include Andre Carson (D-IN), Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Donna Edwards (D-MD), and Jackie Speier (D-CA). (IAPAC also contributed heavily to Joe Biden and John Kerry when they were in the Senate.) [80393]

Congressman Alan Lowenthal (D-C) tells a group of “No War With Iran Day of Action” activists, “This is a very complex world we live in. I’m just so grateful that we’re moving towards diplomacy and peaceful resolution of conflict, and the ability to have the most effective non-proliferation nuclear treaty with inspections. On the other hand, nobody in any of these deals goes home feeling like you won everything. These are very complicated—you have to give up things. And you know, while everyone would have liked to have had a deal that lasted for ever and ever and ever and ever, we knew two years ago that was not on the table. We knew that we would have to kind of figure out, how we can just be sure that they do not get a nuclear weapon. This is, I mean, there is no other better way to do it. We’ve never had inspections like this in any non-proliferation treaty. We’ve never had the amount of at-bat sanctions—we’ve never had any of that, never before and I just—I really believe this, and I’ll just kind of end it here: ...Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize when he was first elected, which he didn’t deserve. Now he’s not going to win it, but he deserves it for this.” [80571]

In a WND/Radio America interview, Democrat pollster and strategist Pat Caddell warns that Obama's Iranian nuclear agreement may cause significant harm to his party: “If the question is that they have voted for something that the American people think is dire and ends up having dire consequences because the majority will of the Congress and the vast majority will of the country’s been ignored, I fear the Democrats will live with this issue of ‘they lost the Middle East.’ And that will be painful election after election. ...We know in 1979-80 the Iran hostage situation, and the Democratic Party’s inability to solve that satisfactorily, hurt the Democratic Party. We are now dealing with a situation where overwhelming majorities of Americans oppose this agreement that has been engineered by Secretary of State [John] Kerry and [Obama].” [80397]

“...The American electorate has made the decision by well over two-to-one that [Obama] and John Kerry are not being honest with the facts. They’re only telling the American people what they think might convince them. This is a real departure. Either the Democratic Party is the party of democracy or not. I think senators are going to find themselves not only in trouble in general elections, I think they’ll have troubles in primaries. ...You cannot go fly in the teeth of what is now overwhelming opposition, registering in almost every survey of well over 60 percent of the people, show utter contempt for the constitutional processes by going to the U.N. first and then think it’s not going to have an impact. ...I do not understand at this point how Democratic senators and congressmen can say they are going to vote for something which the vast majority of Americans oppose, including a goodly percentage of their party.” [80397]

“...The American people see a Democratic Party [that] puts what [Obama] wants over the interests of the nation. ...Obama’s handling of national security is very poorly received, and in reality, frankly has been a frightening disaster, whether it’s Russia to the Middle East to Iran to ISIS or whatever. This Democratic Party needs to measure whether they are going to be viewed as a party that cannot be trusted with national security. If so, that is something that will tip the political balance of this country. ...Barack Obama has taken this party and jerked it so far away from its roots as being a party that speaks for the people. ...Just look at the parties now that are talking about getting rid of the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners that traditionally for 100 years honored the founders of the Democratic Party because they’re no longer in style for these people. This attempt to drag the Democratic Party into becoming, instead of the voice of the common people, the voice of entitled elites, is unacceptable to me and many Democrats.” [80397]

While Caddell questions Obama’s handling of national security, TheDailyBeast.com reports, “Senior military and intelligence officials have inappropriately pressured U.S. terrorism analysts to alter their assessments about the strength of the self-proclaimed Islamic State... Analysts have been pushed to portray the group as weaker than the analysts believe it actually is, according to these sources, and to paint an overly rosy picture about how well the U.S.-led effort to defeat the group is going. ...At U.S. Central Command, which is in charge of airstrikes against ISIS in Iraq and Syria, analysts have been frustrated for months that as their reports make their way up the chain, senior officers change them to adhere more closely to the administration’s line. Three U.S. officials and analysts spoke to The Daily Beast on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive internal matters.” [80515]

Blue Cross Blue Shield announces it will stop offering insurance policies through New Mexico’s ObamaCare exchange effective January 1, 2016. (According to abqjournal.com the company will lose an estimated \$19.2 million on its 35,000 ObamaCare customers in the state in 2015.) [80405]

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At a Colorado fundraiser for Congressman Scott Tipton (R-OH), House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) surprises more than a few in attendance by referring to Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) as “that jackass.” (HotAir.com later comments, “Two things here. One: It’s going to be high-larious watching Boehner and McConnell react next spring if... Ted Cruz emerges from the smoke as the GOP’s nominee. I think Boehner could tolerate President Hillary just fine, but the reality of President Cruz might send him into retirement. If you’re a Boehner-hater, there’s another reason to back Cruz in the primaries. Two: Arguably the worst thing about this is its lack of strategic foresight, not the insult itself. An attack on Cruz from the seat of establishment power will only help him among populist voters. If this blows up in [the] media, it may even galvanize conservative support in the House for another crack at Mark Meadows’s resolution to remove Boehner as Speaker, a measure that’d be unlikely to succeed but could embarrass Boehner depending upon how many votes it draws. How is it worth taking a personal shot at Cruz when that’s the price? No wonder this guy routinely gets rolled by Obama

and Reid.” (Why a fundraiser for an Ohio Congressman was held in Colorado is not clear.) [80458, 80459, 80485]

On August 27 Obama visits New Orleans—partly to remind the nation that the Bush administration’s response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005 left much to be desired. Obama says, “What started out as a natural disaster became a manmade one—a failure of government to look out for its own citizens.” (He does not mention that the greatest mistakes were made by the state’s Democrat governor, Kathleen Blanco, and the city’s Democrat mayor, Ray Nagin—who, in 2014, was convicted on 20 counts of wire fraud, bribery, and money laundering related to bribes from city contractors before and after the hurricane.) Obama notes, “New Orleans had long been plagued by structural inequality that left to many people, especially people of color, without good jobs or affordable health care or decent housing. Too many kids grew up surrounded by violent crime, cycling through substandard schools where few had a shot to break out of poverty.” (It does not take long for Stephen Miller to remind everyone via Twitter that the last eight mayors of New Orleans were Democrats.) [80400, 80401, 80402, 80417, 80421, 80422]

Meanwhile, Newsbusters.org posts 10 outlandish media predictions prompted by Hurricane Katrina, among them: “CBS: Frequency of Sandy and Katrina-like Storms Will ‘Double’ By 2030.” “ABC Claims Scientists Might Need to Invent Category 6 for Hurricane Scale.” “Katrina Is The Beginning of What May Be ‘A Long Stretch of Wild and Devastating Weather.’” [80575]

The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF) issues a statement that it “has put 141 counties on notice across the United States that they have more registered voters than people alive. PILF has sent 141 statutory notice letters to county election officials in 21 states. The letters are a prerequisite to bringing a lawsuit against those counties under Section 8 of the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). The letters inform the target counties that it appears they are violating the NVRA because they are not properly maintaining the voter rolls. The NVRA, (also known as Motor Voter) requires state and local election officials to properly maintain voter rolls and ensure that only eligible voters are registered to vote. Having more registrants than eligible citizens alive indicates that election officials have failed to properly maintain voter rolls. ... ‘Corrupted voter rolls provide the perfect environment for voter fraud,’ said J. Christian Adams, President and General Counsel of PILF. ‘Close elections tainted by voter fraud turned control of the United States Senate in 2009. Too much is at stake in 2016 to allow that to happen again.’” (Some states do a terrible job of removing the names of dead people from voter registration rolls. That invites vote fraud—especially where is no photo ID requirement for voting—because political operatives can simply vote using the name of someone who has died but who remains on the precinct’s list.) [80452, 80453]

At a campaign event in Ohio, Hillary Clinton says, “Now, extreme views about women, we expect that from some of the terrorist groups, we expect that from people who don’t want to live in the modern world, but it’s a little hard to take from Republicans who want to be the president of the United States. Yet they espouse out of date, out of touch policies. They are dead wrong for 21st century America. We are going forward, we are



not going back.” (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich writes, “I guess to a liberal like Hillary Clinton, being anti-abortion is much worse [than] how ISIS, Al Qaeda, the Taliban or the Iranians treat women. If only women had access to abortion, then sex slavery and having no human rights wouldn’t be so bad. We shouldn’t be surprised at her comments considering Clinton is the country’s most infamous enabler of powerful and abusive men. Not to mention her time at the State Department, where sexual abuse scandals were covered up or ignored. ...Clinton’s statement just further proves how out of touch she really is with the plight of women around the world. What an asinine thing to say, not because it’s offensive to Republicans, but because it belittles the horrifying experiences women face each and every day.”) [80399, 80403, 80436]

