

The Obama Timeline – Part II

The Doomed Presidency

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On December 1 North Korea announces it will launch a long-range rocket in mid-December, in violation of U.N. Security Council Resolutions. State Department spokesman Victoria Nuland says, “A North Korean satellite launch would be a highly provocative act that threatens peace and security in the region.” FoxNews.com reports, “This would be North Korea’s second launch attempt under leader Kim Jong Un, who took power following his father Kim Jong II’s death nearly a year ago. The announcement by North Korea’s space agency followed speculation overseas about stepped-up activity at North Korea’s west coast launch pad captured in satellite imagery. A spokesman for North Korea’s Korean Committee for Space Technology said scientists have ‘analyzed the mistakes’ made in the failed April launch and improved the precision of its Unha rocket and Kwangmyongsong satellite, according to the official Korean Central News Agency. ... Washington considers North Korea’s rocket launches to be veiled covers for tests of technology for long-range missiles designed to strike the United States, and such tests are banned by the U.N.” [40561]

ObamaBallotChallenge.com announces what it hopes will be a “massive anti-Obama rally” in Washington, D.C. on inauguration day: “We Have A Dream: 500,000+ Anti-Obama Activists Arrive In Washington D.C. During Obama’s Inauguration Ceremony... If you are unsatisfied with ...Obama’s reelection win and you further feel that he will ultimately destabilize America completely, then let us join together with bold Anti-Obama signs clearly stating our main grievances concerning unemployment, the economy, Benghazi, foreign policy matters, war status or whatever may perhaps be your main concern(s) on Inauguration Day, January 21, 2013 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Federal Holiday), at the West Front of the Capitol Building... However, all Anti-Obama supporters shall gather at the National Mall, Fourth Street NW, which is a non-ticketed free area for gathering at 9:00 am for an all-day event.” [40563]

Obama plays hardball with the states that are refusing to set up ObamaCare insurance exchanges. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces it will charge insurers a 3.5 percent fee on any plan sold through the federal exchange and not a state exchange. Insurers will necessarily have to pass those increased costs on to customers. (Obama is punishing “red state voters.” As of November 28, 17 states have announced they will not establish the ObamaCare exchanges because of their massive costs and regulatory burdens.) At Spectator.org David Catron later writes, “If this pay-to-play scheme gives off a pungent odor, it smells like Chanel No. 5 compared to the deal HHS cut with a company called Quality Software Services, Inc. (QSSI). QSSI was hired to build a database that will be used to monitor the activity of the exchanges. The deal starts to smell upon close examination of the HHS agency that awarded the contract, the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO). CCIIO’s director at

the time was one Steve Larsen. Larsen now works for a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group—which owns QSSI. In other words, as Jeffrey Anderson puts it, ‘The person who ran the government entity that awarded that contract has since accepted a position with a different subsidiary of that same company.’ If the name ‘Steve Larsen’ and that of his former agency sound familiar, they should. This is the gentleman who issued the infamous Obamacare waivers to a variety of Democrat donors in 2010 and 2011. And it was it was also during Larsen’s tenure at CCIIO that it began establishing ‘information collection requirements’ (ICRs) for a government database containing the private health care information of all Americans, including those not enrolled in any government insurance program. Now, having been instrumental in designing the Obamacare exchanges and delineating the private health data they will feed to HHS, Larsen works for one of the best funded and largest ‘competitors’ for customers who will buy coverage through those ‘marketplaces.’” [40565, 40566, 40614, 41068]

HotAir.com reports, “The streets of Cairo have remained flooded with protestors ever since Mohamed Morsi issued decrees that ‘temporarily’ make him a dictator—or as some say, a pharaoh. Morsi pledged to end his decrees as soon as Egypt votes on the constitution drafted by his Muslim Brotherhood and Salafist allies, but that has not slowed down opposition.” NBC’s Richard Engel writes, “This is also a warning, [the demonstrators] claim, of what may happen across the Middle East. The era of the Muslim Brotherhood appears to have arrived. ...Obama has hailed the Brotherhood’s President Mohammed Morsi as a pragmatist who helped end the Gaza crisis. Egyptians here think the Brotherhood has conned Washington, just like it conned them. ...Morsi last night apologized for the power grab and said he didn’t want the extra authorities, but that they were necessary for the good of the people and to safeguard the revolution. Dictators always say stuff like that. Burn down the village to save it. At first Egyptians were shocked that Morsi would make such an obvious and, according to Egyptian judges, blatantly illegal move. It’s clear now, as some analysts have long feared, that the brotherhood is making sure it doesn’t lose power again by taking control of Egypt’s constitution. The Brotherhood wants to write the rules of the game. Now they’ve done that too. ...Yet the United States has remained mostly silent on all this, urging both sides to stay calm and work it out. Washington’s policy seems to be that what’s going on is simply democracy in progress as Egyptians learn to use their new rights. But in Tahrir Square people seem convinced the Brotherhood isn’t testing its fledgling wings. They say Morsi knows exactly what he’s doing, Washington be warned.” One protestor correctly states, “Obama is supporting a terrorist.” [40567, 40568]

According to HuffingtonPost.com, “Wal-Mart, the nation’s largest private employer, plans to begin denying health insurance to newly hired employees who work fewer than 30 hours a week... Under the policy, slated to take effect in January, Walmart also reserves the right to eliminate health care coverage for certain workers if their average workweek dips below 30 hours—something that happens with regularity and at the direction of company managers. Wal-Mart declined to disclose how many of its roughly 1.4 million U.S. workers are vulnerable to losing medical insurance under its new policy. In an emailed statement, company spokesman David Tovar said Walmart had ‘made a business decision’ not to respond to questions from The Huffington Post and accused the

publication of unfair coverage.” At Breitbart.com, John Nolte writes, “By making the fine for not providing health care cheaper than providing health care, this was always the plan: to encourage employers to send us to the government. Remember how Obama’s big ObamaCare sell was, ‘You get to keep the health insurance you have?’ It was all a lie, a hustle, a con, a ruse... But now it’s the law of the land... forever.” (Nolte is correct. ObamaCare was designed to destroy the private health insurance industry, make all Americans dependent on government for their care, and eventually provide an excuse to nationalize all hospitals and make physicians federal employees. On March 24, 2007, Obama told an audience, “But I don’t think we’re gonna be able to eliminate employer coverage immediately. There’s gonna be potentially some transition process...” On April 18, 2009, socialist Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) addressed a group and said, “And next to me was a guy from the insurance company who then argued against the public health insurance option saying it wouldn’t let private insurance compete, that a public option will put the private insurance industry out of business and lead to single-payer. My single-payer friends, he was right, the man was right. ...This is *not* a principled fight. This is a fight about strategy for getting there and I believe we will!”) [5592, 6688, 40570, 40571]

Wal-Mart spokesman Randy Hargrove tells Politico the Huffington Post story is “riddled with inaccuracies” and “reinforces our company’s decision to no longer participate in the Huffington Post’s one-sided rhetoric. ...One, This is not a ‘new plan.’ A simple Google search would have revealed the plan you refer to that requires ‘part-time’ associates work 30 hours per week has been in place for nearly a year and has been covered by multiple news organizations. Two, since the policy has been in place, a higher percentage of associates signed on for our health care benefits for 2013. Why? Because our health care plans are affordable. One point that was accurately reported is our lowest associate-only plan is \$34.80 a month. What’s missing is that plan is half the average premium that other retailer employees pay, comes with an up-front \$250 contribution to help pay for medical expenses and is the same plan available at our corporate office and to our store associates. I could go on, and while we take issue with the lack of facts in the story, we were not surprised.” [40624]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “Egypt’s ruling party is paying gangs of thugs to sexually assault women protesting in Cairo’s Tahrir Square against President Mohamed Morsi, activists said. They also said the Muslim Brotherhood is paying gangs to beat up men who are taking part in the latest round of protests, which followed a decree by President Morsi to give himself sweeping new powers. It comes as the Muslim Brotherhood coordinated a demonstration today in support of President Mohamed Morsi, who is rushing through a constitution to try to defuse opposition fury over his newly expanded powers.” (At AtlasShrugs.com Pamela Geller comments, “More of Obama’s poison foreign policy, and this weak coward... says nothing. He craps all over everything and then runs away. And the media is like the man with the shovel following behind Obama the circus elephant.”) [40575, 40576]

Conn Carroll writes, “Republican leaders have told The Washington Examiner that Obama could be a credible partner for significant and meaningful entitlement and tax

reform. One got the feeling that some House Republicans were eager to play Speaker Tip O’Neill to Obama’s Reagan. Then Timothy Geithner and the fiscal cliff happened. Obama’s secretary of the treasury was an odd choice for a negotiating point man to begin with. ...Geithner, and his perma-smirk, were not exactly signs that Obama was interested in a deal. ...Not only did Geithner ask for \$1.6 trillion in tax hikes (double what Obama campaigned on); not only did Geithner ask for new stimulus spending; not only did Geithner ask for an extension of ‘emergency’ unemployment benefits; but he also asked for an infinite increase in the debt limit. That was the last real piece of leverage Republicans had. The Geithner proposal completely killed any chance House Republican leaders had of convincing their members that Obama was an honest partner for anything—let alone major tax and entitlement reform. Now we are either going to go over the fiscal cliff, or Republicans will act to preserve the Bush tax rates for the middle class while giving Obama his return to the Clinton tax rates for the highest income earners. But that is all Obama will get. He’ll get no entitlement reform now. No individual or corporate tax reform either. The rest of the second-term Obama agenda is also DOA. It is going to be all partisan scorched earth all the time, again, for four more years. Obama will have changed Washington. But for the worse.” (Only 25 percent of the \$1.6 trillion Obama wants would go toward deficit reduction; 75 percent would be used for new spending.) [40608, 40698, 40772]

Reuters reports, “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Friday announced a plan to consider having the lesser prairie chicken listed as ‘threatened’ under the Endangered Species Act. ...Lawmakers in major oil and gas producing districts immediately cried foul. ‘A listing will have permanent economic consequences for the people of Texas who live and work in the Permian Basin and the Texas Panhandle,’ said Representative Michael Conaway, a Republican. Conaway’s sprawling West Texas district produces much of the state’s oil and about one-quarter of its gas. Protecting the lesser prairie-chicken ‘could drive ranching families and energy producers out of business,’ said Republican Representative Randy Neugebauer, whose district in East-Central Texas is a large agricultural area.” (With the election over, Obama can now safely ignore the voters and give prairie chickens priority over energy jobs, farming, and ranching.) [40615, 40616]

On December 2 House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) appears on *Fox News Sunday* and says he was “flabbergasted” when Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told Congressional leaders that Obama was demanding \$1.6 trillion in tax increases. Boehner says he told Geithner, “You can’t be serious.” On solving the fiscal problem, Boehner observes, “I would say we’re nowhere, period. We’ve put a serious offer on the table by putting revenues up there to try to get this question resolved. But the White House has responded with virtually nothing.” On CNN’s *State of the Union*, Geithner tells host Candy Crowley, “There’s not going to be an agreement without [income tax] rates going up—if they [the Republicans in the House] are going to force higher rates on virtually all Americans because they’re unwilling to let tax rates go up on two percent of Americans, then, I mean that’s the choice they’re going to have to make.” (In other words, Obama—who claims the Republicans are holding middle class tax cuts hostage—is extorting the House of Representatives: “Give me \$1.6 trillion in job-killing taxes on families that earn

at least \$250,000, or I will veto any legislation you pass and let the Bush tax rates expire for *all* income levels.”) Host Chris Wallace properly challenges Geithner’s claim that “war savings” can be used to “pay down the deficit.” Ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan of course means the government had to borrow less each year, but that does *not* give the government more money to spend on anything else. (Geithner’s argument, and by extension Obama’s, is tantamount to claiming that if a family decides not to buy a new \$50,000 Cadillac in each of the next 10 years it will somehow “have” an extra \$500,000 to spend—*when it never had that \$500,000 in the first place*. The family is only avoiding car payments; it is *not* gaining \$500,000 to pay off its mortgage.) [40577, 40578, 40579, 40595, 40597, 40598, 40611, 40617]

On *Meet the Press*, Grover Norquist, the founder of Americans for Tax Reform, tells a skeptical David Gregory, “‘Tea Party two’ is going to dwarf tea party one if Obama pushes us off the cliff. ...If people watch [the negotiations on C-SPAN, then you won’t have higher taxes. This is a massive collection of spending increases and tax increases [proposed by Obama] Republicans want to continue the Bush tax cuts, and the extenders and the AMT [Alternative Minimum Tax] package... it’s [Obama] who’s threatening to raise taxes if he stamps his feet and doesn’t get his way.” [40604]

On *Face the Nation*, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) says, “I think we’re going over the [fiscal] cliff. It’s pretty clear to me they [the Democrats] made a political calculation. This [Obama] offer doesn’t remotely deal with entitlement reform in a way to save Medicare and Medicaid and Social Security from imminent bankruptcy. It raises \$1.6 trillion on job creators that will destroy the economy, and there are no spending controls. ...[Obama’s] plan when it comes to entitlement reform is just, quite frankly a joke. So I don’t think they’re serious about finding a deal. [House Speaker] John Boehner is serious about [increasing tax] revenue. He’ll get a lot of pushback, but Republicans will rally around John Boehner about limiting deductions to raise somewhere between \$700 and \$800 billion in revenue. And I bet you this—if you took [Obama’s] plan and put it on the floor of the House and the Senate, he would get very few votes for his plan. ...We’re becoming Greece because of out-of-control entitlement spending. There’s no age adjustment for Medicare and Social Security. There is no means testing in [Obama’s] plan. We should do what Ronald Reagan and [former House Speaker] Tip O’Neill did—adjust the age for retirements, a means test benefit, do it together, and Republicans should put revenues on the table. [Obama’s] plan does nothing but damn us to becoming Greece.” [40612, 40613]

Also on *Face the Nation*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) says there were “well over 200 threat warnings” related to Benghazi before the September 11 attack that resulted in the killing of four Americans. House Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers (R-MI) says, “I mean, the threat stream was very clear leading up to that 9/11 event. The intelligence said, ‘Hey, they’re looking for Western targets. They want to be more aggressive.’ All of that was right. What I find just absolute gross negligence was that they did not take the right precautions to protect the ambassador and the consulate employees. Nor did they have the right plans in place to get them out. And that’s what, I’ll tell you, this is a serious, serious event here.” [40621]

Politico asks consumer advocate and former presidential candidate Ralph Nader how Obama compares with his predecessors. Nader responds, “Well, he’s below average because he raised expectation levels [and then did not follow through]. I mean, what expectation levels did George W. Bush raise? Number two, he’s below average because he’s above average in his intellect and his knowledge of legality, which he is violating with abandon. And number three, perhaps most important, is that he doesn’t run with the [Democrat] party.” Nader says Obama is “politically selfish” because his actions are all about his success, to the detriment of other Democrats in office. “He ignored them completely. It was, ‘I want you, the voter, to vote for me for a second term,’” but Obama then did nothing to help Democrats re-capture the House of Representatives. “On military and foreign policy,” says Nader, Obama “is worse [than Bush] in the sense that he’s more aggressive, more illegal... worldwide. ...He has basically stated, not by inference, that he has the authority to kill an American citizen or citizens anywhere in the world [with a drone strike] if he suspects them of trouble. You know, like he is the prosecutor, judge, jury, executioner, and cover-upper—because it’s all secret.” [40585]

On “Istook Live!” Senator James DeMint (R-SC) says that Republicans have “lost the battle in Washington” for the time being. “They [Obama and his fellow Democrats] smell blood in the water and they’ll keep pushing... they’re not coming our way or coming to the middle to try and govern. ...They want us to go over this so-called ‘cliff’ because it gives them a chance to get what they want in terms of higher taxes and they believe the mainstream media will blame Republicans and it will hurt us more than it will hurt them. ...They generally believe in a collectivist, big government society, and they see the government as a key player in our economy and our culture. And anything we suggest otherwise is alien to them. So their paradigm is big government. ...We need to do everything we can do as conservatives here in Washington to minimize the damage of a second Obama administration. At the same time I hope to be a part of working with states all over the country. There are 25 states with Republican governors and legislators. A lot of them are trying to implement conservative polices: lower taxes, better regulatory structure, tort reform—things we know that work. If we show them how conservative principles are working better in states like Texas and what’s happening in states like California [where they are doing the opposite and destroying their economies], they’ll begin to see how we need to change our national policy so our country can work better for everyone. It’s a challenge, but we have to admit at least temporarily we’ve lost the battle in Washington. The best we can do here at the federal level is to keep the federal government from stopping those states from doing the right thing.” [40605]

Obama celebrates the 57th anniversary of the day Rosa Parks refused to move to the back of a bus because she was black—by issuing a photograph of *himself* on the bus. (Whether the White House will celebrate George Washington’s birthday with a photograph of Obama crossing the Delaware is not known.) [40594]

Author Brad Thor comments via Twitter: “Obama [is] like [an] angry spouse who wants everything: house, car, kids, & only scorched earth for other side. Did we have a divorce or an election?” [40609]

Obama plays golf with Bill Clinton. [40607]

On December 3 DailyCaller.com reports that a firefighter in Pompano Beach, Florida "...is out of a job after putting toilet paper with ...Obama's face in his fire department's bathroom. ...Fire Chief Harry L. Small determined that Pierce's actions showed 'tasteless and disrespectful treatment' of ...Obama and 'caused significant divisiveness within the department and community.'" Clint Pierce, "...a firefighter since 1993, reportedly apologized, but to no avail." An appropriately named city spokeswoman, Sandra Small, told Pierce in a memorandum, "Your apology for your actions is appreciated, but does little to undo the widespread damage to the reputation of the city and the fire department organization." [40599]

During a discussion of the "fiscal cliff" on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, *Time* magazine's Joe Klein compares the negotiations to the vote to end slavery, saying, "[T]here are going to be politicians who are going to have to be bought the way Abraham Lincoln bought politicians with jobs when he got the 13th Amendment passed..." NBC's Chuck Todd says, "Hey, Joe, you're gonna... you're gonna like this. So I threw the Lincoln analogy at a close aide to [Obama] last week, and he said, 'You know, with this Republican—with the way politics of Washington are today, there'd still be slavery.' It was an interesting and depressing observation from this very smart White House aide." (At DailyCaller.com Jim Treacher quips, "[K]eep in mind, Chuck Todd describing someone as 'very smart' only means he or she is smarter than Chuck Todd. So it could be anybody." Actually, the White House aide is not very intelligent if he believes that Republicans tried to block the end of slavery. It was promoted by Republicans and resisted by Democrats. Additionally, of course, it is absurd to compare the institution of slavery with trying to block job-killing tax increases. But the White House and media leftists cannot resist "playing the race card" at every opportunity—even when it is totally illogical to do so.) [40601, 40602, 40625]

FoxBusiness.com reports, "U.S. manufacturing unexpectedly contracted in November, falling to its lowest in over three years in a sign the sector may be struggling to gain traction, according to an industry report released on Monday. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said its index of national factory activity fell to 49.5 in November from 51.7 the month before. The reading was shy of expectations of 51.3, according to a Reuters poll of economists. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in the manufacturing sector, while a number above 50 means expansion. The index hit its lowest since July 2009 and contracted after two straight months of growth that followed a soft period over the summer months. The employment index fell to 48.4, and was below 50 for the first time since September 2009. New orders fell to 50.3 from 54.2 and were at their lowest since August. Prices paid were down to 52.5 from 55.0, compared to an expected 53.0." [40610]

CNSNews.com reports, "...Obama's plan for the Outer Continental Shelf does not include any new oil and gas leases in the Atlantic Ocean over the next five years, but it

does include windmills. The Interior Department wants to lease nearly 278,000 acres off the coasts of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Virginia for wind energy.” [40618]

House Republicans respond to Obama’s demand for \$1.6 trillion in higher taxes and virtually no spending cuts with their own proposal: a \$2.2 trillion offer that does not raise tax rates but include \$800 billion in additional revenue from tax reform, \$600 billion in health care cuts and \$600 billion in other cuts and changes, such as raising the Medicare age to match the Social Security retirement age. FoxNews.com reports that “the plan is based on that produced by the [Simpson-Bowles] deficit-reduction commission Obama appointed”—and which Obama then ignored. ...Republicans estimate the plan would save \$2.2 trillion over 10 years—or \$4.6 trillion if one uses the accounting methods employed by the White House. Those methods boosted the White House estimate for its own plan to \$4 trillion, but Republicans say the methods are spurious.” The White House immediately rejects the Republican proposal, claiming it “does not meet the test of balance.” Obama argues that the Republicans cannot gain an additional \$800 billion in tax revenue simply by limiting deductions and loopholes and not raising tax rates—even though he said on July 22, 2011 he could do even better: “What we said was give us \$1.2 trillion in additional revenues, which could be accomplished without hiking tax rates. It could simply be accomplished by eliminating loopholes, eliminating some deductions and engaging in a tax reform process that could lower rates generally while broadening the base.” (There is no substantial entitlement reform in the GOP proposal, and no possibility that it would do anything to move the government toward a balanced budget. It is merely “less bad” than what Obama has proposed.) [40623, 40628, 40632, 40634, 40635, 40639, 40642, 40645, 40666, 40687]

L. Brent Bozell, chairman of ForAmerica Inc. and head of the Media Research Center, reacts to the GOP proposal: “It [the Republican Party] is now officially exactly right behind the Democrats—on everything. It is time for conservatives to start looking for a new home. There’s precious little left for us here. ...It would be impossible to count the times and ways [House Speaker John] Boehner, [Congressman Eric] Cantor, [Congressman Kevin] McCarthy and so many others have told America that tax hikes would kill jobs and cripple the economy. Lo and behold, that’s just what they’ve proposed, \$800 billion of them. ‘They aren’t taxes, no siree. They are ‘revenue,’ and ‘loopholes’ that are closed’—which also begs the question: if loopholes, why were they open? ...The Republican Party has now surrendered its principles, and is in full retreat, the Democrats taste blood, and they’re going for it all. I would too.” [40641]

WND.com reports, “More than 100 conservative leaders from across the nation have dispatched a letter to GOP members in Congress encouraging them to ‘negotiate from a position of strength’ with Democrats regarding the trillions of dollars in tax increases ...Obama is demanding. ‘It’s in the interest of the country and in your personal interest for you to use the power you unquestionably have now to stand firm and not surrender your conservative principles, no matter how loud the clamor of people whose central interests is to advance the left’s agenda,’ says the letter.” [40647]

In an interview with WND.com, Grover Norquist, founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform, says Obama's demand for increased income taxes "is just the first act of a two- or three-act play. After raising taxes on the rich a little bit, the Democrats will come back for serious tax revenue. In acts two and three, the Democrats will come back for the real money—an energy tax and a value-added tax that will impact everybody, especially the middle class. Congressional Democrats know raising taxes on the rich will not produce enough tax revenue to reduce significantly the trillion-dollar annual budget deficits being run by the Obama White House. The reason the Democrats scream 'tax the rich, tax the rich,' is because they are going to pivot very soon to place a three trillion-dollar tax increase on the middle class, and they want ringing in the public's ears that there wouldn't have had to do this if the Republicans in Congress had acted right away to place a decent size tax on the rich." But Norquist warns that Obama is "overstating his mandate" and "The size of Tea Party Two is going to dwarf Tea Party One. ...Four years ago, [Obama] was convinced he was king. He took a 70-percent approval down to 50 percent and lost a Democratic majority in the House of Representatives in the process. Now, Obama starts at 52 percent and he is going not only to spend too much but also too tax too much. ...Because the Democrats in Congress have no intention of talking about entitlement reform, the liberal press rolls out the usual list of Republican compromisers who will say raising taxes would be acceptable if the Democrats engage in spending cuts the Democrats have no intention of ever making. ...The Republicans in House of Representatives are survivors. The Democrats have already thrown at them everything you can imagine, and the Republicans in the House are still a majority, serving in districts that will not be redrawn for another 10 years. The Republicans in the House can defend themselves against everything the Democrats throw against them." [40626]

Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) tells *The Weekly Standard*, "I think [Obama] is increasingly showing his hand that he is comfortable going off the [fiscal] cliff. He's not involving Republicans in the process. He was playing golf this weekend with Bill Clinton, Ron Kirk, and ex-DNC chair Terry McAuliffe. He's not seeming to be one to work together. He seems to be lecturing more than listening. And I just think that it's increasingly clear he's comfortable going off the cliff. ...[Obama] is so fixated on higher taxes that he's giving up on [the possibility of trying to restore] a healthy economy. We're going to see unemployment over 9 percent in this second recession, I believe, if [Obama] doesn't work together to find a bipartisan solution. ...I can't figure out many of [Obama's] moves. But you read Bob Woodward's book, *The Price of Politics*, you can see that [Obama] does not seem to want to work together to find real solutions. I look at this, it seems his number one priority—his stated number one priority—is to increase tax rates on the wealthy. Not necessarily tax revenue, but just tax rates. And he said in the past that's because it's fair. Well, it doesn't really fix the problem. It's still just a drop in the bucket in terms of how much revenue could be raised by increasing tax rates. You know, [House Speaker] John Boehner has put revenue on the table. And [Obama] ought to be focused on the number one priority: an actual solution to the problem, not something that's just focused on his politics." [40629]

