

The Complete Obama Timeline

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Effective July 1, reports Forbes.com, “Small businesses that reimburse employees for the cost of premiums for individual health insurance policies or pay their health costs directly will be fined up to \$36,500 a year per employee under a new Internal Revenue Service regulation... According to the [IRS] notice, an employer arrangement that reimburses or pays for employee individual health premiums is considered to be a group health plan that is subject to the \$100 per-employee per-day penalty. The penalty applies whether the reimbursement is considered a before-tax or after-tax contribution. ...The new IRS penalty is more than 18 times greater than the \$2,000 employer-mandate penalty under ObamaCare for not providing qualifying health insurance for employees. And employers with fewer than 50 workers are not exempt, as they are from the employer-mandate penalty.” (In other words, a business can provide its employees with health insurance, or it can pay the annual \$2,000 per employee ObamaCare fine for not providing insurance, *but it cannot give its employees any money toward the cost of insurance they may buy on their own.* If an employer tells its employees, “We cannot afford to give you health insurance, but we will give you an extra \$50 per week to help you buy your own,” the IRS will punish that company with a \$100 per day fine. Congressman Charles Boustany (R-LA) and Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) have introduced legislation to repeal the Obama administration’s absurd rule.) [77400, 77401]

Also effective July 1, the minimum wage in Washington, D.C. increases to \$10.50 per hour. Mayor Muriel Bowser says, “Raising the minimum wage will give tens of thousands of Washingtonians a raise and boost the bottom lines of our local businesses. It’s good for workers, businesses and our economy.” According to DailyCaller.com, “The minimum-wage hike came as part of a three-year initiative approved by the D.C. council in 2013 that will see it climb again in 2016 to \$11.50—but some in the city still want more. At a Board of Elections hearing later Wednesday afternoon, activists fighting for a \$15 minimum wage attempted to get a ballot referendum in place to vote for another wage increase. ...Harry Wingo, president of the D.C. Chamber of Commerce, said raising the minimum wage would have a disproportionate effect on small businesses, which, he said, make up a vast majority of employers in the district. ‘No small business owner, which many in the food service industry are, can continue to operate under those conditions,’ Wingo said. ‘Thus many more will close as we have seen in other jurisdictions that have adopted this requirement.’” [77615, 78976]

One study showed that in 2013 a \$1.00 per hour increase in state minimum wages “was associated with a 1.48 percentage point increase in the unemployment rate, a 0.18 percentage point decrease in the net job growth rate, a 4.67 percentage point increase in the teenage unemployment rate, and a 4.01 percentage point decrease in the teenage net job growth rate. Consequently, high state minimum wages increased unemployment by 747,700 workers and reduced job growth by 83,300 jobs. ...Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data reveal that during 2013, states with minimum wages above \$7.25 per hour

averaged higher unemployment rates and lower net job growth rates than states with minimum wages at \$7.25 per hour.” [78887]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes a Real Clear Politics poll that shows, “an enthusiasm gap of 19 points between the Democrats who say they are ‘extremely interested’ in the congressional and local races in 2016, and the much more energized GOP voters.” Pavlich notes, “Liberals are pros when it comes to getting people out to vote, but [the] new survey shows Hillary Clinton will have major trouble turning out Democrats in 2016. ...Meanwhile, while Democratic voters aren't necessarily interested or confident in Hillary Clinton, progressive candidate Bernie Sanders is catching up and leftist darling Elizabeth Warren could end up on the campaign trail to back him. ...Clinton's enthusiasm gap with voters explains her visits to places like Ferguson and her race-baiting language on the campaign trail. It's an effort and strategy to get the same voters who put Barack Obama in the Oval Office twice to do the same for her. It isn't working. Not to mention, if Clinton is already having trouble with Democrats, she's in major trouble when it comes to the rest of the country.” (The mistake made by many Democrats is to assume Clinton will be a “sure thing” to win the White House in 2016, just as they assumed she would have been a “sure thing” in 2008 had Obama not entered the race. In reality, she might very well have lost to Senator John McCain (R-AZ) in 2008 had she been the party's nominee, and she has far more baggage in 2015 than she had in 2008. Putting all their eggs in the Rodham basket may prove to be a disastrous move.) [77412]

According to Politico.com, “Priorities USA Action, a super PAC dedicated to airing ads supporting Clinton and attacking her opponents, revealed Thursday that it raised \$15.6 million during the first half of the year, including \$2 million from Hollywood mogul [Haim] Saban and \$1 million from financier [George] Soros. American Bridge 21st Century, an opposition research super PAC founded by Clinton enforcer David Brock, raised \$7.7 million—including \$1 million from Soros—an official with the group said Wednesday. A linked non-profit group called American Bridge 21st Century Foundation—which is not required to disclose its donors—raised an additional \$1 million, the official said.” [78432]

Bragging about ObamaCare to an audience in Tennessee, Obama falsely claims, “Everybody who has health insurance benefited and continues to benefit from this law.” Asked about skyrocketing health insurance premiums, Obama responds, “Not true. Like last year, insurers request premium hikes, but must be approved; expect final increases to be less.” (Obama is admitting that premiums increased last year and will increase this year. That is in direct conflict with his claim that ObamaCare would result in the average premium falling by \$2,500 per year.) [77414, 77499]

At the White House, Obama tells reporters, “More than 54 years ago today, at the height of the Cold War, the United States closed its embassy in Havana. Today, I can announce that the United States has agreed to formally reestablish diplomatic relations with the Republic of Cuba, and reopen embassies in our respective countries. This is a historic step forward in our efforts to normalize relations with the Cuban government and people,

and begin a new chapter with our neighbors in the Americas. Last December, I announced that the United States and Cuba had decided to take steps to normalize our relationship. Later this summer, Secretary [of State John] Kerry will travel to Havana, formally, to proudly raise the American flag over our embassy once more. This is not merely symbolic. With this change, we will be able to substantially increase our contacts with the Cuban people, we'll have more personnel at our embassy, and our diplomats will have the ability to engage more broadly across the island.” (On July 5 Cuba responds to Obama’s statement by arresting more than 80 dissidents, “including,” notes Jeff Jacoby at Townhall.com, “at least 60 members of Ladies in White, a peaceful group of brave women who march weekly in support of husbands, fathers, and other relatives imprisoned in the Castros’ jails.”) [77456, 77847]

Obama gained nothing for the United States in his agreement with Cuba, In fact, Reuters tweets, “Cuban gvt says U.S must end radio and TV broadcasts into Cuba and eliminate ‘subversive’ programs to normalize overall relations.” Jacoby writes, “The Obama administration is bestowing tremendous gifts on Cuba’s rulers: diplomatic legitimization [sic; legitimacy], a public-relations triumph, an influx of hard currency, and expanded influence in Washington. All this the Castros are getting in exchange for nothing: no elections, no free press, no end to beating of peaceful protesters, no justice for the many victims of Cuban totalitarianism.” [77460, 77461, 77847]

On CNN, Wolf Blitzer gushes, “...Obama opening up that new chapter in the relationship with Cuba—half a century-plus of mistrust between these two very close neighbors now over. ...When you think about what’s gone on [between the United States and Cuba] over these past 54 years, it’s almost breathtaking to see what’s happened over the past six months or so.” (Why Blitzer believes there is no more mistrust is not clear.) [77479]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) responds to Obama’s announcement: “Throughout this entire negotiation, as the Castro regime has stepped up its repression of the Cuban people, the Obama Administration has continued to look the other way and offer concession after concession. The administration's reported plan to restore diplomatic relations is one such prized concession to the Castro regime. It remains unclear what, if anything, has been achieved since [Obama’s] December 17th announcement in terms of securing the return of U.S. fugitives being harbored in Cuba, settling outstanding legal claims to U.S. citizens for properties confiscated by the regime, [in] obtaining the unequivocal right of our diplomats to travel freely throughout Cuba and meet with any dissidents, and most importantly, securing greater political freedoms for the Cuban people. I intend to oppose the confirmation of an Ambassador to Cuba until these issues are addressed. It is time for our unilateral concessions to this odious regime to end.” [77456]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Iranian officials said Monday that the Islamic Republic’s Central Bank has successfully repatriated 13 tons of gold as part of a package of sanctions relief provided to Iran by U.S. and Western powers. ...The gold appears to have been released as part of a sanctions relief package that will have awarded Iran nearly \$12 billion in unfrozen cash assets by the time negotiations wrap up next week.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Obama is effectively funding the Iranians’ nuclear program.

When the mushroom cloud explodes over Tel Aviv, the Iranians will have Obama to thank.”) [77470, 77471]

TheHill.com reports, “The Obama administration will likely block Washington, D.C., authorities from building a new stadium for the NFL’s Washington Redskins because of objections to the team’s name. The National Park Service (NPS) owns the land under the 54-year-old Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium, a venue two miles east of the Capitol that hosted the Redskins from 1961 to 1996. Some city leaders want to demolish the current stadium and build a new one to lure the football team back from suburban Maryland. But Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, whose department includes the NPS, told D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser in April that, unless the Redskins change their name, the Obama administration would not work to accommodate construction of a new venue, according to *The Washington Post*.” (Many might argue that a business should have the right to call itself anything it wants. Even more might argue that taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the construction of professional sports stadiums. Meanwhile, the federal government still uses Tomahawk missiles and Apache, Blackhawk, Kiowa, and Lakota helicopters.) [77503, 77751, 77844]

Dan Gainor, vice president of business and culture at the Media Research Center, comments, “The left is engaging in a nationwide witch hunt to erase history that they don’t like. They want to burn the Confederate flag, vandalize monuments and even dig up the bones of a general buried 111 years ago. That’s deranged, but it’s only the beginning. It is a coordinated effort targeting the Founding Fathers as well. Liberals want to remove Alexander Hamilton from the \$10 bill and maybe even ax the Jefferson Memorial. The media are helping liberal social justice warriors in their Taliban-esque crusade of destruction. But neither group cares about any of this. It’s all about activating the liberal base in time for the election.” [77844]

In Billings, Montana, a man applies for a marriage license for himself and his two wives. According to CNSNews.com, “Nathan Collier and his wives Victoria and Christine applied at the Yellowstone County Courthouse in Billings on Tuesday in an attempt to legitimize their polygamous marriage. Montana, like all 50 states, outlaws bigamy—holding multiple marriage licenses—but Collier said he plans to sue if the application is denied. ‘It’s about marriage equality,’ Collier told The Associated Press Wednesday. ‘You can’t have this [acceptance of gay marriage] without [also allowing] polygamy.’” [77429, 77459]

FoxNews.com reports, “Controversial adviser Sidney Blumenthal was sending then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton guidance on sensitive diplomatic matters much earlier than previously known, even as the White House was blocking him from becoming a part of her staff, according to emails released late Tuesday by the State Department. The emails, part of a series of document dumps from Clinton’s private email server from which she controversially conducted official State Department business, also show that Clinton paid special interest to the attempt to hire Blumenthal. Blumenthal served as a senior adviser to former President Bill Clinton between 1997 and 2001, but was reportedly prohibited by the Obama administration from taking a job with Clinton’s State

Department team. ...Emails previously released by the State Department and the House committee investigating the 2012 Benghazi attack showed that Blumenthal forwarded intelligence information to then-Secretary Clinton about Libya around the time of the attack that killed four Americans. Clinton then asked that his insight be circulated amongst the staff.” (It is becoming increasingly clear that Sidney Blumenthal is to Clinton as Valerie Jarrett is to Obama.) [77437, 77480]

At Newsmax.com Michael Carr warns that the Obama administration’s new rule requiring that overtime be paid to individuals earning as much as \$50,440 per year “could prove to be devastating to small businesses and will most likely hurt millions of employees. ...The old rule [a level of \$23,660] might have set the bar too low but the new rule seems high based on what people earn. Entry-level managers at fast-food restaurants, for example, who have worked their way up to jobs paying \$30,000 a year will be forced into hourly schedules. College grads entering the workforce in salaried positions earnings \$45,000 a year will be forced into hourly schedules. It’ll be illegal for these employees to exercise initiative by working later to learn their job or earn a promotion. Businesses cannot always afford to pay overtime so many workers will be forced into hourly positions. They could then see their hours cut and the size of their pay checks reduced. Productivity will suffer as employers focus on hours worked rather than output. This could be a drag on economic growth. Prices could rise if employers are unable to control labor costs, leaving everyone paying more and hurting discretionary income. Pain from the new rules will kick in after they take effect in 2016. Like many Obama administration decisions, this giveaway to supporters will cause pain after [Obama] leaves office.” (As noted previously in this *Timeline*, the rule will also result in fewer employees being allowed by their employers to work from home.) [77444]

CNSNews.com notes, “Middle and high school students can’t get a Coca-Cola or a candy bar at 13 Seattle public schools, but they can get a taxpayer-funded intrauterine device (IUD) implanted without their parents’ consent. School-based health clinics in at least 13 Seattle-area public high schools and middle schools offer long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs), including IUDs and hormonal implants, to students in sixth-grade and above at no cost, according to Washington State officials. LARCs are associated with serious side effects, such as uterine perforation and infection. IUDs, specifically, can also act as abortifacients by preventing the implantation of a fertilized egg.” [77446]

Newsmax.com reports, “The Obama administration is fast-tracking a huge payout to the agencies helping victims of the Charleston, South Carolina church shooting, giving the families of those slain millions more in potential assistance than victims from Sandy Hook, Boston, and other mass murders. The White House will send \$29 million to South Carolina in the wake of the June 17 shooting that left nine people dead in a historic black church, according to a Reuters report. According to Reuters, a chunk of the \$29 million—which was allocated as part of the government’s national Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant program—can help provide services to the families of those killed. ...The \$29 million payout is significantly more than what was given to assist the victims of the 2012 Aurora, Colorado, theater shooting (\$2.9 million); the 2012 Sandy Hook

Elementary School shooting (\$1.5 million); and the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing (\$8.3 million).” (Twelve were 12 killed and 69 were wounded in the Aurora massacre; 20 children and 7 adults were killed in the Sandy Hook shootings.) [77455]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) attracts a huge crowd—reportedly 9,600—at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in the leftist “People’s Republic” of Madison, Wisconsin. Sanders calls for free college education, single-payer health care, 12 weeks of paid family leave for workers after the birth of a child, and a job-killing \$15 per hour minimum wage. (Of course, socialist Sanders does not explain how any of that would be paid for—but that won’t help the Hillary Clinton campaign sleep any better.) [77457, 77458, 77481, 77485, 77647]

Meanwhile, WashingtonTimes.com writes, “Vice President Joseph R. Biden’s team is putting out the word that he is leaning in favor of joining the presidential race next month, according to a prominent Democratic fundraiser. The veep’s entrance would dramatically shake up the Democratic contest, confronting front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton with a formidable opponent who is equally well-known across the country and poised to tap a network of major donors.” [77486]

DailyCaller.com reveals some “juicy nuggets” from the Hillary Clinton emails released by the State Department. Among them: “Clinton approved a memo concerning ‘Arab donor support.’” “Blumenthal and [Clinton chief of staff Cheryl] Mills worked together to place a hit piece on Obama’s national security advisor [James Jones].” “Blumenthal successfully pitched a Clinton Global Initiative event.” “Hillary was given ‘veto power’ over a Parade magazine profile” “Bill [Clinton] took the job as special envoy to Haiti without informing Hillary.” “Lots of people knew Clinton’s private email address.” [77464]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Emails among State Department officials show the administration was in contact with Google regarding a blocked YouTube video after ...Obama conceded that the Benghazi attack was a preplanned act of terror. On Sept. 27, 2012, Nora Toiv, a special assistant to the counselor of the Department, sent an email to other State Department officials with the subject line ‘RE: Google and YouTube.’ The email referenced a phone conversation with a person named Sue who assured Toiv a block would remain on an unnamed video at least through Oct. 1, 2012. ‘Sue just called back and the block will stay through Monday,’ Toiv said in the email. ‘They will not/not be unblocking it before then.’ ...Although the emails do not name the video that is being blocked, much of the controversy following the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, centered on a YouTube video called The Innocence of Muslims. Hillary Clinton and other State Department and White House officials blamed the Benghazi attack on the video but later backed off the claim. ...In the days after the attacks the White House requested Google remove The Innocence of Muslims under YouTube’s policy against hosting hate speech. Google refused to do so, *according to the New York Times*. The emails from Toiv and McDonough show the State Department was still in contact with Google well after the White House’s request. Although Google refused to remove the video from YouTube it did block it for residents of numerous

Middle Eastern countries in the immediate aftermath of the attacks. ‘This video—which is widely available on the Web—is clearly within our guidelines and so will stay on YouTube,’ YouTube told CNN. ‘However, given the very difficult situation in Libya and Egypt we have temporarily restricted access in both countries.’” [77465]

The Washington Post writes, “For Democrats, Donald Trump amounts to a kind of divine intervention. With the Republican Party on an urgent mission to woo Latino voters, one of its leading presidential candidates has been enmeshed for two weeks in a nasty feud over his inflammatory comments about Mexican immigrants.” (The *Post* is intentionally distorting the issue for the benefit of Democrats. Trump’s comments, blunt as they may have been, were about *illegal* immigrants, not *all* immigrants.) [77466, 77646]

Mel Watt, the head of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), approves pay increases for the CEOs of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—from \$600,000 to \$4 million. [77484]

On *Hardball*, Chris Matthews absurdly insists, “Hillary Clinton [is] more of a conservative in a sense of more of a traditional politician from the center...” [77700]

On July 2 WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The State Department on Wednesday [July 1] conceded that two dozen of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s emails did contain classified information, a fact that could trigger a U.S. policy that authorizes the government to take control of her private server and sanitize the contents. A former senior intelligence official told The Washington Times the policy also requires the government to check other Internet paths her secret information could have taken. ... ‘Hillary Clinton’s server has classified information and should be taken by the government and sanitized, wiped clean or destroyed,’ said the former officer who conducted cybersecurity. The source asked not to be identified because he still does business with the intelligence community. ...Mrs. Clinton said last spring that none of her thousands of emails contained classified information.” [77467]

At LewRockwell.com Judge Andrew Napolitano writes that he has been “persuaded... beyond a reasonable doubt and to a moral certainty that [Hillary] Clinton provided material assistance to terrorists and lied to Congress in a venue where the law required her to be truthful.” While Secretary of State, Clinton approved the sale of arms by licensed dealer Marc Turi. “Turi sold hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of arms to the government of Qatar, which then, at the request of American government officials, were sold, bartered or given to rebel groups in Libya and Syria. Some of the groups that received the arms were on the U.S. terror list. ...Because Clinton used her husband’s computer server for all of her email traffic while she was the secretary of state, a violation of three federal laws, few in the State Department outside her inner circle knew what she was up to. Now we know. ...Many of the rebels Clinton armed, using the weapons lawfully sold to Qatar by Turi and others, were terrorist groups who are our sworn enemies. There was no congressional declaration of war, no congressional vote, no congressional knowledge beyond fewer than a dozen members, and no federal statute that authorized this.” [77468, 77620, 78941, 79075]

Napolitano notes a January 23, 2013 public hearing of the Senate Armed Service Committee, at which Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) asked Clinton “whether she knew about American arms shipped to the Middle East, to Turkey or to any other country, she denied any knowledge. ...At the time that Clinton denied knowledge of the arms shipments, she and her State Department political designee Andrew Shapiro had authorized thousands of shipments of billions of dollars’ worth of arms to U.S. enemies to fight her secret war. Among the casualties of her war were U.S. Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens and three colleagues, who were assassinated at the American consulate in Benghazi, Libya, by rebels Clinton armed with American military hardware in violation of American law. This secret war and the criminal behavior that animated it was the product of conspirators in the White House, the State Department, the Treasury Department, the Justice Department, the CIA and a tight-knit group of members of Congress. Their conspiracy has now unraveled. Where is the outrage among the balance of Congress? Hillary Clinton lied to Congress, gave arms to terrorists and destroyed her emails. How much longer can she hide the truth? How much longer can her lawlessness go unchallenged and unprosecuted? Does she really think the American voters will overlook her criminal behavior and put her in the White House where she can pardon herself?” [77468, 77620, 78941, 79075]

Napolitano later (July 30) writes that he erred “with respect to an arms dealer named Marc Turi. I regret the error and apologize for it. I wrote that Turi sold arms to Qatar as part of Clinton’s scheme to get them into the hands of rebels. A further review of the documents makes it clear that he applied to do so but was denied permission, and so he did not sell arms to Qatar. Other arms dealers did. I also erred when referring to Qatar as beholden to Washington. In fact, Qatar is in bed with the Muslim Brotherhood and is one of the biggest supporters of global jihad in the world—and Clinton, who approved the sales of arms to Qatar expecting them to make their way to Syrian and Libyan rebels, as they did, knew that. She and her State Department caused American arms to come into the possession of known al-Qaida operatives, a few of whom assassinated U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens. When Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) asked Clinton in January 2013 at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing whether she knew of any weapons coming from the U.S. and going to rebels in the Middle East, she denied such knowledge. She either has a memory so faulty that she should not be entrusted with any governmental powers, or she knowingly lied.” [79070]

The Telegraph reports, “The United States has blocked attempts by its Middle East allies to fly heavy weapons directly to the Kurds fighting Islamic State jihadists in Iraq... Some of America’s closest allies say ...Obama and other Western leaders, including [British Prime Minister] David Cameron, are failing to show strategic leadership over the world’s gravest security crisis for decades. They [Middle East allies] now say they are willing to ‘go it alone’ in supplying heavy weapons to the Kurds, even if means defying the Iraqi authorities and their American backers, who demand all weapons be channelled through Baghdad.” [77504, 77505, 77616, 77639]

“...The Peshmerga [Kurdish fighters] have been successfully fighting Isil [ISIS], driving them back from the gates of Erbil and, with the support of Kurds from neighbouring Syria, re-establishing control over parts of Iraq’s north-west. But they are doing so with a makeshift armoury. Millions of pounds-worth of weapons have been bought by a number of European countries to arm the Kurds, but American commanders, who are overseeing all military operations against Isil, are blocking the arms transfers. ...The US has also infuriated its allies, particularly Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the Gulf states, by what they perceive to be a lack of clear purpose and vacillation in how they conduct the bombing campaign. Other members of the coalition say they have identified clear Isil targets but then been blocked by US veto from firing [on] them. ‘There is simply no strategic approach,’ one senior Gulf official said. ‘There is a lack of coordination in selecting targets, and there is no overall plan for defeating Isil.’” (Obama shows more interest in supporting the radical Muslim Brotherhood than in fighting ISIS. He is clearly doing as little as possible, running out the clock until he leaves office. After the dust settles, no one should be surprised if the Kurds declare their own sovereign state and divorce themselves from Baghdad.) [77504, 77505, 77616]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey observes, “If the US is serious about fighting ISIS with Obama’s stated goal of ‘degrading and ultimately destroying’ the genocidal Islamist army, we have three options. We can send in our own troops to fight the war, perhaps along with other Western and Arab allies, which would take at least 200,000 troops for an indefinite period of time, which Obama refuses to do and which might not get much support for very long from American voters. We can push our Sunni Arab allies to put together their own expeditionary force of a similar number, which they’re not inclined to do, either. Or we can directly arm and support the Peshmerga, who actually win against ISIS when they have the resources to do so. That’s it. Those are all of the realistic options on the table for degrading and destroying ISIS. If we’re not doing any of those, then we’re simply not being serious about the mission that we have expressly and explicitly laid out in public. It’s akin to walking away from another red line and makes us look both foolish and incompetent.” [77504, 77505, 77616]

Newsmax.com reports, “U.S. job growth slowed in June and Americans left the labor force in droves, tempering expectations for a September interest rate hike from the Federal Reserve. Nonfarm payrolls increased 223,000 last month, with construction employment unchanged and the mining sector purging more jobs, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Adding to the employment report’s soft tone, 60,000 fewer jobs were created in April and May than previously reported. At least 432,000 people dropped out of the labor force, pushing the unemployment rate two-tenths of a percentage point lower to 5.3 percent, the lowest since April 2008.” (As usual, the official unemployment rate declined not because of a substantial increase in jobs, *but because Americans dropped out of the workforce altogether* and are no longer considered in the calculation. A record 93,636,000 Americans of working age are not in the workforce—but most are not counted as unemployed by the government.) “The shrinking work force drove the labor force participation rate, or the share of working-age Americans who are employed or at least looking for a job, to 62.6 percent, the lowest reading since October 1977.” (Greece’s labor participation rate is an even worse 53 percent.) May’s job numbers were revised

downward, from 280,000 to 254,000; April's were lowered from 221,000 to 187,000. [77475, 77482, 77487, 77489, 77490, 77493, 77637, 77732, 77774]

While more Americans who cannot find jobs leave the labor force, the Obama administration does its best to allow illegal immigrant job-holders and job-seekers in the United States. According to *The Washington Post*, "In recent months, the Department of Homeland Security has taken steps to ensure that the majority of the United States' [estimated] 11.3 million undocumented immigrants can stay in this country, with agents narrowing enforcement efforts to three groups of illegal migrants: convicted criminals, terrorism threats or those who recently crossed the border. ...The new policies direct agents to focus on the three priority groups and leave virtually everyone else alone. ...Deportations ...are dropping. The Obama administration is on pace to remove 229,000 people from the country this year, a 27 percent fall from last year and nearly 50 percent less than the all-time high in 2012." (Obama is giving illegal immigrants amnesty simply by refusing to enforce existing immigration law. He knows he can get away with it because the Senate could never muster 67 votes to convict him, even if the House were to impeach him.) [77618]

The FBI's Denver Division issues a "Situational Information Report" warning about "Middle-Eastern Males Approaching Family Members of US Military Personnel at their Homes..." According to the report, "In May 2015, the wife of a US military member was approached in front of her home by two Middle-Eastern males. The men stated that she was the wife of a US interrogator. When she denied their claims, the men laughed. The two men left the area in a dark-colored, four-door sedan with two other Middle-Eastern males in the vehicle. The woman had observed the vehicle in the neighborhood on previous occasions. ...Similar incidents in Wyoming have been reported to the FBI throughout June 2015." [79300, 79301, 79302, 79324, 79453]

Democrat James Webb, former U.S. Senator from Virginia and former Secretary of the Navy, announces he is running for president. [77491, 77492, 77502]

At DailyCaller.com, Blake Neff writes, "Data recently released by the White House has revealed ...Obama's staff continues to have a large pay gap between male and female employees, a reality that suggests Obama's campaign against a 'discriminatory' gender pay gap rests on shaky ground. The gender breakdown was conducted by Mark Perry, an economics professor and fellow at the American Enterprise Institute who analyzed a recent annual release of White House salaries. Perry found the average male White House employee earned an annual salary of \$78,000, while for women the average was \$65,650. Thus, for every dollar earned by male White House employees, women earned only 84.2 cents, for a pay gap of 15.8 percent. ...Perry argues that there are only two real explanations for the persistent gap: Either Obama is the 'Discriminator-in-Chief' and a hypocrite, imposing a glass ceiling on women while attacking the same behavior in others, or it is tacitly admitting White House complaints about a gender gap are bogus. 'If a 15.8% White House gender pay gap can be explained by factors other than discrimination,' writes Perry, 'can't a similar gender pay gap, if it exists at Target, Facebook, the University of Michigan, or ExxonMobil, also be explained by factors other

than discrimination?” (Much of the “pay gap” has nothing to do with discrimination, of course. Press secretary Josh Earnest earns more than a female maid in the White House, but that does not mean the maid is the victim of discrimination. Similarly, Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett is paid far more than a male White House gardener, but their pay gap has nothing to do with gender. Comparing the average male salary with the average female salary is meaningless when the jobs involved in the comparison are not equivalent.) [77497]

The *New York Post* reports that Obama’s 16-year-old daughter Malia “was spotted... hanging out on the set of the raunchy” HBO series *Girls*. At AmericanThinker.com M. Catharine Evans asks, “Have the Obamas seen *Girls*? ... We have already witnessed Malia’s mother, Michelle, exposing her children to the simulated, onstage sex shows of her favorite singer Beyonce. The First Lady even held the barely literate, near-naked, sexually gyrating singer up as a role model for the girls. Then, there’s the first couple’s unabashed, enthusiastic tolerance of misogynistic, foul-mouthed, sex-saturated rap lyrics spewing forth from their White House musical guests.” *Girls* is known for its “raw nature,” sexuality, and the nudity of its pudgy star, Lena Dunham. At Gawker.com John Cook calls *Girls* “a television program about the children of wealthy famous people and shitty music and Facebook and how hard it is to know who you are and Thought Catalog and sexually transmitted diseases and the exhaustion of ceaselessly dramatizing your own life while posing as someone who understands the fundamental emptiness and narcissism of that very self-dramatization.” (Obama’s daughter is reportedly a fan of the program. The father-in-chief apparently finds nothing wrong with letting her watch a program that includes nudity, sex scenes, and the use of hard drugs.) [77651, 77652, 77653, 77752, 77927]

At the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse, a grammatically-challenged Obama tells an audience that a “bus full” of Republican presidential candidates are “making a whole bunch of stuff up.” He also says, “But the last seven years, shoot, the last seven days, should remind us there’s nothing America can’t do.” (Once again, Obama chooses a friendly “what can the government give me for free?” university audience for one of his speeches.) [77497]

Judicial Watch reports, “Following the influx of illegal immigrant minors from Central America, an official at the federal agency charged with protecting public health describes Barack Obama as ‘the worst pres we have ever had,’ an ‘amateur’ and ‘Marxist,’ according to internal emails obtained by Judicial Watch. JW got the records as part of an investigation into the Center for Disease Control’s (CDC) activation of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to deal with the barrage of illegal alien minors last summer. Tens of thousands of Central Americans came into the United States through the Mexican border and contagious diseases—many considered to be eradicated in the U.S.—became a tremendous concern. The CDC, which operates under the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), responded by opening an emergency facility designed to monitor and coordinate response activities to eminent public health threats. ... The CDC records obtained by JW this week include email exchanges between agency officials directly involved in the activation of the EOC to handle the health threats created by the influx of

illegal alien minors last summer. In an email dated June 9, 2014, CDC Logistics Management Specialist George Roark wrote to CDC Public Health Advisor William Adams that ‘no country in the world would allow’ the influx. Adams replies that ‘in ten years or less, they’ll all be voting... Commander’s intent...’ Roark fires back by describing Obama as “‘the worst pres we have ever had... he truly is ‘the amateur’ but a Marxist too.’ ... In an unrelated email dated June 18, 2014, CDC Intelligence Analyst Daniel Bubacz describes the situation as a, ‘Leave No Child on the other Side of the Border Policy.’ This refers to a disastrous federal education law known as No Child Left Behind aimed at improving the long suffering academic performance of minorities in the nation’s public schools. More than a decade and tens of billions of dollars later, the measure failed to significantly increase the academic performance of the targeted demographic and is best known as a massive fleecing of taxpayer dollars.” [77498]

FoxNews.com reports that Terry Mulholland, “[t]he chief technology officer at the IRS was ‘blown away’ after learning backup tapes that likely contained messages to and from controversial ex-official Lois Lerner were destroyed, according to an internal government watchdog report. The 1,600-page report, prepared by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, examined the agency’s handling of Lerner’s missing emails and apparent computer crash.” [77501]

The *Miami Herald* reports, “Florida will land about \$3.25 billion as part of a multi-state federal settlement with BP over widespread damages caused by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. The deal announced Thursday requires London-based BP to pay \$18.5 billion in economic and natural resources damages to the five Gulf Coast states affected by the disaster, which pumped at least 3.9 million gallons of oil off the coastlines of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. ...Florida stands to receive \$2 billion for economic damages and \$680 million for restoration projects. The deadly explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and ensuing massive spill affected the environment, tourism and the fishing industry along the Gulf of Mexico but its effects rippled throughout the state. Louisiana, hardest-hit by the environmental impacts of the disaster, is slated to receive \$5 billion for restoration projects, the most of any of the five states in the settlement.” [77613]

In Gresham, Oregon, bakers Aaron and Melissa Klein are fined \$135,000 for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage. (When the Kleins refused to bake the cake in February 2013, same-sex marriage was *not* legal in Oregon.) DailySignal.com reports, “In the ruling, [Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad] Avakian placed an effective gag order on the Kleins, ordering them to ‘cease and desist’ from speaking publicly about not wanting to bake cakes for same-sex weddings based on their Christian beliefs. ‘This effectively strips us of all our First Amendment rights,’ the Kleins, owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa, which has since closed, wrote on their Facebook page. ‘According to the state of Oregon we neither have freedom of religion or freedom of speech.’ ...Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal fellow at The Heritage Foundation, called the order ‘outrageous’ and said citizens of Oregon should be ‘ashamed.’ ‘This order is an outrageous abuse of the rights of the Kleins to freely practice their religion under the First Amendment,’ he said.” [77509, 77611, 77645, 77670, 77775, 77814, 77815, 78205]

TheBlaze.com adds that Aaron Klein “and his wife will request a stay in an effort to delay the order, which he said requires them to immediately cut a \$135,000 check to Rachel Cryer-Bowman and Laurel Bowman-Cryer, the couple who were refused a cake by the bakery. He also said that the appeals process will likely be undertaken. ‘It has the potential to financially ruin our family... [Avakian] knew that full well going into this,’ Klein said of the massive sum they have been mandated to pay after citing their Christian views in declining the cake. ‘He did not seek business assets, he sought personal property.’ Klein, who is a Christian and a father of five, said that he doesn’t think the timing of the case is a surprise either—the official ruling came just days after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized gay marriage nationwide.” Klein notes “past claims that there is an inappropriate relationship between Avakian’s Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries and Basic Rights Oregon, a gay rights group. ‘This guy has been biased from the get-go, from the original statement that he said that he needed to rehabilitate us, then he turned around and refused to get out of the game even though he was in collusion with Basic Rights Oregon,’ Klein said. ‘He then did a final order where he stripped me of my First Amendment rights, which would be my religious and free speech rights.’” (WashingtonTimes.com later reports that by July 14 \$352,000 had been raised for the Kleins by an Internet “crowdfunding” site called Continue to Give.) [77509, 77611, 77645, 77670, 77775, 77814, 77815, 78205]

While Americans worry about whether the approval of gay marriage will lead to even more social upheaval, Breitbart.com reports, “Britain’s first female sharia law judge has issued a brazen warning that flies in the face of UK law, stating that the ‘government cannot ask Muslims not to have more than one wife.’ ... While the [sharia] tribunals are supposed to work within UK law, recent reports suggest that young Muslims are not registering their marriages with the government under UK civil law, instead simply using nikha ceremonies, which can lead to men having a number of wives, and none of the legal responsibility towards them usually afforded to spouses under the 1949 Marriage Act. ... Muslim women who enter into marriage in Islamic ceremonies are often duped into thinking that the marriage under Islamic law is enough to protect them under UK law. As such, they receive none of the usual protections under UK law, such as assets being divided in cases of divorce.” According to *The Times*, “As many as 100,000 couples are living in” sharia marriages, “many of them polygamous.” [77630]

Meanwhile, a naive Federica Mogherini, the “High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,” has stated, “Islam holds a place in our Western societies. Islam belongs in Europe. It holds a place in Europe’s history, in our culture, in our food and—what matters most—in Europe’s present and future. Some people are now trying to convince us that a Muslim cannot be a good European citizen, that more Muslims in Europe will be the end of Europe. These people are not just mistaken about Muslims: these people are mistaken about Europe, they have no clue what Europe and the European identity are.” (It is Mogherini who is mistaken. Huge numbers of Muslims living in Europe have refused to assimilate. They are not becoming Europeans. They are turning Europe into Eurasia and London into Londonistan.) “I am not afraid to say,” states Mogherini, “that political Islam should be part of the picture.

Religion plays a role in politics—not always for good, not always for bad. Religion can be part of the process. What makes the difference is whether the process is democratic or not.” (In other words, “Once the shari’ah-loving Muslims hold a voting majority, what they say goes.”) [77632, 77633, 77634]

Owners of dozens of race tracks issue a statement asking fans “to refrain from displaying the Confederate Flag at our facilities and NASCAR events.” (The request will likely encourage more fans than usual to bring confederate flags to race events.) [77644, 77695, 77696]

On Friday, July 3 Americans prepare for a three-day Fourth of July weekend, with more than a few worrying about terrorist attacks by crazed Islamist radicals. According to the *Daily Mail*, “FBI agents have made at least 30 arrests on US soil this year as they try to combat the murderous reach of ISIS and its warped followers... The FBI has reportedly set up command centers in each of its 56 field offices in case extremists try to mark the July 4 weekend by unleashing similar carnage here in the U.S. American ISIS ‘recruits’ to date have included schoolgirls, a young nurse, a pizza shop boss and even a National Guard soldier who hatched a plan to gun down 120 of his own colleagues.” Michelle Malkin writes, “My fellow Americans: If you see something, say something—even if it means CAIR will threaten to sue you.” [77508, 77510]

On *Fox & Friends*, author Ann Coulter remarks, “Going into this weekend, the media was consumed with stories about, you know, ‘Americans have to be on the lookout for ISIS attacks’ and, ‘Terror attack expected,’ and, ‘Ooh, shark attacks!’ ...I will bet you by the end of the weekend, more Americans will have been killed by Mexicans than by ISIS or by sharks.” [77709]

At Examiner.com Jim Kouri writes, “With reports of fighters affiliated with the ultra-radical Muslim group the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) fighting the Egyptian border police and army soldiers, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) soldiers and Israel’s border police bolstered their numbers and increased their visibility in the Sinai Peninsula on Thursday morning [July 2] following the killings of dozens of people in terror attacks by ISIS and the group’s affiliate. ISIS-affiliated Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis had quickly claimed responsibility for Wednesday’s surprise attacks, in which the Muslim terrorists targeted Egyptian security forces leaving upwards of 70 people dead and dozens wounded. In response to the ISIS incursion in Sinai, the IDF added troops in the southern region who are operating on high alert status.” [77619]

With the likelihood that there will no agreement to stop Iran’s nuclear program, LATimes.com notes that “the U.S. military is stockpiling conventional bombs so powerful that strategists say they could cripple Tehran’s most heavily fortified nuclear complexes, including one deep underground. The bunker-busting bombs are America’s most destructive munitions short of atomic weapons. At 15 tons, each is 5 tons heavier than any other bomb in the U.S. arsenal. In development for more than a decade, the latest iteration of the MOP—massive ordnance penetrator—was successfully tested on a deeply buried target this year at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

...Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, speaking to reporters Thursday [July 2] at the Pentagon, sought to downplay the likelihood or the utility of an attack. He said no plan under consideration, including use of the bunker-busters, could deliver a permanent knockout blow to Iran's nuclear infrastructure and enrichment plants." (Nothing, of course, could deliver a permanent knock-out blow to anything. Even after being destroyed by nuclear bombs, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were rebuilt. To argue that destroying nuclear facilities is a waste of time because they could be rebuilt is essentially to state, "We may as well let them have nukes and destroy Tel Aviv now, because they're going to do it some day anyway.") [77628]

The New York Times reports, "Health insurance companies around the country are seeking rate increases of 20 percent to 40 percent or more, saying their new customers under the Affordable Care Act turned out to be sicker than expected. Federal officials say they are determined to see that the requests are scaled back. Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans—market leaders in many states—are seeking rate increases that average 23 percent in Illinois, 25 percent in North Carolina, 31 percent in Oklahoma, 36 percent in Tennessee and 54 percent in Minnesota, according to documents posted online by the federal government and state insurance commissioners and interviews with insurance executives. ...Jesse Ellis O'Brien, a health advocate at the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, said: 'Rate increases will be bigger in 2016 than they have been for years and years and will have a profound effect on consumers here. Some may start wondering if insurance is affordable or if it's worth the money.' ...The rate requests, from some of the more popular health plans, suggest that insurance markets are still adjusting to shock waves set off by the Affordable Care Act." [77710, 77711]

Obama plays golf at Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. [77703]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) draws a crowd of about 2,500 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. [77648]

At Dartmouth College, Hillary Clinton tells an audience of about 850, "I take a backseat to no one when you look at my record in standing up and fighting for progressive values"—meaning, "I'm just as much as socialist as Bernie Sanders." (WashingtonExaminer.com calls the college students in the crowd "mostly unimpressed.") [77649]

At Breitbart.com Edwin Mora writes that Obama and then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "likely made the decision to falsely tie an inflammatory anti-Islam Internet video to the fatal Sept. 11, 2012 terrorist attack that left four Americans dead in Benghazi, Libya," according to Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton. "Breitbart News spoke to Fitton about newly released Benghazi attack-related documents pried out of the U.S. State Department under a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed by JW last September. ...The Obama administration's initial response explaining the cause of the attack was 'immediately determined by top Obama White House officials, contrary to [Obama's] claim that it was based on intelligence available at the time.'" Fitton told Breitbart News, "We haven't found any records or any intelligence that the video had

anything to do with the Benghazi attacks. What you have is nothing other than Mrs. Clinton's statement referencing a video, the White House approving it before it was released and then blessing it, saying, 'this is our response.' ... 'I think you can fairly conclude that it was during that [September 11, 2011] phone call [between Obama and Clinton] that they decided to push the video lie. They started soliciting Islamists to promote the video lie... The new documents show that the Obama administration engaged domestic and foreign Islamist groups and foreign nationals to push the Internet video narrative. The day after the attack, Rashad Hussain, the Obama administration's special envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), sent an email to Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen, the OIC's ambassador to the United Nations, and Cenk Uraz, an official with the OIC, pushing the video as the cause of the Benghazi attack.'" [77654, 77658]

FoxNews.com reports, "The man arrested in connection with the seemingly random killing of a woman [Kathryn Steinle] who was out for a stroll with her father along the San Francisco waterfront is an illegal immigrant who previously had been deported five times, federal immigration officials say. Further, Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] says San Francisco had [Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez] in their custody earlier this year but failed to notify ICE when he was released. ... ICE revealed their records indicate the individual has been previously deported five times, most recently in 2009, and is from Mexico. 'His criminal history includes seven prior felony convictions, four involving narcotics charges,' ICE said in a statement." (San Francisco is one of many "sanctuary cities," where politically-correct local officials ignore many federal immigration laws in order to "protect" illegal immigrants. In the case of Sanchez, he was released from San Francisco County Jail on April 15, after the city refused to honor a request by ICE to keep him in custody until immigration officials could pick him up.) Sanchez, who fired the gun three times, claims it went off by accident. He also admits that after deportations he returns to San Francisco because it is a sanctuary city. (The Associated Press later reports that the gun used in the shooting had been stolen from the car of a federal agent. Lopez-Sanchez claims he found the gun shortly before he encountered Steinle.) [77621, 77635, 77636, 77693, 77699, 77730, 77778, 77785, 77786, 77799]

It is worth noting that all four declared Democrat presidential candidates—Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley, and James Webb—all support the sanctuary city concept. In 2008 then-Senator Clinton, along with Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA), voted against an amendment that would have penalized sanctuary cities with the loss of some federal funds. Among the many sanctuary advocates in California is San Francisco District Attorney George Gascon. Obama favorite Kamala Harris, California's Attorney General, has encouraged sanctuary city rules in her state. (Harris is running for the Senate seat of the retiring Boxer.) It is also worth noting that California does not have the death penalty. The harshest sentence that can be given to Lopez-Sanchez is therefore life in prison—and he may not even get that. The Obama administration has refused to act against cities that defy the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act, signed by Bill Clinton in 1996, which requires that local authorities cooperate with federal immigration officials. (The

hypocrisy of the political left is stunning. Leftist politicians and member of the media excoriate the south after the killing of nine people at a Charleston, South Carolina church, suggesting the culture of the area is responsible. Yet those same leftists can find no fault with sanctuary city policies that directly led to the death of an innocent woman. To the leftists, inanimate Confederate flags prompt murders, but willingly allowing felonious illegal immigrants to escape deportation cannot be linked to their subsequent crimes.) [77699, 77722, 77735, 77778, 77782, 77848, 77881]

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) signed sanctuary city legislation into law in 1985 when she served as mayor of San Francisco. DailySignal.com notes, “San Francisco is directly violating federal law, as are all of the other sanctuary cities. Under Section 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. §1373), it is a violation of federal law for any state or local government to ‘prohibit, or in any way restrict’ law enforcement or other government officials from sending or receiving information from the federal government on the ‘citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.’” Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com that in 2013 Feinstein “offered an amendment to the Gang of 8 [Senate immigration] legislation that protected cities like San Francisco from federal crack downs and emboldened local law enforcement to keep federal immigration agents out of jails. In other words, her amendment allowed sanctuary cities to continue their harboring of illegal aliens and evasion of federal law.” In 2007 Clinton defended sanctuary city rules, saying, “If local law enforcement begins to act like immigration officers what that means is that you will have people not reporting crimes. You will have people hiding from the police. And I think that is a real direct threat to the personal safety and security of all the citizens. So this is a result of the failure of the federal government and that’s where it needs to be fixed.” [77699, 77722, 77735, 77778, 77782, 77848]

It is also worth noting that San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi, who has been enforcing the sanctuary city policy in defiance of federal immigration law, is himself a law-breaker. Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes that in 2012 Mirkarimi “was convicted on a domestic violence charge.” (He beat his Venezuelan-born wife and was sentenced to three years probation—yet still managed to get elected.) [77741, 77742, 77764]

Donald Trump tweets, “Where are the other candidates now that this tragic murder has taken place?” and then further comments on the murder of Steinle: “This senseless and utterly deplorable act of violence committed by an illegal immigrant is yet another example of why we must secure our border immediately. This is an absolutely disgraceful situation and I am the only one that [sic; who] can fix it. Nobody else has the guts to even talk about it. [Shootings like] That won’t happen if I become president. The American people deserve a wall to protect our jobs, economy and our safety. I am the only candidate who would build it.” (In 2014 Immigration and Customs Enforcement released 30,558 illegal immigrants from custody. Collectively, they had committed almost 80,000 felonies—including 250 homicides, 186 kidnappings, 373 sexual assaults, 13,636 convictions for driving under the influence, 1,589 weapons offenses, 994 aggravated assaults, 56 arsons and 31 smuggling offenses.) [77626, 77627, 77638, 77641, 77646, 77910]

Ann Coulter tweets, “Boy, were Trump and I wrong. Mexico IS sending its best people!” [77642, 77643]

On July 4 the U.S. Air Force cancels Independence Day celebrations at two Royal Air Force bases in Great Britain (Lakenheath and Mildenhall) due to “the most current local threat assessments.” Britain’s *Express* writes that the event “would have attracted more than 25,000 visitors to the nearby village of Feltwell in Suffolk, which is also attended by thousands of service members and their families every year. They were expecting to enjoy displays by the Red Arrows, the RAF Falcons’ parachute team, and a show of vintage aircraft flying in the skies as well as live bands and fireworks. However, due to the fears of the threat posed by Islamic State (ISIS) sympathisers—following last week’s Tunisia terror attack and the upcoming anniversary of the London 7/7 attacks—security chiefs cancelled the planned two-day festival...” [77656, 77657]

Russian bombers fly near the coasts of Alaska and California. According to FoxNews.com, “The first incident occurred at 10:30 a.m. ET on July 4 off the coast of Alaska... Two U.S. Air Force F-22 jets were scrambled from their base in Alaska to intercept two Tupolev Tu-95 long-range strategic bombers, capable of carrying nuclear weapons. The second incident occurred at 11:00 a.m. ET also on July 4, off the central coast of California. Two F-15s from an undisclosed location were scrambled to intercept another pair of Tu-95 Bear bombers.” [77725]

Obama’s Fourth of July address lacks any reference to “God,” “God bless you,” or even “God bless America.” Instead he says, “Thanks, everybody. From my family to yours, have a safe and happy Fourth of July.” (BizPacReviw.com quips, “He may as well have said, ‘Tell all your friends you love Obamacare.’”) [77666, 77667, 77672, 77708]

MSNBC’s Chris Matthews marches next to a “Hillary for America” banner in a Washington, D.C. parade. [77664]

During Clinton’s visit to New Hampshire, campaign staffers surround her with a rope line and follow her with it to keep reporters at a distance. After widespread criticism from the media, Clinton press secretary Nick Merrill says, “While the GOP may want to spin a good yarn on this, let’s not get tied up in knots...” (Clinton keeps reporters away so she will not have to answer questions—and she blames the GOP when criticized.) [77661, 77662, 77668, 77669, 77671, 77702, 77750, 77796, 77797, 77800]

While the politically-correct demand the removal of all Confederate flags, according to DailyCaller.com the witch hunt has “expanded to reach Woodrow Wilson, America’s 28th president, a model progressive Democrat and a world-class racist scumbag. A history teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portland, Ore. is lobbying for the school to change its name, reports local CBS affiliate KOIN-TV.” [77678]

Near Maricopa, Arizona, illegal immigrant Manuel Perez-Vasquez is arrested after injuring two children in a car crash. According to WND.com, “he has a past that includes multiple deportations back to Mexico, various media reported. He also reportedly admitted to being under the influence of drugs—marijuana—at the time of crash, and has been charged with driving while impaired and with fleeing the scene of a crash, KPHO reported. Sheriff’s deputies say Perez-Vasquez drove head-on in the opposing lane of traffic on a road in the town about 30 miles south of Phoenix, crashing a Ford SUV into a vehicle carrying a mother and her two children.” Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu comments, “Likely all [federal authorities] are going to do is send him back to Mexico and he’s likely to return again, and so this is the problem we have, and people are scratching their heads. It appears there are no consequences for breaking immigration law.” [77731, 77745, 77759]

The Financial Times reports, “Greek banks are preparing contingency plans for a possible ‘bail-in’ of depositors amid fears the country is heading for financial collapse, bankers and businesspeople with knowledge of the measures said on Friday. The plans, which call for a ‘haircut’ of at least 30 per cent on deposits above €8,000 [8,000 euros], sketch out an increasingly likely scenario for at least one bank, the sources said. ...Greek deposits are guaranteed up to €100,000, in line with EU banking directives, but the country’s deposit insurance fund amounts to only €3bn, which would not be enough to cover demand in case of a bank collapse.” [77629]

Newsmax.com reports, “Americans covered under Obamacare are turning out to be sicker than expected, and health insurance companies are calling for dramatic rate increases—as much as 54 percent—to help meet the costs. Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the market leaders in most states, wants to drive up rates by 54 percent in Minnesota, 36 percent in Tennessee, and 31 percent in Oklahoma, just a few of the states where documents filed online show higher rates are being sought... In Oregon, Insurance Commissioner Laura Cali has already approved the rate increases for 2016, with Moda Health Plan, the largest insurer, to be allowed to raise their premiums by 25 percent and the next largest, LifeWise, has received a 33 percent increase. ‘Rate increases will be bigger in 2016 than they have been for years and years and will have a profound effect on consumers here,’ said Jesse Ellis O’Brien, a health advocate at the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. ‘Some may start wondering if insurance is affordable or if it’s worth the money.’ ...Claims costs were also underestimated. Arches Health Plan, which covers about a quarter of the people who bought their plans through the federal exchange in Utah, collected premiums of \$39.7 million and had claims of \$56.3 million in 2014, and has requested 45 percent in rate increases.” (Before ObamaCare was passed, Obama claimed that the average annual premium would decrease by \$2,500.) [77650]

The rate increases may mark the beginning of the ObamaCare “death spiral.” Higher premiums will prompt younger, healthier people to cancel their policies after they decide the expense is not justifiable. The insurance companies are then left with an increasingly older and sicker customer base. That, in turn, prompts even more premium increases—which prompts even more of the younger and healthier customers to drop coverage. The process will be slowed slightly by the ObamaCare penalties for not having insurance, but

those penalties—high as they may be—are less than the cost of insurance. Many people may simply say, “I’d rather pay the penalty than \$12,000 per year in premiums for a policy with a \$7,500 deductible.” If the person subsequently gets sick or becomes injured, he will be able to buy insurance *after the fact*—because of the absurd requirement that insurers must sell policies even to individuals with pre-existing conditions. For a young, healthy individual there is simply no reason to have health insurance—because ObamaCare makes it impossible to deny him coverage if and when he does need it. (Few drivers would bother to buy car insurance if the government forced insurers to sell policies *after* cars are stolen or damaged in an accident.)

On July 5 Obama plays golf at Andrews Air Force Base (without being followed by the usual press pool). [77660, 77694, 77704]

Pamela Geller writes, “While Politico rants and raves that Hillary Clinton will be good for Israel, what’s been overlooked is that her closest advisor, Sidney Blumenthal, defends claims that Israel is Germany, and Israelis must leave Israel. ...Blumenthal repeatedly stands against Israel. In fact, he is also a fierce defender of his anti-Israel son, Max Blumenthal, who is an activist solely devoted to harming the Jewish people. Even liberal Nation columnist Eric Alterman has said that a book Blumenthal wrote ‘could have been published by the Hamas Book-of-the-Month Club (if it existed)’—and Sidney Blumenthal hosted a launch party for that book. Max Blumenthal has compared Israelis to Nazis, and says that ‘the ‘non-indigenous’ majority of Israelis should not remain in the country now known as Israel.’ And Sidney Blumenthal—Hillary’s closest advisor—has defended him repeatedly. It gets better—Max Blumenthal apparently inspired the Nazi who shot two Kansas Jewish community centers. The killer made 300 references to Blumenthal’s work, including saying ‘Max Blumenthal is insightful & sometimes funny.’ In ‘Kikes gone wild by Jew Max Blumenthal,’ there’s praise for anti-Israel videos, and a Blumenthal video on ‘How To Kill Goyim And Influence People.’ Sources in the know indicate that one of Hillary Clinton’s other longtime advisors and associates is extremist New Israel Fund supporter Karen R. Adler.” [77655]

In Greece, citizens vote on whether to accept further austerity measures in exchange for more bailout cash from the European Union. The Greek interior ministry predicts the “no” vote will be at least 16 percent. (That is, the Greek position is, “We want your money but we don’t want to follow your rules or have to pay it back.”) Total Greek government debt is about \$350 billion. With a population of about 11 million, that debt represents about \$32,000 for every man, woman, and child in the country. Enormous as that figure is, the \$18+ trillion debt of the U.S. government represents about \$57,000 for every person living in the United States. Neither the Greek nor the U.S. government has a prayer of paying off its debt. The only solutions are default and hyperinflation. (Greece will take the former route, while the United States takes the latter.) [77663, 77673, 77677, 77682, 77683, 78012]

Newsmax.com reports, “U.S. Department of Agriculture figures indicate that after 30 years of steady growth in the National School Lunch Program, student participation is down all across the country. And the School Nutrition Association (SNA), which

represents 55,000 school nutritionists nationwide, attributes the drop to the new nutrition standards championed by first lady Michelle Obama and instituted by the USDA in 2012. Participation peaked in 2010 and 2011 at 31.8 million students, but in 2013 it dropped to 30.7 million and in 2014 it decreased again to 30.4 million, according to the USDA. That means it has dropped by 1.4 million students since its peak. ... Many students find the new lunches unpalatable and toss items in the trash.” [77665]

On *Meet the Press*, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) says, “I like Donald Trump. He’s bold, he’s brash, and I get that it seems the favorite sport of the Washington media is to encourage some Republicans to attack other Republicans. I ain’t [sic] going to do it. I’m not interested in Republican-on-Republican violence. ...I salute Donald Trump for focusing on the need to address illegal immigration. The Washington cartel doesn’t want to address that.” [77659]

On *State of the Union*, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) calls Hillary Clinton “the candidate of the Democratic establishment. ...[A]ll over this country, ordinary people, working people, elderly people, are moving in our direction because they do want a candidate to take on the establishment. So I think we will get some congressional support, as this campaign progresses. But one should not be surprised that much of the establishment is not with me at this point.” [77680]

The *State of the Union* panel rips the Clinton campaign for its “rope line” tactic in New Hampshire. S. E. Cupp says, “This is humiliating for reporters who have to abide by Hillary Clinton’s rules of journalism. And it’s not just this. I mean, the entire campaign, she has kept them at a distance, she barely answers questions, there’s [sic] all these rules. And actually I don’t blame her, I blame reporters who put up with this. The second they decide we’re not doing this anymore, we’re not going to cover your glossy events the way you want it, then she’ll be forced to change this behavior.” The Wall Street Journal’s Carol Lee: “The relationship between the Clinton campaign and the press is just hostile. on both sides... We’re how many months out, and if it’s that hostile now, and reporters are being penned off like farm animals, then, you know, where is it going to go?” Van Jones: “I love Hillary Clinton, but this is the worst visual metaphor. Before, you could say ‘she’s not talking to reporters,’ but you can’t cover not talking. You can show this image over and over again and it’s awful.” [77681]

Program host Jake Tapper asks Van Jones, “Van, when [Hillary Clinton] was a senator, correct me if I’m wrong, she was a fairly moderate Democrat. I mean she wasn’t this progressive firebrand?” Jones replies, “And neither was the Democratic Party, a party of firebrands.” (Newsbusters.org notes a FiveThirtyEight.com entry: “Clinton was one of the most liberal members during her time in the Senate. According to an analysis of roll call votes by Voteview, Clinton’s record was more liberal than 70 percent of Democrats in her final term in the Senate. She was more liberal than 85 percent of all members. Her 2008 rival in the Democratic presidential primary, Barack Obama, was nearby with a record more liberal than 82 percent of all members—he was not more liberal than Clinton. Clinton also has a history of very liberal public statements. Clinton rates as a ‘hard core liberal’ per the OnTheIssues.org scale. She is as liberal as Elizabeth Warren

and barely more moderate than Bernie Sanders. And while Obama is also a ‘hard core liberal,’ Clinton again was rated as more liberal than Obama.” In other words, Clinton has somehow been better able to hide her ideology than Obama.) [77686]

On *This Week*, Bill Kristol remarks, “Republicans need to incorporate what is healthy about the [Donald] Trump message, which is an anti-establishment, anti-Washington message, and a genuine concern about illegal immigrants, the fact that some of them are criminals. That’s not a ridiculous thing to say. The way he said it was crude and reprehensible.” (The Republican party mistakenly believes it can “Hispander”—pander to the Hispanic vote—and thereby win back the White House. That is nonsense. The majority of Hispanics—and blacks—will continue to vote for the Democrats. The argument some make is, “To win elections, the GOP has to win X percent of the Hispanic vote and Y percent of the black vote.” But the GOP can win simply by collecting a greater share of the white vote than it did in 2008 and 2012. It can do so by appealing to the “silent majority” of Americans who are fed up by the direction in which Obama and the welfare state Democrats have led the nation. Trump has aroused that silent majority. If the Republicans want to win the White House in November 2016, they must embrace, rather than reject, those voters.) [77727]

On *Media Buzz*, Donald Trump tells Howard Kurtz, “I don’t have to say that [apologize for his illegal immigration comments]. Look, the Mexican border is a sieve. People are pouring... into our country. We don’t know who they are... they come from all over the world... In terms of the border, it’s a disgrace. Either we have a border or we don’t have a country. ...I can never apologize for the truth. I don’t mind apologizing for things, but I can’t apologize for the truth. I said tremendous crime is coming across, everybody knows that’s true, and it’s happening all the time. ...I’m number two [in the polls] and I’m going up, people take me very seriously. Frankly, I’m the one that’s [who is] going to bring back health to the country. I’m going to make America great again; politicians aren’t going to do that.” [77675]

On *Fox News Sunday*, George Will says, “[A]sk yourself this thought experiment: If Donald Trump were a Democratic mole placed in the Republican party to disrupt things, how would his behavior be different? I don’t think it would be.” (Some suggest that Trump entered the race to tarnish the Republican brand and help Hillary Clinton win the White House. The wildly inconsistent Trump has donated to Clinton and other Democrats over the years.) [77679]

On *Aaron Klein Investigative Radio*, Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio says, “I’ve been in law enforcement 55 years. I think I know a fraudulent, fake document. I’m not a computer expert. I rely on my people. But I’m pretty well convinced [Obama’s long-form birth certificate is] a fake document.” (Arpaio’s “Cold Case Posse” has been investigating Obama’s forged birth certificate and forged Selective Service registration form. This *Timeline* has provided lead investigator Mike Zullo with relevant information it has accumulated over the years.) [77676]

FoxNews.com reports, “Greece lurched into uncharted territory and an uncertain future in Europe’s common currency Sunday after voters overwhelmingly rejected demands by international creditors for more austerity measures in exchange for a bailout of its bankrupt economy. Results showed 61 percent voted ‘no,’ compared with 38 percent for ‘yes,’ with 93 percent of the vote counted. The referendum—Greece’s first in more than four decades—came amid severe restrictions on financial transactions in the country, imposed last week to stem a bank run that accelerated after the vote was called. Thousands of jubilant government supporters celebrated in Syntagma Square in front of Parliament, waving Greek flags and chanting ‘No, no, no!’ It was a decisive victory for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who had gambled the future of his 5-month-old leftist government—and his country—in an all-or-nothing game of brinkmanship with Greece’s creditors from other European countries that use the euro currency, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank. ...Sigmar Gabriel, Germany’s vice chancellor and economic minister, told a German newspaper that the Greek government was leading its people ‘onto a path of bitter austerity and hopelessness.’ Tsipras has ‘torn down the last bridges, across which Europe and Greece could move toward a compromise,’ Gabriel told the daily Tagesspiegel. ‘By saying ‘no’ to the eurozone’s rules, as is reflected in the majority ‘no’ vote, it’s difficult to imagine negotiations over an aid package for billions.’” [77684, 77689]

“The international bailout—under which it received nearly 240 billion euros in rescue loans—expired last week, on the same day Greece defaulted on an IMF repayment, becoming the first developed nation to do so. Of critical importance will be whether the European Central Bank decides to maintain its current lifeline to Greece in the form of emergency liquidity assistance, or ELA. The assistance, currently at around 90 billion euros, has been maintained but not increased in past days, leaving the country’s financial system in a stranglehold.” (Essentially, the Greek citizens want continued financial aid from the European Union without having to comply with demands that their government reduce the spending which prompted the need for the aid in the first place. The Greeks want to continue to retire early and work less while expecting German citizens to work longer and harder to bail them out. Lenders demanded that the Greek government cut spending, raise taxes, go after tax evaders, and reduce anti-business regulations. The Greek voters said no. Why anyone would now expect any eagerness to lend Greece more money is not clear.) [77684, 77689]

On his web site, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) states, “I applaud the people of Greece for saying ‘no’ to more austerity for the poor, the children, the sick and the elderly. In a world of massive wealth and income inequality, Europe must support Greece’s efforts to build an economy which creates more jobs and income, not more unemployment and suffering.” (Sanders, an admitted socialist, does not explain why the Greek government should not have to pay back money it borrowed. Nor does he explain why those who loaned money to Greece should have to suffer losses because of a default.) [77685, 77721]

Taki Theodoracopulos discusses the Greek tragedy in the *Daily Mail*: “In 1981, the established EU Greek nation decided to swing left. [Andreas] Papandreou came into

office and a real Greek upheaval took place. Papandreou established a core constituency of voters by enriching them for life. The trick was an easy one. Close to 25 per cent of Greeks were employed by the state, with pensions worthy of far, far richer nations, and leaders of civil unions enjoyed double or triple pensions for retiring at the age of 50. With 25 per cent of the electorate in his pocket for life, Papandreou then proceeded to nationalise industries, milk the EU treasury, and flirt with Middle East dictators. ...The party ended when the you-know-what hit the fan around 2010. Soaring wages and gold-plated pensions had to end. Eternal austerity was the antidote. It was like taking a middleweight boxer, putting him on a very strict diet, and expecting him to become a heavyweight contender. It was and remains an impossibility. Three successive Greek prime ministers played along with the EU charade of austerity, bankrupting the nation further, until the present bunch of ex-student activists and so-called academics came along.” [77687]

“...What EU bureaucrats expect of Greece is a contradiction in terms. Austerity cannot grow an economy. But the EU’s only commitment is to keep the union going, with face-saving devices invented as it staggers along. The fact that austerity will never turn Greece into a northern European economy is obvious, but ignored by the bureaucrooks of Brussels who see only the immediate future. [Prime Minister Alexis] Tsipras and Yanis Varoufakis, his buffoon of a finance minister, have a lot to answer for. They have wasted five months playing liar’s poker while showing off to the media. During those months the economy has totally cratered. ...The irony is that both the EU [European Union] commissioners and the Tsipras gang have one thing very much in common: they both love power more than any love they might have for the common good. Both should be rejected... Will it end in tragedy? As in everything to do with politics, it will end in a compromise.” (After getting the vote result he wanted, Varoufakis unexpectedly resigns on July 6.) [77687, 77706, 77707]

At PJMedia.com Richard Fernandez writes, “According to some reports, there’s only a billion euros left in the Greek banking system—about 90 euro for every man, woman and child in Greece. Unless the European Central Bank lends them money, there’ll literally be no money left on Tuesday for the ATMs to dispense. *The Guardian* says the economy is already freezing up. ...Authorities in Athens have threatened to print scrip and EU authorities are meeting late Tuesday to decide which way to go next. Apart from the fact that there’s no money in the Greek banks, the next most pressing problem is decide what to do with the money *that should be there*. The widespread fear is that Greek bank depositors will be given a ‘haircut,’ bankspeak for ‘your money ain’t there no more.’ ...[T]he fall of Greece will raise the cost of EU borrowing and knock other weak parts of the system into the trash bin. That will uncover faults in the Chinese economic [sic; economy or economic system] which have till now, been papered over. This will in turn occasion investors to scratch the glittering surface of Obama’s golden age which may reveal only a layer of gilt. If Oil prices then begin to soar on instability in the Middle East then we’ll be in the soup. ...Everything seemed wonderful until it was exposed to be a fraud. In Greece, the world is at the moment similar to when Toto pulled aside the curtain on the Wizard of Oz. ...Like Toto the dog, the Greeks did not understand the Narrative should not be tested too literally. They alone were feckless enough to really

believe that the world could indefinitely live on other people's money. ...The Greek socialists believed in the EU. The EU pretended they could lend Greece money and the Greeks pretended they could pay it back." [77701]

In Chicago, 47 people are wounded and nine are killed in holiday weekend shootings—despite the absence of Confederate flags. The dead include seven-year-old Amari Brown, whose father (the likely intended target), Antonio Brown, is a gang member who has been arrested 45 times. (HotAir.com notes, "I guess it technically *is an improvement* over 16 dead in 80 shootings [during the 2014 Fourth of July holiday], but that's a pretty low bar to beat. ...To their credit, Illinois finally became the last state in the union to pass a concealed carry law in 2013, though implementation has been tooth and nail, particularly in Chicago. The city has layered on one new rule after another, almost eliminating gun shops inside the city and forcing purchasers to be videotaped during transactions. Still, the crime rate has dropped since it began last year, perhaps due in part to criminals being more worried about whether their potential victims were packing. ...*[T]he actual problem was never too many guns. It's too many criminals and maniacs. And until we get more aggressive about reducing those numbers the body count from gun deaths won't be significantly reduced.*") [77688, 77690, 77691, 77692, 77749]

On July 6 the Dow Jones Industrial Average loses more than 160 points in the first five minutes after the market opens. (The day ends with the DJIA down about 46 points.)

