

## *The Complete Obama Timeline*

### *June 2015*

On June 1 Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) enters the 2016 presidential race. He states, “I have more experience with our national security than any other candidate. ...I want to be president to protect our nation that we all love so much. So get ready—I’m ready. I want to be president to defeat the enemies that are trying to kill us, not just penalize or criticize them or contain them—but defeat them. ...Ronald Reagan’s policy of ‘peace through strength’ kept America safe through the Cold War. Remember those times? But I’ve come to conclude we will never enjoy peaceful co-existence with radical Islam, because its followers intend to destroy our way of life. ...We made some dangerous mistakes in recent years. The Obama administration and some of my colleagues in Congress have substituted wishful thinking for sound national security strategy. Every day, the headlines attest to the failures of the Obama-Clinton policies. ...It is sad for me to report to you that Barack Obama has made us less safe. Simply put, radical Islam is running wild. They have more safe havens, more money, more capability, and more weapons to strike our homeland than any time since 9/11. They are large, they are rich, and they are entrenched. As president, I will make them small, poor, and on the run.” [76217]

Addressing the “Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Fellows” at the White House, Obama says, “People don’t remember, but when I came into office the United States in world opinion ranked below China and just barely above Russia, and today once again, the United States is the most respected country on earth, and part of that I think is because of the work we did to reengage the world and say that we want to work with you as partners with mutual interests and mutual respect. It was on that basis we were able to end two wars while still focusing on the very real threat of terrorism and to try to work with our partners in Iraq and Afghanistan. It’s the reason why we are moving in the direction of normalize relations with Cuba. The nuclear deal that we are trying to negotiate with Iran.” (According to DataLounge.com, the 10 most respected nations are the Netherlands, Austria, Finland, Denmark, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Sweden, and Canada. Other surveys place Germany in the number one spot. There are probably as many different rankings as there are surveys, which renders Obama’s claim next to meaningless. Some might also dispute his claim that he “ended two wars.” On the other hand, Obama did not claim to have *won* those wars.) [76218, 76219, 76270, 77980]

Laughably, Obama also says, “One of my core principles is that I will never engage in a politics in which I’m trying to divide people or make them less than me because they look different or have a different religion. That’s a core principle, that’s not something I would violate. ...Unfortunately, too many politicians, they’re just climbing the ladder but they don’t know why, and when they get there then they’re not very effective leaders. ...That’s when you lose your way, right? You have to be willing to lose something for your principles, you have to be willing to lose an election.” [76221, 76252]

Former Obama advisor Dan Pfeiffer joins CNN as a continuing contributor. Additionally, Rachel Racusen, a White House employee who took a job with MSNBC in November 2014, will be returning to the White House as a “strategic communications adviser.” (Keith Koffler writes at WhiteHouseDossier.com, “You would think a news organization, even one that is obviously biased, would at least have a ‘cooling off period’ before directly installing a White House official on its staff. But today, mainstream journalism is not just overtly biased. It is actually politicized, hiring freshly picked former administration officials to supposedly serve as ‘analysts’ when it’s never really clear the extent they are still working for their former bosses [sic; when the extent to which they are still working for their former bosses is never really clear.]”) [76220, 76449]

Obama reacts to former Olympic athlete Bruce Jenner’s decision to dress in women’s clothing and change his name to Caitlyn Jenner with a Twitter message: “It takes courage to share your story.” (Courage is being a Christian in a Muslim country, especially since Obama entered the White House. Replacing one’s wardrobe does not.) Meanwhile, according to WashingtonTimes.com, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issues guidelines “suggesting that employers allow transgender employees access to the restroom that corresponds to their gender identity. The four-page ‘Guide to Restroom Access for Transgender Workers’ was created at the request of the National Center for Transgender Equality.” The report “advises employers that ‘Bathroom restrictions can result in employees avoiding using restrooms entirely while at work, which can lead to potentially serious physical injury or illness.’” (Dr. Paul R. McHugh, author, former psychiatrist-in-chief for Johns Hopkins Hospital, and the hospital’s current Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, states, “People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women. Claiming that this is civil-rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder. . . . This intensely felt sense of being transgendered constitutes a mental disorder in two respects. The first is that the idea of sex misalignment is simply mistaken—it does not correspond with physical reality. The second is that it can lead to grim psychological outcomes.”) [76254, 76264, 76316, 76328, 76340, 76521]

Obama’s closest advisor, Valerie “Rasputin” Jarrett, tweets, “Nice to meet you, Caitlyn Jenner. The brave choice to live as your authentic self is a powerful example to so many.” (Jarrett apparently does not know the meaning of the word “authentic.”) [76370, 76371]

In an interview with the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*, Obama says, “I can, I think, demonstrate, not based on any hope, but on facts and evidence and analysis, that the best way to prevent Iran from having a nuclear weapon is a verifiable, tough agreement. A military solution will not fix it, even if the United States participates, it would temporarily slow down an Iranian nuclear program, but it will not eliminate it. . . . What I can say is to the Israeli people, I understand your concerns and I understand your fears.” (Obama’s defense is reminiscent of Captain Queeg on the witness stand in *The Caine Mutiny*—and just as flawed. Among the “facts and evidence” Obama is ignoring is the

statement by the Iranians that they will not permit inspections of their nuclear facilities. Without unlimited inspections, there is no such thing as a “verifiable, tough agreement.” It is also incorrect to claim that there is no military solution. That Obama may not want to rely on one does not mean one does not exist—or that the U.S. military has not developed plans in the event they become necessary. Of course, Obama’s “military solution will not fix it” statement contradicts his September 2013 statement, “I’ve said before and I will repeat that we take no options off the table, including military options, in terms of making sure that we do not have nuclear weapons in Iran that would destabilize the region and potentially threaten the United States of America.”) [76223, 76259]

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* reports, “With only one month left before a deadline to complete a nuclear deal with Iran, international inspectors have reported that Tehran’s stockpile of nuclear fuel increased about 20 percent over the last 18 months of negotiations, partially undercutting the Obama administration’s contention that the Iranian program had been ‘frozen’ during that period.” (State Department spokesperson Marie Harf states, “Our team read that story this morning and was quite frankly perplexed because the main contentions of it are totally inaccurate.” (BizPacReview.com later writes, “To be fair, it wasn’t the story itself Harf found perplexing. ...It was the story’s idea that the U.S. *didn’t know* Iran was building up more nuclear fuel that bothered her. Of course we knew it, she said in essence. That’s why we’re having negotiations. So they can reduce the stockpiles again.”) [76263, 76275, 76278]

ABC.com reports that a Muslim woman “said a United attendant on the flight from Chicago to Washington on Friday [May 29] refused to give her an unopened can of coke, allegedly telling her it could be used ‘as a weapon.’ ‘The flight attendant brought over an open can of diet soda, so I requested, for hygienic reasons, a closed can of diet soda,’ Tahera Ahmad, a chaplain at Northwestern University, told ABC’s Chicago station WLS on Sunday [May 31]. ‘And so she said, ‘Well, no one has consumed from this can.’ And I said, ‘That’s fine but I would really prefer for hygienic reasons and health concerns.’ ...She said, ‘Well, it is against our policy to give people unopened canned beverages.’ ...Ahmad said she then asked the other passengers, ‘Did you all just witness this discrimination?’ and she claims another passenger muttered ‘you Muslim’ and told her to shut up. ‘And he said, ‘You know you would use it as a weapon,’ Ahmad recounted. ‘I just couldn’t believe what he had said,’ Ahmad said. ‘I was in tears.’ The attendant apologized after the flight, Ahmad said, but she told the attendant that her actions made ‘her feel ‘very threatened.’ ‘I was the one who felt very unsafe,’ Ahmad said.” (Ahmad, a Muslim activist, once attended a Ramadan dinner at the White House, worked with Secretary of State John Kerry on the State Department’s Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives, and was honored as a “leading Muslim female” by the White House on March 28, 2014.) [76226, 76227, 76228, 76229, 76230, 76255, 76274, 76303, 76482]

At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer comments, “There is just so much that doesn’t ring true about this latest round of ‘Flying While Muslim’ grievance theater. In the first place, what is this about requesting an unopened can for ‘hygienic reasons?’ The mainstream

media, of course, never asks Tahera Ahmad what she means by that. What's unhygienic about getting a can of soda that has just been opened? Could it be that Ahmad found it objectionable to receive a can of soda opened by najis (unclean, cf. Qur'an 9:28) infidel hands? And then there's the passenger sitting across the aisle from her and telling her, 'You Moslem, you need to shut the F\*\* up.' Where are the passengers corroborating the words of this shouting lout? Someone must have heard him, but he sounds to me as if he was sent over from Islamophobia Central Casting, straight from the fever dreams of Hamas-linked CAIR and the like. Finally, there is the most unbelievable aspect of her whole story—a part of it that is never mentioned by the mainstream media: 'The pilot also apologized for everything that happened and said that as a white male he recognized his privilege...' Come on. Who talks like that, outside of Salon.com's offices?' (The flight attendant is fired.) [76226, 76227, 76228, 76229, 76230, 76255, 76274, 76303]

Another passenger on Ahmad's flight later comes forward (via FlyerTalk.com) to state, "I was actually on this flight on Friday evening from ORD to DCA. ...I was sitting close enough to her to hear everything that was said. The flight attendant came up to the lady (I believe she even took her order first in the entire cabin as she was seated in the bulkhead 7d) and took her order. She ordered a coke zero and a hot green tea with a Splenda. The flight attendant [FA] handed her a full diet coke [rather than a Coke Zero] with a cup on top and then told her that the green tea would take a few minutes and she would get it to her ASAP. The lady [Ahmad] said very rudely and condescending[ly] to the FA that she ordered a coke zero and basically pushed the soda back to the flight attendant. The FA said she was sorry and attempted to find a coke zero for her (which she did not have many of) and told her that she could only give her a portion of the can not the full can. This is when the lady in question started to freak out and told the FA 'What do you think I will use this as a weapon?! Why can't I have the whole can? I think you are discriminating against me. I need your name...' The lady just kept yelling to her 'I need your name... I am being discriminated against.' This is when a few passengers told her to calm down and one guy told her to 'shut her mouth and she is being ridiculous over a can of coke.' No one ever said anything anti-Muslim to her at all. She was the one who started screaming discrimination when she did not get what she wanted. The FA asked her numerous times if she would like anything else when the lady just basically pushed her away with a hand in her face. The lady then got onto her phone with her credit card and paid for the internet so she could start spinning this story on social media and she was never in tears. This person is a liar plain and simple and is just pulling the discrimination card." [76444, 76445, 76446, 76482]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield writes, "While Americans yawned through another weekend, watching television or playing catch with their kids, the greatest human rights violation in our nation's troubled history took place in the sky above Chicago. Tahera Ahmad, a Muslim chaplain at Northwestern University who has participated in MSA and ISNA events, and gotten her photo taken with Obama, was denied an unopened Diet Coke. ...A million people complain about airline service, but tag your complaint with #IslamophobiaISREAL, as Tahera Ahmad did, and suddenly your Diet Coke denial is a hate crime. ...On a scale of hate crimes this is somewhere between 0 and -0.02. About the only person who could possibly complain about it is a celebrity whose color

allotment of M&Ms is specified in a rider to their contract or a professional Islamic grievance-monger looking for any excuse to play victim. ...The TSA isn't too fond of passengers having closed cans of soda on them. It may have something to do with when a Muslim woman attempted to bring down a China Southern Airlines flight to Beijing using soda cans that she had injected with flammable liquid and dropped in the bathroom trash can." [76305, 76306]