DailyCaller.com reports, "Republicans have reportedly drafted a 'Doomsday Plan' in anticipation of a stalemate on fiscal cliff negotiations. ABC News reports that a large

group of Republicans could vote ‘present’ on a bill extending the Bush-era middle class tax cuts. This would assure the bill passes solely on Democratic votes, signifying Republicans’ refusal to only extend tax cuts for one subset of citizens. The bill would be void of any unemployment or tax reform and also would not raise the debt ceiling, measures that ...Obama favors. Such a scenario would force Obama and congressional Democrats to address massive spending cuts as soon as they return from the holiday recess.” [40633, 40640, 40660]

Breitbart.com reports, “Attorney General Eric Holder’s chief of staff, Gary Grindler, plans to resign his post at the Department of Justice on Wednesday. Grindler was directly involved in the Operation Fast and Furious scandal.” [40637]

CarolinaJournal.com reports that Cecil and Pearson of Roanoke Rapids “were shocked” when they learned that their mentally disabled daughter, who is 40 years old but “functions cognitively at about the level of a 7-year old,” voted for Obama. Pearson states, “She has never voted. My wife and I became her legal guardians in 1996 to prevent exploitation like this. We were not consulted. She is not capable of making an informed choice, and as her guardians we would not have approved it.” (The group home where Darlene lives apparently decided it was appropriate to have a “field trip” to vote early—and obviously told the patients the “proper way” to mark their ballots.) [40643]

The Boston Globe reports that Obama’s uncle, Onyango Obama, “has won a new deportation hearing in Boston immigration court, more than a year after a drunken-driving arrest in Framingham revealed that he had violated a longstanding order to return to Kenya. ...The board’s decision raised eyebrows among immigration lawyers who say it is difficult to persuade the immigration courts to reconsider a case that involves an arrest and a flagrant violation of a deportation order, last issued in 1992.” [40646, 40658]

Software company Oracle announces it will distribute its next three quarterly dividends payments on December 21. (Many companies are shifting dividends payments into 2012 so their stockholders can pay the current 15 percent tax and avoid the massive 43.4 percent rate Obama is working hard to impose in 2013. The actions will result in a short-term increase in tax revenue for the government, but significantly reduced long-term revenues.) *The Washington Post* will pay its 2013 dividends on December 17. (The *Post*, which endorsed Obama, is at least intelligent enough to act to help its shareholders avoid his plans for higher dividend taxes.) Another company paying early dividends is Costco—whose CEO Jim Sinegal endorsed Obama and spoke at the Democrat National Convention. Sinegal will pay himself more than \$14 million in dividends before the end of the year to avoid paying as much as \$4 million in higher Obama taxes. [40662, 40765, 40767, 40788, 40830, 40881]

Appearing on *On the Record*, former Senator Rick Santorum says Obama has no reason to agree to any budget deal offered by the Republicans: “He’s saying no because he likes the deal he has in place [the automatic tax increases and budget cuts that will occur if no agreement is reached]. The reason I think he’s saying no—and I think he will say no to

just about anything the Republicans put forward—is because the fallback position is better for him than any deal that the Republicans are going to put forward. And the fallback position is a tax increase on everybody... He can then have his big increases in taxes, and then at the same time blame Republicans for taxes going up on lower-income people. That's a win for him. ...What he really wants is more taxes, which is what he gets if he gets nothing [from Republicans]. And here's the most important thing. He gets big cuts in defense, which he would never get under a negotiated deal of any kind with Republicans and Democrats. ...He has the deal that was put in place over a year ago, which is all the tax rates going back to where they were [during the Clinton administration], and two big cuts, a big cut in defense and a big cut in domestic programs. He doesn't see it as a cliff. He sees it as actually a pretty good deal they negotiated over a year ago that puts him in a position where he doesn't have to negotiate." [40664]

On December 4 Reuters reports that House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) kicked two conservative Congressmen—Tim Huelskamp (R-KS) and Justin Amash (R-MI)—off the House Budget Committee. (Huelskamp and Amash are both opposed to raising taxes on anyone. The move by Boehner is a signal to Obama that the GOP establishment is willing to cave in on budget negotiations. The move will also anger Tea Party activists.) Additionally, RollCall.com reports that Boehner also kicked Congressmen Walter B. Jones (R-NC) and David Schweikert (R-AZ) off the House Financial Services Committee. Jones and Schweikert are also conservatives who resist the “Republican in name only” actions of the GOP establishment. One Republican aide comments, “You want good things in Congress and to have a good career? Better play along nicely.” (That of course, is why the government is about to collapse because of its mountain of debt.) [40630, 40631, 40636, 40638, 40700]

Reuters reports, “Egyptian police battled thousands of protesters outside President Mohamed Morsi's palace in Cairo on Tuesday, prompting the Islamist leader to leave the building, presidency sources said. Officers fired teargas at up to 10,000 demonstrators angered by Morsi's drive to hold a referendum on a new constitution on December 15. Some broke through police lines around his palace and protested next to the perimeter wall. The crowds had gathered nearby in what organizers had dubbed ‘last warning’ protests against Morsi, who infuriated opponents with a November 22 decree that expanded his powers. ‘The people want the downfall of the regime,’ the demonstrators chanted.” One protestor carries a sign that reads, “Obama, your bitch is our dictator.” [40648, 40650, 40651, 40652]

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announces the names of 15 documentaries eligible for Oscar competition. Conspicuously absent is *2016: Obama's America*—even though it earned more at the box office than the 15 other films combined. Producer Gerald Molen comments, “The action confirms my opinion that the bias against anything from a conservative point of view is dead on arrival in Hollywood circles. The film's outstanding success means that America went to see the documentary in spite of how Hollywood feels about it.” Writer and director Dinesh D'Souza says, “I want to thank the Academy for not nominating our film. By ignoring *2016*, the top-performing

box-office hit of 2012, and pretending that films like *Searching for Sugar Man* and *This Is Not a Film* are more deserving of an Oscar, our friends in Hollywood have removed any doubt average Americans may have had that liberal political ideology, not excellence, is the true standard of what receives awards.” The company that manufactures the Oscar statues, R.S. Owens, is laying off 95 employees on December 17. (Meanwhile, Michelle Obama has been nominated for a Grammy Award in the “best spoken word album” category for her audio book, *American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America*.) [40663, 40668, 40680, 40696, 40715]

Obama meets with leftist MSNBC hosts Al Sharpton, Rachel Maddow, and Lawrence O’Donnell. (At Townhall.com Leah Barkoukis writes, “Considering this is the same ‘news network’ that did absolutely zero negative stories about Obama in the last week of the campaign and shares pretty much the same slogan [“forward”], it’s likely the hosts were there to do little more than cross-check talking points. Propaganda, indeed.”) [40655, 40656]

In Detroit, city councilwoman JoAnn Watson calls on Obama to bail out the failing city: “Our people in an overwhelming way supported the re-election of [Obama] and there ought to be a quid pro quo and you ought to exercise leadership on that. Of course, not just that, but why not? After the election of Jimmy Carter, the honorable Coleman Alexander Young [former Detroit mayor], he went to Washington, D.C. He came home with some bacon. That’s what you do.” (Obama received about 75 percent of the vote in Detroit—a city in which 47 percent of the residents are functionally illiterate.) [40659, 40670, 40755]

The Senate votes 98–0 to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act—despite the fact that the legislation again contains a provision allowing Obama to arrest and indefinitely detain U.S. citizens without due process if he believes they pose a threat to national security. [40673, 40674]

On December 5 WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A federal appeals court on Wednesday questioned not only ...Obama’s controversial January recess appointments but the entire system of such appointments, using oral arguments in a case to cast doubt on whether presidential powers can ever be exercised unless Congress has adjourned for good. The case involves a challenge to ...Obama’s recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board in early January—during a time when the Senate was holding pro forma sessions every three days, specifically for the purposes of denying him the chance to make those appointments. ...Obama argued that since the full Senate wasn’t actually meeting regularly, lawmakers were technically in an intra-session ‘recess’ and he could use his constitutional power to make appointments not needing the chamber’s consent. But two judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit questioned not only that move, but every recess appointment made other than during a traditional inter-session recesses that close out each year.” Judge Thomas B. Griffith states, “Once you remove yourself from the principles set forth in the Constitution—inter-session versus intra-session—you are adrift.” [40653, 40654, 40681]

Republicans muster enough votes to prevent the Senate from gaining the two-thirds majority required to ratify a United Nations “Rights of Persons With Disabilities” treaty that would have imposed international laws on parents in the United States. Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) states, “Unelected, foreign bureaucrats, not parents, would decide what is in the best interests of the disabled child, even in the home. These are just some of the reasons why the Senate was right to reject yet another power-grab effort by the UN.” (Senate Democrats and Obama supported the treaty.) [40657, 40661]

Citigroup announces it is cutting 11,000 jobs worldwide. (How many of the losses will be in the United States is not stated.) [40665, 40667]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “We need a response from the White House. We can’t sit here and negotiate [a budget deal] with ourselves. ...If [Obama] doesn’t agree with our proposal and our outline, I think he’s got an obligation to send one to the Congress.” [40669]

On the floor of the Senate, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) asks for a vote on the tax proposal offered by Obama via Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner—to force Senate Democrats to commit to the largest tax increase in history. Majority Leaders Harry Reid (D-NV) expectedly objects and refuses to allow a vote. McConnell responds, “If [Obama’s] proposal was made in good faith, Democrats should be eager to vote for it. So I’m surprised the Majority Leader just declined the chance for them to support it with their votes. I guess we’re left to conclude that it couldn’t even pass by a bare majority of votes, and that they’d rather take the country off the cliff than actually work out a good-faith agreement that reflects tough choices on both sides. ...I think folks should know who actually wants to raise taxes on family farmers and manufacturers, and who thinks we can solve our fiscal problems without doing anything serious to our real long term liabilities. Democrats are so focused on the politics of this debate they seem to forget there’s a cost. They’re feeling so good about the election, they’ve forgotten they’ve got a duty to govern. A lot of people are going to suffer a lot if we go off this cliff. That’s why we assumed Democrats wanted to avoid it. We thought it was the perfect opportunity to do something together. Apparently we were wrong.” [40671, 40684]

The New York Times finally admits the Obama administration has been engaged in gun dealing, reporting: “The Obama administration secretly gave its blessing to arms shipments to Libyan rebels from Qatar last year, but American officials later grew alarmed as evidence grew that Qatar was turning some of the weapons over to Islamic militants, according to United States officials and foreign diplomats. No evidence has emerged linking the weapons provided by the Qataris during the uprising against Col. Muammar el-Qaddafi to the attack that killed four Americans at the United States diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, in September. But in the months before, the Obama administration clearly was worried about the consequences of its hidden hand in helping arm Libyan militants, concerns that have not previously been reported. The weapons and money from Qatar strengthened militant groups in Libya, allowing them to become a destabilizing force since the fall of the Qaddafi government.” [40672]

On MSNBC, former Vermont governor Howard Dean reveals the truth behind Obama's refusal to negotiate a budget deal, saying, "The truth is, everybody needs to pay more taxes, not just the rich." (Obama does not need to negotiate a deal with the Republicans, as he is totally prepared to allow the Bush tax rates to expire for all income levels.) [40675]

On CNBC, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says Obama is "absolutely" prepared to let the Bush tax rates expire and force the mandatory spending cuts required by the 2011 sequestration legislation: "There is no prospect [for] an agreement that doesn't involve rates going up on the top two percent of the wealthiest Americans. What we need to see is have them [the Republicans] acknowledge that they are prepared to see rates go up. And if they are willing to accept that, and commit to that as part of an agreement, then we think we can do something really good for the American economy." (Raising taxes would, of course, not be "good for the American economy" because it will result in additional job losses. But Obama is so desperate to destroy the GOP and to punish productive Americans in the interest of "fairness" that he does not care who he hurts in the process. Obama is willing to cause hundreds of thousands of Americans to lose their jobs and millions of Americans to see their taxes increase so that he can get additional tax revenue from the wealthy—revenue that would not even reduce the deficit because he plans on spending it.) [40684, 40685, 40697]

According to a Gallup poll, 53 percent of Democrats and 23 percent of Republicans have a "positive image" of socialism. Only 55 percent of Democrats have positive feelings about capitalism, compared to 75 percent of Republicans. (Some might argue that the survey explains why Obama won reelection.) [40677]

House Democrats argue that the Republicans should not use raising the debt ceiling as a "negotiating item" in budget discussions, and that Obama should be free to borrow whatever he wants whenever he wants. Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) tells reporters, "The debt limit ought not to be held hostage to anything. It hurt our economy. We were downgraded for the first time in my career, and I think in history, by one of the rating agencies. The credit worthiness of America ought not to be put at risk." (Hoyer is apparently too economically ignorant to realize that uncontrolled spending is more risky than negotiating over the issue.) [40678]

At the Business Roundtable, Obama tells business executives, "If Congress in any way suggests that they're going to tie negotiations to debt ceiling votes and take us to the brink of default once again as part of a budget negotiation... I will not play that game. ... That is a bad strategy for America. It is a bad strategy for our businesses... it is not a game that I will play." (By daring to hold his breath until he turns blue, Obama is, in fact, 'playing that game.' Apparently the strategy he thinks is good for business is to raise taxes, continue to spend trillions of dollars the government does not have, and have unlimited power to borrow money with no accountability.) [40679, 40686, 40719]

FoxNews.com reports, "Within eight hours of the initial attack on the United States' diplomatic facility in Benghazi, Libya, the CIA decided to scrub and abandon rather than

protect its annex, a military intelligence source told Fox News. ‘The defensive posture was no longer sustainable,’ the source told Fox News, revealing for the first time how quickly the CIA chose to secure classified material and close down the facility after it took indirect fire from two mortars at about 5:15 a.m. local time Sept. 12. The adjoining U.S. consulate [which was not technically a consulate and was just another CIA facility], by contrast, has never been secured, even three months after the attack.” [40688]

The Ulsterman Report meets with both his White House insider (WHI) and his Republican insider (RI). The Republican insider remarks, “There are some new voices finally having a chance to speak up. That’s long overdue.” The White House insider responds, “What the f-ck are you on about? ‘New voices?’ Really? Didn’t John-boy [House Speaker John Boehner] just push some of those voices off the table? He’s kissing the ass of this Obama White House every chance he gets. F-ck him. F-ck you. F-ck your bullsh-t ‘soul searching’ nonsense. Buncha pig sh-t all of it.” RI: “...I have no problem hearing that right now. Look... this election was... it was a tough one. Let’s not try and make it out to be better than it is. I get that. I really do. The party... it ran... ran an okay campaign when it needed to be a great campaign. It picked an okay candidate when it needed to pick... a great candidate. And so we lost. The Republican Party is... it’s adrift right now. That’s not necessarily a bad thing... gives us a chance to... people are shaken up. So hopefully that leads to them waking up. And from there... we can rebuild.” WHI: “...[I] Came here to speak my mind. That’s what you said you wanted. So he [RI] can shut up. You both can shut up and listen. I’ve been doin’ this for longer than... hell of a lot longer than him. I’ve seen good and I’ve seen bad. This last election? It... [I] haven’t seen THAT. You are talking about we should have done this? Should have done that? F-ck you. And I mean every letter of that son. F-ck YOU. That election was TAKEN from the American people. I don’t care what you have to say on that... I’ve been around you know? I’ve seen a few things you know? And this... this election was STOLEN. STOLEN. STOLEN. I’ll go to my grave knowin’ that... A precinct here. County there. BAM! They got their swing states. The numbers... election night... no WAY those numbers lined up. NO F-CKING WAY. So you can try and pour perfume over that pile of sh-t election, but it still smells like sh-t. And there’s a whole lot of us who smell it, and we ain’t all sufferin’ some... some kind of mass hysteria on this one.” [40691]

The Republican insider naively argues that if Obama stole the election then the wealthy people who helped fund Romney’s campaign should be willing to provide proof and fight for the cause, but he can’t afford to do so. In the meantime, he states, “I’m not about to give up because of my own hurt feelings or disappointment... we need to do what we can to salvage this thing... America... for the next generations. I’m not going to pass judgment on whether or not they ‘deserve it’ before they even have had a chance to experience it.” WHI: “Next generations? Really? Those pathetic... did you see the numbers on the youth vote for Obama? Give me a f-cking break! All he did was promise a lower interest rate... student loans... some gay marriage bullsh-t...if those assh-les are the future of this country... they can have it. F-ck them too. Little commie suckin’ [expletive deleted].” [40691]

On December 6 Townhall.com's Katie Pavlich posts a summary of the ObamaCare taxes estimated by the Congressional Budget Office. The various fees and taxes add up to \$1 trillion over 10 years. [40676]

Gallup reports, "U.S. unemployment, as measured by Gallup without seasonal adjustment, was 7.8% for the month of November, up significantly from 7.0% for October. Gallup's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is 8.3%, nearly a one-point increase over October's rate." [40682, 40683]

Gallup also reports, "U.S. small-business owners expect to add fewer net new jobs over the next 12 months than at any time since the depths of the 2008–2009 recession, according to this November's Wells Fargo/Gallup Small Business Index survey. Small-business owners' net hiring intentions for the next 12 months plunged to -4 in November, down from +10 in July and matching the previous record low recorded by the Wells Fargo/Small Business Index of -4 in November 2008." [40689]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "New York federal judge may rule imminently on a case that could reverse the General Motors (GM) bailout and send the company back into bankruptcy, according to sources close to the case. At issue is a backroom deal hatched by GM to fulfill the Obama administration's demand for a quick bankruptcy, draining the automaker of nearly all of its cash on hand and leaving it in worse shape than it was when it collapsed in 2009." [40690]

Former vice president Al Gore addresses the New York League of Conservation Voters and complains that Obama is not doing enough to combat "global warming." Gore states, "On a national level, to use a computer term, our democracy has been hacked. It no longer functions as it is intended to... to serve the public interests. And when the large carbon polluters and their ideological allies tell the members of Congress to jump, they do say, 'How high?' And we need leadership in the executive branch as well. I deeply respect [Obama], and I am grateful for the steps that he has taken, but we cannot have four more years of mentioning this occasionally and saying it's too bad that the Congress can't act. I know how tough it is. He's done more in [his] first four years than any other administration has ever done, and I respect that and acknowledge that. But the time has long since passed for us to get moving. ...This country is the only nation that can provide global leadership. Dysfunctional leadership [globally] is directly related to the dysfunction of the government here in our own country. And ultimately it all comes back to us. Yes, it's time to act." [40701]

The Ulsterman Report posts the second part of his meeting with the White House insider (WHI) and his Republican insider (RI). WHI: "We lost this election by... how did the Old Man [Wall Street insider] put it? By any means necessary right? ...Obama got his second term. ...I say stolen. You say maybe... but we can't prove it. And yeah... okay, you are right about that I guess. The laws set up to make that... it's a real tough thing. You can have recounts... but... on a national level... charging fraud... election fraud... tough to do. The system is rigged to make it tough right from the start. ...Now hold up... we don't agree on one big fundamental f-cking point here. This election was STOLEN.

PERIOD. You want to say maybe it was maybe it wasn't. I say yes it was. Been over the numbers a thousand times... what we had weeks and days heading into the election... that wave that broke Obama's way on Election Day... Hell no. Hell no. Hell no. No way that happened like that. Not for real. They stole it. And here's where I get so pissed at your party... Republicans. Now if this was reversed for us here... if it was Dems who felt like it was stolen... you'd have twenty, thirty members of Congress screaming that very thing on the TV, day after day. They would be rilin' up the base... there would be marches in D.C., protests... why is it you Republicans are so damn... so f-ckin' POLITE about having this election taken from you? Makes me wonder... makes me wonder... These boys take a dive? That's what I mean. A shadow punch—[is] that what we have here? I mean not a WHISPER about voter fraud? Really? Now I'm not charging the Romney team with this... I know how stunned they were. Election night... they were genuinely shocked. The governor... he was... handled it great. Lot of dignity and all that... but outside the campaign... the RNC... some state organizations... something fishy there. Something not right. I'll give you the fact proving it is... it would be damn near impossible... but that don't change my mind none on it. STOLEN. And I already said it weeks ago... the Obama team, or whoever, whatever is behind it... they needed help to pull it off. That help had to come from inside the Republican operation. How far... how deep... don't know. And YOU [points to RI]... YOU want to just shrug it off? I know you seen some of those numbers too... it's all out of whack. There's always irregularities... yeah, yeah... I been there and done that myself. Not proud of it... but sure... done it. These damn computers though... what... how easy can it be done now? On a much larger scale than I've ever been involved in? And what was given to make some people look away?" [40692]

The Republican insider is skeptical of the allegation of massive fraud and Republican establishment involvement: "You are implying that there was widespread election fraud. Now if I recall it was you who said... I think it was you... you said that for a Republican to win by one [percentage point] they have to actually win by three [to overcome Democrat fraud], right? ...If a Republican is to win by one, they have to actually win by three. Right? ...Okay, if that has been the established rule for some time... and we had a close election... 2012... it seems very likely that Mitt Romney did not get his actual numbers to that three percent margin, so he lost. Maybe he was only up by one, or at the most two, so he lost the election. And I'm... I don't want to join you on the conspiracy plank here but—" WHI: "Now there you go... that is a big part of why we are HERE see? We can say things... share information... that we couldn't normally do, right? So YOU man up now... and speak your damn mind, boy. I didn't bring you in to this thing here... without knowin' you got a sharp mind for how this works. I'm from a different era... you... I'll give you this—you know your sh-t. But you gotta share what you know. Stop playin' nice. Speak your mind. ...So just say what you wanna say. They left Romney hangin' didn't they? I could feel that on election night." RI: "...Your internals [polling] data. You trust those? Completely? ...That data... it showed Romney with comfortable margins in a lot of states... strong momentum in some swing states? Correct? That was... you shared that here, right? I recall you sounding very optimistic. ...But you were wrong. Or the data was wrong. You admit that?" WHI: "NO. I already said... they STOLE the motherf-cker. The election." RI: "All right... hold on. I want you

to suspend your belief in that conspiracy for just a minute and go with something I've been pondering on all this. Now I was told the Romney team... they kind of stopped fighting hard the last couple... last few weeks. And watching it—granted I was on the outside looking in—but what I saw... confirmed that. They didn't go hard on Benghazi. They backed off it. They refused to really go after [Obama]. They just campaigned from state to state without really... they didn't really draw a hard line of distinction and I think that was a critical mistake.” [40692]

The Republican insider continues, “...Again, I am NOT saying some fraud didn't occur. But if you take the margin of victory that Obama was given, and put that directly up against those internal poll numbers... it's far easier for me to believe it was those internals that were corrupted much more than the millions and millions of votes. ...I'm saying [that] ...Obama had this thing won the whole way. Mitt Romney never had a real chance. Those internals... they were a lie. A manipulation. And you... you were part of that. You bought into those numbers. You embraced those numbers... they all did. They were outplayed. The Romney team... they didn't know how to play dirty like this. They became overconfident... complacent... So the Romney campaign pays hundreds of thousands for those internals. The Obama campaign... they pay... or promise to pay... pay them MILLIONS to come up with internals that make the Romney team think they are winning this thing. There's already been reports saying the Romney team was relying on bad internal polling. But what I'm saying here [is] that the polling was INTENTIONALLY bad, inaccurate... and it was made so by the direct involvement of the Obama campaign. And while you are leaking those internal results back to the Obama operatives, thinking you're messing with them, all you did was confirm to them that what they had set up was working perfectly. What are we taught? What must a campaign have in order to form a competent operation? Beyond the candidate itself, and funding? What must we have to ensure success?” WHI: “Accurate... accurate information.” [40692]

The Republican insider faults the GOP candidate: “I said [Romney] didn't provide a clear enough distinction, a real choice between himself and Barack Obama. That his history on healthcare mandates, abortion, immigration... it made the job much more difficult. ...[B]asically, the Republicans thought they could simply run against Barack Obama, right? The problem is that when Mitt Romney won the nomination, in so many ways he *was* Barack Obama. It was easy for them...the media... the Democrats... to muddy up the waters so to speak. And so that made Romney ...much more passive in the general election than he was in the primaries... because he was, or his advisers were afraid to distance themselves from Obama. To really go after him because Mitt Romney had some very critical examples in his own political career that seemed to compliment Barack Obama's own policies. During the primaries Rick Santorum warned everyone about this. He was right. I knew it then. But nobody wanted to listen. Nobody. The RNC... it wanted Mitt Romney. Then... see what it has done now. It's thrown Romney to the curb...” WHI: “...I ain't sayin' I'm buyin' this completely, but yeah, I should of... f-ck... should have seen this. Godd-mmit! Those motherf-cking Obama... I hate this White House. I hate that campaign. I hate the stupid f-cking voters... all of them who fall for his bullsh-t. Guess that includes me...” [40692]