At Morning Jolt Jim Geraghty comments on the Greek financial situation, as demonstrated by a photograph of an elderly, distraught pensioner who is unable to withdraw funds from his own bank account: "Take a good look, young people. This is where quasi-socialism, with unaffordably generous pension programs and early retirement, runaway borrowing and spending, and a kleptocratic unenforced system of tax collection leaves you: helpless, penniless, and crying in the streets." Part of the problem, notes Geraghty, is generous rules that allow Greeks to retire at incredibly early ages. (For example, according to USA Today.com, "In Greece, trombone players and pastry chefs get to retire as early as 50 on grounds their work causes them late-career breathing problems. Hairdressers enjoy the same perk thanks to the dyes and other chemicals they rub into people's hair. Then there are masseurs at steam baths: They get an early out because prolonged exposure to all that heat and steam is deemed unhealthy.") "Once a people get a taste of unbelievably generous entitlement spending," writes Geraghty, "they begin to feel... well, *entitled* to it. In the case of Greece, they will demand that they keep getting those benefits long after the money runs out, even as it grows clearer and clearer no one will loan them any more money. They'll vote, overwhelmingly, 'no' to bailout offers they deem insufficiently generous... ignoring that the alternative is unknown, and probably worse." [77697, 77698]

Italy's ANSA reports, "Italian police arrested a 25-year-old Moroccan man near Pisa Monday on charges of instigating Islamist terrorism and jihad (holy war) against a rash of suspected targets including the Leaning Tower of Pisa, police said. Officers identified the man as Jalal El Hanaoui, born at Souk Sebt in Morocco, who joined relatives in Italy at age 8 and remained in the peninsula ever since, notching up a criminal record for drug

dealing and was currently unemployed. El Hanaoui used three Facebook identities to instigate holy war among 12,000 followers and posted photos of monuments around the world suspected of being targets for attacks including the tourist-famed Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Statue of Liberty, the Cathedral of St Basil in Moscow and the Israeli wall separating Jerusalem from the rest of the occupied West Bank.” (Pamela Geller writes, “He came to Italy with his family when he was eight years old. He was never taught anything about love for Europe or Italy or Judeo-Christian civilization; instead, both non-Muslim and Muslim leaders made sure he kept his Islamic identity and adopted no European perspectives. Europe’s multiculturalist ethos and immigration policies made this bloody nightmare possible. America is not far behind.”) [77772, 77773]

At WashingtonPost.com Greg Sargent writes, “I’m told that Senate Democrats in coming days will roll out a new universal pre-kindergarten proposal that would be funded by the closing of corporate tax breaks. If it gets a vote—and Dem leaders plan to push hard for one—it will put members of both parties on record as to whether they support national action to dramatically expand the availability of child care to poor and working families. ...The new universal pre-K proposal is meant to function as a federal-state partnership. It would provide over \$30 billion in federal block-grant funding, over five years, to states that provide high quality, universally available pre-school programs to four-year-olds from families earning less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, or \$48,000 for a family of four.” (The scheme has no chance of becoming law—and the Democrats know it. The point of the “something for nothing” proposal is to force Republicans to oppose it, which then gives Democrats the opportunity to run “Republicans hate children and families” campaign ads. The Republicans cannot play the same game. If, for example, they were to propose that the government give everyone a free new car every year, the Democrats would respond, “Okay! I’ll vote for that!”) [77757]

AFP reports, “Kenyan anti-gay protesters marched in Nairobi Monday warning ...Obama not to speak about gay rights when he visits the country of his ancestors later this month. ...‘It is important for us as Kenyans to know that the US is not God, and thus we cannot follow them blindly,’ said protest organiser and evangelical Christian pastor Bishop Mark Kariuki. Kariuki said Obama was welcome to visit ‘his father’s home’ but should not ‘talk about the gay issue.’” [77723, 77763, 78727]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, the June 27, 2004 edition of Kenya’s *Sunday Standard* stated, “**Kenyan-born** [emphasis added] US Senate hopeful, Barack Obama, appeared set to take over the Illinois Senate seat after his main rival, Jack Ryan, dropped out of the race on Friday night...” Further, when then-Senator Obama visited Kenya in 2006, the Africa-ata.org newsletter wrote, “As **Kenyan born** [emphasis added] US Senator Barack Obama jets into Kenya today as part of his African tour, concerns have once again been raised on the security preparations for other visitors and residents.” On November 3, 2008 *The Nigerian Observer* wrote, “Americans will today go to the polls to elect their next President with Democratic Party candidate, Senator Barack Obama largely favored to win. The **Kenyan-born** [emphasis added] Senator will, however, face a stiff competition from his Republican counterpart, John McCain who has taken the presidential battle to the finishing line with vigorous campaign strategies.” During the

March 25, 2010 session of Kenya’s National Assembly, Minister for Lands James Orengo, addressed the representatives and said, “What has made us suffer as a nation is exclusion. Once people feel excluded, even when you want to employ a policeman or constable or you want to build a dispensary, it must come from the centre. ... If America was living in a situation where they feared ethnicity and did not see itself as a multiparty state or nation, how could a young man *born here in Kenya* [emphasis added], who is not even a native American, become the President of America? It is because they did away with exclusion.” [10304, 10305, 10306, 10316, 10317, 10356, 10373, 10394, 10395, 10413, 10414, 10415, 10488, 79154, 79155]

According to the *Daily Mail*, “A leader of the terror group behind the Tunisian beach massacre is living off benefits in Britain... Jihadi preacher Hani al-Sibai—who described the 7/7 terror attacks in London in 2005 as a ‘great victory’—is one of the ‘key influencers’ of the Islamic fanatics believed to have recruited and trained gunman Seifeddine Rezgui. But he is living on £50,000 a year in handouts with his wife and five children in a £1 million house in West London, after using human rights laws to thwart attempts to deport him for more than 15 years. ... Asked how he could justify milking the welfare state for so much, al-Sibai—who is under investigation suspected of benefit fraud—said: ‘Ask [Prime Minister] David Cameron, don’t ask me.’” [77726, 77777]

Asked to comment on the murder of the innocent young woman by an illegal immigrant who had been deported five times, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “I can’t speak to this specific case. I’d refer you to DHS [Department of Homeland Security].” He then blames Republicans for trying to tear immigrant families apart, and says, “The fact is that [Obama] has done everything within his power to make sure that we are focusing our law enforcement resources on criminals and those who pose a threat to public safety and it’s because of the political efforts of Republicans that we have not been able to make the kind of investment that we’d like to make in securing our border and keeping our community safe.” [77712, 77717, 77755, 77756, 77761]

Many top Democrats support sanctuary city policies, including Obama and Hillary Clinton, and Earnest has the audacity to blame Republicans for the killing of an innocent young woman at the hands of a Mexican who should not have been in the United States in the first place. DailySignal.com notes, “[I]t is the Obama administration that announced in 2010 that it would not sue sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with the federal government on immigration enforcement. It was the Obama administration that axed a program that made it easier for immigration authorities to find and deport illegal immigrants who had committed local crimes. ... [I]n 2014, the Obama administration got rid of the Secure Communities program, claiming that the program’s ‘very name ha[d] become a symbol for general hostility toward the enforcement of [the nation’s] immigration laws.’” (Obama apparently believed U.S. citizens should not be allowed to have “secure communities,” because that might hurt the feelings of illegal immigrants.) [77778, 77881, 78047]

At the Pentagon, Obama wastes the nation’s time with platitudes about fighting ISIS. Among them, “Ideologies are not defeated with guns, they’re defeated by better ideas—a

more attractive, more compelling vision. So the United States will continue to do our part by continuing to counter ISIL's hateful propaganda, especially online. We'll constantly reaffirm through words and deeds that we will never be at war with Islam. We are fighting terrorists who distort Islam and its victims are mostly Muslims." (Twitter responses to Obama's naive statement include, "So I guess that whole D-Day thing was just a waste of time and resources." "Because the Nazis were defeated after a robust debate!" Jonah Goldberg tweets, "Churchill: 'We shall debate them on the beaches. We shall dialogue with them in the fields...'" Obama does admit, "The reason we have the best military in the world is first and foremost because we've got the best troops in history." (They also have the best support and weapons.) Pamela Geller quotes Ayn Rand, "The spread of evil is the symptom of a vacuum. Whenever evil wins, it is only by default: by the moral failure of those who evade the fact that there can be no compromise on basic principles" and adds, "Obama is the hoover of vacuums." [77713, 77719, 77724, 77728, 77747, 77758, 77781, 77906]

Obama says, "Meanwhile, we continue to ramp up our training and support of local forces that are fighting ISIL [ISIS] on the ground. As I've said before, this aspect of our strategy was moving too slowly, but the fall of Ramadi has galvanized the Iraqi government, so, with the additional steps I ordered last month, we're speeding up training of ISL forces, including volunteers from Sunni tribes in Anbar Province." (The White House web site later corrects the embarrassing blunder, clarifying that the U.S. is training *Iraqi* forces, not *ISIL* forces.) [77834, 77835, 77836, 78316]

Obama also says, "Our efforts to counter violent extremism must not target any one community because of their faith or background." At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer responds, "If he is referring to attacks on innocent Muslims, of course, no innocent Muslims should suffer any harm or injustice. He seems to be saying more than that. The idea that it is wrong to fight Islamic jihad by paying attention to Muslim communities more than Baptist or Jewish or Hindu or Amish communities is absurd. Islamic jihad is committed by Muslims. Obama won't even call it Islamic jihad or admit that it is a specifically Muslim phenomenon, and insofar as he diverts any resources to tracking 'right-wing extremism' on the basis of bogus studies, he makes us all less safe." [77728, 77747]

Obama warns, "This will not be quick. This is a long-term campaign. [ISIS] is opportunistic and it is nimble... This larger battle for hearts and minds is going to be a generational struggle." (NationalReview.com's Jim Geraghty reminds readers of a March 19, 2008 statement by Obama: "What more could America's enemies ask for than an endless war where they recruit new followers and try out new tactics on a battlefield so far from their base of operations? That is why my presidency will shift our focus." Geraghty writes, "The guy who mocked his predecessor for getting America into an 'endless war' now recognizes that the battle against radical Islam will be a 'generational struggle.'") [77753, 77754]

It is reported that Hillary Clinton's first national television interview since entering the 2016 race will be with CNN's Brianna Keilar. (After a Clinton stop at a Chipotle

restaurant in April Keilar gushed, “She’s just like us. She eats at Chipotle.” In addition, Keilar was a guest at the June 20 wedding of Adam Parkhomenko and Kirby Hoag. According to CNN, “Parkhomenko is the director for grassroots engagements for her presidential campaign and a co-founder of Ready for Hillary; Hoag was a staffer of Ready for Hillary.” Also at the wedding were CNN’s Dan Merica and Ashley Killough.) [77714, 77715, 77716, 77718, 77748]

Chicago’s ABC affiliate reports that former Congressman Mel Reynolds “has failed to appear at a scheduled arraignment to enter a plea on federal tax charges. ...Monday’s hearing in federal court in Chicago was supposed to be the Democrat’s first court appearance since his indictment two weeks ago for allegedly not filing income tax returns for four straight years. But the hearing never began after defense attorneys and prosecutors gathered in court. Instead, a court official agreed with both sides to reschedule the hearing for July 30.” (Some might argue that it was because of Mel Reynolds that Obama ended up in the White House. In 1994 then-Congressman Reynolds was indicted for having sex with a 16-year-old campaign worker. He nevertheless won reelection in November 1994, In 1995, Reynolds was convicted of statutory rape and forced to resign. His resignation prompted a special election in November 1995. Illinois State Senator Alice Palmer chose to run for that open seat, and promised Obama he could run for her state senate seat—provided he step out of the way and let her have it back if she lost the Congressional election. Jesse Jackson, Jr. then entered the House contest and defeated Palmer. Obama reneged on his promise to Palmer and ran for her state senate seat. Had Reynolds been able to keep his pants zipped, Palmer would have remained in the state senate and Obama would not have become an Illinois state senator—at least not from that district and at that time.) [269, 1361, 1470, 1471, 77720]

Lawyers for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev call for a new trial, claiming it is “required in the interests of justice.” (Tsarnaev confessed to his crimes. The demand for a new trial no doubt serves little purpose beyond delaying his death sentence and forcing the taxpayers to spend a fortune playing legal games.) [77729, 77841, 77896, 77897]

Investors.com reports, “Chipotle Mexican Grill... raised its prices in San Francisco as much as 14.4%, after the city raised its minimum wage by 14%, according to an analyst. [77869, 78087]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, Bill O’Reilly excoriates the political left for the crime committed by illegal immigrants. He says, “The mayor and city supervisors of San Francisco are directly responsible for the murder of Kate Steinle, and the Obama administration is complicit ...San Francisco is a sanctuary city and proud of it. ...In 2010, the Obama administration openly said it wouldn’t punish cities that refuse to obey the 1996 law [the Illegal Immigration Reform and Responsibility Act]. Miss Steinle paid for that irresponsible and unconstitutional decision with her life.” [77746]

Oh his radio program, Mark Levin asks why Obama has made no statement in response to the murder of Kathryn Steinle by an illegal immigrant who had been deported five times: “How come you’re so silent today? Which lives matter, Mr. Obama? Will you tell us? ...Why are you so silent today? Why, because somebody wasn’t wearing a Confederate flag? Why, because it doesn’t play into your, your racist—whatever. ...Not a word. If some sports figure comes out of the closet and declares they’re gay, you’re on the phone and you’re talking to them. If some professor [Henry Louis Gates] accuses a cop of brutalizing him when he didn’t at Harvard, you’re on the phone and you’re talking to him! How come you didn’t address the nation today, Mr. Obama? Could it be because you, in part, are responsible for these crimes? ...You do not take the responsibility for securing the border seriously and we all know it!” [77803]

On July 7 the nuclear talks with Iran miss yet another deadline. According to WashingtonPost.com, “negotiators insisted that a deal could be reached by the end of the week but said they remain ready to walk away if agreement proves impossible.” WJS.com writes, “White House officials see the conclusion of Iran talks as a gateway for ...Obama to press for a political resolution in Syria that would facilitate the exit of President Bashar al-Assad, a close Iranian ally... U.S. officials are unsure how a nuclear deal would affect Tehran’s behavior. Iran could firm its support for Mr. Assad or cut a deal to push him aside, U.S. officials said. ‘They’ll have more money to be bad actors if they choose to be bad actors,’ another senior administration official said. ‘But they’ll also have more opportunities to be constructive if they choose that route.’” Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson comments, “Welcome to fantasyland. *If* the Iranians choose the ‘constructive’ route? The same Iranians whose international terrorism and meddling continues ‘undiminished,’ according to this administration’s own assessment?” [77738, 77739, 77740]

Regardless of how terrible the eventual deal with Iran might be, Congress will be almost powerless to block it—because earlier in the year Senate Republicans foolishly agreed to absurd (and arguably unconstitutional) legislation that turns a provision of the U.S. Constitution on its head. Under the Constitution, treaties require the approval of two-thirds of the Senate. But the Senate gave Obama the power to negotiate an agreement and revoke sanctions against Iran, with the provision that it could only be revoked by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. (Instead of Obama needing 67 Senate votes to approve his actions, 67 votes would be need to reverse his actions.) Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) was the only Senator with enough sense to vote against the legislation—and apparently the only Republican Senator smart enough to comprehend that it would be next to impossible to get 13 Democrat Senators to vote against Obama. (One argument is that Obama could finalize a deal with Iran and then simply declare it is only an “agreement” and not a “treaty”—and ignore Congress altogether. That is, the Obama team would rely on a lawyerly interpretation of the word treaty to bypass the U.S. Constitution.) [78201, 78813]

Investors.com reports, “Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a senior member of the Saudi monarchy, says he’ll pledge his \$32 billion fortune to charity. In light of his past

donations, this is a highly concerning development. Alwaleed says he will model his endowment on the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, only with a twist: Much of his philanthropic work will help ‘foster cultural understanding’ of Islam in America and the West. That means promoting the kingdom’s brand of Islam, while censoring criticism of Islam. Published reports and books reveal Alwaleed already has pledged millions to radical Muslim Brotherhood front groups that have a secret plan to Islamize America and spread Shariah law throughout the West. These pro-jihad groups can now count on a massive and virtually endless infusion of cash to their war chests.” Pamela Geller notes, “This is a MOAB (mother of all bombs) in the information battle-space. ...The Saudis have spent billions already. 80% of the mosques built in America are Saudi funded. Islamic groups working to impose the sharia are largely funded by the Saudis.” [77894, 77894]

John Hawkins writes at Townhall.com, “Greece is liberal economics on steroids, Detroit writ large, and a place where the ‘takers’ outnumber the ‘makers.’ In other words, if you want to know what the end road is for the sort of economics pushed by people like Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Paul Krugman, Greece is it. ...America has many of the same economic problems that Greece does. Unfortunately for the Greeks, liberal policies have been adopted longer and more readily there than they have here, which has led to a more rapid deterioration of their economy. The Greek solution to this has been to demand that people from other nations pay its bills. Unsurprisingly, the IMF, the rest of Europe and its creditors have grown increasingly disenchanted with Greece’s attitude. Critics of Greece’s creditors have rightly pointed out that the draconian conditions being forced on the Greeks in return for keeping the money flowing are causing a lot of pain in Greece, infringing on their sovereignty and they are unlikely to work in the end. While that may be true, it’s also a natural long-term consequence of adopting liberal economic policies. Eventually, the government gets so big that it crowds out the private sector, which can no longer afford to pay for politicians and bureaucrats to be ‘generous’ with its money. Then once spending gets so out of control that money can no longer even be borrowed under normal terms, the you-know-what hits the fan. At that point, there are no good options. Either you deal with demeaning, difficult cuts forced upon you by the people paying your bills, you default, or if you have your own currency, you inflate it until it’s practically worthless.” [77732]

Hawkins warns, “Greece is simply a decade or two (and that may be optimistic) ahead of America. Unless we make major changes, what’s happening to the Greeks now will happen to us in the future. In fact, it will actually be worse because no one is big enough to bail out the United States and a default by our country would likely lead to a global depression. ...Even if they deserve [fiscal calamity and social unrest] because of their irresponsible behavior, you should pity the people of Greece. Whatever happens from here, they have a hard, ugly road ahead of them. However, the disaster of their own making that is befalling them may ultimately do some good. If Greece can’t be a good example, then the fiscal nightmare afflicting it can at least be a warning to Americans about what our future looks like unless we make some real changes.” [77732]

According to CBS' Mark Knoller, Obama spoke by telephone with the Greek prime minister, "urging Greece to agree to plan for econ growth & debt sustainability." (It is almost not worth noting the irony of debt advice being handed out by someone who reigned over an \$8+ trillion increase in the national debt. It is, however, worth wondering whether the phrase, "Beggars can't be choosers" has ever been translated into Greek.) [77745, 77762]

Meanwhile, Greeks are not only limited to 60 euro per day ATM withdrawals (about \$67), they are also not allowed to access their own bank safe deposit boxes. [77776]

For those who might wonder why Greece would shoot itself in the foot, it is worth noting a June 23 RenewAmerica.com article by Donald Hank. Hank wrote that Russian president Vladimir Putin and Greek President Alexis Tsipras "have already pretty much agreed to the construction of one segment of the Turkish Stream pipeline through Greece. There has been speculation about Russia giving Greece an advance payment on this to help it recover from its acute and chronic crises. ...But Tsipras and Putin have been meeting and phoning each other here of late and they weren't just talking about the weather. Putin has already told Tsipras he is thinking about lending Greece a lot of money. I am about 99.99% sure (still not wagering or prophesying) that Putin is gently pressuring Tsipras to leave the EU. Certainly, a sizable enough loan would probably buy him away from Brussels. ...[I]t would be to Putin's—and China's (as a backstop to the loan)—advantage to have the EU collapse, at least in a slow motion, since that body is a major player in the unipolar world that aims to make Russia a captive state." [77767]

Reuters reports, "Euro zone members have given Greece until the end of the week to come up with a proposal for sweeping reforms in return for loans that will keep the country from crashing out of Europe's currency bloc and into economic ruin. ...Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras has until Friday to present the proposal, but German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she hoped to have convincing reform commitments from Tsipras on Thursday so she could ask the German parliament to authorize negotiations on a new aid program. Merkel said she was 'not exaggeratedly optimistic' for a solution." [77806]

The *Daily Mail* reports that a recent remodeling of the White House State Dining Room will cost the taxpayers \$590,000. [77882]

FoxNews.com reports, "The U.S. Army is planning to cut more than 40,000 troops over the next two years, a senior U.S. defense official confirmed to Fox News Tuesday [July 7]. General Martin Dempsey announced at a Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing Tuesday that dwindling resources was a major factor in the decision to cut the number of active troops from 490,000 to 450,000. In addition to the troop cuts, 17,000 Army civilian employees will be laid off in a plan that is to be formally announced on Thursday." (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes, "For what it's worth, Putin put 40,000 Russian troops on full alert for military exercises in March. What could possibly go wrong?") Obama's planned troop reduction is news to members of Congress, who were not consulted in advance of the announcement. Dempsey also states, "Under no

circumstances should we relieve pressure on Iran relative to ballistic missile capabilities and arms trafficking.” [77733, 77734, 77771, 77859, 78168]

Judicial Watch releases “new Department of Justice (DOJ) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) documents that include an official ‘DOJ Recap’ report detailing an October 2010 meeting between Lois Lerner, DOJ officials and the FBI to plan for the possible criminal prosecution of targeted nonprofit organizations for alleged illegal political activity. The newly obtained records also reveal that the Obama DOJ wanted IRS employees who were going to testify to Congress to turn over documents to the DOJ before giving them to Congress. Records also detail how the Obama IRS gave the FBI 21 computer disks, containing 1.25 million pages of confidential IRS returns from 113,000 nonprofit social 501(c)(4) welfare groups—or nearly every 501(c)(4) in the United States—as part of its prosecution effort. According to a letter from then-House Oversight Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA) to IRS Commissioner John Koskinen, ‘This revelation likely means that the IRS—including possibly Lois Lerner—violated federal tax law by transmitting this information to the Justice Department.’” Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton states, “These new documents show that the Obama IRS scandal is also an Obama DOJ and FBI scandal. The FBI and Justice Department worked with Lois Lerner and the IRS to concoct some reason to put ...Obama’s opponents in jail before his reelection. And this abuse resulted in the FBI’s illegally obtaining confidential taxpayer information. How can the Justice Department and FBI investigate the very scandal in which they are implicated?” [77736, 77737]

At the White House, Obama welcomes Nguyen Phu Trong, the general-secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam. (Trong is not an elected government official. Obama meeting with the communist party leader, rather than with the head of Vietnam’s government, is the equivalent of Russian president Vladimir Putin greeting Democrat National Committee chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz at the Kremlin.) [77760]

Breitbart.com reports, “According to a March 2, 2015 ‘ICE Weekly Departures and Detention Report’ obtained by Center for Immigration Studies expert Jessica Vaughan and shared with Breitbart News, there were 168,680 convicted criminal immigrants who had final orders of removal but who remained at large in the U.S. Another 179,018 convicted criminal immigrants with deportation cases pending also remained at large. ...In 2013 the Obama administration released 36,007 criminal immigrants who had nearly 88,000 convictions. Those convictions included 193 homicide convictions, 426 sexual assault convictions, 303 kidnapping convictions, and 1,075 aggravated assault convictions. ...In 2014 the administration released another 30,558 criminal immigrants, who had a total of 79,059 convictions.” [77765]

DailyCaller.com reports, “An illegal alien from Mexico who was deported last year is accused of fatally shooting and burning a Washington woman and her son. Prudencio Fragos-Ramirez, 25, was arraigned on Monday [July 6] and is being held on \$1 million bail for the murders of 18-year-old Maria Cruz-Calvillo and her 3-year-old son, Luis

Lopez-Cruz... The pair's burned bodies were discovered in a remote area on Thursday. The two had gunshot wounds, but the boy was likely still alive when the car was set ablaze, according to Franklin County coroner Dan Blasdel." [77766]

Breitbart also reports, "While illegal immigrants account for about 3.5 percent of the U.S population, they represented 36.7 percent of federal sentences in FY 2014 following criminal convictions, according to U.S. Sentencing Commission data obtained by Breitbart News. According to FY 2014 USSC data, of 74,911 sentencing cases, citizens accounted for 43,479 (or 58.0 percent), illegal immigrants accounted for 27,505 (or 36.7 percent), legal immigrants made up 3,017 (or 4.0 percent), and the remainder (about 1 percent) were cases in which the offender was either extradited or had an unknown status. Broken down by some of the primary offenses, illegal immigrants represented 16.8 percent of drug trafficking cases, 20.0 percent of kidnapping/hostage taking, 74.1 percent of drug possession, 12.3 percent of money laundering, and 12.0 percent of murder convictions. One GOP aide expressed shock at the numbers, emailing Breitbart News, "These statistics blew me away, and they blow a hole through the oft-repeated line that people only want to come to America to work. It's tragic so few politicians are willing even to acknowledge the true extent of this problem, but until more do, more Americans will keep getting harmed.'" [77824]

Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) plans to introduce legislation to the Immigration and Nationality Act that would limit federal funding to any "sanctuary city" community. [77914, 77915, 78034]

Fox News' Bill O'Reilly starts an online petition calling for federal legislation: "We, the undersigned, respectfully ask Congress to pass Kate's Law [for Kathryn Steinle] whereby undocumented aliens who are deported and return to the United States would receive a mandatory five year sentence in a federal penitentiary upon conviction." (It is, of course, already against the law for convicted felons to reenter the United States illegally. The problem is that existing laws are not being enforced. Adding one more law that will not be enforced serves little purpose.) [77966, 77967]

FreeBeacon.com reports that the husband of socialist Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), Robert Creamer, "who committed \$2.3 million in bank fraud in the 1990s, is currently leading the anti-conservative Americans United For Change, the *Illinois Review* reported. The multi-million dollar non-profit group receives funding from various progressive organizations, including the National Education Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Service Employees International Union, MoveOn.org, and Occupy Wall Street. ...The convicted felon maintains ties to the White House. On Monday, Creamer participated in a private conference call held by White House officials that brought voices from liberal organizations together to discuss how to pressure Democrats and other politicians on Capitol Hill to back a nuclear deal with Iran..." [77768]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Creamer once worked for George Soros’s Open Society Policy Center, as a “hit man” to destroy the nomination of John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations. While in prison, Creamer wrote the book, *Listen to Your Mother: Stand up Straight: How Progressives Can Win*, which includes, among other things, a blueprint to nationalizing America’s health care system by frightening citizen to support something that is not in their best interests. The book was arguably an outline for ObamaCare; it was endorsed by Obama political guru David Axelrod and Greg Galluzo—of the leftist community group the Gamaliel Foundation, where Obama got his start as a paid political activist. Creamer wrote, “To win [our fight for socialized health care] we must not just generate understanding, but emotion—fear, revulsion, anger, disgust.” Creamer runs Strategic Consulting Group, a firm that specializes in promoting leftist policies, with clients such as MoveOn.org and labor unions. Creamer seems determined to “out” anyone who supports conservative causes. In 2012 Americans United For Change offered a \$25,000 reward for evidence proving that any company was secretly funding a nonprofit, conservative organization active in the 2012 election campaigns. [5592, 6563, 6564, 6565, 6574, 6586, 6688, 6925, 6926, 7014, 26877, 30241, 50883, 50884, 50885, 50901, 51623, 51942, 51944]

Hillary Clinton addresses an audience at the Iowa City Public Library. At NationalJournal.com Emma Roller writes, “One anecdote from her career as Secretary of State in particular stood out as something new not only to the attendees, but to the reporters who obsessively cover the Clinton campaign as well. She told a story about the [December] 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Clinton and ...Obama were trying to negotiate terms with India and China—two of the fastest-developing countries in the world—for a climate change agreement. The problem: China and India’s leaders were nowhere to be found. Clinton said she and Obama ‘sent out scouts,’ who found that the leaders were meeting in a clandestine conference room. Clinton and Obama marched to the room, she said, and pushed past Chinese security guards to confront the heads of state. As a result, the assembled countries signed an accord outlining emissions pledges and other goals for energy use, though much of the text was nonbinding. ‘We would not be in as strong a position if [Obama] had not pursued everything from auto emissions to utility controls,’ Clinton added...” [77769]

The problem with Clinton’s story is that it is not true. Roller simply accepts as fact Clinton’s description of the events—a *self-serving description that makes both Clinton and Obama look like heroic warriors out to save the world from “global warming.”* As noted in Volume 4 of this *Timeline*, Obama arrived late at the global warming conference (during a blizzard), clearly irritated and less than thrilled to be in Copenhagen—because he knew nothing had been accomplished and that he would go home without an agreement of any significance. He attempted, *unsuccessfully*, to broker a binding agreement with China, Brazil, South Africa, and India to reduce carbon dioxide reductions. Although the conference accomplished virtually nothing, Obama could not admit that and he falsely declared that the United States had attained a “meaningful and unprecedented breakthrough” with China and India. It was, in fact, nothing more than a non-binding agreement to perhaps later negotiate an actual agreement. Reaction to Obama’s Copenhagen climate change “deal” was less than complimentary. Those who do

not believe that mankind is destroying the planet with carbon dioxide emissions were relieved that Obama accomplished little, while those who do believe no expense should be spared to “save the planet” were outraged by Obama’s failure to achieve anything of substance. [7273, 7274, 7275, 7277, 7279, 7289, 7290, 7291, 7310, 7311, 7312, 7313, 7314, 7324, 7334, 7336, 7361, 7362, 7470]

The reality of Clinton’s “room-bursting” story was this: Eager to score points and broker a deal, Obama entered a room of world leaders only to find they were meeting without him. (There was not even a chair at the table for Obama.) Waiting to meet with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, Obama ended up being stiffed. Wen, angered by the open criticism of China in Obama’s earlier speech, chose not to meet with him at all and sent a second-tier negotiator in his place. In reality, Obama’s presence in Copenhagen made no difference. Representatives from Brazil, India, China, and South Africa essentially said to each other, “All right, let’s humor the guy and sign a meaningless document if that’s what it will take to get out of here before we get completely snowed in.” They refused to agree to anything other than voluntary emissions mitigation action, even though Obama wanted something more concrete. They essentially reminded Obama that they were accountable to their electorates—and not to him. Many nations at the climate conference viewed Obama as nothing more than a pushover with a fat checkbook, if not a blithering idiot. Blogger JammieWearingFool commented, “Does anybody get the image of other world leaders huddling together after Obama leaves the room and having a good laugh? I half expect Barack to walk out of a meeting sometime with a ‘Kick Me’ sign neatly taped to the back of his jacket.” (Interestingly, but perhaps not surprisingly, the full story of the day’s Keystone Cops-like events was reported not by the mainstream American media but by the foreign media—like the Calcutta *Telegraph*.) [7273, 7274, 7275, 7277, 7279, 7289, 7290, 7291, 7310, 7311, 7312, 7313, 7314, 7324, 7334, 7336, 7361, 7362, 7470]

BizPacReview.com reports, “The woman who launched an online campaign of bullying and veiled threats against Internet sensation CJ Pearson, frightening the young conservative’s family enough to drive the boy briefly out of politics late last week, has been identified as a ‘top Democratic activist’ from Baltimore. And the Pearson family is planning to press charges. According to a Facebook posting Sunday by Ali A. Akbar of Vice and Victory, a consulting firm that works with CJ, the woman behind the Twitter account ‘Mona Hussein Obama’ is actually named Mona Brown. ‘What she did was against the law,’ Akbar said on the video, vowing to ‘expose a troll, a bully, a grown adult and top Democrat activist in Maryland for bullying a 12-year-old.’” (Pearson, a young black boy, has become popular for his articulate defense of conservative views and his criticism of Obama.) Brown apparently could not allow that to continue, threatened violence, and tweeted, “Wish we could switch Trayvon’s life for yours.” [77801, 77802]

On *On the Record*, Donald Trump says, “I will say that I love the Republican Party [but] I think they’re making tremendous mistakes. I think they’re far too weak on immigration, I think they’re weak on a lot of things. I watched Jeb Bush. I think it’s pathetic what’s going on, his stance on Common Core. He’s in favor of Washington educating your children. His weak stance on immigration—he said it’s [illegal immigration is] an act of love. I mean what kind of stuff is that? It’s baby stuff.” (It is clear that the Republican

establishments wishes Trump would just go away. But it is making a dangerous mistake if it believes most voters disagree with Trump's stances on border security, Common Core education stances, and standing up to China. If the GOP does something foolish like exclude Trump from candidate debates, he may have a Reagan-like "I paid for that microphone" moment that boosts his popularity even further. The simple truth is that Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush vary little on the issues, and both will continue business as usual with the Treasury Department, Wall Street, and the Federal Reserve. If Trump gets mistreated and chooses to run as an independent, he may very well cause the GOP to lose the 2016 election to Clinton. The Republicans would be wise to pay attention to what drives Americans to support Trump. If they do not understand what is happening, they deserve to lose.) [77770]

Wayne Allyn Root, who attended Columbia University at the same time as Obama and says not one of the political science students with whom he attended class have any recollection of Obama, explains "Why Obama and Hillary Must Stop Donald Trump at All Costs." Root writes, "NEVER in all my years in politics, have I seen anything like the way the mad dogs of hell have been unleashed on Donald Trump. When white extremist David Dukes ran for Governor of Louisiana even he wasn't treated with this kind of outrage, vitriol and disrespect. When a known fraud, scam artist and tax cheat like Al Sharpton ran for President, I never saw anything remotely close to this. The over-the-top reaction to Trump by politicians of both parties, the media and the biggest corporations of America has been so swift and insanely angry that it suggests they are all threatened and frightened like never before. Why? Because David Duke was never going to win. Al Sharpton was never going to win. Ron Paul was never going to win. Ross Perot was never going to win as a third party candidate. None of those candidates had the billion dollars it takes to win the presidency. But Donald Trump can self fund that amount tomorrow... and still have another billion left over to pour into the last two week stretch run before election day. No matter how much they say to the contrary, the media, business and political elite understand that Donald Trump is no joke and could actually win and upset their nice cozy apple cart."

"It's no coincidence that everyone has gotten together to destroy Donald. No this is a coordinated conspiracy led by ...Obama himself. Obama himself is making the phone calls and giving the orders—the ultimate intimidator who plays by the rules of Chicago thug politics. Why is this so important to Obama? Because most of the other politicians are part of the 'old boys club.' They talk big, but in the end they won't change a thing. Why? Because they are all beholden to big money donors. They are all owned by lobbyists, unions, lawyers, gigantic environmental organizations, multi-national corporations like Big Pharma or Big Oil. Or they are owned lock stock and barrel by foreigners—like George Soros owns Obama, or foreign governments own Hillary with their Clinton Foundation donations. These run-of-the-mill establishment politicians are all puppets owned by big money. But one man—and only one man—isn't beholden to anyone. One man doesn't need foreigners, or foreign governments, or George Soros, or the United Autoworkers, or the Teachers Union, or the SEIU, or the Bar Association to fund his campaign. Billionaire tycoon and maverick Donald Trump doesn't need anyone's help. That means he doesn't care what the media says. He doesn't care what the

corporate elites think. That makes him very dangerous to the entrenched interests. That makes Trump a huge threat. Trump can ruin everything for the bribed politicians and their spoiled slave masters.”

“...The big money interests have the system gamed. Win or lose... they win. But Donald Trump doesn't play by any of these rules. Trump breaks up this nice cozy relationship between big government, big media and big business. All the rules are out the window if Donald wins the presidency. The other politicians will protect Obama and his aides. But not Donald. Remember Trump is the guy who publicly questioned Obama's birth certificate. He questioned Obama's college records and how a mediocre student got into an Ivy League university. Now he's doing something no Republican has the chutzpah to do- question our relationship with Mexico... question why the border is wide open... questioning why no wall has been built across the border... questioning if allowing millions of illegal aliens into America is in our best interests... questioning why so many illegal aliens commit violent crimes yet are not deported... questioning why our trade deals with Mexico, Russia and China are so bad. Donald Trump has the audacity to ask out loud why American workers always get the short end of the stick? *Good question.* ...Trump's election would be a nightmare. Obama has committed many crimes. No one else but Donald would dare to prosecute. Donald Trump will not hesitate. Once Donald gets in and gets a look at 'the cooked books' and Obama's records, the game is over. The gig is up. The goose is cooked. ...Trump will investigate. Trump will prosecute. Trump will go after everyone involved... just for fun. That will all happen on Trump's first day in the White House. Who knows what Donald will do on day #2? That's why the dogs of hell have been unleashed on Donald Trump. That's why we must all support Donald. This may be our only shot at saving America, uncovering the crimes committed against our nation and prosecuting all of those involved.” (Note: The *Timeline* is not endorsing any candidate. Root's statements are included because they are relevant to the reporting of the full Obama story.) [78287]

In an 18-minute interview with CNN's Brianna Keilar, Hillary Clinton is lobbed softball questions (with a lack of follow-up) that allow her to praise herself and criticize Republicans. (There are no questions about Benghazi.) Asked about attacks on her character, Clinton says, “This has been the theme that has been used against me and my husband for many, many years and, at the end of the day, I think voters sort it all out. I trust the American voter 100 percent. ...It is understandable that when questions are raised, people are thinking about them and wondering about them. But I have every confidence that during the course of this campaign, people are going to know who will fight for them, who will be there when they need them, and that's the kind of person I am, and that's what I will do, not only in a campaign but as president. ...People should and do trust me, and I have every confidence that will be the outcome of this election.” Of the Clinton Foundation, she says, “I think, for the good of the world, its work should continue.” Clinton says the Republicans “are all in the same general area on immigration. They don't want to provide a path to citizenship. They range across the spectrum of being either begrudgingly welcoming or hostile toward immigrants.” (In a February 2003 interview Clinton said, “...I am, you know, adamantly against illegal immigrants. ...And

people have to stop employing illegal immigrants.”) [77774, 77787, 77788, 77790, 77795, 77804, 77807, 77812]

To her credit, Keilar does ask Clinton about her having deleted emails “while facing a subpoena”—but then fails to follow up when Clinton lies, saying, “I’ve never had a subpoena. There’s nothing, again. Let’s take a deep breath here. Everything I did was permitted by law and regulation.” (Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the House Select Committee Benghazi, responds, “The committee has issued several subpoenas, but I have not sought to make them public. I would not make this one public now, but after Secretary Clinton falsely claimed the committee did not subpoena her, I have no choice in order to correct the inaccuracy.”) [77816, 77818, 77821, 77822, 77849, 77850, 77851, 77854, 77856, 77878]

Republican candidate Carly Fiorina later comments, “Hillary Clinton managed not to answer any substantive questions during that interview. And she wasn’t even asked about her track record as Secretary of State.” [77774]

Even interviewer Brianna Keilar later admits, “I heard [Clinton] not engaging on the issue of Bernie Sanders. He’s a self-described Democratic Socialist and I asked her why is garnering this support and enthusiasm you don’t seem to among Democrats. She wouldn’t engage on that.” (Clinton “wouldn’t engage” on that and other questions because Keilar did not ask probing follow-up questions.) [77799]

At Politico.com Dylan Byers writes, “The first national interview of Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign did not go well. She dodged questions about Bernie Sanders’ appeal, refused to say whether she would seek to raise taxes, dismissed data showing that the majority of Americans don’t trust her, and was repeatedly forced to defend her lack of transparency at both the State Department and the Clinton Foundation. ... [Interviewer Keilar] hardly pressed Clinton to answer the questions she was dodging and rushed from topic to topic. ... There are almost 500 days left till Election Day; if [Clinton] is serious about ‘doing a lot more press,’ she’ll need to come up with a better strategy than ‘dodge and defend.’” [77805]

At Breitbart.com John Nolte describes the interview “as something scripted between the left-wing cable news network and the Clinton campaign.” He notes that “Keilar asked some of the right questions but then allowed Hillary to answer them with soundbites, platitudes, and half-truths. There were no follow ups, no digging into the details, and not a single question Hillary could not have expected, planned for, and rehearsed the answer for.” The interview “came off as a scripted effort at political rehabilitation, not the tense, difficult, precise, unrelenting interview it should have been. here is no question Hillary knew all these questions were coming, so she had her canned answers ready. Rather than throw Clinton off her talking points with facts, details, and tough follow-ups Clinton didn’t expect, Keilar would just move on to the next expected question and the next canned answer and the next expected question and the next canned answer. ... The entire interview was scripted to do 8 very important things: Allow Hillary to pretend she’s answered ‘all the scandal questions.’ Humanize Hillary. Keep the Trump story alive.

Bloody Republicans. Not mention Benghazi. No unexpected questions Hillary wasn't ready for. Put no pressure on Hillary. Not trip Hillary up. Number 8 is the most important. At all times Hillary must look in control and in command, while Republicans are made to feckless and on defense. No wonder the Clinton campaign hand-picked Breilar [sic] to do the interview." [77813]

On July 8, *Face the Nation's* John Dickerson says on *CBS This Morning* that the voters "need to find [Hillary Clinton] trustworthy on the questions of is she going to fight for them. Is she going to have their interests at heart when she's in office? The questions of trust that surround her at the moment are related to her e-mail system that she set up privately outside of the State Department and also there have been some questions about the Clinton Foundation and the campaign's argument is that voters don't have to trust her on those things. They need to just trust her on the bread and butter stuff and we'll see if that turns out to be true." (In other words, "Being a liar who cannot be trusted won't prevent Clinton from being elected if the voters think she will lie and be distrustful on their behalf.") [77858]

Hundreds of United Airlines planes are delayed for about two hours because of computer problems. [77779, 77789]

Amid huge stock sell-offs in China and a plunging Dow Jones Industrial Average, the New York Stock Exchange stops trading after "technical glitches." (The previous evening, the radical group "Anonymous" tweeted, "Wonder if tomorrow is going to be bad for Wall Street... we can only hope.") [77789, 77810, 77817, 77825, 77853]

Microsoft announces it will slash up to 7,800 jobs, mostly in its cell phone business. (Microsoft made a monumental blunder when it bought Nokia for \$9.5 billion.) Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) tells DailyCaller.com, "Microsoft has shed roughly one-fifth of its workforce in the past couple years, and yet Microsoft, perhaps more than any other major U.S. company, has claimed it suffers from a shortage of capable American workers and must therefore import more H-1B foreign guest workers." [79108, 79109]

Author and columnist Michelle Malkin notes that in addition to sanctuary cities, there are also sanctuary churches that are shielding illegal immigrants and "brazenly thumbing their noses at our immigration laws. ...In Northeast Portland, Ore., the Augustana Lutheran Church is shielding illegal alien Francisco Aguirre-Velasquez after he committed drunk driving and drug crimes and violated deportation rules. In Tucson, Ariz., illegal alien Daniel Neyoy Ruiz took open, public refuge at Southside Presbyterian Church and then First Christian Church to avoid deportation. Fellow illegal alien Rosa Robles Loreto has been living at First Christian for nearly a year. ...In Chicago, illegal alien Elvira Arellano settled at the United Methodist Church of Adalberto for a year before finally being ejected back to Mexico. Last year, the serial law-breaker somehow returned to the Windy City to protest her status 'in the shadows.' The Catholic Church has been at the forefront of the 1960s-era sanctuary movement, with top officials openly promoting immigration anarchy and lawlessness among their flock in the name of 'humanity' and 'compassion.'" [77780]

“As I’ve long noted, it’s one thing to show compassion to legal immigrants, legitimate refugees and asylees, and those abused and mistreated by smugglers. It’s quite another to conspire against an orderly immigration and entrance system that imposes common-sense limits, eligibility requirements, criminal background checks, medical screening and a commitment to assimilation. Catholic groups have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to building shelters for illegal aliens from Central America and way stations in southern Mexico. ...Capitol Hill’s abdication of its duties to protect and defend our borders is bad enough. But if people of faith choose to sit silently as a ‘new sanctuary movement’ of tax-exempt houses of worship defiantly and recklessly undermines our immigration laws, our national sovereignty doesn’t have a prayer.” [77780]

Donald Trump tweets, “I will be in California this weekend making a speech for Clint Eastwood. Then to Arizona and Vegas. Big crowds. Discussing illegals & more!” (Trump will meet with the families of several people killed by illegal immigrants.) [77951, 77952, 77963, 77976]

At Townhall.com Ben Shapiro comments on Obama’s statement, “Ideologies are not defeated by guns. They’re defeated with better ideas.” Shapiro writes, “[W]hat did Obama actually mean? It simply lacks credibility to read [Obama’s] comments at face value: No sentient human being could be this dull. He meant that ideologies aren’t defeated by American guns, because American guns are backed by American ideas. And American ideas are [to Obama] by nature bad, evil, racist, xenophobic, homophobic, centophobic, and, presumably, arachnophobic. ...When it comes to fighting the ideology of ISIS, however, Obama finds Americanism insufficient, since Americanism creates ISIS ideology through Islamophobia. That’s why Americans with guns can’t defeat ISIS, says Obama: Americans with guns create ISIS. Only internationalism can win the day! So far, that internationalism has been a massive failure. Of course, internationalism is always a massive failure, because it isn’t an idea, any more than ‘diplomacy’ is an idea. Both are tools, to be used by those who actually have something to say, something to fight for. But ...Obama despises traditional Americans who have something to say or fight for. They are the problem. He is the cure. And he would rather disarm those Americans and their rotten ideas than let them loose with guns against those who slaughter babies. ...Give Obama this: He didn’t lie to us. 66 million Americans blinded themselves to his ideology, proving conclusively that bad ideologies are not always defeated by better ideas. Sadly, Obama’s own rotten-to-the-core ideology continues to win victories, and the world continues to lose because of it.” [77781]

Also at Townhall.com, Katie Pavlich reports, “Republicans on the Senate Judiciary and Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest have sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson demanding to know why federal law enforcement agencies are enabling sanctuary cities to harbor dangerous, criminal illegal aliens through the Priority Enforcement Program. They also accuse DHS of endangering and playing ‘Russian roulette’ with American lives. ...Earlier this year ICE Director Sarah Saldana begged Congress to clarify the law, or implement new ones, to make it mandatory for cities to comply with federal immigration laws and ICE detainer

notices for violent criminal aliens. Shortly after making the desperate request and after open border activists scolded her for doing so, Saldana changed her position. [Saldana was no doubt also pressured by higher ups in the Obama administration, perhaps then-Attorney General Eric Holder or the White House itself.] The Department of Homeland Security has released more than 50,000 criminal aliens, some of whom have murder and rape convictions, onto American streets over the past four years. There are more than 200 sanctuary cities in the United States.” [77783, 77784, 77845, 77848]

The *San Francisco Chronicle*'s Carla Marinucci reports that San Francisco sheriff Ross Mirkarimi, a sanctuary city proponent, was once the spokesman for leftist Matt Gonzalez—the lawyer who is representing Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, the killer of Kathryn Steinle. Additionally, Gonzalez has called for illegal immigrants to be allowed to vote in city elections. Gonzalez was presidential candidate Ralph Nader's running mate in 2008. [77791, 77792, 77793]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A federal judge in the district court of South Texas has ordered top officials with the Department of Homeland Security—including Secretary Jeh Johnson—to appear in person in his court in Brownsville next month to show why they should not be held in contempt for violating an injunction issued against ...Obama's executive amnesty order. Andrew Hanen issued the rare order on Tuesday in the latest court filing for a lawsuit filed to halt ...Obama's executive amnesty order. Obama announced the action on Nov. 20. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, then the state's attorney general, filed the suit on Dec. 3. Hanen called the Obama administration's response to his Feb. 16 injunction ‘unacceptable’ and ‘unprofessional.’ He also stated that he is ‘shocked and surprised at the cavalier attitude the Government has taken’ towards it. ...Hanen says that the government must answer that question to his satisfaction by the end of the month or else appear in his court on Aug. 19. ‘Each individual Defendant must attend and be prepared to show why he or she should not be held in contempt of Court,’ Hanen ordered. ...‘In addition to the individual Defendants, the Government shall bring all relevant witnesses on this topic as the Court will not continue this matter to a later date,’ Hanen added.” [77794, 77862, 77924, 79167]

Dozens of House Democrats introduce the “Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Coverage Act,” which would, according to CNSNews.com, “provide taxpayer-funded abortion coverage to all women who are covered by an insurance plan through the federal government—including federal workers, military members, women incarcerated in federal prisons, and low-income women covered by Medicaid. ...The bill also mandates that all health care facilities that are contracted by the government provide abortion services.” [77937]

According to a Rasmussen survey, 53 percent of likely voters believe illegal immigration increases the level of serious crime in the United States; 5 percent say it decreases crime; 76 percent of Republicans believe illegal immigrants bring crime across the border; 33 percent of Democrats and 52 percent of independents agree. [77808, 77809]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A U.S. District Court judge handed the Washington Redskins its greatest loss yet in a legal battle over the team’s trademarks. Judge Gerald Bruce Lee ruled in favor of five Native Americans who argued that the Redskins trademark was derogatory. He found that the six trademarks at issue ‘consisted of matter that ‘may disparage’ a substantial composite of Native Americans.’ The cancellations of the six trademarks won’t take effect until the National Football League team has exhausted all of its options in the federal appeals process, which could take the case to the Supreme Court. The ruling does not prevent the team from using the contested designs and logos. ...Even if the team were to lose a future appeal, the loss of the federal trademark is more a symbolic blow than a fatal one. Legal experts have said the Redskins’ trademarks would still be protected under common law, and the team would be able to pursue legal action against anyone who used the logo or name without permission, for instance to make knockoff hats or jerseys.” [77811, 77865]

In Paris, a Muslim wielding a stick overturns tables at a restaurant and scolds patrons for daring to eat before sundown, rather than fast, during Ramadan. (Robert Spencer writes at JihadWatch.org, “It’s simple: in Muslim countries, non-Muslims must conform their behavior to suit Muslim sensibilities. In non-Muslim countries, non-Muslims must conform their behavior to suit Muslim sensibilities.” The French are not—yet—quite as persecuted as the Syrians, where ISIS militants have crucified and hung from electrical poles dozens of individuals who have violated the Ramadan fasting rules.) [77837, 77838, 77839]

Baltimore mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake fires police commissioner Anthony W. Batts. She says, “We need a change. This was not an easy decision but it is one that is in the best interest of Baltimore. The people of Baltimore deserve better and we’re going to get better.” (Whether Rawlings-Blake will resign because the people deserve a better mayor remains to be seen.) [77819, 77820, 77826, 77827]

DailyCaller.com identifies “Seven Of The Most Blatant Lies In Hillary’s CNN Interview.” They are: “People should and do trust me.” “I’m subjected to a ‘constant barrage of attacks that are largely fomented by and coming from the right.’” “I only used one device.” “I’ve never had a subpoena.” “I wanted to go above and beyond what was expected of me.” “Republican presidential candidates are all ‘in the same general area on immigration.’” “I’m going to be telling the American people what I propose [on tax increases].” [77864]

DCWhispers.com writes, “The path is being paved in real-time at this very moment and is apparently set to be unleashed ‘very soon.’ An all out assault upon the Trump organization by Obama/Jarrett-approved operatives within the Mainstream Media to both humiliate and weaken the Republican candidate for his recent demand that something be done to secure the southern border. From a D.C. Whispers source: ‘Donald Trump [had] better be ready because the rumor that began late yesterday and now even more today is that they (the Obama administration) are preparing a full investigation of his hiring practices. They likely already have illegals ready and willing to cooperate with them (the government and already chosen media) and the end result will be a permanent black eye

on the entirety of the Trump organization. He's a wealthy man, but that wealth is a drop in the bucket when compared to the power of the U.S. government and its media machine. Trump is in big-big trouble. They want to destroy him. It seems to have become very personal with them. He has threatened decades of effort in changing the face of the voting public. Another five years, ten at most, and conservatism will be an insignificant minority throughout most the country. Republicans will be an arm of the Democratic Party meant only to keep up the appearance of a choice. There will be no choice. There already is hardly one now. Donald Trump is disrupting that dynamic and they won't stand for it. The countdown to his demise begins now." [77823]

Trump's companies have many employees, and it would not be surprising if it is demonstrated that some of them are illegal immigrants. (Some may work as maids at his hotels, for example.) But it is unclear why a revelation of something like that would hurt Trump much. (It is not his fault if individuals he hires use stolen Social Security numbers and lie about their citizenship when they apply for jobs.) All Trump need do in response is say, "Okay, thank you Mr. Obama and the media for identifying those illegals. I will immediately see to it that they are fired, and I expect the Department of Homeland Security to immediately deport them. I will then expect the Obama administration and the media to go after every other employer in the nation that may have one or more illegal immigrant employees, identify those employees, and deport them." [77830, 77832]

In addition, Trump has threatened to sue chef Jose Andres, who is apparently backing out of an agreement to open a restaurant in a hotel Trump is building in Washington, D.C. At WhiteHouseDossier.com Keith Koffler notes a statement from Donald Trump, Jr.: "Our relationship with Jose Andres has always been a good one, but simply put, Jose has no right to terminate or otherwise abandon his obligations under the lease. In the event Mr. Andres defaults in the performance of his obligations, we will not hesitate to take legal action to recover all unpaid rent for the entire 10 year term together with all attorneys' fees and additional damages we may sustain. We will also enforce the exclusivity provisions preventing Mr. Andres from opening a competing restaurant anywhere in the D.C area. Mr. Andres' obligations under the lease are clear and unambiguous." [77831]

Meanwhile, according to the latest Public Policy Polling survey in North Carolina, "Donald Trump's momentum just keeps on building. He's the top choice of Republican primary voters in the state, getting 16% to 12% for Jeb Bush and Scott Walker, 11% for Mike Huckabee, 9% for Ben Carson and Marco Rubio, 7% for Rand Paul, 6% for Ted Cruz, 5% for Chris Christie, 4% for Carly Fiorina, 2% for Rick Perry, 1% each for Lindsey Graham, Bobby Jindal, and Rick Santorum, and less than 1% each for John Kasich and George Pataki. Trump's favorability rating in North Carolina is 55/32 [55 percent favorable/32 percent unfavorable], much higher than we were finding in national polls prior to his entry into the race. Trump's really caught fire with voters on the far right—66% of 'very conservative' voters see him favorably to only 24% with a negative view of him. Trump is polling particularly well with younger voters (29%) and men (20%)." In a match-up with Hillary Clinton, Trump trails by only three percentage points, 47/43. [77828, 77855, 77867]

In an NBC interview, Katy Tur asks Trump, “International diplomacy is a delicate thing. You have to watch what you say, and how can anybody expect that you’re going to be able to get to the White House and watch your mouth when you’re so widely panned for these Mexico comments. How are you going to be able to hold your tongue and not piss off other countries... and not anger other countries?” Trump responds, “So I will tell you this. I’ve made a lot of money against China. I’ve made a lot of money in all of these countries. I have great relationships with these countries. If you take a look at what’s going on in terms of relationship with the United States, everybody hates us. Hillary Clinton was the worst Secretary of State in the history of the United States. Hillary was the worst in the history of the United States, there’s never been a Secretary of State so bad as Hillary. The world blew up around us. We lost everything, including all relationships. There wasn’t one good thing that came out of that administration or her being Secretary of State. I have great relationships. If you look at *Business Week* magazine, they did a story on the ten things that China most wants. One of the ten things, anything Trump. Anything trump. and I’m the toughest critic there is on China. People have to respect you. China, Mexico—we don’t have a good relationship with Mexico. look at Sergeant [Andrew] Tahmoore. He goes over there, and they put him in jail. We didn’t... even have people that knew how to talk to him. Finally he came out long after he should have been out. It was a disgrace.” Tur: “What do you think about Hillary Clinton as a president? If she wins the nomination—” Trump: “I think Hillary would be a terrible president. She was the worst Secretary of State in the history of our nation. Why would she be a good president? I think she’d be a terrible president.” [77829, 77860]

Former Arizona governor Jan Brewer tells CNN’s Don Lemon, “I believe that Mr. Trump is kind of telling it like it really, truly is. You know, being the governor of the gateway of illegal immigration for six years, we had to deal with a lot of things. I think that the people of Arizona realize that we picked up the tab for the majority of the violence that comes across to our border with regards to the drug cartels, the smugglers, the drop houses. It has been horrendous. And, of course, they come through Arizona and therefore, end up in other states and go throughout the country. ...I just know what I have lived through, being resident and governor of the State of Arizona, that we have a horrendous problem. And we’ve got an illegal immigration problem in our country. And I think the people overwhelmingly understand and realize that. And we have to find a solution, and that solution is getting our border secured so we can deal with the other issues. ...Why is it that we want to not look at the fact that people are illegal? They’re coming into our country illegally. And along with the immigrants [who] are coming for work, there are others [who] are coming for criminal reasons. And they let them go and they let them go and they let them go and deport them, and then they come right back and commit other crimes. ...I will tell you, earnestly, I believe that with all the issues that all of this illegal immigration has caused in this country, if we don’t get the border secured, we’re never going to find a solution. We’re never going to find a solution.” [77866]

Politico.com reports, “The House has passed a partisan bill to update the No Child Left Behind education law that would maintain annual testing in schools but reduce the federal role in identifying and fixing failing schools. The White House has threatened to veto the Republicans’ bill, which House Democrats widely opposed because they say it

abdicates the federal government's role in protecting historically underserved groups of children. Backers said the bill, which passed 218 to 213, would give much needed relief and flexibility to states and districts. The focus now shifts to the Senate, where lawmakers continue debate on a bipartisan bill to update the President George W. Bush-era law.”

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) tweets, “My father said we have to stay away from the three evils: poverty, racism, militarism and violence.” (Confusing four for three may explain why the national debt is in excess of \$18 trillion.) [77852]

On *Hannity*, retired Air Force Lieutenant General Thomas McInerney says Obama “has no intention of defeating ISIS, because, if we could defeat 600,000 troops of Saddam Hussein in Desert Storm in 43 days of an air campaign and 100 hours of a ground campaign, why can't we defeat 30,000 to 40,000 ISIS irregulars? They are, no question, ruthless, but the fact is we can defeat them if we want. We have elected not to.” [77938]

On July 9 FoxNews.com reports that Obama “is facing bipartisan criticism for hosting Vietnam's Communist Party boss at the White House this week, given the government's ‘deplorable’ human rights record and ‘authoritarian’ one-party system. [Obama] met Tuesday [July 7] with Nguyen Phu Trong, head of Vietnam's Communist Party. ...But the meeting, coming after the administration took yet another step to normalize relations with Communist Cuba, rubbed many on Capitol Hill the wrong way.” Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam, states, “I am disappointed that the administration has chosen to host Nguyen Phu Trong. As an advocate for human rights in Vietnam I cannot ignore the dismal state of freedom of the press and freedom of speech.” [77833]

Banks in Greece remain closed. CNBC.com reports, “Two senior Athens bankers said the country had only enough cash to keep ATMs supplied until the middle of next week.” (On June 30 Greece defaulted on a 1.5 billion euro payment to the International Monetary Fund. A 3.5 billion euro payment is due the European Central Bank on July 20.) [77842, 77843, 77846]

The Wisconsin state legislature approves a budget that slashes University of Wisconsin funding and repeals tenure guarantees. According to DailyCaller.com, “The two-year, \$73 billion budget... makes a host of changes Walker has sought in the realm of education. Wisconsin's school voucher program is expanded, and \$250 million in funding is taken from the University of Wisconsin. That's down from the \$300 million cut Walker originally sought, but still a substantial haircut. ...About 400 [university] positions will be laid off or will go unfilled, and the university budgets no money for pay hikes. The school's situation is made tougher because the legislature has also frozen in-state tuition. While academics have accused Walker of sabotaging the school's competitiveness, Walker has refused to yield, arguing that professors should be teaching more classes.” [77987]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells reporters, “We’re here because we believe we are making real progress [in the Iranian nuclear negotiations]. We will not rush and we will not be rushed.” (No one should be surprised if the deadline for an agreement is extended *again*.) [77861, 77863]

Apparently because Congress has nothing better to do, Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-CA) and several dozen of her fellow Democrats propose legislation to remove the words “husband” and “wife” from all federal laws. [77924, 77940, 77969]

Michelle Obama hosts a “tribal youth gathering” at the White House. She tells the native American attendees, “Today, on issues like conservation and climate change, we are finally beginning to embrace the wisdom of your ancestors.” (Where Obama gets the idea that native Americans were environmentalists is not clear. Although they “lived off the land,” they also over-fished and over-hunted and had to keep moving in order to maintain their populations.) [77925]

At a House Committee on Science, Space and Technology hearing, Environmental Protection Agency head Gina McCarthy is asked by Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), “What percentage of the atmosphere is CO₂?” FreeBeacon.com reports McCarthy’s response: “What percentage of the atmosphere is CO₂? I don’t have that calculation for you sir.” Rohrabacher: “You’re the head of the EPA and you don’t know—you’ve based all of these laws based on—oh, you’re going to get your staffer to tell you now. But you’re the head of the EPA and you did not know what percentage and now are basing policies that impact dramatically on the American people and you didn’t even know what the content of CO₂ in the atmosphere was, which is the justification for the very policies you’re talking about.” Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) observes, “These [Clean Power Plan] regulations stifle economic growth, destroy American jobs, and increase energy prices. That means everything will cost more—from electricity to gasoline to food, which disproportionately hurts low income Americans. Even EPA data shows that this regulation would reduce sea level rise by only 1/100th of an inch, the thickness of three sheets of paper. This rule represents massive costs without significant benefits. In other words, it’s all pain and no gain.” [77877, 77912]

FBI Director James Comey tells Congress “we do not” have a way to decipher many of the encrypted ISIS messages on the Internet. “We are stopping these things [domestic terrorist attacks] so far, through tremendous hard work, the use of sources, the use of online undercovers [undercover agents], but it is incredibly difficult. I cannot see me stopping these [terrorist plots] indefinitely.” Comey also claims that because of recent arrests made by the agency, “I do believe that our work disrupted efforts to kill people, likely in connection with July 4.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Imagine what they are not telling us...”) [77841, 77880, 77893, 77898, 77899, 77911]

Politico.com reports that the children of Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will attend an expensive private school in Chicago starting in the fall, as a result of his wife Karen accepting a job in that city. Duncan will remain in Washington, D.C. and commute to Chicago on the weekends. (Before accepting his cabinet position with the Obama

administration, Duncan was head of the Chicago Public School system—which is apparently not good enough for his own children. Duncan supports the federal Common Core standards—but will send his own children to a private school that does not follow them.) [77868]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Federal officials admitted Thursday that [Chinese] hackers got the most sensitive personal information from more than 21 million Americans, further raising the stunning estimate of damage from the cyber intrusion, which has caused chaos at the government’s main human resources agency. Any individual who underwent a background investigation from 2000 onward is likely affected, the Office of Personnel Management [OPM] admitted, and nearly 2 million people who never applied but were spouses or lived with applicants also had their data stolen, the agency said. Hackers got Social Security numbers, home locations, educational history details, information about applicants’ family members, health and financial history, the OPM admitted.” (OPM refers to the hacking and theft of information as “data exfiltration.”) “...The admissions heightened calls from congressional Republicans that OPM Director Katherine Archuleta and her chief technology officer, Donna Seymour, be fired.” [77870, 77871, 77872, 77873, 77874, 77875, 77879, 77913, 77917, 77918, 77929, 78031, 78885]

This would be the same Archuleta who in 2012 ridiculed Mitt Romney for having “little understanding of what’s going on in the 21st century.” In a 2011 debate Romney warned, “China is stealing our intellectual property—our patents, our designs, our know-how, our brand names. They’re hacking into our computers, stealing information from not only corporate computers, but from government computers. And they’re manipulating their currency.” It appears that Romney’s grasp of reality is much greater than Archuleta’s. (Archuleta was an Obama political appointee. She was not hired for her competence or experience. At DailySignal.com, former OPM chief of staff Paul Conway later writes, “Archuleta ignored repeated written warnings from OPM Inspector General Patrick McFarland regarding the vulnerability to cyber attack of key personnel IT systems. ...The real issue raised by the cyber attacks on OPM is that neither Obama nor his White House team prioritized the personnel suitability and security clearance mission performed by OPM. So, not surprisingly, neither did former OPM Director Katherine Archuleta. Crisis brings a laser focus to the abject and total failure of a presidential appointment.”) [77870, 77871, 77872, 77873, 77874, 77875, 77879, 77913, 77917, 77918, 77929, 78031, 78885]

At his confirmation hearing, General Joseph Dunford (who is set to be the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) tells the Senate Armed Services Committee, “Russia presents the greatest threat to our national security. ...If you want to talk about a nation that could pose an existential threat to the United States, I would have to point to Russia. And if you look at their behavior, it’s nothing short of alarming.” (Mitt Romney was widely ridiculed for saying in a 2012 presidential debate that Russia “is without question our number one geopolitical foe. They fight for every cause for the world’s worst actors. ...I’m saying in terms of a geopolitical opponent, the nation that lines up with the world’s worst actors [is Russia]. Of course the greatest threat that the world faces is a nuclear

Iran, and a nuclear North Korea is already troubling enough. But when these terrible actors pursue their course in the world and we go to the United Nations looking for ways to stop them... who is it that always stands up with the world's worst actors? It's always Russia, typically with China alongside. And so in terms of a geopolitical foe, a nation that's on the Security Council that has the heft of the Security Council, and is of course a massive nuclear power, Russia is the geopolitical foe." Dunford apparently agrees with Romney.) Meanwhile, U.S. Air Force Secretary Deborah James tells Reuters, "I do consider Russia to be the biggest threat." [77876, 77889, 77916, 77936]

At TheHill.com Jon Feere, legal policy analyst at the Center for Immigration Studies, writes, "Every journalist who wrote about Trump's immigration comments but who ignores [Kathryn] Steinle's killing doesn't deserve to be called a journalist. Over Twitter, I asked *Chicago Tribune* columnist John Chapman, who wrote a piece headlined 'Trump and the Myth of Immigrant Crime,' published a day after Steinle's killing, whether he was going to cover the killing. His response: 'It proves as much about undocumented Mexicans as John Lennon's murder proves about white guys named Chapman.' I responded: 'So that's a no? A record in multiple states, Border Patrol & ICE failures, freed by a sanctuary policy—it's a huge story.' No response. For amnesty advocates, Steinle is just a statistic to be ignored. ...As for the activist groups, they're less calculating than the politicians and consequently reveal the mindset of the pro-sanctuary crowd. Three groups—California Immigrant Policy Center, National Day Labor Organizing Network and Asian Americans Advancing Justice—have worked closely with San Francisco to advance their goal of getting 'ICE Out of California.' They and their allies have littered Twitter with their mantra on deportations: #Not1More." [77881]

Those who believe that near-unrestricted immigration does not cause problems should note a BBC report that "More than 11,000 cases of so-called [Islamic] honour crime[s] were recorded by UK police forces from 2010-14... The figures revealed 11,744 incidences of these crimes between 2010 and 2014, consisting of data from 39 out of 52 police forces in the UK. They included forced marriage and female genital mutilation (FGM)." (The actual figures are certainly much higher, because much of the violence within Muslim families, such as spousal abuse, goes unreported.) [77900, 77901]

Police in Hartford, Michigan arrest 23-year-old Aurelio Hernandez-Gomez, an illegal immigrant, and charge him with kidnapping and raping a 13-year-old Florida girl. Breitbart.com reports, "Florida authorities plan to charge him with interference with child custody and felony kidnapping, according to WZZM 13, after Michigan ships him back to Polk County, Florida at an unspecified date. U.S. Immigration Customs and Enforcement has been notified, but it's unclear how they will proceed. Hernandez-Gomez hails from Chiapas, Mexico, where the sexual age of consent is 12." [78046, 78080]

In Iraq, ISIS executes five women and their children after the mothers refuse to allow those children to become child soldiers. [77956]

On *The View*, a member of the panel named Raven-Symone Christina Pearman says Donald Trump "is sucking up the air for everyone. He knows how to manipulate the

industry and I'm that person who thinks that he was put there by, maybe Republicans or Democrats, as a mole to just get people's opinions and stir stuff up so we don't talk about the issue. ...Doesn't anyone find it interesting that this [killing of Kathryn Steinle] happened as soon as Trump started to talk about this? He [killer Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez] randomly found a gun from a federal agent?" (Pearman's comments are nonsensical. Trump's comments have prompted *more* discussion of the issue of illegal immigrants, not less. She does not elaborate on how Lopez-Sanchez was somehow magically persuaded to kill Steinle so that he could spend the rest of his life in jail for some unknown "cause.") [77931, 77962]

The British government warns all of its citizens who are vacationing in Tunisia to leave. British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond states, "While we do not have any information suggesting a specific or imminent threat, since the attack in Sousse the intelligence and threat picture has developed considerably leading us to the view that a further terrorist attack is highly likely." (Some might argue that evacuating several thousand Brits en masse would provide a tempting target for terrorists—buses full of foreigners heading to the airport.) [77907, 77908]

According to Breitbart.com, entertainment manager Scooter Braun will host a fundraiser for Hillary Clinton on August 6. Braun's clients include Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande, a singer who made headlines for licking a doughnut she did not buy (apparently responding to a dare but not realizing she was being recorded) and saying, "I hate Americans. I hate America." [77933, 77934, 77935]

A planned July 11 Donald Trump appearance in Arizona will be moved to the Phoenix Convention Center in order to accommodate a much larger crowd. (Although many Americans are jumping on the Trump bandwagon on the basis of his anti-illegal immigration comments, they may decide to abandon him once they learn more about his position on issues. As an example, Trump has supported a fully government-run health system. He also once supported "a one-time, 14.25 percent tax on [the assets of] individuals and trusts with a net worth over \$ 10 million.") [77883, 77884, 77885, 77954, 77955]

With 15 percentage points, Trump leads all GOP candidates in a July 4-6 poll conducted by The Economist/YouGov. Behind him are Jeb Bush (11 percent), Senator Rand Paul (11), Scott Walker (9), Marco Rubio (9), Mike Huckabee (9), Ben Carson (7), Chris Christie (6), Ted Cruz (4), Carly Fiorina (3), Rick Perry (2), John Kasich (2), and Lindsey Graham (1). [77887, 77888, 77922, 77930, 77941]

At WND.com Art Moore writes, "Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio's acknowledgment in a radio interview last weekend that he is still investigating ...Obama's birth certificate has prompted a question from people who continue to follow the controversy. What ever happened to the 'universe-shattering' revelation promised by the sheriff's lead investigator, Mike Zullo, in late 2013? Reached by telephone, Zullo told WND in an interview his Cold Case Posse team commissioned by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office must resolve three legal issues before the new evidence can be revealed regarding

the validity of the document posted online by the White House in 2011 as Obama's birth certificate and a subsequent investigation of its origin. 'We've cleared two, and the last one is problematic,' Zullo said of the legal hurdles. 'If we can't clear it, it may preclude this information from ever reaching the light of day. It may prevent me from ever disclosing what this is. But it does not mean we are not cultivating new evidence.' ...Zullo said lawmakers have told him they will not look into the matter or that they would be prevented from examining it if they tried." (Zullo does not explain what two issues were "cleared," or why the third cannot be discussed.) [77886, 77945]

Moore also writes, "The temporary shutdown Wednesday of New York Stock Exchange trading, United Airlines flights, the Wall Street Journal website and other U.S. business activity likely was the result of a major cyberattack from China, according to a cyberwarfare intelligence analyst who contracts with the U.S. government and a chief investment officer who consults daily with cyber intelligence sources. The New York Stock Exchange claimed the problem that caused a halt to stock trading for more than three hours was an 'internal technical issue' and 'not the result of a cyber breach,' while a Department of Homeland Security told CNN there is 'no sign of malicious activity' at the NYSE or with the earlier outage experienced by United Airlines. But the intel analyst, who has sources throughout China and around the world and asked not to be named for security reasons, said that on its face, the confluence of 'glitches' doesn't add up to coincidence. 'I have been in this business way too long to believe in coincidences. I hear such a thing may happen, but I have never seen one. ...The odds of failure of three systems like this, simultaneously, are in the trillions to one. ...Mathematically it is possible, but it is also possible for the sun to turn bright red.'" [77909]

CIA analyst Peter Pry, director of the congressional advisory Task Force on National and Homeland Security, questions the official explanation for the NYSE shutdown. He tells Moore, "Are they telling the truth? Industry likes to think that denial will help make the threats go away. They do not like to admit vulnerability to the public or to the government, which undermines consumer confidence and invites regulation. On the other hand, if NYSE is telling the truth, and the cyber breakdowns are not malicious, just a consequence of incompetence, this is even worse." [77909]

On *The Kelly File*, Megyn Kelly excoriates Obama for having made no public statement about the killing of Kathryn Steinle by an illegal immigrant and sending no officials to her funeral. Kelly says, "Surrounded by friends and family, it does not appear at this hour that anyone from the Obama administration was in attendance. ...Kate's murder has since exploded into a national debate on illegal immigrants, sanctuary cities, and crime, with the White House ducking the issue of its own acquiescence in these cities' decision[s] to flout the federal immigration laws which were duly enacted. When asked repeatedly this week to speak to this case, White House spokesman Josh Earnest declined to weigh in... A stark contrast to what we saw after Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson, Missouri, a man we now know was attacking a police officer at the time of his death. His funeral saw three Obama officials in attendance, his death drew comments from ...Obama personally, and the administration also sent in the DOJ [Department of Justice] and 40 FBI agents, dispatched to Missouri after Michael Brown was killed. Where is the swarm of agents in

San Francisco? Then there was Freddie Gray in Baltimore, a repeat drug offender who was killed in police custody. Here again, his funeral was attended by three Obama administration officials. And again, [Obama] spoke personally to Freddy Gray's death, and again sent the DOJ in to investigate. When Trayvon Martin was killed in Florida, the president spoke to his death, which was later ruled to be in self-defense. But Kate Steinle? Nothing. No comments, no swarm of FBI agents, no DOJ investigation. Nothing. Why?" [77942, 77944]

The answer to Megyn Kelly's question is that Obama was simply not outraged by the killing of Steinle, and he saw no political gain from making a comment. If there is nothing in it for him or his agenda, he will not act. After the killing of Trayvon Martin, Obama stated, "When I think about this boy, I think about my own kids. I think every parent in America should be able to understand why it is absolutely imperative that we investigate every aspect of this. And that everybody pull together, federal state and local, to figure out exactly how this tragedy happened. ... Obviously, this is a tragedy. I can only imagine what these parents are going through. All of us have to do some soul searching to figure out how something like this has happened." [30497, 30499, 30509, 30510, 30513, 30514, 30516, 30518, 30532, 30534, 30557, 30559, 30563, 30564, 30568, 30598, 30649, 30680, 30681]

After the killing of Michael Brown, Obama called his death "heartbreaking" and stated, "Michelle and I send our deepest condolences to his family and his community at this very difficult time. As Attorney General [Eric] Holder has indicated, the Department of Justice is investigating the situation along with local officials, and they will continue to direct resources to the case as needed. I know the events of the past few days have prompted strong passions, but as details unfold, I urge everyone in Ferguson, Missouri, and across the country, to remember this young man through reflection and understanding. We should comfort each other and talk with one another in a way that heals, not in a way that wounds. Along with our prayers, that's what Michael and his family, and our broader American community, deserve." 62694, 62748, 62749, 62762, 62777, 62778, 62781, 62849]

After the death of Freddie Gray, Attorney General Loretta Lynch stated, "The Department of Justice stands ready to provide any assistance that might be helpful. The Civil Rights Division and the FBI have an ongoing, independent criminal civil rights investigation into the tragic death of Mr. Gray. We will continue our careful and deliberate examination of the facts in the coming days and weeks. The department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services has also been fully engaged in a collaborative review of the Baltimore City Police Department." Obama stated, "I think there are some communities that have to do some soul searching. But I think we, as a country, have to do some soul searching." [74934, 75030, 75031, 75032, 75042, 75177]

After the killing of Kathryn Steinle, Obama stated... nothing.