"...Of all the petty complaints about airline service, hers may be the single pettiest complaint in history. Tahera Ahmad isn't even complaining that she didn't get a soda. She's complaining that she had to endure the filthy impure infidel fingers of the flight attendant groping her Diet Coke can. ...On her Twitter account, Tahera Ahmad had retweeted a call to deny an honorary degree to Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a human rights activist who was raised a Muslim, but left Islam after recognizing the violent text of the Koran. Ayaan Hirsi Ali suffered through many challenges. None of them involved a Diet Coke. Instead Ayaan Hirsi Ali had FGM [female genital mutilation] inflicted on her. As an adult, she had to deal with death threats. Her response to them was to continue speaking out. And yet the media prefers the entitled bleating of Tahera Ahmad's Diet Coke crisis to a serious ex-Muslim intellectual who risks her life every day. Tahera Ahmad's sense of entitlement echoes that of her progressive allies. As feminism has taken a dumpster dive into pettiness and entitlement, it has little room for a woman like Ayaan Hirsi Ali who speaks to them about a world in which women are raped and murdered by Islamic Jihadists. They prefer to instead turn minor inconveniences into micro-aggressions to their swollen egos. In Ahmad's world, not getting exactly what she wants is a hate crime. And Tahera Ahmad's whining embodies the torrent of petty Muslim complaints about America in microcosm. ...Islamophobia is a self-reinforcing myth. The Americans groped at TSA checkpoints aren't victims, but when a Muslim who has had a photo taken with Obama can't get her Diet Coke the way she wants it, then it's the worst soft-drink related human rights incident since Gitmo stopped serving Crystal Pepsi." [76305, 76306]

Pamela Geller notes, "In late December, [Ahmad] attended the MAS-ICNA, or Muslim American Society-Islamic Circle of North America, conference, which featured prominent Muslim leaders with links to the Muslim Brotherhood. One month earlier, Ahmad posted a picture to Facebook of her with Suhaib Webb, who was then Imam of the Islamic Society of Boston, where Boston Marathon jihadis Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev and many other jihadis worshiped. Webb was once a friend of Anwar al-Awlaki. Ahmad is also 'well-known' to Yasir Qadhi, a Muslim cleric who once called for jihad against non-Muslims. She was part of a Muslim Public Affairs Council, or MPAC, delegation to the Obama White House; MPAC was founded by Muslim Brotherhood members. She has recited the Quran at an Islamic Society of North America convention; ISNA is yet another Muslim Brotherhood-linked group." [76482]

ABC.com reports, "An internal investigation of the Transportation Security Administration revealed security failures at dozens of the nation's busiest airports, where undercover investigators were able to smuggle mock explosives or banned weapons

through checkpoints in 95 percent of trials, ABC News has learned. The series of tests were conducted by Homeland Security Red Teams who pose as passengers, setting out to beat the system. According to officials briefed on the results of a recent Homeland Security Inspector General's report, TSA agents failed 67 out of 70 tests, with Red Team members repeatedly able to get potential weapons through checkpoints." Melvin Carraway, the acting head of the TSA, is "reassigned" to another position within the agency—helping prove that it is almost impossible for a federal employee to be fired. [76233, 76234, 76239, 76250, 76251, 76279, 76282, 76841]

At PJMedia.com Bridget Johnson warns that ISIS may be planning an event of some sort on June 29, the anniversary of the founding of the Islamic State. [76265]

Pamela Geller learns from Freedom of Information Act requests that although she had to pay "roughly \$10,000 for security" for her freedom of speech event in Garland, Texas, "Muslim groups paid next to nothing for security for their [previous] sharia conference in the same room, same venue. The messaging: the School District, even anticipating non-Muslims protesting the Stand with the Prophet affair, knew that non-Muslims would not engage in violence and purposefully and rationally did not require more security. We held a rally in defense of free speech attended by thousands, but no extra security was required. Everybody knows the score. ...Back on February 17th, I asked this question: Did the Islamic supremacists who organized the 'Stand With the Prophet' conference against free speech, held in the same venue as our event in Garland, Texas, have to pay \$10,000 for the extra security provided? The short answer, finally, is no. We will be reviewing our legal options—but of course in retrospect these charges are absolutely justifiable. [But] At some point the government can't make private citizens pay for an army, since that is the government's responsibility. Further, the government cannot continue to deny the very real danger of jihad and sharia while simultaneously charging private citizens \$10,000 for police protection for that very real threat." [76232]

According to the *New York Post*, "Hillary Clinton had trouble attracting high-powered women to a New York talk hosted by Silda Wall Spitzer two weeks before her campaign officially kicks off. Sources said that after ticket sales fizzled for an intimate, \$2,700-per-person, 'just for women' meeting on Monday [June 1], the event was thrown open to men at the 11th hour, and the deadline extended to buy tickets. The 'Conversation With Hillary Clinton' event at Midtown law firm Akin Gump was originally aiming to attract 125 women. An email invitation... said the event is 'just for women.' But by Friday, 'They'd only sold 50 tickets, so they threw it open to men,' a source said. 'Ticket sales were supposed to close at 10 a.m. Sunday, but the hostesses were working the phones and pushed the deadline till Monday.'" [76256, 76257]

According to a May 29-31 CNN/ORC poll, 46 percent of those surveyed have a favorable opinion of Hillary Clinton, while 50 percent have an unfavorable opinion. In the March 13-15 poll, the numbers were 53 and 44, respectively. Her unfavorable ratings have been increasing since September 2011. [76258, 76268]

Also in the poll, George W. Bush is seen in a positive light by 52 percent of Americans, and by 43 percent in a negative light. Bush does better than Obama, whose numbers are 49 and 49. [76280, 76281, 76323]

In a Washington Post/ABC poll, Hillary Clinton is “underwater” on the favorable/unfavorable question: 45/49. Only 6 percent have no opinion, which means the 45/49 are unlikely to shift much—and she has to gain the support of almost all the undecideds to break 50 percent. That is unlikely, considering that 52 percent do not consider her trustworthy. [76285]

On June 2 police in Boston shoot and kill Usaama Rahim, a 26-year-old would-be terrorist wielding a huge knife he planned on using to behead a police officer. Police in Everett, Massachusetts arrest David Wright (also known as Dawud Sharif Wright and Dawud Sharif Abdul Khaliq), who has connections with Rahim. It is later reported that the original plot concocted by Rahim and Wright was to kill the American Freedom Defense Initiative’s Pamela Geller, but Rahim chose instead to behead a police officer because he believed it would be easier. Geller tells CNN’s Erin Burnett, “They targeted me for violating sharia blasphemy laws. They mean to kill everyone who doesn’t do their bidding and abide by then voluntarily. This is a showdown for American freedom. Will we stand against this savagery, or bow down to them and silence ourselves? It won’t end with me or the cops....It’s just beginning. The one thing that’s being ignored that came out of Garland is that ISIS is here. Islamic terrorism is here. Will the media realize what’s at stake, and that their heads are next, or continue to target me because they hate my message of freedom?” (Burnett, demonstrating why CNN continues to lose viewers, asks Geller the ridiculous question, “Are you stoking the flames? Do you on some level relish being the target of these attacks?” Geller replies, “Who self-promotes to get killed?”) [76244, 76245, 76293, 76294, 76295, 76296, 76297, 76298, 76299, 76302, 76304, 76333, 76364, 76409, 76410, 76480]

In an obvious attempt to gin up support in the black community for the jihadist and against the police, Imam Ibrahim Rahim, the brother of Usaama Rahim, claims Usaama was shot in the back by police while on a cell phone. Police produce video of the incident proving Rahim’s claim to be a lie. The Council on American-Islamic Relations’ Ibrahim Cooper states, “We have a number of questions: Why exactly was he being followed? What was the probable cause for this particular stop? Were there any video cameras or body cameras of the incident? How do you reconcile the two versions of the story, the family version being that he was on his normal commute to work at a bus stop?” (The answers to Cooper’s questions: He was dangerous and a known threat. He was wielding a huge knife. There is video of the incident that confirms the police report. Ibrahim Rahim is lying.) It is later reported that Rahim and Wright had been in contact with an unidentified third person about their terrorist plans. [76293, 76297, 76300, 76302, 76304, 76382, 76383, 76384, 76426, 76480]

The California state senate votes 28-11 to allow illegal immigrants to buy health insurance on the state's ObamaCare exchange—despite pledges by Obama and many other Democrats that illegal immigrants would not be covered. [76277]

IRS commissioner John Koskinen is grilled by the Senate Finance Committee over the hacking of the confidential information of more than 200,000 taxpayers. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) states, “Commissioner Koskinen, put simply, your agency has failed these taxpayers. We must pledge to work together to make sure that this type of breach does not happen again. The secure movement of information is the lifeblood of international commerce and a necessary predicate for efficient government administration.” Under questioning from Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), Koskinen reluctantly admits that illegal immigrants will be allowed to file retroactive tax returns to collect “refunds” (despite never having paid income taxes) via the Earned Income Tax Credit. [76246, 76247, 76290, 76735]

In addition to IRS information, ObamaCare information may also be susceptible to hacking. According to Townhall.com's Katie Pavlich, ObamaCare's “Multidimensional Insurance Data Analytics System or MIDAS... *keeps your information forever* and... [because] there are very few cyber safe guards in place to protect the information placed in MIDAS, it's highly susceptible to fraud. ...Keep in mind that Americans who do not have health insurance are either 1) fined [or] 2) forced into purchasing Obamacare and entering their personal health information into a system that isn't secure. It's a scenario that would be similar to pushing someone holding cash into a room of muggers with no place to escape. What could possibly go wrong?” [76735]

Americans for Tax Reform notes that at the hearing “Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) Chief J. Russell George revealed that the IRS failed to implement 44 recommendations that would improve the IRS's ability to protect taxpayer information from hackers. Of these 44, ten recommendations were from audits over three years old. If the IRS had implemented these recommendations, taxpayer information would be better protected and last week's hack may have been prevented. ...Since 2007, the IRS has been warned at least seven times by watchdog groups that it needed to strengthen its protections of taxpayer information. In a 2014 report, TIGTA warned that if stronger protections are not implemented, ‘taxpayers could be exposed to the loss of privacy and to financial loss and damages resulting from identity theft or other financial crimes.’ The report was the latest in a series of warnings about the agency's inability to protect taxpayer information. A 2013 report found that the IRS had failed to fully implement eight recommendations that would increase security over taxpayer data despite telling TIGTA they had been implemented.” [76248]

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hears testimony from witnesses who excoriate the Obama administration for its unacceptable delays in the handling of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. David McGraw, an attorney representing *The New York Times*, tells the committee, “Last year, I filed eight FOIA lawsuits on behalf of the *Times*. Much of that litigation was driven not by actual



disagreement about legal issues but in response to unacceptable delay by agencies. In other words, we find ourselves compelled to initiate litigation simply to prompt agencies to act upon a request. ...Forcing requesters to litigate to get a response is a waste of government resources. But more than that, a citizen's right to get information released in a timely fashion should not turn on whether the citizen is fortunate enough to have the resources and know-how to sue. In our written submission, we include a letter from an agency that has sat on a request for nearly four years and now wants to know whether we are still interested. ...[M]uch of the delay appears to have little to do with the nature and complexity of the actual requests, but instead results from a culture of unresponsiveness, [and] the leaders of many agencies are permitting those deadlines to be ignored by staff. In the documents we provided to the committee, we include an agency response letter saying it would take 15 years to finish the consultation and respond to our request. Not surprisingly, when we sued, a federal judge found that was simply not the case and ordered release of the information." [76260, 76272, 76291]

Investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson tells the committee the Freedom of Information Act is a "pointless, useless shadow of its former self." *Newsweek* finance editor Leah Goodman states, "Our role of objectively reporting the facts has been increasingly blocked. There is a motive for unresponsiveness and unaccountability." (One problem with the FOIA regulations is that—as is the case with many federal regulations—there are essentially no penalties for violating the law. If the law states that federal employees must do X but there are no consequences for not doing X, that gives a corrupt administration an excuse to defy the law.) [76276, 76291]