At NationalReview.com Brendan Bordelon explains why Hillary Clinton’s use of a private, unsecured server for her emails “very nearly went undiscovered. Without the House Select Committee on Benghazi’s initial probe into Clinton’s communications, even the fact that she used a private e-mail account to conduct government business may have remained a secret. It’s puzzling. At the time, many State Department employees did appear to know of Clinton’s private account, yet the State Department inspector general (IG) only opened an investigation into the scandal in April 2015, years after she had left office. Before then, the agency’s top watchdog had given no indication that it was either aware of, or concerned by, Clinton’s e-mail practices. Why? There was no permanent, Senate-confirmed inspector general at any point during Clinton’s tenure at State.” [80423]

“Despite its own repeated pledges of transparency and bipartisan pleas from Congress, the Obama administration declined to nominate an official IG until five months after Clinton had left office. By then, she had become the only secretary of state to serve without the oversight of a permanent inspector general since the position was created in 1957.” Some say Obama’s “failure to nominate an IG for State could mean he was covering for Clinton—or at least willing to look the other way. ‘I’m not sure [Obama] knew everything she was doing [with private e-mail], he might not have,’ says one former inspector general. ‘On the other hand, maybe he had some inkling that what she was doing, if she had an IG, it might bring bad publicity for his administration.’” [80423]

In a Quinnipiac poll that asks, “What is the first word that comes to mind when you think of Hillary Clinton?” the most frequent responses are: liar, dishonest, and untrustworthy. [80480, 80481, 80482, 80524]

On the GOP candidate side of the poll, Donald Trump leads with 28 percent; Ben Carson, 12; Jeb Bush, 7; Marco Rubio, 7, Ted Cruz, 7; Scott Walker, 6; Carly Fiorina, 5. [80484]

Pamela Geller notes the hypocrisy of the *New York Daily News*, which pixelated a photo of the Charlie Hebdo cartoon of Mohammed after the terrorist attack on the newspaper in Paris in order to not offend Muslims, yet printed a front-page photograph of reporter Alison Parker at the moment she was shot. Geller writes, “Craven cowards. Is it any wonder the free press is dying? The free press has no problem running the gory, savagery of the non-Islamic variety. But violate the sharia?” [80428]

MilitaryTimes.com writes, “Democrats’ election outreach efforts to veterans may need to start with a refresher course on what U.S. troops look like. For starters, they don’t wear Polish military uniforms. Until Thursday, the Democratic National Committee’s ‘Veterans and Military Families’ website had as its only picture a shot from White House photographers during ...Obama’s visit to Warsaw in 2011. [Obama’s image] had been cropped out, but faces of four elderly veterans wearing European-style military uniforms were visible above several paragraphs asserting the party’s ‘commitment to America’s veterans.’ The Polish military’s White Eagle insignia was clear on the headgear of two of the veterans.” (Obama—and probably almost no one else in the White House or at DNC headquarters—has served in the U.S. military, but even the most cynical critics might have expected them to at least recognize military uniforms that are not American.) [80404]

Eric Cantor, former Virginia Congressman and House Majority Leader, endorses Jeb Bush for president. Politico.com notes, “Cantor retains a strong political network in Virginia, a key primary and swing state. And he has enviable connections among Jewish business leaders who can be key supporters and donors.” (Cantor lost his seat in Congress because he was considered a member of the GOP establishment who made promises he did not keep. For every pundit who believes Cantor’s endorsement will help Bush, one can probably find several voters who believe it will hurt Bush.) [80420]

FoxNews.com reports, “The Associated Press sued the U.S. Department of Justice Thursday over the FBI’s failure to provide public records related to the creation of a fake news story used to plant surveillance software on a suspect's computer. AP joined with the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to file the lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. At issue is a 2014 Freedom of Information request seeking documents related to the FBI’s decision to send a web link to the fake [Associated Press] article to a 15-year-old boy suspected of making bomb threats to a high school near Olympia, Washington. The link enabled the FBI to infect the suspect’s computer with software that revealed its location and Internet address. AP strongly objected to the ruse, which was uncovered last year in documents obtained through a separate FOIA request made by the Electronic Frontier Foundation. ‘The FBI both misappropriated the trusted name of The Associated Press and created a situation where our credibility could have been undermined on a large scale,’ AP General Counsel Karen Kaiser said in a 2014 letter to then-Attorney General Eric Holder. ‘It is improper and inconsistent with a free press for government personnel to masquerade as The Associated Press or any other news organization,’ Kaiser wrote. ‘The FBI may have intended this false story as a trap for only one person. However, the individual could easily have reposted this story to social networks, distributing to thousands of people, under our name, what was essentially a piece of government disinformation.’” [80426]

Breitbart.com reports, “The Obama administration may have provided the weapons used by some Islamist extremists to kill four Americans at the United States’ compound in Benghazi on September 11, 2012, according to a Libyan source who told Breitbart News he witnessed the attack first hand. ...Libya’s al-Qaeda-linked militia group known as the

February 17th Martyrs Brigade was reportedly hired by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's State Department to provide security at the Benghazi compound, but [it] failed to [do] so the whole day of the attack, according to the witness. It was unusual that in the morning of September 11, the brigade was not providing the typical level of security around the U.S. consulate and the ambassador himself, a sign that something was off from the start and a major red flag that there was something suspicious in the works, he added. Terrorists carried out at least three separate attacks against the Benghazi compound, starting at night on September 11 and carrying into the wee hours of the following day. Those extremists may be the same ones who were allegedly armed by the Obama administration during the U.S. and NATO-backed uprising against Muammar Gaddafi, who was overthrown and executed in October 2011. Libya has been in a state of chaos since, with jihadist groups such as the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) filling a power and security vacuum left by the dissolution of the government. ...[T]he Libyan witness said the Obama administration armed Islamist extremists and rebels in 2011 as then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was trying to overthrow Gaddafi." [80427]

At Newsmax.tv, retired General Paul Vallely calls Obama's nuclear deal with Iran "a motto point" because it essentially already has nuclear weapons, via assistance from Russia, North Korea, and China: "It's a cabal that's been set up to support the Iranian nuclear program. They have the launch systems. They have the guidance-control system. They have the detonation system. They have the warhead. And guess what? Russia and North Korea's tested everything for them. All they have to do is put it together like a tinker toy—and that's why they have the nuclear capability now. The only reason Iran wants to do it is to get released some \$150 billion in sanctions money they can use to further their programs. ...I know what's going to happen. They're going to continue to target Israel, launch an attack—and then launch an attack against the United States, because we are their enemies. That's why [Obama's actions are] aiding and abetting the enemy of the United States, which is a treasonous event under our Constitution. [80431]

Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) announces she will vote against the Obama-Kerry agreement with Iran. She states, "There are strong arguments for and against the agreement but, as a matter of conscience, I have decided to oppose it." Maloney is "concerned that, even if Iran complies with the restraints spelled out throughout the life of the agreement, the deal does not block Iran from eventually acquiring nuclear weapons." [80433, 80434]

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TheHill.com reports, "A federal judge in North Dakota acted late Thursday to block the Obama administration's controversial water pollution rule, hours before it was due to take effect. Judge Ralph Erickson of the District Court for the District of North Dakota found that the 13 states suing to block the rule met the conditions necessary for a preliminary injunction, including that they would likely be harmed if courts didn't act and that they are likely to succeed when their underlying lawsuit against the rule is decided. The decision is a major roadblock for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, who were planning Friday to begin enforcing the Waters

of the United States rule, expanding federal jurisdiction over small waterways like streams and wetlands.” (Critics of the EPA rule charge that it gives the agency power to regulate virtually every body of water in the United States, including small ponds on private property that form after storms.) Comedian Dennis Miller tweets, “Wow, these Planned Parenthood clips are grim. Too bad the Left doesn’t view the fallopian tubes as endangered wetlands.” [80419, 80004, 80471, 80472, 80474, 80504, 80567]