On July 10, one day after insisting she would remain in the job, Office of Personnel Management director Katherine "data exfiltration" Archuleta submits her resignation.

According to CNN, “Beth Cobert, currently the U.S. Chief Performance Officer and a deputy director at the Office of Management and Budget, will take over as acting director of OPM.” (CNN shamelessly shifts the blame for Archuleta’s incompetence from Obama, who appointed her to the position, to the Republicans, for having confirmed her. Apparently the White House defense is, “It’s the GOP’s fault for letting us get away with our incompetence.” In fact, most Republicans did oppose her confirmation. She got the job with the votes of Senate Democrats. The former teacher and “community leader” had no technical or security background, but was “the first Latina” to head the agency.) [77919, 77920, 77926, 77928, 77939, 77946, 78997]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama will visit Oklahoma’s El Reno Federal Correctional Institution on July 16, to “outline the unfairness in much of our criminal justice system, highlight bipartisan ideas for reform and lay out his ideas to make our country fairer, smarter and more cost effective while keeping the American people safe and secure.” (BizPacReview.com notes some reactions on Twitter: “On what charge?” “Picking out his cell?” and “Visiting to sign up new democrat voters?”) [77984]

The deadline for a nuclear agreement with Iran is extended once again, to July 13. According to Reuters, “The sides remain divided over issues that include a U.N. arms embargo on Iran which Western powers want to keep in place, access for inspectors to military sites in Iran and answers from Tehran over past activity suspected of military aims.” While Secretary of State John Kerry meets with Iranian negotiators in Vienna, tens of thousands of demonstrators in Tehran chant, “Down with America” and “Death of Israel” and burn Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in effigy. (Iranian president Hassan Rouhani leads the demonstrations.) [77921, 77957, 77958, 77991, 77996, 77997, 78121]

TPNN.com reports, “A homosexual man has filed a \$70 million lawsuit against Bible publishers Zondervan and Thomas Nelson, alleging that their version of the Bible that refers to homosexuality as a sin violates his constitutional rights and has caused him emotional distress.” (The Obama administration—at least so far—has no comment. Whether ABC’s George Stephanopoulos will ask a question about the issue in a Republican candidate debate remains to be seen.) [77932]

According to DailySignal.com, “An Obama administration official who faces questions surrounding potential conflicts of interest due to his work in the medical services field has been nominated to serve as head of the agency tasked with overseeing Obamacare. The White House announced yesterday Andy Slavitt’s nomination to permanently head the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Slavitt began working as the agency’s acting administrator after Marilyn Tavenner resigned in January. ...His appointment to the post was met with skepticism from Republicans in the House and Senate, as Slavitt worked as group vice president of OptumInsight/QSSI, a technology company, before taking the No. 2 post at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. ...Slavitt received an ethics waiver from the White House last year, which allowed him to begin working on matters involving OptumInsight/QSSI, his former company.” [77943, 79277]

According to DailyCaller.com, when Slavitt joined CMS “he was allowed to pocket tax-free, \$4.8 million from health industry stock including that of United Health Group.” If he is confirmed for the top CMS position, he will oversee “a massive bureaucracy of 165,000 employees that implements Obamacare, Medicare and Medicaid programs” and be responsible for “benefit payouts in excess \$1 trillion, according to the agency. ...Slavitt was ...at Optum when his company bought QSSI which was hired by CMS to help build the hub for the Obamacare website, Healthcare.gov. QSSI was later promoted to overall operator of the troubled website.” [78027, 79277]

WND.com reports, “A second charge of sodomy and sexual abuse has been filed against prominent ‘gay’-rights activist and Democratic Party fundraiser Terry Bean, a founder of the Human Rights Campaign.” (Bean was Obama’s number one fundraiser in Oregon.) [77947]

As South Carolina removes the Confederate flag from capitol grounds, Mohamed Elibiary—a Muslim who once served on the Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council—tweets, “The @POTUS is 100% correct here. The entire South, not just SC, will never be the same again. #AllahuAkbar #GodBless.” (Elibiary, a Muslim Brotherhood supporter who never should have been given the DHS position in the first place, was forced to resign after tweeting about the “inevitable” return of the caliphate.) [77948, 77949, 77950]

Politico.com observes that Obama “appears likely to lose—again—in the protracted legal fight over his executive actions on immigration. Two of the three appeals court judges who heard oral arguments Friday on the Obama administration’s immigration programs were skeptical about the legal merits of the directive, which could halt deportations for more than 4 million immigrants here illegally who have family ties in the United States. The chilly reception from the three-judge panel in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on whether Obama had legal authority to take such action seems to indicate that a lower court decision blocking the new programs would stay in place.” [77983]

ChristianPost.com reports, “Despite having family members to sponsor them, a group of 20 Chaldean Christians who fled ISIS have been detained for over four months at the Otay Detention Facility in San Diego. The large Chaldean community in Southern California are unhappy with the unexplained delays and are demanding their release. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) claim they are undermanned and face a backlog of cases but have offered little to the media about the prolonged detention of the Chaldean 20. Mark Arabo, an activist and spokesmen for the local Chaldean community says, ‘What we do know is that they are being held without a real reason.’ Arabo has pleaded with the highest levels of government demanding action for the group being held.” [78008, 78009, 78010, 79293, 79296]

Faith McDonnell, director of religious liberty at the Institute on Religion & Democracy tells *The Christian Post*, “The fact that these asylum seekers are Christians and not Muslim and potential members of ISIS or some other jihadist group (which, of course, we

don't discuss, anyway) does not make the 'processing' any easier. This follows the disturbing pattern that we have seen from the State Department of ignoring the particular targeting of Christians by ISIS, while giving preferential treatment for asylum to other groups with expedited processing—like Somalis, Iraqis, and Syrians, some of whom could very well be members of jihadist movements. ...These are Christians who fled for their lives, who have family members willing to sponsor them, and who, we can lay bets, will not shoot innocent young women in the back for fun, the way illegal immigrant Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez did.” [78008, 78009, 78010]

Pamela Geller writes, “The only thing more dangerous than the jihadists in our midst are their patrons and benefactors. The Obama administration has been and is importing hundreds of thousands of Muslims from jihad nations. No vetting for jihad is being done. The real victims of the global jihad are the Christians and religious minorities, they are not being offered refuge or asylum here in the US, or are held up by unspecified red tape, as in this case.” [78008,78009, 78010]

IntelNews.org reports, “A Patriot missile system stationed in Turkey by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was allegedly hacked by a remote source, according to reports. German magazine *Behörden Spiegel* said this week that the hacked missile system is owned and operated by the German Army. It was deployed along the Turkish-Syrian border in early 2013, after Ankara requested NATO assistance in protecting its territory from a possible spillover of the civil war in neighboring Syria. The Patriot surface-to-air missile system was initially built for the United States Army by American defense contractor Raytheon in the 1980s, but has since been sold to many of Washington's NATO allies, including Germany. The Patriot system consists of stand-alone batteries, each composed of six launchers and two radars. The radars, which are aimed at spotting and targeting incoming missiles, communicate with the launchers via a computer system. The latter was hijacked for a brief period of time by an unidentified hacker, said *Behörden Spiegel*, adding that the perpetrators of the electronic attack managed to get the missile system to 'perform inexplicable commands.' ...Shortly after the *Behörden Spiegel* article was published, the German Federal Ministry of Defense denied that Patriot missile systems under its command could be hacked. A Ministry spokesman told German newspaper *Die Welt* that the Ministry was not aware of any such incident having taken place in Turkey or elsewhere.” [77953]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, Bill and Hillary Clinton “have been ordered to give depositions in a civil case investigating the pair's growing email scandal. Mrs. Clinton will give her deposition on the morning of July 28 in Washington, and Mr. Clinton will give his the following morning, according to copies of the notices of deposition... The case, filed by Freedom Watch founder and former federal prosecutor Larry Klayman, alleges the couple committed criminal violations under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). According to a statement from Freedom Watch, the suit alleges Mrs. Clinton, the front-runner for the 2016 Democratic nomination, covered up these crimes by destroying her personal emails sent during her time as Secretary of State. Mr. Klayman alleges in his lawsuit that the Clintons—through mail and wire fraud, and various false statements—misappropriated documents that he requested under the

Freedom of Information concerning the Mrs. Clinton's involvement in releasing Israeli war and cyber-warfare plans and practices. The lawsuit, filed in March, claims that Mrs. Clinton orchestrated the release to thwart Israeli plans to preemptively attack Iranian nuclear sites. Mr. Klayman also requested Mrs. Clinton's and other State Department records pertaining to waivers that were granted for persons, companies, countries and other interests that do business with Iran, undermining economic sanctions." [77959, 77960]

Author Dana Loesch tweets, "Businesses must 'follow the law' and bake a cake but cities can ignore law and be 'sanctuaries' for those who enter illegally?" [77964, 77965]

On July 11 the media press poll follow Obama's motorcade for 80 minutes, not knowing where he is going. His destination: Caves Valley Golf Club in Owings Mills, Maryland. [77977, 77978]

Senator Bernie "get money out of politics" Sanders (I-VT) attends a \$37,000 per person fundraiser for the Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee at Martha's Vineyard. [77992, 77993, 77994]

In his Saturday radio/Internet address, Obama promotes new rules from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that will essentially force communities to relocate poor people into wealthier areas. According to CNSNews.com, "To help local governments identify patterns of racial and ethnic discrimination, HUD will issue maps, charts and other data showing racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty; the location of subsidized housing; and where wealthier people have 'access to opportunity' based on 'key community assets,' such as good schools and job opportunities. If communities want to continue receiving federal housing funds, they must spend the money in ways that move inner-city minorities, for example, into subsidized housing in wealthier, whiter suburbs." (There need not be any proof of discrimination. If government bureaucrats consider a city "too white," HUD will—without the approval of Congress or the consent of the voters—deny federal funds and force the city to force the integration of blacks, Hispanics, women, Muslims, etc. into the population via housing policies.) [78036, 78044]

Donald Trump joins Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio for a rally at the Phoenix Convention Center. Arpaio addresses the audience, as does Mary Ann Mendoza (whose police officer son was killed by an illegal immigrant on May 12, 2014), and Jamiel Shaw (whose son Jamiel II, a high school football star, was killed by an illegal immigrant). Trump tells the crowd the problem of illegal immigration must be addressed, but that is not happening because "We have incompetent politicians, not only [Obama]." Trump speaks without a teleprompter for more than an hour. Although he is clearly not a polished speaker—his grammar is not always good and he jumps from one topic to another—he nevertheless has an ability to connect with average Americans who believe the country has been on the "wrong track" for decades. Trump can arguably be described as the "Don Rickles of politics," with his ability to ridicule many and yet insist he loves them. Trump will continue to create controversy because he speaks "without a filter," but

that may not bother millions of voters who are fed up with polished politicians who talk a good game but then fail to deliver. Trump should not be discounted. (At a FreedomFest event in Nevada, Shaw said, “I trust Donald Trump, because if he can put himself out there for, I say, black people, because a lot of the Latino and black crime is happening in the black community... then I can trust him.”) [77970, 77971, 77972, 77981, 78050, 78050]

DCWhispers.com writes, “Initially during [Donald] Trump’s rise in the polls the [Jeb] Bush team was dismissive, declaring it a momentary blip. As days turned to weeks though, and Trump supporters appear to be multiplying at a pace that even has people associated with the Trump campaign surprised, the Bush 2016 operation is now openly declaring it wants help with the what is being called, ‘The Trump problem.’ The call for help has even been issued to Jeb Bush’s seeming Democratic rival—Team Clinton. Apparently Bush operatives believe that between the two political dynasties and their many supporters among the Mainstream Media and corporate business world, the Trump threat can be quickly terminated before it grows into a legitimate challenge to the seemingly pre-determined Bush vs Clinton 2016 showdown.” [77982]

“A D.C. Whispers source put it this way: ‘It’s said that Hillary Clinton wants nothing to do with Donald Trump. To most they just call him a clown, but privately they’re afraid of him. The Clinton team doesn’t fear Jeb Bush because they know what they are up against and that lack of fear is mutual among the Bush operation as well. They both run in similar circles politically and financially, so it’s a choice of shades of the same color and that’s how they want to keep it.’ Apparently Jeb Bush’s focus on ‘The Donald’ has become quite personal. Bush is said to be ‘deeply disappointed’ that the media and corporate attacks on Mr. Trump have only made the outspoken billionaire’s appeal to voters that much stronger. It is a political dynamic for which Bush political operatives are increasingly confused and concerned over. Those concerns were said to be given some salve in the form of assurances from Bill Clinton during a personal call he had with Jeb Bush two days earlier. While most of that conversation remains private, Jeb did share with others that the former president reminded the would-be presidential hopeful that, ‘a lot of this Trump thing will be taken care of during your debates, if not sooner.’” [77982]

On Telemundo, reporter Janet Rodriguez says, “[T]he murder of a young woman in San Francisco, presumptively at the hands of an undocumented immigrant, has brought to the front pages the topic of sanctuary cities. A poll reveals that 62% of likely voters think the Department of Justice should take legal action against sanctuary cities, and 26% are against penalizing this cities.” Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) responds, “Every time a little thing like this happens, they use the most extreme example to say it must be eliminated.” (To Gutierrez, the killing of Kathryn Steinle by an illegal immigrant is “a little thing.”) [78291, 79178, 79322]

ISIS’ top leader in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Hafiz Saeed Khan, is reportedly killed in a drone strike. According to WashingtonPost.com, “If verified, his death could represent a major blow to the radical Syria- and Iraq-based Islamists’ ambitions of establishing a

strong presence in Afghanistan and Pakistan, an area they call Khorasan. ...At least 30 other insurgents were killed in the airstrike..." [77973, 77974]

According to FoxNews.com, "A new explosive study has found a direct link between expanded federal aid and rising tuition rates among the nation's colleges and universities, re-energizing a debate over the escalating cost of post-secondary education for millions of Americans. ...The study, conducted by researchers for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, found that for every new dollar made available in federally subsidized student loans, schools—particularly expensive, private four-year institutions—rose their rates by 65 cents. Furthermore, for every dollar increased for federal Pell Grants and unsubsidized loans, schools rose their rates 55 cent." (A study is not needed to confirm what should be common sense. Obviously, when the government subsidizes higher education its cost goes up. The same would be true of any other product or service. If, for example, the government subsidized the cost of new cars, consumers would buy more of them and car dealers would raise their prices in response to the increased demand.) [77975]

Jim Kouri writes at Examiner.com, "Egyptian-born Huma Abedin, [Hillary] Clinton's deputy chief of staff at the State Department and current campaign staffer, is the only one of Clinton's State Department underlings that [sic; who] has so far not turned over emails in response to a request from the State Department, court documents show. Abedin is the wife of disgraced former U.S. Congressman Anthony Weiner. She's also a relative of a number of members of the Egyptian terrorist group, the Muslim Brotherhood as well as being suspected of belonging to the Muslim Sisterhood." (Abedin used a personal email address via Clinton's private server to avoid having communications recorded by the State Department.) [77979]

French Muslims celebrate Ramadan by ransacking the Barbès neighborhood in Paris. [78003]

On July 12 WashingtonPost.com reports, "A potential breakthrough was reported in the Iranian nuclear talks, although diplomats indicated that it is premature to say a historic deal has been finalized. The Associated Press reported that a provisional agreement could be ready Sunday, and announced Monday [July 13]. But the State Department and the Iranian delegation shot that report down, saying more work lies ahead. 'We have never speculated about the timing of anything during these negotiations, and we're certainly not going to start now—especially given the fact that major issues remain to be resolved in these talks,' said a senior State Department official." (Of course, someone in the administration is speculating and talking to reporters or there wouldn't be a story.) [77985, 77986, 78025]

WashingtonTimes.com writes, "Negotiators at the Iran nuclear talks plan to announce Monday that they have reached a deal to limit Tehran's atomic program in return for sanctions relief, as U.S. lawmakers and other critics express concern that the Obama administration has conceded too much in the bid for a historic diplomatic agreement. Two diplomats in Vienna told The Associated Press on Sunday that a provisional agreement was imminent, although the final details were still being worked out. They

said a formal, final deal would be open to review by officials in the capitals of Iran and the six world powers at the talks. ... Mr. Obama, in search of a diplomatic resolution to burnish his foreign policy legacy, had no public events Sunday. He didn't even play golf, and he stayed at the White House in case he was able to announce that a deal had been reached." [78012]

The Iran nuclear negotiations, which had been held in Lausanne, Switzerland, are concluding in Vienna, Austria—at the Imperial Hotel, where Hitler stayed in 1938. [78000, 78001, 78002]

Every Republican Senator is likely to oppose the final Iranian deal. Whether the GOP can round up a dozen Democrats to join them remains to be seen. Unless 67 votes can be found to block the deal, Obama will have his “foreign policy legacy”—but the United States, the Middle East, and especially Israel will be placed at greater risk. The second Obama removes sanctions against Iran it will start buying arms from Russia, spending more money supporting terrorist activities, and increasing the pace of its nuclear weapons development. At the same time, other Middle Eastern nations will scramble to obtain nuclear weapons. Unlike Obama, they have enough sense not to trust Iran. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) says, “This is going to be a very hard sell for the administration. We already know that it’s going to leave Iran as a threshold nuclear state.” (This *Timeline* predicts that the Senate will not be able to override an Obama veto. Democrat leaders will “allow” 11 of their own to vote with 55 Republicans against Obama, with the total of 66 votes leaving the opposition one short. The 11 Democrats will be those most worried about losing their reelection bids in 2016. Any Senate Democrats “on the fence” will be persuaded by Obama to vote with him—no doubt in exchange for something financed by the taxpayers.) [78011]

On *State of the Union*, former White House advisor Dan Pfeiffer says Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker would be a tougher GOP opponent than Jeb Bush, “Because the best case Republicans can make is change versus more of the same. If we’re gonna run over a repeat of the Bush years [sic], Democrats would love to have that.” CNN’s Brianna Keilar argues that Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) would be more difficult for Clinton to defeat. [77988]

Also on *State of the Union*, Senator Lindsey “Grahamnesty” Graham dumps on Donald Trump: “If we don’t reject this way of thinking—clearly, without any ambiguity—we’ll have lost our way, [and] we’ll have lost the moral authority, in my view, to govern this great nation.” [77990]

On *Face the Nation*, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT)—who attended a Democrat fundraiser the day before—says, “money cannot be the God of life” and complains that “a handful of people have so much wealth and so many other people are suffering.” [77994, 77995]

On *This Week*, presidential candidate Carly Fiorina says Hillary Clinton’s economic ideas “create more income inequality. Why? Because bigger government creates crony

capitalism. When you have a 70,000 page tax code, you've got to be very wealthy, very powerful, very well connected to dig your way through that tax code. So she may decry income inequality, [but] what I will continue to point out is the fact that every policy she is pursuing will make income inequality worse, not better, crony capitalism even worse, not better." On the issue of Donald Trump's illegal immigrant comments, Fiorina says that Trump "taps into an anger that I hear every day. People are angry that a common-sense thing like securing the border or ending sanctuary cities is somehow considered extreme. It's not extreme, it's common sense. We need to secure the border. People are also angry at a professional political class of both parties that talks a good game, gives good speeches, but somehow nothing ever really changes. And people are angry as well at a double standard in the media." [78022]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Democrat presidential candidate Jim Webb says, "I believe we [Webb and his supporters] can bring a different tone to the Democratic Party. ... The party has moved way far to the left, and that's not my Democratic Party, but in and of itself, we need to bring working people back into the formula." [77989]

Donald Trump tells CNN's Anderson Cooper says he has been asked to run as an independent if he does not win the Republican nomination for president in 2016: "Everybody asks me to do it. ... And I think ... I'd get a lot of votes. [But] the best way of defeating the Democrats, and probably Hillary [Clinton]—I think it's going to be Hillary—[is] to run as a Republican. If I do the third party thing it would be I think very bad for the Republicans. I think it would be very bad in terms of beating the Democrats. And we have to win." [77990]

Trump comments on Sinaloa drug cartel leader Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman Loera's escape from a maximum security prison outside Mexico City: "He has been selling drugs in the U.S. big-time—a major kingpin. He is possibly in the U.S. and his drugs and drug dealers freely cross into the United States through our pathetic border. This is just one example of the many instances of Mexico taking advantage of the United States. They take our country's money but leave the tremendous crime, much of which is a result of the rampant drug trafficking." (In 1988 Guzman Loera managed to get a California drivers license under the name Max Aragon, so he could buy two Corvettes to use to bribe Mexican officials. *LatinTimes.com* notes that "'El Chapo' is best known for his worldwide infrastructure and is the DEAs most wanted man. About 62 of the 120 drug trafficking tunnels that have been found have been linked to Guzman's organization...") Via Twitter, Donald Trump receives death threats from the Mexican drug lord and his son, Ivan Guzman. (Whether El Chapo will seek refuge in San Francisco remains to be seen. Guzman Loera is married to Emma Coronel, a California-born beauty pageant winner, and has two U.S.-born daughters.) [77999, 78015, 78016, 78023, 78037, 78048, 78049]

DailyCaller.com reports, "A top insurer is dropping from Washington, D.C.'s Obamacare exchange in 2016, leaving customers with fewer options than ever in the nation's capital. Aetna Life Insurance will no longer offer individual plans on D.C. Health Link, Washington's own Obamacare exchange, in 2016... Aetna is sending letters to customers

notifying them that their plans will be canceled at the end of this year. The company says it has ‘determined we can no longer meet the needs of our customers while remaining competitive in the market.’ That will leave just one company on the exchange, CareFirst, that provides Preferred Provider Organization plans...” [78033]

The Telegraph reports, “The Government watchdog which inspects police forces’ readiness for terrorism admitted that it employed one of Britain’s most notorious Islamic extremists. For almost two years Abdullah al Andalusi, led a double life... By night, he taught that the terror group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (Isil) was ‘no different to Western armies,’ said that ‘kaffirs,’ non-Muslims, would be ‘punished in hell’ and claimed that the British government wanted to destroy Islam. By day, using a different name, he went to work for the same British government at the London offices of Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), the official regulator of all 44 forces in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. ...HMIC’s staff, who number less than 150, are given privileged access to highly sensitive and classified police and intelligence information to carry out their inspections. The inspectorate’s work includes scrutinising police forces’ counter-terrorism capabilities and top-secret plans for dealing with terror attacks.” [78004, 78005]

Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes that Abdullah al Andalusi, aka Mouloud Farid, aka Wazir Leton Rahman, epitomizes the confusion and willful ignorance of the British political class. The British government wouldn’t be able to distinguish a ‘moderate’ from an ‘extremist’ if its life depended on it, and it does. The British intelligentsia will never, even to the point of suicide, admit that the hard and fast, never bridgeable distinction they believe exists between the ‘moderate’ and ‘extremist’ camps is more a figment of its imagination than reality. The British political elites will never, ever admit that much of what they consider to be ‘extremist,’ and that they assume most Muslims in Britain reject, is actually established doctrine of mainstream Islam that Muslims reject only at risk of being declared apostates and heretics. This denial and willful ignorance will be the death of Britain, and Britain is racing eagerly toward its demise.” [78004, 78005]

Meanwhile, according to *The Telegraph*, Brian Wilson—a respected journalist and former Member of Parliament—“was dismissed for using his weekly column to defend his friend and fellow columnist, the Free Church of Scotland theologian Prof Donald Macleod, after he wrote about the spread of Islam in the UK.” MacLeod had written, “Generations of British Muslims have [kept a low profile], many have made an invaluable contribution to British society, and many are perfectly prepared to listen quietly while Christians ‘witness’ to them. But when minorities become majorities, things change... in the event of Islamic dominance in Britain our friendly Muslim shopkeepers will have little option but to march behind the radicals.” For daring to defend MacLeod, Wilson lost his job at the *West Highland Free Press*—where he had written for 38 years. (The newspaper should perhaps change its name to the *West Highland Highly Restricted Press*. Pamela Geller writes, “The country that gave the world the Magna Carta has transitioned into a de facto Islamic state.”) [78006, 78007]

On July 13 Wisconsin's Republican governor, Scott Walker, announces (without a teleprompter) that he is entering the presidential race. (Media leftists immediately go to work trying to find anything from Walker's past that might be used to embarrass him. AFL-CIO labor goon Richard Trumka tweets, "My full statement on Scott Walker's upcoming announcement that he's running for president: 'Scott Walker is a national disgrace.'") [77998, 78013, 78014, 78017, 78018, 78019, 78020, 78021, 78040, 78060]

Hillary Clinton delivers an address about her economic agenda—an address that is long on platitudes and clichés and short on details. WashingtonTimes.com writes, "The plan is chock full of familiar liberal proposals: increased taxes on the wealthy, a higher federal minimum wage, more government spending on infrastructure projects, new child care benefits, federal subsidies for college tuition and laws to help expand unions." [78024, 78065]

In her speech Clinton criticizes the growing "gig economy" companies like Airbnb and Uber, suggesting they need more regulation. (WeeklyStandard.com reports, "The ridesharing service did not reply to Clinton directly, but the company did post a story on its blog about how the service helps 'senior mobility.' Clinton, a grandmother, is 67 years old.") [78052, 78082, 78138, 78593]

CNN's Carol Costello remarks that Clinton "wants to increase investment in good paying jobs through tax incentives. She wants to support small business tax relief. She wants to establish clean energy products that would kind of like [sic] create jobs. She wants to expand child care and paid family leave and sick days. All of these things sound like they need a tax increase." [78032]

HotAir.com comments, "...Hillary has no interest in giving specifics on serious matters where she might offend someone. In order to not be bulldozed entirely with her base, Clinton has been forced to reinforce her liberal bona fides on social issues, including her ever evolving (read: flip flopping) views on gay marriage, immigration and gun control. But when it comes to domestic policy questions on taxes, the debt and spending where the rubber meets the road, we can expect generalizations. There is zero doubt in any serious observer's mind that Hillary will be in favor of tax hikes on 'the wealthy' while claiming to cut taxes for the poor and working class. It's the same needle that Barack Obama has tried to thread and she no doubt sees it as a potential path to victory. But if you ask her to attach any numbers to the subject you'll get vacuous generalities and feel good sound bites. Will anyone press her for hard answers on these questions? The better question is if anyone will even get the chance. And if they do, they'd better send somebody who is better armed for the task than Brianna Kiellar [sic; Keilar]." [78029]

Politico.com writes that the "snap reaction among Wall Street investors, economists and ardent financial reformers" to Clinton's speech "was a collective: 'Meh. What's next?'" Jack Ablin, "chief investment office[r] at BMO Private bank," says Clinton "appears to have taken a page out of the Elizabeth Warren book on going after bankers and brokers and fat cats and people who may have broken the law. I'm sure a lot of polling went into

that. But in terms of inequality and profit-sharing and general economic redistribution, she was a lot longer on problems than she was on solutions.” [78051]

Reuters reports, “Euro zone leaders made Greece surrender much of its sovereignty to outside supervision on Monday in return for agreeing to talks on an 86 billion euro bailout to keep the near-bankrupt country in the single currency. Just hours after the deal was settled in marathon all-night talks, doubts were already emerging about whether leftwing Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras would be able to hold his government together long enough to implement any bailout. ...Greece won conditional agreement to receive a possible 86 billion euros (\$95 billion) over three years. As part of the deal, euro zone finance ministers will discuss on Monday how to keep Greece financed during the time it will need to agree a bailout, but none of the options appear easy, officials said. Athens must meet a tight timetable for enacting unpopular reforms of value added tax, pensions, budget cuts, bankruptcy rules and an EU banking law that could be used to make big depositors take losses.” [78028, 78030]

DailySignal.com later notes, “Ironically, many of the conditions of the bailout loan are even tougher than the ones Greek voters rejected in a referendum less than two weeks ago.” At Townhall.com Mark Nuckols writes that Greek Prime Minister Alexei Tsipras “and his leftist government have been completely outfoxed by German Chancellor Angela Merkel. And the terms Merkel has imposed on Greece for the financial assistance it desperately needs are so humiliating it probably spells the end for the political career of the incompetent and childish Tsipras and his party Syriza (Coalition of the Far Left). ...[W]hen the Greeks voted overwhelming to reject the EU’s terms, voters in Germany and most of the rest of Europe decided ‘maybe it’s time to cut off these deadbeats.’ This gave Merkel and other European leaders the assurance that it was actually in their power to Just Say No to Tsipras’ blackmail. So when Tsipras went back to the EU hat in hand and suggested that he might be oh so reluctant but nonetheless willing to accept the old deal, he found to his dismay that train had gone and left. By now Merkel and Co. had had enough of bleeping around, and they had a new and much tougher deal in mind.” [78064, 78066]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest refuses to rule out the possibility that the Obama administration might take Iran off the list of state sponsors of terrorism—despite the fact that it is, of course, one of the prominent financiers of terrorism. [78039]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “In arguably one of its cruelest acts yet, the Islamic State (ISIS) has reportedly blown up a baby as part of a demonstration showing how to handle explosives. So reports The Clarion Project. The unparalleled incident took place in Diyala Province, eastern Iraq, this past Friday, according to Sadiq el-Husseini, Security Committee Chairman of the province on behalf of the anti-ISIS forces there. He recounted the event to the local Arabic-language A-Sumeriah News. ‘The organization booby-trapped the baby in front of dozens of armed ISIS men,’ el-Husseini said, ‘and then detonated it from afar.’ He explained that the purpose of the operation, including the rigging of the baby and the detonation of the explosives attached to it, was part of an ISIS training exercise teaching various booby-trapping techniques.” [78906, 78057, 78122]

CNSNews.com reports, “A large number of unaccompanied alien children continue to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexico border as 127 were apprehended per day doing so during the month of June, according to the most recent data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The latest apprehension report from CBP shows that 26,685 unaccompanied minors have been apprehended at the Southwest U.S. border so far in FY2015, which began on Oct. 1. Of those, all but 409 were from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico. By the end of May the total number of apprehended UACs was 22,869, meaning another 3,816 children were caught after crossing the border during the month of June. Averaged across the 30 days of June, this means about 127 children were apprehended per day last month.” [78035]

Donald Trump takes first place in a Huffington Post poll, with 17.7 percent. Jeb Bush follows with 13.9 percent. All other Republican candidates have less than 10 percent. [78061, 78062]

Jerome Corsi reports at WND.com, “At a hearing Monday in Manhattan in which he ruled filmmaker Dinesh D’Souza must continue community service for four more years, U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman said he considers D’Souza’s violation of federal campaign-finance laws to be evidence of a psychological problem and ordered further counseling. D’Souza’s defense counsel Benjamin Brafman provided evidence to the court that the psychiatrist D’Souza was ordered to see found no indication of depression or reason for medication. In addition, the psychologist D’Souza subsequently consulted provided a written statement concluding there was no need to continue the consultation, because D’Souza was psychologically normal and well adjusted. But Judge Berman, who was appointed by Bill Clinton, disagreed, effectively overruling the judgment of the two licensed psychological counselors the U.S. probation department had approved as part of D’Souza’s criminal sentence. ...D’Souza has become known for his two popular films critical of ...Obama. ‘2016: Obama’s America’ was released during the 2012 presidential campaign and ‘America: Imagine the World Without Her’ came out in July 2014, ahead of the midterm elections.” Berman states, “I’m not singling out Mr. D’Souza to pick on him. A requirement for psychological counseling often comes up in my hearings in cases where I find it hard to understand why someone did what they did.” (Berman’s ruling is a clear case of partisan vindictiveness. It is indefensible.) [78063, 78213, 78441]

Pamela Geller later writes, “I am no D’Souza fan... [but] The idea that Dinesh D’Souza would be hounded and punished for something that Democrats do every day—that’s the point. In my 2010 book *The Post-American Presidency: The Obama Administration’s War On America*, I gave the details of illegal contributions to the 2008 Obama campaign—from Hamas-controlled Gaza, no less. No one so much as batted an eye. But the idea that Dinesh D’Souza would have to undergo psychological examination for breaking the rules to support conservatives—that’s a new Stalinist mode of American politics. ...The idea that Dinesh would have to undergo psychological counseling is Maoist. It’s what Mao Zedong did to intellectuals and political dissidents in China. And as could have been predicted by anyone who is aware of how totalitarians have used

psychology as a weapon, the psychological counseling hasn't gone well." [78312, 78313, 78441]

"...Since when did being 'arrogant and intolerant'—that according to a court-appointed psychologist—become a crime? The psychologist also claimed that 'the client tends to deny problems and isn't very introspective.' If that were a crime, Barack Obama should be serving a life sentence. If being arrogant and intolerant were a crime, you'd have to arrest the entire mainstream media. Where is the outcry? Where is America? I don't care if the enemedia isn't writing about it. Where are decent Americans? It's chilling. If Dinesh D'Souza is psychologically damaged in some serious way, so are millions of conservative Americans. And that's the insidious point of his 'therapeutic counseling.' ...All charges against Dinesh D'Souza, and the ridiculous and insidious order that he undergo psychological counseling, should be dropped now—unless every Democrat who has skirted campaign finance laws is likewise prosecuted and persecuted. The use of the legal system to persecute political opponents is a hallmark of authoritarian regimes. This is how low the Obama administration has sunk." [78312, 78313]

According to FreeBeacon.com, "The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has now spent over \$3.5 million to determine why the majority of lesbians are obese. The project, now entering its fifth year, received another grant worth \$658,485 this summer. The total funding for the research is now \$3,531,925. Funding has more than doubled since the study was first revealed in 2013." [78038, 78085]

CNSNews.com reports, "The federal government raked in a record of approximately \$2,446,920,000,000 in tax revenues through the first nine months of fiscal 2015 (Oct. 1, 2014 through the end of June), according to the Monthly Treasury Statement released today. That equaled approximately \$16,451 for every person in the country who had either a full-time or part-time job in June. It is also up about \$178,156,270,000 in constant 2015 dollars from the \$2,268,763,730,000 in revenue (in inflation-adjusted 2015 dollars) that the Treasury raked in during the first nine months of fiscal 2014. Despite the record tax revenues of \$2,446,920,000,000 in the first nine months of this fiscal year, the government spent \$2,760,301,000,000 during those nine months, and, thus, ran up a deficit of \$313,381,000,000 during the period." (That \$313 billion deficit represents about \$1,000 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.) [78096]

Via Facebook, Obama announces that he will be commuting the sentences of 46 convicts who he believes have served more time than their crimes warranted. (The 46 include drug dealers.) [78041, 78042, 78043]

According to DailyCaller.com, "The Missouri Democratic Party is changing the name of its annual 'Jefferson-Jackson' fundraising dinner, deleting the names of slave-owning party heroes Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. The party will instead honor avowed racist Harry Truman. ...[T]he Missouri party's decision to instead name the dinner for Harry Truman might not have been the most racially savvy choice. 'I think one man is just as good as another so long as he's honest and decent and not a nigger or a Chinaman,' Truman wrote as a 27-year old in 1911. 'Uncle Will says that the Lord made

a white man from dust, a nigger from mud, then He threw up what was left and it came down a Chinaman.’ [Uncle Will] does hate Chinese and Japs,’ Truman wrote. ‘So do I. It is race prejudice, I guess. But I am strongly of the opinion Negroes ought to be in Africa, yellow men in Asia and white men in Europe and America.’” [78045]

On *The Kelly File*, Carl Fiorina says, “Let’s go through this. Hillary Clinton says in a press conference recently, ‘Oh, I’m eager to turn over all the e-mails that the American people can see.’ Well, now we know the State Department hasn’t turned over all the e-mails. We also know those e-mails link Hillary Clinton and the State Department for the first time to the Susan Rice talking points. ‘This was all a [YouTube] video and a demonstration.’ Do you remember—we now know on the night of September 11th [2012], the State Department, the White House knew this was a pre-planned terrorist attack. Two days later, Hillary Clinton stands over the bodies of the fallen and talks about a video. Susan Rice goes on television and says it’s a video, it’s a demonstration. Hillary Clinton later denies that she had anything to do with those talking points. False. She never revealed a private server in her basement until it was discovered. And then, when it was discovered, she wipes it clean nearly two years after she leaves the department of State. ...I now think we now have enough information to understand that Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State has engaged in gross dereliction of duty. She has engaged in a cover-up, and she has blood on her hands.” [78088]

On July 14 the French celebrate Bastille Day—as a petrochemical plant in Marseille is hit with three explosions. According to Breitbart.com, “The explosions... set alight two enormous petrochemical tanks which stood half a kilometre apart, immediately ruling out the possibility of blaming an industrial accident. A third device exploded on another tank but failed to set it alight, reports *Le Parisien*. One of the tanks contained highly-refined naphtha, and took 50 fire engines most of the day to put out, burning away ‘thousands of cubic meters of oil,’ although thankfully there were no injuries. French authorities now say they have recovered remains of an electronic detonator, proving criminal intent, and holes cut in the fence around the tanks suggest the explosions were not an inside job. It has also not gone unnoticed that the site of the attack is only 12 miles away from a major theft last week of explosives from a French army depot. ...Despite all of this, French authorities are publicly postulating every cause conceivable except for Islamist terrorism.” [78308, 78309, 78310]

Obama announces a deal with Iran over its nuclear weapons program. He says the agreement “deal demonstrates that American diplomacy can bring about real and meaningful change. ...Today, because America negotiated from a position of strength and principle, we have stopped the spread of nuclear weapons.” The statement is monumental claptrap, as the agreement does not prevent Iran from continuing its nuclear weapons program; it does nothing to stop Iran’s Intercontinental Ballistic Missile program (which serves no purpose other than launching nuclear weapons); it allows Iran to buy conventional weapons from Russia and other nations; and it ends sanctions, giving Iran hundreds of billions of dollars to use to finance both its nuclear program and worldwide terrorism. (On July 8 General Martin Dempsey told Congress, “Under no

circumstances should we relieve pressure on Iran relative to ballistic missile capabilities and arms trafficking.”) [78070, 78079, 78090, 78091, 78098, 78119, 78130, 78168]

Although the agreement requires Iran to stop using some of its centrifuges, it will be able to maintain 5,000, including high-efficiency centrifuges—that serve no purpose beyond providing material for nuclear weapons. Obama’s claim that the agreement will “stop the spread of nuclear weapons” is absurd. Saudi Arabia (which has already begun negotiations to buy nuclear reactors from the French), and perhaps other Middle East nations, will be encouraged to develop their own nuclear programs because they fear Iran. The agreement does call for some time restrictions on portions of Iran’s nuclear program, but those restrictions all have expiration dates—which means Iran’s nuclear program will eventually be *unrestricted*. (Negotiations with Iran, of course, will not end. It will most assuredly violate the agreement, and that will prompt discussions over the degree and significance of those violations.) [78643]

Obama claims sanctions will be removed gradually and conditionally; Iran claims they will be removed immediately. The Iranians claim the end of sanctions means Major General Qassem Soleimani will be removed from the list of sanctioned individuals. The Obama administration disagrees. (These will likely be the first of many disputes about what the agreement means.) In any event, even if the U.S. Congress votes overwhelmingly in opposition to the agreement and forces U.S. sanctions to remain in place, it will be submitted to the United Nations Security Council. The Council will give the agreement its blessings, and sanctions will conceivably be lifted by every nation other than the United States. (Soleimani is number one on a Daily Signal list of “seven dangerous Iranians who will no longer be sanctioned.”) [78076, 78077, 78078, 78149, 78261, 78735, 78767]

Obama says, “I welcome a robust debate in Congress on this issue and I welcome scrutiny of the details of this agreement.” WesternJournalism.com notes, “Then, within seconds of that ‘welcoming’ statement, Obama threw down the presidential gauntlet, adding, ‘I will veto any legislation that prevents the successful implementation of this deal.’” At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey writes, “*Ahem*. It’s not quite consistent to declare oneself welcoming of ‘a robust debate’ while at the same time pledging to ignore everyone else’s advice on the subject of it. Obama isn’t welcoming a debate or scrutiny at all; he’s telling Congress to sit down and shut up. We’re used to Obama being inconsistent and hardline at home, though. We just wish he’d toughen up abroad.” [78084, 78089, 78147, 78178]

Obama claims his deal with Iran “has the full backing of the international community.” (That is a blatant lie. Several Middle East nations oppose the agreement and, of course, Israel is strongly opposed.) [78112]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, Iran “would have the right to challenge any U.N. request to inspect its military sites, and an arbitration board composed of Iran and the six world powers that negotiated with it would have to decide on the issue. Washington agreed to the provision to clear one of the last remaining hurdles to an agreement.” Yet

Obama falsely claims the agreement includes “24 by 7 access” to all Iranian nuclear facilities, and says that if the agreement is violated the sanctions will “snap back” into place. (Obama does *not* mention that the agreement requires that Iran be given at least *14 days advance notice* of those “24x7 inspections”—14 days during which the regime can ensure that anything it does not want inspected will not be found. Further, Obama’s “snap back” promise is meaningless. The United States has no power to force other nations to reinstate any sanctions. It took tremendous effort and time to get Russia and other countries to agree to them in the first place. Obama will not be able to “snap his fingers” and get them reinstated—if Obama is even willing to admit that Iran has violated the agreement after it does.) [78059, 78090, 78114, 78149]

Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes tells CNN’s Erin Burnett, “We never sought anytime/anywhere inspections.” (Rhodes is lying. In April he told Israeli media, “In the first place we will have anytime, anywhere access the nuclear facilities.” on the other hand, Obama may never have actually sought such inspections; he only wanted Americans to believe he was getting them. Also in April, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz said, “We expect to have anywhere, anytime access.”) [78134, 78135, 78138, 78177, 78192, 78193, 78241, 78322]

Townhall.com’s Guy Benson notes a 2012 Obama statement that the goal was to “end their [Iran’s] nuclear program,” and a recent John Kerry statement that the goal is to ensure “peaceful nature of Iran’s nuclear program.” [78194]

According to DailySignal.com, “The agreement in effect legitimizes Iran as a nuclear threshold state. Once key restrictions on uranium enrichment expire in 10 to 15 years, Iran will have the option to develop an industrial scale enrichment program that will make it easier for it to sprint cross that threshold. ...Iran’s nuclear infrastructure is left largely intact. Centrifuges will be mothballed but not dismantled. Iran’s illicit nuclear facilities Natanz and Fordow, whose operations were supposed to be shut down under multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions, have now been legitimized, despite the fact that they were built covertly in violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. Iran is essentially rewarded for cheating under the agreement. It gained a better deal on uranium enrichment than Washington has offered to its own allies. Taiwan, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates were denied enrichment arrangements that Iran now has pocketed. Instead of dismantling Iran’s nuclear infrastructure, the agreement dismantles the sanctions that brought Tehran to the negotiating table in the first place.” [78123]

Secretary of State John Kerry says, “This is the good deal that we have sought,” and claims it “gives us the greatest assurance that we have had that Iran will not pursue a weapon covertly.” With the negotiations over—*after it is too late to include the issue in the negotiations*—Kerry calls on Iran to release four Americans it is holding. (It is shameful that their release was not part of the negotiations. If Congress has any inclination of allowing the agreement to stand, it should at least demand that Iran first release those four Americans: Saeed Abedini, Amir Hekmati, Jason Rezaian, and Robert Levinson. Although Obama and Kerry may not be good at negotiating the release of Americans, they have been good at releasing Iranians. In April 2013 the United States

released Mojtaba Atarodi, a key Iranian scientist who, according to TimesofIsrael.com, “had been arrested in 2011 for attempting to acquire equipment that could be used for Iran’s military-nuclear programs. Obama negotiated nothing in exchange for the release of Atarodi.) [51854, 51880, 78059, 78128, 78163, 78174, 78227, 78416, 78417, 78587]

Hillary Clinton meets with members of Congress to urge them to approve the agreement with Iran. She tells reporters, “This is, uh, a very, uh, important, uh, moment. Uh, [Obama] called me late last night, uh, to tell me that agreement had been reached. Uh, I applaud him and both Secretary [of State John] Kerry and Secretary [of Energy Ernest] Moniz, uh, for their extraordinary efforts in, uh, bringing about, uh, this conclusion, uh. Based on what I know now, and I will be being [sic] briefed, uh, as soon as I finish addressing you [reporters, uh, this in an important step in putting the lid on Iran’s nuclear program.” Clinton calls the agreement “an important step in putting a lid on Iran’s nuclear program,” but says, “We have to treat this as an ongoing enforcement effort.” Iran’s “bad behavior [in support of terrorism] is something we have to address.” (She should have raised that issue before the agreement was signed.) Among the questions reporters asked Clinton: “Are you going to the Taylor Swift concert tonight?” [78071, 78095]

Clinton later issues a statement in which she partly takes credit for the Iran deal: “I am still studying the details, but based on the briefings I received and a review of the documents, I support the agreement because it can help us prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon. With vigorous enforcement, unyielding verification, and swift consequences for any violations, this agreement can make the United States, Israel, and our Arab partners safer. ... Today’s agreement is the culmination of a sustained strategy of pressure and engagement executed over many years. As Secretary of State, I logged tens of thousands of miles and twisted a lot of arms to build a global coalition to impose the most crippling sanctions in history. That unprecedented pressure delivered a blow to Iran’s economy and gave us leverage at the negotiating table, starting in Oman in 2012. I know from experience what it took to build a global effort to get this done; I know what it will take to rally our partners to enforce it.” [78162]

“... We can never permit Iran to evade its obligations or to place any suspicious site off limits to inspectors. And the response to any cheating must be immediate and decisive—starting with the return of sanctions but taking no options off the table, including, if necessary, our military options. ... I know that there are people of good faith who oppose this deal—people I respect. They raise concerns that have to be taken seriously. They are right to call for extreme vigilance. I am as familiar with Iranian behavior and the need to confront it as anyone. I support this agreement because I believe it is the most effective path of all the alternatives available to the U.S. and our partners to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon.” (The Obama administration opposed the sanctions. Clinton had to “twist arms” to impose them only because Congress demanded that they be applied.) [78162]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu calls Obama’s deal “an historic mistake for the world,” and claims concessions were made “in all areas that were supposed to prevent

Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons capability.” (It is more of a capitulation than a deal. The United States gains nothing in the agreement. The only winners are Iran and the nations that will make money selling it arms.) Netanyahu says the negotiators “bet our collective future on a deal with the foremost sponsor of international terrorism. They’ve gambled that in ten years’ time Iran’s terrorist regime will change while removing any incentive for it to do. ...Israel is not bound by this deal with Iran, and Israel is not bound by this deal with Iran because Iran continues to seek our destruction. We will always defend ourselves.” (MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell later ridicules Netanyahu’s “historic mistake” comment—apparently in the belief that it is perfectly acceptable to allow nuclear weapons development by a nation that has threatened to “wipe Israel off the face of the map.”) [78059, 78069, 78097, 78103, 78124, 78148]

Meanwhile, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani delivers an address in which he calls the agreement a “win-win” for his country and brags about how he snookered the U.S. negotiators. “In the negotiations we sought to achieve four goals,” says Rouhani. “The first goal was to continue the nuclear capabilities, the nuclear technology, and even the nuclear activity within Iran. The second goal was to lift the mistaken, oppressive, and inhumane sanctions. The third goal was to remove all the UN Security Council Resolutions that we view as illegal. The fourth goal was to remove the Iranian nuclear dossier from Chapter VII of the UN Charter and from the Security Council in general. In today’s agreement, in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, all four goals have been achieved. ...This is the most important day in the past 12 years. Historically, this is the day on which all the large countries and the superpowers in the world have officially recognized Iran’s nuclear activities.” [78518, 78519]

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-K) states, “It appears we’ve lost the chance today to dismantle Iran’s nuclear program—and that will now become a challenge for the next president to confront, regardless of political party.” [78059]

Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE) says, “Sadly, the administration just lit the fuse for a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. We all know Iran’s neighbors will not sit idly as the world’s largest state-sponsor of terror becomes a nuclear-threshold state. ...Congress will thoroughly review it in the coming weeks but this much is immediately clear: This deal abandons America’s historic bipartisan commitment to preventing nuclear proliferation, and instead begins the era of managed proliferation—a descent into chaos and an even more dangerous world.” [78059]

Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) calls the deal “a terrible, dangerous mistake that’s going to pave the path for Iran to get a nuclear weapon” and warns that it “leaves their nuclear program entirely intact. ...The American people are going to repudiate this deal, and I think Congress will kill this deal.” [78059]

Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina states, “Iran has demonstrated bad behavior for 30 years. We know they have been trying to cheat on this deal. We know they have been funding proxies with a strategic objective of destabilizing the region. We

know that when sanctions are lifted, they'll have more money to fund those same proxies." [78068]

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee states, "Shame on the Obama administration for agreeing to a deal that empowers an evil Iranian regime to carry out its threat to 'wipe Israel off the map' and bring 'death to America.' John Kerry should have long ago gotten up on his crutches, walked out of the sham talks, and went straight to Jerusalem to stand next to Benjamin Netanyahu and declared that America will stand with Israel and the other sane governments of the Middle East instead of with the terrorist government of Iran. As president, I will stand with Israel and keep all options on the table, including military force, to topple the terrorist Iranian regime and defeat the evil forces of radical Islam." [78068]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) states, "I have said from the beginning of this process that I would not support a deal with Iran that allows the mullahs to retain the ability to develop nuclear weapons, threaten Israel, and continue their regional expansionism and support for terrorism. Based on what we know thus far, I believe that this deal undermines our national security. ...Obama has consistently negotiated from a position of weakness, giving concession after concession to a regime that has American blood on its hands, holds Americans hostage, and has consistently violated every agreement it ever signed. I expect that a significant majority in Congress will share my skepticism of this agreement and vote it down. Failure by [Obama] to obtain congressional support will tell the Iranians and the world that this is Barack Obama's deal, not an agreement with lasting support from the United States. It will then be left to the next President to return us to a position of American strength and re-impose sanctions on this despicable regime until it is truly willing to abandon its nuclear ambitions and is no longer a threat to international security." [78068]

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) states, "If what they are telling me is remotely true, this is a disaster. If it is true we are lifting an arms embargo without a change in behavior you have set in motion re-arming the most radical regime in the Middle East. From our point of view, I can't think of a worse outcome than to get the Ayatollah a guaranteed nuclear program. From the Sunni Arabs' point of view, it's a declaration of war. And it could be a death sentence for Israel. I would not lift inspections until there was a certification they are no longer the largest state sponsor of terrorism. I would not give them a penny of money or a bullet until they are no longer a threat to destabilize the region. I would tie any monetary relief or lightening of inspections to a complete change in behavior. It's like taking a can of gasoline and throwing it on a fire. The Sunni Arabs are going to see this as a provocative act against their chief antagonist, they are not going to sit on the sidelines. And, oh my God, our friends in Israel. I feel so bad for them if any of this is true because it guarantees their chief antagonist will become a nuclear nation with the passage of time." [78068, 78083]

Former Texas governor Rick Perry states, "...Obama's decision to sign a nuclear deal with Iran is one of the most destructive foreign policy decisions in my lifetime. For decades to come, the world will have to deal with the repercussions of this agreement,

which will actually make it easier for Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. And [former] Secretary [of State Hillary] Clinton, who played a significant role in initiating these negotiations with Iran, will have to justify to the American people why she supports allowing a known state sponsor of terrorism to move toward obtaining a nuclear weapon. This deal is not a binding international treaty, but rather a political agreement among diplomats. I urge Congress to take the next 60 days of review very seriously. I will do everything in my power to work with the Senate to oppose this deal, including reaching out to Democratic senators. As President, one of my first official acts will be to fully rescind this accord. I will order a review of Iran's compliance with the deal, and an evaluation of Iran's continued sponsorship of terror over the timeframe of the agreement. I will move to ensure that the arms embargo—and, specifically, the ballistic missile embargo—remain in place until Iran verifiably demonstrates that it desires to act as a stabilizing force in the region.” [78068]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, “Today, the international community led by the United States has agreed to not only legitimize and perpetuate the Iranian nuclear program, but also to further arm and enrich the brutal theocratic regime that has oppressed the Iranian people for more than thirty years—a regime that is wrongfully holding United States citizens captive, that is sponsoring radical Islamic terrorism across the globe, and that regularly promotes the destruction of both Israel and America throughout its streets. “Despite these facts, it seems ...Obama would concede almost anything to get any deal—even a terrible deal—from the Islamic Republic of Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Under the terms of this deal, Iran will retain all of its centrifuges, one-third of which will continue to spin. Rather than the most intrusive inspections regime in history that we were promised, IAEA inspectors must petition the mullahs to visit sensitive sites, and wait for two weeks for their permission. In a final, shocking concession, the United States will support lifting of the United Nations arms embargos that restrict the Iranian ballistic missile program and arms trafficking. And in return, billions of dollars of economic relief will flow to Tehran.” [78068]

“Yet, in his remarks this morning, [Obama] glossed over the truth about Iran's world-leading state-sponsorship of terrorism that is violently destabilizing the region, and would grow more deadly should the Iranians get a nuclear bomb. He failed to mention American citizens, Saeed Abedini, Amir Hekmati and Jason Rezaian, who continue to languish in Iranian prisons or Robert Levinson, who is still unaccounted for. For them, today is no ‘opportunity to move in a new direction’ as the President claimed. We owe it to our fellow Americans to elevate, not ignore, their plight, to demand their swift and unconditional release by the implacably hostile regime that holds them. Even by the low standards of the Joint Plan of Action, this is a staggeringly bad deal. It is a fundamental betrayal of the security of the United States and of our closest allies, first and foremost Israel. But thankfully, it is not a done deal. We still have an opportunity to tell the truth about what Prime Minister Netanyahu called today a ‘bad mistake of historic proportion.’ Congress will have 60 days to review it, and the American people will have 60 days to tell their elected representatives just what they think of it. I urge all my fellow citizens to speak out and let their elected leaders know that even if ...Obama won't see it, we know the leaders of the Islamic Republic who lead crowds in chants of ‘Death to America’ and

‘Death to Israel’ are not our partners in peace, and must not be put on the path to a nuclear bomb.” [78068, 78120]

Congressman Ron DeSantis (R-FL) states, “This Iran deal gives Ayatollah Khamenei exactly what he wants: billions of dollars in sanctions relief, validation of the Iranian nuclear program, and the ability to stymie inspections. It even lifts sanctions against Quds Force Commander Qassem Soleimani, who is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American soldiers during the campaign in Iraq. The deal will further destabilize the Middle East, allow Iran to foment more terrorism, and aid Iran’s rise as the dominant power in the region. By paving Iran’s path to a nuclear weapon, the deal harms American national security and effectively stabs our close ally Israel, which Iran has threatened to wipe off the map, in the back. Congress needs to move swiftly to block this dangerous deal.” [78081]

Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton calls the agreement a “diplomatic Waterloo” and “an absolute disaster.” [78084]

The Center for Security Policy’s Clare Lopez tells WND.com, “This is sheer insanity. This agreement legitimizes Iran’s overt nuclear weapons program and provides both cover and funding for its clandestine nuclear weapons program, with extra financial bonuses for its global terrorist network. ...It will be up to Congress as the last line of defense for American national security to reject such a deal.” [78092, 78093]

Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) states, “The bottom line is: The deal doesn’t end Iran’s nuclear program—it preserves it. I’m concerned the redlines we drew have turned into green-lights; that Iran will be required only to limit rather than eliminate its nuclear program, while the international community will be required to lift the sanctions, and that it doesn’t provide for anytime-any-place inspections of suspected sites.” [78093, 78322]

Donald Trump observes, “Iran gets everything and loses nothing. ...The inspections will not be followed, and Iran will no longer have any sanctions.” Trump calls the agreement “a horrible and perhaps catastrophic event for Israel. ...[W]e should have kept the billions of dollars we have agreed to pay them. Any great dealmaker would know this is a perfect example of ‘tapping along’ and because they have been unchecked for so long throughout this extremely lengthy process, I guarantee they are much closer to producing a nuclear weapon than they were at the start of negotiations.” Trump says the Obama administration has “incompetent leaders and even more incompetent negotiators.” [78093]

Weekly Standard editor William Kristol comments, “We have a deal. It’s a deal worse than even we imagined possible. It’s a deal that gives the Iranian regime \$140b in return for ...effectively nothing: no dismantlement of Iran’s nuclear program, no anytime/anywhere inspections, no curbs on Iran’s ballistic missile program, no maintenance of the arms embargo, no halt to Iran’s sponsorship of terror. It’s obviously a very good deal for the Iranian regime. It’s a very bad deal for America. So Congress should rise to the occasion. Congress should engage in a full and comprehensive debate;

Congress should then pass a resolution of disapproval; Congress should then override ...Obama's veto, and return America's Iran policy to dealing from a position of strength rather than supplication. If this happens, historians will look back and say July 14, 2015, was the bottom, the nadir, from which America went on to recover. If Congress cannot override [Obama's veto—and it probably will not], the recovery will have to begin a year and a half from now, but from a deeper hole, a worse position for America, the Middle East, and the world. Either way, this deal cannot stand.” [78093, 78115, 78156, 78157]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenberg excoriates the deal with Iran and calls Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry “traitors.” Greenberg writes, “John Kerry betrayed his uniform and his nation so many times that it became his career. He illegally met with the representatives of the North Vietnamese enemy in Paris and the next year headed to Washington, D.C. where he blasted the American soldiers being murdered by his new friends as rapists and murderers ‘reminiscent of Genghis Khan.’ Even before being elected, Kerry was already spewing Communist propaganda in the Senate. Once in the Senate, Kerry flew to support the Sandinista Marxist killers in Nicaragua. Just as Iran's leader calling for ‘Death to America’ didn't slow down Kerry, neither did the Sandinista cries of ‘Here or There, Yankees Will Die Everywhere.’ Kerry revolted even liberals with his gushing over Syria's Assad. Now he's playing the useful idiot for Assad's bosses in Tehran. For almost fifty years, John Kerry has been selling out American interests to the enemy. Iran is his biggest success. The dirty Iran nuke deal is the culmination of his life's many treasons.” [78384]

“...And none of this would have happened without Obama. Obama began his rise by pandering to radical leftists on removing Saddam. He urged them to take on Egypt instead, and that's what he did once in office, orchestrating the takeover of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and across the region. The Muslim Brotherhood was overthrown by popular uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia, but Obama had preserved the Iranian regime when it was faced with the Green Revolution. Now Iran is his last best Islamist hope for stopping America in the Middle East. ...Throughout the process they chanted, ‘No deal is better than a bad deal.’ But their deal isn't just bad. It's treason. Obama isn't [Neville] Chamberlain. He doesn't mean well. Kerry isn't making honest mistakes. They negotiated ineptly with Iran because they are throwing the game. They meant for America to lose all along. ...Obama did not go into this to stop Iran from going nuclear. He did it to turn Iran into the axis of the Middle East. After his failures in the rest of the region, this is his final act of spite. With the fall of the Muslim Brotherhood and the decline of Islamists in Turkey, supporting Iran is his way of blocking the power of his successors in the White House to pursue a more pro-American foreign policy. Obama made this deal to cripple American power in the Middle East.” [78384]

“...The centrifuges will go on spinning and Iran will receive aid in developing its “peaceful” nuclear program. Obama's \$140 billion sanctions relief will flow into Iran's weapons programs as Ayatollah Khamenei has ordered that ‘at least 5% of the public budget’ go to the military with a special emphasis on ‘missile technology’ for the terrorist state. One of the first items on Iran's shopping list will be Russia's S300 missile system to keep Israel or a future American administration from taking out Iran's nuclear

program. But Iran is also pursuing ICBMs that can strike at Europe and America. Obama's decision to phase out the ballistic missile sanctions on Iran will make it easier for Iran to build weapons that can destroy major American cities. And Iran's new cash will empower it to fund terrorism in Israel, America and around the world. ...Obama has turned America into a state sponsor of Iran's nuclear weapons program." [78384]

“When I was a platoon leader in Iraq, my soldiers and I faced deadly roadside bombs, made and supplied by Iran. I tried to reassure them, but I could only tell them to hope it wasn't our day to die by Iran's roadside bombs,' Senator Tom Cotton [R-AR] said. 'If Iran obtains a nuclear weapon, I fear the United States will only be able to hope it isn't our day to die by an Iranian nuclear bomb.' Obama and Kerry had opposed standing by American soldiers under fire from Iran's terrorism. Now their treason has taken Iran from aiming roadside bombs to aiming nuclear bombs at Americans. Instead of stopping Iran from going nuclear, Obama has become the Ayatollah's economic errand boy, committed by the deal to pressure municipal funds in California and New York to reinvest in Iran. When Senator Tom Cotton, a man who unlike Obama had served in the military, dared to warn Tehran that the United States was a democracy whose elected officials would get a vote on the Iran deal, the administration's flunkies denounced him and fellow senators as the #47Traitors in a hashtag. The real traitor was always in the White House. And it's time we called his foreign policy what it is. Treason.” [78384]

“Obama and Kerry have not made this deal as representatives of the United States, but as representatives of a toxic ideology that views America as the cause of all that is wrong in the world. This is not an agreement that strengthens us and keeps us safe, but an agreement that weakens us and endangers us negotiated by men who believe that a strong Iran is better than a strong America. Their ideology is that of the screaming anti-war protester denouncing American forces and foreign policy anywhere and everywhere, whose worldview has changed little since crying, 'Ho! Ho! Ho Chi Minh. NLF is going to win' in the streets. The only difference is that he now wears an expensive suit. Their ideology is not America. It is not American. It is the same poisonous left-wing hatred which led Kerry to the Viet Cong, to the Sandinistas and to Assad. It is the same resentment of America that Obama carried to Cairo, Havana and Tehran. We have met the enemy and he is in the White House.” [78384]

Pope Francis views the deal “in a positive light” (possibly because Iran has not yet called for the Vatican to be “wiped off the map.”) [78093]

Syrian President Bashar al-Assad calls the agreement “a historic turning point” that will strengthen “the constructive role played by Iran in supporting the rights of nations.” [78093]

Russian President Vladimir Putin states, “We are certain that the world heaved a sigh of relief today. Russia will do its utmost to make sure that the Vienna agreement is fully implemented, thus contributing to the international and regional security.” (Russia will benefit greatly from the agreement because it will again be allowed to sell weapons to Iran.) [78093]

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says, “This is a historic moment. We are reaching an agreement that is not perfect for anybody, but it is what we could accomplish, and it is an important achievement for all of us. Today could have been the end of hope on this issue. But now we are starting a new chapter of hope.” [78909]

At TimesofIsrael.com David Horowitz lists “16 reasons [the] nuke deal is an Iranian victory and a Western catastrophe.” [78100]

Former White House speechwriter Ben Stein says the Iranian agreement “is going to make Neville Chamberlain’s Munich Pact with Hitler seem trivial by comparison. ... This is a deal which basically paves the way for Iran to become a nuclear power that can threaten the whole rest of the world with ballistic missiles, that has already pledged to annihilate Israel, that has pledged, within its ability to do so, to annihilate the U.S. The idea that we are signing a pact with a country which is proclaiming death to Israel, death to the U.S., we’re signing a pact that basically allows them to get nuclear weapons and to get the means to delivery is simply astonishing. ... There’s no strategic plus... for the United States. All there is is just taking Iran, a meddlesome, dangerous, killer, terrorist state and making a nuclear power. People who want to die, people who’ve pledged to die in order to eliminate Israel. This is a scary group of people to be allowed to have a nuclear weapon.” [78106]

Former Vice President Dick Cheney tells DailyCaller.com, “As expected, this is a very bad deal from the standpoint of the United States and our friends and allies in the region. Contrary to what ... Obama suggests, this deal will not inhibit the spread of nuclear technology—it will accelerate it. In the wake of this deal, more governments are likely to seek nuclear weapons to defend themselves against Iran.” [78111]

DailySignal.com addresses six of Obama’s claims about the agreement:

- “1. ‘A comprehensive long-term deal with Iran that will prevent it from obtaining a nuclear weapon.’ (The concluded deal does not prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon in the future. The deal imposes temporary restrictions on Iran’s illegal nuclear program...)
2. ‘Every pathway to a nuclear weapon is cut off.’ (Iran is permitted to retain its enrichment infrastructure, including advanced centrifuges. The administration’s concession on uranium enrichment is a serious blow to a decade old principle of U.S. nonproliferation policy...)
3. ‘The deal is in line with a tradition of American leadership.’ (In reality, the deal undermines U.S. nonproliferation policy in the Middle East and in the world...)

4. 'America negotiated from a position of strength and principle.' (Time and again Obama conceded on key principles that would improve a chance that the United States is getting a deal beneficial to its national security interest...)

5. 'The same options that are available to me today will be available to any U.S. president in the future.' (Obama is in a better position to negotiate Iran's nuclear deal because of congressional and international sanctions that Obama is promising to dismantle. Any future president will have to deal with consequences of Obama's concessions on all aspects of Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile program...)