According to TheHill.com, FOIA requests are delayed in large part because of an April 2009 Obama administration order that calls for federal officials to first clear requests that could involve "White House equities" with the White House itself. Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) observes, "If you've got the yahoos at the White House having to review every document that falls under FOIA, this is the heart of the backlog. 'No, no, no, don't fulfill the FOIA request. Send it here to the White House. We have equities! The White House equities!' I don't care who's in the White House, it's wrong, it's wrong, it's wrong. It has a chilling effect, it slows people down, it sends a signal to those who are on the front lines ... 'Don't you give that ... to *The New York Times*.'" Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) adds, "If the White House general counsel tells all general counsels at every federal agency, 'Hey, hey, before you send anything, check with us,' of course they're going to redact it. They're scared to death." [76362, 76363, 76511]

At a *National Journal* event Chaffetz later says, "I worry that over the course of several administrations but certainly this administration, the stiff arm that is being given to the media, that has been given to the public has become excessive. In this administration there were more than 550,000 times that the administration has claimed some sort of exemption and not let that information out. In fact, less than 30 percent of the time that somebody submits a FOIA request do they actually get information back, a full and complete accounting of what they asked for, less than 30 percent. That's just not who were are as a people. ...Am I trying to pick on ...Obama? No, I'm not—but on the very

first day in office ...Obama did say he would [have] the most transparency [of any] administration in the history of administrations.” [76511]

At HotAir.com Matt Vespa adds, “The Obama administration has been denying FOIA requests at record rates, even going as far as scrapping all Executive Office requests in March. When this administration managed to release documents, it was done in a manner that was notably lethargic. The Associated Press reported that the government ‘acknowledged nearly 1 in 3 cases that its initial decisions to withhold or censor records were improper under the law, but when it was challenged.’” [76362]

Democrat members of the Senate Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet call for taxpayers to subsidize broadband access for poor people—giving them “ObamaNet” as well as “ObamaPhones.” Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) says, “Everyone needs a broadband connection to participate in today’s society.” (Everyone needs clothes as well, but that does not mean they should be provided by the government.) [76269]

The Senate voted 67-32 to pass the USA Freedom Act, and defeats several amendments proposed by Republican leaders. According to WashingtonTimes.com, “Investigators still can demand businesses to turn over customers’ documents and records, but the data must be targeted to individuals or groups and cannot be done indiscriminately. The National Security Agency must end its snooping program within six months, forcing intelligence officials to set up a system that will leave the information with phone companies. Investigators will be able to submit a query only if they have a specific terrorism lead.” [76271]

Obama states, “For the past eighteen months, I have called for reforms that better safeguard the privacy and civil liberties of the American people while ensuring our national security officials retain tools important to keeping Americans safe. That is why, today, I welcome the Senate’s passage of the USA FREEDOM Act, which I will sign when it reaches my desk. After a needless delay and inexcusable lapse in important national security authorities, my Administration will work expeditiously to ensure our national security professionals again have the full set of vital tools they need to continue protecting the country. Just as important, enactment of this legislation will strengthen civil liberty safeguards and provide greater public confidence in these programs, including by prohibiting bulk collection through the use of Section 215, FISA pen registers, and National Security Letters and by providing the American people with additional transparency measures. I am gratified that Congress has finally moved forward with this sensible reform legislation. I particularly applaud Senators Leahy and Lee as well as Representatives Goodlatte, Sensenbrenner, Conyers, and Nadler for their leadership and tireless efforts to pass this important bipartisan legislative achievement.” [76313]

Philippe Gastonne later writes at TheDailyBell.com, “Almost everything [Obama] says about the USA Freedom Act is false. He does not at all ‘welcome’ the law’s passage. If

Obama had his way, Congress would have never even considered this law because the National Security Agency's illegal activities would still be secret. The only reason any of this is happening is that Edward Snowden spilled the NSA beans. If [Obama] truly welcomes surveillance reform, then he should thank Snowden instead of charging him with crimes against the state. [Obama's] claim to have himself called for reforms is laughable. His own Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies, convened after the Snowden leaks, gave him 46 specific recommendations in its January 2014 report. To date, he has implemented exactly zero of them." [76313]

"...Obama and his Warfare State handlers want all the NSA's snooping programs to proceed unimpeded by any external constraints. If [Obama] had the slightest concern about safeguarding civil liberties, he would implement the recommendations of his own handpicked expert panel. He has not and evidently will not. The claim that NSA activities do anything to protect the country is questionable at best. Numerous NSA officials say off the record that the agency is drowning in too much information. There is no evidence the programs have stopped any terrorist attacks. They may well have done the opposite by overwhelming the intelligence community's analysis abilities. Why, then, is Obama so intent on collecting every possible byte of data from everywhere on the planet? One guess: The collection effort generates enormous revenues for the contractors who build and maintain NSA's systems. Whether it actually accomplishes anything useful is beside the point. The fact that mainstream news media are not questioning this ludicrous [Obama] statement is also instructive. They either don't see the lies and contradictions in every sentence, or have no interest in reporting them critically. If Obama is 'gratified' by the USA Freedom Act, it is only because the law barely scratches the surface of necessary reforms. Its passage means he has another chance to proceed full speed ahead with his real plans while his compliant media moves on to other subjects." [76313]

Meanwhile, separate from the NSA, the FBI appears to have surveillance planes flying over parts of the nation. At ArsTechnica.com John Wiseman notes a May 5 *Washington Post* report about a small Cessna aircraft "looping low and tight over West Baltimore—almost exactly above where rioting had erupted several days earlier, in the aftermath of the death of a black man, Freddie Gray, injured in police custody." The plane is registered to NG Research in Bristol, Virginia. "Discovery of the flights—which involved at least two airplanes and the assistance of the FBI—has prompted the American Civil Liberties Union to demand answers about the legal authority for the operations and the reach of the technology used. Planes armed with the latest surveillance systems can monitor larger areas than police helicopters and stay overhead longer, raising novel civil liberties issues that have so far gotten little scrutiny from courts." Wiseman writes that he "looked through the FAA records and found about a dozen suspicious companies based on their names and addresses. According to the public records, one of them even shares a PO Box with the U.S. Department of Justice—that's pretty sloppy work on the part of whoever's responsible for generating these front companies, or maybe they're not even trying to hide it." [76317, 76318]

In an Israeli television interview, Obama says, “I don’t see the likelihood of a framework agreement [between Israel and the Palestinians]. The question is how do we create some building blocks of trust and progress.” Obama complains that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu’s position “has so many caveats, so many conditions that it is not realistic to think that those conditions would be met at any time in the near future. So the danger is that Israel as a whole loses credibility. Already, the international community does not believe that Israel is serious about a two-state solution.” (One of Netanyahu’s “caveats” is that he expects the Palestinians accept Israel’s right to exist. Obama apparently believes that is an unreasonable demand. The problem is not that Israel does not want a “two-state solution,” the problem is that the Palestinians want a “one-state solution”—where they have the state and all the Jews have been expelled or killed.) [76324, 76325]

Newsmax.com reports, “The Islamic State (ISIS) claims it has plans to buy a nuclear weapon from Pakistan and smuggle it into the U.S., using drug and human smuggling routes already in use by Mexican and South American drug cartels. In ISIS’s online magazine Dabiq, in an article entitled, ‘The Perfect Storm,’ apparently written and narrated by British captive photojournalist John Cantlie, ISIS says that using ‘billions of dollars’ it has banked, the group could purchase a nuclear device from corrupt Pakistani officials and send it on its way to explode in the U.S., the Daily Mail reports.” [76326]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Bill Clinton’s foundation set up a fundraising arm in Sweden that collected \$26 million in donations at the same time that country was lobbying Hillary Rodham Clinton’s State Department to forgo sanctions that threatened its thriving business with Iran... The Swedish entity, called the William J. Clinton Foundation Insamlingsstiftelse, was never disclosed to or cleared by State Department ethics officials, even though one of its largest sources of donations was a Swedish government-sanctioned lottery. As the money flowed to the foundation from Sweden, Mrs. Clinton’s team in Washington declined to blacklist any Swedish firms despite warnings from career officials at the U.S. Embassy in Stockholm that Sweden was growing its economic ties with Iran and potentially undercutting Western efforts to end Tehran’s rogue nuclear program, diplomatic cables show.” [76273, 76341]

At NYPost.com Michael Goodwin writes, “New York Dems friendly to [former mayor Michael] Bloomberg have approached him to gauge his interest [in running for president]. Their argument is that [Hillary] Clinton’s vulnerability with general-election voters, especially independents, could result in a Republican president. They also believed Bloomberg could be interested because, as one of them told me, ‘Mike can’t stand Hillary.’” (Bloomberg would have to switch from being an independent to Democrat.) [76283, 76284]

Former Los Angeles Police Department Homicide Detective Mark Fuhrman tells On the Record’s Greta Van Susteren, “There’s a war on cops. Not bad cops, not bad apples, but all cops and the police know it. The conduct of the suspects is never in question, they’re always right, it’s usually drawn on racial lines. It’s a complete, toxic formula to actually

do police work. The police are simply scaling back, exactly what everybody's chanting for in all of these protests. 'Don't be so aggressive. Don't stop and frisk. Don't stop and ask where people are going. Don't make traffic stops.' So, they are [doing what people demanded] and now crime's out of site." [76243]

Mark Levin tells his radio audience, "I asked last week, I asked the week before, I asked yesterday: do black lives matter? Well, black people are being slaughtered in one city after another—I mean slaughtered. They're like wartime numbers. And they're being slaughtered mostly by other black people. Why isn't [Obama] holding a summit on this? Why are we hearing nothing from Washington on this? I'm quite serious about this. Is it because the problem is intractable? It shouldn't be. I mean, folks, it seems to me we get all the usual 'yap, yap, yap' about redistributing wealth, and new programs, and a new bureaucracy, and tax this one, and cut that one, and subsidize this one, and all we need is more money for Baltimore! Well, more money for Baltimore doesn't mean more money for the people of Baltimore. We've learned that too. But this isn't about money. It goes deeper than that. Why won't [Obama] talk about this? Why is he tweeting about—what the hell is Bruce Jenner's name now? I can't remember—I'm not trying to be rude. What is it? Caitlyn Jenner. What is he wasting time on that for? In fact, what the hell is the whole country wasting time on that for?" [76330]

On June 3 liberal-Republican-turned-Independent-turned-Democrat Lincoln Chafee former U.S. Senator and former governor of Rhode Island, announces he is a candidate for president. Chafee, who chose not to run for reelection in 2014 because of low approval ratings, says, "Let's be bold. Here's a bold embrace of internationalism. Let's join the rest of the world and go metric. I happened to live in Canada, and they've completed the process. Believe me, it's easy. It doesn't take long before 34 degrees is hot. Only Myanmar, Liberia and the United States aren't metric. And it will help our economy." (Addressing "climate change" and switching to the metric system are unlikely to get Chafee inserted into the Oval Office. In addition, the global warming propagandists might lose some support if local weather reports start warning of 30 degree (Celsius) heat waves.) [76249, 76266, 76307, 76308, 76329, 76365]

In Paris, Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken claims U.S. airstrikes have killed 10,000 ISIS fighters in Iraq and Syria over nine months. WashingtonExaminer.com notes, "The new figure, an increase of 4,000 deaths since U.S. officials said they had killed 6,000 fighters back in January, was released on the same day that a poll showed flagging support for the Obama administration's handling of the Islamic State threat. ...The figure, however, prompted more questions than it answered. The administration faced a barrage of questions on Wednesday [June 3] about the methodology behind the 10,000 figure and offered very few details about the metrics behind it. ...Reporters pushed for more information, demanding to know how many fighters the administration now estimates the Islamic State has and whether those figures are now 10,000 lower, or whether the extremist group has managed to replenish its numbers with new recruits." [76322]