At PJMedia.com Rick Moran reports, “The National Labor Relations Board issued a ruling that revised its ‘joint employer’ standard, making the parent company of independently owned franchises responsible for many labor practices. ...Just who and what is the NLRB screwing with? Franchises account for more than \$2 trillion of America’s economy. There are more than 800,000 franchises nationwide with more than 18 million employees. All of that is threatened by the ruling of the labor board that seeks to destroy independent franchise business owners. Why should McDonald’s or Burger King allow any independent actions by a franchisee if they are the ones who are going to be on the hook for any potential labor law violations? There’s always a chance a federal court won’t see it the way that the NLRB sees it, but in the meantime, if you were thinking about opening a franchise operation, wouldn’t a ruling like this give you second thoughts? The uncertainty generated by this ruling will almost certainly have a negative impact on the franchise industry, thus placing another drag on an already sluggish economy.” [80451, 80477, 80484, 80489, 80490, 80511]

HotAir.com adds, “There are two different, primary areas of concern here, both of which will be hit hard by this ruling. One is the ubiquitous presence of subcontracting companies and temporary personnel agencies who provide direct support to employers by taking on specific, often short term tasks or providing workers on a temporary basis to fill specific talent requirements. These show up in almost every industry you’d care to name. A second class of businesses which will fall under this are companies which engage franchise owners to carry their brand, but who operate largely as their own independent outlets. (The biggest example is McDonald’s, which actually owns and operates less than 20 percent of the restaurants you see. The rest are all franchises.) In each case, the direct employer of the workers is held responsible for their own policies and any negotiations with their workers.” [80455]

“But under this new definition of ‘joint employer’ the main corporation using the services of these subcontractors or leasing out franchise rights can be forced into union negotiations (and sued) relating to the employees of other companies and for things which take place totally outside of their control. ...This is a pretty clever move by the NLRB. If their goal is to get the fingers of the big labor unions into every nook and cranny of business, there isn’t a much better way to do it. Now, under this new standard, if an employer is judged as having ‘the potential’ to affect wages and working conditions at a franchise outlet or staffing agency, they can be held liable and immediately be forced into negotiations with the Teamsters or whoever else has their thumb on the scale for that type of operation. So how will the larger employers respond? Probably by cutting ties with those companies. Why take the risk if the benefits of bringing in such help are outweighed by the potential union hassles? This could wind up costing God only knows

how many jobs. Of course, that doesn't seem to be a priority for the NLRB, so it's all good I suppose." [80455]

DailySignal.com warns that the NLRB "ruling will probably force local franchises to give up total control of day-to-day business decisions to their corporate sponsors, turning thousands of investor entrepreneurs who currently own and manage a local business into middle managers in a giant corporate entity. ...If allowed to stand, this new interpretation will effectively destroy the franchise model of business. ...The slim NLRB majority that imposed this decision in a party-line vote appears to hope that it will aid union organizing efforts. Unions have largely failed to organize franchise employees [because it is extremely difficult to organize franchise business on an individual]. They have not persuaded the workers that the benefits of union representation outweigh the cost of union dues. Now they hope to be able to organize from the top down, pressuring large corporate management through public relations campaigns to accept unionization without having to go to the trouble of actually convincing workers that it will be to their benefit." [80477, 80478]

A substantial number of franchises are minority-owned. The move by Obama's NLRB will make it even more difficult for them to succeed, and even move major corporations away from the use of franchises. Up until now, employees of a franchise (such as McDonald's) have been considered only to be employees of the franchise holder—not the corporation that granted the franchise. (After all, the corporation does not hire, fire, or control the employees of franchise holders.) But the NLRB's ruling is an attempt to treat the franchise employees as employees of the corporation. The problem with that—beside the fact that it is illogical—is that if the corporations are suddenly considered responsible for many of the actions of the franchise employees, the corporations may re-think the logic behind having franchises in the first place. That is, if corporations are *considered to be in control* of the franchise workers, the corporations *may as well be in control* of those workers. The more McDonald's corporation has to worry about individual workers, the more eager it will be to replace them with machines. Additionally, the more a franchise's operations are controlled by the corporation, the less rationale there is for being a franchise owner in the first place. One may as well simply be hired as a restaurant manager and rid oneself of many of the responsibilities of owning a franchise.

The Tea Party Patriots, Center for Security Policy, and the Zionist Organization of America announce a rally against Obama's Iran nuclear deal, to be held September 9 on the West Lawn of the Capitol Building. Donald Trump and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) will be at the event. Jenny Beth Martin, CEO and co-founder of Tea Party Patriots, states, "This deal does not prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons; it virtually guarantees it. Congress must reject this terrible deal." [80432, 80445, 80446, 80447, 80456]

Reuters reports, "Iran appears to have built an extension to part of its Parchin military site since May, the U.N. nuclear watchdog said in a report on Thursday, as part of its inquiry into possible military dimensions of Tehran's past nuclear activity." [80449, 80450]

On *Hannity*, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke says, “I am done asking people in my community to outsource their personal safety to the government. But here’s my challenge to [Obama], you think this [law enforcement job] is so easy. Forego your Secret Service protection, for you, for the first lady, and your children, and see what it is like to have to defend yourself. And then we’ll sit down and have a conversation so you know what we here at ground level have to deal with on a daily base in terms of self-defense. ...[Obama] recently visited a federal prison and pardoned 46 federal prisoners, long-time federal convicts. And he plans on doing more. So while the police and the community and the people are trying to get these individuals out of their community, he is pouring them back in. This was a chance for [Obama]... to bring the country together, and once again the divider in chief goes out and further separates us.”

Of the killing of the television reporter and her cameraman, Clarke says, “Well, look, Sean, as you know, terrible things happen in this world from time to time. We have to be a little more humble about our ability to prevent every horrific situation from happening. There are certain things we can do to reduce and prevent these sorts of things. Not messing with this document [the U.S. Constitution], no. But we can do things like better mental health screening, better background checks. The FBI allowed a guy to purchase a handgun that went down, we understand it, and committed a horrific act recently [in Charleston, South Carolina]. So if we’re trying to make this absolute, that none of these things will ever happen again, we’re working on the wrong thing, because unfortunately the world we live in, with the evil that exists, it’s going to happen.” [80468]

On August 28, in defense of his nuclear agreement with Iran, Obama brushes off Ayatollah Khamenei’s “Death to America” threats, saying the “Supreme Leader is a politician, and I guess that’s how politicians operate.” (The ayatollah is a fanatical religious leader, not a politician. It is Obama who is a politician—and a dangerous one at that, if he believes “Death to America” is nothing more than a political slogan.) [80438]

ABCNews.com reports that it has “obtained State Department e-mails that shed light on Bill Clinton’s lucrative speaking engagements and show he and the Clinton Foundation tried to get approval for invitations related to two of the most repressive countries in the world—North Korea and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. While Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State, Bill Clinton earned speaking fees around the globe totaling more than \$48 million—speeches that had to be vetted by the State Department to ensure there were no conflicts of interest with his wife’s work as America’s top diplomat. These newly revealed emails show speech requests that the State Department refused to approve. ...One email sent in June 2012 to Clinton State Department chief of staff Cheryl Mills from Amitabh Desai, a foreign policy director at the Clinton Foundation, passed on an invitation for a speaking engagement in Brazzaville, Congo. The catch? The dictators of Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo would both be attending—and required photos with Bill Clinton. The speaking fee? A whopping \$650,000.” The speech in North Korea was arranged by Tony Rodham—Hillary Clinton’s brother. [80466, 80467, 80524]

Clinton ended up never giving the speeches, but ABC's Jonathan Karl writes, "The emails—which have come to light because of a public records request by the conservative group Citizens United, which sued the State Department to get the documents—show just how far Bill Clinton was willing to go to earn those lucrative fees—seeking approval for appearances with ties to two of the most brutal countries in the world." (Not mentioned by ABC is the incredible expense borne by the taxpayers when Bill Clinton flies around the world giving speeches in exchange for several hundred thousand dollars each. Clinton receives Secret Service protection, the cost of which increases substantially when foreign travel is involved. Overseas travel also increases the risk of kidnapping and prompts the question, "Had Clinton flown to North Korea to deliver his speech and been taken captive by the regime of Kim Jong-il, how would the U.S. government respond? Could Clinton's eagerness to collect cash have resulted in World War III?)" [80466, 80467, 80524]