6. 'Consider what happens in a world without this deal. Without this deal, there is no scenario where the world joins us in sanctioning Iran until it completely dismantles its nuclear program.' (the world has already joined the United States in sanctions. An alternative to a no-deal is to continue them. After all, sanctions are the only reason why Iran negotiated to begin with. A continuation of sanctions is a sound alternative to a bad deal that the Obama administration has negotiated. Continuing sanctions will limit Iran's ability to fund terrorism across the Middle East, access to advanced technologies and rare materials that will allow Iran to further improve its nuclear and ballistic missile program, and the pressure of sanctions would give the United States more time to negotiate a better deal.)" [78102]

At CanadaFreePress.com author Dan Calabrese writes, "Of all the insane elements of this agreement, three stand out for me: 1. Iran was not required to release any of the Americans it's currently holding as a condition of the deal. 2. Iran was not required to cease any of its support for terrorist organizations. That's apparently perfectly fine with Obama and Kerry. 3. Remember when Obama said inspectors were going to get 24/7 access to Iran's nuclear sites? Yeah. Not quite, champ. If the IAEA inspectors think Iran might be in violation, they have to ask for permission to inspect the sites. Iran can say no, and it doesn't have to respond to the request at all for 14 days. If Iran then says no, the other nations have eight days to respond, after which Iran gets three days to respond to that. In other words, the inspection regime is a total joke. All that will happen if the IAEA suspects a violation is a drawn-out negotiation over whether and under what circumstances the inspectors will even be allowed to look at the sites." [78116]

Omri Ceren, with The Israel Project, states, "It's not that the concession [to Iran] wouldn't be devastating—it would light up the region in so many different ways that they're difficult to catalogue—but it just doesn't seem possible that the Americans can give ground on this. What's the sales pitch to Congress going to be? 'Not only are we giving Iran \$150 billion to bolster its military, but we're also lifting arms restrictions to make it easier for them to buy next-generation cruise missiles they'll use against the U.S. military and our allies.' So why did we sign this deal? Because Obama and Kerry have long embraced the leftist delusion that America has no business ostracizing rogue nations like Iran and Cuba, and this is their chance to become leftist heroes and do something about it. We no longer punish Cuba for its human rights violations. We no longer isolate Iran for its terrorism, nor do we stop it from building a bomb. We have leaders who don't

want to be bothered with such problems. And more than 51 percent of us elected these slugs twice.” [78118]

According to FreeBeacon.com, “The Iranian nuclear deal reached in Vienna contains no reference to the Parchin military facility where most of Iran’s past nuclear arms-related work was carried out. Additionally, the draft agreement made public on Tuesday contains no stated limits on Iran’s Russian-made Bushehr nuclear power facility that analysts say could produce plutonium for dozens of bombs. Also, the accord will lift international sanctions on several Iranian entities currently engaged in supporting terrorism and building ballistic missiles, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)-Air Force Al Ghadir Missile Command.” [78151, 78808, 79005]

Also according to FreeBeacon.com, under the agreement “The United States and other world powers will help to teach Iran how to thwart and detect threats to its nuclear program... [G]lobal powers will cooperate to help teach Iran how to manage its nuclear infrastructure, which will largely remain in tact under the deal. ...In what is being viewed as a new development, European countries and potentially the United States agreed to ‘cooperate with Iran on the implementation of nuclear security guidelines and best practices,’ according to a copy of the agreement furnished by both the Russians and Iranians. This will include ‘training courses and workshops to strengthen Iran’s ability to prevent, protect and respond to nuclear security threats to nuclear facilities and systems as well as to enable effective and sustainable nuclear security and physical protection systems,’ according to the text. Additional ‘training and workshops’ would work to ‘strengthen Iran’s ability to protect against, and respond to nuclear security threats, including sabotage, as well as to enable effective and sustainable nuclear security and physical protection systems,’ the text states.” (In other words, Iran will be shown how to protect its nuclear weapons program from destruction by Israel.) [78153, 78208, 78209]

Pamela Geller writes, “There are those moments in history that you can point to and say, ‘if only...’ Chamberlain’s oft-repeated ‘peace in our time,’ remembered most for its ironic value, paved the way for Hitler’s supremacist war on Europe and the world. This is one of those moments. Obama has had more than one: the Iranian revolution of 2009, ousting Mubarak, Qaddafi, Benghazi, and partnering with al Qaeda (cum ISIS) in Syria, but from my perch, this will be the one—the final one—that overturns the order of the world. Obama wanted a legacy. Well, surely he got one, but not in the way he thinks. Perhaps he believes that the horror that such a deal portends will come after he has left office, so the blame will fall on the shoulders of his beleaguered successor. But reality will prove otherwise. ...Will the weak-kneed Republicans be able to stop this MOAB [mother of all bombs]? Color me skeptical. But don’t look to the Democrats. A prominent progressive organization linked to the White House and claiming to work for dozens of like-minded groups is threatening to attack any congressional Democrat who objects to a final nuclear deal with Iran, even before the terms of any such agreement have been finalized, according to an email obtained by the Washington Free Beacon.” [78118]

At NationalReview.com Fred Fleitz, senior vice president for policy and programs for the Center for Security Policy, notes that in 2007 Obama “told a conference of the American

Israel Public Affairs Committee... that ‘the world must work to stop Iran’s uranium-enrichment program.’ ...On October 22, 2012, during a presidential debate with Mitt Romney, Mr. Obama said: ‘Our goal is to get Iran to recognize it needs to give up its nuclear program and abide by the U.N. resolutions that have been in place. ...But the deal we’ll accept is—they end their nuclear program. It’s very straightforward.’ In December 2013 at a Brookings Institution forum, ...Obama said: ‘They don’t need to have an underground, fortified facility like Fordow in order to have a peaceful nuclear program. They certainly don’t need a heavy-water reactor at Arak in order to have a peaceful nuclear program. They don’t need some of the advanced centrifuges that they currently possess.’ This is what [Obama] said about the Iran nuclear program to get elected. This is what [Obama] told the American people to reassure them about the Iran talks. The agreement announced today does not come close to meeting these statements and promises. ...The Iran deal is the complete opposite of what ...Obama promised the American people about how he would handle the Iranian nuclear program. Congress was kept in the dark about the talks, to stop lawmakers from interfering with an agreement [Obama] knew he could never sell to the American people. This is more than a bad deal. ...Obama has betrayed the American people by agreeing to the kind of agreement with an enemy of the United States that he said he would not agree to. It is vital that Congress hold [Obama] to his original promises by rejecting this agreement on a strong bipartisan basis and send a signal to the world that if a Republican is elected president in 2016, this deal will be declared null and void on his or her first day in office.” [78141]

HotAir.com writes, “All you need to do to make sense of this deal is believe, as the White House obviously does, that attacking Iran’s enrichment facilities would be a worse outcome than Iran building a bomb. That’s it. The great shining ‘achievement’ of the deal isn’t that it eliminates Iran’s program—it doesn’t—but that it removes any remaining domestic pressure on Obama to further escalate with Iran, either by sanctions or military strike, to stop it. The eternal argument against attacking Iran’s program is that virtually no one believes the attack would completely destroy all of the country’s nuclear infrastructure, just damage enough of it to set Tehran back 10 years or so. But ...that’s [allegedly] *exactly what today’s deal does*. It’s not a permanent fix. By its own terms and Obama’s admission, after 12 years of compliance, Iran will be able to introduce advanced centrifuges and reduce its ‘breakout’ time to nearly nothing, making it a full ‘nuclear threshold’ state.” [78177]

“...So Obama’s a big winner today. Now he doesn’t have to think about this for the next 18 months, unless Iran is so stupid as to risk getting caught cheating before he leaves office in 2017. Iran, obviously, is the biggest winner. Kerry’s a winner in that he’ll now surely get a Nobel and a ‘legacy,’ if not quite the one he’s expecting. The big losers are the Sunnis of the Middle East, who’ll need to scramble to counter an Iran that’s suddenly flush with cash and will have easier access to weapons by the end of the decade, and the American public, which will have an even worse headache from Iran’s nuclear program to deal with before the 2028 election than it has now. ...Two questions to ponder now. One: What’s the argument against giving, say, Saudi Arabia this exact same nuclear timeline—10 years of no, or low, enrichment followed by the right to enrich their brains out with the international community’s blessing? The grand irony of this capitulation is

that Obama, a guy who campaigned against nuclear proliferation, is effectively removing the taboo against new nuclear states. If you want to build a bomb, that's fine, but you need to do it gradually, on the west's schedule." [78177]

Dr. Kelli Ward, a Republican state senator, announces that she is challenging Senator John McCain (R-AZ). Ward states, "I'm running for the U.S. Senate to give you a real choice! Arizonans deserve a Senator who will fight for their values, and not just go along with the Beltway crowd." [78215]

Obama addresses the NAACP convention in Philadelphia, and complains that the United States has far too many people in prison. He says, "We've... locked up more and more nonviolent drug offenders than ever before, for longer than ever before, and that is the real reason our prison population is so high. In far too many cases, the punishment simply does not fit the crime. If you're a low-level drug dealer, or you violate your parole, you owe some debt to society, you have to be held accountable and make amends. But you don't owe 20 years. You don't owe a life sentence. That's disproportionate to the price that should be paid. And by the way, the taxpayers are picking up the tab for that price. ...For nonviolent drug crimes, we need to lower long mandatory sentences or get rid of them entirely. Give judges some discretion around nonviolent crimes that potentially we can steer a young person who has made a mistake in a better direction." (In a series of related tweets, Obama discusses what could be done with the \$80 billion spent on incarceration if there were no one in jail. He does not offer to have Charles Manson moved into the Lincoln Bedroom.) Strangely, Obama says, "We should not be tolerating rape in prison and we should not be making jokes about it in our popular culture." (Although prison rape is a problem, a far greater problem is the spread of radical Islamist ideology among convicts—ensuring that when they are released back into society, some of them may engage in terrorist activities. An ex-convict who commits mass murder is a far greater problem than crude jokes about dropping the soap in a prison shower.) [78159]

Obama's tweets include, "The \$80 billion we spend each year to keep people incarcerated could pay for universal pre-K for every 3-year-old and 4-year-old in America." (Obama should be asked how many of those 3- and 4-year-olds would be molested and killed if all the prison were emptied.) Obama also tweets: "The \$80 billion we spend each year on incarcerations could double the salary of every high school teacher in America." "We could eliminate tuition at every public college and university in America with the \$80 billion we spend each year on incarcerations." [78107]

A thin-skinned Obama reacts to Israeli criticism of his deal with Iran, telling *The New York Times*, "[I] think it's fair to say that under my administration, we've done more to facilitate Israeli capabilities. And I've also said that I'm prepared to go further than any other administration's gone before in terms of providing them additional security assurances from the United States. The thing I want to emphasize is that people's concerns here are legitimate. Hezbollah has tens of thousands of missiles that are pointed toward Israel. They are becoming more sophisticated. The interdiction of those weapon flows has not been as successful as it needs to be. There are legitimate concerns on the

part of the gulf countries about Iran trying to stir up and prompt destabilizing events inside their countries. So they're [the Israelis are] not just being paranoid. Iran is acting in an unconstructive way, in a dangerous way in these circumstances. What I've simply said is that we have to keep our eye on the ball here, which is that Iran with a nuclear weapon will do more damage, and we will be in a much worse position to prevent it [without my nuclear deal]." (Iran is "acting in an unconstructive... and dangerous way"—so Obama caves in and agrees to end sanctions so it can continue its unconstructive and dangerous actions.) [78184]

A condescending Obama adds, "And what I've also tried to explain to people, including Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu, is that in the absence of a deal, our ability to sustain these sanctions was not in the cards. Keep in mind it's not just Iran that paid a price for sanctions. China. Japan. South Korea. India—pretty much any oil importer around the world that had previously import arrangements from Iran—found themselves in a situation where this was costing them billions of dollars to sustain these sanctions." (Obama is correct that other nations have a financial incentive to end the sanctions, but if he were a strong leader he could persuade them to agree to their continuation. Instead, Obama acceded to Iran's wishes. Of course, Obama never wanted the sanctions imposed in the first place. As soon as Congress forced him to accept them he began working on ways to dismantle them.) [78184]

Obama continues, "I think it's doubtful that we [will] get a lot of current Republican elected officials supporting this deal. I think there's a certain party line that has to be toed, within their primaries and among many sitting members of Congress." (To Obama, any opposition is politically motivated and personal. He refuses to accept that others could disagree with his policies and actions for any other reason.) "But that's not across the board. It'll be interesting to see what somebody like a [Senator] Rand Paul [R-KY] has to say about this. [Obama is unaware that Paul opposes the agreement with Iran.] But I think that if I were succeeded by a Republican president—and I'll be doing everything that I can to prevent that from happening—but if I were, that Republican president would be in a much stronger position than I was when I came into office, in terms of constraining Iran's nuclear program. He will be in a position to know that 98 percent of their [Iran's] nuclear material has been shipped out. He would know that the majority of the centrifuges had been removed. He would know that there is no heavy reactor there." (That is incorrect. Iran is not required to dismantle any of its nuclear facilities under the agreement.) [78184, 78214]

"He'd know that the international community had signed on to this. He would know everything that we've learned from the inspection regime. And he'd still be in possession of the entire arsenal of our armed forces, and our diplomatic and intelligence services, to deal with the possibility [that is, the certainty] that Iran was cheating. ... They're not going to admit that now. And that's entire[ly] hypothetical, because I feel good about having a Democratic successor. But I think that this builds on bipartisan ideas, bipartisan efforts. We could not have succeeded without the strong support of Congress on a bipartisan basis to impose the sanctions we did on Iran. They deserve enormous credit for that. And as we implement this I think it will prove to be not just good for us but good for

the world.” (Obama fought the sanctions every step of the way, and has the audacity to “thank” Congress for agreeing to impose them.) [78184]

AFP reports, “The United States has warned its citizens in Kenya ahead of visit by ...Obama of the risk of terrorist attacks, singling out a conference that Obama is due to address. [Obama] is scheduled to give a speech to the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) in Nairobi, which opens on July 24.” [78160]

ABCNews.com reports that Alexander Ciccolo (also known as Abu Ali al-Amriki), “[t]he son of a Boston police captain has been accused of plotting to detonate pressure-cooker bombs at an unidentified university and to broadcast the killings of students live online to show his support for the Islamic State group, authorities said. Alexander Ciccolo’s father alerted authorities last fall that his son had a long history of mental illness and was talking about joining the Islamic State group, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release details. Ciccolo, 23, of Adams, was charged in a criminal complaint unsealed Monday with illegal possession of a firearm for receiving four guns on July 4 from a person cooperating with the Western Massachusetts Joint Terrorism Task Force. Ciccolo was barred from having a gun because of a drunken driving conviction. His father, Robert Ciccolo, is a 27-year veteran of the Boston police force.” [78053, 78058]

Pamela Geller notes, “Boston is a hotbed of jihad terror-related activity. In each case the Muslim terrorists were tied to the notorious Islamic Society of Boston (ISB). What was Abu Al-Amriki’s connection to ISB, and why hasn’t that mosque been shuttered? The Boston bombings and jihadists who plotted to behead policemen and me were tied to that mosque. What is being done about ISB?” Robert Spencer writes, “[Ciccolo] is a convert to Islam who supports the Islamic State and rejoices in jihad murders. Where did he get these ideas, while all our law enforcement and governing authorities assure us they have nothing, nothing whatsoever to do with Islam? Why is there not a single program in any mosque in America to teach young converts to Islam why they should reject this understanding of Islam? Why do neither law enforcement officials nor the mainstream media ever ask Muslim leaders these questions?” [78054, 78055]

At a House Judiciary Committee hearing on immigration issues, Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH) asks Jeh Johnson, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, “Has the administration reached out to the [Kathryn] Steinle family, to your knowledge?” Johnson responds, “To who?” Chabot: “To the family of the woman who brutally murdered by this individual who had committed seven different felonies in four different states and to my understanding had been deported, kept coming back, has the administration reached out to that family?” Johnson: “I’m sorry, I don’t know the answer to that question sir.” At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich writes, “The answer is no, not a single person in the Obama administration has reached out to the Steinle family and it’s a disgrace. Jeh Johnson and ...Obama should watch a few interviews of Steinle’s family talking about Kate’s death and show some respect. ‘I wish someone would reach out to us,’ Brad Steinle said during an interview on *The Kelly File* last night.” (Obama found time to telephone leftist activist Sandra Fluke to “console” her after being called a slut by

Rush Limbaugh in 2012, and found time to comment on the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, rapper “Heavy D,” and Whitney Houston—but has not made one comment about Steinle’s death.) [29532, 29533, 29605, 29689, 29697, 29698, 29705, 29761, 29762, 78067, 78086, 78110, 78244, 78249, 78250]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, Johnson, “declined to criticize sanctuary cities themselves, and told Congress not to try to pass laws forcing cooperation, saying it could conflict with the Constitution, and it won’t win over the hearts of reluctant communities.” [78137]

Johnson brags, “Through the month of June this fiscal year [which started October 1, 2014], total apprehensions on our southern border are at 242,435—a 36 percent decrease” from the prior fiscal year. (Of course, that does not necessarily mean that fewer illegals are trying to cross the border; it may mean only that fewer are being caught.) Johnson asks Congress to approve \$1 billion in foreign aid to Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador to reduce the “underlying factors” that prompt illegal immigration. “This [\$1 billion] would be a sound investment, and we seek your support for it.” (In other words, the Obama administration wants to bribe other nations to keep their citizens from emigrating to the United States.) “It is a far better investment to help Central America create jobs, push back against violent crime, and help address the conditions in Central America that prompt desperate families to send their children to the United States,” says Johnson, according to CNSNews.com. (The taxpayers might prefer stronger border enforcement and job creation in the United States.) [78183]

At TheFederalist.com Mollie Hemingway reports, “A shocking video obtained by The Center for Medical Progress shows top Planned Parenthood executive Deborah Nucatola attempting to sell body parts from aborted babies. The senior director of medical services for the country’s largest abortion supplier is shown on video bragging about how she aborts babies in such a way that their body parts and organs can later be sold for profit. ... While the media usually rush to flood the zone on news stories—for a few weeks our media were obsessed with stories surrounding the Confederate flag, for instance—there has been a stunning blackout on this news story.” [78072, 78075, 78099, 78101, 78104, 78105, 78125, 78129, 78132, 78133, 78136, 78138, 78140, 78146, 78169, 78175, 78179, 78225, 78257, 78267, 78272, 78347, 78764]

In the video, Nucatola says, “I’d say a lot of people want [the] liver. And for that reason, most providers will do this case under ultrasound guidance, so they’ll know where they’re putting their forceps. The kind of rate-limiting step of the procedure is calvarium. Calvarium—the head—is basically the biggest part. Most of the other stuff can come out intact. We’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I’m not gonna [sic] crush that part, I’m gonna [sic] basically crush below, I’m gonna [sic] crush above, and I’m gonna [sic] see if I can get it all intact.” (In other words, she kills the fetus but is careful not to crush the body parts she wants to be able to sell.) Hemingway notes that six hours after the story broke *The Washington Post* had not reported on it. (The *Post* eventually reports the story, first using “organ harvesting” in a headline and then changing it to “research.” The next day, *The New York Times* buries the

story on page A16.) [78072, 78075, 78099, 78101, 78104, 78105, 78125, 78129, 78132, 78133, 78136, 78138, 78140, 78146, 78169, 78175, 78179, 78225, 78257, 78267, 78272, 78347, 78764]

WND.com adds, “As head of Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s Medical Services division, Nucatola has overseen medical practice at all Planned Parenthood clinics since 2009. She also trains new abortion doctors and performs abortions herself at Planned Parenthood Los Angeles up to 24 weeks, Life News reports. The commercial trafficking in any kind of human body parts is a federal crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison, a \$50,000 fine, or both. Nucatola admits on hidden camera that Planned Parenthood charges per-specimen for baby body parts, uses illegal partial-birth abortion procedures to get salable parts, and is aware of its own liability for doing so and takes steps to cover it up. Nucatola described how abortion procedures are altered not for the safety of women but to get the most marketable body parts, including intact livers, hearts and heads, which are highly sought by those who procure human body tissue for research. ...Nucatola said she ‘huddles’ with her staff in the morning to go over which body parts are requested by buyers and then comes up with a game plan to harvest those organs from the unborn babies that will be aborted that day.” [78104]

Actress Patricia Heaton tweets, “Abortionist Deborah ‘Hannibal’ Nucatola swills her Chianti while talking about selling baby parts.” [78104, 78180]

Mike Huckabee states, “The apparent selling of aborted body parts by Planned Parenthood is just the latest disturbing news out of the abortion industry. This underscores my desire to defund Planned Parenthood, as I have pledged to do in my ‘Pledge to the People.’ The sanctity of every human life, both born and unborn, is a value we must always fight for.” [78108]

Former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) tells WND.com, “The truth of Planned Parenthood’s grisly objectives is now confirmed. Planned Parenthood’s goal has always been about making hundreds of millions of dollars a year off the troubles of young pregnant women. Planned Parenthood makes money on birth control, on youth sex education (which doesn’t discourage underage sexual activity), on abortions (as the largest abortion provider in the United States), and now on the illegal trafficking of aborted fetal parts. It is time for Congress and state legislatures to wake up, take action and stop taxpayer money from going to this heartless organization responsible, literally for the deaths of millions of unborn Americans.” [78108]

Carly Fiorina states, “This latest news is tragic and outrageous. This isn’t about ‘choice.’ It’s about profiting on the death of the unborn while telling women it’s about empowerment.” [78108]

Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center and chairman of ForAmerica, states, “The horrific truth that the top doctor at Planned Parenthood sells the body parts of aborted babies compels Congress to recognize it has been funding a 21st century Josef Mengele. Anyone or either [political] party who plays politics with this ghastly, inhuman

behavior, or fails to exercise his/her responsibility to end taxpayer funding of it, should be condemned as participatory in it.” [78113]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, “Congress should immediately begin an investigation of Planned Parenthood’s activities regarding the sale and transfer of aborted body parts, including who is obtaining them and what they are being used for. There is no place for taxpayer funding of organizations that profit from taking away innocent life, much less profiting off the bodies of the lives they have stolen.” [78172]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, “Nothing is more precious than life, especially an unborn child. When anyone diminishes an unborn child, we are all hurt, irreversibly so. When an organization [Planned Parenthood] monetizes an unborn child—and with the cavalier attitude portrayed in this horrific video—we must all act. As a start, I have asked our relevant committees to look into this matter.” [78187, 78188]

Congresswoman Martha Roby (R-AL) says on the floor of the House of Representatives, “This is one of those moments that—as a nation and as a people—we have to ask ourselves, ‘Who are we? Are we really going to tolerate this inhumanity? Are we going to look the other way while babies are brutally killed and organs harvested for profit?’” [78188]

Congresswoman Diane Black (R-TN) states, “The fact that Planned Parenthood performs upwards of 327,000 abortions a year is heartbreaking and barbaric enough on its own. The news that its employees engaged in the harvesting of aborted babies’ body parts is almost too much to bear and is incredibly revealing as to the true nature of the big abortion industry. Planned Parenthood’s disregard for innocent human life is even worse than we imagined. As a nurse for more than 40 years, I am passionately pro-life but this latest discovery has taken us beyond the pro-life versus pro-abortion debate. This is about basic decency and humanity. ...Anyone who can watch this [undercover] video and continue to justify taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood is simply defending the indefensible. I support the calls for a Congressional investigation of Planned Parenthood, but that is not enough. Now that we are armed with further proof of this agency’s atrocities, Congress must act immediately to pass my legislation—the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act—so that we can cut off its largest stream of federal funding without delay. I look forward to making the case to House leadership for this bill’s immediate consideration.” [78262, 78263]

Congressman Trent Franks (R-AZ) tells CNSNews.com, “Overall, about half of Planned Parenthood’s money comes from taxpayers. The fact that we’re funding it is a disgrace that beggars my ability to articulate.” [78264]

While the mainstream media hopes the revolting Planned Parenthood story goes away, Facebook blocks users from reporting it because the content is “abusive.” [78074]

Dr. Charmaine Yoest, president and CEO of Americans United for Life, states, “Under Cecile Richards’ leadership, Planned Parenthood’s breast screenings are down, while abortions and profits are up, as even the bodies of the unborn become something else for her to sell. We call for an immediate Congressional investigation into these alleged atrocities.” [78073]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal orders the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals to investigate Planned Parenthood. NOLA.com reports, “The investigation means the \$4 million [Planned Parenthood abortion] clinic planned for New Orleans will not be able to open because Jindal’s order includes suspending the issuance of new licenses by DHH.” [78165, 78166, 78175]

Nurse/speaker/columnist Jill Stanek notes several questions from Americans United for Life that would be worth repeating at a Congressional hearing on Planned Parenthood activities: “How much money is being exchanged for baby hearts, livers, lungs, and other body parts? Are interstate commerce laws being violated in the transportation of baby parts?” “Are mothers fully informed, and do they give legal consent to the sale of their babies’ hearts, livers, and lungs?” “Is the illegal Partial Birth Abortion procedure used in an effort to gain valuable later-term, more fully formed heads and hearts?” “Is the Born Alive Infant Protection Act violated in an effort to gain valuable later-term, more fully formed heads and hearts?” “Are women encouraged to endure dangerous late-term abortion procedures by abortionists who know that body parts from more developed infants sell for more money?” “Are federal funds used to subsidize any of the facilities or procedures used in ‘harvesting’ fetal tissue after the abortion was performed?” [78341]

As noted in Volume 1 of this *Timeline*, as an Illinois state senator Obama opposed a bill that defined as a person a fully born baby who survives an abortion. Obama argued that defining “...a pre-viable fetus” that survives an abortion as a “person” or “child would essentially bar abortions, because the Equal Protection Clause does not allow somebody to kill a child, and if this is a child, then this would be an anti-abortion statute.” (Obama was essentially arguing, “We can’t call it a person because then we can’t kill it.”) Testifying in favor of the law was Illinois nurse Jill Stanek, who had witnessed infants being left to die by abortionists, and who later wrote, “Obama articulately worried that legislation protecting live aborted babies might infringe on women’s rights or abortionists’ rights. Obama’s clinical discourse, his lack of mercy, shocked me.” (Although a “pre-viable fetus” that survives an abortion is not considered a “person” by Obama, he did not provide a reasonable or legally acceptable name for those living, breathing, kicking, and crying viable “non-persons.”) [91, 272, 346, 412, 2262]

Obama voted against the Induced Infant Liability Act, a law meant to protect the lives of babies who “inadvertently” survive attempted abortions and then need medical attention to survive. In a state senate hearing Obama argued it would be a “burden” to require that surviving babies be treated because, in his view, “...essentially adding an additional doctor who then has to be called in an emergency situation to come in and make these assessments is really designed simply to burden the original decision of the woman and the physician to induce labor and perform an abortion.” Obama’s vote was the sole vote

cast against the state bill, but was consistent with the Saul Alinsky philosophy (in *Rules for Radicals*) that "...all values are relative in a world of political relativity." Obama also voted against an Illinois bill banning state funding of late term abortions, and he was the only Illinois State Senator to vote against a bill prohibiting early release for sexual predators. [91, 272, 346, 412, 2262]

Planned Parenthood provides an excuse for its organ selling, via "Camino Public Relations": "Aborted pregnancy tissue donation and research are humanitarian undertakings that hold the potential to cure disease, save lives, and ameliorate suffering. Some providers choose to offer this service to patients; in some cases patients are seeking tissue donation, and in other cases patients are informed of the option and choose tissue donation." Although Planned Parenthood complains that the nine-minute video was edited to make the organization look bad, more than a few who have seen the entire video (two hours and 43 minutes) say it is even more embarrassing and incriminating than the edited portion. [78170, 78171, 78455]

The Tenth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals rules against the Catholic charity Little Sisters of the Poor, which refuses to comply with ObamaCare's abortion mandate. Sr. Loraine Marie Maguire, Mother Provincial of the Little Sisters of the Poor, states, "As Little Sisters of the Poor, we simply cannot choose between our care for the elderly poor and our faith. And we should not have to make that choice, because it violates our nation's commitment to ensuring that people from diverse faiths can freely follow God's calling in their lives. For over 175 years, we have served the neediest in society with love and dignity. All we ask is to be able to continue our religious vocation free from government intrusion." Mark Rienzi, Senior Counsel of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty (which represents the charity), states, "We're disappointed with today's decision. After losing repeatedly at the Supreme Court, the government continues its unrelenting pursuit of the Little Sisters of the Poor. It is a national embarrassment that the world's most powerful government insists that, instead of providing contraceptives through its own existing exchanges and programs, it must crush the Little Sisters' faith and force them to participate. Untold millions of people have managed to get contraceptives without involving nuns, and there is no reason the government cannot run its programs without hijacking the Little Sisters and their health plan." (Whether "Obama Beats Nuns" will be a newspaper headline remains to be seen.) [78126, 78176]

At PJMedia.com Rick Moran writes, "According to a new report issued by the Crime Prevention Research Center, the number of concealed carry permits has skyrocketed over the last 7 years while the murder rate and violent crime rate have fallen by about 25%. While it's impossible to make a direct connection between the rise of concealed carry permits and the drop in the murder rate — there's no way to measure the impact of other factors that may affect the decline — the report suggests that advocates who advanced the notion that concealed carry permits would lead to more murders and more violent crime were wrong." [78167]

Teachers represented by the American Federation of Teachers express their dissatisfaction over the union's endorsement of Hillary Clinton. (Many members of the far left organization support socialist Bernie Sanders.) [78094]

Donald Trump comes in first in a Suffolk University/USA Today poll, with 17 percent. Jeb Bush follows with 14; Scott Walker, 8; Ted Cruz, 6; Marco Rubio 5; and all other GOP candidates at less than 5 percent. [78109, 78173, 78195]

DCWhispers.com writes, "Some close to Joe Biden are said to be describing the Vice President as, 'lost, depressed, and looking for some purpose,' following the death of his eldest son Beau in May. That purpose appears to now be quickly coalescing around the idea of running for president in 2016—a path that will put him in direct conflict with Hillary Clinton, a woman Mr. Biden has indicated appears to have 'lost a step or ten' based upon her haphazard performance on the campaign trail so far. Mr. Biden has been hesitant to criticize Mrs. Clinton since her announced intention to seek the Democratic nomination for president several months earlier. That hesitation appears to have waned in recent weeks as the Vice President begins to more seriously consider his own run for the White House in 2016. Via a D.C. Whispers source: 'Since his son's death the Vice President has become much more contemplative. He is afraid of becoming irrelevant and he still feels like he has something important to say to the American people and there are more than a few inside the party who would like to see him run. He has a deep sense of loyalty toward the Clintons though, so he's not there yet. The next month or so will likely determine if he's willing to actually step up and challenge Hillary. There's a rumor an offer has already been delivered, or will be delivered, by Bill Clinton himself to the Vice President. Some think it has to do with a high-ranking position within the Clinton Foundation while others think it's one of the more important ambassadorships. What is more clear is Joe Biden is not ready to fade into the sunset just yet.'" [78117]

Newsbusters.org reports that in their evening news broadcasts, ABC, CBS, and NBC all tout Obama's success with his "historic" Iranian deal, calling the negotiators "jubilant in their moment of triumph," pointing out "spontaneous celebrations... from the very noisy streets of Iran," and declaring that Obama now has to "convince nervous Mideast neighbors and the American Congress that there is no better alternative." [78143]

Meanwhile, former Swedish Prime Minister Carl Bildt tweets, "I think the work of the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament this year just got much easier." (In other words, "Give John Kerry a Nobel Peace Prize.") [78154]

MSNBC's Chris Hayes calls it "one of the most historic days in the Obama presidency and a potentially transformative moment for American foreign policy. ...Politically, it will become to foreign policy what ObamaCare has been to domestic policy. There will likely be total unanimity among Republicans in opposition, but just as a Republican nominee will rail against ObamaCare and pledge to repeal it and find it almost impossible to do so, so it will be with this agreement. Unless you think the opposition will be sober and serious, but never hysterical." Rachel Maddow calls the Iran deal "the major foreign policy achievement, not only of this presidency, but of this American generation.

...[P]eople in the not too distant future will look back at this presidency, they'll look back at this presidency and they'll say, of course they gave him a Nobel Peace Prize." (Victor Davis Hanson writes, "Expect a Nobel Peace Prize for Secretary of State John Kerry now, followed by [Neville] Chamberlain-like infamy later.") [78237, 78648]

On *The Kelly File*, Israeli ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer says, "I think you have given up everything. Yesterday Iran had an illegal nuclear program and was facing a head wind of sanctions. This deal gives them a legal nuclear program and gives them a tail wind of sanctions relief that they're going to use to continue their march of conquest and terrorism throughout the Middle East... in Syria, in Lebanon, in Gaza, in Yemen. And during this deal, Iran will be able to continue to do research and development on advanced centrifuges and to develop their intercontinental ballistic missiles: those ICBMs are for you [Americans]. And after these ten years are up, these constraints, which are only temporary, the major ones will be removed. And Iran will be given basically a path to a nuclear weapon. And all of our neighbors know that. That is why Israel and the Arabs see eye to eye on this." [78161, 78181]

"...[The sanctions regime] wasn't falling apart. If the administration wants it to fall apart, it will fall apart. Don't forget, the [Obama] administration was against a lot of these sanctions to begin with. They tried to prevent the Senate from passing sanctions a few years ago. The sanctions regime was working. It had worked only for 18 months. You haven't had sanctions on Iran for a decade. For 18 months, Iran... was desperate to come to the negotiating table. And instead of actually dismantling their nuclear program, which is what everyone said two years ago—we'll dismantle the sanctions regime when they dismantle their program—what you are doing is dismantling the sanctions regime and leaving their program essentially intact. ...The prime minister of Israel met with the head of the opposition tonight. They both see eye to eye in this deal. And Israel and its Arab neighbors [the Saudis], that happens about once a century when we see eye to eye on something." [78161]

On *Hannity*, author, attorney, and radio host Mark Levin says, "Barack Obama has planted the seeds of World War III, and one day World War III will break out right here because of his actions today. To arm up the Iranian regime, this terrorist regime in Tehran—you know, Obama likes to say that Reagan and Kennedy negotiated with the Soviets. The Soviets had nukes. Iran does not have nukes. But thanks to him and [Secretary of State John] Kerry and the other ideologues and lightweights that surround him, they're going to get nukes. This is where World War III, in my view, will start. He has sealed the fate—the adults who are listening to this program, your children and grandchildren, he has made the world so much more dangerous as a result of what he's done. These inspections are phony. There are no real sanctions. The Iranians can't be trusted. They have demonstrated that time and time again, no less than the United Nations has told us. The Russians and the Chinese are thrilled by this because we're going to be bogged down by this for decades. This is a complete disaster. This whole thing is phony. What's happened now is Obama has surrendered there, he's surrendered in Cuba, he's surrendered with the Russians, he's surrendered in the South China Sea. Meanwhile, he

was hollowing out the United States military. This is a complete and utter disaster, and America is in incredible danger as a result of this deal.” [78152]

On July 15 House leaders call for hearings to investigate Planned Parenthood’s apparent practice of selling body parts retrieved from aborted babies. [78131]

On *CBS This Morning*, Charlie Rose and Gayle King defend Obama in their interview of Carly Fiorina. [78142]

Obama holds a White House news conference in order to sell his Iranian deal. CBS’ Major Garrett asks, “As you well know there are still four Americans in Iran. Three held on trumped up charges according to your administration, one whereabouts unknown. Can you tell the country sir why you are content, with all the fanfare around this deal, to leave the conscious of this nation, the strength of this nation, unaccounted for in relation to these four Americans? And last week the Joint Chiefs of Staff said under no circumstances should there be any relief for Iran in terms of ballistic missiles or conventional weapons. It is perceived that was a last minute capitulation in these negotiations. Many in the Pentagon feel you’ve left the Joint Chiefs of Staff hung out to dry. Could you comment?” [78144, 78155, 78164, 78191, 78199, 78219, 78228, 78229, 78231, 78232, 78251, 78255, 78292, 78318]

A clearly peeved Obama replies, “I gotta [sic] give you credit major for how you craft those questions. The notion that I am ‘content,’ as I celebrate with American citizens languishing in Iranian jails, Major, ...that’s nonsense. And you should know better. I’ve met with the families of some of those folks. Nobody’s content. And our diplomats and our teams are working diligently to try to get them out. Now, if the question is, ‘why we did not tie the [nuclear] negotiations to their release, think about the logic that that creates. Suddenly Iran realizes, ‘you know what, maybe we can get additional concessions out of the Americans, uh, by holding these individuals.’ [It] Makes it much more difficult for us to walk away if Iran somehow thinks that a nuclear deal is dependent in some fashion on the nuclear deal [sic], and by the way if we had walked away from the nuclear deal we’d still be pushing them just as hard to get these folks out. That’s why those issues are not connected, but we are working every single day to try and get them out and won’t stop until they are out and rejoined with their families.” (The absurdity and stupidity of Obama’s response is astounding. He is essentially arguing, “We didn’t want to make an issue of the four Americans because the Iranians would then want something in return.” Instead, Obama gave the Iranians virtually everything they wanted—and the four Americans remain in prison.) [78144, 78155, 78164, 78191, 78198, 78219, 78228, 78229, 78231, 78232, 78251, 78255, 78292, 78318]

“With respect to the Chairman’s testimony,” says Obama, “...we are not taking the pressure off Iran with respect to arms and with respect to ballistic missiles.” (Obama’s claim is ridiculous and an insult to the intelligence of the American people. Virtually all the pressure was taken off by caving in on the weapons and ICBM issues in the agreement.) [78144, 78155, 78164, 78191, 78198, 78219, 78231, 78232, 78251]

CNN's Dana Bash later argues that Garrett crossed the line with his question. ("KenB" tweets, "He crossed the line from being an Obama minion to a reporter." "Rob" tweets, "part of his deal was that if Iran likes their hostages, they can keep their hostages.") Unfortunately for Obama, Garrett's question and the defensive response became the primary story of the one-hour news conference, rather than Obama's victory lap over the Iranian deal. [78144, 78155, 78164, 78191, 78197, 78198]

Alleged comedian Bill Maher tweets, "Major Garrett is a huge asshole. If U wanna 'strike a nerve' with POTUS, why not just scream the N word? That shld get his attention." [78223, 78224, 78253]

Not one reporter asks Obama a question about sanctuary cities or the killing of Kathryn Steinle by an illegal immigrant.

At WashingtonPost.com Jennifer Rubin notes "17 ridiculous things" Obama said during his news conference:

"1. 'With this deal, we cut off every single one of Iran's pathways to a nuclear program, a nuclear weapons program.' Not true. After eight years, the precise restrictions end. Oops, he says it himself: 'And Iran's nuclear program will be under severe limits for many years.'

2. 'With this deal, if Iran violates its commitments, there will be real consequences, nuclear-related sanctions that have helped to cripple the Iranian economy will snap back into place.' False again. The deal spells out laborious inspection procedures that include a 24-day notification period. ...To snap back sanctions, a committee including Russia and China must agree by a majority.

3. '[E]ven with this deal, we will continue to have profound differences with Iran: its support of terrorism, its use of proxies to destabilize parts of the Middle East.' Then why sunset the arms and missile embargoes?...

4. Contrary to Secretary of State John Kerry's representations, he confirms there is a sunset: 'We will have installed an unprecedented inspections regime. And that will remain in place not just for 10 years, but for example on the stockpiles, will continue to 15 years.'

5. 'And my hope is that building on this deal, we can continue to have conversations with Iran that incentivize them to behave differently in the region, to be less aggressive, less hostile, more cooperative, to operate the way we expect nations in the international community to behave. But we're not counting on it.' This is the most bizarre comment of all. What basis is there for hope? And if we don't count on it, we are giving an aggressive regime access to conventional arms, billions of dollars and an industrial-size nuclear infrastructure.

6. 'So this deal is not contingent on Iran changing its behavior.' Well, maybe that is the most outrageous confession...
7. 'Will we seek to gain more cooperation from them in resolving issues like Syria or what's happening in Iraq, to stop encouraging Houthis in Yemen, we'll continue to engage with them.' Really? Won't we be giving them billions to support these proxies?
8. '[I]n fact, having resolved the nuclear issue, we will be in a stronger position to work with Israel, work with the Gulf countries, work with our other partners, work with the Europeans to bring additional pressure to bear on Iran around those issues that remain of 'concern.'" Actually, they are all traumatized and it will takes years to regain their trust.
9. 'And for all the objections of Prime Minister Netanyahu or, for that matter, some of the Republican leadership that's already spoken, none of them have presented to me or the American people a better alternative.' This is categorically false. Others have suggested increased sanctions, a more credible threat of force and inflicting damage on Iran's surrogates...
10. 'If 99 percent of the world's community and the majority of nuclear experts look at this thing and they say 'this will prevent Iran from getting a nuclear bomb,' and you are arguing either that it does not or that even if it does, it's temporary, or that because they're going to get a windfall of their accounts being unfrozen that they'll cause more problems, then you should have some alternative to present. And I haven't heard that.' Actually, Israel, Egypt, Jordan and other allies in the region don't believe this at all.
11. '[T]here is nobody who thinks that Iran would or could ever accept that, and the international community does not take the view that Iran can't have a peaceful nuclear program. They agree with us that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon.' Yes, but they say a better deal was possible if he was not so desperate and had employed greater pressure.
12. 'And so we don't have diplomatic leverage to eliminate every vestige of a peaceful nuclear program in Iran. What we do have the leverage to do is to make sure that they don't have a weapon.' The question was whether we had leverage to prevent them from acquiring a nuclear weapons capacity. We did and he did not use that leverage.
13. '[I]f the alternative is that we should bring Iran to heel through military force, then those critics should say so.' This is the 'critics want war' argument and it is not true. See No. 9.
14. 'As for the fact that it may take 24 days to finally get access to the site, the nature of nuclear programs and facilities is such—this is not something you hide in a closet.' This is part of a long and rambling answer on why we gave Iran 24 days notice. ... 'This is the most vigorous inspection and verification regime, by far, that has ever been negotiated.' But that was not what he promised—go anywhere and anytime was what he said would be obtained.'

15. 'The only argument you can make against the verification and inspection mechanism that we've put forward is that Iran is so intent on obtaining a nuclear weapon that no inspection regime and no verification mechanism would be sufficient because they'd find some way to get around it because they're untrustworthy.' That is precisely correct which is why he blew it by letting them keep their nuclear infrastructure.'

16. 'So the issue of the arms embargo and ballistic missiles is a real concern to us, has been of real concern to us, and it is in the national security interest of the United States to prevent Iran from sending weapons to Hezbollah, for example, or sending weapons to the Houthis in Yemen that accelerate a civil war there.' Again, this is part of a long and rambling answer. This was never supposed to be on the table and we lose any leverage if we lift the embargo.

17. 'The notion that I am content as I celebrate with American citizens languishing in Iranian jails, Major [Garrett], that's nonsense, and you should know better. I've met with the families of some of those folks. Nobody's content. And our diplomats and our teams are working diligently to try to get them out.' In fact, he abandoned those people for the sake of a terrible deal. No amount of indignation changes that." [78202]

CNSNews.com reports, "Despite a legal obligation to allow Congress to review the Iran nuclear agreement for 60 days, the Obama administration will press ahead with a U.N. Security Council resolution enshrining the deal, likely within days. 'We will be introducing a U.N. Security Council resolution perhaps as early as next week,' a senior administration official told reporters in a background conference call from Vienna, hours after the final agreement known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) was announced. The official said the resolution wording had already been drafted in Vienna, with the U.S. in the lead." (It took the Obama administration years to negotiate a terrible deal with Iran, but only hours to draft its resolution to the United Nations. Obama knows he will get approval for removal of sanctions from the Security Council, and he will use that as a public relations stick to prod members of Congress to approve the agreement as well.) [78158, 78319]

Congresswoman Mia Love (R-UT) tells Fox News, "This is not a joke. This is not a game and it's not even partisan. This isn't even about kicking the can down the road. We're talking about kicking a bomb down the road in the next 15 years and that's incredibly concerning to me. We're going to lift sanctions. We have about \$100 billion in escrow ready to hand over to Iran. We would all but pretty much build a bomb for them if we just give them that money. I can't understand how this would be a solution in terms of keeping them away from building a nuclear weapon. It's absolutely out of control and as far as I'm concerned inappropriate for a president to do." [78216]

At WhiteHouseDossier.com Keith Koffler writes, "I actually think ...Obama convinces himself that most of the things he is saying are true, and even, wise. That they are neither doesn't make him a liar, nor even a fool. It makes him an egoist completely convinced that things are right merely because he does or says them. ...[N]ever having been serious

about attacking Iran, he started negotiations with the Iranians in a very bad position, since attacking Iran was his ace in the hole. Having conveyed to the Iranians that he had taken his best card and thrown it in the garbage, he let them take him to the cleaners, even though they weren't even playing with a full deck. At a White House press conference today, Obama repeatedly defended his Iran deal by challenging skeptics to say what else they would have done. As if there were no other options than the surrender he had arranged. The answer to this is of course very simple, and was expressed by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu during his address to Congress: Get a better deal. Obama specifically addressed this with his usual straw man approach, saying that a better deal could only mean eliminating Iran's nuclear program, which he asserts no one in their right mind believes Iran would ever do. Which begs the question: Why, then, was that the original intent of the Iran negotiations?" [78240]

"...Iran's leaders are never going to be reformed, as Obama hopes. And with the victory he has given them, they won't soon be overthrown either. In 15 years they [will] be off to the atomic races, developing nuclear weapons while their neighbors—no less barbaric, most of them—start developing their own as a countermeasure. And this grave, existential threat to the world will arise because in the moment of truth, our civilization stood down from what had to be done. Obama is right that military force is no guarantee that Iran won't develop a nuclear weapon. Unfortunately, the deal he has struck *is* a guarantee that they will. Israel is an older civilization, with a longer memory. They understand the type of people they are dealing with, because they've been dealing with them for millennia. They get that 15 years is nothing in the long history of a civilization as old as Persia. Unfortunately, they may have to act alone. But, I believe, they will act, because they have to. And whose side exactly will Obama be on when they do?" [78240]

Efraim Inbar, a professor of political studies at Bar-Ilan University, director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, and a fellow at the Middle East Forum, writes, "The way in which the negotiations were conducted underscored the weakness of the US. The Obama administration was willing to offer almost unlimited concessions to the skillful Iranian negotiators, ignoring all its own deadlines and red lines. It is clear that ...Obama was desperate for a deal in order to leave office with a 'legacy.' While Washington congratulates itself on a 'successful' result, what counts is the perceptions of the countries in the region. Alas, all countries in the region can only conclude that America is indeed weak. America has capitulated to Iran. ...The deal leaves almost intact all central components of the Iranian nuclear program. US Secretary of State John Kerry has in fact admitted that Iran might be just three months away from a nuclear bomb within the framework of the nuclear agreement. In doing so, the US has totally ignored UN Security Council Resolution 1696 of July 2006, which demanded that Iran suspend enrichment activities, as well as American demands for the dismantlement of the nuclear facilities." [79071]

"...Saudi Arabia has announced its desire for 'the same type of infrastructure' that has been allowed to Iran. It is to be expected that countries such as Egypt and Turkey will emulate Saudi Arabia. These states share Iranian ambitions for a leadership role in the region and it is highly unlikely they will refrain from acquiring capabilities that match

Iran's. Actually, the regional nuclear race has already begun and a multi-polar nuclear Middle East is on the way. This is a strategic nightmare. ... This accord marks an end to Iran's regional isolation. Instead, America seems to be siding with the Shiites against Sunnis. This move changes dramatically the regional balance of power, instilling even greater uncertainty in regional politics. The naive American belief that Iran can become a 'normal' state—will backfire. While cautious, Iran is nevertheless a 'revisionist' power trying to undermine the status quo. It does not hide its hegemonic aspirations. ... American policy is now on a collision course with Israel. The consensus in Israel is that Obama signed a very bad deal, which is dangerous for the Middle East and well beyond it. Israelis, as well as most Middle Easterners, do not buy the promise of a moderate Iran. They know better. Israelis take seriously the calls of the Iranian mobs 'Death to America. Death to Israel.' Thus an Israeli military strike on Iran has become more likely, and in the near future—before the US puts the brakes on military supplies to the Israeli army." [79071, 79072]

Kaiser Health News reports, "The former head of Medicare will become the top lobbyist for health insurers, America's Health Insurance Plans announced Wednesday. Marilyn Tavenner will lead the trade group following the departure of former CEO Karen Ignagni earlier this year. Tavenner formerly led the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and oversaw the implementation of President Barack Obama's health law. ... Tavenner played a crucial role in the rollout of the federal health law during her time with the government. She oversaw many of the new rules that now limit how health insurers can operate and led the troubled launch of HealthCare.gov." [78145, 78150]

Democrats introduce legislation that would restrict an employer's ability to change work schedules on short notice. According to DailyCaller.com, "Nearly 80 lawmakers out of the House and Senate introduced the measure. The Schedules That Work Act will add restrictions on how employers can schedule their employees. If passed, it would ban employers from putting their employees on call, splitting their shifts, sending workers home with no pay, or punishing them for requesting schedule changes." Marc Freedman, an executive director at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, states, "This bill is extraordinarily intrusive in how it would direct employers to run their operations. It will not create new jobs, open up opportunities, nor spur economic growth. In fact, one potential consequence is that employers will cut back on the number of part time and other non-full time employees they carry." (As an example of the negative consequences of such legislation, if a roofing company cannot send employees home because the weather turned bad, or has to pay them even though they are not working, the result will obviously be higher roofing costs.) [78274]

In Oklahoma City (after being greeted by white *and black* demonstrators with Confederate flags), Obama announces a program to provide broadband Internet access to families living in taxpayer-subsidized federal housing. CNSNews.com reports, "The project, launching in 27 cities and one tribal nation, is called ConnectHome. ... Internet Service Providers, non-profits and the private sector will arrange broadband access as well as technical training, digital literacy programs, and devices for residents in public housing units." (Obama does not say how much the program will cost the taxpayers. Nor

does he explain how poor families that cannot afford Internet access can afford computers.) [78182, 78230, 78233, 78245, 78260]

FreeBeacon.com reports that it has “reached out to the campaigns of all five Democrats running for president: former Secretary of State and frontrunner Hillary Clinton, insurgent socialist Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley, former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, and former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee. None responded to questions about whether they condemned the practice of organ harvesting, whether Democrats should distance themselves from Planned Parenthood, or return campaign donations from the group. Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest abortion provider, performing around 300,000 abortions per year. It has received nearly \$200 million taxpayer dollars since 2012 including \$27 million in grants alone in 2015, according to a *Washington Free Beacon* analysis. Planned Parenthood has in turn spent major money supporting the Democratic Party, including nearly \$18 million in outside spending in 2014 and 2012, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. Nearly all of its nearly \$6 million in direct contributions since 1990 have gone to Democrats.” (More than a few Democrats—some of whom receive campaign donations from Planned Parenthood—will likely refuse to comment until they can check the results of polls to find out how much Americans are outraged by the issue.) [78185, 78189]

Some of the statements made by Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger are worth noting: “We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.” “I accepted an invitation to talk to the women’s branch of the Ku Klux Klan.” “They [black people] are... human weeds, reckless breeders, spawning... human beings who never should have been born.” “We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.” “Birth control is nothing more or less than...weeding out the unfit.” “I think the greatest sin in the world is bringing children into the world.” (On April 26, 2013 the pro-abortion Obama addressed the Planned Parenthood National Conference. He said, “Planned Parenthood is not going anywhere. It’s not going anywhere today. It’s not going anywhere tomorrow. As long as we’ve gotta [sic] fight to make sure women have access to quality, affordable health care, and as long as we’ve got to fight to protect a woman’s right to make her own choices about her own health, I want you to know that you’ve also got a [person in me] who’s gonna [sic] be right there with ’ya [sic], fighting every step of the way. Thank you, Planned Parenthood. God bless you.”) [44510, 44511, 44512, 44513, 44521, 44564, 78190, 78615]

The Media Research Center notes Hillary Clinton’s March 27, 2009 acceptance speech when she received Planned Parenthood’s Margaret Sanger Award. Clinton said, “Now, I have to tell you that it was a great privilege when I was told that I would receive this award. I admire Margaret Sanger enormously, her courage, her tenacity, her vision. Another of my great friends, Ellen Chesler, is here, who wrote a magnificent biography of Margaret Sanger called *Woman of Valor*. And when I think about what she did all those years ago in Brooklyn, taking on archetypes, taking on attitudes and accusations flowing from all directions, I am really in awe of her. And there are a lot of lessons that we can learn from her life and from the cause she launched and fought for and sacrificed so bravely.” [79275]

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump files financial disclosure forms with the Federal Election Commission, claiming a net worth in excess of \$10 billion. According to WashingtonTimes.com, Trump “earned more than \$200 million from NBC for his 14 seasons of ‘The Apprentice,’ and owns ‘nearly 500 businesses’ that ‘earned \$362 million in 2014 alone.’ Trump states, “First, people said I would never run, and I did. Then, they said I would never file my statement of candidacy with the FEC, and I did. Next, they said I would never file my personal financial disclosure forms. I filed them early despite the fact that I am allowed two 45-day extensions. I look forward to the challenge of winning the presidency and doing a fantastic job for our country. I will make the United States rich and strong and respected again, but also a country with a ‘big heart’ toward the care of our people.” (Trump has not released his college records. DailyCaller.com notes that in 2012 “Trump offered to give \$5 million to the charity of [Obama’s] choosing if he released his college application and transcript.” Trump might arguably have less than stellar grades he would rather not make public, but the odds are great that Obama has something far more embarrassing that he would not want revealed—such as registration as a foreign student from Indonesia or a stolen Social Security number different from the one he is currently using.) [78186, 78226, 78242, 78256, 78290, 78726]

Campaigning in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jeb Bush says, “A Republican will never win by striking fear in people’s hearts.” (Bush is apparently willing to let the Democrats keep that tactic all to themselves.) [78235]

Responding (late) to a court order, the IRS turns over 906 pages of documents to Judicial Watch. WashingtonTimes.com later reports, “The IRS sent one of its intrusive scrutiny letters to a nonprofit group in order to throw up a smokescreen and prevent the group from complaining to Congress about poor treatment, according to one of Lois G. Lerner’s apparently lost emails... Judicial Watch, which sued to force the production of the Lerner emails, said the emails confirm that Ms. Lerner, the central figure in the targeting probe, and her colleagues were aware of the sensitive nature of the cases but appeared to hide details of the massive backlog they were amassing as they held up hundreds of tea party and conservative group applications for nonprofit status.” Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton states, “This material shows that the IRS’ cover-up began years ago. We now have smoking-gun proof that top officials in the Obama IRS unlawfully harassed taxpayers just to keep them from complaining to Congress about IRS’ targeting and abuse. No wonder the Obama IRS has had such little interest in preserving or finding Lois Lerner’s emails.” In a November 3, 2011 email from Cindy Thomas, an IRS official in Cincinnati to Lerner, Thomas wrote, “Just today, I instructed one of my managers to get an additional information letter out to one of these organizations—if nothing else to buy time so he didn’t contact his Congressional Office.” [78196, 79018]

ConservativeTribune.com writes, “The brave, hard-working sailors who make up the ranks of the United States Navy were outraged after they learned of a coming food ban that may have been instigated by the gross overreach of First Lady Michelle Obama’s ‘healthy’ eating agenda. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced that at some point in the

near future, fried chicken, french fries and other fried foods often served to hungry, calorie-burning sailors busy defending our country will be permanently banned from Navy menus. Sailors aren't happy about it, either. They used the Navy Time's Facebook page to vent their frustrations, accusing Obama of using her influence to promote what she thinks is considered healthy eating, even though that's largely not the case. One respondent wrote, 'Is Michelle Obama now playing big sister to the military hotline?' 'First the kids, now the troops,' another said. 'How did Michelle Obama get into our galleys? That's what workouts are for,' said Vic Tegio." [78200, 78221, 78222]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "Goosed into action by an angry federal judge, federal immigration authorities will go door-to-door demanding illegal immigrants return the three-year amnesty approvals the Obama administration issued to them in defiance of a court order. Those who don't return their three-year permits will have them terminated at the end of this month, the National Immigrant Justice Center, one of the advocacy groups briefed on authorities' plan, said in a statement preparing immigrants for what could be a traumatic encounter. The move comes as Homeland Security officials, fed up with slow-walking by illegal immigrants, are finally playing hardball after months of less forceful measures. They're scrambling to meet an end-of-month deadline set by Judge Andrew S. Hanen for recapturing thousands of three-year amnesties the department issued even after the court had entered an injunction halting the new amnesty program. Unless all of the permits are recovered, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson could personally have to appear in court to explain the foul-up, Judge Hanen said in an order earlier this month. But the home visits also come at a tricky time, when immigration is a heated issue, and any contact by authorities can be scary for immigrants. ... The amnesty was supposed to be the crowning achievement in ... Obama's immigration policy. Instead, it's been a big headache, exposing bureaucratic bungling and getting the president and his top aides ensnared in a complex court case that's not gone his way." [78212]

On CNN, Wolf Blitzer asks National Security Advisor Susan Rice if money released to Iran will now be used to "support international terrorism." In a long-winded response, Rice eventually says, "...the sanctions will be suspended. And Iran will begin to be able to access its frozen accounts around the world. What do we think they'll spend that money on? We think, for the most part, they're going to need to spend it on the Iranian people and their economy which has tanked. And [Hasan] Rouhani, the president, was really elected on the hope that he would bring economic relief to the Iranian people. But yes, it is real, it is possible, and, in fact, we should expect that some portion of that money would go to the Iranian military and could potentially be used for the kinds of bad behavior that we have seen in the region up until now. But the goal here, Wolf, was never, uh, and was not designed to prevent them from engaging in bad behavior in the region. They're doing that today. The goal is to ensure that they don't have a nuclear weapon, and therefore, when they are engaging in that bad behavior, are that much more dangerous." [78203, 78220]

Rice says, "The IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] will field an international team of inspectors and those inspectors will, in all likelihood, come from IAEA member states, most of whom have diplomatic relations with Iran. We, of course, are a rare

exception.” Rice then reluctantly admits, “No Americans will be part of the IAEA inspection teams.” (There will be no “24x7,” “anytime, anywhere” inspections, and if and when Iran allows inspections, no Americans will be part of the inspection team.) [78311, 78322]

Meanwhile, Under Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, who was heavily involved in the negotiations with Iran, tells Israeli reporters, “That phrase, ‘anytime, anywhere,’ is something that became popular rhetoric, but I think people understood that if the IAEA felt it had to have access, and had a justification for that access, that it would be guaranteed, and that is what happened.” [78323, 78324]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells the BBC “it’s not true” that releasing \$100 billion to Iran “is going to make all the difference in the world. ...What Iran has done for years with Hezbollah does not depend on money.” (Kerry does not explain how the terrorists can obtain weapons and ammunition for free.) “Sure, something may go additionally somewhere, but if President [Hasan] Rouhani and his administration do not take care of the people of Iran [with the money freed up by the ending of sanctions], they will have an enormous problem.” (JihadWatch.org notes, “The State Department’s most recent terrorism report calls Hezbollah Iran’s ‘primary beneficiary,’ and says Tehran in 2014 continued to provide the group ‘with training, weapons, and explosives, as well as political, diplomatic, monetary, and organizational aid. Iran has provided hundreds of millions of dollars in support of Lebanese Hezbollah in Lebanon and has trained thousands of its fighters at camps in Iran.”) [78211]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells NBC’s Lester Holt, “We think this [Iranian deal] is not only a threat to us. We think this is a threat to you [in the United States] as well. Iran has killed more Americans than anyone other than al-Qaeda. ...For them [the Iranians] we [Israel] are the little Satan. For them, you [the United States] are the great Satan. ...They’re going to get hundreds of billions of dollars to fuel their terror and military machine. ...Iran is different. It’s a zealot country. It’s killed a lot of Americans. It’s killing everybody in sight in the Middle East. ...I think Iran has two paths to the bomb: One if they keep the deal, the other if they cheat on the deal. ...Can you imagine giving a drug dealer 24 days’ notice before you inspect the premises? That’s a lot of time to flush a lot of meth down the toilet. ...I have a moral obligation to speak up in the face of these dangers while there is still time to avert them.” [78206, 78207, 78210, 78266]

Interviewed on CNN, anti-crime activist John Walsh (whose son Adam was murdered in 1981), points out that the nation’s sex offender registries do not include illegal immigrants. He asks, “How can a country, that can put a Mars Rover on Mars to send back pictures of ice crystals at a cost of \$44 billion not be able to track convicted offenders, especially sex offenders—especially illegal alien sex offenders?” [78236]

Former president George H. W. Bush, age 91, is hospitalized after falling at his home in Kennebunkport, Maine and breaking a bone in his neck. Bush spokesman Jim McGrath

tells reporters, “His condition is stable—he is fine—but he’ll be in a neck brace.” [78204, 78567]

MSNBC’s Lawrence O’Donnell remarks, “You don’t have to be very old to have seen every televised presidential press conference. Dwight Eisenhower did the first in 1955, the next president, President Kennedy mastered the forum in the early 1960s and no one has been as good consistently since President Kennedy. President Kennedy had a much more compliant press corps, willing sometimes to just surrender in laughter when he asked, when he was asked a tough question and decided to answer it with a joke.” (Actually, one *would* have to be quite old to have seen every presidential press conference. An individual who was 18 years old in 1955 would be 78 in 2015.) “Today, ...Obama facing a much more contentious press corps demonstrated more confidence at the podium [sic; lectern] than any president in the history of televised presidential press conferences, more even than Kennedy. ...Obama confidently did something today that we have never seen at a presidential press conference before. ...Today, we saw [Obama] unafraid of any question, certain, that he was ready with a powerful answer to any objection raised about the deal with Iran. ...[Obama] was ready to take them all on. I have never seen that moment before.” (It is not worth taking the time to rebut O’Donnell’s fawning praise, but some might suggest that his middle name should be “Colonoscope.”) [78337]

On July 16 the Associated Press reports, “Hillary Rodham Clinton’s standing is falling among Democrats, and voters view her as less decisive and inspiring than when she launched her presidential campaign just three months ago, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll. The survey offers a series of warning signs for the leading Democratic candidate. Most troubling, perhaps, for her prospects are questions about her compassion for average Americans, a quality that fueled ...Obama’s two White House victories. Just 39 percent of all Americans have a favorable view of Clinton, compared to nearly half who say they have a negative opinion of her. That’s an eight-point increase in her unfavorable rating from an AP-GfK poll conducted at the end of April. The drop in Clinton’s numbers extends into the Democratic Party. Seven in 10 Democrats gave Clinton positive marks, an 11-point drop from the April survey. Nearly a quarter of Democrats now say they see Clinton in an unfavorable light.” [78217, 78218, 78239, 78254]

HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey notes, “[T]his is a poll of adults, not limited to likely or registered voters. The wider sample type should be giving Hillary a boost, but if it is, it’s not enough. ...Hillary’s decline in this series [of polls] reflects a truth about her that has been shown in every electoral cycle since 1992. The more people see of her, the less they like her. ...For any other candidate, this would be a collapse. In the 2016 Democratic primary, it’s difficult to call it that, since a collapse would presume that there was a viable alternative. Let’s just call Hillary a millstone around Democrats’ necks.” [78254]

In a One America News Network/Gravis Marketing poll conducted in Nevada, Donald Trump leads all other GOP candidates with 27.7 percent. Among Hispanics, Trump scores even higher: 31.4 percent; Scott Walker is next with 11.4 percent. [78980, 78981]

At a campaign event in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton is heckled by “climate change activists.” Staying on the science theme, she says, “I think we’re just at the beginning of trying to understand what is a black hole? Why is it there? What is in it? What does it mean for us? We should, on a security basis, be mapping the meteorites and the meteors and all the other things that people—asteroids—that people worry about. There’s just a lot for us to keep learning. I think it’s a good investment. ...When I was a little girl, I guess I was a teenager by then—14, I think, and the space program was getting started—and I wanted to be an astronaut, and I wrote to NASA. And I said, ‘What do I have to do to be prepared to be an astronaut?’ And they wrote back and said, ‘Thank you very much, but we’re not taking girls. That, thankfully changed with Sally Ride and a lot of the other great women astronauts. But to be fair, I never could have qualified anyway, so you know, [it’s] not something I spent a lot of time losing sleep over, but I really, really do support the space program.” [78258, 78259, 78342, 78343]

HotAir.com comments, “...Hillary’s story is entirely plausible... and yet hard to believe simply because she’s lied so often in the past about ticky-tack details to make herself look more intrepid. Remember her falsely claiming she was named after Edmund Hillary? [Edmund Hillary did not climb Mount Everest and become famous until almost six years after Hillary Clinton was born.] Remember the phony ‘Tuzla Dash’? [Clinton claims to have been under sniper fire when landing in Bosnia in 1996, but video of the vent shows no such thing.] Remember her claiming that she tried to join the Marines when she was 27 years old, having already become a law professor and with Bill running at the time for state attorney general, only to be turned down in part because she’s a woman? Conservatives have been laughing at that story for years. Clintonian lies aren’t reserved for the big stuff, like deleting public records from a private e-mail server. They extend to biography embellishments, too. In Hillary’s case, I think they’re mainly an artifact of her difficulty in connecting with audiences. If you can’t relate to and admire her career as a lawyer and politician, maybe you can relate to her wanting to be an astronaut and admire her for wanting to be a Marine. That makes her seem almost human. *Lifelike*. Exit question via Sean Davis: Sally Ride was just four years younger than Hillary and probably got the ‘no women allowed’ rejection at some point too. How come that didn’t stop her?” [78343, 78344, 78345, 78346]

Obama goes to prison—visiting a federal penitentiary in El Reno, Oklahoma—where he meets with several convicts and calls for a reform of the criminal justice system. Obama says, “When they [the convicts] describe their youth and their childhood, these are young people who made mistakes that aren’t that different than the mistakes I made.” (He does not elaborate on his mistakes.) According to the Associated Press, Obama “said there must be a distinction between young people ‘doing stupid things’ and violent criminals. Young people who make mistakes, he said, could be thriving if they had access to resources and support structures ‘that would allow them to survive those mistakes.’ Among the changes Obama is seeking is the reduction or outright elimination of severe mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent offenders. Earlier this week, he used his presidential powers to shorten the prison sentences of 46 people convicted on charges involving drugs. [Obama] has also called for restoring voting rights to felons who have

served their sentences, and said employers should ‘ban the box’ that asks job applicants about their criminal histories.” (Obama apparently believes convicted bank robbers should be able to apply for bank teller jobs without the bank knowing of their criminal past. Obama’s desire to restore voting rights for felons suggests he believes most of them would vote Democrat.) [78243, 78271, 78651]

OregonLive.com reports, “A Lane County judge denied gay activist Terry Bean’s request Thursday to settle child sex abuse charges by compensating the underage victim. Bean, 66, and his former boyfriend, Kiah Loy Lawson, 25, are accused of having sex with a 15-year-old boy at a Eugene hotel in 2013. They each are charged with two counts of third-degree sodomy, a felony, and third-degree sexual abuse, a misdemeanor.” (Bean, a founder of the Human Rights Campaign, was Obama’s top Oregon fundraiser in both 2008 and 2012—for which he was rewarded with as many as 30 visits to the White House and a trip on Air Force One.) [77947, 78510, 78511]

The Obama administration continues its “war on coal,” with new “buffer zone” regulations that place limits on coal mining near streams and wetlands.