At WashingtonTimes.com Bill Gertz writes, "...Obama and his administration continue to support the global Islamist militant group known the Muslim Brotherhood. A White House strategy document regards the group as a moderate alternative to more violent Islamist groups like al Qaeda and the Islamic State. The policy of backing the Muslim Brotherhood is outlined in a secret directive called Presidential Study Directive-11, or PSD-11. The directive was produced in 2011 and outlines administration support for political reform in the Middle East and North Africa, according to officials familiar with the classified study. Efforts to force the administration to release the directive or portions of it under the Freedom of Information Act have been unsuccessful. ...Critics of the administration's strategy say the Brotherhood masks its goals and objectives despite advocating an extremist ideology similar to those espoused by al Qaeda and the Islamic State, but with less violence. The group's motto includes the phrase 'jihad is our way.' Jihad means holy war and is the Islamist battle cry. ...Frank Gaffney, head of the Center for Security Policy, extensively documented Muslim Brotherhood subversion efforts, both in the United States and abroad. Mr. Gaffney has said the Muslim Brotherhood is the most dangerous group promoting the totalitarian and Islamist supremacist doctrine of Shariah. Several Muslim Brotherhood supporters have been identified as key advisers to Mr. Obama, according to Mr. Gaffney. Egyptian press reports after the ouster of Mr. Morsi have revealed extensive cooperation between the CIA and the Muslim Brotherhood during Mr. Morsi's presidency." [76411, 76419]

Counterterrorism analyst Patrick Poole tells the *Times*, "The failed Obama Doctrine that so-called 'moderate Islamists' were going to usher in a glorious era of peace and democracy in the Middle East was adopted by the administration because that's what the foreign policy establishment going back to the George W. Bush administration proclaimed as gospel. And now we see as a result Egypt fighting a terror campaign by the 'moderate' Muslim Brotherhood; we have a failed state in Libya; and we see NATO ally Turkey turning from secular democracy to religious totalitarianism under Obama's pal [Turkish President Recep Tayyip] Erdogan. This dangerous foreign policy was launched by PSD-11 and the administration's open embrace of the Muslim Brotherhood, and now we can see its catastrophic effect." [76411, 76419]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield explains "How Islam in America became a privileged religion." He writes that Islam is "a religion, but legally speaking it actually enjoys all of the advantages of race, religion and culture with none of the disadvantages. Islam is a religion when mandating that employers accommodate the hijab" but "Criticism of Islam is denounced as racist even though the one thing that Islam clearly isn't is a race. Islamist organizations have figured out how lock in every advantage of race, religion and culture, while expeditiously shifting from one to the other to avoid any of the disadvantages. The biggest form of Muslim privilege has been to racialize Islam. The racialization of Islam has locked in all the advantages of racial status for a group that has no common race, only a common ideology. Islam is the only religion that cannot be criticized. No other religion has a term in wide use that treats criticism of it as bigotry. Islamophobia is a unique term because it equates dislike of a religion with racism. Its usage makes it impossible to criticize that religion without being accused of bigotry. By equating religion with race, Islam is treated not as a particular set of beliefs expressed in

behaviors both good and bad, but as an innate trait that like race cannot be criticized without attacking the existence of an entire people. The idea that Islamic violence stems from its beliefs is denounced as racist.” [76415]

“...By switching from race to religion and back again, Islamists construct a virtual theocracy by exploiting laws designed to protect different types of groups. ...Islam rejects religious freedom. It exploits it to remove the freedom of belief and practice of others. When it cannot do so through religious protection laws, it does so through claims of bigotry. ...Viewing Islam as a culture allows the left to project its own ideology on a blank slate. That is why liberals remain passionately convinced that Islam is a religion of social justice. Their Islam is a mirror that reflects back their own views and ideas at them. They pretend to respect Islam as a culture without bothering to do any more than learn a few words and names so that they can seem like world travelers. ...Like a magician using misdirection, these transformations from religion to race, from race to culture and from culture to religion, distract Americans from asking what Islam really believes. By combining race, religion and culture, it replicates the building blocks of its theocracy within our legal and social spaces. Separately each of these has its advantages and disadvantages. By combining them, Islam gains the advantages of all three, and by moving from one to the other, it escapes all of the disadvantages. The task of its critics is to deracialize Islam, to reduce it to an ideology and to ask what it really believes. Islam is a privileged religion. And there’s a word for that. Theocracy.” [76415]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “Anti-police sentiment in big cities across the country comes at a cost and we’re seeing it now with skyrocketing crime statistics from St. Louis to New York City. Baltimore - Murders have doubled with 43 homicides last month alone; Chicago - 900+ shootings this year; St. Louis - 55 murders this year; Dallas - Violent crime up 10 percent; Atlanta - Homicides up 32 percent; Milwaukee - Homicides up by 180 percent; New York City - Murders up 20 percent. ...Ironically, some of the very same people in Baltimore who accused the police of racism and wanted them out of their neighborhoods, are begging them to come back.” [76243]

According to Politico.com, the Environmental Protection Agency’s power plant carbon rules will be rolled out in August (allowing Obama to announce them on a hot, humid day in which he can whine about “global warming,” and while Congress is in recess). [76261, 76262]

Joe Sergio, president of The Sergio Corporation, tells Congress’ Joint Economic Committee, he is not expanding his businesses because of ObamaCare. He says, “We have felt the profound imposition of the Affordable Care Act or, as it is known among many small-business entrepreneurs, the Unaffordable Care Act. ObamaCare punishes employment growth, and the incentive is to not grow. ...I have not found one company, one person, one employee who has come to me and said, ‘Boy, this [ObamaCare law] is just great!’ I hear 100 percent against the impacts so far.” [76335]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Senior IRS officials set up a special internal committee after congressional investigators sent information requests to the IRS’s two White House political appointees to investigate conservative and tea party non-profit applicants. Mary Howard, the IRS’s director of privacy, governmental liaison and disclosure division, told the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Wednesday [June 3] she never saw any of the information requests because the requests were forwarded to the special committee. Howard is also the tax agency’s chief Freedom of Information Act officer. ‘I think Lois Lerner was just the tip of the iceberg,’ Howard said. ... Since those information requests never went to her department, Howard couldn’t tell the Oversight Committee who had to sign off on the release of any documents related to Lerner or the nonprofit targeting.” [76286]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest comments on the possibility that the Supreme Court might rule against the administration in *King v. Burwell* and declare that taxpayer subsidies do not apply to ObamaCare customers whose states did not set up an exchange. Earnest tells reporters, “If the Supreme Court were to throw the health care system in this country into utter chaos, there would be no easy solution for solving that problem because it would likely require an act of Congress in order to address that situation.” WhiteHouseDossier.com’s Keith Koffler writes, “Note the careful phrasing here. Earnest is laying culpability on the Supreme Court, when all the Court would be doing is to decide that Congress failed to provide subsidies for federally-created exchanges, as opposed to those created by the state.” [76289, 76312, 76616]

According to a Rasmussen poll, 76 percent of Americans support laws requiring a photo ID for voting. [76309]

Maryland State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby calls for Freddie Gray’s autopsy report and other documents to be kept secret. Mosby tells *The Baltimore Sun* that she has “a duty to ensure a fair and impartial process for all parties involved” and “will not be baited into litigating this case through the media.” Attorney Ivan Bates, who represents one of the six officers against whom Mosby has filed charges, says the demand shows “there is something in that autopsy report that they are trying to hide. Mrs. Mosby is the one who did an announcement discussing what she said the evidence was in a nationally televised speech. Now that it is time to turn over the evidence, to ask for a protective order is beyond disingenuous. It’s as if she wants to do everything to make sure our clients do not get a fair trial. ... If your case is as good as you said it was, why don’t you just show the evidence? ... You can’t holler and say, ‘I’m about accountability for the citizens,’ and then run around filing for a protective order.” [76314, 76315, 76319, 76327, 76334]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Most of the illegal immigrant criminals Homeland Security officials released from custody last year were discretionary, meaning the department could have kept them in detention but chose instead to let them onto the streets as their deportation cases moved through the system, according to new numbers from Congress. Some of those released were the worst of the worst—more than 3,700 ‘Threat Level 1’ criminals, who are deemed the top priority for deportation, were still



released out into the community even as they waited for their immigration cases to be heard. Homeland Security officials have implied their hands are tied by court rulings in many cases, but the numbers, obtained by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte [R-VA], showed 57 percent of the criminals released were by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's own choice, and they could have been kept instead. 'Put aside the spin, and the fact is that over 17,000 of the criminal aliens released last year were released due to ICE discretion, representing 57 percent of the releases,' said Mr. Goodlatte. 'The Obama administration's lax enforcement policies are reckless and needlessly endanger our communities.'" [76321]

On June 4 U.S. embassy employees in Jakarta, Indonesia celebrate the Fourth of July one day early in order to avoid offending Muslims, whose Ramadan celebration starts June 17 and lasts one month. (At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, "This is a grand gesture, to be sure, but just one question: when has any Muslim group ever changed its activities, or moved their date, or done anything differently at all, out of respect for the United States?") [76385, 76412, 76605]

Jeffrey Immelt, CEO of General Electric, sends an email to the company's 5,700 employees in Connecticut announcing that he has "assembled an exploratory team to look into the company's options to relocate corporate HQ to another state with a more pro-business environment. This will be a thoughtful process which will take many factors, especially employee impact, into consideration." The *Hartford Courant* reports that Connecticut's tax-and-spend Governor Dannel Malloy "and Democratic and Republican legislative leaders said Thursday they are open to tweaking the tax side of a budget that has alarmed several large Connecticut employers. ...GE's statement followed a press conference by the Senate's top Democratic leader, Martin M. Looney of New Haven, who suggested ...that General Electric's harsh criticism of new business tax increases in the state budget may be a cover for Connecticut layoffs already planned by GE. GE spokesman Martin Seth flatly rejected Looney's suggestion. 'This is completely untrue. The reason we have spoken out about this budget is that we need to operate in a state that allows business to be competitive,' Seth said in an email response to a request for comment. ...GE was not the only Connecticut business left unhappy by the state budget approved by the House and Senate. Aetna chimed in again Thursday as well. 'Elected leaders have failed to address the state's budget obligation responsibly. But it's Connecticut's businesses and residents that will pay the price. Aetna currently pays approximately \$65 million each year in taxes to the state. Once this new budget is fully implemented, our tax burden increases by approximately 27 percent annually,' said Aetna spokeswoman Cynthia B. Michener. 'Taxes like the tripling of the computer and data processing tax hurt our ability to remain competitive and invest in our employees and customers.'" [76696, 76697]

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon vetoes legislation that would have ended forced union dues. (Just days later, according to DailyCaller.com, the United Automobile Workers union gives Nixon, a Democrat, \$50,000 in campaign contributions.) [76716, 76717]

Congressman Mike Rogers (R-AL) introduces the American Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2015, which would end U.S. participation in the United Nations and its affiliated organizations. Rogers asks, “Why should the American taxpayer bankroll an international organization that works against America’s interests around the world? The time is now to restore and protect American sovereignty and get out of the United Nations.” (The legislation has zero chance of getting passed.) [76810, 76811, 76812]

Former New York governor George Pataki calls for the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). He tells the Clarion Project, “That’s just one of the organizations I have in mind. ... We respect the First Amendment but anybody who promotes recruitment to any terrorist organization, anybody who incites their fellow Americans to violence against Americans should be arrested, prosecuted and convicted. And any organization, whether it’s an Internet site they are using or a mosque or a church, should lose its tax-exempt status.” ClarionProject.org notes, “CAIR was designated as an unindicted co-conspirator in the trial of the Holy Land Foundation, a Muslim Brotherhood front whose leaders were found guilty of financing Hamas. CAIR was listed by federal prosecutors as an ‘entity’ of the U.S. Muslim Brotherhood’s Palestine Committee, a secret body that was established to support Hamas and advance the Islamist cause. In another court case in 2007, federal prosecutors stated in a court filing: ‘From its founding by Muslim Brotherhood leaders, CAIR conspired with other affiliates of the Muslim Brotherhood to support terrorists ... the conspirators agreed to use deception to conceal from the American public their connections to terrorists.’” [76406, 76407, 76408]