The White House insider continues: “I want you to explain to me... the bad internals, okay then. You might have got that right. BUT... how does that explain the election? How does that explain... how people still re-elected that piece of sh-t? Can you please tell me that 'cause my head still can't wrap itself around that one. I'll give you that the Romney team wasn't as good as I thought... fine... fine. I still say it's a damn shame... a good man and my heart says he woulda been a good president. So if I can see that, why the f-ck didn't the voters? And don't give me a talk on 'messaging.' I GET IT. That ain't it. There's gotta to be more to it than just the damn message. ...Tell me HOW they f-cking did it because I don't KNOW and it's driving me up the godd-mn wall! How did these motherf-ckers pull this off? You want to take fraud off the table. You want to say we got... that the Obama machine bought up the same damn internals we were using... that ain't enough to get somebody as bad as this guy re-elected. It isn't. It sure as hell can help—but it isn't enough. So can you please tell me how they did it? I don't got [sic] the answers. Guess I never did. Guess I'm as used up as people have been saying about me for years. You're the new generation in this... you're the smart guy now. You TELL ME. Tell me how they did it. I want you to break it open for me. Break yourself open. Don't worry about offending someone... You can say whatever the f-ck you want. So say it. TELL ME. Please. Make me understand. 'Cause I can't go out like this... Jesus Lord... I left a big part of me dead and gone on November 6th... and it's killin' the rest of me. ...I just got to know how this thing happened. If they didn't steal it... not enough of it... how the f-ck did they do it? Break it open, son. Please. And where do we go from here? How do we fix this? Because this old boy, he don't know. I'm swimming in waters...f-ck it. Let's face it... it seems I forgot how to swim. Yeah, been drowning since November 6th. So you tell us now how we keep our heads above water, 'cause we are ALL drownin' now.” [40692]

The Republican insider responds, “This election was a long time coming and it was people like HIM [the White House insider] who set it up. HIS Democratic Party. HIS friends. Maybe now we'll... we'll call them former friends... in the media. The entertainment world... they all played their part in this. The danger to the United States right now... it's all of them. It's a lack of education among the public... it's greed. And like I said, it's been a long time in the making. And unfortunately, my own Republican Party has played a part in this as well. I can think of 1980, when the Reagan campaign following a meeting with the Rockefeller wing of the party, agreed to take on George H.W. Bush as their VP choice. We could go back to the election of Kennedy in 1960... Chicago... [or] the manipulation that took place with the third party nonsense that set up Clinton in 1992. YOU [WHI] helped set that up. You couldn't defeat Barack Obama because Barack Obama is the culmination of your own life of work. Not that you knew it at the time, but that's the reality. You were fighting yourself these last two years. That Obama machine you talk so much about—you helped provide the foundation. And I think that's a big part of what has you so upset. You know that. You haven't wanted to say it, but you know that's the truth. And I'll add this to that, until you come to terms with that, you won't get past it. You won't ever really be a part of defeating what Barack Obama and the people around him stand for...” [40692]

FoxNews.com reports on the inadequate management of FEMA officials during the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. “A FEMA worker who spoke to FoxNews.com described a chaotic scene at New Jersey’s Fort Dix, where emergency workers arrived as the storm bore down on the Atlantic Coast. The worker said officials at the staging area were unprepared and told the incoming responders there was nothing for them to do for nearly four days. ‘They told us to hurry, hurry, hurry,’ the worker, who works at the agency’s headquarters in Washington and volunteered to deploy for the storm recovery effort. ‘We rushed to Fort Dix, only to find out that our liaison didn’t even know we were coming.’ ...After arriving in New Jersey, the worker and others waited for three full days and parts of another, even as reports dominated the television of the devastation and suffering wrought by the storm, which struck land on Oct. 29. When they asked for assignments, they couldn’t believe the response, according to the worker. ‘They told us to go to the Walmart nearby or to check out the area but told us to stay out of the areas affected by the storm.’” One worker comments, “I worked in Katrina and Katrina was run better than Sandy.” [40693]

In response to the massive demonstrations in Egypt, Obama telephones President Mohamed Morsi to “to express his deep concern about the deaths and injuries of protesters,” according to the White House. (Some might suspect that the purpose of the call was to complain that the demonstrations against the Morsi regime make Obama’s support of the “Arab Spring” look inept.) Meanwhile, the Egyptian army uses barbed wire and armored vehicles to protect the presidential palace. [40699, 40710, 40712]

TucsonNewsNow.com reports that Congressman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) “...is asking federal officials why the man suspected of detonating a bomb outside the Arizona Social Security Administration office in Casa Grande was allowed to live in Arizona despite being classified a person who had engaged in ‘terrorism-related activity.’” In 2011 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) stated that Abdullatif Aldosary, a citizen of Iraq living in Coolidge, Arizona, was not eligible for a permanent resident status “pursuant to the terrorism-related grounds of inadmissibility” and “individuals who engage in terrorism-related activity ...are barred from receiving various immigration benefits.” Not surprisingly, Gosar has asked DHS, “Why wasn’t a known terrorist detained and deportation proceedings initiated once DHS concluded he was engaging in terrorism-related activity? What efforts were made to track and monitor a known terrorist in Arizona? Did DHS inform local law enforcement about this potential threat? Was DHS aware of Mr. Aldosary’s prior criminal record? What is the time frame to arrest and deport a resident alien once the DHS determines he or she has engaged in terrorism related activity?” [40717, 40718]

Senator James DeMint (R-SC) announces he is resigning the Senate to replace the retiring president Edwin J. Fuelner of the Heritage Foundation in order to “advance conservative ideas.” (Some expect DeMint to run for president in 2016. South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, a Republican, will appoint a replacement to fill DeMint’s Senate seat until a November 2014 election.) [40704, 40711]

On MSNBC, Reverend C. L. Bryant, former president of the NAACP in Texas, says, “But the truth of the matter is this. Take away [Obama’s] skin color, and take away the ‘race card’ that is played so often... and there’s really no reason for black people to vote for him, or Latinos... because when you look at the unemployment rate among those two demographics, when you look at the poverty rate among young white females, there is no reason for anybody to have reelected [Obama] in those demographics except for the emotional issue of race. And this is what I’m saying, and this what we say in our movie, *Runaway Slave*, the Democrat Party, the progressive liberals have been very successful in co-opting the emotional issues of the day. The truth of the matter is, those very issues have led the same group of people ...who voted for [Obama] religiously into a mind-set and to a culture of bondage.” [40702, 40703]

On December 7 Obama commemorates the 71st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor by releasing a 2011 photograph of himself placing a wreath at the memorial in Hawaii. [40721]

The Department of Labor reports a decline in the official unemployment rate from 7.8 to 7.7 percent, with an estimated 146,000 jobs created in November—many of which are part-time jobs for the Christmas shopping season. (The September and October numbers are revised downward by a total of 49,000.) At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes, “Although the unemployment rate has gone down, the number of unemployed people has remained the same signaling more people have simply given up looking for work. The number of long term unemployed people also remains the same and many people looking for full-time work are still working part time jobs.” (The unemployment rate dropped because 540,000 Americans, unable to find job, left the work force entirely.) Counting “discouraged workers”—those who have given up looking for jobs—the unemployment rate is 14.4 percent. Counting long-term discouraged workers—those who gave up looking for work more than one year ago—the unemployment rate is an estimated 22.9 percent. Meanwhile, CNSNews.com reports, “Seventy-three percent of the new civilian jobs created in the United States over the last five months are in government, according to official data published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In June, a total of 142,415,000 people were employed in the U.S, according to the BLS, including 19,938,000 who were employed by federal, state and local governments.” Of 847,000 new jobs since June, 621,000 were government jobs. The unemployment rate for government workers is a mere 3.8 percent. [40694, 40695, 40709, 40713, 40714, 40721, 40722, 40723, 40728, 40743, 40749]

WhiteHouseDossier.com reports, “A new petition gaining ground on the White House website calls on ...Obama to cancel his estimated \$4 million vacation and devote the money instead to helping victims of Hurricane Sandy. The petition, which was created just two days ago, had 872 signatures as of 8:45 am ET this morning and is potentially ...on its way to garnering the 25,000 signatures in 30 days required to elicit a response from the White House.” (Obama’s vacation will be over by the time the 30 days are up.) [40705, 40706]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey reports on Obama's "red line" for Syria's use of chemical weapons in its civil war. On August 20 Obama stated, "We have been very clear to the Assad regime, but also to other players on the ground, that a red line for us is we start seeing a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized. That would change my calculus. That would change my equation." The current red line is Assad's use of chemical weapons, rather than simply "moving them around." Assad apparently has been readying chemical weapons, which crossed the original red line—so the White House moved the line. Morrissey writes, "That's the problem with setting 'red lines' publicly. If you are not willing to take action, your credibility at that point is destroyed. That's why it is important to understand the situation and your own capabilities before setting those red lines, especially in public speeches. Essentially, it makes Obama look as though he was bluffing, either deliberately or through ignorance, and neither makes the US look especially strong now." Meanwhile, an Israeli official tells *The New York Times*, "We're willing to do it [stop Assad], probably more willing than the Americans." (Some believe that as the United States prepared to invade Iraq, Saddam Hussein moved his chemical weapons and missile parts into Syria.) [40707, 40708, 40740]

According to Republicans on the Senate Budget Committee, tax revenue spent on welfare programs amounts to "\$168 per day for every household in poverty." That, notes Daniel Halper at *WeeklyStandard.com*, "is higher than the \$137 median income per day." [40716]

Politico reports, "Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will testify in an open House hearing on the attacks in Benghazi that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three other Americans." [40724]

The Telegraph reports, "Tens of thousands of opponents of President Mohammed Morsi stormed barricades around his palace in Cairo as the impasse over Egypt's constitutional crisis showed signs of getting out of control. Opposition leaders earlier rejected Mr. Morsi's call for talks, putting their weight instead behind rallies which converged on the palace from all across Cairo attacking his plans for a constitutional referendum next weekend. The protesters were held up by a line of the Republican Guard, but as numbers grew it gave way, with swarms of demonstrators running in front of the gates and climbing on top of armored personnel carriers and tanks." [40725, 40769]

The Washington Post provides proof that some economists and government officials belong in a lunatic asylum, with a report that "some economists and legal scholars" have suggested that the U.S. Mint produce two platinum coins and label them with a value of \$1 trillion each. Obama would then deposit them with the Treasury Department and have the "money" he needs to keep funding government operations even without agreeing to a budget deal with Congress. Joseph Gagnon of the Peterson Institute for International Economics says, "I like it [the idea]. There's nothing that's obviously economically problematic about it." (With that comment, Gagnon replaces *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman as the dumbest economist in the universe. If the platinum coin "solution" is actually a solution, why stop at two coins? The government could mint four coins each year and eliminate all taxes completely. Or it could issue a coin to each of 315 million

Americans, making them all trillionaires.) At Townhall.com Guy Benson comments, “I’m at a loss for words. I mean, you’d think that there’s no way on earth the White House would even float anything like this, if only because of the massive political risk and insane optics. But I guess you never know; Obama did just ask Congress to relinquish all of its debt limit-related powers to him, after all. It’s difficult to identify the most mind-blowing element of this article, but ...Gagnon’s quote might take the cake. There’s ‘nothing that’s obviously economically problematic’ about this absurd scheme? Printing, or rather minting, \$2 trillion in magic money, overnight, to artificially ‘pay for’ existing federal obligations isn’t ‘economically problematic?’ In that case, we should print \$87 trillion in special coins and retire all of our accrued debts and obligations in one fell swoop. I’m sure the massive devaluation of the dollar, inflationary spikes, and total loss of confidence among our creditors would work themselves out somehow. Thank goodness for experts.” [40726, 40727]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “This isn’t a progress report because there is no progress to report. [Obama] has adopted a deliberate strategy to slow-walk our economy right to the edge of the fiscal cliff.” Boehner describes a December 5 telephone call with Obama as “pleasant, but it was just more of the same. Even the conversations the staff had yesterday were just more of the same. It’s time for [Obama], if he’s serious, to come back to us with a counteroffer.” [40730]

Charles Biderman, CEO of TrimTabs Investment Research, warns that the government bond bubble will eventually burst, probably during Obama’s second term. Biderman tells MoneyNews.com, “This circular game of governments buying bad loans from banks that use the money to buy government bonds will eventually spin out of control. ...I cannot get over [*New York Times* columnist] Paul Krugman’s recent comment that as long as bond buyers keep buying U.S. government debt, deficits do not matter. ...I do not see any chance of a miraculous economic recovery anytime soon. Therefore, the entire government bond Ponzi scheme has to collapse.” [40731]

A Government Accountability Office report confirms what many suspected from the beginning: the government’s “Pigford settlement” to award black farmers billions of dollars to compensate for past discrimination by the Department of Agriculture resulted in taxpayers being cheated because of the inadequate safeguards in the payment process. According to Breitbart.com, “...[T]he Pigford settlement allowed people to collect \$50,000 just for claiming that they ‘attempted to farm’ and that no other proof was needed. As a result, many claim that billions of dollars in fraudulent ‘attempted to farm’ claims were paid out by the federal government. The new GAO report actually confirms what the late Andrew Breitbart pointed out time and again: the Pigford settlement is a massive swindle on the U.S. taxpayer, and it was designed that way from the start.” The GAO report states that “...by the terms of the settlement agreement, most claims must be evaluated based solely on the information submitted by the claimants and, as a result, the adjudicator of these claims has no way of independently verifying that information.” (In essence, a black claimant merely had to state that he tried to become a farmer and the Department of Agriculture hindered his efforts, he was awarded \$50,000—without having to provide prove of anything.) [40732]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The federal government borrowed 46 cents of every dollar it has spent so far in fiscal year 2013, which began Oct. 1, according to the latest data the Congressional Budget Office... The government notched a \$172 billion deficit in November, and is already nearly \$300 billion in the hole through the first two months of fiscal year 2013, underscoring just how deep the government’s budget problems are as lawmakers try to negotiate a year-end deal to avoid a budgetary ‘fiscal cliff.’” (The federal government is borrowing at a rate of about \$5 billion per day.) [40736, 40737]

On December 8 attorney Orly Taitz reports that documents she sent to the Supreme Court in her Obama eligibility case *Taitz v. Astrue* were never recorded as officially received, despite the signed receipt she received from FedEx. (This is not the first instance of errors and mishandlings by the Supreme Court relating to Taitz’s lawsuits.) [40729]

NBCNews.com reports, “A man accused of involvement in the attack that killed U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans in Libya has been arrested in Egypt, two intelligence sources in Cairo told NBC News on Saturday. Mohammed Abu Jamal Ahmed, allegedly a member of a militant group, was detained in Cairo where he lives, the sources said.” [40733, 40734, 40735]

The Associated Press reports, “Democrats want [an] extension of unemployment benefits for 2 million Americans as part of [any] fiscal cliff deal. ...Since the collapse of the economy in 2008, the government has poured \$520 billion—an amount equal to about half its annual deficit in recent years—into unemployment benefit extensions. White House officials have assured Democrats that Obama is committed to extending them another year, at a cost of about \$30 billion, as part of an agreement for sidestepping the fiscal cliff and reducing the size of annual increases in the federal debt.” [40754]

On December 9 NPR.org reports that Obama overwhelmingly won the atheist and “no-religion” vote on election day: “In Ohio, Obama lost the Protestant vote by 3 points and the Catholic vote by 11, but he won the ‘nones’ [12 percent of the state’s electorate] ...by 47 points. In Virginia, Obama lost Protestants by 9 points and Catholics by 10 points, but won 76 percent of the ‘nones,’ who were 10 percent of the electorate. In Florida, Obama lost Protestants by 16 points and Catholics by 5 points, but captured 72 percent of the ‘nones.’ They were 15 percent of the electorate. Similar results were seen in states including Michigan, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.” [40738]

On *Fox News Sunday* Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) suggests the Republicans may have to cave in on the issue of tax increases: “There is a growing group of folks that are looking at this and realizing that we don’t have a lot of cards as it relates to the tax issue, before yearend. I mean, we have one house [of Congress]; that’s it. ...The focus then shifts to entitlements, and maybe that puts us in a place where we actually can do something that really saves this nation. I actually am beginning to believe that is the best route for us to take.” (Corker is only half right. Obama will get the tax increases he wants but will never agree to any meaningful non-military spending cuts.) [40739, 40751]

A mission in Afghanistan to rescue a kidnapped American doctor ends in his release, but the death of a U.S. Special Forces commando. According to Breitbart.com, “The U.S. soldiers killed seven Taliban insurgents in the pre-dawn raid Sunday [December 9], launched when intelligence showed that the hostage, Dilip Joseph, was in ‘imminent danger of injury or death,’ NATO’s International Security Assistance Force said in a statement. (Other reports say the raid took place on December 5.) [40741, 40742, 40750]

In Egypt, President Mohamed Morsi issues a decree declaring martial law and allows the military to arrest civilians. (Morsi is attempting to put an end to protests until he can get the new constitution approved—a constitution that essentially implements Shari’ah law and is completely antithetical to the wishes of the “Arab Spring” demonstrators of 2011.) [40771]

Obama and House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) meet at the White House to discuss the “fiscal cliff.” Both the White House and Boehner release a statement: “This afternoon, [Obama] and Speaker Boehner met at the White House to discuss efforts to resolve the fiscal cliff. We’re not reading out details of the conversation, but the lines of communication remain open.” [40745, 40746]

PressTV.ir claims, “Over 3,000 US troops have secretly returned to Iraq via Kuwait for missions pertaining to the recent developments in Syria and northern Iraq... According to our correspondent, the US troops have secretly entered Iraq in multiple stages and are mostly stationed at Balad military garrison in Salahuddin province and al-Asad air base in al-Anbar province. Reports say the troops include US Army officers and almost 17,000 more are set to secretly return to Iraq via the same route.” [40835]

On December 10 Townhall.com reports that the number of Americans receiving food stamp benefits rose by more than 600,000 in September, to 47,710,324. (Program spending has doubled since Obama entered the White House.) [40744, 40747]

Obama travels to Detroit, Michigan to campaign for higher taxes. Speaking at a decidedly “non-green” diesel engine factory, he comments on the state’s passage of right-to-work legislation: “These so-called right-to-work laws, they don’t have to do with economics. They have everything to do with politics. What they’re really talking about is giving you the right to work for less money.” (Obama is incorrect. Right-to-work legislation permits employees to refuse to join a union, thereby increasing the size of their paychecks by avoiding automatic union dues withdrawals. Michigan labor unions may lose upwards of \$100 million of dollars annually as a result of the legislation, and that will mean \$100 million more in the paychecks of employees. Obama opposes such legislation because it reduces labor union income and gives them less money to donate to Democrat political campaigns.) DailyCaller.com writes, “If Snyder signs the bill as expected, Michigan will become the 24th right-to-work state. Proponents of the bill say it will attract businesses to Michigan, improving the state’s dismal economic outlook and reducing its 9.1 percent unemployment rate.” (The state’s terrible economy, especially obvious in Detroit, is largely the result of having followed failed, tax-and-spend, liberal policies for decades. The next day the legislation passes—Democrat State Representative Douglas Geiss

warns, “We’re going to pass something that will undo 100 years of labor relations, and there will be blood! There will be repercussions!”—and is signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder, which prompts union thugs to demonstrate and riot.) [40748, 40755, 40756, 40757, 40758, 40759, 40763, 40768, 40770, 40774, 40775, 40784, 40785, 40786, 40787, 40790, 40792, 40798, 40800, 40806, 40808, 40813]

On the floor of the House of Representatives, Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, “The Republicans made a serious offer to avert the fiscal cliff. ... Let’s be honest, we’re broke. And the plan that we’ve offered is consistent with [Obama’s] call for a balanced approach. A lot of people know that [Obama] and I met on Sunday. It was a nice meeting, it was cordial. But we’re still waiting for the White House to identify what spending cuts [Obama] is willing to make as part of the balanced approach that he promised the American people. You know, where are [Obama’s] spending cuts? The longer the White House slow walks this process, the closer our economy gets to the fiscal cliff. ... We know that [Obama] wants more stimulus spending and an increase in the debt limit without any cuts or reforms. That’s not fixing the problem, frankly, it’s making it worse. On top of that, [Obama] wants to raise tax rates on many small business owners. Now, even if we did exactly what [Obama] president wants, we would see red ink for as far as the eye can see. That’s not fixing the problem either, it’s making it worse and hurting our economy.” [40799]

FoxNews.com reports that the assets of battery maker A123 have been sold to Wanxiang, a Chinese company. (A123 received \$249 million in Obama’s 2009 stimulus funds. Since then the company has incurred more than \$621 million in losses.) [22810, 22812, 22813, 22848, 26946, 26952, 26991, 27102, 28976, 29234, 29575, 35282, 33457, 33458, 40752]

Rush Limbaugh comments on the fiscal cliff negotiations: “...Obama is never worried about trying to fix the problem. All he’s trying to do is fix the blame.” [40753]

HuffingtonPost.com reports that, “buried in a recent regulation,” is “a new \$63-per-head fee to cushion the cost of covering people with pre-existing conditions under” ObamaCare. The fee, which starts in 2014, will likely have to be passed on by the insurance companies via higher premiums. [40760, 40764, 40773]

The Ulsterman Report meets again with the White House insider (WHI) and the Republican insider (RI). The Republican insider speculates that polling done for Republican candidate Mitt Romney was manipulated. He notes Global Strategies Group (GSG): “Marketing. Internet campaigns, new media... POLLING. A lot of internal polling data comes from them... tied with them... they connect to a lot of other polling firms. They’ve even done joint efforts with Public Opinion Strategies, which most people assume is a Republican-only firm—they did most of the Romney campaign data—but they are a highest bidder firm just like all the others. And the Obama White House... a lot of money is sent through GSG and out to other firms. And some of those firms... I’m laying it out for you here... are being used by Republicans. ...Global Strategy Group has its hands in almost every published Democratic poll out there... and those polls are then regurgitated by Mainstream Media over and over again until people just accept the lie...

but... ummm... where they really excel, is the new media [Internet media]. The Republicans are so far behind in learning how to utilize the new media... GSG takes money from hundreds of liberal/progressive groups... and turns it into... they just dominate sites like YouTube... things that are then easily forwarded to millions of users through Twitter, Facebook, Google searches... it's all intertwined and GSG is one of the primary engines for the Obama machine to make that happen. And GSG is just one of the organizations tied into Common Cause. At that [annual awards dinner] ceremony last year, you had representation from MSNBC, big money bundlers, advisers to Barack Obama... and you want to know who else was a sponsor along with [labor leader Leo] Gerard, and Global Strategy Group? ...John Zuccotti." [40812]

"Exactly," continues the Republican insider. "The owner of Zuccotti Park and the genesis of Occupy Wall Street. Does anyone here think it was just coincidence that this ceremony was hosted by the head of possibly the most influential and dangerous labor organization in the world, who was a very vocal supporter of the Occupy movement, as well as a firm that handles, among other things, new media public relations, as well as the individual who actually ALLOWED all those protesters to hang out day after day in what became the Occupy movement? A movement... people say it died out before the 2012 election but... no... it was a huge factor with that 1% tag... they destroyed Romney with that. Months before Election Day... they spent... a hundred million maybe? A hundred million pinning Romney down as the evil rich guy. ...Those three... GSB, Gerard, Zuccotti... all hosting this Common Cause event last year. Common Cause... within walking distance of [Christine] Lagarde's IMF [International Monetary Fund offices in Washington, D.C.] ...and Barack Obama's White House. Bankers. Media. Union leaders. Public Relations and polling firms... George Soros—he's deep into Common Cause as well. They are all, for the most part... all rich white people who want nothing more than to see the traditions of the United States broken apart. All of these threads that the Old Man was putting out there to you... they all come together with the Common Cause organization. And they don't just own the Democratic Party... they are heavily invested in the Republican Party as well. Look up Zuccotti. He represents that dynamic perfectly. And Barack Obama represents... like I said... the current prize of their investment. The tool for that destruction. And... it's been a long time coming. The Democratic Party started it... the Republican Party... some of them... are now accepting it." [40812]

The Republican insider relates how much influence the bankers and "globalists" have in presidential politics. John F. Kennedy was forced to accept Lyndon Baines Johnson as his running mate. With the assassination of Kennedy, Johnson was able to push his "Great Society" and expand the role and the power of government. Richard Nixon did his part by taking the nation off the gold standard [and] by establishing the Environmental Protection Agency. Watergate was then "trumped up" to get rid of Nixon. Carter was used to establish the Department of Education. John Anderson's third party effort was funded in an unsuccessful effort to help Carter defeat Ronald Reagan. Although the establishment hated Reagan, it persuaded him to accept George H.W. Bush as his running mate. Bill Clinton was then assured victory by getting H. Ross Perot running as an independent to siphon votes from Bush. Clinton then "went along with the program." George W. Bush furthered government expansion with his Medicare prescription drug program. The media

was then used to ensure that Obama would win in 2008, and he was forced to accept Joe Biden as his running mate. Mitt Romney did not stand a chance in 2012 because of the power of the media and the Democrat machine. Although the Democrats lost the House of Representatives in the 2010 mid-term elections, House Speaker John Boehner is certainly not a strong conservative who will stop Obama's plans. In fact, says the Republican insider, "Boehner was placed in his current position... by others... [Congressman Eric] Cantor is earning that position. Big difference. And where Boehner despises the Tea Party wing of the party... Cantor appreciated its potential. He's not completely on board there, but he understands where it's coming from. Boehner doesn't." [40812]