CNSNews.com reports, “Indiana Gov. Mike Pence said that ‘Indiana will not comply’ with the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) proposed regulations that would for the first time limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions from existing power plants. The draft regulations, known as the Clean Power Plan, ‘must be strenuously opposed,’ Pence said, characterizing them as ‘a very serious threat’ to the economic well-being of residents and businesses in Indiana, who rely on coal-burning power plants for 84 percent of their electricity. Pence is one of a handful of Republican governors who are refusing to go along with the Clean Power Plan, one of the centerpieces of ...Obama’s climate change agenda.” [78349]

At WashingtonPost.com Greg Sargent writes, “The general consensus this morning is that it remains uncertain whether Dems will support the [Iran] deal in large enough numbers to sustain Obama’s veto of a vote disapproving the deal, though it still looks likely that at least one-third of one chamber will stick with [him]. What’s driving the calculations of Democrats? Some are raising tough and legitimate questions about whether the deal’s inspection regime has been unduly watered down in the quest for an agreement. Others will likely press the administration to address worries about Iran becoming a threshold nuclear state down the line. ...I’ve heard versions of this voiced privately by Dems: if Iran cheats on the deal, won’t that rebound badly on supporters? Won’t they look gullible and weak? It’s unclear as of yet how widespread this worry is, but it’s something to watch for.” (That is, the Democrats worry that if Iran cheats, they will look bad. They should be more worried that if Iran cheats, Tel Aviv might be destroyed.) [78273]

Asked if the U.S. negotiators should have demanded the release of four Americans in the Iranian deal, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) replies, “No, no. It would’ve been good, but it’s just—no. Uh, uh, this is a nuclear deal. This is a nuclear agreement. And I think that we have to, uh, I, I appreciate the fact that since we have a nuclear

negotiation, and now we have a nuclear agreement, that a much brighter light is being shone on the prisoners of conscience in Iran.” (The “brighter light” comes partly from CBS’ Major Garrett having asked Obama a question the Democrats would prefer he had not asked.) Pelosi also says “I don’t know why they need an investigation” of Planned Parenthood. [78275, 78277]

Congressman Trent Franks (R-AZ) tells DailyCaller.com, “The administration is paving the way for Iran to become a strategic threat to the United States eventually with ICBMs, while at the same time suppressing our own ability to defend the homeland against such weapons. ...I’m profoundly aware of this administration’s unspeakable irresponsibility when it comes to missile defense. They have worked to diminish the budget more than any administration in my lifetime, in terms of trying to suppress that budget.” DailyCaller notes, “The last budget that President [George W.] Bush submitted to the Congress for missile defense in fiscal year 2009 was on the order of \$9.4 billion. The budget Obama submitted this year for missile defense was just \$1 billion. In fact, in Obama’s first budget, he arbitrarily slashed missile defense by \$1.6 billion and he canceled every missile-defense program. Ballistic missiles have three phases of flight. In the boost phase, the rocket is still burning. During the midcourse phase, it is traversing space, which is the longest part of the flight, and is terminal when it reenters the atmosphere. The Obama administration halted the boost phase missile defenses that could destroy missiles early in flight. ... ‘When the Obama administration came in we were developing boost phase missile defenses to get that missile early in flight. Obama killed all of them,’ a congressional aid told TheDC. ...Immediately following his re-election, Obama killed the interceptor site planned for Poland, which was intended to defend the U.S. from incoming ICBMs from Iran. It should be noted that in 2012, Obama was caught on a live microphone telling then-Russian President Dmitri Medvedev during a nuclear security summit ‘After my election, I have more flexibility.’” [78483]

In *The Washington Post*, former Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States (1981-2005) Bandar Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud writes, “Pundits are saying that ...Obama’s Iran deal stirs déjà vu of President Clinton’s 1994 North Korean nuclear deal... I humbly disagree. President Clinton made his decision based on a strategic foreign policy analysis, top-secret intelligence and a desire to save the people of North Korea from starvation induced by its leadership. It turned out that the strategic foreign policy analysis was wrong. If Mr. Clinton had known about the major intelligence failure, he would have made a different decision. Mr. Obama made his decision on the Iran nuclear deal aware that the strategic foreign policy analysis, the national intelligence information and intelligence from U.S. allies in the region predict a worse outcome than in North Korea—and Iran will have access to billions of dollars. This deal will wreak havoc in the Middle East, which is already a disastrous environment. Iran is a major player in the destabilization of the region. Why would Mr. Obama go ahead with such a deal with Iran? It is definitely not because Mr. Obama is not smart enough, because he is. He must believe that what he is doing is right. Still, I am convinced that my good friend Henry Kissinger was correct when he said, ‘America’s enemies should fear America, but America’s friends should fear America more.’ People in my region now are relying on

God's will and consolidating their local capabilities and analyses with everyone except our oldest and most powerful ally." [78829, 78830, 78831]

DefenseNews.com reports, "A former top adviser to ...Obama is calling on Washington to provide bunker-busting B-52 bombers to Israel as a means of bolstering Israeli deterrence and the credibility of its so-called military option should Iran opt out of commitments codified in Tuesday's deal with world powers. 'To have a credible military option, it's not enough to say all options are on the table. We have to be much more blunt,' said Ambassador Dennis Ross, a longtime diplomat and former special adviser to Obama on Iran. ...Ross said he favors the transfer of an unspecified quantity of B-52 Stratofortress bombers outfitted to deliver 30,000-pound GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrators as one of the means of shoring up deterrence vis a vis [sic; vis à vis] Iran." [78878]

Senate Republicans defeat an attempt by Democrats to include "climate change curriculum" in Common Core education standards. Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) states, "I do not want to federal government involved in local high school and elementary school curricula for climate science [or] anything else." [78276]

CNBC.com reports, "The six-month outlook for franchisees is at an all-time low, according to a small survey by Mark Kalinowski, a long-time restaurant industry analyst. Some 29 franchisees, who collectively own and operate 208 McDonald's restaurants in the United States, were asked to give their six-month forecast from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). The average response was 1.69, the lowest in the survey's 12-year history. ... 'My numbers are not good due to new competitors,' one franchisee said. 'Overall, sales are still in a slump and I don't see much to get excited about in 2015.' Another respondent said, 'At least half of the operators in my region are on [the] verge of collapse. With minimum wage for fast food workers potentially increasing to incredibly high levels, we are facing a crisis situation.'" [78488]

ThePoliticalInsider.com reintroduces the (likely factual) rumor that Chelsea Clinton's father is not Bill Clinton, but Hillary Clinton's former Rose Law Firm co-worker Webster Hubbell: "The New Yorker reported on rumors that Hillary Clinton's affair was first noticed in 1984 at the Governor's Mansion during Bill's second term, but had started long before. Apparently, Bill Clinton is infertile. This raises serious character questions about Hillary Clinton... If she was [sic; were] elected, this type of sex scandal could open her up to blackmail. Robert Morrow claimed: 'His exact words were, 'I shoot blanks.' Stunned by what I'd just heard, I asked him, 'Then what about Chelsea?' And he said, 'Oh, Webb (Hubbell) sired her.' ...[T]he accusation was being made by former Clinton aide Larry Nichols." (Chelsea Clinton certainly bears a far stronger resemblance to Hubble than to Bill Clinton. Some have suggested that not only do the Clintons and the Obamas hate each other, each side "has something" on the other. In 2007-2008 the Clintons allegedly threatened to expose the fact that Obama was not a natural born citizen, in order to pave the way for Hillary Clinton's nomination. In response, the Obama team allegedly threatened to make public the fact that Hubbell is the father of Chelsea. The claims may or may not be true, but they are not outside the realm of

possibility—and may explain why Obama and Clinton did not try to throw each other under the bus over the Benghazi incident. The unstated “arrangement” may have been, “You protect me and I’ll protect you. If not, you know what I could do to you if I released ‘certain information.’”) [78285]

Four unarmed U.S. Marines are killed and one police officer is wounded in shootings at two separate military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee: the Naval Reserve Center and the Armed Forces Career Center. The gunman, Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez (also spelled Muhammad or Mohammod Youssuf Abdulazeez) is shot and killed by local police. The Kuwait-born, 24-year-old Abdulazeez lived in Hixson, Tennessee. According to *The New York Times*, Abdulazeez’s father, Youssuf Saed Abdulazeez, has been on a terror watch list “and was questioned while on a trip abroad.” An Islamist Twitter account sends a message: “O American Dogs soon YOU WILL see wonders #Chattanooga #USA #ISIS.” The same Twitter user issues threats about Berlin and Amsterdam. [78234, 78246, 78247, 78248, 78252, 78265, 78268, 78278, 78283, 78284, 78288, 78296, 78297, 78301, 78305, 78306, 78307, 78315, 78333, 78424, 78426]

The murdered Marines are: Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan (a two-time recipient of a Purple Heart), Staff Sergeant David Wyatt, Lance Corporal Skip Wells, and Sergeant Carson Holmquist. [78359, 78373, 78405]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “The shooting is being treated as ‘an act of domestic terrorism,’ U.S. Attorney [for the Eastern District of Tennessee] William C. Killian said. However, Killian said that the investigation would bear out precisely what kind of crime this was, and he cautioned people not to get caught up in the label.” Pamela Geller notes that Killian “is the Department of Justice official who vowed to criminalize social postings on Facebook and Twitter. ... Killian should be removed from the case. He is incapable of conducting a sharia-free investigation.” Geller also points out that although the ISIS tweet may have been posted after the shootings took place, it “was published well *before* we knew that the killer was a devout Muslim waging jihad. The tweet was published before he was named.” [78298, 78299, 78300, 78362, 78368, 78372]

Obama states, “It is a heartbreaking circumstance for these individuals who have served our country with great valor to be killed in this fashion.” (He does not elaborate on the fashion he believes would be preferable.) “We take all shootings very seriously. Obviously, when you have an attack on a U.S. military facility, then we have to make sure that we have all the information necessary to make an assessment in terms of how this attack took place, and what further precautions we can take in the future. And as we have more information, we’ll let the public know.” [78283, 78317]

CNN “national security analyst” Juliette Kayyem says, “We generally do not have military with guns walking around, uh, domestic streets or shopping malls, as we’ve seen. Uh, and so that’s why they’re unarmed. Uh, they’re also unarmed, generally, because these are shopping malls, these are, you know, recruitment centers, they’re in shopping malls, they’re, you know, sort of open, they’re in places where you wouldn’t anticipate an attack.” (Recruitment centers are often located in busy locations, like strip malls. It is

absurd to suggest they are facilities where one “wouldn’t anticipate an attack.” After the Fort Hood jihadist attack and the Boston Marathon bombing, Americans would be wise to consider any location subject to an attack. Kayyem is apparently unaware of the June 1, 2009 killing of Private William Long by Abdulhakim Mujahid Muhammad—born Carlos Leon Bledsoe—at a recruitment office in Little Rock, Arkansas.) [78269, 78270, 78282]

Also on CNN, “analyst” Tom Fuentes (a former assistant director of the FBI) says, “I know... what the name [Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez] sounds like, but we don’t know that it’s a Muslim name. We know it’s an Arabic name. We don’t know what this individual was believing in, and that’s what they’re gonna [sic] be trying to determine.” (Blogger Ace of Spades writes, “Just so you know: ‘Abdul’ means ‘Slave of,’ or ‘Servant of.’ When someone is called ‘Abdallah,’ that is ‘Servant of Allah.’ ‘Aziz’ and its derivatives mean ‘The Almighty.’ So this guy is named Muhammad, after the prophet (allegedly), ‘Servant of the Almighty,’ but he [Fuentes] still needs more evidence that this is a Muslim name. By the way, extra special bonus I didn’t know: ‘Youssef’ means ‘Allah increases in piety, power and influence.’ So: Jury’s still out!”) [78279, 78280, 78281, 78288, 78294, 78295, 78314, 78336, 78369, 78370, 78380, 78381]

In his high school yearbook, the killer wrote, “My name causes national security alerts. What does yours do?” A few days before the shootings, Abdulazeez wrote on his blog, “Life is short and bitter and Muslims should not let the opportunity to submit to Allah pass you by,” and “We ask Allah to make us follow their path. To give us a complete understanding of the message of Islam, and the strength the live by this knowledge, and to know what role we need to play to establish Islam in the world.” (The monumental self-pity in the yearbook entry is perhaps partly the result of the Obama administration, the mainstream media, and the “politically correct police” treating *all* Muslims as if they are victims of hatred and discrimination. When one is continually bombarded with “You are unfairly resented!” propaganda, one might eventually believe it—and decide to act on it.) [78279, 78280, 78281, 78288, 78294, 78295, 78314, 78336, 78369, 78370, 78380, 78381, 78383]

In 2010 Abdulazeez’ sister Yasmeen, then a 17-year-old freshman at the University of Tennessee, was interviewed by TimesFreePress.com student reporter Michael Reed. He wrote, “Before graduating from Red Bank High School, Abdulazeez said some of the students would harass her. She said she saw that as an opportunity to dispel misconceptions about her faith. ‘I’m not afraid to go straight toward them and ask them, ‘Do you really know what Islam is?’ Abdulazeez said. ‘There’s this misconception that Islam is a violent religion. Muslims are actually peaceful.’” [78302, 78303, 78304, 78360, 78477]

According to *The New York Times*, Abdulazeez’ neighbors “in Hixson, the suburb of Chattanooga where he grew up, said that he seemed to have been an all-American boy, handsome and polite, normally in a T-shirt and jeans.” That “All-American boy” also grew a beard and “maintained a blog where he posted about Islam, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks international terrorist groups. A July 13 post stated that

‘life is short and bitter’ and that Muslims should not let ‘the opportunity to submit to Allah ...pass you by.’ ...In the last two or three months, Mr. Abdulazeez had begun showing up rather regularly at Friday Prayer at the Islamic Society of Greater Chattanooga, a large mosque and cultural center, said Dr. Azhar S. Sheikh, a founding member of the center’s board. Sheikh said that he showed no signs of extremism.” (Pamela Geller asks, “What is being taught at that mosque? Are investigators simply going to assume that the mosque is ‘moderate’ and that Abdulazeez was ‘radicalized’ elsewhere? If that is true, why couldn’t the peaceful teachings he heard at the mosque withstand the appeal of the ‘radicals?’ This mosque should be investigated.”) [78374, 78375, 78382, 78573]

It is worth noting that in a July 7 interview with Ammoland.com, Donald Trump said, “As Commander-in-Chief, I would mandate that soldiers remain armed and on alert at our military bases.” (The Marines killed in Chattanooga were in “gun-free zones.”) [78334, 78335]

In Ohio, Amir Said Rahman Al-Ghazi (formerly known as Robert McCollum) is indicted on charges of providing material support to ISIS. [78521]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer notes Obama’s eagerness to label the Chattanooga killer a “lone gunman”: “When you say ‘lone gunman,’ what you’re doing—subtly or unsubtly—is ‘disconnecting the dots.’ ...[T]he six-and-a-half years of Obama always wanting to err on the side of downplaying the threat—the threat is radical Islam, which he won’t say—and, look, the war is gonna [sic] be generational.” (The next day Fox News analyst Lisa Daftari reports that Abdulazeez “made multiple trips to Middle East,” according to a “U.S. source close to the investigation.”) [78293, 78329, 78330]

At 7:48 p.m. a tone-deaf Obama issues a statement “on the Occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr,” the end of Ramadan: “Michelle and I would like to extend our warmest wishes to the Muslims in the world celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr. As Muslims mark the end of the month, they are reminded that Ramadan is a time to reflect spiritually, build communally, and aid those in need. ...Michelle and I hope today brings joy to all of your homes, both here in the U.S. and around the world. From my family to yours. Eid Mubarak!” [78326, 78338, 78348]

Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett has little to say about the Chattanooga shootings, but she does manage to find time to tweet a photo of her with actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus. [78328]

On July 17 Secretary of State John Kerry appears on *Morning Joe* and says, “There was not a meeting that took place—not one meeting that took place, believe me that’s not an exaggeration—where we did not raise the issue of our American citizens being held. ...We remain very, very hopeful that Iran will make the decision to do the right thing and to return those citizens to the United States, and we are consistently, constantly even now

continuing to work on that.” (Kerry’s claim is totally inconsistent with Obama’s response to CBS’ Major Garrett on July 15. One of them is lying.) [78385, 78386]

The Times reports, “Saudi Arabia and the Gulf powers are prepared to take military action without American support after the Iran nuclear deal, a former Saudi intelligence chief has warned. Prince Bandar bin Sultan, who served as ambassador to Washington for 20 years before running the country’s intelligence service from 2005 to last year, said that regional powers had lost faith in America. ‘People in my region now are relying on God’s will, and consolidating their local capabilities and analysis with everybody else except our oldest and most powerful ally,’ he said.” The Media Research Center adds, “The prince was less polite in an op-ed he wrote for the London-based Arabic news Web site Elaph. He compared the Iran nuclear deal made by Obama to the North Korean nuclear deal Bill Clinton made. Bandar suggested that they were both bad deals but Clinton made a bad deal with the best of intentions thinking it was a good deal. Obama on the other hand knew he was making a lousy deal and made it anyway.” (In December 2010 John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, warned, “Arab states don’t want Iran to have nuclear weapons any more than Israel does, and they fear that Obama is going to deliver them into the hands’ of a nuclear-armed Iran. Once you are perceived as not being up to the job, and we’re at that point [with Obama], only performance can get it back.”) [16294, 78516, 78517]

“Razor” comments on Obama’s nuclear deal with Iran and the Chattanooga shootings with one incisive tweet: “Gun-free zones prevent guns the way nuke deals with terrorists prevent the apocalypse.” Razor also tweets, “A white shooter in Charleston represents his entire race, but a Muslim shooter in Chattanooga represents only himself.” [78286, 78289]

Michelle Malkin writes, “Navy Secretary Ray Mabus called the [Chattanooga] terrorist’s spree ‘insidious and unfathomable.’ ...Obama bemoaned the ‘heartbreaking circumstance’ in which the murdered Marines found themselves. ‘Unfathomable’? Not if you’ve been paying attention. Islam-inspired hate crimes against our troops have continued unabated since the Obama White House first dismissed the 2009 Fort Hood massacre as ‘workplace violence.’ Here’s what’s unfathomable: While the social justice warriors in Washington bend over backward to appease CAIR and Muslim civil rights absolutists, Americans in uniform are dying on American soil at the hands of Allah’s homicidal avengers—but the commander in chief couldn’t even bother to deliver a live statement to the nation yesterday about the bloodshed. Instead, Obama issued another bland, bloodless pronouncement about the assassinations of our disarmed troops. ‘Heartbreaking circumstance’? Lightning strikes are random events of unfortunate circumstance. The concerted attacks and plots against our troops in their recruitment centers and on their bases here at home are outrageous acts of war. ...Can someone ask the commander in chief: Do U.S. military lives matter enough yet to do more than issue a canned, obligatory condolence to the families of those who serve? How many more lives must be lost before he is as roused about our troops under jihad siege as he is about Bill Cosby, the Confederate flag, ‘Game of Thrones’ or Caitlyn Jenner?” [78325]

Breitbart.com reports that Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez “reportedly failed a background check to work at a nuclear power plant in Ohio. According to the Associated Press: ‘An Ohio company says the man who gunned down four Marines in Tennessee failed a background check in May 2013. Todd Schneider, a spokesman for FirstEnergy Corp., says Mohammad Abdulazeez was conditionally hired as an engineer at a nuclear plant in east Cleveland. He spent 10 days there before he was let go because he failed a background check. He would not say why Abdulazeez didn’t pass the screening process.’ However, FirstEnergy is not just ‘an Ohio company.’ It provides electricity to multiple states, including the majority of land in Pennsylvania and West Virginia... While Abdulazeez failed a ‘background check’ for a private company, the FBI insists it has no evidence he should have been monitored as a terrorist threat. ...Abdulazeez was born in Kuwait and visited the Middle East in 2010 and possibly 2014, according to investigators. A friend said he was ‘different’ after one trip, according to CNN.” [78363, 78364, 78376, 78404, 78411, 78425, 78437]

On MSNBC, Andrea Mitchell does her best to shift the focus from radical Islam to “southern gun culture” in an interview of Valery Levitt, a former high school classmate of Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez. Mitchell asks, “Were guns a big part of activities, social or other activity?” At PubliusForum.com Warner Todd Huston writes, “You could tell that the young woman was quite confused by the question. Mitchell then repeated her question and added more of the context she was trying to tease out of the girl. “Did he, did he hunt, did he shoot? Um, I mean, was that just part of small-town Tennessee activity?” The young woman responds, “Um, he actually wasn’t one of the guys I heard about going hunting. He wasn’t really that kind of guy.” [78361, 78377]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “The Muslim murderer of four US Marines came from an abusive and violent home where his mother [Rasmia Abdulazeez] was physically and verbally abused by her husband. Court documents obtained by Daily Mail Online reveal that Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez was also victim of beatings by his father that were carried out ‘without provocation or justification.’ The Kuwaiti born gunman was caught up in the messy divorce in his senior year at high school in 2009. The documents reveal that his father Youssuf Saed Abdulazeez also told his wife of 28 years he was going to take a second wife as it was permitted under Islamic law. ...In the seven page complaint Rasmia alleged that her husband had been guilty of ‘inappropriate conduct’ and said he had beaten her so severely that she was forced to seek refuge in a women’s shelter. The mother of five also claimed that the beatings took place in front of the children and her 57 year old husband had sexually assaulted [her] when the children were present. Rasmia alleged that her husband told her he intended to take a second wife ‘as permitted under certain circumstances under Islamic Law, in the parties’ native state of Palestine. She alleged he had been physically and verbally abusive to the children ‘striking and berating them without provocation or justification.’” [78424, 78429]

TheGatewayPundit.com reports, “Army chief of staff Gen. Ray Odierno said on Friday he has no plans to arm recruiters or add security patrols to military recruitment centers in the wake of the Islamist terror attacks on unarmed, unguarded military offices in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Thursday. Odierno basically said he doesn’t trust his troops

to handle their weapons properly. Also on Friday, the Marine Corps ordered recruiters to not wear their uniforms at work for ‘force protection.’” Odierno says, “I think we have to be careful about over-arming ourselves,” and worries about “accidental discharges and everything else that goes along with having weapons that are loaded that cause injuries.” The Pentagon has also suggested that recruiting stations “close their blinds.” (The lunacy of the response to the terrorism is almost incomprehensible. The jihadists will certainly still know that the people working at the centers are military recruiters, and civilian clothes—and window blinds—do not stop bullets. Odierno—who should be worried more about the intentional discharge of jihadist weapons than the accidental discharge of Marine weapons—may as well have the recruiters wear hijabs and face Mecca to pray five times each day.) Meanwhile, U.S. military recruitment centers in “soft target” locations in Florida will be relocated. In Winchester, Virginia and Atlanta, Georgia, armed civilians volunteer their time to stand guard at recruitment centers. [78371, 78406, 78409, 78410, 78435, 78436, 78476, 78583, 78584, 78589]

Recognizing that Obama did not answer Major Garrett’s news conference question about why the Iran negotiations did not include a demand for the release of four Americans, the White House spins a new explanation: because the negotiators did not know they would succeed at getting a signed agreement, they chose not to “tie the release” of the four with an “uncertainty.” [78327]

The Daily Show announces that Obama will be a guest on July 21—apparently because six appearances on the comedy program were not enough. [78331]

At Spectator.org author Paul G. Kengor (*Takedown: From Communists to Progressives, How the Left Has Sabotaged Family and Marriage*) writes, “Sure, Barack’s matrimonial vow might be to Michelle, but his ideological soulmate has long been Valerie Jarrett. And both Barack and Valerie hail from a truly remarkable line of mentors and family members with deep fidelity to the American Communist Party. ...[T]he common lines are just incredible—but they are real. And the connections get even more jaw-dropping when you toss in mentors for a third leg of the political trinity responsible for two presidential terms of Barack Obama, one David Axelrod. Axelrod was also influenced by comrades with fond commitments to Communist Party circles, and specifically in rotten, politically misbegotten Chicago.” Kengor comments on FBI files of “Jarrett’s father, James Bowman, her father-in-law, Vernon Jarrett, and her grandfather, Robert Rochon Taylor” which Judicial Watch obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. “They are at once disturbing and depressing, yet further confirmation that the most politically extreme individuals who once agitated and propagandized in our blessed country were able to place their political children as high as the White House in the 21st century.” [78419, 78420]

“...What is new is that these files show the highly disturbing level of communist work and associations by no less than three men very close to Valerie Jarrett. They show beyond any doubt that [Obama]—who I’ve here described as our first Red-Diaper Baby President—has been steered by a longtime leading adviser who, without question, has the classic rearing of a red-diaper baby. ...[T]hough I did not see the name of Frank Marshall

Davis, Obama's mentor, in these files, I'm now even further certain that Davis would have not only known these men but worked closely with each. They were all in Chicago at the exact same time and all operating in the exact same close-knit circles of the city's Communist Party generally and of a much smaller group of African-American communists specifically. ... There is simply no way—no way—that James Bowman, Vernon Jarrett, Robert Rochon Taylor, and Frank Marshall Davis did not know [each other] and work together.” [78419, 78420]

“... Valerie's father [James Bowman] had numerous communist ties. He was a member of a front-group that is new to me, the Association of Internes [sic] and Medical Students, which Congress described as ‘an organization which has long been a faithful follower of the Communist Party line.’ He was very active on the student front, including with the communist group, American Youth for Democracy, one of Frank Marshall Davis' favorite organizations. Among other groups listed in Bowman's file that were likewise favorites of Davis were the International Labor Defense and the awful American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB). ... Key members [of ACPFB] included prominent African-American communists Langston Hughes and Paul Robeson, the gushing admirer of Joe Stalin, plus the usual assemblage of duped liberals/progressives, ranging from theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, to the great Orson Welles, to famed movie actor Edward G. Robinson. ... As [a] Congressional report noted, ACPFB ‘was founded by the Communist Party in order to exploit racial divisions in the United States for its own revolutionary purposes.’ Its modus operandi was to polarize Americans along racial lines in order to advance the Soviet agenda. ... Few communist fronts so directly served Soviet interests. Quite deservedly, ACPFB was designated as a subversive group by the office of President Truman's attorney general, Tom Clark.” [78419, 78420]

“... [M]ost alarmingly, Bowman's file states that he was in communication with a paid Soviet agent named Alfred Stern, identified as ‘one of the principal subjects in the MOCASE,’ which was a Soviet espionage ring in the late 1950s run by Jack and Myra Soble. After being pursued for espionage in the United States, Stern in 1957 fled to the USSR and later settled in Prague, finding safe haven behind the Iron Curtain. He would serve as an adviser to Fidel Castro while living in Cuba for a time. ... In sum, Valerie Jarrett's father had quite a political history, one that raises numerous questions.” [78419, 78420]

Kengor continues, “... Valerie's later father-in-law is aptly described by Judicial Watch as having been a ‘big-time Chicago Communist.’ How big? Vernon Jarrett, like Frank Marshall Davis, was actually placed on the federal government's Security Index. This meant that he could have been immediately detained or arrested in the event of a national emergency, such as a war breaking out between the United States and USSR—out of fear he would fight for the wrong side. That is no small accomplishment. It took some pretty prodigious anti-American activity to end up on that list. According to the FBI file, Vernon Jarrett was a member of the Communist Party from at least 1946 through 1948. His file is so filled with communist groups and activities that it makes your head hurt. One 20-page FBI report, dated November 20, 1950, contains... a claim from one

informant ‘of known reliability’ that Jarrett was even part of a ‘1946 Fund Drive’ for the Communist Party. If that claim is accurate, then Valerie’s father-in-law was not only a member of the Communist Party but helped raise funds for it. Vernon Jarrett wrote for the Chicago Defender, a left-wing newspaper, and was even fired from the Defender in 1948 because of his blatant communist activities. Frank Marshall Davis also wrote for the Defender at this time, one of many places where he interacted with Valerie Jarrett’s later father-in-law.” [78419, 78420]

“...Tellingly, one of Jarrett’s close political pals, Metz Lochard, was among the investors in the so-called ‘Progressive Publishing Company’ that in September 1948 bought the Chicago Star from Frank Marshall Davis, clearing the way for Davis to immediately move to Honolulu, where he would continue his Party work there and eventually embrace [and perhaps sire] a young man named Barack Hussein Obama. ...Vernon’s wife, Fern Jarrett, according to informants quoted in the FBI file, was also a Communist Party member.” [78419, 78420]

“Finally, Robert Rochon Taylor. The maternal grandfather of Valerie Jarrett was the first African-American head of the Chicago Housing Authority. His wife, Dorothy, born in Berkeley, California, was active in Planned Parenthood, the organization founded by racial-eugenicist Margaret Sanger, who... spoke to the KKK in 1926 and had hideous racial views and programs. In my past research, it was not clear to me if Robert Taylor was a communist or a liberal/progressive duped and exploited by communists. I did not have enough information. The information secured by Judicial Watch, however, shows Taylor to be another serious communist. A March 18, 1955 AIRTEL cable, included among the declassified FBI documents, connects Robert Rochon Taylor (as well as James Bowman, his son-in-law) to Alfred Stern, the Soviet agent accused of espionage who fled to the Communist Bloc. The cable states that Taylor ‘had been in contact with Stern on a number of occasions.’ Another document, an FBI memo dated April 22, 1955, states that Taylor ‘had numerous contacts with Alfred K. Stern.’ More than that, a March 31, 1955 AIRTEL cable describes Taylor as a ‘former business partner of Alfred K. Stern.’ The files also reveal Taylor’s connections to the likes of William Patterson, the prominent African-American communist—who was a mentor to Frank Marshall Davis, Obama’s mentor—and to the Abraham Lincoln School.” [78419, 78420]

“...Overall, the Judicial Watch collection has less on Taylor than it does on James Bowman and Vernon Jarrett, but what it does contain is eye-opening. So, to sum up, what should we make of all of this? Historically, it is quite valuable. But how politically relevant is it today? I’ll conclude with my usual caveat essential for liberal readers and their flare for knee-jerk reactions: No, none of this—obviously—means that Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett are closet card-carrying members of the Communist Party, even as their political ancestors literally were. Yet, we can say this: These two political soulmates are farther to the left than any ideological couple ever to run the White House, making Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt look like right-wingers by comparison. Why is that? Do we care to ask, to try to ascertain? The answer isn’t rocket science. If you want to understand how Barack and Valerie got so far to the left, or, better, started so far to the left, then you need to look—as any historian would—to their biographical-political

ancestry, and especially to some common roots in Chicago, original home of the American Communist Party and the political home of men like Frank Marshall Davis, James Bowman, Vernon Jarrett, and Robert Rochon Taylor. To ignore these radical backgrounds in the intellectual development of Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett would be downright stupid, and would constitute the kind of willful blindness that liberals eagerly impose upon themselves when they dare not want to expose the nasty skeletons in the ‘progressive’ closet.” [78419, 78420]

“In short, if you want to understand just how and why our political first couple’s politics are so skewed left, and where Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett fully came from, you need to stop and gaze at this ideological car-wreck along their road to the White House. Their work at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is the consummation of lifetimes of political-ideological experience. The influence of these figures in their early lives can indeed be overstated, but they should not be understated. It would be ludicrous to ignore these disturbing backgrounds as if they were completely inconsequential. All of this matters. Liberals, in their hearts, know that it does. If, say, a George W. Bush and Karl Rove had had political ancestors with this kind of baggage tilted to the extreme right, every liberal in America would know about it and would have used it to torpedo Bush’s election to the White House. And yet, the saddest thing of all is that the vast majority of Americans generally, let alone liberals, could not give a damn about this. Their eyes are willfully covered as they pull the lever. And as they remain blind, the fundamental transformation of America continues.” [78419, 78420]

On MSNBC, retired General Wesley Clark provides his “solution” to “lone wolf” radicals in the United States: “Well, we’ve got to identify, um, the people who are most likely to be radicalized. We’ve got to cut this off at the beginning. There are always a certain number of young people who are alienated. They don’t get a job, they lost a girlfriend, their family doesn’t feel happy here, and we can watch the signs of that and there are members of the community who will reach out to those people and bring them back in, and encourage them to look at their blessing here. But I do think, on a national policy level, we need to look at, um, at what self-radicalization means, because we are at war with um, uh, this group of terrorists. They do have an ideology.” [2466, 2467, 7895, 10483, 10484, 10485, 10492, 10493, 10494, 10495, 10541, 78547, 78893]

Clark continues, “In World War II, if, uh, someone supported Nazi Germany at the expense of the United States, we didn’t say that was freedom of speech, uh, we put him in a camp, they were prisoners of war. So, uh, if these people are radicalized and they don’t support the United States and they’re disloyal to the United States as a matter of principle, fine. That’s their right. It’s our right and our obligation to segregate them from the normal community for the duration of the conflict. And I think we’re gonna have to increasingly get tough on this.” (Clark is essentially suggesting that people be put in internment camps for having “un-American thoughts,” apparently even if they have not committed a crime. Clark, it should be noted, commanded the Fort Hood military forces at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, where 76 people—including 23 children—were killed in. The 51-day siege was ordered by Bill Clinton’s then-Attorney General Janet Reno and her second in command Eric Holder. Tanks from nearby Fort

Hood were used in the 1993 assault, under the orders of Clark. That action was illegal; it was in violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, which forbids the use of the military against civilians.) [2466, 2467, 7895, 10483, 10484, 10485, 10492, 10493, 10494, 10495, 10541, 78547, 78893]

DailyCaller.com reports that Dr. Deborah Nucatola, the abortionist caught in an undercover video discussing the use of fetal body parts, is not only the Senior Director of Medical Services for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, she is also employed by Sexual Health Innovations, which was “founded by former Obama White House staffer Jessica Ladd. Senior Obama administration officials sit on the board of the abortion activist group, including Praveen Basaviah of the President’s Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and Kyle Bernstein of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The IRS-approved 501(c)3 tech nonprofit is a major Obama administration contractor. ...The Daily Caller has inquired as to the level of compensation that Nucatola currently earns at the nonprofit.” [78339]

At NewsWithViews.com Cliff Kincaid writes, “A new survey from Univision, the pro-Mexico television network, demonstrates the utter folly of Republicans appealing to Hispanic voters. It finds that 68 percent have a favorable view of Hillary Clinton despite the scandals swirling around her. By contrast, only 36 percent have a favorable view of former Republican Governor Jeb Bush, who is married to a Mexican and speaks Spanish Bush ‘was the highest-rated of all the Republican candidates,’ Univision reports, with Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), a one-time proponent of amnesty for illegals, coming in second with only a 35 percent approval rate. What the poll demonstrates is that Hispanics are basically owned by the Democratic Party. The Democrats’ power grab for the Latino vote has been successful. However, ultimately the Democratic Party’s success in the presidential election depends on convincing Republicans to fruitlessly continue to appeal to Hispanics, while abandoning the GOP voter base of whites, conservatives and Christians. ... In another finding, 59 percent of Hispanic voters said they were satisfied with Barack Obama’s presidency after his six years in office. Clearly, most Hispanics have drunk the Kool-Aid. For them, it appears that federal benefits and legalization of border crossers are what matters. Most of them don’t bat an eye in regard to Obama’s lawless and traitorous conduct of domestic and foreign policy.” [78340]

“What the Republicans have left is to try to appeal to white, conservative and Christian voters. But that strategy, of course, runs the obvious risk of being depicted by the liberal media as racist. After all, whites are not supposed to have a ‘white identity’ ... If Republicans pander to Hispanics, they will alienate their voter base, which has shown in their reaction to the Donald Trump candidacy that they want more—not less—action taken to control the border with Mexico. ...Of course, the political correctness which dominates the national dialogue and debate also means that Republicans like Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio are likely to continue to demonize Trump, thereby alienating many whites. As a result, the Republicans will get less of the conservative and Christian vote, further diminishing their chances of winning the White House. It will be a replay of the losing campaigns of John McCain and Mitt Romney. Republicans have already alienated many Christian voters by giving up the fight for traditional marriage. They had planned

to abandon border control as an issue until Trump and ‘El Chapo’ got in the way.”
[78340]

“...As this scenario plays out, Mrs. Clinton is coming across on the Democratic side looking like a moderate, by virtue of the fact that an open socialist, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), is running ‘to her left’ for the Democratic nomination. The Clinton-Sanders show has all the earmarks of a carefully staged demonstration of the Marxist dialectic, an exercise designed to create the appearance of conflict in order to force even more radical change on the American people through Democratic Party rule. Anybody who knows anything about Hillary, a student of Saul Alinsky, understands that her ‘moderation’ is only a façade. Her thesis on Alinsky for Wellesley College was titled ‘There Is Only the Fight...’ That is the Marxist strategy. It is the Alinsky version of the Marxist dialectic. It was also adopted by Obama, who was trained by Alinsky disciples working with the Catholic Church in Chicago. ...Clinton understands that the Sanders candidacy actually supports and does not undermine her own candidacy. It makes Hillary look like a moderate while she moves further to the left, a place she wants to be, in response to the left-wing Democratic base. Only the Marxist insiders seem to understand what is happening. ...The fact is that Sanders and Mrs. Clinton have associated with the same gang of communists and fellow travelers for many years. Sanders was an active collaborator with the Communist Party-sponsored U.S. Peace Council. ...At this stage in the campaign, even before the first Republican presidential debate, we can already see how the race is playing out. Hillary is counting on the Republicans nominating another loser with a losing strategy while she moves to the left and looks like a moderate.”
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At WeeklyStandard.com Daniel Halper reports, “The top paid employee on Hillary Clinton’s campaign is Huma Abedin. According to Federal Election Commission disclosures released this week, Abedin was paid \$69,263.09 in the first quarter of the campaign. Should Abedin continue to receive disbursements of the same amount, she’ll be set to receive \$277,052.36 per year. By contrast, the chairman of the Clinton campaign, John Podesta, received only \$3,586.00. Robby Mook, the campaign manager, made \$27,625.80. Jennifer Palmieri, the communications director, pulled in a tidy \$31,710.91.” [78350]

NYPPost.com reports, “Police are looking for five people armed with what appear to be assault rifles after they were spotted by a retired NYPD cop in Staten Island on Friday morning, sources said. The retired tipster snapped photos of four young men and a woman wearing a hijab head scarf in the Midland Beach parking lot, near the boardwalk, transferring what look like M16s between two vehicles, according to sources. The cars—a silver minivan and dark-colored Scion—have New Jersey plates, and bridge authorities have been notified to be on the lookout. An internal memo was also sent out to NYPD officers. ... ‘They are worried about the woman in the head scarf. She’s carrying what appears to be an AK-47 assault rifle,’ said a law enforcement source. ‘NYPD is actively searching for these subjects and both vehicles.’ Extra cops were stationed at the Staten Island Mall, the Staten Island ferry and military bases in the borough, cops said.” (The

police later state the weapons were probably paintball guns.) [78351, 78352, 78378, 78379]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The Justice Department announced a deal Friday requiring Maricopa County [Arizona] Sheriff Joe Arpaio to provide services in Spanish to his jail inmates, settling part of a two-year-old discrimination complaint the Obama administration filed against the man known as ‘America’s Sheriff.’ Federal authorities will also become permanent overseers for all worksite raids, with the power to demand information about any raids that deputies perform. The Justice Department says it will scrutinize them to make sure they’re following the Constitution. Still to come is a ruling by a court on charges that sheriff’s deputies discriminated in targeting Hispanics for traffic enforcement. But Friday’s deal settles many of the complaints about how Sheriff Arpaio runs the county jails and how it conducts its worksite raids. ...The case is the culmination of the Obama administration’s effort to push Sheriff Arpaio out of the business of enforcing laws against illegal immigrants, and federal authorities have been mostly successful. Sheriff Arpaio had already agreed to stop enforcing a controversial state identity theft law, and disbanded its Criminal Employment Unit that had been the spearhead for those efforts.” (Arpaio’s “cold case posse,” under the direction of lead investigator Mike Zullo, has been investigating Obama’s forged birth certificate and forged Selective Service registration form.) [78353]

Donald Trump leads the GOP pack in a Fox News poll, with 18 percent. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker draws 15 percent and Jeb Bush gets 14 percent. All other candidates are in single-digits. [78355, 78356]

At Townhall.com Phil Kerpen reports on a proposed amendment by Senator Dick Blumenthal (D-CT) “that would make it illegal for dealers to sell any car with an open recall. That might sound good, but there’s a huge problem: many recalls are for items as trivial as a printing error in the owner’s manual, and when a part is simply unavailable, there’s nothing you can do about it. The Blumenthal proposal would therefore effectively make it impossible for millions of Americans—finding their cars suddenly with little or no trade-in value—to buy a new car. ...Many recalls have almost nothing to do with vehicle safety. General Motors recalled Camaros because ‘the air bag warning label on the sun visor may peel off.’ Mercedes recalled a vehicle because ‘if the driver buckles his seat belt prior to starting the vehicle, the chime will not sound.’ ...Blumenthal’s amendment would effectively slash the resale value of all [millions of] vehicles to zero—for years. And that means dealers could offer—at best—only pennies on the dollar for trade-ins, because they would have to hold the cars indefinitely until the parts became available. That would be a disaster for consumers, for dealers, and for automakers.” [78387]

To the surprise of no one, the Associated Press reports that Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez “purchased some of his guns illegally.” [78357, 78358]

Also perhaps to the surprise of no one, the French publication *Charlie Hebdo* states that it will no longer publish cartoons of Muhammad. The newspaper’s Laurent Sourisseau tells

the German magazine *Stern*, “We’ve done our job. We have defended the right to caricature. We still believe that we have the right to criticize all religions. The mistakes you could blame Islam for can be found in other religions.” (In other words, “The jihadists have won, and we will now limit ourselves to ridiculing people who are not inclined to kill us after being offended.”) [78365, 78366, 78367]

On *Your World*, Neil Cavuto interviews Sergeant Alonzo Lunsford, who was wounded (shot seven times) by Nidal Malik Hasan in the Fort Hood massacre on November 5, 2009. Lunsford says the recent shooting in Chattanooga “makes me feel as if they [Obama administratin officials] need to get their heads out of the fourth point of contact [their asses] and call it what it really is, because as long as they drag their feet, people die. ...We need to learn from mistakes of the past. We need to arm our military at all military facilities like we did before so they can protect themselves because all military personnel... have targets on our back[s]. The war is here on U.S. soil this day, this month, this year, and it’s not going to go away until we eliminate the threat.” [78451, 78452]

Obama attends a \$33,400 per person, no press allowed Democrat National Committee fundraiser in New York City. [78320, 78321, 78332 78354, 78403]

At a Hillary Clinton campaign event in Iowa, not only are reporters not allowed to ask the candidate questions, they are prevented from talking to Clinton’s supporters. On MSNBC, *USAToday*’s Susan Page asks, “Now, why in the world would the campaign tell their own supporters who came out to campaign in favor of Hillary Clinton... these are young people, college kids, for Hillary, and they’ve been told they can’t talk to reporters. Why in the world would you do that? This raises some warning flags for a Hillary Clinton campaign that is trying to control their supporters.” [78567, 78568]

The upper floors of the Empire State Building are lit in green to celebrate the Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. (Pamela Geller writes, “Ramadan is the most violent month of the year in the Islamic world, because Ramadan is the month in which Muslims renew their devotion to Allah, and violent jihad is a supreme act of devotion to Allah. All told, 2,988 people were shot, burned, blown up, beheaded, or hacked to death in the cause of Islam during this ‘holy’ month, with 3,696 wounded, beating last year’s savage human toll of 2,429, with 2,028 wounded. This is not political correctness; this is sharia adherence. Wherever your sympathies may lie, the idea that the Empire State Building would turn green for Eid not a day after five U.S. soldiers were murdered in cold blood in the cause of Islam on American soil is surrender. We have indeed been conquered. ...I shudder to think what it is going to take for people to recognize the reality of jihad. But make no mistake about it: the jihad is coming—because of our weak and feckless political elites and their shadowy, well-heeled backers.”) [78422, 78446, 78450]

On July 18 Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Randall Smith dies from wounds suffered in the terrorist attack at the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga. [78398, 78401, 78402, 78411, 78423]

Reuters reports, “Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday the nuclear deal with world powers did not signal any wider shift in Iran’s relationship with Washington or its policies in the Middle East.” While his audience chants, “Death to America!” and “Death to Israel!” the ayatollah states, “We have repeatedly said we don’t negotiate with the U.S. on regional or international affairs; not even on bilateral issues. There are some exceptions like the nuclear program that we negotiated with the Americans to serve our interests. ... We will never stop supporting our friends in the region and the people of Palestine, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Bahrain and Lebanon. Even after this deal our policy towards the arrogant U.S. will not change.” (Reuters promotes its story with the tweet, “Iran leader vows opposition to U.S. despite nuclear deal.” Why Reuters believes Iran would change its policies after snookering Obama in its nuclear deal is not explained.) [78399, 78400, 78484, 78522, 78523, 78529, 78908]

Khamenei also posts a Twitter message: “US president has said he could knock out Iran’s military. We welcome no war, nor do we initiate any war, but...” The message continues in a graphic: “We welcome no war, nor do we initiate any war, but if any war happens, the one who will emerge loser will be the aggressive and criminal U.S.” Under the text is an image of the U.S. flag and a silhouetted person (presumably Obama) holding a gun to his own head. (The White House excuse that such messages from Iran are “just for domestic political audiences” are ridiculous—because the Tweets are in English, not Persian.) [78818, 78819, 78832, 78837, 78845, 78850]

Reuters also reports, “Hours before the Tennessee shooting that killed five U.S. servicemen, the suspected gunman texted his close friend a link to a long Islamic verse that included the line: ‘Whosoever shows enmity to a friend of Mine, then I have declared war against him.’ His friend thought nothing of it at the time, but now wonders if it was a clue to Thursday’s rampage in Chattanooga, which has re-ignited concerns about the radicalization of young Muslim men. ‘I didn’t see it as a hint at the time, but it may have been his way of telling me something,’ the friend told Reuters on Saturday. He requested anonymity for fear of a backlash.” [78427, 78428]

Obama attends a matinee performance of *Hamilton*, a “hip-hop” musical about Alexander Hamilton. [78320, 78321, 78354, 78403, 78407]

At the annual gathering of the far left “Netroots Nation” (hosted by defiant illegal immigrant Jose Antonio Vargas, who reportedly lives in a \$1.2 million apartment in San Francisco), Democrat presidential candidate Martin O’Malley ruffles feathers by declaring, “Black lives matter, white lives matter, all lives matter”—a statement Democrats seem to find unacceptable. The spineless O’Malley is later shamed into apologizing: “I meant no disrespect.” Nancy Pelosi’s activist daughter Alexandra tweets, “My fellow White Progressives, please understand ‘all lives matter’ is received as erasure not inclusion to #BlackLivesMatter.” (Both O’Malley and Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) attend the event, and both are left looking awkward on stage as rowdy members of the audience are allowed to shout, interrupt, and generally act like spoiled children. To her credit, Hillary Clinton has enough sense not to show up.) [78389, 78390, 78391, 78392, 78414, 78415, 78442, 78479, 78487, 78549, 78599, 78649, 78719]

A far more polite and respectful audience attends the Family Leadership Summit in Ames, Iowa, where Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) poses a question to immigrants: “Are you coming here to live in America or are you coming here to be an American?” Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) receives a standing ovation after he calls for an investigation of Planned Parenthood and an end to federal funding of the abortion mill. Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal draws cheers when he pounds on the mainstream media for its pro-Obama bias. [78393, 78394, 78395, 78396, 78397]

Donald Trump causes a stir at the event by saying Senator John McCain (R-AZ) “was a war hero because he was captured. I like people who weren’t captured.” (Trump’s unwise response was prompted by a goading question from pollster Frank Luntz, who illogically suggested that McCain was above criticism because he was a “war hero.”) ConservativeByte.com points out that McCain has previously called Trump supporters “crazies” (McCain claims it is a “term of endearment”), supporters of Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Rand Paul (R-KY) “wacko birds,” tea party supporters “Hobbits,” Fox News “schizophrenic,” and Evangelical Christians “agents of intolerance.” [78412, 78418, 78433, 78434, 78524, 78527, 78632, 78633, 78718, 78721]

McCain and his defenders should be careful. There is a fair amount of information to suggest that McCain was not the “hero” many believe he was, and some individuals may be more than willing to make that information widely available. Some of that damaging information was outlined in an October 6, 2008 article by Sydney H. Schanberg in *The Nation*. GotNews.com notes that on June 6, 1969 *The Stars and Stripes* published an article reporting a Hanoi radio broadcast in which a voice identified as that of McCain said, “I have bombed the cities, towns and villages and caused injuries and even death for the people of North Vietnam. After I was captured, I was taken to a hospital in Hanoi where I received very good medical treatment. I was given an operation on my leg which enabled me to walk again and a cast on my right arm, which was badly broken in three places.” [78412, 78418, 78433, 78434, 78524, 78527, 78632, 78633, 78718, 78721]

Journalist Sharyl Attkisson later comes to Trump’s defense—not necessarily because of what he said but because of the way he was misquoted by many in the mainstream media. *The Washington Post*, for example, wrote, “Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump slammed Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), a decorated Vietnam War veteran, on Saturday by saying McCain was not a war hero because he was captured by the North Vietnamese.” Attkisson responds, “Is this report accurate? In fact, Trump’s actual quote is the opposite of what is presented in the Post’s first sentence.” Trump said, “He is a war hero.” “He’s a war hero because he was captured.” “He’s a war hero, because he was captured.” “I believe, perhaps, he’s a war hero. But right now, he’s said some very bad things about a lot of people.” (Several Navy pilots who served with McCain have told less than flattering stories about him.) [78413, 78444]

The Trump campaign issues a statement: “I am not a fan of Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) because he has done so little for our Veterans and he should know better than anybody what the Veterans need, especially in regards to the VA. He is yet another all talk, no

action politician who spends too much time on television and not enough time doing his job and helping the Vets. He is also allowing our military to decrease substantially in size and strength, something which should never be allowed to happen. Furthermore, he was extremely disrespectful to the thousands upon thousands of people, many of whom happen to be his constituents, that came to listen to me speak about illegal immigration in Phoenix last week by calling them ‘crazies.’ These were not ‘crazies’—these were great American citizens. I have great respect for all those who serve in our military including those that weren’t captured and are also heroes. I want to strengthen our military and take care of our Veterans. I want to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN especially for those that serve to protect our freedom. I am fighting for our Veterans! Note, Mr. Trump left to a long lasting standing ovation, which will be by far the biggest ovation of the weekend, and much congratulatory praise.” [78421]

DailyCaller.com notes that in 2008 leftists were more than happy to ridicule Senator John McCain (R-AZ). In an HBO special Chris Rock said, “He [McCain] a war hero. He a war hero. He a war hero that got CAPTURED. There’s a lot of guys in jail that got captured. I don’t want to vote for nobody that got captured. I want to vote for the motherfucker that got away.” (Of course, the criticism of McCain came *after* he captured the Republican nomination. Before that point, media leftists praised McCain, calling him a “maverick” who was not beholden to the GOP establishment and who would cross party lines to work well with Congress if he entered the White House. The second McCain won the nomination, the long knives came out, and he was portrayed as a feeble old man who could not even use a computer. The logic behind that reversal, of course, was that the media pushes the weakest Republican candidate during the primaries, so that the Democrat candidate will have an easier time winning the presidency. In 2008, Obama knew full well that the fight was in the caucuses and the primaries. His opposition was Hillary Clinton, not McCain, and he knew the media would be in his corner all the way to election day.) [78482]

FireAndreaMitchell.com notes a 2000 statement made by Democrat Al Franken (now a U.S. Senator from Minnesota): “I have tremendous respect for McCain but I don’t buy the war hero thing. Anybody can be captured. I thought the idea was to capture them. As far as I’m concerned he sat out the war.” [78447, 78448, 78449]

It is worth noting that while most of the GOP candidates have come out strongly against Trump, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) has (so far) refused to jump on the trashing bandwagon. This *Timeline* suspects that Trump and Cruz may have come to an agreement: in the unlikely event that Trump wins the Republican nomination, Cruz will be his running mate. If Trump flames out and ends his campaign, Trump will throw his support—and some of his wealth—behind a Cruz candidacy. In the meantime, the longer Trump stays in the race, excoriating Jeb Bush and other GOP contenders, the better off Cruz will be.

At NYPost.com the Hoover Institution’s Paul Sperry writes, “A key part of ...Obama’s legacy will be the fed’s unprecedented collection of sensitive data on Americans by race. The government is prying into our most personal information at the most local levels, all

for the purpose of ‘racial and economic justice.’ Unbeknown to most Americans, Obama’s racial bean counters are furiously mining data on their health, home loans, credit cards, places of work, neighborhoods, even how their kids are disciplined in school—all to document ‘inequalities’ between minorities and whites. This Orwellian-style stockpile of statistics includes a vast and permanent network of discrimination databases, which Obama already is using to make ‘disparate impact’ cases against: banks that don’t make enough prime loans to minorities; schools that suspend too many blacks; cities that don’t offer enough Section 8 and other low-income housing for minorities; and employers who turn down African-Americans for jobs due to criminal backgrounds. Big Brother Barack wants the databases operational before he leaves office, and much of the data in them will be posted online. ...[C]ivil-rights attorneys and urban activist groups will be able to exploit them to show patterns of ‘racial disparities’ and ‘segregation,’ even if no other evidence of discrimination exists.” [78408, 78486, 78556, 79003]

“The granddaddy of them all is the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing database, which the Department of Housing and Urban Development rolled out earlier this month to racially balance the nation, ZIP code by ZIP code. It will map every US neighborhood by four racial groups—white, Asian, black or African-American, and Hispanic/Latino—and publish ‘geospatial data’ pinpointing racial imbalances. The agency proposes using nonwhite populations of 50% or higher as the threshold for classifying segregated areas. Federally funded cities deemed overly segregated will be pressured to change their zoning laws to allow construction of more subsidized housing in affluent areas in the suburbs, and relocate inner-city minorities to those predominantly white areas. ...HUD plans to drill down to an even more granular level, detailing the proximity of black residents to transportation sites, good schools, parks and even supermarkets. If the agency’s social engineers rule the distance between blacks and these suburban ‘amenities’ is too far, municipalities must find ways to close the gap or forfeit federal grant money and face possible lawsuits for housing discrimination.” [78408, 78486, 78556, 79003]

“Even if no one has complained about discrimination, even if there is no other evidence of racism, the numbers themselves will ‘prove’ that things are unfair. Such databases have never before existed. Obama is presiding over the largest consolidation of personal data in US history. He is creating a diversity police state where government race cops and civil-rights lawyers will micromanage demographic outcomes in virtually every aspect of society. The first black president, quite brilliantly, has built a quasi-reparations infrastructure perpetually fed by racial data that will outlast his administration.” Sperry also notes, “Through its mandatory Civil Rights Data Collection project, the Education Department is gathering information on student suspensions and expulsions, by race, from every public school district in the country. Districts that show disparities in discipline will be targeted for reform. Those that don’t comply will be punished. Several already have been forced to revise their discipline policies, which has led to violent disruptions in classrooms.” (In other words, the Obama administration believes if too many black or Hispanic students are being disciplined, the cause must be racism—rather than the actions of the individual students.) [78408, 78486, 78556, 79003]

At AmericanThinker.com Eileen F. Toplansky also comments on Obama's "fair housing" scheme. She writes, "[T]he words of Derrick Bell, uttered in 1994, now reflect a mainstream approach as Obama continues his ultimate transformation of America. 'The new crop of leaders are going to be a lot more dangerous and radical, and the next phase will probably be led by charismatic individuals, maybe even teenagers, who urge that instead of killing each other, they should go out in gangs and kill a whole lot of white people.' Derrick Bell and Jewelle Taylor Gibbs have maintained that African-American rage will eventually find 'violent expression in the suburbs.' And, lo and behold, it will be coming very soon to your neighborhood, in the form of a fair housing rule promulgated by Obama. This rule, known as the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule (AFFH), has been shrouded in secrecy. ...Repeatedly, Obama openly supports the notion that wealthy people have no right to their wealth. And, furthermore, it is the principled right of poor people—or the government serving their so-called interests—to rob the affluent of their hard-earned wealth. In traditional Obama fashion, the AFFH will actually promote racial division, racial rage, and social engineering, all the while maintaining an intention to undo racism. What a clever way to insinuate certain people into a community who do not appreciate the culture of hard work yet thrive by maintaining a culture of entitlement mixed in with a rage that knows no bounds." [78453, 78486, 78556, 79003]

"...Besides reducing safety as well as property values, the AFFH rule signals what I have dubbed Payback Time White America (PTWA), which Obama engages at every opportunity. The fact that well-to-do black Americans may fall victim is just a friendly fire event for Obama. Rest assured that it will help promote racial animus and resentment, which, in turn, will result in more 'threats of anarchy and racial apocalypse.' Thus, repressed rage will find its outlet in class and racial warfare. Exactly as Obama dreams. Every day, we hear the Obama tirade about people not being responsible for their actions; after all, 'you didn't build that,' or, in the reverse, you are not responsible for the destruction of your own neighborhoods. Each utterance describes a moral compass that either diminishes hard work or elevates destruction. It deliberately inflames and pits one group against another. ...In light of Obama's racial trajectory, what will eventually happen is the destruction of neighborhoods, and the ramping up of racial animosity. Black flash mobs will get the go-ahead to destroy even when they may have obtained a better geographical space. White and black homeowners will fear for their safety as the entitlement mentality morphs throughout their community. After all, according to Obama, racism is in America's genes, and when a disease is discovered, the vector clearly needs to be destroyed. Obama's ultimate dream to transform America will have occurred, and we will live in a third-world paradise, with the government distributing whatever crumbs it so deigns as long as the misery will be shared by all." (Whether the administration will force Chappaqua, New York to provide low-income housing remains to be seen. Blacks and Hispanics make up less than four percent of the town where Hillary Clinton lives.) [78453, 78486, 78556, 79003, 79004]

Many Americans are outraged because the White House flag is not being flown at half-staff to honor the victims of the terrorist attack in Chattanooga. (Obama ordered the flag flown at half-staff after the death of South African communist Nelson Mandela.)

Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke tweets, “Obama’s shoulder shrug on these brave soldiers massacred in TN is because none of them look like Trevon [sic; Trayvon] Martin.” Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) comments, “I think the position of the flag tells you a lot about the priorities of this White House.” [78474, 78475, 78495, 78526]

WDEF.com reports, “According to a tip that came into WDEF, Mohammad Abdulazeez was spotted at a gun range just weeks before killing four Marines and one Navy [Specialist]. Abdulazeez was reportedly spotted with three other men who were wearing long beards like Abdulazeez. All four were reportedly practice shooting. The claim has not been confirmed by law enforcement but several sources told WDEF the men were likely spotted at Prentice Cooper Gun Range.” [78439, 78440]

At AmericanThinker.com E. M. Cadwaladr writes, “The representative model is now defunct, destroyed in somewhat different ways by the two political parties. We will start with the inappropriately named Democrats. The Democratic party of today is not a representative party, but a top-down political machine organized around a reformulation of traditional socialist ideology. They are not a party of the popular will, but a party of a particular set of ideas. The people who adapt these ideas to current needs are not the Democratic base, but a small group of intellectuals drawn almost exclusively from a handful of elite universities. Trusting the public will is a laughable proposition for academics, who consider themselves a superior breed—like the philosopher kings of *Plato’s Republic*. ...[T]he actual Democratic Party of today is actually a degenerate socialist party, often mixing crony capitalist practice uncomfortably with socialist rhetoric. Obama’s speeches, and perhaps his self image, aren’t all that different from Fidel Castro’s—but he does have a far wealthier circle of friends. While incompatible ideologically, socialism and crony capitalism do share in common the centralization of real power—so perhaps they are not all that different in actual practice. Neither bodes well for what little political sovereignty you and I still have.” [78445]

“The Republican Party, as embodied in its establishment core—people like Karl Rove and Reince Priebus—is a different sort of animal from its dingy, pseudo-leftist counterpart, but not really a more attractive or more encouraging one. It has become painfully obvious in the last few election cycles that the Republican establishment despises its conservative base. Most of us have grown tired of watching the GOP bluster and promise to stop ObamaCare, executive amnesty, etc.—only to fold for no apparent reason after a few weeks or months, vowing ‘this isn’t over!’ once again. The truth is that it was over before it started. At the risk of being called racist, the Republican Party seems to function more or less as the nameless team that plays against the Harlem Globetrotters. They provide the illusion of a contest to events that have been carefully choreographed in advance. ... If the core principle of representative democracy is not restored soon, by whatever methods are required, all of the awareness-raising efforts of forums like this one will count for nothing. When our government becomes powerful enough to ignore the public, it becomes something fundamentally different from what it was. When the law is made up on the fly, the very concept of the law is rendered meaningless. No amount of outrage, or satisfyingly rational arguments, will let us vote our way out of an oligarchy.” [78445]

On the One America News network's *On Point with Tomi Lahren*, Lahren says, "Four United States Marines are now dead. Climate change didn't kill them; lack of free community college didn't kill them; the income gap, wage inequality—nope, not those things either. Gay marriage? Nope. Oh, white racism? Not that either. So what did? ...Obama, if you won't say it, I will: radical Islam. This is not workplace violence; this is not a criminal act with motives unknown. This is terrorism. The suspected shooter, Mohammed Abdulazeez—a devout Muslim. Do I care that he seemed like an all-American young man? Do I care that he was good at mixed martial arts or a smart, quiet guy? Do I care that his high school friends wouldn't classify him as 'overly religious?' No, I don't give a flying you-know-what about any of that. Was he linked to ISIS or al-Qaeda or Hamas, or any of the other 15-plus offshoot terrorist groups? Does it matter? I'm sorry, but radical Islam is becoming the rule, not the exception. Yesterday's moderate is today's terrorist. I care that this S.O.B. killed four of our United States Marines, and I care that our commander in chief is more concerned with Muslim sensitivity than the honor and sacrifice made by these Marines." (As of July 21 a YouTube video of Lahren's statement had more than 2.3 million views.) [78498, 78499, 78560]

"Now this is the 21st time our military men and women have been attacked here at home. This is not a Middle East problem; this is an American problem, and I'm sorry, but I can't sit here and let this go—not anymore. I come from a family of Marines. My grandpa was a World War II paratrooper; my uncle a Vietnam War Purple Heart recipient; my cousins, both Marine Corps officers; I have some very close Navy SEAL connections as well. In fact, someone very close to my hear is deployed to the Middle East right now. But the sad thing is, I was telling him last night, 'I think you're safer over there than you would be right here in the United States of America. I've had it with this failed strategy—this half-way, half-baked, tiptoe, be friendly to jihadis mentality pushed by this administration. Be a leader, someone. They, the radical Islamists, have brought the fight right here to the red, white, and blue, and it's about time we bring it to them. Full force. Let's show them what the United States of America looks like up close and personal. Show them what a B-1 Bomber looks like flying overhead. Show them what they're messing with. Put the fear of God in their desert, because clearly our lack of strategy isn't working.'" [78498, 78499]

On *Justice with Judge Jeanine*, Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke says, "Everything that [Obama] does just comes up wrong. I've never seen a president like this, that everything he touches tends to turn to crap." [78481]

On July 19 Obama plays golf at Andrews Air Force base, while Secretary of State John Kerry appears on *Fox News Sunday* to sell the Iranian deal to a skeptical public. He says, "We never had a discussion about 'anywhere, anytime' managed access [inspection of Iranian nuclear sites]. ... We have created a mechanism by which we can go to the United Nations, one country can take this to the supreme—to the, to the Security Council. We have an ability to snap back all the sanctions or to put any sanction on we want, hold them in material breach if they do not give us access. That's never existed previously." (Kerry is lying. The existing sanctions took years to put in place—and were even resisted

by the Obama administration. More than a few nations will vehemently resist any effort to reimpose them. To argue that they can all simply be “snapped back” is ludicrous, and Kerry either knows it and is lying or he is an idiot.) [78438, 78526]

On *Meet the Press*, Kerry says, “So this focus on getting rid of the principle problem of the region, which is Iran’s threat to Israel, and their [sic; its] threat to the region, to have a nuclear capacity, we believe with this, for years into the future, we have this incredible capacity to have access, to have inspections, to hold them accountable—and, by the way, even though the arms and the missiles... were put together by, they were thrown in as an add-on to this nuclear agreement—it was always contemplated that if Iran did come and deal on the nuclear program, that was gonna be lifted.” (Setting aside Kerry’s inability to structure a sentence, the original goal was to have Iran eliminate its unclear program. It was then transformed into allowing a nuclear program for peaceful means only, and transformed again into allowing Iran to have nuclear weapons—but not until Obama and Kerry were safely out of office. Kerry now states, “it was always contemplated” that Iran would be allowed to have ICBMs—which should come as news to millions of Americans who voted for Obama.) [78456, 78457]

On PBS, Kerry says no one should worry about Iran using assets released under the nuclear agreement because, “Well, we’re gonna [sic], we’re gonna, we’re gonna clamp down, they’re not allowed to do that. They’re not allowed to do that, outside even of this agreement. There is a U.N resolution that specifically applies to them not being allowed to transfer [weapons or cash] to Hizbullah. They are specifically not allowed, under another U.N. resolution to the Shi’a militia of Iraq... and to Libya, and to North Korea, and so forth.” (Kerry is as naive as he is delusional. Iran has been violating the terms of U.N. resolutions for decades, and his saying, “We’re gonna clamp down” will not prevent it from violating its agreement with Obama and Kerry. Kerry’s reassurances are also in conflict with National Security Advisor Susan Rice’s statement to CNN’s Wolf Blitzer that “we should expect that some portion of that money would go to the Iranian military and could potentially be used for the kinds of bad behavior that we have seen in the region up until now.” Either Rice did not get the “clamp down” memorandum or Kerry did not get the reality memorandum.) [78203, 78220, 78459, 78460, 78550]

On *State of the Union*, Kerry says that when Obama entered the White House in 2009 he inherited the Iranian problem: “19,000 centrifuges already spinning; a country that had already mastered the fuel cycle; a country that already was threshold in the sense that they are only two months away from breakout.” CNSNews.com responds, “Kerry’s claim does not align with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) data. Its regular Iran ‘safeguards reports’ show that most of the growth in the number of first-generation IR-1 centrifuges at Iran’s main fuel enrichment plant at Natanz occurred after January 2009, when Obama took office. According to IAEA reports, the number of IR-1 centrifuges at Natanz... did climb significantly during the George W. Bush administration, reaching 2,132 in May 2007, and then 5,537 by the time Obama arrived at the White House in early 2009. But within months they had increased to 7,216, and by the end of that year reached 8,692. By Feb. 2012 the IAEA was reporting 9,156 IR-1 centrifuges at Natanz and by Nov. 2012, 10,414. By mid-2013 the number had shot up to 15,416, and from

May last year until the most recent report, in May 2015, the IAEA has reported an unchanged total of 15,420. ...And at the Fordow enrichment plant, the covertly-built underground facility first made public in the fall of 2009, Iran has installed 2,710 more IR-1 centrifuges, according to the IAEA.” [78491]

Also on *Fox News Sunday*, Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) questions Obama’s eagerness to go to the United Nations for approval of his Iranian agreement: “I think they should have gone to the United Nations after the 60-day review [by Congress]. They don’t gain anything by doing it earlier.” The administration does, of course gain the ability to pressure Congress by saying, “The U.N. approved the deal! Why won’t you?” On ABC’s *This Week*, Kerry indirectly answers Cardin, saying, “They [members of the United Nations Security Council] have a right to [vote on the deal], honestly. It’s presumptuous of some people to suspect that France, Russia, China, Germany, Britain ought to do what the Congress tells them to do. They have a right to have a vote. But we prevailed on them to delay the implementation of that vote out of respect for our Congress so we wouldn’t be jamming them.” (Kerry is mistaken. A vote in Congress will not be telling the U.N. what to do any more than a vote by the Security Council will be telling Congress what to do. Of course, some of the weaker members of Congress may be swayed by the U.N. vote. Kerry is also mistaken—or lying—in his claim that the U.N. vote will be delayed. That is utter nonsense. Obama has every intention of having the U.N. vote as soon as possible—precisely for the purpose of pressuring Congress.) [78461, 78473, 78532, 78551]

Kerry’s “presumptuous” comment conflicts with a *New York Times* report that he argued during negotiations with Iran “that the United Nations Security Council should not vote on lifting sanctions on Iran until Congress had a chance to review the deal. But he ran into a wall of opposition from Iran, Russia and even the United States’ closest European allies, who argued successfully that Security Council action should come first, according to Western officials...” HotAir.com observes, “If Obama had been serious about securing a role for Congress in all of this, he could have told Kerry that congressional approval must be an absolute precondition to a Security Council vote per the terms of the agreement. But that would have risked blowing up negotiations—the Iranians wouldn’t have dared jeopardized a sweetheart deal like this one by waiting for the GOP’s verdict, and the Europeans wouldn’t have dared risk having months of work come to naught knowing that Obama famously has trouble convincing Congress to follow his schemes, notwithstanding the fact that the congressional deck is stacked this time in his favor. So Kerry pushed a little and everyone else pushed a lot, and he ended up doing what America did over and over and over during this process. He caved.” [78552]

On *Face the Nation*, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu notes that Iran’s Ayatollah Khamenei said, “after this agreement is concluded, that he’s going to continue the battle against the United States, he’s going to continue supporting terrorists in the Middle East and in the world, he’s committed to Israel’s destruction—and this regime has just received a dream deal... that *may* block or delay Iran’s path to one or two bombs for the next few years—assuming they don’t cheat—but paves their way to many, many bombs after a decade or so because they become a threshold state with full international

legitimacy, and to boot they also get a cash bonanza to fund their terrorist aggression against us, against the region, against America and the world, so I think this is a very bad deal with a very bad regime. It's not good for anyone's security. Not our, not yours." [78458]

Although *Fox News Sunday's* panel discussion covers the Planned Parenthood fetal organ-selling controversy, according to Newsbusters.org, "ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN all ignored the story during their Sunday morning political talk shows." [78478]

CNN's Dana Bash asks Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, "Do you think being gay is a choice?" Walker responds, "I think that's not even an issue for me to be involved in. The bottom line is, I'm going to stand up and work hard for every American, regardless of who they are, no matter where they come from, no matter what their background. I'm going to fight for people, no matter whether they vote for me or not." Dash presses, "To act on behalf of people is, to do that properly, you have to understand, or at least have an opinion on who they are and where they're coming from." Walker doesn't take the bait and replies, "I don't have an opinion on every single issue out there. I don't know, I don't know the answer to that question. I don't know what the answer to that is. I'm going to spend my time focused on things I can work on." (Bash's questioning illustrates what the Republican candidates have in store until election day 2016: repeated "gotcha" questions intended not to draw out governing policies, but to force responses that may alienate large numbers of voters. Whether people are "born gay" or "choose to be gay" is totally irrelevant to the issue of governing the nation—unless Bash has a delusional belief that candidates have a "secret agenda" and a plan to exterminate gays.) [78443, 78462]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, "Religious groups that refuse abortion counseling no longer can get grants to help trafficking victims unless they ensure the counseling is provided by a third party, under new guidelines by the Department of Health and Human Services. In guidance quietly posted online in June, the agency said groups competing for grants must offer 'the full range of legally permissible gynecological and obstetric care,' which includes abortion counseling and referrals. If groups don't offer the services, they must propose an alternative approach to remain competitive for a grant. That has at least one anti-abortion advocate contending the new policy may violate the federal Weldon Amendment, a law saying federal money can't be awarded if it's being used to discriminate against healthcare entities that won't provide or refer women for abortions. ...The federal money is provided through the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement to charities that help trafficking victims access healthcare services, get mental health counseling and find employment. It can't be used to fund abortions, under the federal Hyde Amendment. ...The newest guidance, which was posted June 19 and applies to grants being awarded in the fall, further tightens the rules by requiring groups to ensure contraceptives and abortion counseling are made available to trafficked women via a third party." [78500, 78501]

The American Freedom Defense Institute's Pamela Geller writes at WND.com, "The jihad is here, and every American is a target. Four Marines and a Navy petty officer were shot dead in cold blood and one police officer was wounded last Thursday in

Chattanooga, Tennessee. The murderer, Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, was not on any watch lists or any terror suspect lists. He was born in Kuwait, which brings us back to our disastrous immigration policies. Obama is importing hundreds of thousands of Muslims from jihad nations, as well as from ‘moderate’ Muslim countries like Kuwait. Without recognition of the ideology behind these attacks, we are sitting ducks. ...And now we hear that ‘authorities are still scrambling to find a motive for the attack.’ This is more of Obama’s jihad denial. It’s mind-blowing and fatal. And Obama’s calling the Chattanooga jihad mass murderer a ‘lone gunman’ is like calling Hitler a painter. Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, the jihad mass murderer, said, ‘We need ...to establish Islam in the world.’ And the authorities are scratching their heads? The only difference between the Garland jihad attack and Chattanooga is that we were armed. We are thwarting jihad attacks every week, and law enforcement doesn’t know the motive? ...We are in trouble, folks, real trouble. The Obama administration scrubbed jihad and Islam from all counter terror materials and programs. This is the poisonous fruit of that fatal policy change. U.S. law enforcement officials must take it upon themselves to learn about what Islam and jihad are really all about, and strategize about how to stop it accordingly. The mosques must be monitored. Muslim immigration must stop.” [78508, 78520]

On July 20, as expected, the United Nations Security Council quickly endorses the nuclear agreement with Iran. Ron Proser, Israel’s ambassador to the U.N., responds, “If the international community refuses to see this as a tragedy, that is a grave strategic error. But if it is aware of the tragedy, and it still chooses to pursue this dangerous path, that is a catastrophe.” [78461, 78473, 78480]

Senator John Thune (R-SD) observes that Obama “holds the opinion of the United Nations in higher esteem than the American people.” NewsWithViews.com quotes political strategist Mike Baker: “It always seems liberal presidents and lawmakers have a tendency to place the interests of other countries above the interests of American citizens which explains a lot of what we’ve seen with this White House.” (Some might argue that Obama’s “U.N. first” move will backfire because it will anger members of Congress.) [78464]

Meanwhile, there is no guarantee the Iranian parliament (the Islamic Constituent Assembly, or Majlis) will approve the nuclear deal. According to Breitbart.com, “On Saturday, the Fars News Agency reported that the Majlis threatened to reject the agreement’s provision on ballistic missiles, which call for an international embargo on missile technology to be extended for eight years—a significant, last-minute concession by the U.S. Iran wants unrestricted ballistic missile development and access to conventional arms dealers abroad. ‘The parliament will reject any limitations on the country’s access to conventional weapons, specially ballistic missiles,’ said Tehran MP Seyed Mehdi Hashemi.” [78492]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “About 2.5 million illegal immigrants have settled in the U.S. during ...Obama’s tenure, according to estimates being released... Monday by the Center for Immigration Studies, which said it’s an improvement compared with the Bush

administration. Nearly 800,000 of those illegal immigrants arrived in the past two years, suggesting that the flow has ticked up as the economy has improved...” John Sandweg, former acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, observes, “If you are a run-of-the-mill immigrant here illegally, your odds of getting deported are close to zero.” (While many Americans worry about hundreds of thousands of Mexicans illegally entering the United States, the greater threat may be the 100,000 or so Muslims who are *legally* allowed entry every year. Many of the Mexicans may end up on welfare, but some of the Muslims may be jihadists intent on inflicting far more than financial damage on the United States.) [78454, 78489, 78493, 78494]

At the opening of the Cuban embassy in Washington, D.C., a small crowd chants, “Viva Raul [Castro]!” and “Viva Obama!” Meanwhile, the Cuban flag is added to the row of flags at the State Department. (State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf announces the action with a photograph and a Twitter message—a message which, ironically, the Cuban people cannot access because most of them do not have PCs, Internet access, or the freedom to use Twitter or Facebook. Obama, who cares that some Americans find the Confederate flag offensive, apparently does not care that many Americans find the Cuban flag offensive.) [78465, 78466, 78467, 78504, 78525]

The State Department issues a statement. It reads in part, “Today’s [embassy] openings are the result of respectful dialogue between the United States and the Republic of Cuba following the December 17 announcements by ...Obama and President Raul Castro to reestablish diplomatic relations between our two nations. This is yet another demonstration that we don’t have to be imprisoned by the past.” (Jeb Bush observes in a Twitter message, “The Cuban people are not imprisoned by the past; they are imprisoned by the Castro regime.”) [78469, 78470]

Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) states that the Obama administration “continues to validate the Castro regime’s brutal behavior, doubling down on a one-sided deal.” [78509]

Governor Scott Walker signs legislation banning Wisconsin abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. Walker states, “At five months an unborn child can feel pain. As a society we should be protecting that child.” According to LifeNews.com, “Wisconsin becomes the 15th state to ban abortions at 20 weeks—which is just a couple weeks before unborn babies are viable and can survive outside the womb. Under the law, an abortion practitioner who kills an unborn baby in an abortion after 20 weeks faces three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. In Congress, the House has already approved a 20-week ban and the Senate is expected to vote on the ban this Fall.” (Ironically, Planned Parenthood calls Walker’s action “extreme” and “dangerous”—terms it apparently believes does not apply to trafficking in fetal body parts.) [78462, 78463, 78464]

Asked if Obama would reconsider federal funding of Planned Parenthood, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “No.” (The response is predictable. Obama has been consistently pro-abortion for decades, and Democrats receive considerable campaign donations from Planned Parenthood.) [78505, 78506]

FoxNews.com reports, “The Obama administration wants to keep people collecting Social Security benefits from owning guns if it is determined they are unable to manage their own affairs, the Los Angeles Times reported. The push, which could potentially affect millions whose monthly disability payments are handled by others, is intended to bring the Social Security Administration in line with laws that prevent gun sales to felons, drug addicts, immigrants in the United States illegally, and others, according to the paper. ...If Social Security, which has never taken part in the background check system, uses the same standard as the Department of Veterans Affairs—which is the idea floated—then millions of beneficiaries could be affected, with about 4.2 million adults receiving monthly benefits that are managed by ‘representative payees.’ ...Critics are blasting the plan, saying that expanding the list of people who cannot own guns based on financial competence is wrongheaded. The ban, they argue, would keep guns out of the hands of some dangerous people, but would also include people who simply have a bad memory or have a hard time balancing a checkbook.” [78468, 78485, 78496]

Reuters tweets, “BREAKING: Chattanooga shooting suspect may have been inspired by general jihadist propaganda, not specific groups like ISIS: source.” (Why that “news” is supposed to make any Americans feel safer is not clear.) [78471]

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* attempts to explain (or even excuse) the actions of Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, writing, “The authorities who were examining Mr. Abdulazeez’s computer found that he had viewed material connected to Anwar al-Awlaki, the radical American-born cleric who was killed in Yemen by an American drone strike in 2011, according to a person with knowledge of the investigation. Mr. Abdulazeez had suffered for years from depression and possibly from bipolar disorder, the family representative said, adding that he had abused alcohol and possibly prescription painkillers and had gained and lost jobs. In his last months, he faced the prospect of both bankruptcy and jail time on a drunken-driving charge.” [78574, 78586]

“...The family representative said the notes, all more than a year old, expressed Mr. Abdulazeez’s discontent with United States military action in the Middle East, and ‘talks about his life being worthless.’ They are less a diary, the representative said, than a scattershot set of observations, some of them ‘gibberish,’ while others ‘were clearly things that were written by someone who was very depressed.’ ...Yet none of his known writings indicate actual plans for an assault, or the reasoning behind it, leaving investigators still searching for a motive. Mr. Abdulazeez received a diagnosis of mental illness when he was in his early teens. He was treated with medication in high school and college, but ‘he wasn’t always good about taking them,’ the family representative said. Law enforcement officials confirmed that they too had learned that he had serious psychological problems. He turned to drugs and alcohol, and family members tried to get him into a rehab program. Despite their fears for his future, they never thought he would become violent, the representative said. In one instance, limits on the family’s insurance coverage thwarted their plan to have him go into rehab.” (Abdulazeez could afford a seven-month trip to Jordan, but could not be bothered to pay his rent or a doctor.) [78574]

TheHill.com reports, “Companies that make dishwashers are warning that the Obama administration’s latest efficiency standards for their industry would backfire. The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers is accusing the Department of Energy (DOE) of a politically motivated drive to increase dishwasher efficiency standards, which are so bad that they would cause consumers to re-wash dishes, erasing any efficiency gains. Rob McAver, the group’s head lobbyist, said regulators are going too far and the new rules will allow only 3.1 gallons to be used to wash each load of dishes. ‘At some point, they’re trying to squeeze blood from a stone that just doesn’t have any blood left in it,’ McAver said. ... ‘The poor performance that would result would totally undercut and go backwards in terms of energy and water use, because of the need for running the dishwasher again, or pre-rinsing or hand-washing, which uses a lot of water,’ he said.” [78490]

Environmental Protection Agency head Gina McCarthy tweets, “As our seas rise, so do insurance premiums, property taxes and food prices.” (On June 11, Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) warned, “Pushing leftovers to the back of the refrigerator has economic and environmental consequences. Reducing food waste benefits families, biz, and gov’t looking to save \$\$.