*International Business Times* reports, “An Islamic State-affiliated jihadi group in Gaza has declared war on Israel after claiming responsibility for two rocket attacks over the past two weeks. A group calling itself the Sheikh Omar Hadeed Brigade in Quds claims that it fired a rocket on 26 May which landed near the Israeli city of Ashdod as well as another on June 3 that also hit the city. Israel responded with air strikes in Gaza on Thursday ... It has warned Israel that there will be more attacks: ‘Ashdod is the beginning. What’s coming is worse.’ Gaza is currently embroiled in an internal power struggle between Hamas and various salafi groups, of which the Omar Brigades appear to be most prominent. ... Israel has blamed Hamas for the rockets that were fired on 26 May and 3 June, arguing that it will hold the group responsible for all attacks from the strip. Following the second rocket on Wednesday, Israel bombed what it claimed were Hamas and Islamic Jihad camps in Gaza.” [76390]

According to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Chinese hackers have stolen personal information of four million current and former government employees. According to *WashingtonTimes.com*, “The government said it will pay for 18 months’ worth of credit monitoring for those affected. OPM Director Katherine Archuleta said the department is rushing to improve cybersecurity and insisted that officials ‘take very seriously our responsibility to secure the information stored in our systems.’” China denies the charges. (At *ArsTechnica.com* Sean Gallagher later writes, “Some of the contractors that have helped OPM with managing internal data have had security issues

of their own—including potentially giving foreign governments direct access to data long before the recent reported breaches. A consultant who did some work with a company contracted by OPM to manage personnel records for a number of agencies told Ars that he found the Unix systems administrator for the project ‘was in Argentina and his co-worker was physically located in the [People’s Republic of China]. Both had direct access to every row of data in every database: they were root. Another team that worked with these databases had at its head two team members with PRC passports. I know that because I challenged them personally and revoked their privileges. From my perspective, OPM compromised this information more than three years ago and my take on the current breach is ‘so what’s new?’”) [76339, 76342, 76349, 76352, 76357, 76800, 76872, 76873, 77048]

The Rutherford Institute’s John W. Whitehead writes, “The USA FREEDOM Act could do more damage than good by creating a false impression that Congress has taken steps to prevent the government from spying on the telephone calls of citizens, while in fact ensuring the NSA’s ability to continue invading the privacy and security of Americans. For instance, the USA FREEDOM Act not only reauthorizes Section 215 of the Patriot Act for a period of time, but it also delegates to telecommunications companies the responsibility of carrying out phone surveillance on American citizens. ...Nothing is going to change. ...It’s not just what we say, where we go and what we buy that is being tracked. We’re being surveilled right down to our genes, thanks to a potent combination of hardware, software and data collection that scans our biometrics—our faces, irises, voices, genetics, even our gait—runs them through computer programs that can break the data down into unique ‘identifiers,’ and then offers them up to the government and its corporate allies for their respective uses. ...What remains to be seen is whether, when all is said and done, the powers-that-be succeed in distracting us from the fact that the government’s unauthorized and unwarranted surveillance powers go far beyond anything thus far debated by Congress or the courts.” [76292]

Pamela Geller reports that “Obama’s Jewish advisors are from the New Israel Fund, an anti-Israel organization with an arguably misleading name. Geller writes, “Obama, who absurdly noted, ‘I Am The Closest Thing To A Jew That [sic; who] Has Ever Sat In This Office,’ is surrounded by Jewish haters of the State of Israel.” One of Obama’s advisors, Martin Indyk, “...served Obama as the U.S. Special Envoy for the Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations from 2013 to 2014” and “also served on the board of the New Israel Fund.” Another Obama advisor is Karen Adler, “a board member of the Israel Policy Forum, a radical organization” that supports a return to Israel’s indefensible 1949 “Auschwitz Borders.” [76301, 76478]

On CNN’s *New Day*, Geller tells Chris Cuomo, “I’m under 24-hour guard now, so that’s dramatically changed [since the Garland, Texas free speech event]. Anybody who speaks critically of Islam will find themselves in this position. ...In the West, you’re [usually] not assassinated, but your character is assassinated. You are defamed, libeled and ridiculed if you dare criticize Islam. That’s where we are right now.” Cuomo asks Geller if she “went too far” with the “draw Mohammed” contest, She responds, “Drawing a

cartoon, an innocuous cartoon, warrants chopping my head off? That's too far? I just don't understand this. They're going to come for you, too, Chris. They're coming for everybody and the media should be standing with me. ...I find a lot of things offensive. I find your position offensive. I find you telling me that my speech is offensive—I find that offensive. [But] I'm not going to kill you. This is what is required to live in a pluralistic society. And I will not abridge my First Amendment rights so as not to offend savages, which is what is being demanded of me. ...This is about freedom or submission.” [76332]

In the U.S. District Court of Columbia, Judge Emmet Sullivan orders the Internal Revenue Service to provide information on the status of former agency official Lois Lerner's emails by June 12. [76469, 76470, 76551]

Former Texas governor Rick Perry joins the growing list of Republican candidates for president. Perry tells supporters, “We will unleash an era of economic growth and limitless opportunity. It can be done because it has been done in Texas.” [76310, 76336, 76348, 76350, 76351, 76358, 76550]

DailyCaller.com reports, “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists have found a solution to the 15-year ‘pause’ in global warming: They ‘adjusted’ the hiatus in warming out of the temperature record. New climate data by NOAA scientists doubles the warming trend since the late 1990s by adjusting pre-hiatus temperatures downward and inflating temperatures in more recent years. ...To increase the rate in warming, NOAA scientists put more weight on certain ocean buoy arrays, adjusted ship-based temperature readings upward, and slightly raised land-based temperatures as well. ...But that's not all NOAA did to increase the warming trend in recent decades. Climate expert Bob Tisdale and meteorologist Anthony Watts noted that to ‘manufacture warming during the hiatus, NOAA adjusted the pre-hiatus data downward.’ ‘If we subtract the [old] data from the [new] data... we can see that that is exactly what NOAA did,’ Tisdale and Watts wrote on the science blog Watts Up With That. ‘It's the same story all over again; the adjustments go towards cooling the past and thus increasing the slope of temperature rise,’ Tisdale and Watts added. ‘Their intent and methods are so obvious they're laughable.’” [76338]

It is announced that Michelle Obama, her mother (Marian Robinson), and her two daughters will travel to Great Britain and Italy “to promote” her Let's Move and Let Girls Learn programs. Why U.S. taxpayers should be paid to promote moving and learning in Europe is not explained. (Of course, girls already go to schools and learn in Great Britain and Italy; the trip should instead be to Afghanistan and Pakistan.)

WhiteHouseDossier.com's Keith Koffler writes, “You don't need to be a foxhound to perceive that this smells a lot like a vacation. And a very expensive one for taxpayers, given the security and staff that will be involved. But I gather, with no more elections to be won, that Mrs. Obama figures she can do whatever she wants. ‘The First Lady will also visit cultural sites in Venice before returning to Washington, DC,’ the White House noted. That, she will.” (By including some “official business,” the family gets the

taxpayers to foot the bill for what is actually a vacation.) [76346, 76347, 76353, 76373, 76398, 76403, 76685, 76913, 76914]

Hillary Clinton, after attending fundraisers in Dallas and Austin, appears at Texas Southern University to accept the “Barbara Jordan Gold Medallion for Public-Private Leadership award.” (According to the *Daily Mail*, “organizers arranged the 8,100-seat basketball arena so that three-quarters of the seats were roped off and empty. They added rows of chairs on the floor, but 15-foot-tall blue curtains draped all around blocked the view of entire sections of empty seats, leaving the impression that Clinton couldn’t fill the room. The university didn’t provide a crowd count, but an arena security official estimated that there were 2,200 in attendance.”) Clinton’s campaign posts a message for journalists: “You must stay within the barricades once you enter the area. ... There will be NO opportunities to interview Hillary Clinton; her speech will be her interview.” (Clinton has not answered a question from a reporter since May 22.) [76287, 76288, 76311, 76337, 76361, 76399, 76400]

In her address, Clinton calls for automatic voter registration for all citizens when they reach age 18. The True the Vote organization responds, “Clinton’s embrace of mandatory or ‘universal’ voter registration may sound above reproach, but the actual means to accomplish such a policy would risk substantial voter dilution for citizens. For such a federal policy to work, Washington voter registrars would be dependent on Social Security, driver license and other social service agencies already proven to commingle citizens and illegal aliens for new records. Mrs. Clinton’s condemnation of voter ID laws is an unsurprising development given her demonstrated disdain for transparency in government.” HotAir.com comments, “Having illegals casting ballots, which is now easier than ever thanks to Obama’s amnesty, would be a feature for most Democrats, not a bug. No wonder she’s gung ho to get sloppy state agencies registering people from their records en masse. Anyway, the point of all this, as Dan Foster indelicately puts it, is to get ‘civic idiots’ who don’t care enough about the election to fill out a card at the local clerk’s office to the doorstep of the polling place. ‘If you want an idea of what political discourse looks like when you so dramatically lower the burden of participation that civic idiots elect to join the fray,’ says Foster, ‘I give you the Internet.’ Only when we have more habitués of Kardashian message boards voting, my friends, will America truly be free.” [76287, 76288, 76311, 76337, 76361, 76399, 76400]

Clinton, apparently already concerned that she cannot win without aggressively courting the black and Hispanic voters who gave Obama back-to-back victories, uses her Texas appearance to excoriate Republicans for supporting photo ID laws for voting. At FoxNews.com Chris Stirewalt writes, “...Clinton said that laws requiring voters to show identification at polls were part of ‘a sweeping effort to disempower and disenfranchise people of color, poor people and young people from one end of our country to the other.’ Note the language here. It’s not a misguided effort with an unfortunate result, it is a deliberate effort to prevent minorities from voting. That’s not just racist, that’s evil. Clinton even made it personal, saying potential general election foes Jeb Bush, Scott Walker and Rick Perry were “deliberately trying to stop” minority voters from

participating. It's language that might even give voter-ID opponent ...Obama some pause, but Clinton tore into her topic with evident relish. ...Why would a politician go so bananas over policies that are supported by something like seven out of 10 Americans? The standard media take on Clinton's overheated rhetoric is that she is still determined to avoid her 2008 fate by pandering to, one by one, each of the parts of the Democratic coalition. It's been rolling out at the rate of about one group and one policy reversal or expansion a week. And that is surely the biggest part of this." (For the record, Clinton fans typically have to present photo ID to attend her events.) [76372, 76400, 76466, 76467]

Meanwhile, a Clinton attorney files lawsuits in Wisconsin and Ohio that challenge voting rights laws. WashingtonExaminer.com writes, "[S]ome say those lawsuits could be read as a sign that Clinton is worried about winning those states in 2016. ...The Clinton campaign has insisted it had nothing to do with the liberal legal warfare, but [lawyer Marc] Elias typically intervenes on behalf of Democrats in desperate need of assistance. He 'emerged as the star' of the 2008 recount battle that resulted in Minnesota Sen. Al Franken, a 'Saturday Night Live' alum, upsetting a Republican incumbent by just 312 votes. And when Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., suddenly appeared vulnerable in last year's midterm elections, Democrats called on Elias to ensure that Roberts would square off solely against one liberal opponent, independent Greg Orman, by removing the Democratic candidate from the ballot. ...Hans von Spakovsky, a former Federal Election Commission member and former Justice Department attorney who is now a senior legal fellow at the Heritage Foundation, suspects that while Clinton's camp says the lawsuits are about voting rights, they're really about making trouble for Republican candidates in states where Clinton may feel vulnerable. 'I think they're targeting states where they think they might lose,' he said. 'I'm sure Wisconsin was picked because they think they might have a good chance with some of the liberal federal judges there and because Wisconsin is a state where Republicans have made great gains in recent years, particularly with the governor that they have there, and they probably hope this will help upset their base and help turn out their voters.'" (Billionaire leftist George Soros is bankrolling the legal efforts to block photo ID laws.) [76374, 76396, 76397]