The White House insider comments, "You want to know how conservatives defeat the Democrats? Simple. See what happened in 2010? That Tea Party thing. That was one of the most incredible and powerful moments... politically... I've EVER seen in my life. Nobody was promisn' those people nothin'—it was generic from the ground up people power right there. And it scared the sh-t outta both the Republicans and the Democrats. And it still is [scaring them]. But all those folks... they got cool come election time 2012. A whole lot of them did anyways. Am I right?" RI: "You are, and I believe it's due in part to the expansion... extension of unemployment benefits... the expansion of the disability program... food stamps... I am pretty sure there are millions of people who were Tea Party in 2010 who, out of sheer survival mode, were benefiting from at least one of those programs by 2012 and maybe it was shame, or lack of excitement over Mitt Romney... who knows? But millions of them stayed home... didn't vote... and that was critical to getting Barack Obama re-elected. ...From here on... it's about 2014. There is a group of us... local, state, and national... we are working to reignite that Tea Party motivation that we saw a few years back. But we have to be big tent about it. And the social issues have to take a back seat to the topics of Big Government, and fiscal spending. We have to better communicate just how dangerous the situation is getting. Look at California. On the brink. Illinois not far behind. Detroit. There are these examples happening all around us by society... the American public... they are asleep. I understand there is post-election exhaustion... the holidays... but we need to wake up soon and start to fight again. Republicans, Independents, Democrats... whatever you choose to call yourself politically... these people have to come together for this fight. We can't count on Congressional investigations... or some other event out of our control... the people still have the power. They really do. They just need to be reminded they can actually use it. I'm convinced they will." [40812]

On December 11 Breitbart.com reports, "A source with personal knowledge of the security situation in Benghazi told Breitbart News that Senators who listened to closed door testimony about the Benghazi attack were shocked to learn State Department security personnel agents were not immediately armed. Additionally, agents separated from Ambassador Chris Stevens left to retrieve their M4 weapons in a separate building. Only one returned to protect the Ambassador, while the other two hunkered down in the barracks, the source relayed." The source claims, "There were no shots [at the attackers] fired in return. On the embassy property, just the embassy property, none of those

security agents blasted a single bullet from a single pistol or rifle at all in defense of the Ambassador—nothing.” [40760, 40766]

According to WhiteHouseDossier.com, “White House Press Secretary Jay Carney held a briefing on Air Force One Monday in which he refused to answer a single question. Over the course of the 14 minute session, the press corps aboard ...Obama’s flight to Michigan asked 15 questions and received zero answers. Even on minor matters.” [40762]

UPI.com reports, “The U.S. Embassy in Cairo said Tuesday that nine people were shot in Tahrir Square during protests against the Muslim Brotherhood. A draft constitution has sparked outrage in post-revolution Egypt. A decision by Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi to extend his power during constitutional debate brought concerns about the growing influence of the Muslim Brotherhood, the movement from which he hails.” meanwhile. FoxNews.com reports that the Obama administration is “sending more than 20 F-16 fighter jets” to Egypt “as part of a \$1 billion foreign aid package.” Obama is also sending Egypt 200 M1A1 Main Battle Tanks. (AtlasShrugs.com’s Pamela Geller asks, “Why is Obama arming the enemies of freedom? This cat is dangerous and scary. Why the support of Islamic revolutions whose stated goal is sharia and a universal caliphate? What’s he doing to protect the oppressed religious minorities in peril? America, time to remove your morphine drip. Wake up!”) In 2011 Obama supported the uprising against President Hosni Mubarak, a U.S. ally who kept the radical Muslim Brotherhood under control. After the elections were over, the Egyptians who wanted democracy and a more secular government instead faced control by the Muslim Brotherhood—which won seats in the parliament and the presidency. Morsi is no friend of the United States and is working to make Shari’ah law part of the new constitution. The Egyptians will now have fewer freedoms than they had under Mubarak and are being shot in the street as they protest. Obama’s interest in democracy in Egypt has suddenly waned, and he is now arming the radicals in charge—perhaps to make it easier for them to confront Israel. In Libya, where Obama violated the U.S. Constitution by engaging in war without Congressional approval to oust Moammar Gaddafi, radicals also work to impose brutal, Shari’ah law. In Syria, Obama is assisting rebels and foreign infiltrators—including members of al-Qaeda—to overthrow the Assad regime. (One could be forgiven for believing that Obama wants radical Islamists to take over Egypt, Libya, and Syria.) [40776, 40777, 40778, 40779, 40780, 40781, 40782, 40783, 40789, 40791]

Obama tells ABC’s Barbara Walters he believes the Republicans will cave in on his demands for tax increases on families that earn \$250,000 or more: “I’m pretty confident that Republicans would not hold middle-class taxes hostage in trying to protect tax cuts for high-income individuals. I don’t think they’ll do that. ...I remain optimistic. I’d like to see a big package. But the most important thing we can do is make sure that middle-class taxes do not go up on January 1. ...Taxes are going to go up one way or another. And I think the key is that taxes go up on high-end individuals.” (It is Obama, of course, who is holding middle-class taxpayers hostage by saying he is willing to allow all of the Bush tax rates to expire and who threatens a veto of any legislation that does not increase taxes on wealthier Americans. Criticizing your opponent for doing what you are doing is a basic tactic taught by Saul Alinsky in Rules for Radicals. Obama and Bill Clinton are

masters is using the technique. They get away with it because the media does not challenge them.) [40795, 40805]

On PBS, Secretary of Homeland Security calls for immigration reform without any demand that the border with Mexico first be secured: "...[Y]ou know, you're never going to seal that border. That's not a possibility. But you can discuss border security and immigration reform simultaneously now. We don't have to this kind of first this, then that. At this point, they actually go together." [40802]

In South Carolina, State Representative William Chumley introduces legislation blocking the implementation of ObamaCare. The "South Carolina Freedom of Health Care Protection Act" would require lawmakers to "prevent the enforcement of the 'Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act' [ObamaCare] within the limits of this state.'" (According to TenthAmendmentCenter.com, legislators in Maine, Oklahoma, and New Jersey have proposed similar legislation.) [40907]

North Korea launches into orbit what it claims is a weather satellite. (It is essentially a test of an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, or ICBM). The action violates United Nations Security Council resolutions—not that North Korea cares or that anyone, including Obama, will do anything in response beyond issue a statement of condemnation.) [40796, 40797, 40807]

The Ulsterman Report meets with the unnamed Republican insider, who relates, "Something important came out this week that I thought you should know about. One of the conservative leaning judges on the SC [Supreme Court] has indicated to staff connected to Senate Judiciary they may be stepping down within the next year. This information goes right alongside a possible plan that comes from White House indicating the next SC appointment will be openly gay. That plan and the word on the potential resignation of a current SC member came to me inside of 24 hours so I will assume they are related. Operatives are no doubt testing the waters. Now here's the deal with the possible gay appointment. The administration, Democrats, they don't really care about the gay issue. They don't care about protecting them. The gay issue is just like the minority issue, it's simply a way to cower Republicans so Democrats get their way on using government to control people. That's it. And the thing is, these last four years, they have become very good at it. What the White House wants is the most radical SC appointment in the history of the court. That appointment will then be insulated from attack because of the gay issue. Republicans don't want to appear 'insensitive' and know the media will be ready for an all out offensive against them. This in turn could roll into the 2014 elections very similar to the trumped up rape comments by [losing Senate candidates Richard] Mourdock and [Todd] Akin ended up damaging the entire party in 2012. (I don't know Akin, but Richard Mourdock is a good man and the media unfairly tore him apart. What else is new though, right?)" [40811]

"Now many inside the party fear the same treatment if they word something less than perfect and having to review an openly gay Supreme Court appointment during televised hearings in this current political climate would place Republicans in a very dangerous

position public relations wise if they were to aggressively challenge that appointment just a year out from the midterm elections. The White House and Democrats would use the hearing to again paint Republicans as anti-woman, anti-minority, anti-gay, basically anti-everything and everyone, and the media will do double duty to push that portrayal 24/7 for them. The whole 'gay' issue of the nominee will be the Trojan Horse to get this radical appointment approved during confirmation. The Democrats get the most radical justice ever on the court, and set up momentum for the 2014 election. I know WHI [White House insider] has said often that Barack Obama is stupid. That may be true, but the people running him are incredibly smart, and very devious and dangerous." [40811]

"I could [not] care less if a Justice is gay or not and most of us in the party feel the same way. Even the more social conservatives among us don't place that issue near the top of the list. I do care a great deal if a potential justice is the most radical leftwing socialist to ever be considered for the SC. When I received the information, I was instantly reminded of the remarks [Valerie] Jarrett made before the election where she indicated they had 'two judges ready to go.' It seems pretty clear that the first of those two is being positioned right now. If the word given to Judiciary is correct, and one of the conservative leaning judges steps down, I have no doubt the White House will move ahead with what Jarrett said earlier, and the socialists will have control of the White House, the Senate, near control of the Supreme Court, and will then use the momentum to take control of the House in 2014. They will have the country locked up tight. People who think things can't get worse for America need to stop and think a bit more on that. They could get a whole lot worse." [40811]

"One last thing. I noted [House Speaker John] Speaker Boehner came out today and indicated there was an impasse in negotiations with Democrats on the 'fiscal cliff.' Not entirely true. He is very close to coming to agreement on a deal with the White House and is working to line up the votes among Republicans in the House at this very moment. People are literally being called in to his office right now. Indications are for an agreement announcement to take place by the end of this week or possibly over the weekend. There remains [sic] about 20 Republicans though who refuse to commit to any agreement that raises taxes without promised spending cuts. I am told Speaker Boehner has assured the White House he will have the votes for an agreement by the end of the week though. I'm not so certain of that just yet. Lots of friction between him and [Congressman Eric] Cantor over these negotiations, but would give Boehner's chances to lock this up in the coming days about 80%. But I'm not so sure he will survive as Speaker past 2014 even if Republicans keep the House. There's just too much open dissension in the ranks right now. Similar to what Gingrich faced in 1997 which ironically, was led in part by John Boehner. The good old wide-eyed and innocent days." [40811]

On December 12 DailyCaller.com reports, "The small business optimism index, calculated by the National Federation for Independent Business, dropped by more than five points in November, reaching one of its lowest points in history and highlighting concerns that the economic climate will worsen in 2013." the organization's chief economist, Bill Dunkelberg, states, "Something bad happened in November. It wasn't

merely Hurricane Sandy. The storm had a significant impact on the economy, no doubt, but it is very clear that a stunning number of owners who expect worse business conditions in six months had far more to do with the decline in small-business confidence. ...Nearly half of owners are now certain that things will be worse next year than they are now. Washington does not have the needs of small business in mind. Between the looming 'fiscal cliff,' the promise of higher health care costs and the endless onslaught of new regulations, owners have found themselves in a state of pessimism." (The "something bad" that happened in November may have been Obama's reelection.) [40793, 40794]

CNSNews.com reports, "Senior House and Senate Democrats said that they were opposed to any fiscal cliff deal that would cut Medicare or Medicaid, telling the White House and House Republicans they opposed any plan that would cut federal health care programs." Senator Jay Rockefeller tells (D-WV) reporters, "We're not budging on Medicare, and we're not budging on Medicaid." Senator Tom Harkin (R-IA) says, "We've basically come here this morning to say one thing: To all these negotiators who are now negotiating on this so-called fiscal cliff, keep your hands off Medicare, and keep your hands off Medicaid." (In other words, Obama and the Democrats want higher taxes and no meaningful spending cuts.) [40801]

The Associated Press reports that Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) "employed as an unpaid intern in his Senate office an illegal immigrant [Abrahan Sanchez Zavaleta] who was a registered sex offender, now under arrest by immigration authorities, The Associated Press has learned. The Homeland Security Department instructed federal agents not to arrest him until after Election Day, a U.S. official involved in the case told the AP." (The Obama administration denies the charge.) [40803, 40821]

MoneyNews.com reports, "In an unprecedented step, the Federal Reserve said on Wednesday it would hold interest rates near zero until it hit the specific target of a 6.5 percent U.S. jobless rate, and it pledged to keep pumping more money into the economy." (The move is disastrous for anyone trying to save for the purchase of a house or for retirement because the inflation rate exceeds the interest rate on savings. the depositor loses money simply by keeping his money in the bank. The goal of the Federal Reserve and Obama is to encourage people to spend money rather than save it, hoping that will stimulate the economy. Especially hard hit are retirees, who have seen their life savings lose value year after year as a result of inflation. Bernanke is essentially saying, "To Hell with old people.") [40804]

The Obama administration officially recognizes the rebels fighting the regime of President Assad in Syria—even though the rebels include members of al-Qaeda. White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters, "We believe that the Syrian people, and the Syrian opposition coalition... are interested in a future for Syria that includes a transition towards greater democracy, greater rights for its citizens, more economic prosperity." [40816]

Byron York reports at Examiner.com, “Sixteen [actually 18, counting Senator-elect Elizabeth Warren] Democratic senators who voted for the Affordable Care Act are asking that one of its fundraising mechanisms, a 2.3 percent tax on medical devices scheduled to take effect January 1, be delayed. Echoing arguments made by Republicans against Obamacare, the Democratic senators say the levy will cost jobs—in a statement Monday, Sen. Al Franken called it a ‘job-killing tax’—and also impair American competitiveness in the medical device field. The senators, who made the request in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, are Franken, Richard Durbin, Charles Schumer, Patty Murray, John Kerry, Kirsten Gillibrand, Amy Klobuchar, Joseph Lieberman, Ben Nelson, Robert Casey, Debbie Stabenow, Barbara Mikulski, Kay Hagan, Herb Kohl, Jeanne Shaheen, and Richard Blumenthal. All voted for Obamacare.” (The 16 Senators apparently had to pass the bill to find out what was in it.) [40809, 40810, 40815, 40824]

Pennsylvania joins the list of states that are not planning to establish an ObamaCare health care exchange. Governor Tom Corbett states, “Health care reform is too important to be achieved through haphazard planning. Pennsylvania taxpayers and businesses deserve more. They deserve informed decision making and a strong plan that responsibly uses taxpayer dollars.” [40819, 40820]

Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) charges that the Obama administration is blocking him from speaking with survivors of the attack in Benghazi. Chaffetz tells Breitbart News, “My understanding is that we still have some people in the hospital. I’d like to visit with them and wish them nothing but the best but the State Department has seen it unfit for me to know who those people are—or even how many there are. I don’t know who they are. I don’t know where they live. I don’t know what state they’re from. I don’t even know how many there are. It doesn’t seem right to me. This is so patently different than any other experience I’ve had. Unfortunately, people have been killed and maimed and in harm’s way in Afghanistan and Iraq and in points beyond. It’s typically been the case that they would release those names but in this case, they won’t. My challenge is to the media. You try and figure it out. They won’t let Congress know. They won’t seem to let the media know either.” [40823]

On MSNBC, aging, irrelevant calypso singer Harry Belafonte remarks, “That there should be this lingering infestation of really corrupt people who sit trying to dismantle the wishes of the people, the mandate that has been given to Barack Obama, and I don’t know what more they want. The only thing left for Barack Obama to do is to work like a third world dictator and just put all these guys in jail.” [40818, 40827]

On December 13 ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice announces in a letter to Obama, “If nominated [to be Secretary of State], I am now convinced that the confirmation process would be lengthy, disruptive and costly—to you and to our most pressing national and international priorities. That trade-off is simply not worth it to our country. ... Therefore, I respectfully request that you no longer consider my candidacy at this time.” (Interestingly, Obama never officially nominated Rice for the position and she therefore had no need to write such a letter. The letter is clearly for the purpose of taking the heat off Obama, who can now not be criticized for not having the courage to select

her. With Democrats on control of the Senate, Obama could clearly get Rice confirmed—if he was willing to risk the Benghazi questions that would have come up during her confirmation hearing.) Senator John Kerry (D-MA) will now probably be named the next Secretary of State and will sail through the confirmation hearings. (The Daily Caller’s DC Morning quips, “Whatever faults he might have, Kerry will certainly be able to soothe America’s friends and foes into a sound sleep through dull and sanctimonious speeches and lectures.”) Leon Panetta plans to vacate his Secretary of Defense position. Former Senator Huck Hagel (R-NE), an anti-Semite and Israel-hater, may be considered by Obama to replace Panetta. A “Jewish Democrat operative” tells BuzzFeed.com, “[Hagel] was one of these worst senators in his party in memory when it comes to Israel. It’s a terrible idea.” (Columnist Caroline Glick later writes, “Obama wants to hurt Israel. He does not like Israel. He is appointing anti-Israel advisors and cabinet members not despite their anti-Israel positions, but because of them. ...As strange as it may sound, I am slightly relieved by Hagel’s appointment, and by my trust that Kerry will be a loyal mouthpiece of Obama’s hostility. The more ‘in our faces’ they are with their hostility, the smaller our ability to deny their hostility or pretend that we can continue to operate as if nothing has changed. As we face four more years of Obama—and four years of Obama unplugged—the most urgent order of business for Israelis is to stop deluding ourselves in thinking that under Obama the US can be trusted. So welcome aboard Secretary Hagel. Bring it on.”) [40817, 40825, 40828, 40831, 40834, 40836, 40837, 40839, 40840, 40842, 40845, 40846, 40850, 40855, 40870, 40888, 40933, 40936, 40937, 40938, 40939, 40940, 41014]

Senator James DeMint (R-SC) comments on budget negotiations: “Most of us here are not in the loop of what they’re discussing, but I do know this: This government doesn’t need more money. This country needs less government. To take more money out of the real economy and give it to politicians and bureaucrats, no matter who you take it from, is not going to help the middle class or anyone else. [Obama’s] proposal clearly is not a plan, it’s not a solution, it’ll fund the government for a few days. We all realize it’s a political trophy, not a solution. The president’s been campaigning against these tax rates for a long time, and he’ll probably eventually get his tax increases one way or another. ...He’s going to get his wish. We’re going to be raising taxes, not just on the top earners. Everyone’s going to pay more taxes next year in this country and I think that’s what the president wants. But, we’ve doubled the size of government and doubled spending over the last ten years. ...Tax revenues at current tax rates will probably be at historic highs, and if you look at the facts, we don’t need more revenue, we just need to stop the spending. The president is not going to stop spending. ...It’s hard to work with someone who I think is intentionally trying to take us over this cliff.” [40814]

White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters it is “unconscionable” for Republicans to expect spending cuts in exchange for raising the debt ceiling: “The American economy cannot afford the consequences of that political gamesmanship. It is unconscionable to imagine.” (But, according to Carney and Obama, it is not unconscionable to spend \$1.3 trillion per year more than is collected in taxes.) [40841]

Mark Bertolini, CEO of Aetna, Inc., tells Bloomberg.com that health insurance premiums for some customers will double because of ObamaCare: “We’ve shared it all with the people in Washington and I think it’s a big concern. We’re going to see some markets go up as much as 100 percent.” [40822, 40824]

In an interview with Noticias Univision 23 in Miami, Obama insists he is not a socialist. Alina Mayo Azze asks, “One issue that Cuban-Americans are worried about is, they believe that you favor a socialist model for our country. Cubans and Venezuelans especially because of what they have gone through. What do you think of that?” Obama responds, “I don’t know that there are a lot of Cubans or Venezuelans, Americans who believe that. The truth of the matter is that my policies are so mainstream that if I had set the same policies that I had back in the 1980s, I would be considered a moderate Republican. I mean, what I believe in is a tax system that is fair. I don’t think government can solve every problem. I think that we should make sure that we’re helping young people go to school. We should make sure that our government is building good roads and bridges and hospitals and airports so that we have a good infrastructure. I do believe that it makes sense that everyone in America, as rich as this country is, shouldn’t go bankrupt because someone gets sick, so the things I believe in are essentially the same things your viewers believe in.” [40862]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “Unfortunately, the White House is so unserious about cutting spending that it appears willing to slow-walk any agreement and walk our economy right up to the fiscal cliff. And doing that puts jobs in our country in danger. ... If [Obama] will step up and show us he’s willing to make the spending cuts that are needed, I think we can do some real good in the days ahead.” [40826]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The United States and several of its allies announced Thursday they will not sign an international treaty that threatens to give the United Nations greater control over the Internet. The treaty, which isn’t legally binding and allows member countries to maintain their national sovereignty, would help countries coordinate initiatives to fight spam and broaden Internet access. It is being considered at the 12-day World Conference on International Telecommunications in Dubai, which was organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to revise a key decades-old communications treaty.” [40832, 40838]

At Wired.com, Kim Zetter writes, “In a secret government agreement granted without approval or debate from lawmakers, the U.S. attorney general recently gave the National Counterterrorism Center sweeping new powers to store dossiers on U.S. citizens, even if they are not suspected of a crime, according to a news report. Earlier this year, Attorney General Eric Holder granted the center the ability to copy entire government databases holding information on flight records, casino-employee lists, the names of Americans hosting foreign-exchange students and other data, and to store it for up to five years, even without suspicion that someone in the database has committed a crime, according to the Wall Street Journal, which broke the story. Whereas previously the law prohibited the center from storing data compilations on U.S. citizens unless they were suspected of terrorist activity or were relevant to an ongoing terrorism investigation, the new powers

give the center the ability to not only collect and store vast databases of information but also to trawl through and analyze it for suspicious patterns of behavior in order to uncover activity that could launch an investigation. The changes granted by Holder would also allow databases containing information about U.S. citizens to be shared with foreign governments for their own analysis. A former senior White House official told the Journal that the new changes were ‘breathtaking in scope.’” [40859]

On *Special Report*, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on Susan Rice’s withdrawal from consideration for the Secretary of State position: “Well, this is one instance where [Obama’s] vanity yielded to necessity. That defense of Susan Rice that we saw, probably the worst defense of everybody since ‘Brutus is an honorable man,’ was simply himself getting carried away saying, ‘Don’t touch the little lady, I’ll defend her.’ And he sort of put himself out there as if this is a challenge to [his] authority, and implying that he would have to nominate her. But cooler heads prevailed. I’m not sure whose they were. But clearly had she been nominated, the Benghazi scandal would have been on the front page. And I think with her not being nominated, [the] Benghazi scandal will die in the mainstream media. They have no interest in this story. And that’s why I think [Obama] sought safety. I think he put himself out there, and he would have rather had her, and feels he somehow had yielded, and her consolation I think will be he will make her national security adviser, which is a powerful position. It does not require the assent of the Senate. Remember Henry Kissinger in the first term for Nixon, where they did all this amazing stuff—he was the national security adviser, he then he became the secretary of state. So it could be, even in theory and in history, it’s been a more powerful position than secretary of state, if [Obama] wants it to be. And he might want it to be, in her case.” [40833]

On December 14 Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “Jon Hammar, a former Marine who served in Afghanistan and Iraq, is being held in a notorious Mexican prison [CEDES] where Zetas gang members hold power. His crime? Declaring an antique shotgun to Mexican officials after registering the gun with U.S. Customs Agents on his way to Costa Rica. Hammar has been in a prison in Mexico for months now and this week, his parents got an extortion call demanding they wire thousands of dollars to the prison. Hammar spoke to his parents on the phone, saying he thought he was going to be killed. Hammar has been tortured during his time in the prison. He’s been beaten and chained to a bed. Mexican officials have justified Hammar’s arrest, saying it came in accordance with gun laws in the country, have no plans to release him and the State Department has done nothing to get Hammar released. He could face as many as 15 years in prison. ...Hammar was told as long as he declared his shot gun to Mexican customs authorities that carrying the gun to Costa Rica was legal. Apparently that wasn’t the case however considering Mexican authorities, including Mexican President Felipe Calderon, encourage their citizens to break U.S. law on a daily basis with illegal immigration and rock throwing at U.S. Border Patrol Agents, Hammer should be released immediately.” [40829]

With Obama having made it safely past the election, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues new regulations requiring a 20 percent reduction in soot from

smokestacks, diesels engines, and other sources. FoxNews.com reports, “The American Petroleum Institute warned Friday that the new rule ‘is unnecessary and could drive up costs for new and expanding businesses trying to hire employees. There is no compelling scientific evidence for the policy decision to develop more stringent standards. The existing standards are working and will continue improving air quality,’ API Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Howard Feldman said in a statement. ‘We fear this new rule may be just the beginning of a ‘regulatory cliff.’” [40861]

Attorney Orly Taitz reports that a California court has given her one week to submit documents for a temporary restraining order in *Grinols v. Electoral College*, a lawsuit with which she is attempting to stay the certification of the election results because Obama is a fraudulent candidate “...due to his use of a Connecticut Social Security number 042-68-4425, which was never assigned to him according to E-Verify and SSNVS, due to evidence of forgery in his alleged copy of his alleged birth certificate and due to evidence of forgery in his alleged copy of his alleged selective service certificate application and his use of a name not legally his.” [40849]

Tom Monaghan, the founder of Domino’s Pizza, files a lawsuit against the federal government over ObamaCare’s demand that he provide free contraceptive coverage for his employees. Monaghan calls the requirement “gravely immoral.” [40851, 40860, 40895]

At the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, a 20-year-old gunman, Adam Lanza, shoots and kills 20 children and six adults and then kills himself. Obama states, “We’ve endured too many of these tragedies in the past few years, and each time I hear the news, I react... as everybody else would, as a parent. And that is especially true today. I know there’s not a parent in America who doesn’t feel the same overwhelming grief that I do. Our hearts are broken today for the parents and grandparents, sisters and brothers of these little children and for the families of the adults who were lost. Our hearts are broken for the parents of the survivors as well, for as blessed as they are to have their children home tonight, they know that their children’s innocence has been torn away from them too early and there is no way to ease their pain. ... We’re going to have to come together and take meaningful action to prevent more tragedies like this, regardless of the politics.” (The gunman reportedly killed his mother at home before heading to the school. Lanza’s Facebook page lists his political views as “Anarchist Communism.”) [40843, 40844, 40858, 40866]