At a brief "press availability" session at the Democrat National Committee (DNC) summer meeting in Minneapolis, Fox News' Ed Henry addresses Hillary Clinton, "Secretary Clinton, I wonder if I could ask you a couple of questions. One would be, were you aware... that your husband wanted to give paid speeches to repressive regimes like North Korea? Do you have any comment on these new emails that raise questions about conflict of interest involving your aide, Huma Abedin? And finally, I wonder, you said there's nothing unique about this [private email] situation. You've said this before. Can you name one other Cabinet secretary who had their own server?" Clinton responds, "Well, let, lemme [sic; let me] answer one of your questions because I think that's what you are entitled to." [80439, 80440, 80454]

One day after comparing Republicans to terrorists, Clinton suggests they are Nazis—saying they would use "boxcars" to deport 11 million illegal immigrants. (The reference is, of course, to the Nazi regime's use of trains to transport Jews and other "undesirables" to the concentration camps. Earlier in the month, Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee was roundly criticized by media leftists—and by Clinton—for saying Obama's nuclear deal with Iran was tantamount to marching Israelis "to the door of the oven." The odds of Clinton—who in February 2003 said, "I am, you know, adamantly against illegal immigrants"—being similarly criticized are minimal, despite the fact that Huckabee's comparison was far more accurate.) [79286, 80442, 80460, 80461, 80473, 80600]

Also at the DNC event, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley (rightly) suggests the nominating process is rigged because of the limited number of primary debates: "Four debates and only four debates—we are told, not asked—before voters in our earliest states make their decision. ... One debate in Iowa. That's it. One debate in New Hampshire. That's all we can afford. ... This is totally unprecedented in the history of our party. This sort of rigged process has never been attempted before. Whose decree is it exactly? Where did it come from? To what end? For what purpose? What national or party interest does this decree serve? How does this help us tell the story of the last eight years of Democratic progress? We are the Democratic Party, not the Undemocratic Party. If we are to debate debates, the topic should be how many, not how few." (DNC chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)—who is largely responsible for ensuring

that “the fix is in” for Hillary Clinton—is less than pleased with O’Malley’s remarks.) According to TheHill.com, the first Democrat debate will not be held until October 13, in Las Vegas. [80497, 80512]

According to WashingtonPost.com, Wasserman Schultz “prevented consideration of a resolution... that praised ...Obama and offered backing for the nuclear agreement with Iran, according to knowledgeable Democrats. The resolution was drafted with the intention of putting the national committee on record in support of the agreement as Congress prepares to take up the issue when members return from their August recess. ...A party spokeswoman... said procedural issues prevented the proposed resolution from being considered. She did not directly address Wasserman Schultz’s role in the decision-making. Other Democrats said that it was [the] congresswoman’s direct opposition that blocked its consideration.” [80513, 80514]

NationalReview.com’s Jim Geraghty writes, “There are a lot of reasons why Hillary Clinton shouldn’t be the next president of the United States. But a pretty big one is illuminated by this; at the moment that the country has a bursting-at-the-seams list of real problems—low workforce participation, a ticking time bomb of entitlement programs, turbulent [stock] markets, an insecure border, Russian aggression, saber-rattling all over the Pacific Rim, sputtering schools, crushing student debt—she chooses to pour gasoline on the fire, comparing her opponents to terrorists [and Nazis]. When she’s in a jam, her instinct is to take public divisions and make them worse. If you’re tired of public discourse resembling a cross between a bar fight between bikers and a YouTube comments section, President Hillary Clinton will do nothing to improve that.” [80469]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge reports, “An FBI ‘A-team’ is leading the ‘extremely serious’ investigation into Hillary Clinton’s server and the focus includes a provision of the law pertaining to ‘gathering, transmitting or losing defense information,’ an intelligence source told Fox News. The section of the Espionage Act is known as 18 US Code 793. A separate source, who also was not authorized to speak on the record, said the FBI will further determine whether Clinton should have known, based on the quality and detail of the material, that emails passing through her server contained classified information regardless of the markings. The campaign’s standard defense and that of Clinton is that she ‘never sent nor received any email that was marked classified’ at the time. It is not clear how the FBI team’s findings will impact the probe itself. But the details offer a window into what investigators are looking for—as the Clinton campaign itself downplays the controversy.” [80441]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey observes, “Bear in mind that the material does not have to be *classified* in order to violate this law. This covers any sensitive material relating to national defense. The mishandling does not have to be intentional or malicious either, but only *grossly negligent* to become a crime. If the FBI is taking a long look at 18 USC 793, then that is very bad news for Hillary Clinton, whose grossly negligent decision to use a private, unsecured, and unauthorized communications system for official business would be the root of all violations within it. If the material was classified—and the agencies that originated it claim it was ‘classified when they were sent and are classified now’—then



18 USC 1924 comes into play automatically, too, for unauthorized retention. Both carry potential prison terms, and it's almost certain that this kind of indiscriminate and negligent handling would result in prosecution for anyone else. Hillary has started acknowledging that it was foolish to use a private server for official business. Unfortunately, this A-team won't pity a fool in these circumstances. Will the Department of Justice?" [80457]

"...A leading national security attorney, who recently defended former CIA officer Jeffrey Sterling in a leak investigation, told Fox News that violating the Espionage Act provision in question is a felony and pointed to a particular sub-section. 'Under [sub-section] F, the documents relate to the national defense, meaning very closely held information,' attorney Edward McMahon Jr. explained. 'Somebody in the government, with a clearance and need to know, then delivered the information to someone not entitled to receive it, or otherwise moved it from where it was supposed to be lawfully held.' ...The Code of Federal Regulations, or 'CFR,' states: 'Any person who has knowledge that classified information has been or may have been lost, possibly compromised or disclosed to an unauthorized person(s) shall immediately report the circumstances to an official designated for this purpose.'" [80441]

Daniel Greenfield writes, "Hillary Clinton has spent a third of her adult life trying to become president. All for nothing. The first time around, she wasted \$200 million just to lose to Obama. \$11 million of that money came from the notoriously 'flat broke' couple. ...Now she's losing all over again. Hillary has a ton of money, but can't buy the nomination. She's spending a quarter of a million a day on a campaign operation with no actual organized opposition to speak of. Even before Biden officially enters the race, she's falling behind the joke candidacy of Bernie Sanders in key states. Hillary Clinton's campaign has spent tens of millions of dollars without making an impact. She spent almost a million on polling only to see her poll numbers drop every week. She dropped \$2 million on ads about her mother to try to make women like her. It didn't work. Nothing is working anymore. ...Hillary Clinton is already doubling down on gender politics by accusing pro-life Republicans of being terrorists, but it won't work. It didn't work last time. It won't work this time. Once again, Hillary has lost." [80562]

"...Once again, Hillary Clinton destroyed her own candidacy. The latest Quinnipiac poll shows that the top three words people associate with her are 'liar,' 'dishonest' and 'untrustworthy.' ...She has lots of money, but no one likes her. She's trying to build a cult of personality, but none of the myriads of people who work for her will tell her the truth about her personality. She inspires no one and there's no actual reason to vote for her. ...Hillary Clinton doesn't have a message, she has ambition. Her obsession with becoming president has overshadowed any reason that anyone might have to vote for her. She offers no hope and less change. Her candidacy is historic... but only for her. There is no promise she can make that anyone will believe. Some are hoping that Hillary will go to jail. But the anger, frustration and bitterness that will gnaw on her after wasting decades and a small fortune on two failed efforts to win the White House in which she had every advantage only to lose before even leaving the starting gate will be worse than any prison. In January 2017, Hillary Clinton will be sitting in front of a television set

watching someone else take the oath of office. Nothing the penal system has to offer would be a harsher punishment than that moment.” [80562]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A federal judge Friday ordered the IRS to turn over the records of any requests from the White House seeking taxpayers’ private information from the tax agency, delivering a victory to a group that for two years has been trying to pry the data loose. It’s not clear that there were any such requests—but Judge Amy Berman Jackson said the IRS cannot just refuse to say so by citing taxpayer confidentiality laws, known as section 6103 of the tax code. ... Questions about potential White House meddling in taxpayers’ private information stretch back to the beginning of the Obama administration, when the then-White House chief economist [Austan Goolsbee] seemed to describe the tax structure of Koch Industries during a briefing with reporters. His description was apparently incorrect, but it left some watchdog groups wondering if the White House had quietly sought information on conservatives, such as the billionaire Koch brothers. Cause of Action sued in 2013 to get a look at whatever requests the White House, or other federal agencies, had made.” (As noted in volume 7 of this *Timeline*, in October 2010 Goolsbee claimed Koch Industries paid no corporate income tax. If Goolsbee had not seen the documents, he had no business making public comments about what that business may or may not have paid in taxes. If Goolsbee had seen the documents, someone broke the law by providing him with the information.) [14972, 15074, 80498, 80538, 80610]