On June 5 Obama's schedule includes only one item: his daily briefing. [76354]

ISIS captures a power station outside the Syrian city of Hassakeh. [76413, 76414]

Townhall.com's Katie Pavlich reports, "A new report from the EPA, based on a study sanctioned by Congress, shows drinking water contamination only results if fracking wells aren't built or maintained properly, which is a rarity. 'We did not find evidence that these mechanisms have led to widespread, systemic impacts on drinking water resources in the United States. Of the potential mechanisms identified in this report, we found specific instances where one or more of these mechanisms led to impacts on drinking water resources, including contamination of drinking water wells. The cases occurred during both routine activities and accidents and have resulted in impacts to surface or ground water,' the report states. 'The number of identified cases where drinking water

resources were impacted are small relative to the number of hydraulically fractured wells. This could reflect a rarity of effects on drinking water resources, or may be an underestimate as a result of several factors.” [76343, 76356, 76360]

*The New York Times* wastes three reporters to “investigate” the “earth shattering” story that Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and his wife have had 17 traffic tickets since 1997. (Rubio had four and his wife had 13.) Why this information is important is not explained by the *Times*. (For the record, it appears that the Rubios at least paid their tickets—which is more than can be said of Obama who, when he decided to run for president, took care of about \$400 of outstanding, unpaid parking tickets from his Harvard Law School days more than 15 years earlier.) [345, 76344, 76345, 76405, 76443, 76452]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A reporter at the Washington Free Beacon discovered that The New York Times’ embarrassing story attacking Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio for traffic violations was almost certainly planted by a Democratic super PAC. ...The Times took a lot of heat for the story from conservatives, who saw the piece as pointless and petty. But in an actual work of journalism, the Free Beacon’s Brent Scher noted that Rubio’s records weren’t pulled by the Times at all, but by Democratic opposition group American Bridge. ...There’s nothing inherently unethical about reporting opposition research, but typically reporters are upfront about their sources. By comparison, The New York Times was open about the fact that their reporting on Hillary Clinton’s shady Clinton Foundation dealings came after they were approached by conservative author Peter Schweizer. ...The New York Times has responded to the allegations by saying it was a complete coincidence that three reporters came across Rubio’s traffic ticket information a week after American Bridge.” [76376]

According to the Department of Labor, the economy created 280,000 jobs in May—barely enough to keep up with population growth, and nowhere near enough to reduce the massive unemployment problem. (In September 1983, the economy created 1.1 million new jobs.) Most of the new jobs are in the low-paying service sector. (The April figure is revised downward to 221,000.) Factoring in people who dropped out of the workforce because they could not find jobs and unemployed people who returned to the job-hunting rolls, the unemployment rate increased from 5.4 to 5.5 percent. The black unemployment rate moved up from 9.6 percent in April to 10.2 percent in May. The teen-age unemployment rate moved up from 17.1 to 17.9 percent. The labor participation rate is 62.9 percent, meaning that only 62.9 percent of working age Americans have jobs. CNSNews.com notes, “The total number of involuntary part-time workers [who would rather work full-time] jumped to 6,652,000 in May, up from 6,580,000 in April, but well below the 7,268,000 in May 2014. ...In May, there were 92,986,000 Americans not in the labor force, meaning they did not have a job and did not actively seek one in the past four weeks.” According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of foreign-born individual (legal and illegal immigrants) working in the United States increased by 279,000 to 25,098,000 in May—up from about 21,375,000 when Obama entered the White House in 2009. [76359, 76366, 76367, 76368, 76369, 76391, 76638]

At a campaign appearance in New Haven, Connecticut, Hillary Clinton sneaks in through a back door to avoid reporters. (Why the reporters did not expect that is not known.) [76375]

In a letter to Obama, Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) ask that he provide “the legal and constitutional basis for keeping this information [about the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal] from the public and explain why I cannot share the details of what I have read with the American people. ...[T]hrough fast-track, Congress would be pre-clearing a political and economic union before a word of that arrangement has been made available to a single private citizen.” Obama is asking for “fast-track” authority to negotiate, amend, and implement trade deals with little or no input from Congress or the American people. Curtis Ellis, executive director of the American Jobs Alliance, tells WND.com, “We could wake up one day and find our businesses are being regulated out of some treaty commission in another country.” (Obama is facing opposition from labor unions, as well as many Democrats and some Republicans in the House.) [76379, 76380, 76381, 76386]

Breitbart.com reports, “[A] U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) helicopter was shot down or forced to initiate an emergency landing in Laredo, Texas due to receiving gunfire from the Mexican side of the border. The helicopter was interdicting a narcotics load and working alongside agents from the U.S. Border Patrol, who operate under the umbrella of the CBP. The helicopter was operating in the Laredo Sector of Texas, immediately across the border from the Los Zetas cartel headquarters of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. The helicopter was in U.S. airspace and participating in the interdiction of a narcotics load coming from Mexico into the United States. A federal agent who spoke with Breitbart Texas on the condition of anonymity said, ‘U.S. Border Patrol agents were attempting to intercept a drug load. A law enforcement chopper was assisting Border Patrol agents. The chopper received gunfire from the Mexican side of the border. The chopper had to do an emergency landing due to the gunfire.’” [76401, 76402, 76441]

Hawaii dumps its state-based ObamaCare exchange system and switches to Healthcare.gov. According to Americans for Tax Reform, Hawaii spent \$205 million on its web site and enrolled only 8,692 individuals in its first year—at a taxpayer cost of more than \$23,000 per enrollee. [76431, 76432, 76433, 76488]

On June 6, the 71st anniversary of the “D-Day” invasion of Normandy, Obama talks not about the brave Americans, Brits, Australians, and others who risked their lives to save Europe from Hitler and his Nazis, but about the importance of immigrants and how Republicans in Congress are resisting his “comprehensive immigration reform.” (BizPacReview.com properly recognizes the day by posting Ronald Reagan’s June 6, 1974 “The Boys of Pointe du Hoc” speech, which he delivered at Normandy. Of course, it is probably just as well that Obama did not speak in Normandy, as he might have used the occasion to apologize to the French for the “carbon footprint” of the Allied Forces.) [76392]



Obama speaks at the funeral of Beau Biden, son of Vice President Joe Biden. [76389]

The horse with the misspelled name, American Pharoah, wins the Belmont Stakes, prompting former Obama advisor Dan Pfeiffer to tweet, “Another accomplishment—Obama first President to have a Triple Crown winner since Carter.” (Absurd as Pfeiffer’s comment may seem, there is, in fact, a connection between a race horse and a horse’s ass.) [76393, 76394, 76395]

TheHill.com reports, “The Social Security Administration overpaid nearly half of the people receiving disability benefits over a 10-year period, according to a new report by the agency’s inspector general. Social Security overpaid beneficiaries by nearly \$17 billion, the report estimated, between October 2003 and February 2014. The agency was able to recover about \$8.1 billion of it, the report said. Many of the payments were delivered to people who either were no longer disabled or [who] earned too much money to qualify. Some payments went to people who were in prison or had died. ... The report comes just a year before the Social Security Disability Trust Fund is projected to be exhausted, and lawmakers on Capitol Hill are divided over how to handle the shortfall. If Congress fails to act, beneficiaries would receive a nearly 20 percent cut in benefits.” [76429, 76430, 76459]

At WeeklyStandard.com Fred Barnes writes, “When a CNN poll last week showed Hillary Clinton leading Rand Paul by a single percentage point (48-47) and only three points ahead of Marco Rubio (49-46) and Scott Walker (49-46), it was mildly shocking. ... If the next CNN survey shows Clinton actually behind one or two or three of the GOP candidates, it won’t be just shocking. It will send Democrats into a near-panic over the possibility of losing the White House in 2016, even with their preferred candidate, Clinton, as nominee. ... That Clinton’s candidacy is in trouble is indisputable. She’s not threatened with losing the Democratic nomination—at least not yet. She has the well-financed Clinton machine and a national network of supporters on which she can rely. The campaigns of her Democratic opponents are small and weak in comparison. But the rationale for her bid for the presidency, the strategy of her campaign, and the tactics she’s adopted—all have failed to stop her steady decline. The expectation of Clinton’s glide into the White House in 2016 is gone. What is the rationale for her candidacy?” [76404]

“...Obama had a big one in 2008. He would reform Washington, end polarization, promote bipartisanship, and bring about change. As a campaign message, it was appealing. As we now know, his real intentions were different. But Obama had a rationale for seeking the presidency. Clinton doesn’t. In place of a rationale, there’s an assumption that her prominence, her résumé, and the likelihood of her becoming the first woman president would make her a uniquely appealing candidate. They haven’t. She’s a terrible candidate. She has not only failed to attract big crowds. She’s having trouble raising big money from those described by Politico as ‘rich liberals.’ ... Her bigger problem is trust. The CNN poll asked if Clinton is ‘honest and trustworthy,’ and 57 percent said no. A Washington Post-ABC News poll asked the same question, and 52 percent said no. Matchups against other presidential candidates are evanescent. Voters

change their minds repeatedly at this stage. But a personal judgment of a candidate's basic honesty is not a fleeting opinion. It cuts more deeply. And reversing a negative judgment doesn't happen overnight. It can doom a candidate and sometimes does." [76404]

Hillary Clinton wins 49 percent of the vote in a straw poll of delegates at the Wisconsin Democratic Party convention in Milwaukee—but Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) wins 41 percent. According to Politico.com, “Vice President Joe Biden and former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley, who announced his candidacy late last month, each received 3 percent of the vote. Former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb, who is considering a bid, won 2 percent, while former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee, who announced his long-shot candidacy last week, received 1 percent.” (Although almost no one expects Sanders to win the Democrat nomination, that he received the support of 41 percent of the party delegates sends a clear message that Clinton might not have the easy path to the 2016 national convention she likely has been expecting.) [76458, 76490]

In Ames, Iowa, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) tells an audience, “The latest [criticism] that I’m starting to hear rumblings about, is that Marco Rubio’s not rich enough to be president. Well, it’s true, I don’t make \$11 million a year giving speeches to special-interest groups, and it’s true that my family’s foundation hasn’t raised \$2 billion, a lot of it from foreign entities with business before the State Department.” [76607]

In an interview with *Breitbart News*, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) criticizes other Senators for voting to give Obama fast-track trade authority without even having read the legislation: “The American people are frustrated by Congress—Congress has about a 10 percent approval rating. I think part of that is that they don’t think we’re taking the amount of time to do an adequate job to read the legislation. It’s sort of two-fold: They don’t give us enough time, and they also make the bills too long. I have a bill called Read The Bills Act, and in it there’s a requirement that you have to wait one day for every 20 pages of legislation. So 800-page legislation [like Obamatrade] would wait 40 days. You’d wait 40 days so we’d have adequate time to read it. Yeah, I’m a believer that we should read legislation before we vote on it.” Paul also slams Obama for keeping the contents of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal secret: “It kind of boggles the mind. Who’s in charge of the administration that decides to keep a trade treaty secret? To keep it classified makes no sense at all. ...To me, it’s kind of, ‘You put the cart before the horse to give the permission to do something you haven’t seen.’ They claim you’ll get to see it, again but you’ll only get an up-or-down vote with no amendments. Also, they get rid of some of the rules on—I guess it’s not, you can’t filibuster it either. It passes with a simple majority.” [76451]

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee later comments, “I have no idea why Republicans in Congress think we can trust [Obama] to negotiate Obamatrade. ...Obama can’t be trusted to negotiate a deal on a secondhand Subaru, let alone a trillion-dollar trade deal like TPP. Obama is an expert at using chaos, controversy, and the threat of economic Armageddon to advance his liberal agenda, kill jobs and hurt American

workers. The last time we rushed something through Congress without knowing what was in it was ObamaCare. [Congress] should stand against [Obama's] secret trade deal and stand for the American worker—who's been crushed for far too long." [76487]