Some speculate that there may have been as many as three killers at the school. According to initial reports one person was chased by police into the woods and was apprehended, and one student states that he saw a man in handcuffs at the nearby fire station. The New Doors blog claims that Adam Lanza “...was the son of one of the Central Intelligence Agencies top psychological analysts who was assigned to a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency project which developed the sub-hunting simulator video game Dangerous Waters,” and further claims “...Russian intelligence experts believe [the children in one classroom] were a part of a DARPA [Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency] ‘experiment’ being oversaw [sic] by his mother Nancy

Champion Lanza. ...[t]he weapons used in this massacre, said to be owned by her, are standard CIA issue.” (*The Obama Timeline* has no way to confirm this speculation, but certainly believes that some individuals desperate to increase federal powers to monumental levels first need to confiscate guns from Americans, and playing on their emotions after a tragedy is one way to advance that agenda.) According to an early CNN report, two handguns, a Glock and a Sig-Sauer, were found at the scene. A .223 Bushmaster rifle was reportedly found in the back seat of Lanza’s car, not inside the school, yet later reports claim the rifle was used in the shootings. (It is worth noting that some claim there was also more than one shooter in the Aurora, Colorado theater massacre on July 20. Strangely, one of the nurses who treated the victims, 46-year-old Jennifer Ann Gallagher, died in a mysterious drowning incident on August 7—just days after appearing in a photograph with Obama when he visited the University of Colorado Hospital. Some may wonder whether Gallagher saw or heard something she was not supposed to see or hear.) [40866, 40867, 40868, 40901, 40904, 40930, 40931, 40964, 40965, 40966, 41017, 41187, 41217, 41240, 41241]

One observant moviegoer notes on YouTube that in the Batman film, *The Dark Knight Rises*, there is a scene in which a character points to the name Sandy Hook on a map. The same film also includes a scene with a neon sign that reads, Aurora. (Aurora, Colorado, is the town in which a killer opened fire in a movie theater during a showing of that same film.) The next day the video is removed. Additionally, “Blogdogcicle” claims, “The father of Newtown Connecticut school shooter Adam Lanza is Peter Lanza who is a VP and Tax Director at GE Financial. The father of Aurora Colorado movie theater shooter James Holmes is Robert Holmes, the lead scientist for the credit score company FICO. Both men were to testify before the US Senate in the ongoing LIBOR scandal. The London Interbank Offered Rate, known as Libor, is the average interest rate at which banks can borrow from each other. 16 international banks have been implicated in this ongoing scandal, accused of rigging contracts worth trillions of dollars. HSBC has already been fined \$1.9 billion and three of their low level traders arrested.” [40872, 40890]

Media leftists and Democrat politicians immediately and predictably call for tough gun control legislation. (They fail to explain why new laws will stop people who have already shown they are willing to violate existing laws. Adam Lanza broke at least three: stealing the weapons, breaking a window to enter the locked school, and possessing a firearm on school property.) Congressman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) states, “These incidents, these horrible, horrible incidents ...are happening more and more frequently. And they will continue to happen more and more frequently until someone with the bully pulpit, and that means [Obama], takes leadership and pushes Congress. I think we [in Congress] will be there if [Obama] exploits it, and otherwise we’ll go on to the next [shooting].” (Both Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder support much stronger gun legislation, and probably would support confiscation of civilian guns if they thought they could get away with it. It is worth noting that Holder, while a student at Columbia University, was involved in the Black Students Association’s armed takeover of the school’s abandoned Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) headquarters—with the goal of

converting the facility into a “Malcolm X lounge.” the school relented and did not press charges.) [40847, 40852, 40854, 40856, 40873, 40874, 40899]

On December 15 Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reportedly faints and suffers a concussion in a fall—yet is not hospitalized. (As a result of the incident, Clinton will conveniently avoid scheduled testimony before Congress about the terrorist attack in Benghazi.) [40853, 40855, 40857, 40863, 40864, 40886, 40968, 40974]

In Heflin, Alabama, Romero Roberto Moya shoots and kills his three brothers with an AK-47. He also wounds his 19-month-old son and a police officer. According to Examiner.com, “Moya was a previously deported illegal alien. In June 2011, Moya pleaded guilty to cocaine trafficking and spent less than a year in prison for the charge. In March 2012, he was released into the custody of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency and deported to Mexico on April 5, according to ICE. Det. Dennis Green with the Cleburne County Sheriff’s Office, reports that Moya’s wife claimed he made his way back to Alabama about four months ago... only four months after his deportation.” (The mainstream media essentially ignores the story because it does not “fit the narrative.” The media wants gun control—not border control.) [41009]

The Associated Press reports, “Signaling new movement in ‘fiscal cliff’ talks, House Speaker John Boehner has proposed raising the top rate for earners making more than \$1 million, a person familiar with the negotiations said. ...Obama, who wants higher top rates for households earning more than \$250,000, has not accepted the offer, this person said. ...As part of a broader budget deal, Boehner is still seeking more spending cuts than Obama has proposed, particularly in mandatory health care spending. Boehner has asked for a long-term increase in eligibility age for Medicare and for lower cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security.” [40865]

The December 14 deadline for states to declare whether they will establish ObamaCare exchanges passes, with 25 of the 50 declining to do so. [40879, 41069]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A poll conducted last week by an Iowa-based firm showed Americans are conflicted about whether or not to support raising tax rates on wealthy Americans to avert the so-called ‘fiscal cliff.’ But that’s not how Bloomberg News, which commissioned the poll, reported the results Thursday. In a story headlined ‘Americans Back Obama Tax-Rate Boost Tied to Entitlements,’ Bloomberg emphasized only that the poll showed most Americans support ...Obama’s insistence on increasing taxes for high-income earners. ...But in the same poll, American adults were asked ‘whether it is better to raise the top tax rate the wealthy pay, or to limit the amount people can claim in tax breaks, such as mortgage interest and charitable contributions, so they end up paying tax on a bigger share of their income.’ Fifty-two percent responded that they preferred limited tax breaks to a tax-rate hike. Only 39 percent said they would rather see tax rates on the wealthy increase. Nine percent indicated they weren’t sure.” (In other words, 52 percent agree with House Speaker John Boehner while only 39 percent agree with Obama—but Bloomberg ignored the former and reported the latter.) [40887]

On December 16 Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) appears on *Meet the Press* and announces she will introduce gun control legislation. “It will ban the sale, the transfer, the transportation and the possession. Not retroactively, but prospectively. And it will ban the same for big clips, drums or strips of more than 10 bullets.” (A ban on “assault rifles” was in effect between 1994 and 2004—during which the Columbine High School massacre took place.) Asked if schools should hire armed guards, Feinstein replies, “Well, is this the way we want America to go? In other words, the rights of the few overcome the safety of the majority? I don’t think so. I think America is ready. They’re going to have an opportunity with this bill. I’m going to ask and spend my time and create a committee across this nation to support it.” (Feinstein is, of course, mistaken—and constitutionally ignorant. Gun rights do not apply to “the few;” they apply to every American. Feinstein herself once had a concealed carry permit and carried a handgun in her purse. In 2010 Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid stated, “I had a lot of bad people after me and I carried a gun every place I went.”) New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (who has the luxury of armed guards) states, “It’s time for [Obama], I think, to stand up and lead. This [gun control] should be his number one agenda. ...[I]f he does nothing during his second term, something like 48,000 Americans will be killed with illegal guns.” (More than twice that many will be killed in automobile accidents, and more than 1.5 million will be killed in abortions.) “The public, when you do the polls, they want to stop this carnage, and if 20 kids isn’t enough to convince them I don’t know what would be.” [40880, 40885, 40897, 40908, 40928, 40945, 40946, 40988, 41084, 41113]

At Townhall.com, Katie Pavlich reports that, according to a recent Gallup poll, 53 percent oppose a ban on semiautomatic guns or assault rifles, while 43 percent support a ban.) Feinstein’s legislation bans many handguns as well as rifles because it applies to weapons with a “detachable magazine” and any magazine with a capacity of over ten rounds. (Feinstein’s legislation was not drafted in response to the Sandy Hook killings; she has merely been holding it for the best moment to introduce it: when the voters are most fearful and emotional and the least thoughtful and reasonable. According to PersonalLiberty.com, the legislation “...will grandfather in all legally owned weapons, but it will require they be registered and the owner fingerprinted. It will require a \$200 per weapon tax be paid. The guns will not be transferable, meaning that upon the death of the owner the guns will become the property of the Federal government. It will allow the sale of 900 specifically named weapons, but none that can accept a detachable magazine that holds more than 10 rounds.” [40880, 40885, 40897, 40908, 40928, 40945, 40946, 40988, 41084, 41113]

Also on *Meet the Press*, former Secretary of Education William Bennett remarks, “And I’m not so sure—and I’m sure I’ll get mail for this—I’m not so sure I wouldn’t want one person in a school armed, ready for this kind of thing. The principal lunged at this guy. The school psychologist lunged at the guy. Has to be someone who’s trained. Has to be someone who’s responsible.” [40884]

On ABC’s *This Week*, columnist George Will states, “In 1996, a man went into a gym class in Scotland, killed sixteen 5-and 6-year-olds and the teacher. A few years ago in

Norway, a young, deranged, young man killed, what, 69 people on an island, mostly teenagers. Connecticut has among the toughest gun laws in this country. Didn't help. Scotland and Norway have very tough gun laws. Didn't help. ...Remember, we did have a ban on assault weapons. When we put the ban in place, these incidents did not really decline in a measurable way, and when we took it off [the legislation expired], they did not increase in a measurable way." [40885]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Congressman Louis Gohmert (R-TX) points out, "Every mass killing of more than three people in recent history has been in a place where guns were prohibited. ...I wish to God [the Sandy Hook school's principle] had had an M-4 in her office, locked up, so when she heard gunfire, she pulls it out and she didn't have to lung heroically with nothing in her hands, but she takes him out, takes his head off before he can kill those precious kids." [40898]

Obama rejects the latest tax proposal from House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), who had offered to increase the debt limit and raise the income tax rate on families earning \$1 million or more, rather than \$250,000, in exchange for spending cuts. [40882, 40893, 40896]

According to WorldTribune.com, "The U.S. Army is soon to issue a handbook instructing soldiers to copy ...Obama's example of when and how to defer to an alien ideology that stands against everything Americans are taught, whether by faith, ethics, morals or another code of good conduct. The new manual, which runs to 75 pages, orders American military personnel to refrain from saying anything to offend the Taliban in Afghanistan, to be careful not to criticize the practice of sexual relations with children, the abuse of women, beheadings, massacres of girls and the killing of 'unbelievers' and Muslims who Taliban enforcers regard as insufficiently devout in the faith. Holding to what they have been taught, whether at Sunday school or [on] a mother's knee, is presumably OK for American soldiers, at least for now. But they must keep such ideas to themselves. ...Marine Gen. John Allen, the top U.S. military commander in Afghanistan, neither endorsed the manual nor agreed to sign a foreword written in his name. 'Gen. Allen did not author, nor does he intend to provide, a foreword,' a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said. 'He does not approve of its contents.'" [40871]

Reuters reports, "President Mohamed Mursi [usually reported as Morsi] has won initial backing from Egyptians for a new constitution that he hopes will steer the country out of crisis, but which opponents say is an Islamist charter that tramples on minority rights. A first day of voting in a referendum on the draft basic law resulted in 56.5 percent 'Yes' vote, Mursi's political party said. An opposition official conceded that Egyptians voting on Saturday appeared to have backed the measure. Next Saturday's second set of balloting is likely to give another 'yes' vote as the voting then will be in districts generally seen as even more sympathetic towards Islamists, and that would mean the constitution should be approved." (In Alexandria, women without veils are prohibited from voting. Tens of thousands of sword-carrying Muslims descended on Christian neighborhoods, chanting, "Islamic, Islamic, despite the Christians," to keep residents

from going to the polls to vote against the Sharia-based constitution.) [40875, 40876, 40877, 40996, 40997]

Obama attends a memorial service in Newtown, Connecticut for the victims of the school shooting massacre. Dramatically wiping non-existent tears from his eyes—during an address scheduled to interrupt a Sunday night football game for maximum exposure—he calls for gun control, saying, “No laws can eliminate evil from the world—but that can’t be an excuse for inaction. Surely we can do better than this. If there is even one step we can take then we have an obligation to try. In the coming weeks I will use whatever power this office holds in an effort to prevent more tragedies like this. ... This is our first job, caring for our children. That’s how as a society we will be judged.” Obama blames all Americans for the violence: “Are we really doing enough to keep our children safe from harm? ... Can we honestly say that we’re doing enough to keep our children, all of them, safe from harm? If we’re honest with ourselves, the answer’s no. We’re not doing enough, and we will have to change. ... Are we really prepared to say that we’re powerless in the face of such carnage, that the politics are too hard? Are we prepared to say that such violence visited on our children year after year after year is somehow the price of our freedom?” (Some might argue that the violence is not the cost of liberty, but the cost of emptying mental health facilities and putting millions of the nation’s youth on mind-altering medications.) “We will have to change,” says Obama. “If there is even one step we can take to save another child, or another parent, or another town, from the grief... then surely we have an obligation to try.” [40869, 40873, 40883, 40894]

On December 17 South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley names Congressman Tim Scott to fill the vacancy of U.S. Senator James DeMint (who resigned to head the Heritage Foundation). Scott is a conservative, and will be the only black serving in the Senate. (National Review’s Jim Geraghty notes that Scott will assume the Senate seat of the late Senator Strom Thurmond, and Scott won his House seat in 2010 after defeating Thurmond’s son in the primary.) *The New York Times* shamelessly insults Scott, calling him a “token,” rather than a “sign of progress” for the Republican Party. [40878, 40891, 40892, 40903, 40914, 40916, 40958, 40982]

Congress considers relief legislation for Hurricane Sandy. The proposal has a price tag of \$60.4 billion. According to the Heritage Foundation, roughly half of the spending does not relate to the storm—and includes “\$200 million for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be used freely at the discretion of the Secretary; Money for salmon fisheries in Alaska; and \$2 million for roof repairs at the Smithsonian.” (The \$60.4 billion would, of course, have to be borrowed.) [40889, 40902, 41087]

Asked about tax increases on the wealthy, White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters, “[Obama’s] insistence that rates need to go up on the top 2 percent was based on an economic reality, which is that in order to achieve a broad deficit reduction package that puts our economy on a sustainable fiscal path in the future, a certain level of revenue gleaned from the wealthy has to be met. The balance is important because a plan that does not have it puts unduly the burden on senior citizens or on middle class Americans or on parents with disabled children.” (Rush Limbaugh later comments,

“Parents with disabled children now get thrown into the mix. I wonder why? So now we have to raise taxes on the rich for a new reason, so that there is not an undue tax burden on parents with disabled children, which would include mentally disabled, which is meant to mean Adam Lanza-type children. So Jay Carney, the White House spokesman, has just sought to persuade the necessity of raising taxes on the rich so as not to further burden parents with disabled children. You don’t think they’re politicizing this, huh? That’s pretty brazen. That’s pretty blatant. ...Let me spell it out for you, what Jay Carney said. If we don’t raise taxes on the rich, a lot—if we don’t really raise rates on the rich—then we’re gonna have more and more Adam Lanzas, because we’re gonna be putting a tax burden on middle-class families with disabled children. Now, to this day, at this point—December 17th—‘disabled children’ means ‘Adam Lanza.’ It means ‘Newtown, Connecticut.’”) [40900]

Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) dies at age 88. His last words were reportedly, “Aloha.” (The governor of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie, will appoint a replacement. Abercrombie was a friend of Barack Hussein Obama, Sr.) [40912, 40918, 41039]

Jake Tapper reports, “Sources tell ABC News that the Inspector General for the Department of Defense has been preparing a report in which Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Michael Vickers is criticized for giving sensitive information to the filmmakers behind ‘Zero Dark Thirty.’ Specifically, Vickers is said to have disclosed to the filmmakers the identity of a member of SEAL Team Six—though not a member of the team that conducted the raid on Osama bin Laden’s compound. Names of members of that team are not to be disclosed because of the potential for violent retaliation.” [40905, 40942]

At Breitbart.com Tom Fitton reports, “Judicial Watch achieved a significant legal victory last week— and it may lead to cleaner elections. On December 10, 2012, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis Division, denied Indiana’s motion to dismiss our historic election integrity lawsuit (*Judicial Watch, et al. v. King, et al.* (No. 1:12-cv-00800)). We allege that the state of Indiana failed to maintain clean voter registration lists as required by the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), and now we will have our day in court. Make no mistake, this is a HUGE victory for election integrity. True the Vote, the grassroots clean elections watchdog, is both our client and co-plaintiff in this important lawsuit.” (The lawsuit was filed because “the number of persons registered to vote exceeded the total voting population in twelve Indiana counties.” The state has not followed the law and removed dead or other ineligible persons from the voter registration lists.) “...Needless to say, this is a major victory for the people of Indiana and everyone who values the integrity of the ballot box nationwide. Indiana’s election officials who shirked their responsibility to maintain clean voter registration lists have been put on notice that their lackadaisical attitude is no longer acceptable. This victory should put other states on notice that they need to take reasonable and responsible steps to remove dead and ineligible voters from the rolls. The Obama Justice Department has been AWOL on this issue so we will stand in the gap for election integrity. Actually, it’s worse than that. (The Department of Justice has, at times, behaved more like an enemy combatant against election integrity.)” [40906]

The White House moves from its demand for higher taxes on families that earn \$250,000 or more to income levels of at least \$400,000. [40913, 40915, 40919]

At AmericanThinker.com Pamela Geller writes, “From the former Soviet Republic of Georgia comes news of an extraordinary betrayal by the Obama Administration. As Obama continues to abandon freedom in his support of Muslim Brotherhood and Sharia revolutions and regimes in Egypt and elsewhere, he has taken behind-the-scenes steps to further the international isolation of Israel, the only democracy in that Middle East. Just before the November 29 United Nations vote granting non-member state observer status, the U.S. ambassador to Georgia, Richard Norland, an Obama appointee, met with Georgian Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili. During their conversation, Norland recommended that the Prime Minister that Georgia should vote in favor of a Palestinian state. ...It is also interesting to note that a few days before this meeting, George Soros came to Georgia and also met with Prime Minister Ivanishvili, and they agreed to collaborate on various initiatives. ...Obama’s close ties to Soros goes back to ...2007 and the run up to the 2008 presidential election. ...That the U.S. Ambassador to Georgia would advise that nation’s Prime Minister to support a Palestinian state is shocking, but not surprising. This is what the U.S. under Obama has been covertly but effectively pursuing on the world stage for four years now. While Obama is courting influential Jews in America and Americans who support the tiny Jewish state, he is betraying Israel, our only reliable ally in the Middle East.” [40909]

Obama campaign strategist sends an email suggesting that people watch Obama’s anti-gun speech at Newtown, Connecticut. (Axelrod’s email does not include a link to the speech. instead, it includes a link to an “Obama for America” campaign donation web page.) [40922]

On his talk radio show, author Mark Levin says, “Over the weekend, [Obama] was speaking and, really, when he got to his politics it was just stomach-turning. There he is, in the middle of that little town... and he named four instances in where there were, what—massacres? But he left one out. I immediately realized... what happened to Fort Hood? How come he didn’t mention Fort Hood? How come Obama did not mention Fort Hood where 13 human beings were slaughtered and there were several survivors. Because, ladies and gentlemen, first of all, Fort Hood is a military enclave, it’s a base. You can’t have more control than that. Number two, they had all kinds of rules of who can carry weapons and who can’t there. And fortunately, a lot of men and women in uniform aren’t allowed to carry weapons unless they’re on duty. All kinds of gun control on that base. But, number three, it had nothing to do with gun control. It had everything to do with political correctness run amok, costing the lives of 13 human beings [14, counting the unborn child of one pregnant victim]. ...They knew this guy [Major Nidal Malik Hasan] was trouble. They knew he was a potential threat, but they didn’t want to touch him. You know why? You want to know the God’s honest truth, is that why you’re listening to this program? Because they didn’t want to be accused of discriminating a Muslim gentleman, that’s why. That’s why Obama didn’t mention it yesterday, when he was ticking off the killings that happened under his watch. Now, [Obama] went to Fort

Hood, but he left it off his list [when speaking in Newtown, Connecticut]. Am I the only one to notice this? Because Fort Hood doesn't really explain things all the ways these politicians and Obama want to have them explained, now do they?" [40935]

On December 18 the Associated Press reports, "House Speaker John Boehner said Tuesday that he is readying a backup bill aimed at averting the 'fiscal cliff' because ...Obama has yet to offer a balanced package of revenues and spending savings that would cut burgeoning federal deficits. Boehner's measure, dubbed 'plan B,' would cancel tax increases due to take effect Jan. 1 on everyone earning \$1 million or less, while allowing tax increases on those earning more than that amount. 'I continue to have hope that we can reach a broader agreement with the White House' that would cancel a wave of tax increases and spending cuts now poised to begin in early January, Boehner, R-Ohio, told reporters. But he said when it comes to offering a package that balances tax increases with spending cuts, '[Obama] is not there yet.'" (Boehner's "Democrat-light" plan receives less-than-enthusiastic support from conservative members of the House. Congressman Raul Labrador (R-ID) doubts Boehner will get the votes to pass the tax increase. Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) says, "I didn't see enough specificity to support it." Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) says the proposal will not pass in the Senate. (House Democrats, who earlier in the year supported a \$1 million income level for increased taxes, now call it a "political ploy.") [40910, 40911, 40917, 40920, 40943, 40944, 40950, 40971]

According to Speaker Boehner's office, Plan B "Does not raise taxes. It is a net tax cut that prevents a \$4.6 trillion tax hike on January 1; Permanently extends income tax rate cuts for Americans making less than \$1 million, which protects 99.81 percent of all taxpayers; Permanently extends the current estate and gift tax (\$5 million at 35 percent and indexed for inflation); Permanently extends section 179 expensing for small businesses (\$250,000 and indexed for inflation); Permanently stops the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) from hitting more middle class families; Permanently extends parity for capital gains and dividend taxes, preventing dividend taxes from being taxed at the highest rates; and does not include anything on the debt limit or other non-tax policy items. Remember, Speaker Boehner's rule on the debt limit still applies: spending cuts must exceed any debt limit increase." [40971, 40972]

According to reporter Sharyl Attkisson, "A gun found at the scene of a shootout between a Mexican drug cartel and soldiers where a beauty queen died was part of the botched 'Fast and Furious' operation, CBS News reports. Authorities had said that Maria Susana Flores Gamez was likely used as a human shield and that an automatic rifle had been found near her body after the Nov. 23 shootout. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, tells CBS News that the Justice Department did not notify Congress that a Fast and Furious firearm was found at the scene in Sinaloa." [40921, 40923]

Obama announces the creation of a gun control task force headed by Vice President Joe Biden. (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich remarks, "Remember, Joe Biden was also in charge of making sure there wasn't any waste, fraud or abuse in the stimulus package. This should go really well." WashingtonExaminer.com's Charlie Spiering reminds

readers that during the 2008 campaign Joe Biden told a crowd in Castlewood, Virginia, “I guarantee you Barack Obama ain’t taking my shotguns, so don’t buy that malarkey. Don’t buy that malarkey. They’re [John McCain and Sarah Palin] going to start peddling that to you. If he [Obama] tries to fool with my Beretta, he’s got a problem.”) [40924, 40925, 40926, 40955, 40956]

According to Politico, “The EPA inspector general wants some answers about Lisa Jackson’s EPA email account in the name of ‘Richard Windsor.’ The Environmental Protection Agency administrator’s email nom de plume is now officially the subject of an audit by the agency’s inspector general, which received a congressional request to probe EPA’s management of its electronic records.” (EPA head Jackson apparently has used the fake name in more than 12,000 e-mails, apparently to cover her tracks when issuing messages related to EPA plans regarding its war on coal, cap-and-trade schemes, and global-warming regulations.) [40984, 40985, 40991]

The Associated Press reports, “An independent panel charged with investigating the deadly Sept. 11 attack in Libya that killed a U.S. ambassador and three other Americans has concluded that systematic management and leadership failures at the State Department led to ‘grossly’ inadequate security at the mission in Benghazi. ‘Systematic failures and leadership and management deficiencies at senior levels within two bureaus of the State Department resulted in a Special Mission security posture that was inadequate for Benghazi and grossly inadequate to deal with the attack that took place,’ the panel said. The report singled out the Bureau of Diplomatic Security and the Bureau of Near East Affairs for criticism, saying there appeared to be a lack of cooperation and confusion over protection at the mission in Benghazi, a city in Eastern Libya that was relatively lawless after the revolution that toppled Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi.” The report also confirms that there was no anti-movie demonstration outside the consulate/CIA facility on September 11—meaning that Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, and press secretary Jay Carney were lying when they repeatedly claimed the attack was the result of an anti-video demonstration that escalated. (Luckily for Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the report does not get specific enough to blame individuals for the failures. Rush Limbaugh remarks, “Mistakes were made, but nobody made them.”) According to CNSNews.com, “The special Accountability Review Board... says that a local militia the State Department hired to protect that mission was refusing to protect the movement of State Department vehicles in Benghazi on Sept. 11 in order to protest its wages and working hours.” [40927, 40929, 40941, 40947, 40948, 40951, 40954, 40980, 41003, 41010]