Also: less food waste in landfills producing greenhouse gases.” [78502, 78503]

WND.com reports, “Undercover video of a high-ranking Planned Parenthood official casually discussing the graphic dismemberment of the unborn rocked the abortion debate last week, and the head of the group behind the video says there’s much more to come. ... Center for Medical Progress President David Deleiden told WND and Radio America this video was part of a 30-month undercover operation at Planned Parenthood. He said what we’ve seen thus far is just the tip of the iceberg.” Deleiden states, “We have dozens and dozens of hours of very shocking, troubling footage and admissions from within the top levels of the abortion industry and Planned Parenthood, coming straight from the words of top level Planned Parenthood executives and officials and medical directors and abortion doctors. We have probably 100-200 pages of Planned Parenthood body parts purchases, internal documents about the practice.” [78512, 78513]

Obama is underwater in a Washington Post/ABC poll. Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings are 45 and 50 percent. On the economy, Obama is 47/48; on Iran, 35/52. Among Republican presidential candidates, Donald Trump leads with 24 percent. Scott Walker is in second place with 13 percent, followed by Jeb Bush with 12. All other candidates have less than 10 percent. On the Democrat side, Hillary Clinton leads with 63 percent. socialist Bernie Sanders has 14; Joe Biden has 12. Only 39 percent say they are “very enthusiastic” about a Clinton candidacy. (Trump was reportedly at about 30 percent in the poll, but then lost supports after word of his comments about Senator John McCain spread.) [78514, 78515, 78553]

The poll also indicates that Hillary Clinton would beat Jeb Bush in a head-to-head competition, and would defeat him even more decisively if Trump were a third-party candidate. While some might argue that suggests Trump supporters should abandon him in order to give Bush a fighting chance, others will argue, “There is little difference

between Clinton and Bush anyway, so we may as well support Trump in order to send the Republican establishment a message that we don't appreciate its abandonment of conservative principles." [78514, 78515, 78553]

BirtherReport.com posts a video clip of a recent appearance on *Hardball* by Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX). Host Chris Matthews says that Donald Trump "is out there, still playing the 'birther card' ... Trump also said your [Cruz's] birthplace, you were born in Calgary [Canada] ... could be a hurdle for your campaign. ... Well, actually, 'natural born' means you're born to American parents and you don't have to be naturalized—I think you're completely in the clear here, as I believe... [Obama] is." (Matthews contradicts himself in his statement. Neither Obama nor Cruz were born to American *parents*; each had only *one* U.S. citizen parent, not two. Additionally, the historical meaning of the term "natural born citizen" is birth on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. That was the understood meaning of the term when the U.S. Constitution was drafted and ratified. That Matthews and millions of others ignore the true meaning and history of the term does not change the U.S. Constitution.) [78578, 78579]

On July 21, in response to widespread criticism—and after Donald Trump orders flags flown at half-staff on his many properties—Obama orders U.S. flags at federal buildings and military bases flown at half-staff out of respect for the five Americans who were killed in a jihadist attack in Chattanooga. Obama's statement reads, "We honor their service. We offer our gratitude to the police officers and first responders who stopped the rampage and saved lives. We draw strength from yet another American community that has come together with an unmistakable message to those who would try and do us harm: We do not give in to fear. You cannot divide us. And you will not change our way of life." [78528, 78540, 78545, 78546, 78563, 78566, 78585]

In Jordan, authorities detain Asaad Ibrahim Abdulazeez Haj Ali, an uncle of Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez. [78582, 78835]

NavyTimes.com reports, "A Navy officer and a Marine fired their sidearms hoping to kill or subdue the gunman who murdered five service members last week in Chattanooga, Tennessee, according to multiple military officials familiar with internal reporting on the tragedy. It remains unclear whether either hit Mohammad Abdulazeez, who was shot and killed on July 16 after he gunned down four Marines and a sailor at the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga. It's also unclear why they were armed, as it is against Defense Department policy for anyone other than military police or law enforcement to carry weapons on federal property. A report distributed among senior Navy leaders during the shooting's aftermath said Lt. Cmdr. Timothy White, the support center's commanding officer, used his personal firearm to engage Abdulazeez, Navy Times confirmed with four separate sources. A Navy official also confirmed a Washington Post report indicating one of the slain Marines may have been carrying a 9mm Glock and possibly returned fire on the gunman." [78595, 78610, 78637, 78638]

Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) introduces a "Safeguarding Service Members' Second Amendment Rights Act" to "repeal bans on military personnel carrying firearms on

Armed Forces military installations and Department of Defense sites and prohibit the president, secretary of defense and secretaries of military departments from enacting similar restrictions or prohibitions in the future.” [78541, 78542]

James Steinle, the father of Kathryn Steinle, testifies before Senate Judiciary Committee about the death of his daughter at the hands of an illegal immigrant. He says, “Everywhere Kate went throughout the world, she shined the light of a good citizen of the United States of America. Unfortunately, due to disjointed laws and basic incompetence on many levels, the U.S. has suffered a self-inflicted wound in the murder of our daughter by the hand of a person that should’ve never been on the streets of this country. I say this because the alleged murderer is an undocumented immigrant who has been convicted of seven felonies in the U.S. and already deported five times. Yet, in March of this year, he was released from jail and allowed to stay here freely because of those legal loopholes. It’s unbelievable to see so many innocent Americans that have been killed by undocumented immigrant felons in the recent years. In fact, we recently came across a statistic that says between 2010 and 2014, 121 criminal aliens who had an active deportation case at the time of release, were subsequently charged with homicide related offenses. Think about that: 121 times over the past four years, an illegal immigrant, with prior criminal convictions, that later went on to be charged with murder when they should’ve been deported. That is one every 12 days. ... We feel if Kate’s law [a proposal for a five-year prison sentence for any illegal immigrant felon who returns to the United States] saves one daughter, one son, a mother, a father—Kate’s death won’t be in vain.” [78575, 78596, 78602, 78612, 78650]

Laura Wilkerson, whose 18-year-old son Josh was strangled, beaten, and burned to death by an illegal immigrant, tells the Senators, “I don’t want your sympathy, I want you to do something. Quit sitting silent because [you think] it’s going to help you get a vote.” [78591, 78596, 78602, 78650]

Also attending the hearing is Sabine Durden, whose son Dominic was killed in a 2012 accident by an illegal immigrant from Guatemala, Zacarias Tzun. According to DailyCaller.com, “Dominic was killed instantly. Tzun who was 33 at the time, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge—vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence. Tzun, who had a long rap sheet that included arrests for felony armed robbery and grand theft, spent 35 days in jail, and was later deported to his home country in March of 2014.” Durden tells the committee, “I’m grateful to be heard—to have our kids’ names out there—to hear those stories and make sure that somehow, somewhere, somebody is going to stop this insanity of more American citizens getting killed for nothing. It’s not necessary. ... Mr. Donald Trump, no matter how people respond to him—whether they like him or dislike him, for me personally, and I’m not a politician, I love the man for what he did for us. He put it [the issue of illegal immigrant crime] up front.” Durden later tells Daily Caller, “The hardest part for me was to watch some of the Congress members falling asleep and some of them were doing whatever they did on their phones. There were a few that paid attention, because people were pouring their hearts out, and our lives have been shattered. They sit there and participate in it and don’t even have enough decency to just sit there and look at us.” [78606, 78650, 78687]

Senator David Vetter (R-LA) asks Immigration and Customs Enforcement director Sarah Saldana, “This has been going on for years and you still are not prepared to say that there is ever going to be any negative consequence to those [sanctuary city] jurisdictions. When is that going to change?” She replies, “I presume when you all address comprehensive immigration reform; perhaps it can be addressed there.” Vitter: “...And absent Congress passing that [Senate immigration] bill, that you and the Obama Administration prefer, you don’t think right now we can stop sanctuary cities from flaunting federal law? You don’t think right now there can be any negative consequences when they do not properly cooperate under existing federal law with immigration enforcement?” Saldana: “That’s what I understand that all of you are working on.” (The Obama administration has no intention of enforcing immigration laws unless and until they are changed to make them even more of a joke. Saldana is essentially declaring that the sanctuary city issue will go away if Congress grants amnesty to 11-20 million illegal immigrants living in the United States—which is tantamount to stating that the prisons would be free of rapists if rape were made legal.) [78608, 78647, 78669]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) tells Saldana, “When I asked you how many criminals ICE released in 2013, you were off by a factor of three. You said 30,000; the correct answer is 104,000. ... You’re omitting the 68,000 criminal illegal aliens that ICE did not begin deportation proceedings against at all. You’ve got to add both of those together—it’s over 100,000. ... If you want to honor Josh [Wilkerson], if you want to honor Kate Steinle, start enforcing the law and stop releasing murderers, and rapists, and drunk drivers. I don’t want to hear from the Obama administration they’re sorry while they continue to do the exact same thing because what we know—more people will be murdered, more people will be raped, more people will be killed by drunk drivers because this Administration refuses to enforce the law. That is wrong. No man is above the law, and that includes ...Obama.” [78669]

Asked about Ayatollah Khamenei’s July 18 address in which he stated he would continue to defy the United States, Secretary of State John Kerry tells Al Arabiya television, “I don’t know how to interpret it at this point in time, except to take it at face value, that that’s his policy. But I do know that often comments are made publicly and things can evolve that are different. If it is the policy, it’s very disturbing, it’s very troubling.” Meanwhile, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister and chief negotiator Abbas Araqchi tells Iranian state TV he told the U.S. negotiators, “[I]f you want to have an agreement in which sanctions imposed on us for weapons and missiles will continue, then we will not agree. Whenever we consider it necessary for our own security, [or] to help our allies in the region we will provide weapons... We don’t feel shy. We will provide weapons to whomever and whenever we consider appropriate. And we will buy weapons from wherever we can.” (Whether Kerry needs *that* statement explained to him is not clear.) [78530, 78531, 78576, 78581, 78590, 78609]

Pamela Geller writes, “Now [Kerry] is ‘disturbed’? Iran is not saying anything different from what they have been saying since 1979—why now he is disturbed? Now?? What did he think would happen when the Obama administration opened the floodgates to a

nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran? For a President who ONLY cares about optics, it couldn't look any worse—until they drop the bomb, that is.” [78581]

Rush Limbaugh comments, “I don't have any doubt that what I'm telling you is true. I really do believe that John Kerry is an order of fries short of a Happy Meal. I don't think the elevator goes to the penthouse level. I think there is something missing intellectually. And what's missing in John Kerry is replaced by an arrogance and hubris that has led him and people like him to literally live inside fantasies they have concocted. ...I firmly believe that John Kerry is so self-focused, self-aware, self-conscious, so impressed with himself, I think he's the kind of guy that does sit home at night with the lights off sipping a cocktail after everybody else has gone to bed thinking how great he is and how special he is and how unique he is. And I think he tells himself and convinces himself that he's actually done one of the greatest acts of statesmanship that's ever been done here. And I think he also believes that as part of this, the power of his brilliance and greatness and presence is such that the Iranians love him now and have profound, deep respect for him and realize what a brilliant gentleman he is.” [78562, 78565]

“I think he believes all this. I think he believes it because he's Secretary of State. I think he believes it because his leftist ideology points him in that direction. I think he believes it because it's his personality. I think he believes it because he really, really believes that what's happened here in this Iranian nuke deal is unprecedented greatness. And I think he really, really believes that nobody but him could have ever done this. And I think he tells himself the proof of that is that nobody ever has done it. And he did it. ...He's so delusional, he is so into self, he doesn't even have the presence of mind to not act surprised [that Iran has said it will continue to defy the United States]. He doesn't even have the presence of mind not to admit that he's disturbed. There's a much better way of dealing with this than to actually go out and admit you've been fooled, which is what he's done. But he doesn't know that because, you see, it's not possible to fool John Kerry. He's too smart. He is too clever. ...So he's deeply troubled [by] what this means. He's the kind of guy everybody laughs at behind his back and never knows it. And if he did, he wouldn't understand it. And it's dangerous having somebody like this who basically brokered this deal all on the pretext and basis of this self-love and adulation that borders on danger.” [78562, 78565]

Meanwhile, Pamela Geller notes that the new United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) “turns what used to be a total ban on ballistic missile development into a ‘non-binding restriction.’” UNSCR 1919 had stated, “Decides that Iran shall not undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons...” The new UNSCR 2231 reads, “Iran is called upon not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles designed to be capable of delivering nuclear weapons...” (“Shall not” has been changed to “pretty please, please don't.”) [78580]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “Two key documents are missing from the Iran nuclear deal submitted to Congress, and the two leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee want the Obama administration to hand them over, Chairman Bob Corker said Tuesday. The Tennessee Republican said he and ranking Democrat Ben Cardin of

Maryland wrote to request the missing documents, which he said deal with an Iranian military facility at Parchin and a side agreement Iran reached with the International Atomic Energy Agency.” (The Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act specifically requires that Congress must receive “all nuclear agreement documents, including any related to agreements ‘entered into or made between Iran and any other parties,’” and expressly includes “side agreements.” Obama is violating the law by refusing to give Congress the side agreements.) [78594, 78624, 78625, 78642, 78657, 79005, 79339]

At Politico.com Michael Oren, former Israeli ambassador to the United States and a member of the Knesset, writes that sanctions against Iran “cannot be ‘snapped back’ if Iran were to violate the deal, as its defenders contend, but reinstated only after a lengthy international process that excludes all the contracts signed by Iran before it were to cheat. As such, the deal serves as an incentive for foreign companies to sign a great number of short- and medium-term contracts with Iran. The windfall is estimated to reach \$700 billion, according to Israeli government sources.” (The Obama administration has claimed the windfall to Iran will be \$100-\$150 billion. The final amount Iran will gain will ultimately be greater than the total amount of aid given by the United States to Israel since the Jewish state was founded in 1948, about \$124 billion.) [78639, 78640, 78641, 78646, 78942]

According to a July 14-20 Pew Research Center poll, “More Americans disapprove than approve of the deal struck last week by the U.S., Iran and five other nations to limit Iran’s nuclear program: Among the 79% of Americans who have heard about the agreement, just 38% approve, while 48% disapprove (14% do not offer an opinion). ...Most of those familiar with the agreement say they have not too much (35%) or no confidence at all (38%) that Iran’s leaders will uphold their side of the agreement.” [78630, 78631]

According to TheHill.com, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) will offer an amendment of the six-year highway funding bill that “ensures no Iranian nuclear deal unless Iran recognizes Israel and frees American hostages.” [78597, 78598]

Obama addresses the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The event is disrupted briefly by a veteran holding up a sign that reads, “The Emperor [of] Benghazi Has No Clothes.” [78577]

According to the Heartland Institute, “A study commissioned by the National Black Chamber of Commerce to evaluate the potential economic impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) clean power plan (CPP) on minority groups, found the CPP would increase poverty in the black community by 23 percent and cause the loss of 7 million jobs for black Americans by 2035. The Black Chamber of Commerce represents 2.1 million black-owned businesses in the United States. Looking at the impact of the CPP on the Hispanic community, the study found it would increase poverty among Hispanics by 26 percent and result in the loss of 12 million jobs in the Hispanic community by 2035.” [78815]

Another undercover video of a Planned Parenthood official discussing the sale of fetal body parts is released. In the video, Planned Parenthood executive Dr. Mary Gatter, haggling over the price of body parts, says, “If it’s [the price is] too low, then we can bump it up. ...I want a Lamborghini.” (Some might argue that because the federal government subsidizes Planned Parenthood, Gatter should be allowed nothing better than a subsidized Chevy Volt. Non-fetal heads should roll over the practices at Planned Parenthood—which performs more than 300,000 abortions each year.) Gatter also suggests having her abortionists use a “less crunchy technique” to obtain more useable body parts. [78533, 78534, 78535, 78543, 78548, 78554, 78557, 78558, 78560, 78564, 78588, 78592, 78780]

In the video Gatter says, “Let me explain to you a little bit of a problem, which may not be a big problem. If our usual technique is suction, at 10 to 12 weeks, and we switch to using an IPAS [manual vacuum aspirator] or something with less suction, in order to increase the odds that it will come out as an intact specimen, then we’re kind of violating the protocol that says to the patient, ‘We’re not doing anything different in our care for you.’ Now, to me, that’s kind of a specious little argument, and I wouldn’t object to asking Ian—who’s our surgeon [abortionist] who does the cases—to use an IPAS at that gestational stage, in order to increase the odds that he’s going to get an intact specimen. But I do need to throw it out there as a concern, because the patient is signing something and we’re signing something that’s saying, ‘We’re not changing anything with the way we’re managing you, just because you agree to give tissue.’” (Gatter is essentially saying, “We have a problem with the law here, but we’ll do our best to get around that—for a price.”) [78555]

Live Action president Lila Rose states, “This latest video further illustrates the barbaric reality of business at Planned Parenthood—that after selling an abortion, Planned Parenthood works to improve their bottom line by harvesting the body parts of the child they have just killed. What has our nation come to that we allow the brutality of abortion upon our children, and then sell their broken bodies for profit, all the while, funding the perpetrator? While millions of Americans, on both sides of the political aisle, are expressing their horror at Planned Parenthood’s trafficking of preborn children’s bodies—their tiny lungs, hearts and livers—our taxpayer dollars continue to flow into the organization at the rate of over \$500 million per year. Human rights are bipartisan—where is the outcry from presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, Bernie Sanders, and others over sale of the parts of children? Silence in the face of such atrocity is complicity.” [78534]

Hillary Clinton tweets, “Gov. Walker signed dangerous abortion restrictions into law in WI—without exceptions for rape or incest. Extreme and unacceptable. -H” (Whether Clinton will be asked by the mainstream media about “less crunchy” abortion techniques remains to be seen.) [78544]

LifeNews.com reports, “The first of two Planned Parenthood doctors caught discussing and arranging for the sale of body parts from aborted babies has refused a Congressional request to attend a hearing to further expose the practice at the Planned Parenthood

abortion business. ...House Energy and Commerce Committee leaders today sent a letter requesting that the Planned Parenthood abortion business make Dr. Deborah Nucatola available to brief the committee on Planned Parenthood's practice of selling the body parts of babies victimized by abortion. 'Dr. Nucatola's statements raise most troubling questions with regard to your organization's practices when performing abortions and whether those practices are consistent with federal law, including those laws restricting partial birth abortions and the sale of human fetal tissue,' wrote the members of the committee in the letter to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America." Planned Parenthood attorney Roger Evans "has responded to the Congressional committee and indicated Nucatola has refused to attend the hearing." (The House of Representatives can hold Nucatola in contempt of Congress. Whether Vincent H. Cohen, Jr.— the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia hired by then-Attorney General Eric Holder— would refer the matter to a grand jury is a different story.) [78569]

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) comments, "These politically motivated videos raises [sic] questions, but nothing I've seen indicates that Planned Parenthood violated federal law." The videos "should not take away from the important work Planned Parenthood does." Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) says, "I believe we're strong supporters of a woman's right to choose, so that is what's going to guide us regardless of what one video says." [78571, 78572]

On CNN, GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina schools Jake Tapper on media fairness, while showing other candidates how to avoid being snookered by leftist reporters. When Tapper presses Fiorina to condemn Wisconsin legislation outlawing abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy, she responds, "Let's talk about the legislation that's sitting on the senate floor right now, which does allow for those exceptions [for rape and incest]. Let's also talk about Hillary Clinton's position. Let's talk about what extreme is. 'It's not a life until it leaves the hospital.' *That's* Hillary Clinton's position. It's Hillary Clinton's position that a thirteen year old girl needs her mother's permission to go to a tanning salon or get a tattoo, but not to get an abortion. It's Hillary Clinton's position that women should not be permitted to look at an ultrasound before an abortion, and yet people [who] are trying to harvest body parts can use an ultrasound to make sure those body parts are preserved so they can be sold. That, Jake, is extreme. ...I would really be delighted, for once, the media would ask Hillary Clinton about the extremism of her position." [78617, 78618]

Newsmax.com reports, "Judicial Watch just obtained records from the U.S. Department of the Air Force revealing that Michelle Obama's 2014 trip to China cost American taxpayers \$362,523.53 in air travel expenses alone. The first lady, her daughters, and her mother spent March 19-26 in China, in a trip highlighted by extended visits to some of the country's most popular tourist sites. ...The Daily Mail reported: 'Michelle Obama and three of her family members are staying in a \$8,350-per-night Beijing presidential suite.' The 3,400-square-foot suite included a private steam room and in-room dining for six. Though the White House billed the China trip as an effort by Michelle Obama to push her education agenda [in order to stiff the taxpayers with the cost of the trip], much of the Obama family's time was spent at popular tourist sightseeing venues. According to

Diplomat.com, ‘The first lady, daughters Malia and Sasha, and mother Marian Robinson visited Beijing’s Forbidden City and Summer Palace as well as the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xi’an, and the Chengdu Panda Base.’” [78603]

Ohio Governor John Kasich enters the presidential race, becoming the 16th Republican candidate.

DCWhispers.com notes, “The media has called out Donald Trump’s off-the-cuff partial dismissal of Senator John McCain’s military service after McCain blasted all those who support Mr. Trump’s campaign as ‘crazies.’ Trump’s comments resulted in a coordinated effort between many in the Mainstream Media and politicians to silence what they fear is an uncontrollable candidate who is not following the conventional rules of scripted speeches and public statements. Interestingly, in 2008 when John McCain was the one running for president there were a number of media and political figures who attacked McCain’s military service, some going so far as to state it should disqualify him from being president. At that time the only one complaining of the attack on his war record was John McCain himself. The media and the Obama campaign cheerfully let the attacks happen, and in fact, it was Obama campaign operatives who often carried them out.” (One such operative was retired General Wesley Clark, the Fort Hood commander who ordered the tank assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.) [78623]

Obama attends a Democrat fundraiser in New York City and tapes an appearance on *The Daily Show*. On the program, Obama whines to Jon Stewart that it is “tough to get everyone [in the media] focused the same way. The media are a bunch of different medias. Some get on my nerves more than others. ...[The media] gets distracted by shiny objects and doesn’t always focus on the big tough choices and decisions.” (Obama clearly has a problem with that “pesky First Amendment” and wishes the media were more obsequious than it already is.) Obama also complains that the IRS needs more federal funding (possibly so that he can hire more people like Lois Lerner). [78536, 78537, 78538, 78539, 78570, 78605, 78607]

MyFoxChicago.com reports, “A federal appeals court Tuesday overturned some of the most sensational convictions that sent former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich off to a lengthy stint in prison, ruling that the Democrat did not break the law when he sought to secure a Cabinet position in ...Obama’s administration in exchange for appointing an Obama adviser to [Obama’s] former U.S. Senate seat. The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago also ordered the resentencing of Blagojevich, offering the 58-year-old a ray of hope that he could end up serving less than his original 14-year term. The three appellate judges dismissed five of 18 corruption counts against Blagojevich, while affirming 13 counts. ...The court’s unanimous ruling addressed a key question: Where is the line between legal and illegal political wheeling and dealing? The panel’s answer: When it came to Blagojevich’s attempt to land a Cabinet seat, he did not cross the line. His attempts to trade the Senate seat for campaign cash, however, were illegal, the court concluded.” [78561]

On July 22 Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) appears on *Fox & Friends* and criticizes Donald Trump with the remark, “We already have a president now that has no class. I mean, we have a president now that does selfie-stick videos, that invites YouTube stars there [to the White House], people who eat cereal out of a bathtub... he goes on comedy shows to talk about something as serious as Iran.” (A once famous, so-called comedian named Arsenio Hall tweets, “44 years ago you [Rubio] should have been left in a hotel hand towel full of jizz and Astroglide. Now THAT, was classless...Shithead!” [78761, 78765])

New Quinnipiac University polls show Hillary Clinton trailing Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) in Colorado (38-46 percent), Iowa (36-44), and Virginia (41-43). Clinton trails Jeb Bush in Colorado (36-41), Iowa (36-42), and Virginia (39-42). She trails Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker in Colorado (38-47), Iowa (37-45) and Virginia (40-43). Clinton is not considered honest or trustworthy in Colorado (62 percent), Iowa (59 percent), and Virginia (55 percent). NBC’s Chuck Todd reacts to the poll results: “This fits another pattern of hers. Whenever she’s been out front as the face of the Democratic Party, her numbers have gone down. They always have, whenever she is the focal point.” (Clinton fares much better among female voters than male voters. HotAir.com notes, “Colorado especially shows astounding gender gaps, with Hillary beating Rubio and Walker there by 10 and 11 points, respectively, among women... while losing [among] men by 26 and 28 points, respectively.”) [78600, 78601, 78611, 78614, 78616, 78626, 78689, 78889]

As many as 12,000 demonstrators attend a rally in New York City’s Times Square to protest Obama’s nuclear agreement with Iran. According to Breitbart.com, featured speakers include “Caroline Glick (*Jerusalem Post* Columnist), Alan Dershowitz (Harvard Law professor emeritus), George Pataki (former Governor of New York and current Republican Candidate For President), Monica Crowley (Fox News Political Commentator), James Woolsey (former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency), Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ), Former Congressman Allen West (R-FL), and Col. Richard Kemp, Ret. (former Commander of British Forces in Afghanistan).” West fires up the crowd, saying, “I want ...Obama to know one thing. You may say that you have done something that no one else has done. You know why no one else has done it? Because it’s a damn stupid thing you just did.” [78604, 78645, 78667, 78670, 78672, 78690, 78794, 78848, 78849, 78984]

Joan Swirsky later notes that several in the crowd carried signs that read, “Schumer is not a shomer.” Schumer refers to Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY), who will be a key vote on the Iranian agreement the Senate. A “shomer” is a guardian or protector. Swirsky assumes (probably correctly) that Schumer will ultimately vote in favor of the deal, despite knowing full well how bad it is. “Today,” writes Swirsky, “Schumer is the third-ranking Democrat in the Senate, behind Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid [D-NV] and Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin [D-IL]. But Schumer has his eyes on a bigger prize, to replace Harry Reid in 2017. So there you have it. Schumer’s dilemma is clear—to be a loyal lackey to Barack Obama, the better not to lose his potential position of power, or to be the New York Jewish Senator he was in the past, a vocal and impassioned supporter of Israel.” [78849]

Debka.com reports, “In defiance of the international arms embargo, Iran last week placed an order with Moscow for a huge fleet of 100 Russian IL78 MKI tanker aircraft (NATO: Midas) for refueling its air force in mid-flight, thereby extending its range to 7,300 km. This is reported exclusively by DEBKAFile from its military and intelligence sources. The transaction runs contrary to the terms of the nuclear accord the six world powers and Iran signed in Vienna earlier this month. These tanker planes can simultaneously refuel six to eight warplanes. Their acquisition brings Israel, 1,200 km away—as well the rest of the Middle East—within easy range of Iranian aerial bombardment. It also puts Iran’s air force ahead of Israel’s in terms of the quantity and range of its refueling capacity.” (One hundred is a *stunning* number of refueling aircraft for Iran.) [78634, 78635, 78636]

TheHill.com then reports that National Security Advisor Susan Rice has “acknowledged the existence of so-called ‘side’ agreements between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Rice said the deals involve Iran accounting for past military uses of its nuclear program, but rejected GOP assertions that this represented ‘secret’ side deals to the Iranian nuclear agreement. Rice said the documents between Iran and the IAEA are not public, but the administration has been informed on their contents and will share details with members of Congress in a classified briefing on Capitol Hill.” (One secret side deal allegedly calls for the United Nations and the United States to defend Iran if its nuclear facilities are attacked by Israel.) [78628, 78910]

Meanwhile, Secretary of State John Kerry, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz, and Treasury Secretary Jack Lew meet behind closed doors to brief members of the House and the Senate on the Iranian deal. Kerry tells the committee that voting against the Iran agreement would be a vote to “go to war.” Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL), demonstrating that even some Democrats cannot be hoodwinked, later tells reporters, “I think Congress has a role to play here, and I don’t think that voting ‘no’ means a vote to go to war. And that is what the argument that seems to be put out there, that a vote of no on this is a vote to go to war. I don’t think that’s true.” Congressman Tom Rooney (R-FL) says, “I was perplexed. Was this a briefing or was this a sales pitch? There is [sic’ are] two sides to every story and clearly that was one side.” [78674, 78675, 78677]

Retiring Army Chief of Staff Ray Odierno tells Fox News’ national security correspondent Jennifer Griffin, “It’s frustrating to watch it [the collapse of Iraq and the rise of ISIS]. I go back to the work we did in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 and we got it to a place that was really good. Violence was low, the economy was growing, politics looked like it was heading in the right direction. ...If we had stayed a little more engaged, I think maybe it might have been prevented. I’ve always believed the United States played the role of honest broker between all the groups and when we [that is, Obama] pulled ourselves out, we lost that role. ...I think it would have been good for us to stay.” [78730, 78731, 78732, 78883]

Asked about administration plans to slash the Army by another 40,000 troops, Odierno replies, “In my mind, we don’t have the ability to deter. The reason we have a military is to deter conflict and prevent wars. And if people believe we are not big enough to respond, they miscalculate.” wo years ago, we didn’t think we had a problem in Europe.

...Russia is [now] reasserting themselves. We didn't think we'd have a problem again in Iraq and ISIS has emerged. So, with Russia becoming more of a threat, with ISIS becoming more of a threat, in my mind, we are on a dangerous balancing act right now with capability. When we go to 450 [450,000 troops, down from 570,000 in 2010], we are going to have to stop doing something. ...I believe they [U.S. adversaries] question whether we will be able to respond and so they're willing to take maybe a bit more risk than they might have just a few years ago." [78730, 78731, 78732]

Just days after Microsoft announced it will eliminate about 7,800 positions, Qualcomm announces it will reduce its workforce by 15 percent, or about 4,500 employees. [79106, 79107]

CNSNews.com reports, "Eleven Republican senators are asking Attorney General Loretta Lynch to conduct 'a full investigation' of Planned Parenthood in order to determine whether the nation's largest abortion provider violated a federal law that prohibits the sale of human fetal tissue." Meanwhile, House Democrats ask Lynch to investigate the organization that conducted the sting operation. Lynch states, "I'm aware of those matters generally from the media, and from some inquiries that have been made to the Department of Justice, and again at this point we're going to review all the information and determine what steps, if any, to take at the appropriate time." (Although the Department of Justice might not perform a full investigation, Planned Parenthood will be scrutinized by some investigations by state attorneys general. The abortion enterprise may have friends in the Obama administration, but not in all 50 states. The Department of Justice is likely to put more effort into harassing the Center for Medical Progress—the organization that created the undercover videos—than investigating Planned Parenthood.) [78613, 78619, 78620, 78680, 78688, 78796, 78797]

A *New York Times* editorial defends Planned Parenthood: "The politicians howling to defund Planned Parenthood care nothing about the truth here, being perfectly willing to undermine women's reproductive rights any way they can. ...The Center for Medical Progress video campaign is a dishonest attempt to make legal, voluntary and potentially lifesaving tissue donations appear nefarious and illegal. Lawmakers responding by promoting their own anti-choice agenda are rewarding deception and putting women's health and their constitutionally protected rights at risk." [78763]

Judicial Watch announces "it has obtained documents from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that confirm that the IRS used donor lists to tax-exempt organizations to target those donors for audits. The documents also show IRS officials specifically highlighted how the U.S. Chamber of Commerce may come under 'high scrutiny' from the IRS. The IRS produced the records in a Freedom of Information lawsuit seeking documents about selection of individuals for audit-based application information on donor lists submitted by Tea Party and other 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organizations..." [78679, 78683, 78686]

Astoundingly, FBI Special Agent Ed Reinhold, in charge of the investigation of the Chattanooga jihadist attack, says, "It's too early in the investigation to determine whether or not he [Mohammad Youssef Abdulazez] had been radicalized." (Twitter user "Lead

and Gold” writes, “yet within minutes they knew the Confederate flag had caused the Charleston murders.”) [78621, 78622, 78671]

Near Dobbins Air Force Base in Georgia, a note left on the windshield of a car owned by a member of the National Guard reads, “dear amercian [sic] soldier, death to you coward women child killer and all the amercian military mohammad will show no mercy on you attacks will come full force death is to come to you.” [78804, 78805, 78842]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) introduces legislation calling for an increase in the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. He states, “It is a national disgrace that millions of full-time workers are living in poverty and millions more are forced to work two or three jobs just to pay their bills. In the year 2015, a job must lift workers out of poverty, not keep them in it. The current federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour is a starvation wage and must be raised to a living wage.” (According to the Media Research Center, interns in Sanders’ office are paid \$12 per hour.). The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that a minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour would cost 500,000 jobs, and a nationwide minimum wage of \$15 per hour would cause the loss of more than three million jobs. (A Texas A&M study estimates that 6.6 million jobs would be lost. Another study estimates 16.8 million people would be thrown out of work by a \$15 minimum wage.) [78673, 78976, 79034, 79035, 79040]

FoxNews.com reports, “Seattle’s \$15 minimum wage law is supposed to lift workers out of poverty and move them off public assistance. But there may be a hitch in the plan. Evidence is surfacing that some workers are asking their bosses for fewer hours as their wages rise—in a bid to keep overall income down so they don’t lose public subsidies for things like food, child care and rent. ... The twist is just one apparent side effect of the controversial—yet trendsetting—minimum wage law in Seattle, which is being copied in several other cities despite concerns over prices rising and businesses struggling to keep up. The notion that employees are intentionally working less to preserve their welfare has been a hot topic on talk radio. While the claims are difficult to track, state stats indeed suggest few are moving off welfare programs under the new wage. ... At the same time, prices appear to be going up on just about everything. Some restaurants have tacked on a 15 percent surcharge to cover the higher wages.” (In addition, a substantial number of Seattle restaurants have closed, largely because their profit margins are too low to absorb the cost of the mandated wage increases.) [78627, 78782, 78967]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Thousands of dangerous federal prison inmates will be released in November as a result of the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s decision to lower federal sentencing for all drug trafficking and distribution crimes, two Republican lawmakers warned Tuesday. According to House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte [R-VA] and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley [R-IA], the release will include inmates with violent criminal histories who committed crimes involving assault, firearms, and even murder.” [78629, 78691]

According to FreeBeacon.com, “The Obama administration is moving forward with plans to expand a waiver program that will allow additional illegal aliens to remain in the

country rather than apply for legal status from abroad. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a proposed rule on Tuesday [July 21] that would make changes to a waiver program created by ...Obama's executive action on immigration in 2013. The action created a waiver that primarily allowed illegal immigrants with a U.S. citizen spouse or parent to stay in the country instead of having to leave the United States and be barred from returning for three or 10 years, if they proved their absence would create an 'extreme hardship' for their spouse. The new rule expands eligibility to a host of other categories of illegal immigrants beyond those with citizen spouses and parents. ... 'It's a very bad policy,' said Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies. 'It makes it possible for illegal aliens to avoid the consequences established by Congress to deter people from settling here illegally and then laundering their status by adjusting to a green card.'" [78758, 78759]

At PJMedia.com former Department of Justice attorney J. Christian Adams writes, "an unreleased internal report by the Texas Department of Public Safety reveals that aliens have been involved in thousands of crimes in Texas alone, including nearly 3,000 homicides. PJ Media obtained a never-before-released copy of a Texas DPS report on human smuggling containing the numbers of crimes committed by aliens in Texas. According to the analysis conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, foreign aliens committed 611,234 unique crimes in Texas from 2008 to 2014, including thousands of homicides and sexual assaults. The report describes an alien crime wave of staggering proportions exacerbated by federal officials unwilling to enforce immigration laws." [78766]

"The Texas DPS report says well over 100,000 individual criminal aliens have been booked into Texas jails: 'From October 2008 to April 2014, Texas identified a total 177,588 unique criminal alien defendants booked into Texas county jails. These individuals have been identified through the Secure Communities initiative, in which Texas has participated since October 2008.' There are almost certainly more criminal aliens who haven't been identified as aliens. The 177,588 criminal aliens identified by Texas through the Secure Communities initiative only can tag criminal aliens *who had already been fingerprinted*. Arrests of illegal aliens who have not been fingerprinted prior to arrest are *not included* in these arrests numbers derived from the Secure Communities initiative. That means that the already stratospheric aggregate crime totals would be even higher if crimes by many illegal aliens who are *not* in the fingerprint database were included. ...The criminal aliens identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety have been responsible for the most heinous types of crimes—and in astonishing numbers. From the Texas DPS report: 'A review of these 177,588 defendants shows that they are responsible for at least 611,234 individual criminal charges over their criminal careers, including **2,993 homicides** and **7,695 sexual assaults**.'" [78766]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "The Department of Homeland Security has failed to address a single recommendation from a 2008 *Critical National Infrastructures* report to assess the threat of electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attacks and solar storms, according to Christopher Currie, director of homeland security and justice at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Expert witnesses in the field of energy infrastructure testified Wednesday to the

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs about the imminent threats of EMP weaponry and geomagnetic disturbance (GMD) events. ...In 1859, a coronal mass ejection (CME) from the sun, known as the Carrington Event, contacted the Earth's magnetosphere and induced one of the largest GMD's [sic; GMDs] in recorded history. Had a similar storm contacted Earth today, it would precipitate the most devastating meltdown of the global electric grid, setting humanity back more than 100 years technologically. ...The electromagnetic pulse could result from a high-altitude nuclear detonation, more than 100 kilometers above the ground, launched either by a nuclear warhead or satellite delivery system." [78681, 78909]

A *single-detonation* EMP attack on the United States could result in the deaths of even 200 million Americans—not from a Hiroshima-like explosion, but from an electrical grid outage that could last for *months*. Former Central Intelligence Agency Director R. James Woolsey has told Congress, "Continued inaction by Washington will make inevitable a natural or manmade EMP catastrophe that, as the Congressional EMP Commission warned, could kill up to 90 percent of the national population through starvation, disease, and societal collapse. ...One prominent myth is that a sophisticated, high-yield, thermonuclear weapon is needed to make a nuclear EMP attack. In fact, the Congressional EMP Commission found that virtually any nuclear weapon—even a primitive, low-yield atomic bomb such as terrorists might build—would suffice. The U.S. electric grid and other civilian critical infrastructures—for example, communications, transportation, banking and finance, food and water—have never been hardened to survive EMP." At PJMedia.com Bill Straub writes, "The Congressional EMP Commission recommended a plan to protect the national electric grid from nuclear EMP attack that would also mitigate all lesser threats—including natural EMP, RFWs [radio frequency weapons], cyber bugs and hacking, physical sabotage and severe weather—for about \$2 billion. About \$10-20 billion would protect all the critical infrastructures from nuclear EMP attack and other threats." [78909, 79283]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, "The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has 'clarified' requirements for individuals becoming naturalized citizens by stripping out the requirement of defending the United States through military service. 'Effective July 21, 2015, new guidance (PA-2015-001) in the USCIS Policy Manual clarifies the eligibility requirements for modifications to the Oath of Allegiance. **Reciting the Oath is part of the naturalization process. Candidates for citizenship normally declare that they will 'bear arms on behalf of the United States' and 'perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States' when required by the law. A candidate may be eligible to exclude these two clauses based on religious training and belief or a conscientious objection,**' an email from USCIS clarifying the requirements states (bolding is mine). ...Although the U.S. has a voluntary military without a draft, meaning citizens are not currently required by law to serve, these new exemptions are highly alarming should the country need to call on its citizens for defense in the future. The United States has always allowed for exceptions to combat based on religious convictions, the Quakers are one example. However, Quakers have found different roles, i.e. as medics, inside the military to aid in the country's defense. This rule change allows naturalized citizens to refuse service altogether. It should be

noted the Islamic terrorist Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez, who killed four Marines and a Navy sailor in Chattanooga last week, was a naturalized citizen.” (This is the first change in the Oath of Allegiance since 1929.) [78652, 78684, 778943]

Although Obama seems uninterested in securing the U.S. border, Reuters reports that he and Turkey’s president, Tayyip Recep Erdogan, “agreed in a telephone call on Wednesday to work together to ‘stem the flow of foreign fighters and secure Turkey’s border with Syria,’ the White House said in a statement.” [78740, 78741]

Hardball’s Chris Matthews comes to Obama’s defense in response to the statement by Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) that both Obama and Donald Trump have “no class.” Matthews says, “...That’s not a political charge. That’s a slur against the man. Against [Obama], that he doesn’t have any class.” Matthews piles it on, saying, “Look how he’s lived his life. He’s done everything right. ...He worked hard in school. He got into the good schools. He got to be head of Harvard Business Review [sic; Harvard Law Review], in a blind test to get in. It had nothing to do with minority or affirmative action, none of that. He got all the way through, and instead of going and grubbing the money on Wall Street, he went out to people and helped his community. He’s ran [sic; run] statewide, faced the electorate the way we say you should do. Risked citywide and then statewide [sic]. He’s done everything right. He’s been immaculate in the presidency. Nobody has accused him of any corruption. His kids are perfect. His wife is perfect. He’s done everything that these right-wing, white conservatives say we’re supposed to [do] in this country. *He’s done everything right.* And this sleazy comment, that he has no class. What does that mean? I’d love to get him [Rubio] under sodium pentothal and say, ‘Buster, what do you mean by ‘no class’? What do you mean by that?’ and find out what he does mean. It’s a cheap slur that works with the cheap seats in the Republican Party. You know it does. It doesn’t mean anything, he has plenty of class. I watched the guy [Obama] last night on *The Daily Show*. He can take any shot, he smiles with it, he has charm, he’s debonair about it. You don’t have to agree with what he does or say he’s a fantastic president, but class, I think he’s got.” (This *Timeline* will not bother addressing the misstatements and lies in Matthews’ remarks. It is sufficient to state that Matthews is delusional and should seek professional help.) [78760, 78761]

On July 23, appearing on *Morning Joe*, Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) states that International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) officials with whom he met in Vienna said there were two “side deals” on Iran’s Parchin military complex. Cotton says, “So the State Department has confirmed now, finally, that those agreements do, in fact, exist, but they have not told us the contents of those agreements. So unless Congress gets the contents of these agreements and knows, for example, how the IAEA plans to inspect the Parchin military site, I don’t see how any member of Congress could vote for this deal, because it’s based on verification and inspection, and without that information, I don’t see how we can trust the government of Iran.” Secretary of State John Kerry, says Cotton, “acted like Pontius Pilate; he washed his hands and kicked it to the IAEA, knowing Congress wouldn’t get this information unless someone went out to find it.” [78676, 78695, 79005]

White House press secretary John Earnest indicates Obama would veto proposed legislation that would strip some federal funding from “sanctuary cities” that protect illegal immigrant felons, and blames the problem on the Republicans for refusing to pass “comprehensive immigration reform.” [78644, 78668, 78790]

Former drug enforcement officer Manuel Santiago tells Examiner.com, “These fools in charge of our country have always been magnanimous with other people’s property and other people’s lives. It’s easy for Obama to be sympathetic towards killers when he has an army of bodyguards protecting him and his family. Unfortunately, you and I don’t have that luxury. This usually verbose Commander in Chief didn’t even pick up a telephone to call the Steinle family in their time of mourning.” [78695]

Former Texas lawman Nick Hastings says, “What’s truly disturbing to me is the fact that Obama and his ilk show more disdain—even hatred—for American citizens who don’t agree with their neo-Socialist policies, but the Democrat leaders seem to be enamored with illegal aliens who murder, rape, rob and turn American neighborhoods into Third-World hovels. What’s more important is that Americans start connecting the dots to gain an understanding of what is truly happening. And stop holding your breath for the news media to tell the truth no matter who gets hurt.” [78695]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), the Concerned Women for America, and others hold a rally to protest the Iranian nuclear capitulation deal. The shameless Earnest tells reporters he is aware that Cruz is staging a “pro-war rally.” [78655, 78656]

Members of the far left activist group Code Pink cheer and applaud Secretary of State John Kerry as he enters a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing room to discuss the Iranian nuclear agreement. Kerry reportedly tells the committee, “If Iran fails to comply, we will know it quickly and be able to respond accordingly.” As “proof,” Kerry produces a graphic with a drawing of an IAEA inspector holding a magnifying glass, surrounded by various Iranian sites subject to inspection. Code Pink activists may believe Kerry; whether the Senators do remains to be seen. At least one is highly skeptical: Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) tells Kerry, “[W]hat I think you’ve actually done in these negotiations is codify a perfectly-aligned pathway for Iran to get a nuclear weapon just by abiding by this agreement. I look at the things that they [the Iranians] need to do [to obtain nuclear weapons], the way it’s laid out, and I don’t think you could more perfectly lay it out. From my perspective Mr. Secretary, um, I’m sorry, not unlike a hotel guest that leaves only with a hotel bathrobe on his back, I believe you’ve been fleeced. ...I believe that you have crossed a new threshold in US foreign policy, where now it is a policy of the United States to enable a state sponsor of terror to obtain a sophisticated, industrialized nuclear development program that has, as we know, only one real practical need.” [78653, 78654, 78660, 78661, 78696, 78711, 78716, 78751, 78769, 78783]

Senator James Risch (R-ID) tells Kerry, Moniz, and Lew, “With all due respect, you guys have been bamboozled and the American people are going to pay.” [78769]

Kerry claims the agreement is a “good deal,” and argues, “If this deal is rejected, we return immediately to this reality [of Iran getting nuclear weapons anyway]. “Except that the diplomatic support that we have built with all these other countries, that we have accumulated, would disappear overnight. The choice we face is between an agreement that will ensure Iran’s nuclear program is limited, rigorously scrutinized, and wholly peaceful, or no deal at all. That’s the choice. ... Whether we like it or not, Iran has developed experience with a nuclear fuel cycle. They have developed the ability to produce the fissile material for a bomb. And we can’t bomb that knowledge away. Nor can we sanction that knowledge away. The truth is that the Vienna Plan will provide a stronger, more comprehensive, more lasting means of limiting Iran’s nuclear program than any alternative that has been spoken of.” [78696]

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) Tells Kerry, “This deal is fundamentally and irreparably flawed. I believe it weakens our national security and it makes the world a more dangerous place. No matter what happens, Iran will keep the more than billions of dollars it is going to receive upfront, basically as a signing bonus. Iran will be allowed to continue to develop long-range ballistic missiles, ICBMs, that know only one purpose. And that is for nuclear warfare. And so all these promises they’re making about never pursuing a weapon, they are all revealed as lies as they are developing a long-range rocket capable of reaching this very room one day not so far off in the future. There’s only one reason to develop those rockets. That’s to put a nuclear warhead on them.” [78696]

Rubio asks Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz about the agreement’s provision calling for the United States to help protect Iran’s nuclear program. FreeBeacon.com reports, “The charge was ducked, but not denied” by Moniz, who states, “I believe that refers to things like physical security and safeguards. All of our options and those of our allies and friends will remain in place.” Kerry says, “The purpose of that is to be able to have longer-term guarantees as we enter a world in which cyber warfare is increasingly a concern for everybody. If you are going to have a nuclear capacity, you clearly want to be able to make sure that those are adequately protected.” (The agreement puts the United States in the awkward position of having to side with Iran if Israel and Saudi Arabia chose to attack Iran’s nuclear facilities, whether militarily or via a cyber-attack.) [78728, 78729]

Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) questions Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew about a section of the Iran agreement that says the United States “will refrain from reintroducing or reimposing sanctions specified in annex 2...” Menendez says, “So Secretary Lew, I read that to mean that we cannot reintroduce or reimpose the existing sanctions that Congress passed into law.” Lew: “We have been very clear that we retain our right and we will, if we need to, reimpose sanctions.” Menendez: “I’m talking about existing nuclear sanctions, which expire next year, if snapback provisions of the sanctions are to be an effective deterrent as the administration has suggested of Iranians breaking the agreement, will the administration agree to support the reauthorization of the existing sanctions that passed the Senate 99-0, and which expire next year? Yes or no?” Lew: “So let me be clear that the sanctions that are being lifted, if Iran complies, if they comply, we

said we would not reimpose nuclear sanctions if they live with the nuclear agreement.” [78768]

Menendez presses Lew again, “I know. But my point is this. If you’re going to snap back, you got to snap back to something... If, in fact, the sanctions which exist that you all heralded and said brought Iran to the table expire next year, 2016, and we don’t reauthorize it, there is nothing at least in that context to snap back to. So why won’t you simply say that the administration supports, under all the same provisions, including [Obama’s] waivers, the reauthorization of those sanctions so that the Iranians know if they violate that the snapback will also include snapback to what the Congress passed?” Lew: “If Iran complies, we will lift sanctions and it’s premature to talk about extending a law.” (In other words, there is no provision in the agreement to “snap back” the *existing* sanctions if Iran does not comply with the agreement. Congress could enact new and *different* sanctions—and hope to have enough votes to override an Obama veto—but reimposing the old sanctions would be neither automatic nor easy.) [78768]

Menendez presses Secretary of State John Kerry on a change of wording from prior United Nations resolutions. Rather than stating that Iran “shall not” undertake nuclear ballistic missile activity, the Kerry-Obama agreement with Iran merely states that Iran “is called upon not to undertake such activity.” Menendez asks Kerry, “Why would we accept inferior language that changes the mandatory ‘shall’ to a permissive ‘call upon’? We often call upon a lot of countries to do or stop certain actions in the U.N., but it doesn’t have the force of shall not which has consequences if you do. Can you answer simply, is Iran banned from ballistic missile work for the next eight years?” Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) answers for Kerry: “No.” A peeved Kerry asks, “Do you want to answer it, senator?” Corker: “Yes, I will.” [78768]

According to PJMedia.com, Menendez also “grilled Kerry on whether Iran will be taking its own samples to submit for compliance testing—‘the equivalent of the fox guarding the chicken coop.’ Kerry responds, “...It’s part of a confidential agreement between the IAEA and Iran as to how they do that. The IAEA has said they are satisfied they will be able to do this in a way that does not compromise their needs and that adequately gets the answers they need... I’m not confirming how it’s happening, I’m simply saying to you that we’re confident the IAEA has the ability to be able to get the answers they need.” Senator James Risch (R-ID) remarks that Iran is “going to be able to test by themselves. Even the NFL wouldn’t go along with this. How in the world can you have a nation like Iran doing their own testing?” (Risch’s comment refers to the Super Bowl deflategate” scandal, in which air was let out of footballs for the benefit of New England Patriots’ quarterback Tom Brady—who allegedly prefers “soft balls.”) [78768, 78770, 78783, 78785, 78808, 78809]

HotAir.com explains, “In other words, if nuclear inspectors get a hot tip that Iran is conducting (or conducted in the past) atomic-bomb work at a secret site, they don’t get to go to the site themselves and take samples from the soil, the walls, etc, to see if there’s uranium present. They get their samples ... from Iran. That’s like drug-testing a junkie by asking him to bring a sample from home. ...[If] it’s not true that the UN will gets its

samples from Iran... where did Risch get the idea that it is? And why is this information classified to begin with? Obama's spent the last month insisting that the deal isn't based on trust, it's based on verification, yet when Menendez asks a very basic question about verification procedures, everyone clams up." [78770]

Meanwhile, Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) states that Yukiya Amano, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, refused an invitation to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. TimesofIsrael.com writes, "The nuclear watchdog agency is key to verifying Iran's adherence to the deal and monitoring its nuclear facilities. Amano said earlier this week that Tehran would be able to provide its own soil samples from nuclear sites for inspection. Iran has refused to give IAEA experts access to people, documents and sites allegedly linked to the suspected weapons work for nearly a decade." (Pamela Geller writes, "What a joke. Only nuclear weapons in the hands of devout Mullahs are no joke. ...Amano won't testify on Iran deal? ...[H]e won't talk to members of Congress? Afraid to lie under oath? Afraid of being challenged? Afraid of the truth coming out? The lapdog enemedia is pumping out pro-Iran propaganda. Perhaps Amano would squirm under oath though I find it difficult to believe that this tool has any ethics. The US funds the UN upwards of 25%. They are in bed with nuclear Obama.") [79151, 79177, 79192]

According to Reuters, "The most influential pro-Israel group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), will deploy about 300 lobbyists on Capitol Hill next week to try to convince lawmakers, especially undecided Democrats, to vote against the deal, according to officials in the pro-Israel camp. AIPAC's plans are being coordinated with allied groups such as Citizens for a Nuclear Free Iran that are sponsoring a national television advertising campaign, the pro-Israel sources said. They are expected to spend upwards of \$20 million, one source said." [78677]

WSJ.com reports that Obama "will appoint Sandra Black, professor of economics at the University of Texas at Austin, to join the three-member White House Council of Economic Advisers. ... 'Sandy brings a wealth of expertise on labor market dynamics and social mobility, two of the most important economic issues facing our country today,' said Jason Furman, chairman of the CEA, in a statement. ... Ms. Black is set to replace Betsey Stevenson, who is returning to the University of Michigan." (Pamela Geller observes, "One thing you have to say about Obama: he is consistent in his relentless, sick and fanatical hatred for Israel. All his appointments and associates—Samantha Power, Robert Malley, Zbigniew Brzezinski—show that, and here is another. Dr. Sandra (Sandy) Black [who claims the Israelis kill "more than two Palestinian children... every week] ... loves Noam Chomsky and is another pro-BDS, self-hating Jew. Her husband, Patrick Youngblood, is a radical with extremist views—he is executive director of the radical anti-Israel group Third Coast Activist." BDS, or Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, is a pro-Palestinian organization calling for Israel to return all territory gained in 1967's Six Day War. Third Coast Activist organizes "for social justice and ecological sustainability.") [78838, 78839, 78840]

At WhoWhatWhy.org Russ Baker reviews recent reports of car hacking, which raise “more questions” about the mysterious 2013 death of investigative reporter Michael Hastings. “Our original report,” writes Baker, “described anomalies of the crash and surrounding events that suggest cutting-edge foul play—that an external hacker could have taken control of Hastings’s car in order to kill him. If this sounds too futuristic, a series of recent technical revelations has proven that ‘car hacking’ is entirely possible. The latest just appeared this week. Hackers, seeking to demonstrate the vulnerability of automobiles to remote attacks, were able to largely take over the Jeep Cherokee driven by a writer for the tech magazine *Wired*. ...They were able to make his car decelerate suddenly, causing the writer to ‘narrowly avert death’ at the hands of a semi-trailer coming up behind him. In an earlier demonstration, they had been able to do similar things with other vehicles. ...Back when Michael Hastings died, former counterterrorism czar Richard Clarke—by all accounts a sober, no-nonsense man—said that the Hastings’s crash was ‘consistent with a car cyber attack’ and that it was likely that intelligence agencies knew ‘how to remotely seize control of a car.’ It is worth noting, too, that the day before his death, Hastings had ‘urgently’ requested to borrow his neighbor’s car—he wanted to get out of town, but he feared his own car was being tampered with.” [78993]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, in a series of emails between Hastings and Philippe Reines, a longtime aide to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Reines called Hastings “an unmitigated asshole” and added, “How’s that for a non-bullshit response? Now that we’ve gotten that out of our systems, have a good day. And by good day, I mean Fuck Off.” That was Reines’ response to Hastings’ questions about Benghazi, which included, “Why didn’t the State Department search the consulate and find [ambassador Christopher] Steven’s [sic] diary first? What other potential valuable intelligence was left behind that could have been picked up by apparently anyone searching the grounds? Was any classified or top secret material also left? Do you still feel that there was adequate security at the compound, considering it was not only overrun but sensitive personal effects and possibly other intelligence remained out for anyone passing through to pick up? Your statement on CNN sounded pretty defensive—do you think it’s the media’s responsibility to help secure State Department assets overseas after they’ve been attacked?” [37542, 37579, 45916, 45917, 45929, 45934, 45955, 45964, 46076, 47077, 46120, 46604, 46605, 46715, 46716, 46757, 46989, 47225, 47226, 47227, 47228, 43721, 47365, 47512, 47720, 47512, 50759, 50760, 50761, 50806, 50868, 50869, 51019, 78993]

Hastings was known for his *Rolling Stone* story about General Stanley McChrystal, which ultimately led to the general’s resignation because he dared to criticize Obama’s leadership—or lack thereof. Hastings’ final story was about NSA spying, Department of Labor spying on reporters, and the IRS abuse scandal. According to *The Telegraph*, Hastings “contacted WikiLeaks lawyer Jennifer Robinson just a few hours before he died, saying that the FBI was investigating him.” It is worth noting that investigative journalist Andrew Breitbart died shortly after announcing he was about to release damning information about Obama, and Hastings died while investigating the Muslim-convert CIA Director John Brennan. Hastings’ widow, Elise Jordan, vowed to “take down whoever did this.” In his book, *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America’s War in Afghanistan*, Hastings wrote of a death threat he received from

a member of General Stanley McChrystal's staff: "We'll hunt you down and kill you if we don't like what you write." To many, the question is not, "Was Michael Hastings murdered?" but "Who murdered Michael Hastings?" [37542, 37579, 45916, 45917, 45929, 45934, 45955, 45964, 46076, 47077, 46120, 46604, 46605, 46715, 46716, 46757, 46989, 47225, 47226, 47227, 47228, 43721, 47365, 47512, 47720, 47512, 50759, 50760, 50761, 50806, 50868, 50869, 51019, 78993]

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) tells reporters, "Planned Parenthood has said they have done nothing illegal"—and calls for an investigation of the Center for Medical Progress (CMP), which conducted the undercover sting operation of the abortion enterprise. (CMP founder David Daleiden tells Fox News' Sean Hannity his organization has hundreds of hours of undercover video of Planned Parenthood, and some is "even worse" than what has been released to date.) [78662, 78683, 78685, 78712]

Hillary Clinton says, "It is unfortunate that Planned Parenthood has been the object of such a concerted attack for so many years," and that those attacks are "really an attack against a woman's right to chose." Clinton also says she is not asking people to vote for her simply because she is a woman. "I'm asking people to vote for me on the merits. ... I think one of the merits is, I am a woman." [78658, 78659, 78699, 78700, 78784]

At NewRepublic.com, OB/GYN Dr. Jen Gunter comes to the defense of Planned Parenthood, claiming the sold fetal organs are no "baby parts" but are only "products of conception." Gunter writes, "Just as there are people who believe the moon landing was faked, there are those who refuse to believe that the full scope of reproductive health care is grounded in medical evidence. As the facts are inconvenient, the only option is to circumvent them by any means possible. These videos are the kind of propaganda that only reinforces those fixed, false beliefs." [78703, 78704, 78705]

DailySignal.com reports, "Representatives from Coca-Cola, Ford Motor Co. and Xerox say they've asked Planned Parenthood to remove their names as corporate donors to the embattled organization. The move follows a Daily Signal report revealing the names of 41 companies that Planned Parenthood listed as donors. That list, which was featured on Planned Parenthood's website, has since been removed. ... A representative from Coca-Cola confirmed for The Daily Signal that the company does not contribute to Planned Parenthood, nor does it match employee contributions to the organization. ... Other companies voiced similar concerns about Planned Parenthood's donor list. ... Similarly, Xerox was listed on the Planned Parenthood website and has said it also does not donate in any way. 'We checked our files for the last 20 years and have no record of Xerox Corp. contributing to Planned Parenthood,' a representative from Xerox told The Daily Signal." (It may be that some employees of those companies have donated to Planned Parenthood, which subsequently chose to falsely claim that they were corporate donations.) [78734]

On MSNBC, Andrea Mitchell and Chuck Todd do their best to downplay the results of Quinnipiac polls that show Hillary Clinton doing poorly in Colorado, Iowa, and Virginia. Among their comments, "It's pretty early." "So something is amiss here." "It could be

that the attention is all on the Republican race.” “One out of every 20 polls, no matter how well they’re conducted, sometimes just get bad numbers.” [78762]

Presidential candidate Donald Trump visits the U.S.-Mexico border at Laredo, Texas to speak with Border Patrol Agents. (Trump was originally invited by members of the National Border Patrol Council Local 2455. The union was then pressured by the AFL-CIO to “un-invite” Trump—an action which probably further encouraged him to visit.) [78663, 78665, 78666, 78692, 78694, 78725, 78757, 78771]

At his Laredo news conference, Trump is asked by MSNBC’s Jose Diaz-Balart, “Mr. Trump, you know 53,000 Hispanics turn 18 years of age in this country every month, born in the country of voting age; 54 million plus Hispanics—many feel that what you said when you said that the people who cross the border are rapists and murderers—” Trump interrupts, “No, no, no. We’re talking about *illegal* immigration and everybody understands that. And you know what... that’s a typical case... wait, that’s a typical case of the press with misinterpretation. They take a half a sentence. they take a half a sentence, then they take quarter of a sentence and put it all together. It’s a typical thing. And you’re with Telemundo, and Telemundo should be ashamed.” Diaz-Balart: “I’m not finished with my question.” Trump: “No, no. You’re finished...” [78710, 78752, 78754, 78757, 78771]

CNN interviews Mexican-American Rosa Palacios, who says, “I like what [Trump is] doing. I love what he’s gonna be doing. I hope he gets his intentions [sic]. I’m praying for all of his intentions. ...What he’s talking about and what he’s going to be doing, I hope they go through, sir.” Asked if Trump’s criticism of rapists and criminals crossing the border insult her, Palacios replies, “No sir, not at all. He’s talking just about the truth.” [78755]

TheHill.com reports, “Donald Trump says the chances that he will launch a third-party White House run will ‘absolutely’ increase if the Republican National Committee [RNC] is unfair to him during the 2016 primary season. ‘The RNC has not been supportive. They were always supportive when I was a contributor. I was their fair-haired boy,’ the business mogul told The Hill in a 40-minute interview from his Manhattan office at Trump Tower on Wednesday. ‘The RNC has been, I think, very foolish.’ Pressed on whether he would run as a third-party candidate if he fails to clinch the GOP nomination, Trump said that ‘so many people want me to, if I don’t win.’ ‘I’ll have to see how I’m being treated by the Republicans,’ Trump said. ‘Absolutely, if they’re not fair, that would be a factor.’” Trump explains why there is RNC opposition against him: “I’m not in the gang. I’m not in the group where the group does whatever it’s supposed to do. I want to do what’s right for the country—not what’s good for special interest groups that contribute, not what’s good for the lobbyists and the donors. ...I’m not surrounded by all sorts of pollsters and PR [public relations] people. I speak the truth. Our country is in big trouble, and I know how to turn it around. ...As far as the debate is concerned, these politicians debate every night. That’s all they do is talk. I don’t do that. I do other things. I’m a job creator.” [78678]