Having neglected to include the release of four Americans in his negotiations with Iran, Secretary of State John Kerry shamelessly issues a press statement: “This Saturday marks the four-year anniversary of U.S. citizen Amir Hekmati’s detention on false espionage charges while visiting his relatives in Iran. We repeat our call on the Iranian government to release Amir on humanitarian grounds. The Hekmati family needs Amir—their brother, their son, their uncle—to be home where he belongs. This is a milestone no family wants to mark, and the Hekmati family has shown inspiring perseverance in the face of this injustice. And as befits a former Marine, Amir has shown tremendous courage in the face of this unjust detention. As ... Obama said recently in his speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we are not going to relent until we bring Amir home. I join [Obama] in his steadfast commitment to reunite Amir with his family. We also call on the government of Iran to release Saeed Abedini and Jason Rezaian, and to work cooperatively with us to locate Robert Levinson, so that all can be returned to their families.” [80444]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The Pentagon has not conducted airstrikes against an estimated 60 Islamic State (IS) training camps that are supplying thousands of fighters each month to the terror group, according to defense and intelligence officials. The camps are spread throughout Islamic State-controlled areas of Iraq and Syria and are off limits in the U.S.-led international bombing campaign because of concerns about collateral damage, said officials familiar with planning and execution of the yearlong bombing campaign. Additionally, the IS (also known as ISIS or ISIL) camps have been so successful that Islamic State leaders are considering expanding the camps to Libya and Yemen. Both states have become largely ungoverned areas in recent years. The failure to target the

training camps with U.S. and allied airstrikes is raising questions among some defense and intelligence officials about the commitment of President Obama and his senior aides to the current anti-IS strategy of degrading and ultimately destroying the terror group. ‘If we know the location of these camps, and the president wants to destroy ISIS, why are the camps still functioning?’ one official critical of the policy asked. The camps are regarded by U.S. intelligence analysts as a key element in the terror group’s successes in holding and taking new territory. The main benefit of the training camps is that they are providing a continuous supply of new fighters. ... A White House spokesman declined to comment on the failure to bomb the terror camps and referred questions to the Pentagon.” [80516, 80517, 80520]

U.S. Magistrate Judge David Grand sanctions the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and orders it to pay \$9,000 in legal fees to the American Freedom Law Center (AFLC). The AFLC has acted on behalf of Ann Arbor, Michigan resident Zaba Davis, who has been hassled by CAIR for daring, along with many of her neighbors, to protest a proposed Islamic center in their community. According to AFLC, “The Township denied the request, citing infrastructure and traffic concerns. Nevertheless, CAIR, which bills itself as ‘America’s largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization’ but is widely known in government circles as a Muslim Brotherhood front group, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the Township on behalf of the MCA, alleging that township officials denied the MCA’s rezoning application out of discrimination against Muslims. ...As a result of the citizens’ involvement, CAIR served harassing subpoenas on a number of these citizens, demanding that they produce private emails and other documents, and in some cases, appear for a deposition.” [80518, 80519]

AFLC co-founder and senior counsel Robert Muise comments, “Discovery sanctions in federal court are rare. They are typically reserved for the most egregious violations. CAIR’s conduct in this case, not unlike other cases in which we have litigated against this Muslim Brotherhood organization, almost always meets or exceeds this threshold. Yet, only rarely are CAIR and their minions sanctioned. We applaud the court for its courage and fidelity to the rule of law.” AFLC co-founder and senior counsel David Yerushalmi adds, “CAIR claims to be a civil rights organization even as it uses federal subpoenas to terrorize innocent residents into submission. CAIR was born from a jihadi terrorist conspiracy and it has done little to distance itself from those bona fides. It is about time a federal court applied a measured yardstick to sanction CAIR’s abusive conduct in federal litigation.” (Radical Muslims wants to replace U.S. laws with Islamic Shari’ah law, yet do not hesitate to use those U.S. laws when they work to their advantage. In this case, a judge refused to be intimidated.) [80518, 80519]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters he has yet to view any of the undercover videos that reveal likely illegal practices at Planned Parenthood. [80639]

NYPost.com reports on the disturbed state of Vester Lee Flanagan, the killer of WDBJ reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward. “[I]n the twisted mind of” Flanagan, terms like “swinging by” a place and being “out in the field” were racist. (“Swinging by” a place after work implied being lynched and swinging from a tree, while referring to him

as reporting “out in the field” implied picking cotton in the fields.) Ryan Fuqua, a video editor at WDBJ, tells the *Post*, “That’s how that guy’s mind worked. Just crazy, left-field assumptions like that. ...He was unstable. One time, after one of our live shots failed, he threw all his stuff down and ran into the woods for like 20 minutes.” According to the *Post*, “A neighbor said Flanagan was often ‘rude and arrogant’ and that he would throw cat feces at apartment doors during disputes.” He reportedly also killed his two cats after getting fired by the station. [80462, 80463]

At NationalReview.com Charles C. W. Cooke writes, “Crazy people are crazy, and they tend to pick up on whatever latent ideas they can find. Certainly, ideologies play a role in their thinking. But only in a passive sense. Lunatics who believe that they are being wronged by cosmic forces are always going to put a face on their paranoia. Should we delve too deeply into why they chose this or that? ...[T]here is a sizeable contingent within the United States that takes the question of what murderers purport to believe extremely seriously indeed. It is because of these people that we had to examine ‘toxic masculinity’ in the wake of the Isla Vista shooting; that the Confederate Flag had to come down after Charleston (there were other good reasons for this, but that wasn’t one of them); that Anders Breivik’s manifesto was poured over as if it were a holy book; and that Sarah Palin was blamed for the attack on Gabby Giffords in 2011. ...Certainly, the [killer of Parker and Ward] was extreme in his willingness to take offense. But, really, he was no more extreme than many of the extremely silly people who write at Salon or sit on diversity boards or who stand up and make a nuisance of themselves on contemporary college campuses. If one believes that the culture causes people to pull triggers—and again, I don’t but many do—then one has to be ecumenical about it. For what reason is this guy exempt? Why do we not need to have a ‘national conversation’ about hypersensitivity? ...The same people who tend to think that ugly strains within our culture lead inexorably to murder did *not* seem to care much that the man who killed three Muslims in North Carolina earlier this year was a progressive atheist with strong views about Islam.” [80464]

According to DailySignal.com, the Obama administration responded to the end of \$300,000 in funding for Planned Parenthood by the state of Kansas by cutting the state’s Medicaid funding “by nearly the same amount.” (The state shifted the \$300,000 from Planned Parenthood to local health clinics, and even added another \$300,000 in funding for “programs that provide services for women which enable them to carry their pregnancies to term.” To the Obama administration, those captions called for retaliation.) [80476]

Despite the horrendous drops on the 25th and the 26th, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closes for the week at 16,643, 11.76 points. (It is worth noting that in July and August, retail investors pulled cash out of both stocks and bond funds. Typically, cash is moved out of one or the other, but not both. Perhaps that is a sign that the average American family knew more about what was about to happen in the market than the “experts” on Wall Street. Or, it may simply mean that Americans are broke and are selling their assets simply to pay their bills.)