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty reports, “Today, a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. handed Wheaton College and Belmont Abbey College a major victory in their challenges to the HHS [Health and Human Services free contraceptives] mandate. Last summer, two lower courts had dismissed the Colleges’ cases as premature. Today, the appellate court reinstated those cases, and ordered the Obama Administration to report back every 60 days—starting in mid-February—until the Administration makes good on its promise to issue a new rule that protects the Colleges’ religious freedom. The new rule must be issued by March 31, 2013. ‘The D.C. Circuit has now made it clear that

government promises and press conferences are not enough to protect religious freedom,' said Kyle Duncan, General Counsel of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, who argued the case. 'The court is not going to let the government slide by on non-binding promises to fix the problem down the road.' The court based its decision on two concessions that government lawyers made in open court. First, the government promised 'it would never enforce [the mandate] in its current form' against Wheaton, Belmont Abbey or other similarly situated religious groups. Second, the government promised it would publish a proposed new rule 'in the first quarter of 2013' and would finalize it by next August. The administration made both concessions under intense questioning by the appellate judges. The court deemed the concessions a 'binding commitment' and has retained jurisdiction over the case to ensure the government follows through." (There are more than 40 lawsuits challenging the ObamaCare contraceptives mandate now being litigated.) [40932, 40934, 40963, 40970, 40987]

According to Breitbart.com, "Unburdened by re-election worries and empowered by law to act without Congress, ...Obama could take action to improve background checks on gun buyers, ban certain gun imports and bolster oversight of dealers." [40960]

On December 19 *Time* announces that Obama has been named its "Person of the Year." The liberal magazine-in-decline praises Obama as the "Architect of the New America." Appearing on Charlie Rose's program, *Time's* Richard Stengel says, "The Obama campaign discovered that these people who say they're not interested in politics who do not like the Republicans who do not like the Democrats, who do not like Washington, you know what they do like? They like Barack Obama because they sense something about him that he's not really a part of it. So even that first debate, which we all thought was a debacle, a lot of those people thought, 'Well, I liked that because he's not playing that game. He's not playing gotcha. He's not saying nasty things.' That helped tip the balance for him." (In other words, Obama appeals to ignorant people who pay no attention to politics because they are too stupid to realize he is just another politician, and for that he is named "Person of the Year.") In a softball interview, Obama tells the magazine the economy, immigration reform, and climate change will be his top priorities in his second term. Obama says, "[O]n an issue like climate change, for example, I think for this country and the world to ask some very tough questions about what are we leaving behind, that weighs on you [sic]. And not to mention the fact I think that generation is much more environmentally aware than previous generations." [40949, 40953, 40983, 40989, 40990]

Obama holds a press conference and is asked, "Can you give us a candid update? Are we likely to go over the cliff?" Obama responds, "Remember what I said during the campaign. I said I thought that it was important for us to reduce our deficit in a balanced and responsible way. ...I said it was important for us to make sure that millionaires and billionaires paid their fair share. ...I have gone at least halfway in meeting some of the Republicans' concerns, recognizing that even though we campaigned on these issues, even though the majority of Americans agree with me that we should be raising taxes, uh, on the wealthiest few, uh, as a means of reducing the deficit, I have also said that I'm willing to identify some spending cuts that make sense. If you look at what the speaker

[John Boehner] has proposed, he's conceded... that tax rates should go up, except right now he only wants to have them go up for millionaires." (Boehner has not conceded that tax rates *should* go up, only that he cannot make a deal with Obama without them going up.) "If you're making \$900,000, somehow he thinks that you can't afford to pay a little more in taxes. Uh, but the principle that rates are gonna need to go up, he's conceded. ...Just think about what we've gone through over the last coupla [sic] months. A devastating hurricane, and now one of the worst tragedies in our memory. The country deserves folks to be willing to compromise on behalf of the greater good and not tangle themselves up, uh, in a whole bunch of ideological positions that don't make much sense." (Obama's "compromise on behalf of the greater good" is pure Marxist ideology.) [40952]

ABC's Jake Tapper asks Obama, "It seems to a lot of observers that you made the political calculation in 2008, in your first term, and in 2012, not to talk about gun violence. You had your position on renewing the ban on semi-automatic rifles that then-Senator Biden put into place. But you didn't do much about it. This is not the first incident of horrific gun violence of your four years. Where have you been?" A clearly annoyed Obama responds, "Well, uh, uh, here's where I've been, Jake. Uh, I've been... dealing with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, an auto industry on the verge of collapse, two wars. Uh, I don't think I've been on vacation. And, so, you know, I think all of us have to do some reflection [sic] on how we prioritize, um, what we do here in Washington. And, as I said on Sunday, uh, you know, this should be a wake-up call for all of us." [40959, 40961, 40962, 40978]

Bloomberg.com reports, "With ...Obama endorsing sweeping gun restrictions in the wake of the school shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, prices for handgun magazines are surging on EBay and semi-automatic rifles are sold out at many Wal-Mart Stores Inc. locations. Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said yesterday that it would continue to sell guns, including rifles like the one used at Newtown, where 26 people, most of them children, were killed on Dec. 14. ...Searches of five kinds of semi-automatic rifles on Wal-Mart's website showed them to be out of stock at stores in five states, including Pennsylvania, Kansas and Alabama. Wal-Mart doesn't sell guns online, instead asking customers to input a zip code to see if their local store carries a specific weapon. ...On EBay Inc.'s auction website, shoppers have recently bid up gun magazines. The current bid for four Glock handgun magazines, ammunition for one of the guns used at Newtown, is \$118.37 compared with \$45 on the day before the shooting. The bid for seven Glock magazines hit \$201 on Dec. 17 from \$71.01 before the massacre. Gun buyers have flooded other firearms retailers too. The Hyatt Gun Shop in Charlotte, North Carolina, racked up more than \$1 million in sales yesterday for the best single-day performance since the store opened in 1959, according to Justin Anderson, director of online sales. At the top of shoppers' lists was the Bushmaster AR-15, the model of rifle used at Newtown that sells for as much as \$4,000 and had almost sold out, he said." [40957]

ThePostEmail.com reports, "California Atty. Orly Taitz has filed a Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order of the Secretary of State and Governor to enjoin them from

certifying the state's 55 electoral votes for Barack Obama, claiming that he is a "citizen of Indonesia" and is using a Social Security number not assigned to him. Taitz has also claimed that Obama has presented fraudulent short- and long-form birth certificates and a fraudulent Selective Service registration card to the public." (The birth certificate Obama provided in April 2011 is a clear forgery. If he was adopted by his step-father, Lolo Soetoro, Obama became a citizen of Indonesia in the mid-1960s. It is believed by many that he never acted to relinquish that citizenship and become a U.S. citizen.) Electoral votes will be officially counted by Congress on January 6. [40967]

LATimes.com reports, "Four senior State Department officials resigned under pressure Wednesday after an independent review board determined that they had operational responsibility for 'grossly inadequate' security when Islamic militants killed four Americans at the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya. At a news conference, retired Adm. Michael G. Mullen, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a leader of the independent panel, said 'senior officials in critical positions of authority and responsibility in Washington demonstrated a lack of leadership and management ability.' ...The senior State Department staffers who resigned included Eric Boswell, the assistant secretary for diplomatic security; Charlene Lamb, a deputy assistant secretary responsible for embassy security; and another unnamed person in the diplomatic security bureau, officials said. Raymond Maxwell, a deputy assistant secretary who oversaw Libya, Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, was identified by the Associated Press as the fourth official to resign." [40969]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reports the Republican House will pass his "Plan B" tax legislation on December 20. "Then," says Boehner, "[Obama] will have a decision to make. He can call on the Senate Democrats to pass that bill, or he can be responsible for the largest tax increase in American history." [40975, 40976, 40986]

Talk show host Mark Levin tells his radio audience, "These politicians—particularly these Republicans that I'm focused on—they create records for themselves. And tomorrow, they're going to create a record for themselves. How are they going to vote? See, the way we conservatives look at it, the way we the people look at it, is they're going to vote for a tax increase. We don't care on whom. We also understand the government is out of control, and any tax increase—including the Boehner tax increase—will have no effect whatsoever on the budget or controlling the government, on re-establishing constitutional government. There will be a political backlash for selling out. And I'm telling the so-called conservative Republicans in the House this will be a key determining factor for your future political careers. You won't be able to run from it. And all your mush-mouthed, spaghetti-brained thinking isn't going to fix it. You're going to put a marker down, and we're going to see it." [40977]

On December 20 David Harsanyi reports at Townhall.com that before the end of the year General Motors will buy-back about 200 million shares of its stock that the federal government currently owns. "Once GM buys its 200 million shares, the taxpayer stake in the company will drop to 19 percent, but the price to break even on the remaining 300 million shares will be around \$70 per—or, in other words, probably never. As of this

writing, GM shares are trading at around \$27 per share.” According to DetroitNews.com, “...[T]axpayers will almost certainly lose billions of dollars in the \$49.5 billion GM bailout—and the government would need to sell its remaining shares for about \$70 each to break even. If the government sold the rest of its stock at current prices, taxpayers would lose more than \$13 billion.” [40973, 40979]

The Department of Labor reports that initial claims for unemployment benefits rose in the prior week by 17,000 to 361,000. [40981]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “For weeks the White House has said that if I moved on [income tax] rates, that they would make substantial concessions on spending cuts and entitlement reform. I did my part. They’ve done nothing. [Obama’s] last offer of \$1.3 trillion in new revenue [taxes] with only \$850 billion worth of spending reductions fails to meet the test of ‘balanced’ that he continues to call for. Frankly, I’m convinced that [Obama] is unwilling to stand up to his own party on the big issues that face our country. Time is running short. The House will act today and it’ll be up to the Senate Democrats and the White House to act.” (Boehner and Obama were not very far apart with their latest offers. Boehner offered \$1 trillion in tax hikes and \$1 trillion in arguably phony spending cuts, while Obama offered \$1.2 trillion in tax increases and \$800 billion in phony spending cuts.) [41004, 41006, 41008]

At FoxNews.com K. T. McFarland, author and former official in the Nixon, Ford, and Reagan administrations, writes, “The Benghazi Report has condemned the State Department for ‘systemic failures and leadership and management deficiencies.’ Four officials have resigned, and a few more lesser heads are likely to roll. Secretary Clinton may have said she takes full responsibility, but she has successfully managed to avoid taking the blame. With the holidays fast approaching, she and senior White House officials can now wash their hands of the matter. But the Benghazi report misses the point. The events of September 11 are a symptom of a much larger problem—the Obama administration’s entire Middle East policy has failed. And the problem is about to get much worse as the as yet unpunished but ascendant Al Qaeda and its affiliates contemplate what they might do next to attack Americans. ...The entire region is in upheaval. With our help, Egypt has replaced a pro-American dictator with what promises to be an anti-American Muslim Brotherhood dictator and Islamist constitution. We helped Libyan rebels topple their dictator, yet their new government is has failed to consolidate control. They are cowed by Al Qaeda affiliated militias and couldn’t—or wouldn’t—prevent the Benghazi attack and assassinations of our diplomats. Syria’s vicious civil war threatens to go from horrific to hellish as Al Qaeda sympathizers and Islamic extremists take over the rebel cause, chemical weapons go missing, and the ethno-sectarian violence spills over to infect Syria’s neighbors and threaten our NATO ally Turkey. Iran is on the cusp of becoming a nuclear power and the dominant power in the region. Any hopes that a post-Saddam Iraq would be a pro-American ally have vanished as Iraq falls increasingly into the Iranian orbit. We will end up fighting our way out of Afghanistan, as it descends into multiparty civil war once the last American soldier takes the last helicopter out. At best, countries will be governed by the anti-American Muslim Brotherhood. At worst, chaos will ensue. Political and economic chaos are

waiting in the wings, and radical Islamists, terrorists and Al Qaeda expand their influence throughout the region.” [40992]

The “real scandal,” continues McFarland is “...not Ambassador [Susan] Rice’s talking points or the State Department’s security failures. It is not even the attack on a Consulate’s American soil and murder of American diplomats—tragic as those deaths may be. It’s that we are losing the Middle East to radical extremists and opening the door to more attacks against Americans. ...Obama’s lead-from-behind policy may be the opposite of President Bush’s lead-from-the-front, but it, too, has been inadequate to the job. President Bush invaded countries and toppled dictators, and swept away the entire administrative and governing structures of Afghanistan and Iraq . He replaced them with American protectorates, handpicked new leaders and imposed his Freedom Agenda on countries unable or unwilling to accept it as their own. A decade later ...Obama embarked on his own Freedom Agenda by helping topple dictators in Egypt and Libya, but rather than offer a helping hand to transition to stability and self government, stood aside. As a result, the hopes of the Arab spring are one after another being smothered by Islamic extremists and the Muslim Brotherhood to create a despondency of the Arab Winter. ...The Benghazi Report calls for beefed up security and new rules of engagement, but as yet we have failed to punish those responsible, although we know who they are and where they live. Should anyone be surprised if in 2013 we see more attacks on Americans and on American soil?” [40992]

TheHill.com reports, “Short of votes, House Republicans pulled Speaker John Boehner’s Plan B’ tax bill from the floor late Thursday, testing the Ohio Republican’s hold on his conference and throwing year-end efforts to avoid the fiscal cliff into further chaos. Party leaders had voiced confidence throughout the day they had enough Republican votes to pass the measure over unified Democratic opposition, but amid mounting defections, they announced shortly before 8 p.m. that the vote would be canceled.” Boehner tells reporters, “The House did not take up the tax measure today because it did not have sufficient support from our members to pass. Boehner said. “Now it is up to [Obama] to work with [Senate Majority Leader Harry] Reid on legislation to avert the fiscal cliff. The House has already passed legislation [in August] to stop all of the January 1 tax rate increases and replace the sequester with responsible spending cuts that will begin to address our nation’s crippling debt. The Senate must now act.” (Boehner may have been able to pass his “Plan B” proposal with some GOP defections if House Democrats would vote in favor of the legislation, but for political purposes most of those Democrats, like Obama, want to “go over the fiscal cliff.”) The message to Obama is clear. If the House Republicans won’t vote to allow tax increases on those earning \$1 million or more, Obama will never get them to agree to a cut-off point of \$400,000 or \$250,000. (There is speculation that many of Mark Levin’s radio talk show listeners helped defeat Boehner’s “Plan B” with telephone calls to their Congressmen.) [40993, 40994, 40998, 41000, 41002, 41005, 41007, 41116]

House Republicans recess for Christmas. [41016]

Confirming the Democrats' eagerness to allow all the Bush tax rates to expire on December 31, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) tells reporters, "We are not taking up anything they are working on over [in the House]. ... We are not going to do anything." [40999]

Deputy Secretary of State Williams Burns tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that cables from Benghazi warning of inadequate security "would have been reviewed up through the assistant secretary level, and it may be that some of my colleagues on the seventh floor [Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's office] saw them as well." [40995, 41001]

In Leon County, Florida, Judge Kevin C. Carroll dismisses the eligibility challenge lawsuit *Michael C. Voeltz v. Barack Hussein Obama*. WND.com reports, "Carroll, who had given the plaintiffs until Dec. 23 to respond to Obama's motion to dismiss the case, changed his mind and abruptly Thursday ordered the case dismissed. He explained that the fact the government says Obama is qualified to be president is more than enough for him." Carroll states, "This court notes that ... Obama lives in the White House. He flies on Air Force One. He has appeared before Congress, delivered State of the Union addresses and meets with congressional leaders on a regular basis. He has appointed countless ambassadors to represent the interests of the United States throughout the world. As this matter has come before the court at this time of the year it seems only appropriate to paraphrase the ruling rendered by the fictional Judge Henry X. Harper from New York in open court in the classic holiday film 'Miracle on 34th St.' 'Since the United States Government declares this man to be president, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed.'" Attorney Larry Klayman, Voeltz's attorney, responds with a motion for rehearing, "contending that the judge 'prematurely and precipitously' dismissed the complaint without a hearing as outlined under state law. ... Klayman is seeking a rehearing and an evidentiary hearing in the dispute. He's also seeking a temporary restraining order to halt the delivery of the Florida electoral votes to Obama until the court case is resolved. He has submitted evidence by way of a sworn statement from Investigator Mike Zullo of Sheriff Joe Arpaio's Cold Case Posse in Arizona that there probably were two crimes committed in the creation and display of Obama's long-form birth certificate, which was released by the White House and posted online." [41011, 41012, 41232]

Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) tells Fox News she has doubts about Obama's possible nominee for Secretary of Defense, former Senator Chuck Hagel: "I do have serious concerns about his positions that he's stated on Israel, some of the statements he has made in the past, as well as his positions on Iran. If he is nominated and comes before the Senate Armed Services Committee, I plan to vigorously question him on his prior statements, and those positions, in particular." [41015]

On December 21 the White House announces that Obama will nominate Senator John Kerry (D-MA) to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. (Republicans in the Senate say they will hold up Kerry's confirmation hearings until after Clinton testifies

about the September 11 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya that resulted in the deaths of four Americans.) [41077]

At the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., the arrogant Obama uses the funeral of Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) to talk about—Obama. He uses the word “I” 30 times; “my” 21 times; and “me” 12 times. Obama notes, “Danny was elected to the U.S. Senate when I was two years old.” Obama says, “Now, even though my mother and grandparents took great pride that they had voted for him [sic], I confess that I wasn’t paying much attention to the United States Senate at the age of four or five or six. It wasn’t until I was 11 years old that I recall even learning what a U.S. senator was, or it registering, at least. It was during my summer vacation with my family—my first trip to what those of us in Hawaii call the mainland. So we flew over the ocean, and with my mother and my grandmother and my sister, who at the time was two, we traveled around the country. It was a big trip. We went to Seattle, and we went to Disneyland—which was most important. We traveled to Kansas where my grandmother’s family was from, and went to Chicago, and went to Yellowstone. And we took Greyhound buses most of the time, and we rented cars, and we would stay at local motels or Howard Johnsons. And if there was a pool at one of these motels, even if it was just tiny, I would be very excited. And the ice machine was exciting—and the vending machine, I was really excited about that.” (Some might suggest that Obama has severe psychological problems. At the funeral of a Senator and hero who lost a limb in World War II, Obama finds it necessary to spend 10 minutes talking about himself.) [41013, 41018, 41020, 41029]

Obama and his family head to Hawaii for a holiday vacation. [41019, 41021]

Examiner.com reports, “A new study from the widely respected National Bureau of Economic Research released this week has confirmed beyond question that the left’s race-baiting attacks on the housing market (the Community Reinvestment Act—enacted under [Jimmy] Carter, made shockingly more aggressive under Clinton) is directly responsible for imploding the housing market and destroying the economy. The study painstakingly sorted through failed home loans that caused the housing market collapse and identified an overwhelming connection between them and CRA mortgages.” [41081]

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, “...Obama repeatedly lost patience with [House Speaker John Boehner] as [fiscal cliff] negotiations faltered. In an Oval Office meeting last week, he told Mr. Boehner that if the sides didn’t reach agreement, he would use his inaugural address and his State of the Union speech to tell the country the Republicans were at fault. At one point, according to notes taken by a participant, Mr. Boehner told [Obama], ‘put \$800 billion [in tax revenue] on the table. What do I get for that?’ ‘You get nothing,’ [Obama] said. ‘I get that for free.’” [41022, 41023]

Breitbart.com reports, “Several conservative House Republican members are contemplating a plan to unseat Speaker John Boehner from his position on January 3, Breitbart News has exclusively learned. Staffers have compiled a detailed action plan that, if executed, could make this a reality. The Republicans, both conservatives and more establishment members alike, are emboldened after the failure of Boehner’s fiscal cliff

'Plan B' on Thursday evening. Dissatisfaction with Boehner is growing in the House Republican conference, but until now there hasn't been a clear path forward. Those members and staffers requested anonymity from Breitbart News at this time to prevent retaliation from Boehner similar to what happened to those four members who were purged from their powerful committee assignments a few weeks ago. Their expressed concern is that if Boehner knew who they were, his adverse reaction toward them would be much more brutal than losing committee assignments, such as a primary challenge in 2014 by a leadership-sponsored candidate." (The House of Representatives will first have to change the rules to have a secret ballot for the vote to select a new Speaker. If they do not do that, Boehner will retaliate against anyone who votes against him.) [41024, 41025]

The Ulsterman Report hears from the Republican insider, who comments, "Sorry for not getting back to you. Remember what I said a month ago about the push to remove [John] Boehner from his position as Speaker? That move has now turned into all out war. Kudos to the Tea Party wing who stood strong and united against what Boehner did to them with the committee purge. And a double kudos to a certain outgoing Congressman from Florida who when asked if they could count on his vote for Boehner's Plan B said, 'Tell Speaker Boehner he can go to Hell. I won't vote for anything he sends my way unless it's a vote to impeach Barack Obama or his own resignation as Speaker. Preferably both.' The fact this particular Congressman was even approached about supporting the Plan B option shows just how weak John Boehner has become among his own Republicans. January 3rd is the vote for Speaker. I am going to be part of an effort to see Boehner removed. We would actually like him to step aside to avoid further conflict inside the party. And if the White House wants to see that as some kind of victory for them, they will have another thing [sic] coming. These Republicans are finally getting ready and willing to start putting up a real fight. Doesn't mean the fiscal cliff stuff won't turn into some kind of negotiation pledge with the White House. That is too far gone to stop now and the Democrats are obviously trying to use it as political leverage with the voters for 2014. That appears to have been the plan all along. Typical Obama bullcrap. ...Kind of related, I watched the Benghazi news conference today. Figured you were watching too as well as [the White House insider]. I can't help but wonder how the 2012 election might have been different if those three senators had given that same news conference two weeks before the election like they had promised... I am ashamed of my party and how weak it has been the last few years. I disagree with almost everything the Democrats stand for, but at least they fight. Time we started to fight back." [41035]

On December 22 plays golf in Hawaii. [41026]

On December 23 NBC's David Gregory breaks the law by holding up a 30-round magazine for an AR-15 rifle on *Meet the Press* while calling for more gun regulations. (The program is broadcast from Washington, D.C., where it is illegal to "possess, sell, or transfer any large capacity ammunition feeding device regardless of whether the device is attached to a firearm." According to D.C. Criminal Code 7-2506.01, "A person guilty of this charge can be sentenced to a maximum fine of \$1000 and/or up to a year imprisonment." Gregory—who sends his children to the private and well-guarded Sidwell School—expects everyone who is not part of the liberal elite to follow the laws

but believes he is exempt. The Patriot Perspective writes, “There’s now a White House petition to press charges against David Gregory. The DC police might want to actually look into this rather than just brush it off, too. If NBC’s smuggled in an illegal magazine, who knows what else they have in their studios? If NBC has a weapon to go with that magazine in their studio in DC and somebody walks off with it and it’s involved in a crime, the DC police are going to have a hard time saying they couldn’t do anything to prevent it and keep their ‘Gun Free Zone’ safe. NBC would have an even harder time. Imagine the lawsuits.” [41027, 41028, 41030, 41037, 41038, 41047]

On *State of the Union*, Senator Joe Lieberman (I-CT) says, “We’re going to spend New Year’s Eve here [in Washington, D.C.] , I believe. ...It’s the first time that I feel it’s more likely we’ll go over the cliff than not. If we allow that to happen it will be the most colossal consequential act of congressional irresponsibility in a long time, maybe ever in American history because of the impact it’ll have on almost every American.” [41032]

On *Fox News Sunday* Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) says Obama “is eager to go over the cliff for political purposes. I think he sees a political victory at the bottom of the cliff. He gets all this additional tax revenue for new programs; he gets to cut the military, which Democrats have been calling for for years, and he gets to blame Republicans for it.” (The Democrat-controlled Senate is also doing nothing to avert the fiscal cliff. Although the House has passed legislation extending the Bush tax rates for all taxpayers and House Speaker John Boehner unsuccessfully tried to pass a bill extending them only for taxpayers who earn less than \$1 million per year, the Senate has not even brought legislation up for a vote.) [41031, 41040]

The Northeast Intelligence Network’s Douglas J. Hagmann reports on his latest meeting with his Department of Homeland Security (DHS) insider (who is not to be confused with The Ulsterman Report’s White House, Wall Street, and military insiders). The insider relates that information has been more difficult to obtain because the DHS has been watching its own employees in an attempt to prevent leaks. Nevertheless, he reports that Obama’s “...second term was a done deal in September. This was planned. Frankly, the Obama team knew they had it sewn up long before election day. Benghazi could have derailed them, but the fix was in there, so I never saw anything on my end to suggest a ready-made solution had to be implemented. ...People better pay close attention over the next few months. First, there won’t be any meaningful deal about the fiscal crisis. This is planned, I mean, the lack of deal is planned. In fact, it’s necessary to pave the way for what is in the short term agenda. ...We don’t have a lot of time... I mean I have heard—with my own ears—plans being made that originate from the White House that involve the hierarchy of DHS. You gotta know how DHS works at the highest of levels. It’s [Valerie] Jarrett and [Janet] Napolitano, with Jarrett organizing all of the plans and approaches. She’s the one in charge, at least from my point of view, from what I am seeing. Obama knows that’s going on and has say, but it seems that Jarrett has the final say, not the other way around. It’s [screwed] up. This really went into high gear since the election. But it’s a train wreck at mid management, but is more effective at the lower levels. A lot of police departments are being gifted with federal funds with strings attached. That money is flowing out to municipal police departments faster than it can be

counted. They are using his money to buy tanks, well, not real tanks, but you know what I mean. DHS is turning the police into soldiers.” [41034]