On June 7 Obama joins other leaders at the Schloss Elmau hotel in the German Alps for a G-7 summit. (Participating nations are the United States, Germany, Great Britain, Canada, France, Italy, and Japan.) [76416, 76417]

Noting recent rocket attacks on his country by Hamas, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells his cabinet, "I have not heard anyone in the international community condemn this firing; neither has [the] United Nations said a word. It will be interesting if this silence continues when we use our full strength to uphold our right to defend ourselves. ...Let it be clear: The spreading hypocrisy in the world will not tie our hands and prevent us from protecting Israel's citizens. Thus we have acted; thus we will act." (TheBlaze.com notes, "Israeli officials often point to what they believe to be a double standard when it comes to Israel in the media, at the United Nations, and among its allies who loudly excoriate Israel in the event of Palestinian civilian casualties while appearing to gloss over Hamas violations." [76418])

Iran's Fars News Agency writes, "'The Saudi residents of Khamees al-Mushait are waiting in a several-kilometer-long trail of cars to flee after their city was hit by Yemeni Scud missiles,' the Arabic-language Sa'ada Press news website reported. The Riyadh-based Ahrar al-Hejaz news website also reported that many Saudi princes have fled to western countries, specially France and Britain, after consecutive defeats of King Salman's army and plots, adding that some other princes are running away in anticipation of trial and punishment due to their opposition to the king's war on Yemen. Earlier today, a high-ranking Yemeni official underlined that firing missiles by Yemen into Saudi Arabia meant to give a warning to the Riyadh government to stop its continued attacks against the neighboring country. 'The goal of targeting Saudi Arabia with Scud missiles was to warn Riyadh and we hope that it has grasped the meaning,' Al-Mayadeen TV quoted the senior official, who asked to remain anonymous, as saying on Sunday." [76706]

At Examiner.com Jim Kouri writes, "A perfect example of U.S. media amnesia is a news story being covered overseas or by Internet news/commentary web sites regarding allegations that former President Bill Clinton visited one of his super-rich pals, convicted pedophile and professional cad Jeffrey Epstein, at his so-called 'orgy island.' A teenager who slept with a number of Epstein's guests claims that the former U.S. Commander in Chief arrived at Epstein's sexual-fantasy island with two teenaged girls from New York City. According to the now 31-year-old woman, she was a bright-eyed teenager at the time she met former President—and [now] wannabe First Gentleman—Clinton, and she is quick to admit she did not personally have sex with him, but that other youngsters her age were provided to him. Virginia Roberts, who's accused the ultra-wealthy Epstein of turning her into a 'sex slave' while still a teenager, has told European and Internet reporters that Jeffrey Epstein forced her and other teens to have sex with his powerful

guests. She claims that Clinton stayed in one of the many villas on Epstein's U.S. Virgin Islands estate, where sex orgies were as common as handshaking. 'I remember asking Jeffrey, 'What's Bill Clinton doing here?' kind of thing, and he laughed it off and said, 'Well, he owes me a favor,' Roberts told her lawyers in deposition. 'He never told me what favors they were.' ... 'Slick Willie'—the nickname given to Clinton by conservatives—was accompanied by two of Epstein's 'regulars and two young girls that I could identify,' Roberts claimed. 'I never really knew them well anyways. It was just two girls from New York,' she said." [76420]

"Bill Clinton took repeated trips on the private passenger jet owned by Epstein with a porn movie actress identified in Epstein's records under an entry for 'massages,' according to flight logbooks obtained by Gawker. The logs also allegedly revealed that Clinton had flown about a dozen times with a woman who federal prosecutors had investigated as a woman who recruited underage girls for Epstein's 'kiddie stable' and that she acted as a possible co-conspirator in his sex crimes. ... [T]he stunning young woman [Roberts] said she was involved in group sex with Epstein, British royal family member Prince Andrew, as well as eight other teen girls. And she did call Epstein 'a pimp for his prominent pals' and that he would brag about gathering information on people such as Bill Clinton in case he needed to blackmail them later, Roberts alleged in a new affidavit. 'Epstein required me to describe the sexual events that I had with these men, presumably so that he could potentially blackmail them,' she added." [76420]

In elections in Turkey, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's AK Party falls short of gaining a majority, as a Kurdish party wins seats in the parliament. Patrick Brennan writes at NationalReview.com, "It's a big loss for Erdogan, and a big step back for his personal stature and his attempt to weave more Islamist elements into Turkey's political fabric. His party had a strong majority of the seats in parliament for the last 13 years, having won between one-third and half the vote; Sunday he won 42 percent of the vote but is a bit short of a majority, meaning he will scramble to form a coalition—or call new elections if a government isn't formed in time." (The election thwarts Erdogan's plans to change the nation's constitution to give him more power.) [76422, 76423, 76447, 76453, 76514, 76637]

At The Jerusalem Post Annual Conference in New York City, Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew is loudly booed when he makes the outrageous claim, "No administration has done more for Israel's security than this one." According to Haaretz.com, "[T]he audience was having none of it. 'We are not operating on an assumption that Iran will act in good faith,' Lew said, but his listeners responded with catcalls and cries of 'nonsense.' ... The audience reaction reflected the anger and distrust towards the Obama administration that is steadily growing among right wing American Jews as the deadline for a deal with Iran approaches. It is also a mark of the increasingly harsh tone of discourteous tone of political debate in an increasingly polarized America, in general, and inside the Jewish community, in particular." [76424, 76425, 76442, 76454, 76518]

Former White House chief of staff John Sununu under George H. W. Bush later observes, “It boggles the mind that the Obama administration thought it was smart to send Jack Lew to this pro-Israel group about the Iran deal. I cannot imagine a White House that dumb and insensitive. ... This administration is tone deaf. [Obama] has this singular vision of having this deal no matter what and he is creating a relationship with all our allies in that part of the world that is extremely difficult to deal with. ... This administration seems to think that sweet rhetoric, by their own definition, is going to make up for their horrible actions or lack of actions. They think words are more important than the things they do. They have no idea how disappointing what they’ve been doing is to our allies and how dangerous it’s been to the world. ... I cannot believe that they believe everything that they’ve been saying. ... This is the most incompetent, inexperienced, and clumsy White House the country has had in at least two generations.” [76500]

Keith Koffler writes at WhiteHouseDossier.com, “Lew, an orthodox Jew and a Very Powerful Person, assumed Jewish audience members would just take him at his word that Obama stands with Israel, even though everything Obama does—from striking a deal that will allow Iran to have a nuclear weapons to dissing Netanyahu—suggests that he stands elsewhere. Lew has no business being Treasury Secretary in the first place. He has limited experience outside of the government in any field related to the work of the Treasury. He is instead someone whom Obama could count on to spout the Party Line. Nice to see him get a comeuppance for trying to sell his fellow Jews a bill of goods.” [76454]

On *State of the Union*, former Texas governor Rick Perry criticizes Hillary Clinton for slamming his state’s photo ID law for voting: “It’s way outside the norm and ridiculous, if you want to know the truth of the matter, to call out the people of the state of Texas, because that’s what she did. ... I just happened to be the governor [who] signed that legislation. I support it. Such a vast majority of the people of the state of Texas support that. So, what Secretary Clinton did was basically say that the people of the state of Texas don’t know what they [want]. ... I don’t know what her beef is with the people of the state of Texas about voter ID, but I think she is on the wrong side of the issue.” (Clinton does not have a beef with Texans. Her problem is that Obama has been driving white, blue-collar workers away from the Democrat Party. That means Clinton can win the presidency in 2016 only if she also gets substantial numbers of blacks and Hispanics turning out to vote for her. Because that will not be an easy task, she has to try to play the same discrimination “cards” that Obama played. That means riling up black, Hispanic, LGBT, and other “minority” voters by insisting she is on their side and the Republicans are not. Whether she will succeed remains to be seen. But it is worth noting that Bill Clinton won in 1992 only because he had third party candidate Ross Perot dividing the Republican vote—and Hillary Clinton is no Bill Clinton. Clinton won only 43 percent of the vote, while Perot garnered 18.9 percent. Even in the 1996 election Clinton did not break 50 percent.) [76450, 76456, 76457]

On *Breitbart News Sunday*, Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina criticizes Obama's secrecy over the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal. She says, "If you don't have transparency about things that impact people's lives, then you cannot build trust. ...I don't trust the huge gap that always exists between the high goals that [Obama and his administration] set out and the details that turn out to be true, so I'd just like to know what's in the trade agreement. The more secretive they become about it, the more suspicious I become about it. ...In order to be trusted, you have to be transparent. That's true of all of our candidates and it's particularly true of Bill and Hillary Clinton." Fiorina says China has "become much more assertive on the world's stage and much more adversarial" and has "a strategic goal to become the most powerful economy in the world and exert their influence on the world." According to Fiorina, China essentially tells its people, "We expect you to tolerate oppression, censorship, amazing amounts of pollution, lack of safety standards, corruption, the forcible movement of people, and in return we will grow the economy at a fast enough rate to lift millions out of poverty." [76462]

According to WND.com "the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID" is spending "\$36.1 million over the next five years to 'increase economic growth and job creation in Jordan's tourism sector.'" (Although \$36.1 million is only a tiny portion of the federal government's almost \$4 trillion in annual spending, it is not clear why American taxpayers should be paying anything to help Jordan's tourism industry.) [76428]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "A little-known private foundation controlled by Bill and Hillary Clinton donated \$100,000 to the *New York Times*' charitable fund in 2008, the same year the newspaper's editorial page endorsed Clinton in the Democratic presidential primary, according to tax documents reviewed by the *Washington Free Beacon*. The Clinton Family Foundation, a separate entity from the Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton Foundation, has been the family's vehicle for personal charitable giving since 2001. It is funded directly by the Clintons and distributes more than \$1 million a year to civic and educational causes. The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund is a charity affiliated with the newspaper that assists underprivileged New Yorkers. It is run by members of the New York Times Company's board of directors and senior executives. The Times' editorial board endorsed Clinton against Democratic challengers John Edwards and Barack Obama on January 25, 2008, writing that she was 'more qualified, right now, to be president.'" (Many expected the leftist *Times* to endorse Obama and were surprised when the newspaper threw its support behind Clinton.) [76437, 76438, 76460, 76515]

On June 8, at a news conference in Germany, Obama says the ObamaCare lawsuit *King v. Burwell* "...should be an easy case. Frankly, it probably shouldn't even have been taken up [by the Court]." (According to the Affordable Care Act's language, taxpayer subsidies for ObamaCare coverage apply only to individuals who enroll through state exchanges. The administration used that as leverage to push states to establish exchanges. But when many states refused to do so, the administration allowed subsidies anyway—in direct violation of the law. ObamaCare defenders now claim they did not mean what the written language of the law states. Obama essentially claims that to read the law as written would be a "contorted reading of the statute" and a "twisted interpretation." The

Court, however, must pay more attention to what laws state than to what might have been intended. How the Supreme Court will rule remains to be seen, but it has already improperly ruled in Obama's favor with its contorted logic allowing the government to force citizens to buy insurance against their will.) [76434, 76486]

Obama also tells reporters, "We have made significant progress in pushing back ISIL [ISIS] from areas in which they had occupied, or disrupted, local populations. But we've also seen areas, like in Ramadi, [where] they're displaced in one place, and they come back in another. So one of the areas where we're going to have to improve is the speed at which we're training Iraqi forces. Where we've trained Iraqi forces directly and equipped them—and we have a train and assist posture—they operate effectively. Where we haven't, morale, lack of equipment, etc. may undermine the effectiveness of Iraqi security forces. So we want to get more Iraqi security forces trained, fresh, well-equipped, and focused. ...The other area [where] we got [sic; have] to make a lot more progress in is stemming the flow of foreign fighters. We've made some progress, but not enough. We are still seeing thousands of foreign fighters flowing into Syria, and oftentimes ultimately into Iraq. Not all of that is preventable, but a lot of that is—if we got better cooperation, better coordination, better intelligence. If we can cut off some of that foreign fighter flow, then [we'd be] able to isolate and wear out ISIL forces that are already there. But if they're being replenished, it doesn't solve the problem over the long-term." [76435]