In Boston, Donald Trump notes Hillary Clinton's closest aide, Huma Abedin, and asks, "And who is Huma married to? One of the great sleazebags of our time, Anthony Weiner. ...So Huma is getting classified secrets. She's married to Anthony Wiener, who's a perv[ert]. No, he is! Do you think there's even a five percent chance that she's not telling Anthony Weiner ...what the hell is coming across [in the emails]?" Clinton spokesperson Nick Merrill states, "There's no place for patently false, personal attacks towards a staff member. He should be ashamed of himself, and others in his own party should take a moment to stand up to him and draw the line for once." (Trump's claim, of course, is *not* patently false. Weiner, who was forced to resign from his Congressional seat in New York after—under the alias "Carlos Danger"—tweeting lewd photos of himself to young women, *is* a pervert. Trump's remark may have been blunt, but it is accurate—and it serves a purpose. Most Americans have no idea that Clinton's gal-pal Abedin is married to Weiner, and it is a politically savvy move to associate the Clinton campaign with him. If nothing else, it reminds voters that Clinton herself is married to a sexual predator, and get them wondering, "Do we want in the Oval Office a president and a close aide who are both enablers of men who prey on women?") [80494, 80495, 80500, 80505, 80506]

At a service station in Harris County, Texas Deputy Darren Goforth is shot in the back and then in the head as he fills his vehicle with gas. Police arrest Shannon J. Miles, whose record includes at least six previous arrests. The victim is white; the killer is black. (BizPacReview.com points out that on August 12, members of the New Black Panther Party held an armed protest in front of the Waller County Jail in Hempstead, Texas. One Black Panther said, "You think we're not pissed off a bunch about y'all [sic] killing our sister [Sandra Bland, who hung herself in her jail cell]? You think it's okay? [You picked] the wrong niggers to mess with. You're gonna [sic] stop doing what you're doing, or we gonna [sic] start creeping up on you in the darkness.") [80491, 80492, 80493, 80499, 80530, 80603]

On August 29 "Black Lives Matter" protesters block bridges and traffic to keep people from attending the Minnesota State Fair. Accompanied by a police escort to protect them, the protesters chant, "Pigs in a blanket, fry 'em like bacon!" (Why the demonstrators believe inconveniencing, annoying, and angering people will make them sympathetic to their cause is not clear.) [80486, 80487, 80488, 80531, 80532, 80537, 80604, 80606, 80648]

Meanwhile, the mainstream media virtually ignores a "Restoring Unity" ("All Lives Matter") event in Birmingham, Alabama, which attracts more than 20,000 people who, reports AL.com, march "the historic civil rights route from Kelly Ingram Park to Birmingham City Hall." The event is led by radio and television personality Glenn Beck, who is joined by actor Chuck Norris, Alveda King (niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.), Bishop Jim Lowe, Reverend Wiley Drake, actor Jon Voight, and Rafael Cruz (father of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX)). [80527, 80528, 80533, 80534]

At the National Federation of Republican Assemblies in Nashville, Donald Trump tells the crowd, "We're tired of being, like, the patsy for everybody. ...I love the Tea Party. You people have not been treated fairly. These are people that [sic; who] work hard and

they love their country and then they get beat up all the time by the media. It's disgusting." Trump notes the "big, big, growing-by-leaps-and-bounds, silent majority out there" that supports his candidacy. [80535]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) moves to within striking distance of Hillary Clinton in Iowa, where a Des Moines Register/Bloomberg Politics poll gives Clinton a lead of only 37-30 percent. TheHill.com notes, "The same poll in May had Clinton at 57 percent with Sanders at 16 percent. Vice President Joe Biden, who has not yet decided whether to enter the race, garnered 14 percent support. He had gotten 8 percent in May." (The "inevitable" Clinton and her supporters should be reminded of a 1907 statement by writer and publisher Elbert Hubbard: "The graveyards are full of people the world could not do without." Similar observations, "The cemeteries are full of men who were once thought to be indispensable," and "The graveyards are full of indispensable men," have been attributed to George Clemenceau and Charles de Gaulle. Clinton should also be reminded of 2008.) [80508, 80509, 80526, 80549]

Vice President Joe Biden makes an appearance at the Sussex Democratic Jamboree in Lewes, Delaware, which TheHill.com notes "is described as the unofficial kickoff to the election cycle." [80510]

On his radio program, investor Lawrence Kudlow tells his guest, Congressman Peter Roskam (R-IL), that he will run against Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) if he votes to support Obama's Iranian nuclear agreement. "I'm not a political guy—I'm an economist, I'm a broadcaster by profession—but I'm so angry at this issue, among others. We're talking about world security, national security—they're coming to get us and Iran will finance them. I may lose. It's a long-shot. I'm not a politician. [But] I'll take on Blumenthal if I have to. ...Folks [had] best stand up everywhere and run. I'm telling you, [we need a] citizens' movement, run against people who support this terrible Iranian deal." [80540, 80591]

In Houston, more than one thousand mourners gather at the gas station where Deputy Darren Goforth was assassinated. Breitbart.com notes, "This brutal killing comes within days of a radio show based in Texas wherein a group of black radicals called for the lynching of whites and killing of cops..." (On August 25, Carol Sullivan, an organizer of the "FukYoFlag" ("fuck your U.S. flag") "organization" who calls herself "Sunshine," called for the lynching and killing of white people on her "Sunshine's Fucking Opinion [Internet] Radio Show.") [80541, 80542, 80543, 80544, 80652]

At a news conference in Iran, President Hassan Rouhani says, "If the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action is sent to [and passed by] parliament, it will create an obligation for the government. It will mean the president, who has not signed it so far, will have to sign it. Why should we place an unnecessary legal restriction on the Iranian people?" (That is, Iran wants to treat the agreement with the Obama administration as "guidelines," rather than hard and fast rules.) [80564, 80565]

On *Justice with Judge Jeanine*, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke comments on the cold-blooded murder of Harris County, Texas Deputy Darren Goforth: “I said last December that war had been declared against the American police officer, led by some high-profile people. One of them coming out of the White House [Obama], another one coming out of the United States Department of Justice [then-Attorney General Eric Holder]. And it’s open season [on police officers] right now, there’s no doubt about it.” [80529]

On August 30 Kathleen Willey, one of Bill Clinton’s sexual harassment victims, is interviewed on *Aaron Klein’s Investigative Radio* program. Willey says Hillary Clinton “wrote the book on terrorizing women, on terrorism. Her tactics and the things that she set in motion against all the women like me, the ones you have heard of and the ones you haven’t heard of, and the ones who are so scared that [they] fled the country, are terrorist tactics like I’ve never seen before. I went through them. I lived through them. And I know exactly what I am talking about. She is the war on women. I don’t care what anybody says. ...This is a woman who is comparing the Republicans to terrorists? Terrorists who behead women, who deface women, who burn women alive. And on and on and on and on? And I can tell you, knowing what I know, and reading what I’ve read, and having talked to people, other women, who have been in the same boat that I have been in, basically in the crosshairs of the Clintons. The one difference between me and the poor women who are the victims of ISIS and all the other terrorist groups is that our heads are still attached. That’s the difference.” [80539]

Willey notes that Hillary Clinton “was the one in charge of the bimbo eruptions” and the covering up of her husband’s infidelities. “And speaking about that, she was outraged by Donald Trump’s description of Megyn Kelly. Let’s go back and think about the names that she [Clinton] called people. Number one, she has been calling me a bimbo for 18 years. Bimbo eruption came out of Hillary’s mouth. And Betsey Wright’s mouth. And she called Monica a narcissistic looney tune. And [said of] Paula [Jones], ‘If you drag a hundred dollars [though] the trailer park [that’s what you get].’ And she called Gennifer Flowers a slut. On and on and on. So who’s calling women names?” (Those interested in the pasts of Bill and Hillary Clinton may wish to research Larry Nichols, a former Clinton employee who claims to have committed murders at their request.) [80539, 80545, 80546, 80547]

Long Island, New York resident Andy Sabin complains that people keep stealing the “Hillary for Prison 2016” signs he places in his yard. NYPost.com reports, “The red, blue and white signs now sit atop a pair of 12-foot poles behind an electric fence with yellow warning signs. A surveillance camera keeps watch.” Sabin states, “Living in a town with a lot of left-wing wackos, that’s what happens.” [80560]

On *Face the Nation*, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal says, “I think the reason voters don’t want a comprehensive [immigration plan] approach, a gang of eight approach, is we tried that in the ’80s. We were told, deal with it comprehensive, and we would get a secure border. That didn’t happen. That’s why I think it’s right to sequence these things. Secure the border first, and then we can have the discussion about the folks that [sic];

who] are here, but the bottom line is this. A smart immigration policy makes our country stronger. We need to insist, people that [sic; who] want to come to our country should come legally, should learn English, should adopt our values, roll up their sleeves and get to work. One of the things I have been emphasizing, as the son of immigrants who came here legally, we need to insist on assimilation. In Europe, they're not doing that. They have got huge problems. Immigration without assimilation is invasion. That can weaken our country. We don't need to go down the path of Europe. Let's insist on being the melting pot. Let's forget this politically correct, left notion that we're not a melting pot anymore." [80614]