The DHS insider continues, “By the way, there has been a lot of communication recently between Napolitano and [John] Pistole [head of the Transportation Security Administration. They are planning to use TSA agents in tandem with local police for certain operations that are being planned right now. This is so [expletive deleted] important that you cannot even begin to imagine. If you get nothing else out of this, please, please make sure you tell people to watch the TSA and their increasing involvement against the American public. They are the stooges who will be the ones to carry out certain plans when the dollar collapses and the gun confiscation begins. ...Life for the average American is going to change significantly, and not the change people expect. First, DHS is preparing to work with police departments and the TSA to respond to civil uprisings that will happen when there is a financial panic. And there will be one, maybe as early as this spring, when the dollar won't get you a gumball. I'm not sure what the catalyst will be, but I've heard rumblings about a derivatives crisis as well as an oil embargo. I don't know, that's not my department. But something is going to happen to collapse the dollar, which has been in the works since the 1990s. Now if it does not happen as soon as this, it's because there are people, real patriots, who are working to prevent this, so it's a fluid dynamic. But that doesn't change the preparations. And the preparations are these: DHS is pre-positioning assets in strategic areas near urban centers all across the country. Storage depots. Armories. And even detainment facilities, known as FEMA camps. FEMA does not even know that the facilities are earmarked for detainment by executive orders, at least not in the traditional sense they were intended. By the way, people drive by some of these armories everyday without even giving them a second look. Commercial and business real estate across the country are being bought up or leased for storage purposes. Very low profile.” [41034]

“Anyway, I am hearing that the plan from on high is to let the chaos play out for a while, making ordinary citizens beg for troops to be deployed to restore order. but it's all organized to make them appear as good guys. That's when the real head knocking will take place. We're talking travel restrictions, which should no be a problem because gas will be rationed or unavailable. The TSA will be in charge of travel, or at least be a big part of it. They will be commissioned, upgraded from their current status. They, I mean Jarrett and Obama as well as a few others in government, are working to create a perfect storm too. This is being timed to coincide with new gun laws. ...Count on the criminalization to possess just about every gun you can think of. Not only restrictions, but actual criminalization of possessing a banned firearm. I heard this directly from the highest of my sources. Plans were made in the 90s but were withheld. Now, it's a new day, a new time, and they are riding the wave of emotion from [the mass murders in] Sandy Hook, which, by the way and as tragic as it was, well, it stinks to high heaven. I mean there are many things wrong there, and first reports are fast disappearing. The narrative is being changed. Look, there is something wrong with Sandy Hook, but if you write it, you'll be called a kook or worse. ...So what I'm telling you is that DHS, the TSA and certain, but not all, law enforcement agencies are going to be elbow deep in riot control in response to an economic incident.” [41034]

“At the same time or close to it, gun confiscation will start. It will start on a voluntary basis using federal registration forms, then an amnesty, then the kicking-in of doors start. Before or at the same time, you know all the talk of lists, you know, the red and blue lists that everyone made fun of? Well they exist, although I don’t know about their colors. But there are lists of political dissidents maintained by DHS. Names are coordinated with the executive branch, but you know what? They did not start with Obama. They’ve been around in one form or another for years. The difference though is that today, they are much more organized. And I’ll tell you that the vocal opponents of the politics of the global elite, the bankers, and the opponents of anything standing in their way, well, they are on the top of the list of people to be handled. ...As the situations worsen, some might be given a chance to stop their vocal opposition. Some will, others won’t. I suppose they are on different lists. Others won’t have that chance. By that time, though, it will be chaos and people will be in full defensive mode. They will be hungry, real hunger like we’ve never experienced before. They will use our hunger as leverage. They will use medical care as leverage. ...They hope to make it happen at the same time. Big cities first, with sections being set apart from the rest of the country. Then the rural areas. There are two different plans for geographical considerations. But it will all come together.” [41034]

On December 24 Obama and his wife issue a Christmas message video in which they mention the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the mass murders in Newtown, Connecticut. [41033]

Obama plays golf.

On December 25 Politico reports that Washington, D.C. is “expecting 600,000 to 800,000 visitors for [Obama’s] Jan. 21 inauguration, far less than the 1.8 million people who flooded the National Mall four years ago to witness the inauguration... Back then, some hotels sold out months in advance and city residents rented out their homes for hundreds of dollars a night. This time, hotels say they’re filling up more slowly, with rooms still available and prices at or slightly below where they were four years ago.” [41053, 41063]

On December 26 Obama plays golf, and then returns to Washington for “fiscal cliff” negotiations. (Obama’s wife and children remain behind in Hawaii, costing the taxpayers at least an additional \$200,000 for additional air travel and security expenses.) [41041, 41042, 41052]

The *New York Post* reports, “The four officials supposedly out of jobs because of their blunders in the run-up to the deadly Benghazi terror attack remain on the State Department payroll—and will all be back to work soon... The highest-ranking official caught up in the scandal, Assistant Secretary of State Eric Boswell, has not ‘resigned’ from government service, as officials said last week. He is just switching desks. And the other three are simply on administrative leave and are expected back. The four were made out to be sacrificial lambs in the wake of a scathing report issued last week that found that the US compound in Benghazi, Libya, was left vulnerable to attack because of ‘grossly inadequate’ security. State Department leaders ‘didn’t come clean about

Benghazi and now they're not coming clean about these staff changes,' a source close to the situation told The Post., adding, the 'public would be outraged over this.'" Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, states, "If these reports are correct, they're pathetic examples of yet another ruse about the tragedy of Benghazi. State Department officials proclaimed to the world that heads would roll after the deception related to the deceitful video excuse and the non-existent spontaneous protest outside the consulate. Now we see that the discipline is a lie and all that has happened is the shuffling of the deck chairs. That will in no way change what [the review] found to be systemic failures of management and leadership in the State Department." [41043, 41044, 41045, 41048]

CNSNews.com reports, "The Social Security program ran a \$47.8 billion deficit in fiscal 2012 as the program brought in \$725.429 billion in cash and paid \$773.247 for benefits and overhead expenses, according to official data published by Social Security Administration. The Social Security Administration also released new data revealing that the number of workers collecting disability benefits hit a record 8,827,795 in December—up from 8,805,353 in November. ...[F]or every 1.67 Americans who worked full-time in the private sector in 2011, there is now [one] person collecting benefits from the Social Security administration." [41046]

Politico reports, "NBC was told by the Washington police that it was 'not permissible' to show a high-capacity gun magazine on air before Sunday's 'Meet the Press,' according to a statement Wednesday from the cops. 'NBC contacted [the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department] inquiring if they could utilize a high capacity magazine for their segment,' Gwendolyn Crump, a police spokeswoman, said in an email. 'NBC was informed that possession of a high capacity magazine is not permissible and their request was denied. This matter is currently being investigated.'" [41047, 41049, 41050]

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner warns Congress that the \$16.4 trillion debt limit will be reached on December 31. (Whether the debt ceiling will actually be reached before the end of the year or Obama and Geithner are simply claiming that to be the case in order to obtain leverage in the "fiscal cliff" negotiations is not certain. Even if the December 31 claim is valid, Geithner has several ways to delay action by Congress.) [41051, 41060, 41060, 41062]

Hawaii Governor Neil Abercrombie appoints Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz to fill the seat held by Daniel Inouye. (Schatz is a former chairman of the Democrat Party of Hawaii. In 2008 he signed Obama's certificate of party nomination with the 'legally qualified to serve under the provisions of the United States Constitution' section removed. Ten major candidates in the state ran for the position of Lieutenant Governor. Schatz received endorsements from top Democrat leaders and from Obama's half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng.) Many Hawaiians are displeased by Abercrombie's move because Inouye had recommended that he be succeeded by Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI). TheHill.com reports that Hanabusa "is receiving 'a lot of pressure' to run against ...Abercrombie... 'She's getting a lot of pressure primarily to challenge Abercrombie,' the source said. 'The public response has been overwhelmingly negative to what the

governor did.” (It is worth noting that while Schatz was chairman of the Hawaii Democrat Party, attorney William H. Gilardy, Jr. represented the party in several lawsuits over the years—and Gilardy also represented Obama’s mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, in her divorce from Lolo Soetoro on November 5, 1980. The divorce decree stated, “The parties have 1 child(ren) below age 18 [Obama] and 1 child(ren) [Obama’s half-sister, Maya Soetoro] above 18.” That language suggests that Obama may have been legally adopted by Lolo Soetoro—or he would not have been mentioned.) [719, 746, 16603, 16607, 16793, 18289, 18290, 20129, 41059, 41065, 41075, 41374]

According to Joel Gehrke at WashingtonExaminer.com, “Republican senators will refuse to confirm Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., as Secretary of State until the nation’s current top diplomat, Hillary Clinton, testifies about her handling of the Benghazi terrorist attack.” [41054, 41070]

On CNBC’s *Closing Bell*, Aetna CEO Mark Bertolini says health insurance rates will skyrocket because of ObamaCare: “If we’re going to insure all Americans, which is a worthy and appropriate cause, then somebody has to pay for it.” Bertolini expects premiums to double for some customers. [41057, 41058]

Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) tells *Newsmax* that Obama “hasn’t shown any leadership because he doesn’t know how to compromise. He does want us to go over the [fiscal] cliff because he’s holding all the cards. He’s got nothing to lose. You go over the cliff, everybody’s taxes are going to go up, particularly the two percent where he wanted the rates to go up. Then he’ll come back after the first of the year, suggest for people under \$250,000 to actually decrease their taxes, so he not only [gets] a tax increase on the wealthy, but he’s going to end up being a person that saves the middle class because going over the cliff raises taxes on everybody. He’s in a position where he gets everything and he can still lower taxes for the middle class after the first of the year. Maybe they’ve only been going up for a couple of weeks or maybe a month, but eventually, we’re going to not raise taxes on the middle class. The sad commentary is if we had proper ...leadership, we wouldn’t have to be even talking about this. [Obama] has not wanted to sit down and work hard in negotiating like... President Clinton who was willing to sit down with Speaker [Newt] Gingrich and work compromises. ...If we do go over the cliff then the focus next year’s going to be on raising the debt ceiling and we’ve got a great deal of leverage on [Obama] on raising the debt ceiling because we don’t have to raise it unless we’re going to get some reduction in expenditures. The proposition that was established in August of 2011 is a pretty good proposition that Republicans are willing to follow now—for every dollar increase in the debt ceiling, we’re going to have to have a dollar decrease in expenditures. Anything’s better than having to go over the cliff, but the problem up to this point is that [Obama’s] been talking just about tax increases and you can have all of the tax increases he wants and you’re going to take care of eight to 12 percent of the annual deficit. It’s about time we start talking about the other 90 percent. We have a spending problem. We don’t have a taxing problem.” [41066]

Appearing on ABC’s *Nightline*, Obama says one advantage of being reelected is being able “to have men with guns around at all times.” (Obama is eager to deny Americans

their Second Amendment right to bear arms, but is happy that he is protected by guns 24x7.) [41394]

On December 27 Environmental Protection Agency head Lisa Jackson announces she will leave the administration in early 2013. (Many speculate that Jackson's decision was brought about by the disclosure that she has been using a fake name, "Richard Windsor," to cover her tracks on thousands of agency e-mails. Chris Horner, a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, tells Fox News, "She, by her action, told us that these are records she doesn't want the people to see.") Some expect Obama to name the anti-coal Gina McCarthy, the assistant administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, to succeed Jackson. [41055, 41056, 41067, 41071, 41078, 41080, 41106, 42284]

Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) issues a Facebook message: "Heading back to dc. Just learned that [Obama] reached out to Senate GOP leadership with a proposal. It is the first such proposal to be put forth. Eager to see why it is. How it is serious." According to TheHill.com, however, "An aide to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) ...denied that Reid is planning to move any legislation. Reid earlier on Thursday said it was unlikely Congress and the White House would reach a deal before the end of the year." [41064]

Newsmax.com reports, "The House of Representatives will return to Washington on Sunday night [December 30], just over a day before income tax rates are set to spike higher, in a last-ditch chance to avert the year-end 'fiscal cliff.' Senior Republican aides confirmed that House Speaker John Boehner on Thursday told members to be back in Washington in time for a 6:30 p.m. legislative session on Sunday. The House may then stay in session until Jan. 2, the final day of the current Congress, according to a Twitter message from House Majority Leader Eric Cantor. That is the day that another component of the 'fiscal cliff'—\$109 billion in automatic spending cuts to military and domestic programs—is set to start." [41072, 41074]

At Patriot Update, David L. Goetsch writes, "Few things will undermine a leader's credibility and ability to empathize more surely than arrogance. Based on these two criteria—credibility and empathy—it is clear why ...Obama is such a poor leader in times of tragedy. He is simply too arrogant to feel empathy and to do what is necessary to earn credibility. ...Obama's first four years in office provided almost daily examples of his arrogance. During the height of the great recession ...Obama took numerous extravagant and highly-publicized vacations and could often be found enjoying himself on the golf course with his wealthy buddies. His level of empathy for the 23 million Americans standing in unemployment lines was zero. Hence his credibility with them was also low. As I wrote in an earlier column: Obama Spent the great recession 'living large' while millions of Americans suffered. Unfortunately, as he approaches his second term... Obama has not changed—he is still arrogant and completely lacking in empathy for his constituents. If there was a time to discuss the issue of gun control, it was not while the grieving families of Sandy Hook were still in shock and needed a leader to give them comfort and hope. *I am going to limit the number of rounds allowed in a rifle's magazine* is hardly the message a grieving father and mother need to hear as they lower

their child's coffin into the ground. ...Obama is a politician first, second, and always. He cannot stop campaigning long enough to be a fellow father and husband who truly feels the pain of Americans who are suffering. This, itself, is a tragedy because millions of Americans are suffering and in need of a president who can give them comfort and hope. Unfortunately, they will have to wait at least another four years for that." [41072]

Obama signs an executive order giving federal employees a pay increase—even though none has been approved by Congress. (Pay increases will also go to Vice President Joe Biden, members of Congress, and Supreme Court Justices.) [41092]

According to BeforeItsNews.com, "[Navy] SEAL Team 4 Commanding Officer Job W. Price commit suicide. He was best known for finding and then killing Osama bin Laden. Cmdr. Job W. Price, 42, died Saturday, Dec. 22, of a non-combat-related injury while supporting stability operations in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. Suicide of the Officer of this grade raises many questions among the media, as the team was best known for killing Osama Bin Laden that assaulted his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan on May 1, 2011. Military officials are looking into the death of Cmdr. Job W. Price as a possible suicide, but that his death remains under investigation. ...Over 20 navy seals are now dead who killed [Osama] bin laden, coincidence? [sic] Yeah... right. There STILL isn't any evidence at all that we even killed him. My guess is that he was already dead and has been dead for years. The Osama Bin Laden shown in the videos at the abbotabad [sic] compound is a double. A fake used by whomever for propaganda purposes. It's a complete lie and shame like 9-11 or the jfk [sic] assassination investigation." [41098, 41105, 41135]

The Northeast Intelligence Network's Douglas J. Hagmann posts part two of his most recent interview with his unnamed Department of Homeland Security (DHS) insider. The insider relates, "[T]hings are very dicey. Weird things began to happen before the election and have continued since. Odd things, a clampdown of sorts. I started looking and I found [redacted], and that shook me up. I'm not the only one, though, that found a [redacted] so this means there's surveillance of people within DHS by DHS. So, that explains this cloak and dagger stuff for this meeting. ...I think you'll find that a full blown campaign of deception took place to make certain Obama got back into office. The polls, the media, and a few incidents that happened in the two months before the election. ...Look at the threats to Obama. Start there. The accusations of racism. Then look at the polls, and especially the judicial decisions about voter ID laws. Bought and paid for, or where there was any potential for problems, the judges got the message, loud and clear. Then look at the voter fraud. And not a peep from the Republicans. Nothing. [Obama's] second term was a done deal in September. This was planned. Frankly, the Obama team knew they had it sewn up long before Election Day. Benghazi could have derailed them, but the fix was in there, so I never saw anything on my end to suggest a ready-made solution had to be implemented. ...People [had] better pay close attention over the next few months. First, there won't be any meaningful deal about the fiscal crisis. This is planned, I mean, the lack of deal is planned. In fact, it's necessary to pave the way for what is in the short term agenda." [41424]

The DHS insider continues, "...The coming collapse of the U.S. dollar is a done deal. It's been in the works for years—decades, and this is one of the most important cataclysmic events that DHS is preparing for. I almost think that DHS was created for that purpose alone, to fight Americans, not protect them, right here in America. But that's not the only reason. There's the gun issue too. ... We don't have a lot of time, tonight—our meeting—as well as a country. I mean I have heard—with my own ears—plans being made that originate from the White House that involve the hierarchy of DHS. You gotta know how DHS works at the highest of levels. It's [Valerie] Jarrett and [DHS head Janet] Napolitano, with Jarrett organizing all of the plans and approaches. She's the one in charge, at least from my point of view, from what I am seeing. Obama knows that's going on and has say, but it seems that Jarrett has the final say, not the other way around. It's [expletive deleted] up. This really went into high gear since the election. But it's a train wreck at mid-management, but is more effective at the lower levels. A lot of police departments are being gifted with federal funds with strings attached. That money is flowing out to municipal police departments faster than it can be counted. They are using his money to buy tanks, well, not real tanks, but you know what I mean. DHS is turning the police into soldiers." [41424]

"By the way, there has been a lot of communication recently between Napolitano and [TSA head John] Pistole. They are planning to use TSA agents in tandem with local police for certain operations that are being planned right now. This is so [expletive deleted] important that you cannot even begin to imagine. If you get nothing else out of this, please, please make sure you tell people to watch the TSA and their increasing involvement against the American public. They are the stooges who will be the ones to carry out certain plans when the dollar collapses and the gun confiscation begins. ... This is what I am hearing. Life for the average American is going to change significantly, and not the change people expect. First, DHS is preparing to work with police departments and the TSA to respond to civil uprisings that will happen when there is a financial panic. And there will be one, maybe as early as this spring, when the dollar won't get you a gumball. I'm not sure what the catalyst will be, but I've heard rumblings about a derivatives crisis as well as an oil embargo. I don't know, that's not my department. But something is going to happen to collapse the dollar, which has been in the works since the 1990s. Now if it does not happen as soon as this, it's because there are people, real patriots, who are working to prevent this, so it's a fluid dynamic. But that doesn't change the preparations." [41424]

"And the preparations are these: DHS is pre-positioning assets in strategic areas near urban centers all across the country. Storage depots. Armories. And even detainment facilities, known as FEMA camps. FEMA does not even know that the facilities are earmarked for detainment by executive orders, at least not in the traditional sense they were intended. By the way, people drive by some of these armories every day without even giving them a second look. Commercial and business real estate across the country are being bought up or leased for storage purposes. Very low profile. Anyway, I am hearing that the plan from on high is to let the chaos play out for a while, making ordinary citizens beg for troops to be deployed to restore order. But it's all organized to make them appear as good guys. That's when the real head knocking will take place.

We're talking travel restrictions, which should not be a problem because gas will be rationed or unavailable. The TSA will be in charge of travel, or at least be a big part of it. They will be commissioned, upgraded from their current status. They, I mean Jarrett and Obama as well as a few others in government, are working to create a perfect storm too. This is being timed to coincide with new gun laws." [41424]

"Count on the criminalization to possess just about every gun you can think of. Not only restrictions, but actual criminalization of possessing a banned firearm. I heard this directly from the highest of my sources. Plans were made in the '90s but were withheld. Now, it's a new day, a new time, and they are riding the wave of emotion from [the] Sandy Hook [school killings], which, by the way as tragic as it was, well, it stinks to high heaven. I mean there are many things wrong there, and first reports are fast disappearing. The narrative is being changed. Look, there is something wrong with Sandy Hook, but if you write it, you'll be called a kook or worse. ...So what I'm telling you is that DHS, the TSA and certain, but not all, law enforcement agencies are going to be elbow deep in riot control in response to an economic incident. At the same time or close to it, gun confiscation will start. It will start on a voluntary basis using federal registration forms, then an amnesty, then the kicking-in of doors start. Before or at the same time, you know all the talk of lists, you know, the red and blue lists that everyone made fun of? Well they exist, although I don't know about their colors. But there are lists of political dissidents maintained by DHS. Names are coordinated with the executive branch, but you know what? They did not start with Obama. They've been around in one form or another for years. The difference though is that today, they are much more organized. And I'll tell you that the vocal opponents of the politics of the global elite, the bankers, and the opponents of anything standing in their way, well, they are on the top of the list of people to be handled." [41424]

"As the situations worsen, some might be given a chance to stop their vocal opposition. Some will, others won't. I suppose they are on different lists. Others won't have that chance. By that time, though, it will be chaos and people will be in full defensive mode. They will be hungry, real hunger like we've never experienced before. They will use our hunger as leverage. They will use medical care as leverage. ...They hope to make it happen at the same time. Big cities first, with sections being set apart from the rest of the country. Then the rural areas. There are two different plans for geographical considerations. But it will all come together. ...You know who was selected or elected twice now. You know who his associates are. ...Don't forget what [Obama's terrorist pal William] Ayers said—you talked to [former FBI informant and Weather Underground infiltrator] Larry Grathwohl [who stated that Ayers told him Bernardine Dohrn planted the bomb that killed Police Sergeant Brian V. McDonnell]. This guy [Ayers] is a revolutionary. He does not want to transform our country in the traditional sense. He will destroy it. And he's not working alone. He's not working for himself, either. He has his handlers. So don't think this is going to be a walk in the park, with some type of attempt to rescue the country. Cloward-Piven. [Saul] Alinsky. [Karl] Marx. All rolled into one. And he won't need the rest of his four years to do it." [1659, 1678, 41424]

“The Second Amendment will be gone, along with the first, at least practically or operationally. The Constitution will be gone, suspended, at least in an operational sense. Maybe they won’t actually say that they are suspending it, but will do it. Like saying the sky is purple when it’s actually blue. How many people will look at the sky and say yeah, it’s purple? They see what they want to see. So the DHS, working with other law enforcement organizations, especially the TSA as it stands right now, will oversee the confiscation of assault weapons, which includes all semi-automatic weapons following a period of so-called amnesty. It also includes shotguns that hold multiple rounds, or have pistol grips. They will go after the high capacity magazines, anything over, say five rounds. They will also go after the ammunition, especially at the manufacturer’s level. They will require a special license for certain weapons, and make it impossible to own anything. More draconian than England. This is a global thing too. Want to hunt? What gives you the right to hunt their animals? Sound strange? I hope so, but they believe they own the animals. Do you understand now, how sick and twisted this is? Their mentality? The obvious intent is to disarm American citizens. They will say that we’ll still be able to defend ourselves and go hunting, but even that will be severely regulated. This is the part that they are still working out, though. While the plans were made years ago, there is some argument over the exact details. I know that Napolitano, even with her support of the agenda, would like to see this take place outside of an E.O. [Executive Order] in favor of legislative action and even with UN involvement.” [41424]

“...The country is divided,” says the DHS insider, “which is exactly where Obama wants us to be. We are as ideologically divided as we were during the Civil War and that rift is growing every day. Add in a crisis—an economic crisis—where ATM and EBT cards will stop working. Where bank accounts will contain nothing but air. They are anticipating a revolution and a civil war rolled into one. Imagine when talk show hosts or bloggers or some other malcontent gets on the air or starts writing about the injustice of it all, and about how Obama is the anti-Christ or something. They will outlaw such talk or writing as inciting the situation—they will make it illegal by saying that it is causing people to die. The Republicans will go along with everything as it’s—we have—a one party system. Two parties is an illusion. It’s all so surreal to talk about but you see where this is headed, right? ...Why do you think the NSA has surveillance of all communications? To identify and stop terrorism? Okay, to be fair, that is part of it, but not the main reason. The federal agencies have identified people who present a danger to them and their agendas. I don’t know if they are color coded like you mentioned, red, blue, purple or peach mango or whatever, but they exist. In fact, each agency has their own. You know, why is it so [expletive deleted] hard for people to get their heads around the existence of lists with names of people who pose a threat to their plans? The media made a big deal about Nixon’s enemies list and everyone nodded and said yeah, that [expletive deleted], but today? They’ve been around for years and years.” [41424]

“Go back to what Ayers said when, in the late ’60s? ’70s? I forget. Anyway, he was serious [about mass killings]. But to some extent, the same thing that happened before. They—the people on some of these lists—are under surveillance, or at least some, and when necessary, some are approached and made an offer. Others, well, they can be made to undergo certain training. Let’s call it sensitivity training, except on a much different

level. Others, most that are the most visible and mainstream are safe for the most part. And do you want to know why? It's because they are in the pockets of the very people we are talking about, but they might or might not know it. Corporate sponsorship—follow the money. You know the drill. You saw it happen before, with the birth certificate. It's people that are just under the national radar but are effective. They have to worry. Those who have been publicly marginalized already but continue to talk or write or post, they are in trouble. It's people who won't sell out, who think that they can make a difference. Those are the people who have to worry. Think about recent deaths that everybody believes were natural or suicides. Were they? People are too busy working their [butts] off to put food on the table to give a damn about some guy somewhere who vapor locks because of too many doughnuts and coffee and late nights. And it seems plausible enough to happen. This time, when everything collapses, do you think they will care if it is a bullet or a heart attack that takes out the opposition? [Deleted] no." [41424]