Of Obama's upcoming trip to Kenya, CNN.com writes that he "is not just heading to his father's homeland, but to a region that's a hotbed of terror. Al-Shabaab militants in East Africa are now posing new worries for [Obama's] trip to Kenya this week. CNN has learned that, in just the last week, the U.S. military has conducted nearly half a dozen secret air strikes in Somalia against al Qaeda's Africa affiliate because U.S. intelligence indicated an attack against Kenyan troops there was imminent, according to defense officials. The Pentagon isn't saying much, but the strikes may be timed to [Obama's] visit." [78664]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The Obama administration formally announced inspectors general will have to be granted permission by their agency heads to gain access to grand jury, wiretap and fair credit information—an action that severely limits the watchdogs oversight capabilities, independence, and power to uncover fraud." (In other words, the policeman will need the criminal's permission to investigate the criminal.) [78693]

At a White House "Beating the Odds Summit," Obama makes the event about himself, telling students, "If a kid born in Hawaii named Barack Obama can end up being President... there's nothing you can't do." [78697, 78698]

On CNN, Jake Tapper interviews Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio, who states that Obama's birth certificate is a forgery. Tapper tries to ridicule Arpaio for a "rather preposterous notion" that Obama was not born in Hawaii. Arpaio, who has never claimed Obama was not born in Hawaii, responds, "...I'm not talking about where he came from. I don't care where he came from. We're working on a fraudulent, forged government document. That's what we are doing. ...Nobody [else] looks into it. They shy away from it. ...I've been around a long time. I'm not stupid enough to even talk to you about it if I didn't think there's a lot of smoke and fire there." [78720, 78723, 78724, 78733, 78933]

The U.S. Army warns recruiters to "avoid anyone standing outside the recruitment centers attempting to offer protection and report them to local law enforcement." [78701, 78702]

NBCBayArea.com reports, "Bowe Bergdahl—the once-missing U.S. soldier in Afghanistan who was accused of desertion—was spotted hanging out at a Mendocino County marijuana farm during a raid. According to The Anderson Valley Advertiser, Bergdahl was an 'unexpected visitor' in Mendocino County, where he was visiting old friends when the 'local dope team arrived on a marijuana raid.'" [78706, 78715]

CBS News' Mark Knoller tweets that Obama is "taking 3 Senators and 17 House members with him on Africa Trip. All Democrats but one: Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ)." [78707]

The Department of Labor observes “National Hot Dog Day” by tweeting a photograph of a hot dog with “#RAISE THE [MINIMUM] WAGE” written in mustard. [78708]

The House of Representatives votes 241-179 to withhold federal grant money from sanctuary cities that protect illegal immigrants. Four Republicans vote against the legislation and six Democrats vote in favor. (The White House threatens to veto the legislation if it also passes the Senate.) [78709, 78833]

According to TheHill.com, the Democrat National Committee “says it is ‘revisiting’ its fundraising policies for the 2016 presidential election cycle, and will now accept donations from lobbyists and political action committees to help finance conventions next year.” [78713]

TheHill.com also reports, “Gun production has more than doubled over the course of the Obama administration, according to a new report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. ...The numbers paint a picture of gun owners who are concerned about new restrictions on their Second Amendment rights, activists say. ‘The ATF report confirms what we already know, that Barack Obama deserves the ‘Gun Salesman of the Decade’ award,’ said Erich Pratt, spokesman for the Gun Owners of America. ‘People have been rushing to buy firearms because they’re afraid that Obama will take away their Second Amendment rights.’” Since Obama’s inauguration in 2008, “gun production has spiked 140 percent to 10.8 million firearms in 2013, the most recent year for which data is available. The year before ...Obama entered office, gun manufacturers produced about 4.5 million firearms.” [78738, 78739]

The New York Times reports, “Two inspectors general have asked the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation into whether sensitive government information was mishandled in connection with the personal email account Hillary Rodham Clinton used as secretary of state, senior government officials said Thursday. The request follows an assessment in a June 29 memo by the inspectors general for the State Department and the intelligence agencies that Mrs. Clinton’s private account contained ‘hundreds of potentially classified emails.’ The memo was written to Patrick F. Kennedy, the under secretary of state for management. ...[S]ince her use of a private email account for official State Department business was revealed in March, [Clinton] has repeatedly said that she had no classified information on the account. ...The Justice Department has not decided if it will open an investigation, senior officials said. ...At issue are thousands of pages of State Department emails from Mrs. Clinton’s private account. Mrs. Clinton has said she used the account because it was more convenient, but it also shielded her correspondence from congressional and Freedom of Information Act requests.” [78722, 78743, 78748, 78756, 78775, 78791, 78825, 78827, 78890, 78891]

Clinton claims the information was not classified at the time it was included in her emails but, notes the *Times*, “the inspectors general of the State Department and the nation’s intelligence agencies said the information they found was classified when it was sent and remains so now. Information is considered classified if its disclosure would likely harm national security, and such information can be sent or stored only on computer networks

with special safeguards. ‘This classified information never should have been transmitted via an unclassified personal system,’ Steve A. Linick, the State Department inspector general, said in a statement signed by him and I. Charles McCullough III, the inspector general for the intelligence community. ...In their joint statement, the inspectors general said the classified information had originated with the nation’s intelligence agencies, such as the Central Intelligence Agency or the National Security Agency. It is against the law for someone to receive a classified document or briefing and then summarize that information in an unclassified email.” [78891, 78892, 78977, 79002]

In an interview with the BBC to be aired July 24, Obama says, “If you ask me where has been the, the one area where I feel that, uh, I’ve been most frustrated and most stymied, uh, it is the fact that the United States of America is the one advanced nation on earth in which we do not have sufficient, common-sense gun safety laws, uh, even in the face of repeated, uh, mass killings, uh, and, you know, if you look at the number of Americans killed since 9/11 by terrorism, it’s less than a hundred. Uh, if you look at the number that have been killed by, uh, gun violence, it’s in the tens of thousands. And for us not to be able to resolve that issue has been, uh, something that, uh, is distressing, uh, but it is not something that, uh, I intend ta [sic; to] stop working on in the remaining 18 months.” [78744, 78792]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich responds, “First, it is complete nonsense when Obama says the ‘United States is the one advanced nation on earth in which we do not have sufficient, common-sense gun safety laws.’ The U.S. has hundreds of gun laws on the books both at the state and federal levels. Further, there are no laws that aren’t already in place that could prevent the type of ‘gun-violence’ Obama refers to [unless guns are banned completely]. Second, when ...Obama refers to the ‘tens-of-thousands’ of people killed by ‘gun-violence,’ he’s being extremely disingenuous by a) failing to point out that [the] majority are suicides [and] b) the majority of the remaining occur in very specific parts of the country like Chicago, a city that has the strictest gun control measures around. Third, Americans should be concerned about what Obama is working on to implement more gun control without Congress. ...Finally, it should be noted that a recent Pew Research Center poll shows more Americans believe gun rights should be protected while fewer believe more gun control should be implemented.” [78745]

Obama also admits to the BBC that Iran may use some of the funds gained from the release of sanctions to further fund terrorism: “Hezbollah for example, threatening to fire missiles at Israel, has no shortage of resources. We have seen that even in times of distress, Iran is able to allocate resources in what it sees as its strategic priority.” (The terrorist do more than “threaten” to fire rockets into Israel; they do so routinely.) “Iran has proved that it is willing to change its priorities and its strategy.” (Iran has most certainly not done so.) “We have sent a clear message to the Iranians: though we closed the deal, we still have not closed account. I hope that solutions will be reached diplomatically, but if necessary, there is also a military option.” (Pamela Geller notes that Obama has previously stated there is no military solution.) [78843, 78844, 78846]

In Lafayette, Louisiana, a white male moviegoer reportedly wounds several people, kills two female patrons, and then shoots himself. The killer is later identified as Alabama native John Russell Houser. (Because the movie theater is a “gun-free zone,” no one is able to defend themselves against Houser’s attack.) [78714, 78736, 78737, 78753, 78774, 78776, 78786, 78795, 78798, 78799, 78826]

On July 24 Obama heads to Nairobi, Kenya. [78787]

Turkish fighter jets bomb Kurdish PKK (Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan, or Kurdistan Workers’ Party), bases in Qandil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, as well as ISIS sites in Syria. GateStoneInstitute.org writes, “Turkey is evidently unsettled by the rapprochement the PKK seems to be establishing with the U.S. and Europe. Possibly alarmed by the PKK’s victories against ISIS, as well as its strengthening international standing, Ankara, in addition to targeting ISIS positions in Syria, has been bombing the PKK positions in the Qandil mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan, where the PKK headquarters are located. There is no ISIS in Qandil.” (In other words, Turkey is using ISIS as an excuse to bomb the Kurds. Rather than condemning Turkey for targeting Kurds who are fighting against ISIS, the White House states that Turkey has the right to defend itself. Robert Spencer writes, “The Obama Administration apparently threw the Kurds under bus in order to induce the Turks to do something—anything—against the Islamic State. And so yet again Obama antagonizes an ally [the Kurds] in service of an entity [Turkey] that is far less likely to be pro-American.” Behind the scenes, Turkey is assisting ISIS.) [78879, 78880, 78881, 78882, 79029, 79030, 79158]

CNN.com reports, “Two former detainees at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba were arrested by Belgian police in a counterterrorism operation targeting a recruiting network for al Qaeda in Syria.” [78822]

On the *Today* program, Secretary of State John Kerry warns that an Israeli attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities “would be an enormous mistake, a huge mistake with grave consequences for Israel and the region, and I don’t think it’s necessary. The fact is that we will have, uh, for 15 years, a restraint on Iran that *absolutely* prevents it from developing a weapon. They can’t enrich beyond 3.67%. You can’t make a bomb at 3.67%. They will have only 300 kilograms in a stockpile of enriched uranium. You can’t make a bomb with that. They will have inspections on a daily basis in their enrichment facilities.” (At one point the administration promised, “anywhere, anytime inspections.” It then claimed, “No, we never said that.” Now Kerry lies, claiming there will be daily inspections.) [78810, 78811, 78812]

Matt Lauer asks Kerry, “If the Israelis are not convinced and they take action where would it leave us then? Would we support Israel? Would the treaty go up in smoke?” Kerry responds, “Well, uh, if they bombed them, sure. I, I presume, uh, Iran would then have a reason to say, ‘Well, this is why we need a bomb.’ And what Iran will decide to do is dig deeper because Israel does not have the ability to stop, nor do we, to stop—unless we went to all-out war and, and literally annihilated Iran which I don’t hear people talking about, so if you proceed along a normal, uh, reasonable military operation, you’re

talking about rolling their program back for two to three years. Then what do you do? And if you did that what will Iran's response be? Most likely, to decide, 'Now you've proven why we need a bomb,' and they will dig deeper and go out and get it. What people forget is this is not something that may happen this the future, Matt. Iran already has enough fissile material for 10 to 12 bombs. They haven't decided to make it. They haven't done it yet. We're rolling that back. That's what makes the world safer. We have a one-year breakout for ten years, which is eight months more than you have today. So we will have more time to respond. I think as people look at this, they will see the alternative is [to] have no inspectors, not know what Iran is doing, go back to where they are today with the ability to make the bomb and then you're gonna [sic] hear everybody say, 'Uh oh, we gotta [sic] go bomb then now.'" (Kerry's statements are inconsistent with reality and make little sense—unless he is assuming Iran will not cheat on the agreement.) [78810, 78811, 78812]

Addressing the Council on Foreign Relations, Kerry says, "Read U.N. resolution 1929. It says that if Iran comes to the table to negotiate, all the sanctions will be lifted. To negotiate, not to conclude a deal. Well, we concluded a deal, and they [Iran, backed by Russia and China] argued you should be lifting all the sanctions." (Kerry is incorrect. CNSNews.com notes, "paragraph 37 of the [1929] resolution says the measures will be lifted after Iran 'suspends all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities,' to allow for negotiations; and after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has certified that Iran has fully complied with its obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions passed earlier, as well as with IAEA requirements relating to its nuclear activities. Iran has neither suspended 'all enrichment-related and reprocessing activities,' nor has the IAEA determined that Iran has complied with all of the relevant obligations and requirements. On the contrary, the IAEA has stated in numerous reports that Iran is contravening its obligations to suspend uranium enrichment and other activities." [78919]

The office of California attorney general Kamala Harris announces that she will launch an investigation not of Planned Parenthood, but the Center for Medical Progress—to determine if it broke any laws in the creation of their undercover sting videos. (Harris, an Obama favorite, is running for the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacated by the retirement of Barbara Boxer (D-CA). The far left Harris is the sister-in-law of Tony West—who Obama appointed Assistant Attorney General, in charge of the Department of Justice's Civil Division. West, a major fundraiser for Obama in California, was a member of the "GITMO 9"—a group of attorneys who represented terrorists held at the detainee center at Guantanamo. West also represented John Walker Lindh, the "American Taliban" captured in Afghanistan in 2001, and helped him avoid a death sentence. West was the lead attorney in the Obama administration's lawsuit against Arizona's illegal immigrant legislation.) [28420, 28481, 28482, 28483, 28484, 78820, 78821]

TheHill.com reports, "A review by a top intelligence official has found that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sent at least four classified messages from the private email server she used while in office. The Inspector General of the Intelligence Community sent a letter to members of Congress on Thursday saying the emails from Clinton's server should have been classified as 'secret.' ...The four emails 'were

classified when they were sent and are classified now,' Andrea Williams, a spokeswoman for the inspector general, told [*The Wall Street Journal*]. The watchdog office has reviewed only 40 emails from Clinton's server, out of a total of more than 30,000 she sent and received while helming the State Department. The discovery prompted the intelligence IG to refer the matter to the FBI. A Justice Department official confirmed that the agency had received a referral to look into the matter. The discovery directly contradicts repeated statements by Clinton, a 2016 presidential contender, and her campaign, that she did not send classified information via the server." [78742]

On MSNBC, Chuck Todd comments, "...I think they [the Clinton campaign] blew it when they didn't turn over the server immediately. I mean, I think this is one of those things that they could have, they could have—instead of saying, 'Well, the State Department, it's up to the State Department to release the e-mails' and all that, I, I think that they lost any high ground they coulda [sic; could have] had by being pro-active in, 'Okay, here's the server, Congress you can have it, take a look,' um, giving off the perception, 'nothing to hide here,' instead of, sort of, while technically following, uh, the law and this and technically doing what they're supposed to be—giving it to the State [Department] and let State do this. They could have been more out front on this, particularly with that server. I, I don't know if there's anything they could do now to get out in front of it. I think now they've just gotta [sic; got to] hope nothing [damaging to Hillary Clinton] is found." [78772, 78773]

One question worth asking is why Hillary Clinton's attorney, David Kendall, should be allowed to retain data files containing the Clinton emails. If four out of only 40 include classified information, it is likely that many more (out of tens of thousands) also include classified information. *Kendall does not have security clearance to view those files; nor does anyone else in the Clinton campaign.* Anyone holding those files, including Kendall, should be required to immediately turn them over to the State Department's inspector general.

Portions of the Bergdorf Goodman store on New York City's Fifth Avenue are placed on lockdown while Hillary Clinton gets a \$600 haircut at its John Barrett Salon. A source tells the New York Post, "Staff closed off one side of Bergdorf's so Hillary could come in privately to get her hair done. An elevator bank was shut down so she could ride up alone, and then she was styled in a private area of the salon. Other customers didn't get a glimpse. Hillary was later seen with a new feathered hairdo." [79022, 79023, 79103]

With House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) reportedly standing in the way of efforts to block funding of Planned Parenthood, Todd Starnes suggest at Townhall.com that Boehner "call up Planned Parenthood and see what the going rate is for an aborted baby's backbone." "So here's the bottom line," writes Starnes, "If the GOP can't muster the moral courage to defund Planned Parenthood, they don't deserve the White House in 2016." [78746, 78793, 78944]

According to Politico.com, "The New York Times made small but significant changes to an exclusive report about a potential criminal investigation into Hillary Clinton's State

Department email account late Thursday night, but provided no notification of or explanation for of the changes. The paper initially reported that two inspectors general have asked the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation ‘into whether Hillary Rodham Clinton mishandled sensitive government information on a private email account she used as secretary of state.’ That clause, which cast Clinton as the target of the potential criminal probe, was later changed: the inspectors general now were asking for an inquiry ‘into whether sensitive government information was mishandled in connection with the personal email account Hillary Rodham Clinton used as secretary of state.’ The Times also changed the headline of the story, from ‘Criminal Inquiry Sought in Hillary Clinton’s Use of Email’ to ‘Criminal Inquiry Is Sought in Clinton Email Account,’ reflecting a similar recasting of Clinton’s possible role. The article’s URL was also changed to reflect the new headline. As of early Friday morning, the Times article contained no update, notification, clarification or correction regarding the changes made to the article. One of the reporters of the story, Michael Schmidt, explained early Friday that the Clinton campaign had complained about the story to the Times. ‘It was a response to complaints we received from the Clinton camp that we thought were reasonable, and we made them,’ Schmidt said.” (How long the *Times* will cover for Clinton remains to be seen—but it may be directly related to how long it takes Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to announce her candidacy.) [78747, 78748, 78749, 78756, 78918]

Stephen Miller tweets, “If Hillary Clinton responded to terror attacks as fast as she responds to the NY Times, Chris Stevens would still be alive.” [78751]

The Wall Street Journal reports, “The Obama administration is preparing to release convicted Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, according to U.S. officials, some of whom hope the move will smooth relations with Israel in the wake of the Iran nuclear deal.” On July 17 Haaretz.com reported, “Informed sources expressed optimism on Thursday that jailed Israeli spy could be released from prison on November 21 of this year after spending 30 years in jail. The sources said ‘there are indications’ that the U.S. Department of Justice will not object to the release, which needs to be confirmed by Pollard’s patrol board. A spokesperson for the Department of Justice refused on Friday to comment on the reports. The sources, also cited in part by the New York website Algemeiner on Friday, said that no connection should be made between Pollard’s potential release and administration efforts to mollify American Jewish public opinion following the signing of the Iran nuclear deal.” Nachman Shai, chairman of the Israeli Knesset, states, “After 30 years, Pollard has to be released. That is the maximum period. No other prisoner has served in a U.S. prison for such a long period for a similar crime. They did not treat him well and they took it up to the worst point, so to say that this is a gesture from the American side to soften the Iran deal is an insult, and that is the least I can say.” [78777, 78778, 78789, 78974, 79014, 79025, 79036, 79079]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey writes, “It’s a measure of the desperation of the Obama administration that this has come up now. The Israelis demanded Pollard’s release two years ago when the US got caught spying on its allies, arguing that his continued detention was hypocritical after the Edward Snowden exposures. The US declined to

change its mind at that time. A year later, a trial balloon floated out about using Pollard as leverage to get Benjamin Netanyahu to bend a little more in the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, but those weren't going anywhere regardless. Jeff Dunetz noted at the time that John Kerry had to be desperate to use Pollard as leverage. This position is even worse than the last. What would Pollard's release buy the White House? A momentary bump in Israeli popular opinion, but even that would be limited by the exceedingly crass appeasement and desperation that such action would display. Israel isn't going to warm up to the Iran deal because we release Jonathan Pollard, and it's not going to benefit anyone in Israel more than Netanyahu, whose hardball tactics with Obama will have finally paid off in *some* way. ...I doubt that Pollard did even a fraction of the damage Bradley/Chelsea Manning committed, and Manning only got 35 years—and will get paroled earlier than at 28 years, almost certainly. If our national security is enhanced by Pollard staying in prison, then he should stay there, but if not we'll have to let him go at some point. But if the White House thinks this will rescue their chestnuts on this Iran deal from the Israeli fire, they're even more clueless than we imagined." [78779]

A federal judge orders hundreds of illegal immigrant women and children released from federal holding facilities because of "deplorable" living conditions. According to LATimes.com, "U.S. District Judge Dolly Gee said federal authorities had violated key provisions of an 18-year-old court settlement that put restrictions on the detention of migrant children. ...In her 25-page ruling, Gee blasted federal officials, saying that children had been held in substandard conditions at the two Texas detention centers. She found 'widespread and deplorable conditions in the holding cells of Border Patrol stations.' In addition, she wrote that federal officials 'failed to meet even the minimal standard' of 'safe and sanitary' conditions at temporary holding cells." (Gee's ruling will, of course, only encourage more illegal immigration by families with children. Once foreigners know they will have judges ordering that they be released from detention facilities there is less fear of mistreatment and a greater incentive to cross the border illegally.) [78865, 78866, 79525]

Obama arrives in Kenya. Among those who may not be pleased with his visit is Mark Kariuki. According to CBN.com, Kariuki "He leads an alliance representing 38,000 churches and 10 million Kenyan Christians. 'We do not want him to come and talk on homosexuality in Kenya or push us to accepting that which is against our faith and culture,' Kariuki said. ... 'Let him talk about development; let him talk about cooperation; let him talk about the long-time relationship Kenya has had with America. But about our beliefs and culture—keep off! The family is the strength of a nation. If the family is destroyed, then the nation is destroyed. So we don't want to open doors for our nation to be destroyed!' " While in Nairobi, Obama meets with his alleged step-grandmother, Sarah Onyango Obama. (Sarah Obama has claimed that Obama was born in Kenya and that he "passed through her hands." According to DailyCaller.com, Barack Obama's half-brother Malik Obama has stated that Barack "doesn't want anything to do with" his Kenyan family. "He's not an honest man. It's a big humiliation.") [248, 289, 299, 324, 367, 2660, 78787, 78788, 78806, 78929]

On the floor of the Senate, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) excoriates Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), essentially calling him a liar for intentionally deceiving senators via backroom deals, and comparing him to Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). Cruz scolds his fellow Republican senators for making promises during their campaigns that they then abandon, and suggests the last six months in the Senate would have been little different had the Democrats still been in charge: “The American people elected a Republican majority believing that a Republican majority would be somehow different from a Democratic majority in the United States Senate. Unfortunately, the way the current Senate operates, there is one party, the Washington party.” [78802, 78814, 78834, 78841, 78855, 78884]

In an appearance at New York University Hillary Clinton (again) downplays criticism of her handling of emails, saying , “Maybe the heat is getting to everybody. We all have a responsibility to get things right. I have released 55,000 pages of emails and said repeatedly that I would answer questions before the House committee. We are all accountable to the American people to get the facts right. And I will abide by that. And I will also stay focused on the issues particularly on the big issues that really matter.” Clinton also pushes for an increase in capital gains taxes, with a rate of as much as 39.6 percent for gains from selling assets held less than two years. According to DailyCaller.com, “After two to three years, 36 percent of the investment [gain] would be taxed and, after three to four years, 32 percent. After an investment of six years is in the market, Clinton’s capital gains tax would be as low as today’s top tax of 20 percent.” (The proposal is absurd. It would penalize people simply because they chose to sell stocks sooner rather than later. It would not only create no new jobs, it would discourage the creation of jobs because investors would act to avoid monumental taxes by putting their money in Treasury bonds, rather than new businesses. Few people will risk investing in a venture that, if it fails, would cost them their entire investment while, if it succeeds, would cost them a whopping 39.6 percent of their return.) [78861]

DCWhispers.com writes, “The term ‘Clinton Collapse’ is apparently an increasingly common one these days for those whose job it is to continue insulating their candidate from media scrutiny and try and push Mrs. Clinton across the eventual finish line that is the Democratic Party nomination—no easy task given Clinton herself appears increasingly unstable, politically speaking. ...This past week saw campaign operatives trying to figure out how to break the news to candidate Clinton regarding her sudden drop in several battleground states that show her losing by wide margins to potential rivals like Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, and Scott Walker. When that news was finally delivered, Hillary Clinton is said to have initially brushed it off. Mere hours later she proceeded to lash out her handlers, and then went on to blame what she perceives to be ‘unfair media coverage.’” Clinton reportedly said, “Get Amy! Somebody get Amy on this!” “Amy being a likely reference to New York Times reporter, Amy Chozick, a particularly Clinton-friendly advocate at that influential publication. A D.C. Whispers source had this to say regarding Mrs. Clinton’s view of the modern media: ‘She doesn’t understand how it works. She still thinks the New York Times is the end-all, be-all regarding media coverage and because they (the Clinton Machine) pretty much control how the Times covers them, she feels she controls her own media destiny and when that doesn’t happen,

it infuriates her. She gets very angry very quickly and it's a particularly aggressive kind of nasty on her part.” [78800]

“Candidate Clinton’s mood swings have become so erratic even those closest to her campaign are said to be hoping for the best while preparing for what some perceive to be the inevitable worst. ‘They know this entire campaign could collapse in a matter of days. Hillary Clinton is not her husband. She’s someone who doesn’t enjoy the work of a long political campaign. She doesn’t trust the process. Actually it goes beyond that—she hates the process. Truth be told, she hates people. Bill enjoyed pressing the flesh. Ok, not the best phrase when applied to him, but he was in his element out there in the midst of the unwashed masses. Hillary on the other hand, she gets this look in her eyes that isn’t so much about pressing the flesh, but wanting to burn it.’ The Hillary campaign is setting about trying to match the fundraising pace of Barack Obama’s 2008 and 2012 outings. They have publicly indicated their desire to raise at least 100 million dollars by the end of 2015. That remarkable figure is not merely about bragging rights though, but rather out of absolute necessity. ‘There won’t be nearly as much free and positive press for Hillary Clinton as there was for Barack Obama. They all know that. It’s going to take a lot of money to build and maintain her image over the next several months. She’s not a low maintenance, lipstick and rouge candidate. Hillary Clinton requires major renovations that come up often and that takes serious cash to keep going. Her campaign will be on edge and in crisis mode much more often than is normal. That will be a huge burden on all those around her, and it seems is already causing Hillary to show some premature wear and tear already as well.’” [78800]

Health insurer Anthem, Inc. announces it plans to acquire Cigna Corp. for \$48.4 billion. Earlier in the month, Aetna, Inc. announced plans to buy Humana. FoxNews.com notes, “If both mergers go through, only three major players in the U.S. insurance industry would be left competing for customers: Anthem, Aetna and UnitedHealth.” The mergers are “fueling fears that ObamaCare is crushing competition. Despite initial claims that the law would bring down costs, Republican critics and others say it’s driving the industry to consolidate—which could end up costing consumers more. ...The concern, growing rapidly, is there may only be a few powerful operators still standing while smaller players are driven out of business. ...[C]onservatives worry the health law, which requires companies to insure virtually anyone, puts pressure on firms to join forces. To survive, insurers must spread fixed costs over more customers. The bigger they are, the easier it will be to meet ObamaCare-imposed caps on operating costs and boost profits. The insurance giants claim the mergers will let them operate more efficiently, but others see the potential for rising premiums.” [78801]

This *Timeline* believes Obama and the architects of ObamaCare not only anticipated the mergers, they designed the Affordable Care Act to ensure that the smaller firms would not survive. The scheme is to put smaller insurers out of business, force mergers of the remaining few large insurers, and then label them “too big to fail” as an excuse for the government to take over the entire industry and impose a single-payer, socialized health care program on the entire nation.

In Gallup polling, favorability ratings for Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) have risen from 12 percent to 24 percent since March. “Hillary Clinton’s rating has slipped to 43% from 48% in April. At the same time, Clinton’s unfavorable rating increased to 46%, tilting her image negative and producing her worst net favorable score since December 2007.” [78803, 78897]

In a July 18-20 YouGov poll, Donald Trump leads the pack of GOP candidates with 28 percent; Jeb Bush has 14 percent; Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker 13; Ben Carson 7. [78823, 78824, 78854]

On July 25, in Kenya, Obama says, “I’ve been consistent all across Africa on this. I believe in the principle of treating people equally under the law. The State should not discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation. ...[W]hen a government gets in the habit of treating people differently those habits can spread. I’m unequivocal on this, that gays should not be treated differently from other people in Kenya.” At the joint press conference, Kenyan president Uhuru Kenyatta says, “The fact of the matter is Kenya and the U.S. share so many values: common love for democracy, entrepreneurship, value for families—these are some things that we share. But there are some things that we must admit we don’t share. Our culture, our societies don’t accept. It is very difficult for us to be able to impose on people that which they themselves do not accept. This is why I repeatedly say for Kenyans today the [gay rights issue] is generally a non-issue. We want to focus on other areas that are day-to-day living for our people. ...This issue is not really an issue that is on the foremost of mind for Kenyans, and that is a fact.” Obama also argues that corruption is the greatest impediment to Kenyan economic growth—but absurdly calls Chicago an example of where the problem was tackled. (Four of the last seven Illinois governors have been sent to prison.) [78807, 78816, 78817, 78828, 78851, 78852, 78856, 78857, 78875, 78903, 78920, 78995]

Politico.com notes that Obama’s father belonged to the Luo tribe of Kenya, while Kenyatta is a member of the rival Kikuyu tribe. Kenyatta’s late father, Jomo Kenyatta, was the first president of Kenya. Obama’s purported father, Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., was an economist in the elder Kenyatta’s government. [78875]

Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush raises funds for his campaign at the East Hampton, New York estate of Kenneth Lipper—a money manager and registered Democrat. According to Bloomberg.com, “Virtually the only one who left without writing a check, Lipper said, was a buck deer that wandered past the group assembled on the wooded grounds.” [78940]

TimesofIsrael.com reports, “A top adviser to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed Saturday that the Islamic Republic would deny International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors any access to the country’s military sites, contradicting remarks by US officials following the signing of a nuclear agreement with Tehran last week. ‘The access of inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency or from any other body to Iran’s military centers is forbidden,’ Ali Akbar Velayati, Khamenei’s adviser for international affairs, said in an interview with Al-

Jazeera satellite TV. Velayati further stressed that the directive will be enforced regardless of interpretations by the P5+1 world powers to the contrary. ...Under the complex formulations in the agreement, Iran would have notice of 24 days for international inspections of suspect sites, a stipulation that was heavily criticized by Israel and other opponents of the deal. Skeptics say it is an ideal scenario for Iran to cheat.” [78836, 79261, 79351]

On *Breitbart News Saturday*, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee says Obama’s “foreign policy is the most feckless in American history. It is so naive that he would trust the Iranians. By doing so, he will take the Israelis and march them to the door of the oven. ...This is the most idiotic thing, this Iran deal. It should be rejected by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress and by the American people. I read the whole deal. We gave away the whole store. It’s got to be stopped.” (Michael Cohen, executive president of the Trump organization, later tells CNN he is not offended by Huckabee’s Holocaust reference: “My father is a Holocaust survivor, and I can tell you, there’s that old statement, ‘Never again.’ ...I’m not offended by the words, and I lost 90 percent of my family at that point. I’m concerned, I’m truly concerned not just for this country, but the countries all around the world. Iran is a disaster.”) [78870, 78871, 78914, 78922, 78924, 79000, 79024]

According to *WashingtonExaminer.com*, Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) claims that Senator John McCain (R-AZ) “blocked an amendment he submitted weeks before the horrendous Chattanooga shootings at a military recruiting center that would have allowed ‘military base commanders the authority’ to authorize ‘service members to carry personal firearms.’ McCain ‘didn’t want the amendment as part of the [2016 National Defense Authorization] bill and wouldn’t accept it,’ Heller said Thursday [July 23] on the Lars Larson Show. ...Just five days after the Chattanooga attacks, Heller re-submitted his amendment, asking ‘that National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) conferees include’ it to enable U.S. military men and women to defend themselves while in uniform.” Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) “introduced a similar amendment to the ‘must-pass’ highway bill this past week, only to have it locked by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).” [78847, 78888]

On July 26 Michael Goodwin writes at *NYPPost.com*, “The news that two inspectors general from the Obama administration want the Justice Department to investigate her handling of classified material is a potential game changer. For many Democrats, it will serve as final proof [Hillary Clinton] is fatally flawed. Her standing will further erode, turning her coronation plans into a long, hot summer. The drip, drip, drip of details will produce new polls showing a bleeding of support, which will entice other candidates into the race. Look for Vice President Joe Biden to jump in soon, and lefty Sen. Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] might also take the leap. Meanwhile, Clinton must play defense against her former colleagues in the State Department and intelligence agencies. Actually, it’s worse. She’s almost certainly up against the White House. Somebody very high in the food chain leaked the memos requesting the probe. The *New York Times*, which broke the story, identified its source only as ‘a senior government official.’ My money is on Valerie Jarrett, the Obamas’ Rasputin, who is known to despise Clinton. If it was Jarrett,

she would not do this against [Obama's] wishes. ...And her problems may not end with the classified [emails] issue. Any honest prosecutor looking at her e-mails would also look for evidence she traded government favors for contributions to the Clinton Foundation or paid speeches. ...The arc of her life demonstrates that the greatest threat was never someone on her enemies list. It was always the woman in the mirror." [78853, 78858, 78906, 78918, 79080]

On *Journal Editorial Report*, *Wall Street Journal* editor Dorothy Rabinowitz says Hillary Clinton "is a person who not only does not light up the room, this is a person who's difficult to listen to. I used to think that if you wanted to extract information from terrorists, all you have to do is put them in the room with Hillary Clinton and force them to listen to her speech. They'll tell you everything after that." [78907]

WasObamaBornInKenya.com posts a December 1, 1986 letter from M. E. Longwe, director of Zambia's Regional Planning Department of the National Commission for Development Planning, to the office of the Permanent Secretary. The letter is to recommend cooperation with Stanley Ann Dunham (Obama's mother). Longwe writes, "This is to introduce Ms. Stanley Dunham, graduate of the University of Hawaii's department of Anthropology and a research affiliate of the Rural Development Studies Bureau, University of Zambia. Ms. Dunham's research, which is being supervised by Dr. M. Warren formerly of MAWD has been acknowledged by the Commission because of its focus on an organisational understanding towards increased agricultural productivity in Central Province. Ms. Dunham's husband was from Kenya *and their son was born in Mombasa* [emphasis added]. It [sic; I] would be most grateful if you could assist Ms. Dunham in her research. Thank you." (This *Timeline* can neither confirm nor discredit the validity of the letter.) [78859, 78860]

At a state dinner in Kenya, Obama says, "I suspect that some of my critics back home are suggesting that I'm back here to look for my birth certificate. That is not the case." (Obama then leaves Kenya and heads to Ethiopia.) [78868, 78903, 78904, 78905, 78911, 78921, 78996]

On *State of the Union*, Donald Trump declares, "I think I'll beat Hillary easily. I don't think these other guys will. ...What [Clinton] has done is criminal. I don't see how she can run. ...What she did is far worse than what General [David] Petraeus did, and he's gone down in disgrace. ...I mean, she got rid of her server. He never did anything like that." Of his candidacy, Trump says, "There is a movement going on. This is more than me. People are tired of these incompetent politicians in Washington that [sic; who] can't get anything done." [78872, 78874]

On ABC's *This Week*, Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards defends her organization's harvesting of fetal body parts, claims it does not make a profit for them, and criticizes "selectively edited" undercover videos of her executives discussing fees. (The full, unedited videos were posted by the Center for Medical Progress at the same time as the brief clips and have been readily accessible to anyone interested in viewing them.) [78862, 78863, 78946]

In a rare Sunday session, the Democrats and “establishment” Republicans in the Senate vote 67-26 for “crony capitalism”—advancing a measure to renew the Export-Import Bank by attaching it to highway funding legislation. (The 67 senators—43 Democrats and 24 Republicans—apparently believe it is appropriate for the taxpayers to subsidize low interest loans to “poor” corporations like General Electric, Caterpillar, and Boeing. A vote against the Export-Import Bank does *not* necessarily mean opposition to it. If there are clearly enough votes for legislation to pass, some Senators will vote “no” for the sole purpose of being able to tell their constituents they voted “no”—even though they were pleased that the bill passed. In the case of the Export-Import Bank, the Senate is wasting its time voting on it, because the House has no intention of renewing the charter.) [78884, 78913, 78915, 78955, 78960, 78968, 78975]

The Senate blocks an effort by Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) to eliminate taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood via an amendment to the highway bill. The excuse is that the amendment is “not germane” to the highway legislation. (Neither, of course, is renewing the Export-Import Bank.) DailySignal.com notes, “The so-called ‘must-pass’ highway bill gives McConnell an opportunity to fulfill a promise GOP leaders made to supporters of the Export-Import Bank. In exchange for their votes on ...Obama’s trade bill May 21, Ex-Im’s proponents cut a deal to add an amendment to the highway bill.” TheHill.com writes, “Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) decided last week that he would only allow two amendments to the bill—a repeal of ObamaCare and a reauthorization of the Export-Import bank—while blocking all others in a procedure known as ‘filling the tree.’” Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) says, “The so-called Republican leader led the effort to continue the taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood. It makes clear that the McConnell-Reid leadership team is united in favor of big government spending, and debt and power. I believe in the power of truth, and what I intend to do is continue serving 27 million Texans and standing up and speaking the truth. The truth is had the majority leader not opposed us we could have had a binding vote on defunding Planned Parenthood.” (In a highly unusual move, Lee and Cruz are denied a roll call vote—via the combined efforts of McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV).) [78869, 78884, 78886, 78894, 78912, 78913]

Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), an established RINO, slams Lee and Cruz, saying, “You learn that in kindergarten: You learn to work well together and play by the rules. Another thing you learn in kindergarten is to respect one another.” (Alexander should tell his friend Mitch McConnell that one also learns in kindergarten not to lie. Alexander should also remind McConnell that in June 2014 he said, “As long as I’m the senior senator from Kentucky, you can count on me [to oppose abortion].”) [78896, 78926]

At WND.com Pamela Geller defines Obama’s legacy: “Jihadis with Nukes.” She writes, “This unending stream of bad news should keep every rational and freedom-loving human being up at night. ...It has even come out that if some rational actor, namely Israel, takes much-needed action to stop nuclear war, America is going to protect and defend Iran. John Kerry warned Israel not to act, saying that if it tried to stop Iran’s nuclear program, ‘I think that would be an enormous mistake. A huge mistake with grave

consequences for Israel and the region, and I don't think it's necessary.' Listening to Kerry try to sell this genocidal war pact is like listening to Joseph Goebbels explain the Jewish problem. Obama's Middle East strategy points to one thing and one thing only—a post-Israel Middle East. There is no other explanation. Meanwhile, Obama released a nuclear scientist [Mojtaba Atarodi] as part of his treasonous 'deal,' but left Americans rotting in Iranian prisons. Left behind are American Christian pastor Saeed Abedini, former Marine Amir Hekmati, Washington Post photojournalist Jason Rezaian and former FBI agent Robert Levinson.” [78876]

“...Then Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei vowed to defy American policies after the deal had been signed. John Kerry responded: 'If it is the policy, it's very disturbing. It's very troubling.' Now he is 'disturbed?' Iran is not saying anything different from what it has been saying since 1979. Why is he disturbed now? What did he think would happen when the Obama administration opened the floodgates to a nuclear Islamic Republic of Iran? ...After the agreement was announced, the Saudis said they were going to start a nuclear program as well. Imagine, a nuclear arms race in the Islamic Middle East. What could possibly go wrong? This was easily foreseen. We all talked about it, predicted it, so it cannot have eluded the Obama administration. So why do it? Every answer points to evil.” [78876]

“The only thing more evil than the Rouhani-Obama pact is the deception and outright lies told by the Obama administration to the American people to convince us that the inevitable jihad nukes are not only good for us, but that we have no other alternative than to surrender. His contempt for us has no end. The world's largest state sponsor of terror got everything it wanted. What did the free world get but a ticking time bomb? Once this genie is out of the bottle, there will be no putting it back. The future terror that is guaranteed, actually ensured by this 'deal,' is unfathomable. For a president who only cares about optics, it couldn't look any worse—until they drop the bomb, that is. Jihadis with nukes—that's Obama's legacy. And remember, he was desperate for this surrender. He usurped Congress, the American people and our allies. His name will go down in history as one of the most notorious enemies of freedom. Jihad in the White House. This isn't ill-conceived, this is evil. The U.S. is under siege by a traitorous and malevolent executive branch. Treachery and treason.” [78876]

At NYPost.com Paul Sperry reports, “Property records show the mosque attended by the terrorist who killed US soldiers at a base in Chattanooga, Tenn., is affiliated with the same Islamic group as the mosques patronized by the Boston marathon bombers and the 9/11 hijackers who attacked the Pentagon. Yet federal investigators have dismissed any possibility that the Tennessee mosque was a source of radicalization or support for the terrorist, Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez. The trustee of the Islamic Society of Greater Chattanooga, like the Boston and Virginia mosques attended by other terrorists, is the North American Islamic Trust. In 2007, the Justice Department designated NAIT as an unindicted co-conspirator in the largest terrorist financing case in America history, US v. Holy Land Foundation, which resulted in convictions and imprisonment of several US-based Hamas terrorist leaders. Current NAIT chairman Gaddoor Saidi also appears on the government's co-conspirator list. Court records detail money flowing through NAIT

financial accounts to Hamas. In the same exhibits from the trial, the Justice Department lists NAIT and Saidi among ‘members of the US Muslim Brotherhood,’ alongside NAIT’s parent the Islamic Society of North America—from which the Islamic Society of Greater Chattanooga derives its name.” [78877]

Kathleen Willey, one of Bill Clinton’s alleged rape or sexual harassment victims (which include Paula Jones, Juanita Broaddrick, and Sally Perdue), tells *Aaron Klein Investigative Radio* she has started a web site called “A Scandal a Day.” She says, “The Clintons have made it extremely easy for me. I don’t have to do a lot of research because it’s not just a scandal a day. It’s about two or three scandals a day. So what I’m doing is kind of a compilation of these scandals, and explaining them in simple terms so most people can understand what’s going on, and what they’re up to and why they are lying every day.” Willey also asks for other victims of the Clintons to come forward: “I know I’m not the only one.” According to Willey, some have been afraid to say anything because they fear Hillary Clinton. “[F]rankly I was pretty horrified by some of the things they told me. And they were scared to death of Hillary Clinton. And I don’t blame them. She is the one [who] everybody should be [afraid] of. ...Hillary Clinton is without a doubt the most corrupt human being, the most corrupt politician that this nation has ever seen, man or woman. And now it’s time to come up and stand up and tell what happened once and for all. ...There’s safety in numbers.” [78864, 78961, 79162]

Campaigning in Iowa, Hillary Clinton says, “I’m more convinced than ever that we need a Democratic president in the White House.” (Whether Clinton’s comment was cleared by the current White House occupant is not known.) [78867]

Clinton refuses to issue an opinion in the Keystone XL pipeline, offering the lame excuse that she was Secretary of State when the review process began: “I will refrain from commenting, because I had a leading role in getting that process started, and I think that we have to let it run its course.” (In other words, “You have to elect me to find out what’s on my agenda.”) In a challenge to Clinton, on July 27 Martin O’Malley tweets, “On day one, I would reject projects like Keystone XL, and deny new permits for drilling in Alaska, the Arctic, and off our coasts.” [78895, 78902, 78972, 79043, 79045]

In a July 14-21 NBC/Marist poll, Donald Trump is in first place in New Hampshire with 21 percent; Jeb Bush has 14; Scott Walker, 12; John Kasich, 7. In Iowa, Walker leads with 19 percent and Trump has 17 percent; Bush has 12. Among Democrats in Iowa, Hillary Clinton leads Bernie Sanders 55 to 26 percent. In New Hampshire, Clinton is ahead of Sanders 47-34. Although Clinton leads, she is underwater in her favorable/unfavorable ratings in Iowa: 37/56; in New Hampshire, 37/57. [78897, 78898]

WashingtonPost.com notes the “growing exodus” of Puerto Ricans from their Caribbean island to Florida, and how it could “upend the 2016 presidential election.’ (Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States, and its residents are U.S citizens. Those who have moved to Florida will be able to vote in the 2016 election, and that could make a difference in a state where the victor typically wins by only a narrow margin.) [78873]

On July 27, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Obama meets with its prime minister, the presidents of Kenya and Uganda, the chairwoman of the African Union, and the foreign minister of Sudan. Politico.com writes, “As a sign of how desperate the situation has become, senior administration officials were already predicting to reporters on Air Force one flying here Sunday evening that the meeting probably won’t lead to any breakthroughs, and that the U.S. doesn’t expect the South Sudanese leaders to agree to the preferred African-negotiated plan that has an August 17 deadline. ... Two years of an internal power struggle have left tens of thousands dead, millions fleeing from their homes and up to half the population in danger of starvation. Obama is making no steps toward a military engagement on the ground, but the officials say he is open to an arms embargo and is considering sanctions that might be done in conjunction with the European Union or United Nations. Among those the situation is landing hardest on is National Security Adviser Susan Rice... ‘All of us who celebrated the independence of South Sudan after a very long-fought struggle are deeply disappointed,’ Rice said last week in Washington, the day before departing on the trip.” During his 2008 campaign Obama said, “I will make ending the genocide in Darfur a priority from day one”—a promise he did not even attempt to keep. [1377, 1680, 78868]

At a news conference in Addis Ababa, Obama says of Mike Huckabee’s criticism of the Iranian nuclear agreement that it is “part of a general pattern that you’ve seen that would be considered ridiculous if it weren’t so sad. ... When you get rhetoric like this, maybe it gets attention, and maybe it’s just an effort to push Mr. Trump out of the headlines, but it’s not the kind of leadership that’s needed for America right now. ... The point is, we’re creating a culture that is not conducive to good policy or good politics.” The arrogant Obama adds, “In 18 months, I’m turning over the keys. I want to make sure that I’m turning over the keys to someone who is serious about the serious problems that the country faces and the world faces.” (Obama should be reminded that he does not get to decide who next gets “the keys” to the White House. That decision will be made by the voters.) [78923, 78966]

As noted in Volume 1 of this *Timeline*, former Bill Clinton staffer Mansoor Ijaz has stated that efforts to capture or kill Osama bin Laden were “overruled every single time by the State Department, by [then-Assistant Secretary of State] Rice and her cronies, who were Hell-bent on destroying the Sudan.” Rice also thwarted the acceptance of anti-Osama bin Laden intelligence aid from the Sudanese, and worked to keep Clinton from preventing genocide in Rwanda in 1994. Despite her record of incompetence, Obama named Rice the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, and then made her his National Security Advisor. Rice and Richard Clark authored the controversial and naive Presidential Decision Directive 25 which led to the 1993 Somalia fiasco (the “Blackhawk Down” incident) in which American troops were killed and dragged through the streets by an angry mob. Clinton’s non-response to that incident supposedly led Osama bin Laden and others to believe terrorist attacks would weaken the resolve of the American people and allow greater progress by the radical Islamists. Rice has been considered “wildly incompetent” by some Washington insiders, and one critic who has worked with her has said, “She doesn’t know what she doesn’t know.” (Rice is married to ABC news producer Ian Cameron.) [356, 360, 568, 569, 590, 628, 670, 831, 1282, 2467, 2505]

On *Morning Joe*, Mika Brzezinski asks Andrea Mitchell if “media analysts and others... underestimated the impact of this email situation” on the Hillary Clinton candidacy. Mitchell replies, “I think so.” (Translation: “We media leftists hoped it would go away, but we couldn’t continue to cover for Clinton forever.”) Mitchell says, “I was at a security conference speaking to intelligence officials, uh, on all sides... [b]ut nobody can give an explanation for why a cabinet secretary [Hillary Clinton] would have a private email system other than to thwart inquiries, FOIAs, and, and someone who had spent 20 years fighting off, uh, many investigations, many of which were unwarranted and which led nowhere, and so you understand the defensive crouch that a lot of Clinton people were in...” (There are no other explanations because the sole purpose of Clinton’s scheme was clearly to “thwart inquiries” and evade Freedom of Information Act requests.) [78899, 78901, 78917, 78918]

National Journal’s Ron Fournier responds, “Well, they can’t brush away the fact that the secretary [Clinton] said when this first was revealed that there was no confidential information given out. We now know that’s true. [That is, it is true that some information *was* confidential.] She’s parsing it now by saying ‘at this time’ but we know what happens when the Clintons parse... and it’s happening again. Look, let’s go back... to the original sin here. It was unprecedented to have a home-cooked server in your house if you’re a cabinet secretary. It was against White House policy to have a home-cooked server in your basement of your house when you’re a cabinet secretary. It was to thwart, uh, congressional subpoenas, congressional requests for information *and* public requests for information. And the only explanation she’s given, frankly, isn’t very credible. The American public has the right now, has every reason, and the press has a responsibility to ask her again and again and again, ‘What were you hiding, Mrs. Clinton? What were you hiding?’” [78899, 78901, 78917, 78918]

After Hillary Clinton delivers a speech in Des Moines, Iowa in which she promises to combat climate change, she leaves for New Hampshire in a private jet—a French-built Dassault Falcon 900B—that, according to the *Daily Mail*, “burns 347 gallons of fuel per hour” and “costs \$5,850 per hour to rent.” [78958, 78959]

Meanwhile, Investors.com ridicules Clinton’s ludicrous energy plan, writing that it “defies reality. Clinton says she has two big goals that she’ll start working on ‘day one’ to combat climate change. [The] First is to expand solar energy supplies by 700% by installing half a billion solar panels by 2020. [The] Second is to power ‘every home in America’ with renewable energy by 2027. She describes these as ‘bold national goals.’ The more appropriate label is ‘expensive pipe dream.’ ...Not surprisingly, Clinton doesn’t spell out how, given... enormous obstacles, she’d shift electricity almost entirely over to renewables in 12 years. Let alone what it would cost taxpayers. For years, the left has been trying to deceive Americans into believing that a completely renewable energy economy is a realistic possibility in the near future. Hillary Clinton’s latest proposal takes this campaign of deception to an absurd extreme.” (Of course, manufacturing 500 million solar panels would create thousands of jobs—probably in China.) [79042]

The Associated Press reports, “State-run health insurance markets that offer coverage under ...Obama’s health law are struggling with high costs and disappointing enrollment. These challenges could lead more of them to turn over operations to the federal government or join forces with other states. Hawaii’s marketplace, the latest cautionary tale, was awarded \$205 million in federal startup grants. It has spent about \$139 million and enrolled 8,200 customers for individual coverage in 2015 [an average of almost \$17,000 per enrollee]. Unable to sustain itself, the state marketplace is turning over sign-ups to the federal HealthCare.gov for 2016. Twelve states and the District of Columbia fully control their markets. Experts estimate about half face financial difficulties. Federal taxpayers invested nearly \$5 billion in startup grants to the states, expecting that state markets would become self-sustaining. Most of the federal money has been spent, and states have to face the consequences.” [78900]

DailySignal.com reports, “Just two years after Obamacare’s implementation, a Louisiana nonprofit insurer that received nearly \$66 million in taxpayer-funded loans is closing its doors. On Friday [July 24], the Louisiana Department of Insurance announced that the state’s consumer operated and oriented plan, or co-op, would be discontinuing its operations at the end of 2015. Louisiana’s is the second co-op created under to Obamacare to close. According to the Department of Insurance, the Louisiana Health Cooperative will not be offering plans to consumers next year, but it will continue its coverage of the 17,000 Louisiana consumers currently receiving health insurance through the co-op. ...The Louisiana Health Cooperative enrolled 7,773 consumers during Obamacare’s first open enrollment period. It had set a goal of signing up more than 28,000. The co-op was one of 23 started under Obamacare. It received close to \$66 million from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which included an additional \$750,000 from the federal government in start-up funding.” [78929, 79171]

Attorney, author, and radio talk show host Mark Levin calls for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) “to resign for the good of the nation and the Republican Party. The nation and GOP are both suffering as a result of the unwillingness or inability of McConnell and Boehner to effectively defend either. Instead, these politicians are consumed with consolidating their own power on Capitol Hill and silencing opponents who dare to challenge their ironfisted rule. Sadly, they rarely act in the best interests of America’s future. Indeed, time and again they have delivered victory after victory for Obama and his radical agenda—from spending, borrowing, and Obamacare to illegal immigration, Iran and ‘trade’ power. Never before has a Congress controlled by one party been so thoroughly impotent. This is due to the disastrous leadership of McConnell and Boehner. It is time for younger, wiser, and more courageous Republican leadership—constitutional conservatives who understand the role of a statesman in perilous times—who are willing to truly lead the nation and the Republican Party based on America’s enlightened principles, advance the cause of liberty and republican government, and make the case everyday to the American people.” [78916, 78925]

CNN.com reports, “An anti-abortion group has reportedly claimed credit for hacking Planned Parenthood, the women’s health organization [that is, abortion mill] that has

been under scrutiny for recently released videos showing officials from the group casually discussing the sale of aborted fetal tissue.” [78927]

CNN’s Wolf Blitzer asks Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), the chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee, if she will vote in favor of Obama’s Iran agreement. She replies, “I’m in the middle of really reviewing it and looking at all the moving parts to the Iran deal. I’ve had many administration briefings. I’ve talked to experts on both sides of the deal and I’m going to go home and speak to my constituents who have been weighing in, and I’ll reach a conclusion on what I’m going to do with my vote once I feel like I’ve been able to thoroughly review the whole deal.” Blitzer: “So [Obama] and his supporters haven’t yet convinced you that it’s a good deal?” Wasserman Schultz: “Well, I think there are—there’s merit to the deal. There’s a lot of merit to the deal, but there’s also a legitimate cause for concern and I think this is a decision that no member of Congress should make lightly. You know, I found it particularly outrageous that you had some Republicans clearly who had not read the deal, who had not thoroughly examined it, who came out in less than 24 hours from this being announced in opposition to it. That’s just not responsible, nor would it be responsible for me to come out in favor of it that quickly. I want to take my time. My constituents at home have very strong opinions. It’s a very well-educated, pro-Israel district and I have respect from them and their opinion and I want to seek it while also making sure I though fully understand all its implications, and as a pro-Israel legislator myself, it’s very, very important to get this right.” [78930]

While tens of thousands of law-abiding American students deal with college debt, Politico.com reports that the Obama administration plans to “end a 20-year ban on offering Pell grants to state and federal prisoners. ...For the current academic year, Pell grants are worth up to \$5,775.” [78931]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Republicans on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Monday called on ...Obama to oust Internal Revenue Service Commissioner John Koskinen for obstructing the investigation into the tax agency’s targeting of conservative groups. If [Obama] refuses, Chairman Jason Chaffetz [R-UT] warned, the committee will actively pursue contempt charges and an impeachment proceeding to remove Mr. Koskinen, who he said gave assurances the IRS would save email key to the investigation at the same time the emails were being destroyed. ‘The reality is what he said was false. He repeatedly made false statements,’ Mr. Chaffetz said at a Capitol Hill press conference, where he was joined by more than a dozen fellow Republicans from the committee. ‘Mr. Koskinen should no longer be the IRS commissioner,’ said Mr. Chaffetz, Utah Republican. ‘Mr. Koskinen failed in his duty to preserve and produce documentation to this committee.’” (Not surprisingly, ABC, CBS, and NBC neglect to cover the story in their evening news broadcasts.) [78932, 78945, 78953, 78973, 78986, 79111]

On Newsmax.tv, author Ronald Kessler says, “If [Donald Trump] ever makes it to the general election, he’ll know how to appeal to the general voter. ...When Donald opened his club in Palm Beach called Mara-a-Lago, he insisted on accepting Jews and blacks

even though other clubs in Palm Beach to this day discriminate against blacks and Jews. The old guard in Palm Beach was outraged that Donald would accept blacks and Jews so that's the real Donald Trump that I know." [78957]

In a national Public Policy Polling survey conducted July 20-21, Trump has a 34 percent favorability rating among Hispanics—a higher percentage than any other Republican candidate. Former Florida governor Jeb Bush (who speaks fluent Spanish and is married to an immigrant from Mexico) has a favorability rating of 31 percent. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), who is of Cuban ancestry, has 30 percent. [79128, 79129]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "The number of illegal immigrants in the United States totaled 11.3 million in 2014, outnumbering the 9.6 million Americans who were unemployed in the same year, according to data from Pew Research Center and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. ...Of those 11.3 illegal immigrants, 8.1 million are participating in the labor force. 'Unauthorized immigrants make up 5.1% of the U.S. labor force,' Pew says. 'In the U.S. labor force, there were 8.1 million unauthorized immigrants either working or looking for work in 2012.' In 2014, there were 1.7 million more illegal immigrants living in the United States than there were unemployed Americans. According to the BLS, the average number of unemployed Americans in 2014 was 9.6 million. The BLS defines an unemployed individual as someone who did not have a job but actively sought one in the past four weeks." (Of course, there are likely far more than 11.3 million illegal immigrants in the United States, and if one counts people on welfare who have not sought employment in years, there are many millions more than 9.6 million unemployed Americans.) [78998, 78999]

Illegal immigrant Juan Emmanuel Razo-Ramirez kills 60-year-old Margaret Kostelnik in her Ohio home. According to DailyCaller.com, "The killing came hours after Razo-Ramirez allegedly tried to rape his niece, a 14-year-old girl, and then shot a 40-year-old woman in the shoulder in a park near Kostelnik's house. After killing Kostelnik, who worked for 27 years as the assistant to the mayor of nearby Willoughby, Razo-Ramirez was apprehended following a brief standoff with police." Lake County sheriff Daniel Dunlap later states in a press conference that Border Patrol officials told his deputies not to take Razo-Ramirez into custody after a suspicious person stop on July 7. The Department of Homeland Security disputes the claim, and states, "Although the [border] agents offered to meet with the deputies on site and interview the subject in person, the offer was declined and the subject was released." (Because Razo-Ramirez had no criminal history, the Border Patrol would likely have quickly released him even if he had been taken into custody.) At the bond hearing, Painesville Municipal Court Judge Michael Cicconetti says, "I have somebody who we don't know who he is, why he is in this country, why he is here illegally and why he allegedly committed a murder. I can't set a bond high enough. How in the hell do I even know it's him?" [79110, 79117]

At 1776Channel.com Alan Jones writes, "An ongoing 1776 Channel investigation of former Hawaii Director of Health Loretta 'Deliana' Fuddy, who was pronounced dead following a December 2013 plane 'crash' off the coast of Molokai, Hawaii, has arrived at a startling [sic; startling] destination. The Fuddy investigation first connected her to the

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), the long-time academic home of radical communist domestic terrorist Bill Ayers of the Weather Underground. The Weather Underground [sic; Underground] conducted bombings at the Pentagon and the United States Capital during the Vietnam War. Fuddy was formerly the Subud USA National Chairperson. Subud is an Indonesian spiritual practice organization, that some refer to as a cult. Fuddy was friends with Sylvia ‘Shoshanah’ Margolin of Chicago, who would also go on to become Subud USA Chairperson. Shoshanah’s husband Victor Margolin, is a UIC professor emeritus of graphic design history, with a specialty in Soviet propaganda. Margolin has also taught in Havana, Cuba, and was featured in a recent Radio Havana propaganda article critical of U.S. travel restrictions to the communist island (now lifted).” [78934, 78935]

“Victor Margolin also has ties to Sol Sender, the designer of the famous Obama campaign logo. Sender’s father lived with members of Subud, and his grandfather was a communist in Spain. But it was not until the investigation looked into Victor Margolin’s parents that frightening shadow of the Soviet Union’s communist espionage machine would come into full focus. 1776 Channel can now confirm that the father of Subud Chicago treasurer and UIC professor Victor Margolin was caught in a shocking telephone intercept with Robert Talbot Miller of the Silvermaster spy ring. Both parents are identified in an FBI document revealing them to be connected to the Silvermaster spy ring. Robert Miller, a friend of Olya and Benjamin Margolin, is named in a list which also includes Harry Dexter White, Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs.” (Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of treason for passing atomic bomb information to the Soviet Union. They were executed on June 19, 1953.) [78934, 78935]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Fuddy, a social worker, was given her position by Hawaii’s then-Governor Neil Abercrombie—a friend of Barack Hussein Obama, Sr.—after he unexpectedly removed Dr. Neal A. Palafox from the position. Abercrombie had made Palafox the director on December 18, 2010. On December 27, 2010 Abercrombie announced he would resolve the Obama birth certificate issue. On January 20, 2011 Abercrombie announced he could not find the birth certificate but that information “actually exists in the archives, written down.” On January 26, 2011 Abercrombie mysteriously replaced Palafox with Fuddy. On April 25, 2011 Fuddy allegedly “found” the birth certificate document Abercrombie could not locate and released it to attorney Judith L. Corley of Perkins Coie—the high-profile law firm that had, at substantial cost, been defending Obama eligibility lawsuits in court. Fuddy’s Subud name was “Deliana.” Obama’s mother, Stanley Ann Dunham, is believed to have been involved in the Subud cult, and her 1968 passport renewal application lists her son’s name as Barry Soebarkah, with the final name crossed out. Whether Dunham was adding or deleting her son from her passport, and whether Soebarkah was a Subud name is not clear. (For the record, Obama arguably bears a striking resemblance to Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo, the founder of Subud.) Dunham met Obama’s Indonesian stepfather, Lolo Soetoro, at Hawaii’s East-West Center, which was established by the State Department and has CIA links. Members of the Subud cult could regularly be found at the East-West Center, and a “Subud-style” memorial service was reportedly held after Dunham’s death. There has also been speculation that Indonesia’s CIA-installed dictator, General Suharto, was an

adherent of Subud—and Lolo Soetoro had ties to Suharto. [72, 239, 243, 244, 253, 388, 408, 422, 431, 432, 508, 562, 719, 746, 783, 1280, 1282, 1362, 1987, 4624, 4631, 4632, 4633, 4705, 4812, 7873, 7874, 7875, 10896, 13046, 13068, 13624, 13636, 13647, 13667, 13933, 13934, 13936, 13996, 16403, 16793, 16603, 16607, 16612, 16613, 16614, 16641, 16649, 16667, 16793, 16990, 16991, 17016, 17019, 17026, 17030, 17038, 17039, 17044, 17045, 17049, 17053, 17059, 17062, 17071, 17076, 17078, 17084, 17088, 17089, 17090, 17091, 18289, 18290, 20083, 20129, 20179, 20180, 20181, 20182, 20272, 41059, 41065, 41075, 41374, 52380, 52381, 52399, 52400, 52404, 52414, 52415, 52422, 52464, 52465, 52469, 52471, 52478, 52527, 52723, 52760, 52772, 52812, 53394, 53396, 53899, 53900, 53901, 53902, 53918, 53919, 53920, 53921, 53922, 53923, 53945, 54084, 54085, 54209, 54391, 54392, 54393, 54395, 54396, 54397, 54398, 54399, 54400, 54401, 54402, 54403, 54418, 54440, 54469, 54470, 54473, 54480, 54635, 54726, 55907, 58792, 59126, 62855]

Meanwhile, at Scribd.com Dr. Paul Irej, a retired professional typographer with decades of industry experience, points out additional compelling evidence that the long-form birth certificate released by Obama in 2011 is a forgery—and that NBC’s Savannah Guthrie either lied when she claimed to have seen the original document or was duped. A computer image of the document purported to be Obama’s birth certificate was released to the media on April 27, 2011. Guthrie then reported, “I was actually given an opportunity to look at this birth certificate today. I felt the raised seal. I saw the names, the date, the place of birth—Honolulu, Hawaii—so [Donald] Trump is saying there’s [sic] a lot of revelations thanks to him, but the central fact remains, as it has with that short-form birth certificate which has been out for years, [Obama] was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.” Guthrie also claimed she took a photograph of the actual document—but that photograph does not match the digital image of the birth certificate posted by the White House on the Internet. Just days later (May 9) NBC announced that Guthrie would become a permanent co-host of the *Today* program. NBC is owned by General Electric, whose CEO is Jeffrey Immelt—a strong Obama supporter. [20088, 20089, 20090, 20663, 32676, 78936, 78937, 78938, 78939]

McClatchyDC.com reports, “The dispute over aims has made it almost impossible for the U.S. and other allies to recruit young Syrians under the \$500 million U.S. ‘train and equip’ program. Hundreds of recruits reportedly walked off when they were asked to commit to fight only the Islamic State and not the Assad regime. The first graduates of the course in Turkey, about 50 recruits, rolled into Syria two weeks ago in four wheel drive pickup trucks. But they haven’t been heard from since. The U.S. goal was to train at least 5,000 fighters against the Islamic State this year alone.” (The U.S. military is spending \$500 million to train Syrians to fight ISIS, has trained only about 60 so far—and 50 of them are missing in action or otherwise unaccounted for.) [78964, 78965, 78994]

Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina delivers an impressive address at the Reagan Library. (If more Americans hear her speak, she will move up in the polls.) [79053]

Donald Trump tweets, “Hillary Clinton’s toast. Dems had better get the ‘B Team’ off the bench. [Congressman Trey] Gowdy [R-SC] for Attorney General under President Trump.” ThePoliticalInsider.com observes, “Clearly, Donald Trump is willing to build a ‘dream team’ of influential conservative leaders who know how to fight for limited government and defeat liberals. Trey Gowdy and Donald Trump share a common tough, no-nonsense style. And as Gowdy is a talented former prosecutor, he is very qualified for the appointment!” (It is not common for presidential candidates to drop hints about possible cabinet members so early—even before the first debate and primary elections—but Trump may be wise to do so. Conservative voters are very supportive of Gowdy, and if Trump throws out names like that form time to time he will maintain his popularity among conservative primary voters.) [79187, 79188]

On July 28, at a press conference in Ethiopia, Obama says, “I am in my second term. It has been an extraordinary privilege for me to serve as the President of the United States. I cannot imagine a greater honor or a more interesting job. I love my work. But under our Constitution, I cannot run again. I can’t run again. I actually think I’m a pretty good president. I think if I ran, I could win. But I can’t, so there’s a lot that I’d like to do to keep America moving but the law is the law.” (According to a July 28-29 Rasmussen poll, “just 30% of Likely U.S. Voters say they would vote for [Obama] if he ran for a third term. Sixty-three percent (63%) would not.”) [78947, 78978, 79048, 79209, 79210, 79217]

Vocativ.com reports that members of Obama’s family and their neighbors in Kenya are angry that he did not take the time to visit Kogelo to see his father’s grave or visit with them: “[S]hortly before his trip, [Obama] announced he would not be visiting the area and a couple dozen close family members, including [his step-grandmother] Mama Sarah, were called to Nairobi to see him there instead. Hysteria ensued. Residents called into local radio shows wailing in disbelief. Columnists chided him. Local witch doctors tossed shells and animal bones on the ground, claiming it wasn’t true and [that he] would indeed come. Online, Kenyans voiced their disapproval.” (Some—including this *Timeline*—have suggested that Obama cares little about his Kenyan relatives because they are not actually his relatives, and his biological father was his communist mentor in Honolulu, Frank Marshall Davis.) [78969]

A third undercover video of Planned Parenthood fetal organ harvesting practices is released. In the video, Planned Parenthood’s Dr. Savita Ginde says, “I think a per-item thing works a little better, because we can see how much we can get out of it.” The organ buyer says, “If we were doing like \$50 to \$75 per specimen, that’d be like \$200 to \$300 [total], and we’d be comfortable with that.” Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood is using the public relations firm SKDKnickerbocker to deal with the fallout from the undercover videos. DailyCaller.com notes that the firm “is closely aligned with Democratic interests. Its managing director is Hilary Rosen, a longtime Democratic mouthpiece who is an ardent supporter of Hillary Clinton. Rosen has long contributed to CNN.” Also with the company is Anita “I Love Chairman Mao” Dunn, Obama’s former White House communications director. According to Politico.com, the PR firm “circulated a memo to reporters and producers late Monday that discouraged them from airing the undercover

videos, arguing that they were obtained under false identification and violated patient privacy.” (Guy Benson asks at Townhall.com, “Whose privacy are they protecting, exactly? Not the women who underwent abortions, who aren’t identified at all in the videos. Surely they’re not referring to the late-term fetuses they dismember and sell as ‘patients,’ are they?”) [78948, 78949, 78950, 78951, 78952, 78971, 78982, 78989, 78990, 78991, 79008, 79020, 79026, 79027, 79032, 79033, 79050, 79094, 79120]

It is worth noting that SKDKnickerbocker also represented Sandra Fluke, worked on the unsuccessful U.S. Senate campaign of former Florida governor Charlie Crist, and was hired to promote the anti-Sarah Palin propaganda film *Game Change*. [11807, 11808, 30041, 30153]

According to Politico.com, Comedy Central’s Jon Stewart (Jonathan Leibowitz) met secretly with Obama in the White House in October 2011 and February 2014. (It can be assumed the meetings were an attempt by Obama—probably successful—to get Stewart to make certain points in support of his policies on *The Daily Show*.) [78954, 79041]

According to DailySignal.com, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) “struck a deal Monday [July 27] with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to repeal Obamacare through a budget tool known as reconciliation, which would allow the Senate to roll back the health care law with a simple majority (51 votes). [Lee] secured the commitment from McConnell in exchange for the withdrawal of Lee’s amendment to a highway funding bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act. No timetable was given when the Senate will use reconciliation.” (Democrats used the reconciliation process to pass the ObamaCare legislation in 2010. Legislation repealing ObamaCare would obviously be vetoed by Obama, but forcing members of Congress to vote on the issue provides fodder for reelection campaigns in 2016.) [78956, 79015]