In Hancock County, Mississippi, police arrest a naked man, Iranian-national Safa Alidoust, after he claimed he had explosive devices in his car and would ignite them. According to MSNewsNow.com, "Authorities say they were forced to shut down a portion of I-10 near the Mississippi-Louisiana state line for more than two hours..." Hancock County Sheriff Ricky Adam "said the scene became more intense after the suspect began making threats praying to Allah and saying he's got a bomb and he's going to blow everybody up. That's when the sheriff says the Biloxi Bomb Squad was called. 'They x-rayed a couple of packages that were in the vehicle,' explained Sheriff Adam. Fortunately no bomb was found in the car. But a background check on the suspect determined Alidoust is an Iranian national living in Lafayette, Louisiana on a work visa." Adam continues, "The Iranian was then sent to the hospital, and at the hospital he's still threatening to kill anyone who isn't a member of Islam or Muslim. When we have somebody that's [sic; who is] making these threats, we know he's Iranian, we know he's a Muslim, and regardless [of] what anybody says, dammit, they've killed people. So we have to take it seriously and we are." Alidoust told police his religion requires that he pray in the nude. "If that's what they believe," says Adam, "I can [sic; could not] care less. They can do it. Just don't do it on the interstate." [80637, 80638]

At the MTV Video Music Awards, alleged "singer" Kanye West" says, "I'm not no politician, bro [sic;]," but later announces, "And yes, as you probably could have guessed by this moment, I have decided in 2020 to run for president." (The Democrat National Committee tweets, "...West declared his candidacy for president in 2020. Welcome to the race, Mr. West. Glad to have you." The Democrats are apparently unable to comprehend that West is assuming the Republican candidate will win in 2016—or they want him to challenge a sitting Democrat president in four years.) [80576, 80617, 80701]

On August 31 the State Department prepares to release another 7,000 pages of Hillary Clinton emails that passed through her unsecured private server. According to Fox News' Ed Henry, "another 150 with classified information" have been found in her messages. At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich writes, "Meanwhile, the Clinton campaign's response to increasing pressure surrounding classified information has gone from the former Secretary 'never sending or receiving any classified information' to 'she never knowingly sent or received classified information.'" [80550, 80551, 80559, 80579, 80583]

Fox News' Catherine Herridge reports that by not investigating Hillary Clinton's abuse of email procedures, the State Department broke the law: "[I]t's clear that once a possible



compromise of national security defense information—it doesn't even have to be classified information—is made, it has to be reported. In this case, the State Department would do a damage assessment... Fox News checked with the State Department independently, and there was no confirmation that a damage assessment is being done. On its face, this is a clear violation of the law and the regulations, and critics would say another example of the double standard... that's at play here." [80578]

PCGraveyard.com writes, "Each day, Hillary's story about her server and the security of her system gets pounded by facts. Today, we learned that Hillary shared an IP address, 64.94.172.146. They also shared a common SSL certificate. Experts talking to Breitbart[.com] says it is likely that both clintonemail.com server and the [Clinton] Foundation-run presidentclinton.com operated from the same machine, although it is possible they used two machines, which really wouldn't matter because they share the same space and people with an account on Bill's system could possibly access Hillary's. The expert also said that if anyone hacked into one of the Clinton Foundation account, he or she would have little if any problem hacking Hillary's email. That kind of blows Hillary's excuse that her email server was well protected. A search of the IP address also reveals that the server was located in mid Manhattan and not in the Clinton's Chappaqua basement. That's interesting because Platte River Networks has said that they picked up the server at the house in Chappaqua, which could even mean it's not the same server. Clinton Foundation employees who had accounts on presidentclinton.com included Doug Band, as well as Justin Cooper, a Hillary aide who has worked with the Foundation, Terry Krinvic, Laura Graham, and John Zimmerebner. If the name Doug Band is familiar, it should be. He is the one who requested Huma Abedin's help getting a White House job for a friend. After she delivered, she was given a job with Band's company Taneo. This changes the entire complexion of the investigation. But don't expect quick answers unless Obama wills it." [80580]

Fox News' Ed Henry asks State Department spokesman Mark Toner, "Can you say from that podium, categorically, that Secretary Clinton followed the rules and the law?" Toner replies, "I'm just not going to answer that question." [80603]

As Obama visits Alaska, the Department of the Interior's Sally Jewell issues an order changing the name of Mount McKinley to Mount Denali. (Residents of Ohio, the home state of President William McKinley, are not amused. Whether a President Trump would attempt to rename it "Trump Tower" is not known.) [80552, 80553, 80554, 80561, 80563, 80566, 80574, 80587, 80588]

In a pre-recorded address, Obama says, "Alaska's glaciers are melting faster... threatening tourism and adding to rising seas. And if we do nothing, Alaskan temperatures are projected to rise between six and twelve degrees by the end of the century, changing all sorts of industries forever. This is all real. This is happening to our fellow Americans right now. In fact, Alaska's governor recently told me that four villages are in 'imminent danger' and have to be relocated. Already, rising sea levels are beginning to swallow one island community. Think about that. If another country threatened to wipe out an American town, we'd do everything in our power to protect

ourselves. Climate change poses the same threat, right now. ...The bottom line is, safety has been and will continue to be my administration's top priority when it comes to oil and gas exploration off America's precious coasts—even as we push our economy and the world to ultimately transition off of fossil fuels. So I'm looking forward to talking with Alaskans about how we can work together to make America the global leader on climate change around the globe. ...Because what's happening in Alaska is happening to us. It's our wakeup call. And as long as I'm President, America will lead the world to meet the threat of climate change before it's too late." (Obama's claim that temperatures will increase 6-12 degrees by the end of the century is hogwash. Even his Environmental Protection Agency has not made that claim. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts an increase of 0.2 degree per decade.) [80572, 80573, 80595]

Meanwhile, as of August 31, there are 97 signatures on a White House petition to make Obama "drink his own urine while filming 'Running Wild with Bear Grylls' in Alaska." (According to Variety.com, Obama "will trek through the Alaskan wilderness with survival expert Bear Grylls for a special edition of [the television program] ...The episode, which will be taped and air later this year, is meant to call attention to the effects of climate change on that area." PETA president Ingrid Newkirk responds, "'Bear Grylls' shows are known as the bottom of the barrel in demeaning sexist, speciesist [sic], and who knows what other '-ist' TV reality shows—and that's certainly saying something. These internationally condemned programs, on which women have been bullied into slitting a baby pig's throat and eating a mouse soaked in urine, are the last place for [Obama] to be seen. There are far better ways to get the message about global climate change out than by appearing on this disgusting show.") [80555, 80556, 80613]

Although the renaming of the mountain is meant to honor the native Alaskans, some would rather Obama allow drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). *The Washington Times* reports, "Alaska state Rep. Benjamin Nageak, a Barrow Democrat who was born in ANWR and is a member of the Inupiat tribe, objected to [Obama's] proposal when it was announced earlier this year. 'We have thousands and thousands of acres of land that our people in the state of Alaska, especially in ANWR, have title to, and [they] cannot even use that resource to enrich themselves. That is wrong. When you give the people the ability to enrich themselves, you don't lock up their lands so they don't do anything else but just sit on it, and nothing comes out of it except the renewable resources that we depend on.'" [80586]

Politico.com notes that while Russia has 40 icebreaking vessels (and six under construction), the United States has only two. "Nearly a quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and gas may lie under the Arctic seabed; for commercial shippers, the opening of the Northern Sea Route would shorten voyages between China and Europe. Russia held massive military exercises in the Arctic earlier this year, and both countries have national Arctic strategies that identify icebreakers as key to their ambitions, according to Victoria Herrmann, the U.S. director of the Arctic Institute." Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) observes, "The highways of the Arctic are icebreakers. Right now the Russians have superhighways and we have dirt roads with potholes." (Russia and China

apparently disagree with Obama and Al Gore, who absurdly believe the arctic ice is melting away.) [80596]