“Think about the Oklahoma City bombing in '95. Remember how Clinton blamed that on talk radio, or at least in part. Take what happened then and put it in context of today. Then multiply the damnation by one hundred, and you will begin to understand where this is going. People like Rush [Limbaugh] and [Sean] Hannity have a narrow focus of the political theater. They'll still be up and running during all of this to allow for the appearance of normal. Stay within the script, comrade. But as far as the others, they have certain plans. And these plans are becoming more transparent. They are getting bolder. They are pushing lies, and the bigger the lie, the easier it is to sell to the people. They will even try to sell a sense of normalcy as things go absolutely crazy and break down. It will be surreal. And some will believe it, think that it's only happening in certain places, and we can draw everything back once the dust settles. But when it does, this place will not be the same. ...[Those who resist] will not only be outnumbered, but outgunned—literally. The whole objective is to bring in outside forces to deal with the civil unrest that will happen in America. And where does their allegiance lie? Certainly not to Sheriff Bob. Or you or me. During all of this, and you've got to remember that the dollar collapse is a big part of this, our country is going to have to be redone. I've seen—personally—a map of North America without borders. Done this year. The number 2015 was written across the top, and I believe that was meant as a year. Along with this map—in the same area where this was—was another map showing the United States cut up into sectors. I'm not talking about what people have seen on the internet, but something entirely different. Zones. And a big star on the city of Denver. Sound like conspiracy stuff on the Internet? Yup. But maybe they were right. It sure looks that way. It will read that way if you decide to write about this. Good luck with that. Anyway, the country seemed to be split into sectors, but not the kind shown on the Internet. Different.” [41424]

“Across the bottom of this [map] was written economic sectors. It looked like a work in progress, so I can't tell you any more than that. From the context I think it has to do with the collapse of the dollar. ...I need to tell you about ObamaCare, you know, the new health care coming up. It plays a big part—a huge [expletive deleted] part in the immediate reshaping of things. ...It creates a mechanism of centralized control over people. That's the intent of this monster of a bill, not affordable health care. And it will

be used to identify gun owners. Think your health records are private? Have you been to the doctor lately? Asked about owning a gun? Why do you think they ask, do you think they care about your safety? Say yes to owning a gun and your information is shared with another agency, and ultimately, you will be identified as a security risk. The records will be matched with other agencies. You think that they are simply relying on gun registration forms? This is part of data collection that people don't get. Oh, and don't even think about getting a script [prescription] for some mood enhancement drug and being able to own a gun. Ayers and Dohrn are having the times of their lives seeing things they've worked for all of their adult lives actually coming to pass. Oh, before I forget, look at the recent White House visitor logs. ...Unless they are redacted, you will see the influence of Ayers. Right now. The Weather Underground has been reborn. So has their agenda [eugenics, population control, re-education]." [41424]

"But trust me, you write about this, you'll be called a kook. It's up to you, it's your reputation, not mine. And speaking about that, you do know that this crew is using the Internet to ruin people, right? They are paying people to infiltrate discussion sites and forums to call people like you idiots. Show me the proof, they say. Why doesn't your source come forward? If he knows so much, why not go to Fox [News] or the [other] media? To them, if it's not broadcast on CNN, it's not real. Well, they've got it backwards. Very little on the news is real. The stock market, the economy, the last presidential polls, very little is real. But this crew is really Internet savvy. They've got a lot of people they pay to divert issues on forums, to mock people, to marginalize them. They know what they're doing. People think they'll take sites down—hack them. Why do that when they are more effective to infiltrate the discussion? Think about the birth certificate, I mean the eligibility problem of Obama. Perfect example. ...[The plans] already are in motion. If you're looking for a date I can't tell you. Remember, the objectives are the same, but plans, well, they adapt. They exploit. Watch how this fiscal cliff thing plays out. This is the run-up to the next big economic event. I can't give you a date. I can tell you to watch things this spring. Start with the inauguration and go from there. Watch the metals [price of gold, silver], when they dip. It will be a good indication that things are about to happen. I got that little tidbit from my friend at [redacted]." [41424]

On December 28, NBC's *Today* program includes a retrospective on the presidential campaign featuring mistakes and misstatements made by Mitt Romney and other Republicans—but none by Obama or Joe Biden. [41375]

Obama meets with top Congressional leaders—the first such meeting since November 16—to discuss tax increases and spending cuts. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) comments, "Any time you announce a meeting publicly in Washington, it's usually for political theater purposes. ...[I]t's all political theater or they've got a deal. My bet is all political theater." (No deal is reached at the meeting—because no deal was intended. The meeting is merely political cover for Obama, who can claim, "I tried." At the meeting Obama reportedly abandons his recent \$400,000 tax threshold and returns to his demand for taxes on families earning \$250,000 or more. During his second debate with Mitt Romney, Obama whined that the Bush tax cuts were "what took us from surplus to

deficits.” Now he wants those same Bush rates continued for almost everyone—with his name on them.) [41076, 41079, 41082, 41085, 41088]

According to The Atlantic Wire, Obama’s latest proposal “...would—temporarily, at least—avoid next week’s fiscal cliff. The new ‘mini-deal’ offer (a.k.a. the new ‘Plan B’) would delay or replace the vast majority of spending cuts called for in the automatic sequester, most likely focusing on the sharp cuts in military spending. It would also seek to settle the planned hike in the Alternative Minimum Tax, extend unemployment benefits, and stop planned cuts to Medicare reimbursements. And as one final bonus, [Obama’s] latest proposal reportedly includes a ‘milk fix’ that will avoid a dairy market catastrophe created by the failure to renew the farm bill.” (Obama’s proposal would increase the deficit. The “milk fix” would provide dairy farmers with a federal subsidy of about \$5 billion in order to keep milk prices from falling to market levels. The \$5 billion would, of course, have to be borrowed because the government is broke. As a result, not only will the price of milk go up, the children drinking it will be burdened with decades of interest on the \$5 billion loan.) [41089, 41090, 41091, 41096]

The Seventh Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals issues an injunction against the ObamaCare free birth control mandate in *Cyril B. Korte v. Kathleen Sebelius*. The injunction temporarily blocks the Obama administration from forcing Korte & Luitjohan to comply with the ObamaCare rules that restricts First Amendment freedoms. The Court states, “We conclude that the Kortes have established both a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits [of their lawsuit] and irreparable harm, and that the balance of harms tips in their favor. ...In short, the Kortes have established a reasonable likelihood of success on their claim that the contraception mandate imposes a substantial burden on their religious exercise. As such, the burden will be on the government to demonstrate that the contraception mandate is the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental interest. ...Without an injunction pending appeal, the Kortes will be forced to choose between violating their religious beliefs by maintaining insurance coverage for contraception and sterilization services contrary to the teachings of their faith and subjecting their company to substantial financial penalties.” [41208]

On December 29 Obama—who has no time to resolve the budget crisis with congressional leaders—finds time to tape an appearance on *Meet the Press* for airing on December 30. (Breitbart.com comments, “Host [David] Gregory has been under a cloud of controversy since his December 23 gun stunt. During last Sunday’s broadcast, Gregory broke Washington D.C.’s strict gun banning laws when he brandished an illegal 30-round rifle magazine on the air in the D.C. studios. So what gives? Why is [Obama] suddenly appearing on Meet The Press? Could it be to help Gregory out of his troubles? This is obviously [an Obama] back patting for Gregory so that maybe the D.C. police will back off.”) [41083, 41086]

Gateway Pundit reports that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who is too sick to testify before Congress about the terrorist attack in Benghazi, nevertheless is traveling to a Punta Cana resort in the Dominican Republic to celebrate New Year’s Eve. [41093, 41103]

The owners of the nationwide chain of Hobby Lobby stores state they will defy the ObamaCare mandate to provide employees with free contraceptive, abortifacient, and sterilization benefits—despite a \$1.3 million per day fine that begins January 1. FoxNews.com reports, “The act of defiance came one day after Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor denied Hobby Lobby’s emergency request to block enforcement of the mandate, but said the company may continue its appeal in lower courts. ...The company is owned by the Green family, devout, evangelical Christians. They believe ‘it is by God’s grace and provision that Hobby Lobby has endured’ and they seek to honor God by operating their company in a manner consistent with Biblical principles.’ ...‘To remain true to their faith, it is not their intention as a company, to pay for abortion-inducing drugs,’ Becket Fund attorney Kyle Duncan wrote in a statement.” (Hobby Lobby has more than 500 stores in 41 states, and approximately 22,500 employees. Gary DeMar writes at GodfatherPolitics.com, “The owners run their company on Christian principles. They’re no different from Jewish butchers who sell Kosher meats. In fact, there are lots of businesses that are run on specific religious principles. No one has to work for these companies. If you or I don’t like the religion of these business owners, then we don’t have to purchase their goods or services.” DeMar suggests the company “(1) Deduct \$58 dollars from every employee so that the employee pays the fine. This will get the message across that nothing is free and they are the ones responsible for their government’s actions. Interview all the employees to find out who voted for Obama. Charge them double. (2) Post signs in every store explaining to customers that the price of every item has to be increased in order to pay the fine. (3) Close every Hobby Lobby store[1], sell off all the merchandise, and tell the Federal Government to go to hell.”) [41094, 41102, 41161, 41172, 41173, 41204]

According to The Obama Hustle, “Hawaii state registrar Alvin Onaka has publicly certified to AZ SOS [Arizona Secretary of State] Ken Bennett that Barack Obama’s HI [Hawaiian] birth certificate is legally non-valid and the White House image is a forgery. He also confirmed to KS [Kansas] SOS Kris Kobach that the information contained in the White House image is NOT ‘identical to’ that in the official record.” (*The Obama Timeline* is attempting to confirm the story, but suspects the author of the article is exaggerating or misinterpreting a statement made by Onaka—who may certainly know that the “birth certificate” presented by Obama in early 2011 is a forgery but is not about to risk his career or even his life by making a public statement to that effect. Onaka has confirmed in writing that documents for Obama are “on file” with the Hawaii Department of Health, but he has never provided the information those documents contain or verified the critical facts of Obama’s place of birth, date of birth, or identity of Obama’s parents. It may very well be that various changes have been made to the Obama documents over the years, and Onaka has “covered himself” merely by saying that documents are “on file.”) [41097, 41235]

At Breitbart.com Dr. Susan Berry reports on “Christmas presents” Obama is giving to organized labor via ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB): “In the steamrolling style that is now the hallmark of the Obama administration and its extensions, the NLRB voted 3-1 to gut the Supreme Court’s 1988 *Communication Workers of America v. Beck* decision, whereby union workers in non-right-to-work states

were able to withhold the portion of their dues that unions spend on political activism. The NLRB now allows that unions no longer are required to provide proof, through audits of their finances, to so-called 'Beck objectors' that their money is not spent on union politics." (In other words, if a Republican union worker objects to a portion of his union dues being spent to support Democrat candidates he cannot do anything about it.) "In addition to saving unions from mandatory financial audits, the NLRB also decided that lobbying expenses are now 'chargeable to [Beck] objectors, to the extent that they are germane to collective bargaining, contract administration, or grievance adjustment.' These new rules mean that workers who are forced to join unions and pay union dues have less control than ever over how their money is spent by union leaders. Labor bosses can now spend those funds on just about any lobbying expense whatsoever and never have to justify it. ...NLRB gifts to the unions will continue into next year, when employers will be required to reveal all information regarding labor consultants they have hired, a rule that will likely result in the end of the business of being a labor consultant. Waiting in the wings is another new NLRB rule that will require employers to divulge all employee contact information to unions during their organizing drives, a practice that will assist unions in the identification of prospective members. Workers themselves will have no right to privacy and no opting out of having their personal information provided to union leaders with this new rule." (Employers will be forced to provide union thugs with the addresses and telephone numbers of workers.) [41111]

On December 30 Obama's videotaped appearance on *Meet the Press* is broadcast by NBC. Obama calls for gun control, saying, "It is not enough for us to say, 'This is too hard [sic] so we're not going to try. I think there are a vast majority of responsible gun owners out there who recognize that we can't have a situation in which somebody with severe psychological problems is able to get the kind of high capacity weapons that this individual in Newtown obtained and gun down our kids. And, yes, it's going to be hard [sic]." (the purportedly eloquent Obama has yet to learn the difference between the words "hard" and "difficult.") In addition to drumming up support for gun control legislation, Obama's appearance on the Sunday talk show allows him to continue to blame Republicans for the "fiscal cliff." Obama says, "I offered not only a trillion dollars in—over a trillion dollars in spending cuts over the next 10 years, but these changes would result in even more savings in the next 10 years and would solve our deficit problem for a decade. They [the Republicans] say that their biggest priority is making sure that we deal with the deficit in a serious way, but the way they're behaving is that their only priority is making sure that tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans are protected. That seems to be their only overriding, unifying theme." (Obama is lying. He has proposed no spending cuts; he has merely proposes reductions in the rate of growth of some programs. Additionally, with annual deficits in excess of \$1 trillion he can hardly "solve the deficit problem" with \$1 trillion in cuts over 10 years—even if they were actual cuts.) "If we're serious about deficit reduction, we should make sure that the wealthier are paying a little bit more and combine that with spending cuts to reduce our deficit and put our economy on a long-term trajectory of growth." (Taxing the wealthiest Americans will not reduce the deficit; it will put more Americans out of work.) [41095, 41099, 41100, 41104, 41107]

Program host David Gregory gives Obama nothing but softball questions, allowing him to demagogue the issues and make statements such as, “So far, at least, Congress has not been able to get this stuff done. Not because Democrats in Congress don’t want to go ahead and cooperate, but because I think it’s been very hard for Speaker [John] Boehner and Republican Leader [Mitch] McConnell to accept the fact that taxes on the wealthiest Americans should go up a little bit, as part of an overall deficit reduction package.” (Obama is lying. Democrats have demonstrated that they are unwilling to cooperate. The Democrat-controlled Senate has not passed a budget—even though it is legally required—in more than three years, and Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has refused to even allow votes on budget legislation passed by the House.) Gregory also asks, “What is it about you... that you think is so hard to say yes to?” (In other words, “Is the fact that you are half-black the reason why the Republicans are so opposed to you?”) [41099, 41100, 41107, 41127]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) issues a statement in response to Obama’s remarks: “Americans elected ...Obama to lead, not cast blame. [His] comments today are ironic, as a recurring theme of our negotiations was his unwillingness to agree to anything that would require him to stand up to his own party. Needed cuts and reforms that the president agreed to just last year were no longer on the table, as he cited an inability to sell them to Democrats. In an effort to get [Obama] to agree to cut spending—which is the problem—I put revenues on the table last year, and I put them on the table again last month. Republicans made every effort to reach the ‘balanced’ deficit agreement that [Obama] promised the American people, while [he] has continued to insist on a package skewed dramatically in favor of higher taxes that would destroy jobs. We’ve been reasonable and responsible. [Obama] is the one who has never been able to get to ‘yes.’ The House has passed legislation to avert the entire fiscal cliff, and [Obama] has never called for the Senate to act on those bills in any way. He instead has simply allowed the Democratic-controlled Senate to sit on them and lead our economy to the edge of the fiscal cliff. I am pleased Senators from both parties are currently working to find a bipartisan solution that can finally pass that chamber. That is the type of leadership America needs, not what they saw from [Obama] this morning.” (The reality is that Obama, his fellow Democrats, and the Republicans will end up doing nothing but kick the fiscal can down the road. A job-killing tax increase of even \$100 billion per year will only reduce the annual deficit from \$1.2 trillion to \$1.1 trillion, and there are only a handful of Republican members of Congress—and no Democrats—willing to make the drastic spending cuts necessary to start on a path to a balanced budget.) [41099, 41101]

On ABC’s *This Week* Congressman Raul Labrador (R-ID) says , “There were only about 50 of us [Republicans] in the House who said that we were not going to vote for [House Speaker] John Boehner’s [“Plan B”] deal last week. All they needed was 50 Democrats to vote for the deal, and it would have passed last week.” But Obama and his fellow Democrats “have tried to get us to fight against each other on taxes when—I’m not really sure that they don’t want to go over the fiscal cliff. They want to expand the growth of government. They need more revenues. You know, Democrats are like bank robbers. You don’t have the money in the [top] 2 percent—the money is in the 100 percent. They want to raise taxes on everyone. ...What happens in Washington is that we talk about raising

taxes today and then we talk about [spending] cuts 10 years from now. It happened under [Ronald] Reagan, it happened under [George H. W.] Bush, and it's what's going to happen to us once again." [41114]

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is reportedly admitted to a New York City hospital after discovery of a blood clot that supposedly may be related to her recent alleged concussion. (Reports that she was spending the holiday in the Dominican Republic are apparently mistaken.) [41108, 41109, 41110, 41112, 41117]

The *European Union Times* writes, "A new Foreign Military Intelligence (GRU) report circulating in the Kremlin today is saying that United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton... was injured, and a top US Navy Seal Commander killed when their C-12 Huron military passenger and transport aircraft crash landed nearly 3 weeks ago in the Iranian city of Ahvaz near the Iraqi border. Iranian intelligence agents quoted in this GRU report confirm that the C-12 Huron aircraft is still in their possession in Ahvaz, but will only admit that the plane was 'forced to land because of technical problems.' The US Navy Seal member reported killed in this bizarre incident, this report says, was unidentified [sic] as Commander Job W. Price... who as a leader of this highly specialized American Special Forces unit protects high-ranking diplomats traveling in Middle Eastern and Asian combat zones. Curiously, US media reports on Commander Price's death say it is being investigated as a possible suicide as he died from what the American Defense Department describes as 'a non-combat related injury.'" (*The Obama Timeline* cannot independently confirm the report and encourages readers to treat it with skepticism.) [41135, 41136, 41142, 41191, 41192, 41193]

On December 31 Dr. Milton Wolf comments on Hillary Clinton's hospitalization: "The Clinton spin machine is once again in high gear. They want you to believe that the blood clot that Hillary is currently suffering from is somehow related to a previous concussion. Let me be clear: Head concussions do not cause leg or lung clots. Team Clinton has reported that Hillary is suffering from 'blood clots' and is being treated with anticoagulants. They are being purposefully vague about the site of those blood clots but they are almost certainly in her legs. Hillary has a history of clots in her leg veins known as deep venous thrombosis or DVT. These are usually easily treated with anticoagulants but can be deadly if they mobilize and travel to the lungs which is known as pulmonary embolism or PE. ...What does this have to do with a head concussion? Nothing. Head concussions don't cause leg vein clots. ...I still doubt the head concussion story. Hillary's concussion story is highly suspicious and conveniently allowed her to escape testifying about Benghazi. I still haven't seen evidence that Hillary ever suffered a concussion. Was she ever evaluated in an Emergency Department? Did she even go to the hospital? Did she undergo head CT scanning? This is standard of care for head trauma patients. As a radiologist, I see these every day. This is med school 101. ...And don't let MSM [mainstream media] apparatchiks confuse you. Some are promulgating a theory that Hillary's blood clot is not in her legs but is instead located in her brain. They claim this caused or was the result of her fainting spell and head trauma. This is absolutely, unequivocally wrong. Head trauma can, of course, cause intracranial hemorrhage and even damage to the arteries supplying the brain but not leg vein clots. Furthermore,

Hillary is being treated with anticoagulants (blood thinners). Every medical student knows you don't give anticoagulants to post-traumatic intracranial hemorrhage patients. They will bleed more and die." [41110, 41145]

NBC science and health reporter Robert Bazell tells viewers, "It's not exactly clear what is happening with Secretary Clinton's health. All we have is a statement from her office. The hospital isn't saying anything and the statement from her [office] says that she had this blood clot that stemmed from the concussion and she's being treated with blood-thinning drugs. The problem is that usually when blood clots come from concussions, they can't be treated with blood [thinners]. So either it's not really related to the concussion and she's got a blood clot in her leg or something, or there's something else going on that we're not being told. And right now, we're just sort of seeking that clarification and hoping for the best as she's being observed." [41115, 41122, 41145]

Clinton doctors then release a statement: "In the course of a routine follow-up MRI on Sunday, the scan revealed that a right transverse sinus venous thrombosis had formed. This is a clot in the vein that is situated in the space between the brain and the skull behind the right ear. It did not result in a stroke, or neurological damage. To help dissolve this clot, her medical team began treating the Secretary with blood thinners. She will be released once the medication dose has been established. In all other aspects of her recovery, the Secretary is making excellent progress and we are confident she will make a full recovery. She is in good spirits, engaging with her doctors, her family, and her staff." [41120, 41124, 41126]

Obama and Hillary Clinton top the list of most admired man and woman in a December 19–22 USA Today/Gallup poll. (How Michelle Obama reacted to the news is not known.) [41118]

TheHill.com reports, "A federal judge has ordered a temporary halt on the Obama administration's birth-control coverage policy for Tom Monaghan, the Catholic billionaire who founded Domino's Pizza. Federal District Court Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff issued the decision Sunday, less than two days before the policy would have taken effect and exposed Monaghan to fines for non-compliance. 'Plaintiff has shown that abiding by the mandate will substantially burden his exercise of religion,' Zatkoff wrote. 'The government has failed to satisfy its burden of showing that its actions were narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest. ... This factor weighs in favor of granting Plaintiffs' motion.'" [41113]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "Vice President Biden and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell were close to a deal Monday to cancel historic tax hikes for most Americans. But they were still hung up on spending, with Democrats resisting a Republican proposal to delay automatic spending cuts for just three months. As ... Obama prepared to deliver remarks about the 'fiscal cliff' at 1:30 p.m. at the White House, negotiators for the administration and McConnell (R-KY) appeared to have nailed down many of the most critical tax issues, including a plan to let taxes rise on income over \$450,000 a year for couples and \$400,000 a year for individuals, according to people in both parties familiar

with the talks. ...Under the proposed accord being hammered out by Biden and McConnell, households earning less than that would largely escape higher income tax bills, though couples earning more than \$250,000 a year and individuals earning more than \$200,000 would lose part of the value of their exemptions and itemized deductions, under the terms of the emerging agreement. ...The tax on inherited estates would rise from 35 percent to 40 percent, though Democrats agreed to keep in place the current exemption for estates worth up to \$5 million. The two sides also appeared to have reached consensus on unemployment benefits, with Republicans acceding to Democratic demands to keep benefits flowing to the long-term unemployed for another year. The cost would not be offset with other spending cuts.” (In other words, it is business as usual in the nation’s capitol, with a willingness to spend other people’s money but no ability to agree to spending cuts.) [41119]

Obama assembles a group of middle class Democrats for a 10-minute address on the fiscal cliff, giving him one more chance to condemn Republicans for not giving him everything he wants. Obama claims a deal “...is within sight, but it’s not done. There are still issues to resolve, but we’re hopeful that Congress can get it done.” (Patriot Update comments, “...[Obama] broke no news, but mocked Congress, and hinted at future tax hikes. Observers worried that he may have deliberately scuttled a potential agreement. Even though he has come off his last campaign for political office, ...Obama acted like a candidate on the campaign trail—one prepared to use whatever political capital he had accumulated to take shots at the opposition in Congress at the very moment leaders from both sides are trying to work together.”) [41121, 41132, 41175]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer remarks, “I found [Obama’s address] astonishing. Here he is, coming out to speak to the nation at a crucial moment in very delicate negotiations, and he comes out there with incredible arrogance. He ridicules the Congress. He spikes the football on the Republicans. He rubs in the fact that they were resisting a raise in [income tax] rates and he made them do it. And of course, as always, he places himself hovering benignly at an Olympian level above the fray, where the children are playing in the sandbox, and he is asking that everybody be reasonable, as if he just arrived in Washington on a tourist visa. And then he goes into detail, where he basically says I’m giving the Republicans zero on spending [cuts], and I mean zero—not even [any cuts in] discretionary spending. This is after he killed a proposal from the minority leader in the Senate [Mitch McConnell] for the tiniest of changes in entitlements, [which] would be the change in the cost of living index [calculation], which is essentially a technical change. So that’s rejected out of hand. So [Obama is] saying, again, tax hikes all in rates, no cuts in spending, and worse than that, after all this is done and after I’ve shoved this down your throats, when we negotiate later for spending cuts, which Republicans imagine they’re gonna get, ‘No, it’s not gonna happen that way. If there are going to be any spending cuts in the future, there is going to have to be an increase.’ A further increase in taxes on the rich; of course, it’s always the millionaires that will balance out those spending cuts. So he laid out a radically oppositionist position, gleefully. And I think he wants to go over the cliff, and dare the Republicans to take the blame.” [41123]

The White House posts a photograph of Obama and his wife celebrating New Years Eve, in a romantic night-time pose with fireworks behind their silhouettes. (SooperMexican.com later points out that the photo was posted at 7:00 p.m. in the Eastern time zone, making it only 2:00 p.m. in Hawaii—where it was hardly night-time. Additionally, Obama was still in Washington, D.C. for “fiscal cliff” negotiations, while his wife was vacationing in Hawaii. The photo was therefore obviously not taken in Hawaii on New Years Eve. In fact, it was taken on July 4, 2010 and had already been posted on the Internet by BusinessInsider.com on August 5, 2010.) [41439, 41440, 41441]