According to a CNN/ORC poll, 44 percent of Americans support Obama’s Iran deal while 52 percent say it should be rejected by Congress. HotAir.com writes, “The problem extends almost all the way through the demographics, with Democrats (61/36), millennials (53/41), and self-described liberals (64/33) almost the only bright spots. Non-white voters support it, but only barely at 51/47. Women oppose the deal (42/53) more than men (46/50). It’s a virtual tie among college attendees at 49/45 (+/-4%), but those with no college experience oppose by a huge margin, 37/61. The key demos here will be the double-digit opposition among women and independents (40/55). Most if not all Republicans in the presidential race oppose the deal. If Hillary Clinton continues to support it, she may see even more erosion among both demos. Furthermore, the regional splits could come back to haunt her. The only part of the country that backs the deal is the Northeast, 52/44, where Hillary would play strong anyway. The Midwest opposes it by 20 points, 38/58, and the west 43/49, although that’s within the MOE [margin of error] for that demo. Urban respondents split 48/48, suburbanites oppose it 44/53, and rural voters 35/59. Support for this deal could be very politically limiting for Hillary—although it’s worth noting that the same poll shows foreign policy to be one of the lowest priorities in the upcoming election cycle, at least for now.” [78962, 78963, 78970]

The House Foreign Affairs Committee grills Secretary of State John Kerry over the nuclear agreement with Iran. Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), the committee's chairman, notes that "Iran has cheated on every agreement they've signed." Kerry (falsely) insists that Iran is "permanently banned" from developing nuclear weapons. Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA) asks what Kerry would do if Congress rejects the agreement and is able to override an Obama veto: "Will you follow the law even though you think it violates this agreement clearly and even if you think it's absolutely terrible policy?" Kerry replies, "I can't begin to answer that at this point without consulting with [Obama] and determining what the circumstances are." Sherman: "So you're not committed to following the law?" Kerry: "No, I said I'm not gonna [sic] deal with a hypothetical, that's all." [78979, 78983, 79006, 79019, 79197]

Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) asks Kerry, "Is it the policy of the ayatollah, if you can answer for him, that Iran wants to destroy the United States? Is that still their policy, as far as you know?" Kerry replies, "I don't believe they've said that. I think they've said 'Death to America' in their chants, but I have not seen this specific." Poe: "Well, I kind of take that to mean that they want us dead. That would seem like that would be their policy. He said that. You don't think that's their policy? I'm not mincing words. Do you think it's their policy to destroy us?" Kerry: "I think they have a policy of opposition to us and a great enmity, but I have no specific knowledge of a plan by Iran to actually destroy us. [Why Kerry believes Iran might be willing to share such a plan is not clear.] I do know that the rhetoric is, is beyond objectionable. I know that we, you know, are deeply concerned with Iran's behavior in the region, deeply concerned with their past activities." [79031, 79123, 79215]

Congressman Mo Brook (R-AL) notes that Iranian Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Naghdi has stated, "We have no option but to have the Zionist regime wiped off the map" and "Israel's destruction is non-negotiable." Kerry responds that the statement "accurately reflects some people's rhetoric and some people's attitude," but "I don't think it's possible for Iran to do that [destroy Israel]." Asked by Brooks if he believes Iran is the world's foremost sponsor of terrorism, Kerry replies, "Yes." Brooks: "...and that they will use the conventional weapons made available by the Iran nuclear treaty to kill Americans or Israelis?" Kerry: "Well, they may, they may, uh, and we have... responded to that from 1979 when they took over our embassy forward, uh, we have put sanctions in place specifically because of their support for terror—" Brook interrupts, "Okay, I understand that, you've answered my question, and you said, 'Yes they may.'" (The sanctions to which Kerry refers have not prevented Iran from continuing its support of terrorism, and those sanctions are being lifted. Kerry's, "Well, they may" should be, "Yes, of course they will.") [79001, 79031]

Congressman Reid Ribble (R-WI) addresses Kerry: "For 228 years, the Constitution allowed treaties to [pass] with the advice and consent of 67 U.S. Senators. Why is this [Iran deal] not considered a treaty?" Kerry responds, "Well Congressman, I spent quite a few years trying to get a lot of treaties through the United States Senate, and it has become physically impossible, that's why. Because you can't pass a treaty anymore. It has become impossible to schedule, to pass... So I think that is the reason why." (In other

words, “Because the treaty is not supported by Congress or the American people, we’ll just call it something other than a treaty and ignore Congress and the American people altogether.”) [79044, 79047, 79274]

Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA) tells Kerry there is precedent for getting a better deal, “and if the ayatollah doesn’t like it and doesn’t want to negotiate it, oh boo hoo, we’re here for America, we stand for America. You represent America.” Kerry replies, “Congressman, I don’t need any lessons from you about who I represent. I represent and fought for our country since I was out of college. . . . So don’t give me any lessons about that, okay? Now let me just make it crystal clear to you, this is America’s interest because America is the principle guarantor of security in the region. And particularly with respect to some of our closest friends. Now, we believe that Iran was marching toward a weapon or the capacity to have a weapon, and we’ve rolled that back. That’s indisputable.” Perry: “That’s your opinion, Mr. Secretary.” Kerry: “No, that’s a fact. That’s a fact.” [79055]

Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) files a motion to try to force House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) from his leadership post. The rare “motion to vacate the chair” can be postponed for several days before consideration—by a committee that is loyal to Boehner. Meadows states that Boehner, “has endeavored to consolidate power and centralize decision-making, bypassing the majority of the 435 Members of Congress and the people they represent.” Meadows tells talk radio’s Mark Levin, “I felt like I had to take action on behalf of the American people. For all the millions of American who felt like we’re not accomplishing much in Washington, D.C., I felt like it was a move I had to make. . . .What it really gets down to, is if you’re not willing to stand up for the people who send you to Washington, D.C., why go? . . .If we’re allowing three or four people to make all the decisions, it’s wrong.” (The next day Jim Geraghty writes at *Morning Jolt*, “There’s the old saying, ‘If you aim at the king, you had better not miss.’ And that’s true—but if you aim at the king and miss, the king learns that some people out there are mad enough to take shots at him—and maybe he takes steps to address that.”) [78985, 78992, 79017, 79021, 79028, 79033, 79118]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) used an instant-messaging system that did not automatically save the messages they sent, according to newly released emails obtained by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Disgraced former IRS official Lois Lerner loved the agency’s ‘Office Communication Server’ (OCS) specifically because it left no record of her messages during the period in which her department was targeting conservative and tea party groups. ‘I was cautioning folks about email and how we have had several occasions where Congress has asked for emails and there has been an electronic search for responsive emails—so we need to be cautious about what we say in emails,’ Lerner wrote in an email to co-workers. Lerner asked colleagues whether the OCS system automatically archives its messages. A colleague advised that it does not, but that the ‘save’ function does exist within OCS, and ‘to treat the conversation as if it could/is being saved somewhere.’ ‘Perfect,’ Lerner replied.” [78988]

In an interview with the *Daily Mail*, Linda Tripp, the former confidante of Monica Lewinsky who revealed her Oval Office liaisons with Bill Clinton, says, "I think the most compelling thing about Hillary [Clinton] is that she will stop at nothing to achieve her end and that she views the public as plebeians easily seduced into believing her point of view. ...I believe for all his faults as a flawed man, Bill Clinton is not as unscrupulous as his wife. He is complicit but he is not as deceitful as Hillary Clinton is. Don't get me wrong, they are both missing the integrity chip but while she is inherently dishonorable, his seems to be learned behavior. ...Hillary Clinton ruled the White House even as early as 1993 and every scandal that originated in the Clinton administration was the brainchild of Hilary. When I think of Hillary Clinton I think of a lingering taint of scandal and wrongdoing and, in my opinion, possible criminal activity. ...She has stood by him all these years because she needed him. In 1992 no female, least of all she, would have been elected to the highest office in the land. Their focus has always been power and the accumulation of that power. There were just so many things in the White House that made it abundantly clear to anyone in their radius that he was the elected official but she was the one with the actual power." [78987, 79051, 79054, 79096]

"...When a couple is as focused as they are on a goal there are many, many things that one overlooks to achieve that. Nothing is allowed to stand in the way. That means no circumstance, no person. ...His political success was largely dependent upon Hillary. He owed her a great deal. As is widely acknowledged, Hillary took care of all the 'bimbo eruptions' of which there were thousands in order to present to the world an electable candidate. In this endeavor she was ruthless. She destroyed women so that their stories never saw the light of day. ...I watched her on countless occasions blatantly lie to the American people and knowingly lie. This was not a mistake or error or even spin. This was pure manipulation of the truth. In a press conference during the height of the Whitewater frenzy she was well rehearsed, her wardrobe was carefully selected to be soft and pastel and essentially every word out of her mouth, preserved for posterity, was a lie. It's all of a piece with Hillary." According to Tripp, Hillary Clinton's modus operandi is, "I will do what I want and then when I'm questioned I will say, 'oops,' or 'bureaucratic snafu,' and then after a couple of months her refrain will be, 'this is old news, it's been investigated, I did nothing wrong, let's move on, it's time to address the issues facing the middle class of America.'" [78987, 79051, 79054]

Ronald Kessler's book, *The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents*, is published. Kessler tells WPHT's Chris Stigall that Bill Clinton's "blonde, busty mistress" is called "Energizer" by his Secret Service agents. "This is unofficially, but that is what they call her. ...She comes in to the Chappaqua [NY] home whenever Hillary leaves. The details coordinate to make sure they don't cross paths. She, unlike Hillary, is very nice to the agents. She'll bring cookies. ...Agents say that [the Bill and Hillary marriage is] a business relationship. It's not a marriage at all. It's a total fake, like everything else about Hillary. It's just a big show and a scam." As far as Hillary Clinton, "she's so abusive to agents, that being assigned to her detail is considered a form of punishment." At WND.com Chelsea Schilling reveals other revelations in Kessler's book: "Secret Service agents have been dismayed to overhear Michelle Obama push her husband to be more aggressive in attacking Republicans and to

side with blacks in racial controversies,” “Because the Secret Service refused to provide enough magnetometers at his campaign events, Mitt Romney regularly left himself open to assassination by giving speeches to unscreened crowds,” and Joe Biden embarrasses female Secret Service agents because he “swims nude at the vice president’s residence in Washington and at his home in Delaware.” [79074, 79139, 79163, 79189]

TheDailyBeast.com notes “a two-month gap in Hillary Clinton’s emails that coincides with violence in Libya and the employment status of a top Clinton aide, Huma Abedin. ... So far, there are no emails between Clinton and her State Department staff during May and June 2012, a period of escalating violence in Libya leading up to the September 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi that left four Americans dead. ... That two-month period also coincides with [Abedin] obtaining a special exemption that allowed her to work both as a staff member to the secretary and in a private capacity for Clinton and her husband’s foundation. The Associated Press has sued to obtain emails from Clinton’s account about the aide, Huma Abedin. So far, the State Department has rebuffed those efforts.” [79038, 79039, 79046, 79119]

Senate Republicans introduce legislation that would prohibit federal subsidies to Planned Parenthood and instead redirect those funds (about \$500 million per year) to “other eligible entities to provide women’s health care services.” The Associated Press writes, “Republicans [are] hoping that might encourage Democrats to pull funds away from Planned Parenthood, which even some abortion-rights Democrats have avoided defending since the videos were released.” According to HuffingtonPost.com, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) “fast-tracked the legislation... setting up a procedural cloture vote to move the bill to the floor as early as Monday. That all but assures the bill will get a final vote before Senators depart for August recess.” McConnell states, “This legislation would ensure taxpayer dollars for women’s health are actually spent on women’s health—not a scandal-plagued political lobbying giant.” Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) comments, “We’re dealing with the health of American women, and they’re dealing with some right-wing crazy.” (Whether the legislation will pass the Senate remains to be seen. “Moderate” Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) might be tough sells—particularly Kirk, who is up for reelection in Illinois in 2016. Of course, even if the bill passes it will be vetoed by Obama.) [79009, 79010, 79016, 79086, 79087]

On July 29 *Today* show co-host Savannah Guthrie breathlessly announces that Sam Kass, former White House assistant chef, “is becoming an NBC News senior food analyst. So you’ll be seeing him a lot right here on *Today*, on *Nightly [News]* of course, and then also *Today Food* online.” Natalie Morales adds, “Fantastic—good hire for us!” (Kass is married to MSNBC leftist Alex Wagner. Before his White House stint as “Senior Policy Adviser for Healthy Food Initiatives” and executive director of Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” program, Kass was the Obama’s family’s personal chef in Chicago. Alex Wagner’s talent agent is Ari Emanuel, the brother of former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and one of ObamaCare’s “architects,” Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel. Obama and his wife attended the Wagner-Kass wedding at the tony Blue Hill at Stone Barns in Pocantico Hills, New York—where a “Grazing, Pecking, and Rooting” meal costs \$198

per person. Guests at the wedding included former Weather Underground terrorist and fugitives from justice William “I don’t regret setting bombs” Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn.) [12931, 12932, 19048, 32065, 53965, 63060, 63061, 63062, 63063, 63111, 63112, 63232, 63233, 63529, 63572, 63573, 63574, 63693, 63731, 63732, 63733, 68271, 71562, 71596, 71597, 71598, 79112]

Michelle Malkin warns that one company, Wisconsin-based Epic Systems, is set to become an even bigger player in the electronic health records market. “According to Becker’s Hospital Review, CVS Caremark’s retail clinic chain, MinuteClinic, is now adopting Epic’s system, and ‘when the transition is complete, about 51 percent of Americans will have an Epic record.’ ...Epic employees donated nearly \$1 million to political parties and candidates between 1995 and 2012—82 percent of it to Democrats. The company’s top 10 PAC recipients are all Democratic or left-wing outfits, from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (nearly \$230,000) to the DNC Services Corporation (nearly \$175,000) and the America’s Families First Action Fund Democratic super-PAC (\$150,000). ...Brandon Glenn of Medical Economics noted that ‘it’s not a coincidence’ that Epic’s sales ‘have been skyrocketing in recent years, up to \$1.2 billion in 2011, double what they were four years prior.’ ...[Epic’s] favored status comes despite myriad complaints about the interoperability, usability and security of Epic’s closed-end proprietary software. Just last week, the UCLA Health system run by Epic suffered a cyber attack affecting up to 4.5 million personal and medical records, including Social Security numbers, Medicare and health plan identifiers, birthdays, and physical addresses. ...Now another Obama crony [Epic] is poised to cash in on her cozy ties and take over the mega-overhaul of millions of Pentagon and Veterans Affairs medical records to the tune of at least \$11 billion. Can you say ‘Epic fail?’” [78997]

Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, “As the Obama administration desperately tries to sell the Iran deal to a skeptical Senate, including Democrats, U.S. officials are being accused of withholding details of the deal from Israel. ...[I]t seems information is being withheld from the Israelis in order to prevent them from bombing Iranian nuclear sites. Considering Iranian officials have openly stated they want to annihilate all of the Jews, which they claim will be easy to do (with a nuclear weapon) because the majority are located in Israel, the Israelis are more than entitled to know about every detail” of a deal considered by most to be a very bad one. [79007]

At a Senate committee hearing, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) asks Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, “Do you, Secretary Carter, believe that Iran will change its behavior as a result if this agreement is finalized? And have you seen any indication of that?” Carter responds, “Uh, uh, I’ve not, Mr. Chairman. In speaking just from my own, uh, judgment, uh, I don’t, uh, foresee that or have any reason to foresee, uh, that. That is why it’s important that the agreement be verifiable. That’s why it’s important that Iran not have a nuclear weapon and that’s also why it’s important that we keep doing everything that we need to do, uh, defend our friends and allies, uh, remain, uh, strong in the Gulf, freedom of navigation, ballistic missile defense—all the things we’re doing—we, we, we need to keep doing those things, and, and the agreement doesn’t limit us, uh, in any way. Obviously if Iran changes its behavior, that would be a welcome thing. But I, I, I see no

reason to foresee that, chairman, personally.” (Some might argue that Iran will change its behavior—and become more aggressive.) [79011]

General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, disputes Obama’s claim that the only option to his nuclear agreement with Iran is war. Dempsey says, “At no time did that come up in our conversation nor did I make that comment. I can tell you that we have a range of options and I always present them.” Dempsey also states that he advised Obama not to lift the restrictions on Iran’s weapons and missile programs. (Saudi Arabia certainly agrees that Iran’s weapons programs should remain restricted. The Saudis are seeking to buy 600 Patriot missiles from the United States to defend themselves from attacks.) [79101, 79102, 79264]

Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) asks Kerry about the “side deals” between Iran and the United Nations’ International Atomic Energy Agency: “Secretary Kerry, have you read either of these two side deals, between the IAEA and Iran?” Kerry replies, “No, I haven’t read it [sic; them].” Kerry admits he is “not aware” of anyone in the U.S. government who may have read the side deals, other than perhaps Undersecretary Wendy Sherman—and Kerry isn’t even sure that she has done so. Cotton asks, “Why can’t we confirm or deny the content of these agreements in public? Why is this classified? It’s not a sensitive U.S. government document. The Ayatollahs know what they agreed to.” Kerry responds, “Because we respect the process of the IAEA and we don’t have their authorization to reveal what is a confidential agreement between them and another country.” Cotton: “So the ayatollahs will know what they agreed to but not the American people?” [79055, 79082, 79116]

Meanwhile, according to FreeBeacon.com, the Iranian foreign ministry’s Hamid Baeidinejad, one of the nuclear negotiators, states, “The remarks by the western officials are ambiguous comments which are merely uttered for domestic use and therefore we should say that there is no ambiguity in this agreement.” The Obama administration is lying about the agreement to ‘calm opponents in the Congress and Zionist lobbies to soothe the internal conditions prevailing over debates on the nuclear agreement in that country.’” (Iran has no intention of honoring the agreement, and almost everyone knows it—including Congressional Democrats. Any support for the agreement by legislators is nothing more than political cover for Obama and a “peace over war” talking point in their 2016 reelection campaigns. They are betting that Iran will not do anything too absurd or extreme until after January 20, 2017.) [79148]

At FamilySecurityMatters.org Michele Hickford points out that not only is John Kerry’s daughter, Dr. Vanessa Bradford Kerry, married to an Iranian-American physician, Dr. Behrooz (“Brian”) Vala Nahed, the best man at their 2009 wedding is the son of Mohammad Javad Zarif. Zarif is “the current minister of foreign affairs in the [Hassan] Rouhani administration and has held various significant diplomatic and cabinet posts since the 1990s. He was Kerry’s chief counterpart in the nuclear deal negotiations. Secretary Kerry and Zarif first met over a decade ago at a dinner party hosted by George Soros at his Manhattan penthouse. ...Does this bother anyone at all?” [79066, 79067, 79076]

Breitbart.com reports, “Secretary of State John Kerry revealed this week that he will skip Israel on his forthcoming visit to the Middle East, a development some have pointed to as a sign that relations between the Obama administration and the Netanyahu-led Israeli government continue to deteriorate. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Israel Army Radio on Tuesday night [July 28] that Kerry ‘really has no reason to come here.’ Netanyahu, a fierce critic of the nuclear accord, said that the Iran deal ‘has nothing to do with us, and has no influence’ on Israeli policy, before adding, ‘We’re not at the table, we are one of the courses on the menu itself.’ ...Kerry’s upcoming trip to the Middle East will include a visit to Egypt on Sunday [August 1]. After, he will go to Qatar to meet with the Gulf Cooperation Council, a six-member body of Gulf States that include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Oman, Qatar, and Bahrain.” [79124]

The government in Afghanistan claims Taliban leader Mullah Omar died of tuberculosis more than two years ago. Reuters reports, “Omar had not been seen in public since fleeing when the Taliban was toppled from power by a U.S.-led coalition in 2001, and there has been speculation for years among militant circles that he was either incapacitated or had died. ‘The government ... based on credible information, confirms that Mullah Mohammad Omar, leader of the Taliban, died in April 2013 in Pakistan,’ the presidential palace said in a brief statement, without specifying what the information was.” [79012, 79013, 79037, 79174]

USAToday.com reports, “A Florida man charged earlier this week in an alleged Islamic State-inspired plot to detonate a bomb on a crowded beach was once cleared to work at the Key West International Airport, where his job provided him direct access to secure areas, including baggage compartments of commercial aircraft, an airline spokesman and co-workers said. One of his co-workers, a former supervisor, said that Harlem Suarez, 23, once asked how he could get a gun on a plane. The former supervisor, who asked not to be identified out of fear of possible retaliation by the supervisor's current employer, said that Suarez's inquiry from last summer was reported to a manager. But the supervisor was unaware whether any action was taken.” [79149, 79150]

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation gives Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) its “Advocate of the Year Award.” FreeBeacon.com then reports that Air Force One rider Fattah has been indicted by the Department of Labor “for his alleged role in a vast criminal conspiracy that includes charges of fraud, bribery, and money laundering. Authorities charge that Fattah accepted an illegal \$1 million loan for his unsuccessful run for mayor of Philadelphia in 2007. After losing the race, the indictment alleges, he arranged a complex scheme to repay the donor through fraudulent grants made from his nonprofit, the Educational Advancement Alliance, and laundered through a number of shell companies. The indictment also alleges that Fattah used campaign funds to repay his son’s student loans, accepted bribes from a lobbyist in exchange for efforts to get him appointed to an ambassadorship or another federal post, and engaged in an ‘elaborate cover-up’ to conceal his crimes.” Four others are indicted along with Fattah. (Fattah will give up his leadership post on the House Appropriations Committee, and be replaced by

Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA)—who is the subject of a House Ethics Committee probe.) [79049, 79057, 79058, 79059, 79060, 79061, 79062, 79063, 79064, 79121]

Fattah once proposed a ludicrous one percent “transaction tax” on *every financial transaction conducted in the United States*, whether paid by cash, credit card, check, or electronically. Of course, a one percent tax would consume *far more* than one percent of GDP *because the same money would be taxed repeatedly*. Every time the money “moves” it would be subject to the transaction tax. (For example, a \$1 tax would be imposed on a \$100 withdrawal from an ATM, leaving the individual with \$99. If that person spent \$99 on an article of clothing, an additional \$0.99 tax would be due the federal government. If the clothing store owner then used the remaining \$98.01 to pay his cell phone bill, another \$0.98 tax would be due. If a grandparent gave a \$25 check to a grandchild for a birthday, the government would take \$0.25 from the check when it cleared the bank. The accumulation of such taxes would destroy the economy—and millions of jobs.) [12673, 12674, 21399]

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew sends Congressional leaders a letter warning that the debt ceiling must be raised soon. (It currently stands at \$18.113 trillion, or about \$57,500 for every man, woman, and child in the United States.) [79144]

Federal Judge Emmet G. Sullivan (a Bill Clinton appointee) orders IRS attorneys to release documents to Judicial Watch every Monday until it has satisfied open records laws or be held in contempt. Sullivan says, “I will haul into court the IRS Commissioner to hold him personally in contempt.” Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton states, “The missing and-then-not missing Lois Lerner [email] saga is a stark example of the Obama administration’s contempt for a federal court and the rule of law. That Obama administration officials would risk jail rather than disclose these Lerner documents shows that the IRS scandal has just gotten a whole lot worse.” (On July 15 the IRS reluctantly turned over 906 pages of documents, some of which shed more light on the improper IRS policies conducted by former agency official Lois Lerner and her colleagues.) [78196, 79018, 79052, 79083, 79126, 79167, 79183]

According to FreeBeacon.com, another watchdog organization, Cause of Action (COA), has filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State John Kerry and the National Archivist for not preserving Hillary Clinton’s emails. COA executive director Dan Epstein states, “This case is about no government official being above the law and the duty of Secretary Kerry and Archivist [David] Ferriero to fulfill their statutory obligations to hold former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton accountable for misusing taxpayer funded federal property. ...Mrs. Clinton’s emails relate to the official business of the United States, thereby requiring treatment as federal records. Even if we were to set aside the catastrophic failure of these agencies to implement and oversee proper record keeping protocols during the former secretary’s tenure, the refusal to recover the documents now constitutes brazen neglect at best and cover-up of illegal activity at worst. We have reason to believe our case will proceed.” [79068]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “The administration’s program to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program has given the green light to 664,607 since 2012, including several linked to fraud, terrorism and gangs, according to the U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services agency. What’s more, applications for permanent residence have surged from 3,000 to 7,500 a month, far above projections... As of March, 664,607 of applications derided by critics as ‘amnesty’ were approved. Of those granted amnesty, at least 49 had gang ties, six had a possible link to terrorism and 3,959 had indicators of fraud. Just 43,375 have been denied.” [79069]

Congressman Brian Babin (R-TX) introduces the Resettlement Accountability National Security Act (H.R. 3314), “which places an immediate suspension on allowing immigrants into the United States under the refugee resettlement program, until the Government Accountability Office (GAO) completes a thorough examination of its costs on federal, state and local governments.” Babin states, “It is extremely unsettling that the Obama Administration would continue to expand the U.S. resettlement program at such an irresponsible pace in light of our economic and national security challenges. While this program may be warranted in certain situations, it is continuing at an unchecked pace. For the past decade the U.S. has been admitting roughly 70,000 new refugees a year, with little understanding of the economic and social costs on our communities. Our legislation institutes a common sense pause in the program so that we can better understand the long-term and short-term costs that this program has on local governments, states and U.S. taxpayers. It also gives us an opportunity to examine potential national security issues related to entry and resettlement, particularly as federal law enforcement officials are increasingly concerned about home-grown terrorists.” [79214]

In a blow to labor unions, Michigan’s Supreme Court upholds the state’s right-to-work laws in a 4-3 ruling. The *Detroit Free Press* writes, “In another setback for state employee unions, the court also upheld Wednesday a 2011 law requiring employees in the state’s defined benefit pension plan to either contribute 4% of their pay toward retirement costs or move to a 401(k)-style plan, in which future retirement benefits are not defined. That ruling overturned a decision by the Michigan Court of Appeals.” [79114, 79115]

Governor Greg Abbott announces via Twitter, “Texas has launched criminal & civil investigations into Planned Parenthood for alleged selling of baby body parts.” (Earlier in the day the pro-abortion Wendy Davis, who Abbott soundly defeated in the gubernatorial election, tweeted, “‘baby body parts’ [is] clearly part of the spinmeister script.”) [79056, 79065]

The Center for Medical Progress releases a fourth undercover video revealing Planned Parenthood practices. According to ChristianPost.com, “The video... allegedly shows Vice President and Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, Dr. Savita Ginde, discussing illicit compensation for aborted baby parts, the sale of such parts across state lines, and the importance of having Planned Parenthood affiliates and its legal teams on the same page so that such transactions look good in the eye of the ‘public

sector.’ ...By law, it’s illegal for anyone to profit off of the sell of aborted fetal tissue, but it’s legal to be compensated for financial loss. The undercover investigator explains to Ginde that he wants to pay ‘top dollar’ because he wants to make sure his suppliers are happy. ‘So it could look like we’re paying you for specimens so let’s talk about it correctly. We all know that yes, that’s what we we’re doing,’ the investigator said. ‘So yes, I am paying you but how we’re talking about, out there in the public square [sic].’ ...Ginde and the undercover investigators agree that classifying such deals as ‘research’ makes them look like less of a ‘business venture.’ ‘Yeah, in public I think it makes a lot more sense for it be in the research vein than, I’d say, business venture. So even though they don’t want to do it, I may need to call research and Deb [Planned Parenthood executive Deborah Nucatola] and just kind of shake this out because I do want the other Planned Parenthoods, I want us all to be making the same decision,’ Ginde explains. ‘But we have to know who else is doing this, because if you have someone in a real anti [anti-abortion] state that’s going to be doing this for you, they’re probably going to get caught.’” [79077, 79078, 79081, 79088, 79113, 79128, 79134, 79175]

Remarkably, the video shows the participants discussing the harvesting of organs from babies that are *not* aborted. Ginde says, “Sometimes, if we get—if someone delivers before we are able to see them for a procedure then we are intact.” (In other words, “intact” specimens are obtained if the woman actually gives birth at the Planned Parenthood before the baby can be aborted. Such a practice violates the federal Infant Born Alive Act.) [79077, 79078, 79081, 79088, 79113, 79128, 79134, 79175]

It bears repeating that in the Illinois Senate, then-State Senator Obama opposed legislation that defined as a person a fully born baby who survives an abortion. He voted against the Induced Infant Liability Act, a law meant to protect the lives of babies who “inadvertently” survive attempted abortions and then need medical attention to survive. In a state senate hearing Obama argued it would be a burden to require that surviving babies be treated because, in his view, “...essentially adding an additional doctor who then has to be called in an emergency situation to come in and make these assessments is really designed simply to burden the original decision of the woman and the physician to induce labor and perform an abortion.” Obama’s vote was the sole vote cast against the state bill. (Obama was also the only Illinois State Senator to vote against a bill prohibiting early release for sexual predators.) Obama voted against an Illinois bill banning state funding of late term abortions, and worked to prevent the state from offering “Choose Life” and “Choose Adoption” license plates. In 2003, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act was reintroduced in the Illinois Senate. Obama, at that point the chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, shelved the bill and prevented it from even being brought to the Senate floor for a vote. [91, 97, 108, 132, 133, 272, 346, 412, 413, 2262]

In 2004, Obama entered the Democrat primary for U.S. Senate. During the campaign in February, Michelle Obama sent a fund-raising letter with “alarming news” that “right-wing politicians” had passed a law preventing partial-birth abortions, which she referred to as “a legitimate medical procedure.” She asked supporters to pay \$150 to attend a luncheon for her candidate husband, to help him fight against “cynical ploy(s)” to stop late-term abortions. Once in the U.S. Senate, Obama voted against the Child Interstate

Abortion Notification Act. The law would prevent minors from being taken across state lines to have an abortion without the consent of their parents. In 2008 Obama promised Planned Parenthood the first law he would sign if elected president would be the Freedom of Choice Act. The legislation would overturn virtually all state pro-life laws, including prohibitions against partial-birth abortions and parental notification requirements for minors seeking abortions. [91, 97, 108, 132, 133, 272, 346, 412, 413, 2262

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge issues a temporary restraining order that prevents the Center for Medical Progress from releasing any video of StemExpress officials taken at a restaurant in May. FoxNews.com notes, “StemExpress is a Placerville [California]-based company started in 2010 that provides human tissue, blood and other specimens to researchers. Planned Parenthood is one of the company’s providers of fetal tissue.” (StemExpress is the “middleman” in the process. Planned Parenthood performs the abortion and sells retrieved body parts to StemExpress, which then sells those parts to research laboratories, including university labs.) [79084, 79085, 79094, 79125, 79170, 79195]

In an interview with Salon.com, feminist icon, author, and cultural critic Camille Paglia states, “Now let me give you a recent example of the persisting insularity of liberal thought in the media. When the first secret Planned Parenthood video was released in mid-July, anyone who looks only at liberal media was kept totally in the dark about it, even after the second video was released. But the videos were being run nonstop all over conservative talk shows on radio and television. It was a huge and disturbing story, but there was total silence in the liberal media. That kind of censorship was shockingly unprofessional. The liberal major media were trying to bury the story by ignoring it. Now I am a former member of Planned Parenthood and a strong supporter of unconstrained reproductive rights. But I was horrified and disgusted by those videos and immediately felt there were serious breaches of medical ethics in the conduct of Planned Parenthood officials. But here’s my point: it is everyone’s obligation, whatever your political views, to look at both liberal and conservative news sources every single day. You need a full range of viewpoints to understand what is going on in the world.” [78961, 79104, 79105]

Paglia also says, “[W]hen we look at the abundance of candidates who have put themselves forward on the GOP side, compared to the complete paralysis of the Democratic party by the Clinton machine, I think you have to be worried about the future of the Democratic party. Young feminists are asking why there hasn’t been a woman president and automatically blaming it on male sexism. But there are plenty of women Democratic politicians who are too scared to put themselves forward as candidates because of the Clinton machine. There’s something seriously wrong here with Democratic thinking. You either believe in the country, you believe in your party, or you don’t! ... The Democrats have plenty of solid, capable women politicians who are just too timid to challenge the party establishment. Well, excuse me, that proves they don’t deserve to be president! ... The paucity of declared Democratic presidential candidates is a major embarrassment to the party. Look at that herd of eager-beaver competitive guys on the Republican side-overflowing with energy and ambition. There’s even a woman, Carly Fiorina, who has no political experience and therefore no chance of winning, but

she is bravely putting herself forward and speaking out. ...[W]omen must take responsibility for mastering more than the usual social welfare issues. Women politicians have to develop themselves beyond the caretaking side of the spectrum. All this talk about the lack of women engineers and how that's somehow evidence of sexism—oh, really? It's mostly a self-selecting process, as proved by the way that the overwhelming majority of women politicians around the world actually behave. What do they instantly gravitate towards? Social welfare, caretaking, the environment. They ignore military history and strategic geopolitics.” [79122]

Hillary Clinton, observes Paglia, “has accomplished nothing substantial in her life. She’s been pushed along, coasting on her husband’s coattails, and every job she’s been given fizzled out into time-serving or overt disaster. Hillary constantly strikes attitudes and claims she’s ‘passionate’ about this or that, but there’s never any sustained follow-through. She’s just a classic, corporate exec or bureaucrat type who would prefer to be at her desk behind closed doors, imposing her power schemes on the proletariat. She has no discernible political skills of any kind, which is why she needs a big, shifting army of consultants, advisors, and toadies to whisper in her ear and write her policy statements. ...If you don’t have an effective public persona, if you’re not a good speaker, if you don’t like to press the flesh, if you’re not nimble enough to deal with anything that comes along, then you are not a natural politician! And you sure aren’t going to learn it in your late 60s! Get off the stage, and let someone else truly electable on! All this silly talk about how wonderful Hillary is in private. Oh, sure, she’s nice to the important people and the people she wants or needs something from! Then she’s Pollyanna herself! There are just too many reports stretching all the way back to Arkansas about Hillary’s nasty outbursts toward underlings when things aren’t going well. The main point is that the ability to communicate with millions of people is a special talent, and Hillary pretty obviously lacks it. ...Carly Fiorina is proving herself surprisingly superior to Hillary in knowing how to spar with the media.” [79122]

Paglia suggests, “...I don’t see Hillary as even getting as far as the debates! If things continue to trend downward for her, in terms of her favorability and the increasing scandals, then the Democratic establishment will have to take action to avoid a sure GOP win. Hillary has way too much baggage for a general election—that should have been obvious from the start. If Vice-President [Joe] Biden jumps in, that would change everything. I don’t think Hillary wants to be defeated, so what I’ve been predicting all along is that there will be a ‘health crisis,’ and she will withdraw [this *Timeline* agrees with Paglia on that point]. Right now, her campaign is trying to change the headlines by releasing some new policy statement every day, but it’s not going to change the looming investigations into her conduct as Secretary of State. And of course the GOP is holding back its real anti-Hillary ammunition until she’s the nominee. Then we’ll all be plunged backward into the endless nightmare of the Clinton years—it will be pure hell!” [79122]

Donald Trump is in first place with 26 percent in a July 18-28 Florida poll. Former governor Jeb Bush trails with 20 percent; Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has 12 percent; Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has 10 percent. [79098, 79100, 79101, 79128]

In a national Reuters/Ipsos poll, Trump leads with 25 percent; Jeb Bush has 12 percent. [79099]

Time.com reports that, according to a new Quinnipiac poll, “Across nearly every key metric, from trustworthiness to caring about voters to leadership, [Hillary] Clinton has seen an erosion in public approval, as likely Republican rivals have erased her leads in the poll. Clinton has a net -11 favorability rating in the poll, with 40% of the American public viewing her positively and 51% negatively, with more than 50% of independents on the negative side. ...The poll, which was conducted amid new reporting on the existence of classified information on Clinton’s private email server, found further declines in Clinton’s perceived trustworthiness, with 57% of Americans now viewing her as neither honest nor trustworthy. And as Clinton has invested heavily in a campaign designed to appeal to Americans who feel left behind in the economic recovery, a majority of Americans now believe Clinton does not care about the needs or problems of people like them.” [79133]

Former Bill Clinton advisor Dick Morris writes, “I have polled Hillary Clinton’s national favorability for the past twenty-five years and I have never seen it drop to its current level of 40%. Not ever. Her recent crash (to 40% favorable, 51% unfavorable in the... Quinnipiac Poll) means that she is essentially in free fall, having lost a net of 16 points of favorability in Quinnipiac polls since November of last year. ...A stunning collapse! In the process, she has fallen into a statistical tie with Walker and Bush. And her base among women is not holding firm. In the latest poll, women only give her a favorable rating by 47-43. As an indicator of likely further fall, only 37% of all voters find her ‘honest and trustworthy’ while 57% do not. Even among women she is not trusted. While only 43% of women surveyed trust her, 51% do not. ...For Hillary, the worst is yet to come. The textbook teaches that the way to get over a political scandal is to end it by getting all the facts out, however negative, and then to move to the recovery phase. ...But Hillary’s scandal has no end in sight. Her insane, self-destructive policy of concealment and paranoid secrecy has led to a prolongation of the drip-drip-drip of scandal revelations throughout the balance of this year and even into the election year itself. ...Are the Democrats really going to commit suicide by nominating Hillary? Will they all line up to drink the Kool-Aid? My guess is that ...Obama and Valerie Jarrett won’t let them. As Bernie Sanders gains momentum, the possibility of Joe Biden or [Senator] Elizabeth Warren [D-MA] entering the race grows. If Hillary’s crash in favorability continues and she falls below the 40% firewall Obama has been able to maintain throughout his term, a real Democratic alternative becomes inevitable.” [79204]

On July 30 Judge Andrew Napolitano writes at LewRockwell.com, “The inspector general of the intelligence community and the inspector general of the State Department each have reviewed a limited sampling of [Hillary Clinton’s] emails that were sent or received via the Clinton Foundation server, and both have concluded that materials contained in some of them were of such gravity that they were obliged under federal law to refer their findings to the FBI for further investigation. The FBI does not investigate for civil wrongdoing or ethical lapses. It investigates behavior that may be criminal or that may expose the nation’s security to jeopardy. ...Let’s be realistic and blunt: If

[Obama] wants Clinton prosecuted for failing to secure classified materials, then she will be, no matter the exculpatory evidence or any political fallout. If he does not want her prosecuted, then she won't be, no matter what the FBI finds or any political fallout." [79070]

"I have not seen the emails the inspectors general sent to the FBI, but I have seen the Clinton emails, which are now in the public domain. They show Clinton sending or receiving emails to and from her confidante Sid Blumenthal and one of her State Department colleagues using her husband's foundation's server, and not a secure government server. These emails address the location of French jets approaching Libya, the location of no-fly zones over Libya and the location of Stevens in Libya. It is inconceivable that an American secretary of state failed to protect and secure this information. But it is not inconceivable that she would lie about it. ...Clinton has repeatedly denied ever sending or receiving [confidential] data... [Clinton has not yet said, 'It depends on what the meaning of 'classified' is.'] Here the inspectors general have corrected her. It is the essence of the data in an email—its potential for harm if revealed—that makes its contents classified and the failure to protect it a crime—not the use of a magic word or phrase in the subject line. She is no doubt lying again, just as she did to the Senate Armed Services Committee. ...Why did she lie about all this? Because she thinks she can get away with it. Will American voters let her?" [79070]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest calls the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood "fraudulent"—based on statements from... Planned Parenthood. Earnest says, "There is ample reason to think that this is merely the tried and true tactic that we've seen from extremists on the right to edit this video and selectively release this edited version of the video that grossly distorts the position of the person that's [sic; who is] actually speaking. Planned Parenthood has indicated that's exactly what occurred here, and any review of the policy that Planned Parenthood says they implement indicates the views expressed in the videos, or at least the way they're pictured on the videos, is entirely inaccurate. ...[Obama] certainly will not support another effort by Republicans to try to defund an organization that offers important and needed healthcare services to women across the country." [79089, 79140]

In an interview with TheSkimm.com, Hillary Clinton says, "My greatest strength is my passionate commitment to helping people—and I feel so strongly that I had a lot of opportunities and that there are people, particularly women, who are just as talented and hardworking, but who haven't had the same chances that I had. And one of the reasons why in all of my economic policies that I am talking about in this campaign I really put women at the center—and it's not just because I am one—it's because when women succeed, families do better, America does better... I think that a lot of my commitment and my strength is because I don't quit, I stay focused, and I work hard to try to contribute to making life better for all of us." Asked about her greatest weakness, Clinton replies, "How much time do we have? I am impatient and I sometimes come across as impatient, which is not always attractive, and get really frustrated with people who don't understand what I think it's going to take to make our country great tomorrow just like we were yesterday." (Translation: "My greatest weakness is that people don't appreciate

how great I am.”) Clinton also says, “I’m very proud of the Affordable Care Act and what it has accomplished”—despite the fact that, as Secretary of State, she had nothing to do with the legislation. [79090]

Asked about ISIS, Clinton claims, “I did advocate early on when I was still Secretary of State for more help to the moderate rebels against [Bashar al-] Assad in Syria, because I believed that they would be more likely to work with the United States and the West if we supported them early.” (In fact, Clinton had claimed that Assad was “moderate” and a “reformer.”) Apparently not wanting to offend any voters, Clinton claims she takes her coffee “Sometimes black, sometimes with cream or milk.” [79090, 79091]

FoxNews.com reports, “Donations to the Clinton Foundation by Swiss bank UBS increased tenfold after Hillary Clinton intervened to settle a dispute with the IRS early in her tenure as secretary of state, according to a published report. According to the Wall Street Journal, total donations by UBS to the foundation grew from less than \$60,000 at the end of 2008 to approximately \$600,000 by the end of 2014. The Journal reports that the bank also lent \$32 million through entrepreneurship and inner-city loan programs it launched in association with the foundation, while paying former President Bill Clinton \$1.5 million to participate in a series of corporate question-and-answer sessions with UBS Chief Executive Bob McCann. ...Clinton, speaking to reporters on Thursday, called any suggestion the donations from UBS to the Clinton Foundation were connected to her intervention ‘categorically false.’ ‘It’s the kind of unfortunate claim or charge that you see in campaigns, and all I can do is say there is no basis to it,’ she said.” (Robert Wolf, former CEO of the American branch of the Swiss banking giant UBS, collected more than \$370,000 in campaign contributions for Obama in 2008. Zurich-based UBS, which secretly received more than \$77 billion from the Federal Reserve in late 2008, has concealed the identities of over 19,000 clients in order to help them avoid paying U.S. income taxes. Wolf, who was introduced to Obama in 2006 by Obama’s billionaire promoter, George Soros, has been a frequent White House visitor and Obama golf partner.) [123, 448, 1286, 4413, 6661, 6663, 13438, 165606, 16513, 16529, 23716, 23768, 23802, 33510, 68271, 75553, 75554, 79092, 79093]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Planned Parenthood lobbied the Department of State many times during Hillary Clinton’s tenure there and received tens of millions of dollars from foreign policy agencies over the past few years, according to a new report. As secretary of state, Clinton attacked the Mexico City Policy, which bans federal funding of abortion overseas. Her husband revoked the policy during his administration and ...Obama lifted the ban upon taking office in 2009. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which is tied to the State Department, steered more than \$100 million in funding to Planned Parenthood, its international affiliates, and the pro-abortion Population Council between 2010 and 2012, according to the Government Accountability Office—about 20 percent of the nearly \$500 million pro-abortion organizations received from taxpayers during that time frame.” [79138]

“The taxpayer dollars that Planned Parenthood received dwarfed the \$3.4 million that Planned Parenthood spent on lobbying during ...Obama’s first term, according to a report

from Women Speak Out PAC, a partner of the Susan B. Anthony List, and American Rising. Government records document more than 30 instances of Planned Parenthood lobbying federal agencies, including the State Department while Clinton was serving there. ...The Clinton campaign has drawn heavily from pro-abortion professionals. One of its top officials in Iowa, the nation's first primary state, is Lily Adams, daughter of Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards. Jane Emerson, the women's outreach director of Clinton's failed 2008 campaign, previously served as CEO of the abortion provider's South Carolina operations." [79138]

Planned Parenthood claims its web site was hacked and displays a message, "200,000 people a day are now being blocked from information and care by this attack. For more information about the attack, please visit Planned Parenthood Action Fund's Facebook page." TheFederalist.com writes, "[T]his so-called hacking has all the hallmarks of an orchestrated public relations stunt." (No hacker would take the time to change fonts and alignment, and the domain still loads content from the server.) "On the splash page declaring that the organization was hacked, visitors are asked 'Why do you stand with Planned Parenthood' and invited to share their stories on a separate page housed at ppaction.org. And wouldn't you know it, that page functions perfectly. No sign of hacking. No sign of intrusion. Just a perfectly functional *and secure* web page that exists solely to build Planned Parenthood's mailing list" (and to solicit donations, with the message, "Please chip in what you can to help make sure patients can get the care they need—and ensure that Planned Parenthood can't be silenced"). [79095, 79142, 79176]

LifeSiteNews.com reports, "Until the eve of his presidential campaign, Jeb Bush was director of a philanthropy that gave tens of millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood and financed its advocacy of 'unrestricted access to abortion' around the world. The charity also approved money to global abortion providers while he sat on its board. In 2010, Jeb was named one of the founding directors of the Bloomberg Family Foundation, established as a tax-exempt foundation to advance the vision of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He resigned from the board at the end of 2014 to prepare his presidential campaign." [79181, 79182]

BizPacReview.com writes, "Fast on the heels of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's planned public testimony before the House Select Committee on Benghazi in October, a new motion picture, '13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi,' is scheduled for release in January—just in time for the Democratic presidential primary season. ...The movie is based on a 2014 book '13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi' by journalist Michael Zuckoff with five former CIA contractors. As a Wall Street Journal reviewer put it, 'it's hard not to read this authoritative account as an indictment of the Obama administration's tattered narrative.'" (Based on only a two-minute trailer, leftists quickly form opinions. Vox.com calls it "patronizing and dishonest." MSNBC's Alex Wagner insists, "There was no stand down order.") [79097, 79194, 79206]

DailyCaller.com reports, "A 2012 email exchange in which Hillary Clinton's top aide Huma Abedin complains that her Clinton email account was down raises new questions

about the national security implications of Clinton's private email server arrangement.” [79141]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The U.S. intelligence community is bracing for the possibility that former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's private email account contains hundreds of revelations of classified information from spy agencies and is taking steps to contain any damage to national security, according to documents and interviews Thursday. The top lawmakers on the House and Senate intelligence committee have been notified in recent days that the extent of classified information on Mrs. Clinton's private email server was likely far more extensive than the four emails publicly acknowledged last week as containing some sensitive spy agency secrets. A U.S. official directly familiar with the notification, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said the notification of possibly hundreds of additional emails with classified secrets came from the State Department Freedom of Information Act office to the Office of Inspector General for the Director of National Intelligence.” [79143, 79168]

FoxNews.com adds, “Classified emails stored on former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private server contained information from multiple intelligence agencies in addition to data connected to the 2012 Benghazi attack, a source familiar with the investigation told Fox News. The information came from the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National-Geospatial Agency, as well as the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Central Intelligence Agency, the source said. ... The official responsible for overseeing the government's security classification system, John Fitzpatrick, told McClatchy Newspapers that while reviewing four years of Clinton's emails, intelligence agencies grew concerned that State Department officials were not guarding classified information in screening documents for public release.” [79145, 79168]

Politico.com reports that Hillary Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, “has a thumb drive containing classified information from as many as five U.S. intelligence agencies—but the State Department told Politico the law firm is taking ‘appropriate measures’ to secure the files. The agency declined to detail steps made to protect the sensitive information in attorney David Kendall's possession, but the issue is raising concern among Republicans on Capitol Hill who've criticized Clinton's handling of the email controversy. The thumb drive has copies of emails Clinton kept on a private server while she served as secretary of state, a trove now known to contain classified documents.” Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill claims, “The thumb drive is secure.” Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) states, “This raises very serious questions and concerns if a private citizen is somehow retaining classified information.” (Even if Kendall has security clearance to view classified documents—and if he does many should wonder why—a thumb drive is not “secure.”) [79147]

The Senate passes a short-term measure to fund the Highway Trust Fund until the end of October.

Obama's Hyde Park neighbor, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, addresses an audience at the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Farrakhan says, "I'm lookin' [sic] for 10,000 [people] in the midst of a million. ...10,000 fearless men who say death is sweeter than continued life under tyranny. Death is sweeter than to continue to live and bury our children, while white folks give the killer hamburgers. Death is sweeter than watching us slaughter each other to the joy of a 400-year-old enemy. ...[The Quran] says retaliation is prescribed in matters of the slave. Retaliation is a prescription from God to calm the breast of those who children have been slaves. So if the federal government will not intercede in our affairs, then we must rise up and kill those who kill us. Stop them and kill them and let them feel the pain of death that we are feeling." [79320, 79342, 79410]

At PJMedia.com Noel Johnson, an attorney with the Public Interest Legal Foundation, reports that the organization has "sued the Clarke County [Mississippi] Election Commission in federal court for violating its legal duty to keep its voter rolls current and accurate." Johnson notes, "according to the United States Census, in March 2015 Clarke County had 12,646 registered voters—despite having a voting-age population of only 12,549. That's a registration rate of over 100 percent. That's not only implausible, it's impossible. ...The National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)—commonly referred to as the 'Motor Voter' law—requires each county to make a 'reasonable effort' to remove the names of ineligible voters from the voter rolls when they either die or relocate to another voting jurisdiction. Although the law does not describe what constitutes a 'reasonable effort,' having more than 100 percent of living citizens registered to vote certainly isn't reasonable. Mississippi is not the only offender. In 2012, Colorado—an expected swing state—*had over twenty counties with more registered voters than people alive*. Another nine Colorado counties had registration rates in the high nineties. Corrupted voter rolls are especially concerning in Colorado, because it conducts all elections by mail. ...Since coming into office in 2009, Obama's Department of Justice *has not filed a single case* to force voter roll cleanup. In fact, [Obama] and his allies have actually used the NVRA to sue anyone that tries to keep its elections honest by removing ineligible voters from its rolls." [79179]

Debka.com reports, "Iran is about to conclude a transaction with China for the purchase of the Chengdu J-10 multirole jet fighter, known in the West as the Vigorous Dragon, according to an exclusive report from DEBKAfile's military and intelligence sources. Beijing has agreed to sell Tehran 150 of these sophisticated jets. ...Iran [is] additionally weighing the purchase in Moscow of 250 highly-advanced Sukhoi-Su-30MK1 twinjet multirole air superiority fighters, known in the West as Flanker-H. ...The scale of Iran's multibillion acquisitions from China and Russia—550 warplanes in all so far—indicates that Tehran's top spending priority upon receipt of the funds released by the removal of sanctions, is to be a spanking new air force." [79184]

Deputy Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran Mohammad Ahmadian announces Iran will build two new nuclear power plants: "Two 100MW nuclear reactors will be constructed on Makran coastline of the Sea of Oman to generate electricity." [79185, 79186]

DailyBeast.com reports, “Seventeen unclassified Iran deal items have been locked in ultra-secure facilities ordinarily used for top secret info. ...Scattered around the U.S. Capitol complex are a series of Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facilities, or SCIFs, which are typically used to hold Top Secret information. But today in these deeply secure settings are a series of unclassified documents—items dealing with the Iran nuclear deal that are not secret, but that the Obama administration is nevertheless blocking the public from reading. ...The protocol for handling these documents, set by the State Department and carried out by Congress, is that these unreleased documents can only be reviewed ‘in camera’—a Latin term that means only those with special clearance can read them—and must be held in various congressional SCIFs. ...By mixing [one] classified document with [17] unclassified documents, critics of this arrangement contend, important facts are being kept from the public just as Congress is deciding whether to support or oppose the Iran deal. ...‘Many in Congress view the administration’s tactic of co-mingling unclassified documents with classified documents and requiring congressional staffers to have secret clearances just to view certain unclassified documents as an attempt by the administration to limit open debate,’ a second senior Republican congressional staffer said.” [79202, 79203]

Addressing an audience in New York City, Israeli Foreign Ministry, Dore Gold says, “What we have is a regime [Iran] on a roll that is trying to conquer the Middle East, and it’s not Israel talking, that is our Sunni Arab neighbors—and you know what? I’ll use another expression: that is our Sunni Arab allies talking. ...We will find a practical way to come up with solutions to a very dangerous situation, but in the meantime we have to tell what we think about this [Iranian nuclear] agreement. We have to say the truth even though it’s unpleasant.” [79240]

The Wall Street Journal reports, “The economic expansion—already the worst on record since World War II—is weaker than previously thought, according to newly revised data. From 2012 through 2014, the economy grew at an all-too-familiar rate of 2% annually, according to three years of revised figures the Commerce Department released Thursday. That’s a 0.3 percentage point downgrade from prior estimates. The revisions were released concurrently with the government’s first estimate of second-quarter output. Since the recession ended in June 2009, the economy has advanced at a 2.2% annual pace through the end of last year. That’s more than a half-percentage point worse than the next-weakest expansion of the past 70 years, the one from 2001 through 2007. While there have been highs and lows in individual quarters, overall the economy has failed to break out of its roughly 2% pattern for six years.” According to the Commerce Department, second quarter GDP growth was 2.3 percent (annualized rate). [79130, 79131, 79132]

In a conference call to multiple leftist and “progressive” groups, Obama asks for their help in pushing his Iranian nuclear deal. [79135]

According to the Associated Press, Iran’s Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says Iran will not allow inspectors from Canada or the United States because “It is mentioned

in the deal that inspectors should be from countries that have diplomatic relations with Islamic republic of Iran.” IAEA inspectors who may be allowed into Iran will not be granted access to “sensitive and military documents.” [79152, 79153]

The Associated Press reports, “The Federal Emergency Management Agency is refusing to reverse its denial of disaster aid to help Maryland and Baltimore recover millions of dollars in costs stemming from rioting in the city in April. ...FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate said in a letter to the Republican governor [Larry Hogan] that his agency had thoroughly reviewed Hogan’s appeal. Spokesman Matt Clark said Hogan is ‘disgusted and outraged’ by the decision. Maryland provided an estimate of \$19.4 million in costs for protective measures and damage from rioting after the death of Freddie Gray from injuries he suffered in police custody.” [79136, 79137]

In a nationwide Quinnipiac University poll, Vice President Joe Biden comes out ahead of Jeb Bush (43-42 percent) and ties Scott Walker (43-43), while Hillary Clinton trails Bush (41-42) and bests Walker (44-43). (The leads are within the margin of error, and the election is more than one year away, but the numbers suggest that if Biden enters the race and Clinton’s email and ethical issues continue, the nomination may not be as easy for her to capture as many believe.) Both Biden and Clinton do well against Donald Trump (49-37 and 48-36, respectively). [79146, 79157]

On *Hardball*, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee, hems and haws and refuses to provide an answer when asked by Chris Matthews, “What is the difference between a Democrat and a socialist?” (Some might also wonder, “What is the difference between an establishment Republican and a Democrat?”) WND.com points out that the Congressional Progressive Caucus has 69 declared members. (Most, if not all, of them are socialists.) [79169, 79172, 79173, 79180, 79190, 79212, 79242]

On July 31 Michelle Malkin writes, “The breast-cancer screening charade casts Planned Parenthood as a life-saving provider of vital health services unavailable anywhere else. You may recall that during the 2012 presidential cycle, Obama himself falsely claimed during a debate that the abortion provider administers mammograms to ‘millions’ of women—and liberal CNN moderator Candy Crowley let him get away with it. ...An investigation of 30 Planned Parenthood clinics in 27 different states, conducted by pro-life group Live Action, confirmed that the abortion provider does not perform breast-cancer screenings. ‘We don’t provide those services whatsoever,’ a staffer at Planned Parenthood of Arizona confessed on tape. Planned Parenthood’s Comprehensive Health Center clinic in Overland Park, Kan., admitted: ‘We actually don’t have a, um, mammogram machine at our clinics.’ Even the liberal Washington Post doled out a three (out of four) Pinocchio rating for the White House’s mammogram lies. ‘The problem here is that Planned Parenthood does not perform mammograms or even possess the necessary equipment to do so,’ the paper’s resident fact-checker reported. ‘As such, the organization certainly does not ‘provide’ mammograms in the strict sense. Instead, its clinics provide referrals and direct low-income women toward resources to help pay for the procedure. ...Reluctant to do its job and just call out [Obama] as an outright liar, The

Washington Post fell short of giving Obama the full four-Pinocchio treatment for his Planned Parenthood mammogram propagandizing, but acknowledged that he has repeated the lies ‘too many times in one form or another for this to be considered just playing with words to generate a misleading impression.’” [79156]

Hillary Clinton tweets, “Proud to stand w/Planned Parenthood & for access to quality, affordable healthcare for women, men & young people. -H” [79164, 79165, 79166]

CNSNews.com reports, Planned Parenthood President Cecile “No Child Left Alive” Richards “has made personal visits to the White House 39 times since ...Obama took office in 2009, White House records show. According to online records on the White House website, Richards first visited the White House on Jan. 20, 2009—the same day Obama first took office.” [79191]

Appearing on CNN, Center for Medical Progress president David Daleiden explains why StemExpress is fighting the release of undercover videos: “In a meeting with their top leadership, they admitted that they sometimes get fully intact fetuses shipped to their laboratory from the abortion clinics they work with, and that could be prima facie evidence of born alive infants, and so that’s why they’re trying to suppress that videotape and they’re very scared of it.” According to TheBlaze.com, “Daleiden said there are eight to 10 videos that have yet to be released. He also asserted that the Center for Medical Process has followed all applicable laws throughout the course of its investigation and is prepared to fight for its First Amendment rights following an effort to suppress the videos.” [79227]

Additional Hillary Clinton emails are released by the State Department. One shows a message from a Planned Parenthood executive—who obviously had been given Clinton’s private email address. Another email is from Clinton aide Huma Abedin to Clinton. The heading says, “Please pass to S.” The body of the message is completely redacted. (“S” may be Sidney Blumenthal.) Other emails in the collection are heavily redacted. (Clinton claims she never sent or received confidential information, but the State Department chose to redact the content of entire messages.) In a December 1, 2009 email to chief of staff Cheryl Mills, Clinton asks if she can borrow her book, *SEND: Why People Email So Badly and How to Do It Better*. [79159, 79160, 79161, 79198, 79199, 79200, 79205]

Included in the batch of emails is one from Samuel “Sandy” Berger to Hillary Clinton, dated September 22, 2009. (Berger, Bill Clinton’s National Security Advisor, is infamous for his unauthorized removal of classified documents from the National Archives.) In the email, Berger gives advice to Hillary Clinton on how to deal with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu if he “continues to be the obstacle” to an agreement with the Palestinians and “where we can make him uneasy.” Berger suggests that one objective is to put “an end to the occupation that began in 1967.” (That is, Berger believes Israel must give up territory Israel won in the 1967 war as a precondition to peace—which is arguably tantamount to calling for the United States to give Texas back to Mexico.) [79207, 79241]

At PoliticalMavens.com Monica Crowley predicts, “Hillary Clinton is not going to be the Democratic nominee for president. ...Here’s how it’s likely going down: The Clintons and the Obamas have a long history of bad blood, dating to the 2008 primary race. After Mr. Obama creamed her, he offered her the plum gig of secretary of state. Friends close, enemies closer. ...Mr. Obama needs a successor whom he can control to ensure that the ‘fundamental transformation of the nation’ continues. He cannot control either of the Clintons. In a revealing ‘tell’ this week, he said, ‘In 18 months, I’m turning over the keys. I want to make sure I’m turning over the keys to somebody who is serious about the serious problems that the country faces and the world faces.’ He will therefore back the one person he knows will do his bidding: his vice president, Joe Biden, whom he summons to his side for every critical photo op, including the announcement of the Iran deal. There’s more going on there than just symbolism. So here’s the likely plan: Mr. Biden will announce that he is running for president (the reported dying wish of his late son, Beau). After a respectable amount of time, Mr. Obama will announce that while he admires all of the Democratic candidates, Mr. Biden has earned his particular loyalty.” [79543]

“...But Mrs. Clinton is a survivor, they will say. The media protects her. True. But it will be a much different situation if she’s under criminal investigation by the Justice Department or worse, crippled by a Special Prosecutor or even an indictment. Don’t think Mr. Obama will go there? He already has. Last week, the New York Times reported that two inspectors general from his administration recommended that the Justice Department open a ‘criminal’ inquiry into her handling of classified material. The leak to the Times came from a ‘senior administration official,’ which some have speculated was Mr. Obama’s own consigliere, Valerie Jarrett. The Times walked back some of the details, but the damage was done. If Mr. Obama did not want a DOJ criminal investigation of Mrs. Clinton to go forward, he would not have let it go this far. He wants the investigation, wants her nailed, wants her out. And he’s doing it, slowly, steadily. The Clintons used to be champion Machiavellians. But in Mr. Obama, they look like they are being outmaneuvered—again—by the ultimate take-no-prisoners master. Hillary is being given the Judas kiss by her former boss, a man loyal to no one but himself.” [79543]

At BirtherReport.com Linda Jordan comments on the biography of Obama that his literary agent Dystel & Goderich (previously Acton & Dystel) have been using since 1991. From 1991 until sometime in 2007, the bio stated that Obama was “born in Kenya.” Jordan explains the change in 2007: “Their motivation was clear. Obama was up for re-election and they wanted him to win. He had spent the last four years denying that he was born in Kenya so it would look really bad if people found out that he claimed, in his own bio, that he was born in Kenya. Also, being born in Kenya to a father who was never an American citizen would mean that you are not eligible to be a presidential candidate, much less president. Miriam Goderich has claimed, “This was nothing more than a fact checking error by me—an agency assistant at the time.” Jordan notes, “Goderich does not say that she wrote the bio. She says she made an ‘error’ while ‘fact checking’ the bio or while fact checking the ‘correspondence or other communications’ submitted by Obama concerning his bio. The information she was ‘fact checking’ came

from Barack Obama. ...It is reasonable to think that she would have checked a submitted bio for typos, punctuation and grammar but she would not have fact checked the details in the bio. The author tells you where they were born, where they went to school, where they grew up, what they've accomplished etc. In 1991, why would an editor fact check where Obama said he was born? She wouldn't." [79193]

"Goderich says that in all the information provided to them by Obama, Obama said he was born in Hawaii. 'There was never any information given to us by Obama in any of his correspondence or other communications suggesting in any way that he was born in Kenya and not Hawaii.' She's clearly trying to imply that the bio Obama submitted to them said he was 'born in Hawaii.' Yet, somehow, when Goderich was 'fact checking' Obama's birthplace for accuracy she decided to change his birthplace from Hawaii to Kenya. ...Goderich neglects to mention that this 'erroneous' born in Kenya 'statement' was also published on their website for 16 years and survived three revisions. Obama revised his bio, or approved of its revisal, in 1998, 2005, and 2007. In fact the 'born in Kenya' claim was on the Dystel & Goderich website two months after Obama announced that he would run for president." [79193]

"Pathological liars don't worry about their lies colliding. They just lie their way out of it. Or get other people to lie for them. Obama had been telling certain people that he had been born in Hawaii for years but, being born in Kenya, was the story he wanted to feed his literary agents. It had served its purpose but now he had a problem. Voters were questioning his citizenship status. It would be bad if this born in Kenya bio was discovered by the public at large. So, between April 3 and April 27, 2007, Obama changed his 'born in Kenya' bio, to say that he was 'born in Hawaii.' Five years later, when the original bio and the switched birthplace was discovered by Breitbart, Goderich comes out with her cover story. How many obfuscations does it take to make you a liar? I think Miriam Goderich is way over the limit. She is lying about Barack Obama's bio and her involvement with it. Was Kenya the truth or simply a way for Obama to make himself look cool to uppity intellectuals who hold America in disdain? Was Hawaii the truth? Or a necessary lie in an attempt to be an eligible presidential candidate? You never know with liars. Particularly when they wield power from the White House that stops any independent means of document authentication. ...Someday Miriam Goderich and Jane Dystel will be in a courtroom, sworn under oath and forced to tell the truth about the bio Barack Obama submitted to them or perjure themselves." [79193]

The Clinton campaign releases eight years of tax returns showing Bill and Hillary have paid \$43 million in federal taxes on \$141 million in income since 2007. The Clintons have earned \$221,139,516 since leaving the White House "dead broke" in January 2001. (Despite the Clintons' support of higher estate/death taxes, they have placed assets in trusts in order to avoid them.) Clinton also releases a statement from her doctor saying she is "fit to serve as president of the United States" but suffers from seasonal pollen allergies and "deep vein thrombosis." [79196, 79289, 79295, 79303, 79311]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "State Department investigators concluded this year that Huma Abedin, one of Hillary Rodham Clinton's closest aides, was overpaid by nearly

\$10,000 because of violations of rules governing vacation and sick leave during her tenure as an official in the department. The finding—which Abedin has formally contested—emerged publicly Friday after Senator Charles E. Grassley (R-IA) sent letters to Secretary of State John F. Kerry and others seeking more information about an investigation into possible ‘criminal’ conduct by Abedin concerning her pay. The letters also sought the status of an inquiry into whether Abedin had violated conflict-of-interest laws related to her special employment situation, which allowed her to work simultaneously for the State Department, the Clinton Foundation and a private firm with close ties to the Clintons.” (Abedin was once a member of the Executive Board of the Muslims Student Association, a Muslim Brotherhood front group. Her mother, Saleha Abedin is leader in the “sister” branch of the Muslim Brotherhood.) [79208, 79211, 79218, 79219, 79225]

In a One America News Network/Gravis Marketing poll of registered Republicans in Iowa, Donald Trump leads with 30.9 percent; Scott Walker has 15.4; Jeb Bush has 10 percent. All other GOP candidates are in single digits. [79201]

Politico.com reports, “Top trade officials from the 12 Trans-Pacific Partnership countries fell short of reaching agreement on the biggest trade deal in history Friday, potentially jeopardizing one of ... Obama’s top goals for his second term. Despite progress on several issues, the talks stalled on several longstanding disagreements, including Canadian dairy market access, Japanese barriers to auto and rice imports, and U.S. demands for strong intellectual property protections for a new generation of pharmaceuticals. The countries in the deal, which also include Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Vietnam, account for 40 percent of global economic output.” WND.com adds, “Striking a deal over how long to protect data used to develop biologic drugs was described as the biggest source of frustration by a source from a non-U.S. negotiating nation. U.S. drug manufacturers want 12 years, but Australia wants five. A compromise of seven or eight years is seen as a possible compromise. ‘The US was on one side of the issue, while practically every other country were on the other side,’ the source told Associated Press. ‘Neither side was prepared to move and all claimed it as a red-line issue.’” [79228]

At WeeklyStandard.com Stephen Hayes and William Kristol write, “The bad news is that the Obama administration doesn’t want us to have all the information available to judge that regime and its behavior. The good news is that Congress can insist the information be provided. Here’s an important instance. We have been told by six current or former intelligence officials that the collection of documents captured in the raid on Osama bin Laden’s compound includes explosive information on Iran’s relationship with al Qaeda over the past two decades, including details of Iran’s support for al Qaeda’s attacks on Americans. Some of these officials believe this information alone could derail the deal. We haven’t seen it. But the American people should see it all before Congress votes on the deal in September. Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, states, “There are letters about Iran’s role, influence, and acknowledgment of enabling al Qaeda operatives to pass through Iran as long as al Qaeda did their dirty work against the Americans in Iraq and Afghanistan. What Congress should demand is to see all the [Osama bin Laden] documents related to Iran and all the

documents related to intentions of AQ into the future—they are very telling.” According to Michael Pregent, “a member of the DIA [Defense Intelligence Agency] team that examined the documents, confirmed some of the revelations about Iran.” Pregent states, “The documents indicate that Iran facilitated the safe passage of al Qaeda operatives, provided safe houses during travel, and had an agreement in place—a you-don’t-mess-with-us-and-we-won’t-mess-with-you clause. The guaranteed safe passage through Iran into Afghanistan and Pakistan could only have been carried out by Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps operatives.” [79213]

Hayes and Kristol report, “We are told that one document fills in the picture of possible Iranian foreknowledge and complicity in the 9/11 attacks first raised in the 9/11 Commission report, published in 2004. ...The Obama administration does not want the bin Laden documents released. To date, the administration has made public fewer than 150 documents out of more than a million, despite a statutory requirement to expedite the release of the collection. Remarkably, members of Congress, including those on the intelligence committees, do not have access to the documents. ...Highly credible senior intelligence officials who have seen the bin Laden documents say that the collection includes important information about al Qaeda and Iran. The White House has consistently blocked the release of that information. ...Not to demand these documents—not to insist on having access to them despite all the administration’s protestations and obfuscations, not to allow the American people to understand the whole truth about the Iranian regime with which the administration has negotiated this agreement—would be an abdication of responsibility on the part of Congress that history would judge harshly.” [79213]

The Associated Press (AP) reports, “A federal judge has blocked the release of any recordings made at meetings of abortion providers by an anti-abortion group that previously revealed secretly recorded videos of a Planned Parenthood leader. Judge William Orrick in San Francisco issued a temporary restraining order Friday against the Center for Medical Progress hours after the order was requested by the National Abortion Federation. The federation says the Center for Medical Progress infiltrated its meetings and recorded its members. The group says release of any audio or video would put providers in danger. In his three-page order, Orrick said the federation would likely suffer irreparable injury absent a temporary restraining order.” (The AP neglects to mention that Orrick was appointed by Obama in May 2013, or that he raised at least \$200,000 for his campaign.) [79223, 79224, 79226, 79249, 79462]

A private jet owned by an Osama bin Laden family aviation company crashes after overshooting a runway in Hampshire, England. Four people are killed. According to the *Daily Mirror*, “Osama Bin Laden’s stepmother and sister are feared to have been among those killed... Unconfirmed reports in Arabic media claim a third member of the family may also have perished in the crash, while another person—not believed to be a family member—was also killed.” [79220, 79221, 79222]