Climatologist Roy W. Spencer, a former NASA scientist, writes that during Obama's visit to Alaska the state "will be experiencing colder than normal weather" and summer snows are even in the forecast by the end of the week. [80621]

For what it's worth (some will claim it is not much), en route to Alaska Obama telephones the widow of Harris County, Texas deputy Darren Goforth, to offer his condolences. (Obama releases a statement touting the fact that he telephoned Kathleen Goforth—using the word "I" six times in eight sentences. Millions of Americans would expect a call to be made, but not for it to be advertised.) [80577, 80601, 80619]

Obama also states, "Targeting police officers is completely unacceptable—an affront to civilized society. As I said in my State of the Union Address, we've got to be able to put ourselves in the shoes of the wife who won't rest until the police officer she married walks through the door at the end of his shift. That comfort has been taken from Mrs. Goforth. So we must offer her our comfort—and continue to stand up for the safety of police officers wherever they serve." [80670]

At a campaign event in New Hampshire, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) says, "We stand with our police officers, we stand with our fire fighters, with our EMS [emergency medical services], with our first responders. These are brave men and women who risk their lives keeping us safe. We are seeing a manifestation of the rhetoric and vilification of law enforcement that is coming from the top—all the way to the President of the United States and senior administration officials. Cops across this country are feeling the assault. They're feeling the assault from the President, from the top on down as we see, whether it's in Ferguson or Baltimore, the response of senior officials of the President, of the Attorney General, is to vilify law enforcement. That is fundamentally wrong, and it is endangering the safety and security of us all. I'm proud to stand with law enforcement, to stand with the police and fire fighters and first responders. They are American heroes. And they need a President who doesn't attack and vilify them and who doesn't seek to tear us apart along racial lines to inflame racial divisions. Instead we need a President who works to bring us together and unify us behind shared American values." [80581, 80582]

A Monmouth University poll shows Ben Carson tied with Donald Trump in Iowa (23-23). Carly Fiorina has 10 percent; Ted Cruz, 9; Scott Walker, 7; Jeb Bush, 5; John Kasich, 4; Marci Rubio, 4; Rand Paul 3. A Des Moines Register poll has Trump leading Carson 23-18. [80557, 80558, 80606, 80607]

At NationalReview.com former Department of Justice attorneys J. Christian Adams and Hans A. Von Spakovsky write, "The recently concluded federal trial over North Carolina's election rules proved one thing beyond a reasonable doubt: The Obama administration and its partisan, big-money, racial-interest-group allies will stop at nothing to win elections. And using the courts to change election rules is a key part of their

strategy. That was clearly evident in the federal courtroom in Winston-Salem. The plaintiffs, including the Justice Department, challenged a number of election reforms implemented in 2013 that were designed to reduce the cost and complexity of running elections and make it harder to commit voter fraud. The administration pushed a novel legal argument. In its telling, if a change in election rules might statistically affect blacks more than whites, it constitutes illegal discrimination. For example, if 98 percent of whites have a voter ID but only 97.5 percent of blacks have one, then requiring voters to present ID violates federal law. Never mind the fact that getting an ID is free, easy, and open to everyone without regard to race. And never mind if a policy change is in line with the rules of many other states, or if it's explicitly sanctioned by federal law. The mere act of changing the law in the wrong direction is discriminatory. In other words, the Obama administration would turn the Voting Rights Act into a one-way ratchet to help Democrats. The court refused to go along.” (Adams and Von Spakovsky go on to describe the reasonable common-sense rule changes made in North Carolina to which the Obama administration objected.) [80570]

DailySignal.com reports, “A Nevada health insurance provider that received more than \$65 million in taxpayer-funded loans from the federal government announced last week that it is discontinuing operations at the end of the year. The Nevada Health Co-Op will close its doors beginning Jan. 1 because of ‘challenging market conditions.’ The co-op will be the third of the 23 consumer-oriented and operated plans created under Obamacare to shutter.” [80599]

Late in the evening the State Department releases the batch of Hillary Clinton emails. According to FoxNews.com, “The emails with redacted sections covered everything from Haiti to China to Sudan. The entire China email from aide Huma Abedin was redacted and on Sudan, a page and a half about ‘calls’ Clinton said she was willing to make was likewise blacked out. They were part of a massive release of 7,000 pages of emails from the former secretary of state’s personal email server—her largest email release to date.” [80583, 80590, 80609]

One of the emails to Clinton is from David Brock, founder of the leftist attack group Media Matters; it outlines a plan to impeach Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Another, from Clinton to aide Philippe Reines, responds to the news that her new iPad has been received. She writes, “This is exciting news—do you think you can teach me to use it on the flight to Kyev [sic; Kiev] next week?” (Clinton has claimed she used only one electronic device—a Blackberry.) [80592, 80598, 80611]

At Breitbart.com Patrick Howley reports that “Hillary Clinton’s private email server was housed at the same physical location and on the same network as an email server used and operated by the Clinton Foundation... Records reveal that Hillary Clinton’s private clintonemail.com server shared an IP address with her husband Bill Clinton’s email server, presidentclinton.com, and both servers were housed in New York City, not in the basement of the Clintons’ Chappaqua, New York home. Web archives show that the Presidentclinton.com Web address was being operated by the Clinton Foundation as of 2009, when Hillary Clinton registered her own clintonemail.com server. Numerous

Clinton Foundation employees used the presidentclinton.com server for their own email addresses, which means that they were using email accounts that, if hacked, would have given any hacker complete access to Hillary Clinton's State Department emails, as well." [80593, 80624]

"The bombshell revelation raises new concerns about the possible illegality of Hillary Clinton's private email use. The former Secretary of State is under federal investigation for potentially violating the Espionage Act by allowing people without a security clearance to access classified information. The fact that Hillary was sharing an email network with a private foundation means that people without a security clearance almost certainly had physical access to her server while she was working at the State Department. ...Hillary's clintonemail.com server and the Foundation-run presidentclinton.com email server have exactly the same IP address, and the same SSL certificate (which an organization purchases for an email server to verify its trustworthiness). ...The fact that both of these email servers have the same IP address means that they were operating on the same network, and sharing physical space. A computer expert tells Breitbart News that the servers were probably operating on the same machine. It is also possible that they were operating on different machines on the same network, which still means that the machines would have to be close enough to exist in the same physical location. President Clinton's server was created in 2002, while Hillary's was created in 2009, which means that Hillary's server was simply added to Bill's Foundation-run server network." [80593, 80624]

"A geographical search for the IP address that both servers shared at registration traces to Midtown Manhattan, according to three different databases: infosniper.net, which locates a Midtown latitude/longitude point, ip-tracker.org, which also gives a Midtown latitude/longitude point, and whatsmyip.org. Clinton Foundation headquarters are currently located at 1271 6th Avenue in Midtown. Bill Clinton's office is at 55 West 125th Street. The Denver-based firm Platte River Networks told Breitbart News that it physically moved Hillary Clinton's private email server out of the basement of her Chappaqua home in 2013. But the Clintons could have moved the server from Manhattan to Chappaqua before Platte River got there." [80593, 80624]

At FoxNews.com, Malia Zimmerman adds, "The daily revelations over classified information finding its way onto Hillary Clinton's personal email server are raising perplexing questions for former government officials who wonder how classified information made its way onto the former secretary of state's non-classified server—especially since the two systems are not connected. ...State Department spokesman Alec Gerlach confirmed the two systems don't connect. 'The classified and unclassified system are separate and you cannot email between the two,' Gerlach told Fox News. ...[I]f the Clinton denial is to be believed, individuals in her inner circle would have simply typed or scanned classified information into a non-classified system without regard for its contents. In this case, emails would have started in, and stayed in, the unclassified system—albeit improperly, based on the findings of the intelligence inspector general. But if it turns out emails literally jumped from the classified to the non-classified system—something the State Department claims cannot happen—it would

seem to point to Clinton's staff going to great lengths to create a work-around to do so. A government employee doing so would commit numerous felonies, according to Bradford Higgins, who served as assistant secretary of state for resource management and chief financial officer from 2006-2009. 'A violation, in addition to criminal charges and potential prosecution, would likely mean that person who committed the breach would never again be given a security clearance,' Higgins said. ... 'Emails don't change from unclassified to classified. The originator of the email decides the classification before it is sent out based on basic protocols, not subsequent readers. I believe it would be highly unusual for an unclassified email to later become classified.'" [80584]