Obama says, "When a finalized plan [to defeat ISIS] is presented to me by the Pentagon, then I will share it with the American people. We don't yet have a complete strategy." (But the G-7 leaders do pledge to reduce carbon emissions in an effort to limit the increase in global temperatures by the year 2050. By the year 2050 Iraqi troops may also finally be adequately trained.) Obama also said in September 2014 that he did not yet have a strategy for defeating ISIS. [76439, 76440, 76465, 76471, 76475, 76516, 76519]

Of the hack of the U.S. government's employee personnel records by China, Obama says, "Part of the problem is, is that we've got very old systems. And we discovered this new breach [it is actually an old breach that was just made public] in OPM precisely because we've initiated this process of inventorying and upgrading these old systems to address existing vulnerabilities. And what we are doing is going agency by agency, and figuring out what can we [sic; what we can] fix with better practices and better computer hygiene by personnel, and where do we need [sic; where we need] new systems and new infrastructure in order to protect information not just of government employees or government activities, but also, most importantly, where there's an interface between government and the American people. And this is going to be a big project and we're going to have to keep on doing it, because both state and non-state actors are sending everything they've got at trying to breach these systems. In some cases, it's non-state actors who are engaging in criminal activity and potential theft. In the case of state actors, they're probing for intelligence or, in some cases, trying to bring down systems in pursuit of their various foreign policy objectives. In either case, we're going to have to be much more aggressive, much more attentive than we have been. And this problem is not going to go away. It is going to accelerate. And that means that we have to be as nimble, as

aggressive, and as well-resourced as those who are trying to break into these systems.” (Although some suggest the hack is tantamount to a “Cyber Pearl Harbor,” Obama’s remarks are surprisingly unemotional and low-key. He *should* be angry and eager to show Americans he will act aggressively to protect them. Instead, he sounds like someone telling a co-worker, “Yeah, my car is overdue for an oil change. I think I’ll do that next week.”) [76655]

Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, comments, “It is no surprise this administration does not have a ‘complete strategy’ for training Iraqis to fight ISIS. What is surprising is that [Obama] admitted it.” Obama’s statement enrages some unnamed sources at the Pentagon. One “top Pentagon official” tells Fox News, “What the fuck was that? We have given him [Obama] lots of options, he just hasn’t acted on them.” Columnist Charles Krauthammer observes that “...Obama’s entire strategy rests on the notion that trained Iraqis under this government are going to carry the fight to ISIS. This is a country that was abandoned by Obama in 2011 and threw in its lot with other players. And now we’re trying to reclaim that. It cannot be done. The idea that he would now put the blame on the Pentagon for having lacked in offering him plans is exactly consistent with Obama’s method, which is to always blame others.” [76471, 76472, 76508]

That the Pentagon has offered options does not, however, mean Obama paid any attention to them. *National Review*’s Jim Geraghty writes, “You’ll recall current and former officials telling the *New York Times* that during the Syria debate, Obama ‘often appeared impatient or disengaged while listening to the debate, sometimes scrolling through messages on his BlackBerry or slouching and chewing gum’ and the complaint from intelligence officials that the White House’s denial of knowledge about spying on foreign leaders suggested ‘White House officials have not been reading their briefing books.’” Obama is also infamous for spending an inordinate amount of time following sports and watching ESPN. [76564, 76565, 76566, 76567, 76568]

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters comments, “The reason we don’t [have an ISIS strategy] is not dilatory behavior in the Pentagon, it’s because Obama wants the impossible. He wants to defeat the Islamic State, but he doesn’t want to hurt anybody. He doesn’t want collateral damage. He doesn’t want civilian casualties. You can’t do it. And this cloud coo-coo-land that Obama and his Paladins live in... it’s so dangerous to us all, on such a wide range of issues. But if you are unwilling to fight with no-holds-barred, with an enemy who’s going to fight with no-holds-barred, the enemy with no-holds-barred is going to get the better of you despite the technology, despite all your wealth.” [76508]

Although Obama may not have a strategy to defeat ISIS, he has shown incredible eagerness to regulate Americans businesses, farms, and factories. CNSNews.com notes that since Obama entered the White House, “the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued 3,373 new final regulations, equaling 29,770 pages in the Federal Register and



totaling approximately 29,770,000 words, according to a count of the regulations published in the Federal Register.” [76524]

While at the G-7 summit, Obama arrogantly and childishly shuns Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi by turning his back and ignoring him. (Obama apparently does not think it is important to talk with a leader whose nation is being overrun by ISIS.) [76463, 76464, 76520]

In an interview with *The Australian*, Australian foreign minister Julie Bishop warns that ISIS may be able to make a “dirty bomb” with radioactive material it took from hospitals and research facilities. Bishop notes, “The insurgents did not just clear out the cash from local banks.” [76599, 76600, 76601, 76603]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Sarah Westwood reports, “A conservative group is suing the State Department in an effort to find out whether the agency’s refusal to place Boko Haram on the terrorist watch list while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state had anything to do with the fact that a high-level Nigerian official was a major Clinton Foundation donor and close friend of the former president. Citizens United, a conservative nonprofit, brought the case to court after the State Department ignored its request for records about the Chagoury Group, a sprawling Nigerian company headed by a Clinton friend and financial supporter of Clinton causes, Gilbert Chagoury. Chagoury donated between \$1 million and 5 million to the Clinton Foundation, donor records show. More than 30 days have passed since Citizens United first filed the lawsuit without a response of any kind from the State Department.” [77194]

“David Bossie, president of Citizens United, said it was the first time he’d seen the State Department completely ignore a case against it in federal court. ‘These proceedings are important that both sides take them seriously,’ Bossie said. ‘I have no idea what the judge will do, but I believe the judge will order a hearing to find out why the government did not respond.’ ...In January 2010, Chagoury was removed from a private jet and questioned by federal agents for hours because his name had been added to the no-fly list, according to the Center for Public Integrity. Although he was removed from the list before the U.S. government issued a formal, written apology, it is still unclear why he received that designation in the first place and how he was able to get his name off the no-fly list.” Senator David Vitter (R-LA) “said he had obtained evidence demonstrating “that multiple Department employees who were directly involved in the decision against designating Boko Haram as an FTO, including the Office Coordinator for Counterterrorism, have been Clinton Foundation employees. He noted Chagoury had been forced to accept a \$66 million plea deal after international corruption charges were brought against him in Switzerland.” [77194]

SwedishSurveyor.com reports, “Last Thursday [June 4] 29-year-old paedophile [pedophile] Amin Muktar Ali Burhan... was sentenced to 7 years in jail for sexually abusing 65 girls on the internet, where he coerced them into performing sexually degrading acts in front of a webcam. He was convicted of aggravated sexual assault,

gross exploitation of a child for sexual posing, child pornography offenses and aggravated libel and was sentenced to seven years in prison and approximately five million kronor in damages. ...By not revealing his picture or his name and instead describing him as an 'IT-consultant' from Stockholm the mainstream media have attempted [to] cover up the fact that Amin Muktar Ali Burhan is an immigrant from the Middle East." [76539, 76540]

By a vote of 6-3 the U.S. Supreme Court rules unconstitutional a 2002 law calling for the State Department to list Israel as the country of birth for U.S. citizens born in the city of Jerusalem. (Both the Obama and Bush administrations have listed "Jerusalem" on those passports, rather than "Jerusalem, Israel," in a bizarre, politically-correct effort to not offend Palestinians who consider the city to be their capital.) Voting in the minority are Justices Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito, and Chief Justice John Roberts. [76436, 76508, 76513, 76522, 76541, 76656, 76707]

Unable to increase the minimum wage, the Obama administration is planning another scheme to force employers to pay more to some employees. According to Politico.com, "As early as this week, the [Department of Labor] could propose a rule that would raise the current overtime threshold—\$23,660—to as much as \$52,000, extending time and a half overtime pay to millions of American workers. The rule has already come under fire from business and Republican opponents who say it will kill jobs and force employers to cut hours for salaried employees. ...Congressional Republicans are gearing up for a major battle against raising the overtime threshold. The House Education and the Workforce subcommittee will devote much of a scheduled June 10 hearing on federal wage and hour standards to the overtime rule, even if it isn't yet released. Sen[ator] Lamar Alexander [R-TN], chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee, said the rule... 'seems engineered to make it as unappealing as possible to be an employer creating jobs in this country.'" [76448]

DailySignal.com later points out that increasing the overtime pay threshold will "kill flexible schedules for employees. ...Unfortunately, the overtime regulations will have a major unintended side effect: They will force entry- and mid-level salaried employees to track their hours. Many salaried employees can work remotely. This flexibility helps them juggle their professional and personal lives. They can, for example, leave early in the afternoon to be with their children, then finish their work in the evening when their children have gone to sleep. Their employer only cares about the job getting done. Now their employer will have to care about when they do their work. The law will require employers to track salaried employees' phone calls made off-site, hours put into reports edited from home, and time put into writing emails remotely. If they don't, they will risk lawsuits. The 16 to 25 million Americans who telecommute at least once a month will face particular challenges. Many businesses will respond by curtailing flexible work arrangements. They will force salaried employees below the threshold to do all work in the office, whether or not they would prefer to work remotely. As the head of human resources for Pitney Bowes explained to reporters, the company denied overtime-eligible employees requests to work from home because: 'You just don't take the [legal] risk.'

Ironically, regulations billed as helping workers will instead make it more difficult [for them] to do their jobs.” [76544]

NationalEnquirer.com claims that Michelle Obama “used Walter Reed Army Medical Center as her own personal outpatient plastic surgery clinic... ‘It’s appalling!’ fumed Jill Farrell of Judicial Watch. ‘With taxpayers picking up the tab for her ski trips to Aspen and beach outings to Hawaii, we might as well pay for her abs and butt, too!’ Michelle was whisked to the hospital with ‘the utmost secrecy’ in the summer of 2011, a source told The ENQUIRER. ‘Secret Service agents were stationed both inside and outside the operating room. Michelle had fat sucked from her abdomen, hips and butt.’ ... We asked a panel of top plastic surgeons to analyze before-and-after photos of the First Lady, and each agreed the mother of two has undergone a so-called ‘liquid facelift’ with Botox and filler injections, plus a nose job! ‘A little Botox helps to smooth out those forehead lines earned during the last campaign,’ theorized Dr. Lyle Back. ‘I can [also] see the rhinoplasty [nose surgery] work she had done is very obvious. It is superb, sophisticated work, though.’ Dr. Otto Placik said Michelle now has fewer crow’s feet, indicating she’s had ‘definite Botox,’ as well as a Hollywood-ready smile.” (Of course, Michelle Obama has the liberty to have any cosmetic surgery she wants performed—provided it is done at her own expense. Although it is obvious that both Michelle Obama and her husband have undergone rhinoplasty procedures to narrow their noses, this *Timeline* offers no opinion as to whether they have had other “work” done.) [76627, 76628]

Starting in the St. Louis area, the American Freedom Defense Initiative (AFDI) sponsors 100 billboards that show the winning entry in its “draw Mohammed” contest. The AFDI’s Pamela Geller states, “Because the media and the cultural and political elites continue to self-enforce the Sharia [Islamic law] without the consent of the American people by refusing to show any depictions of Muhammad or showing what it was in Texas that had jihadists opening fire, we are running a billboard ad featuring the winning cartoon by former Muslim Bosch Fawstin from our Muhammad Art Exhibit and Cartoon Contest in Garland, Texas. Drawing Muhammad is not illegal under American law, but only under Islamic law. Violence that arises over the cartoons is solely the responsibility of the Islamic jihadists who perpetrate it. Either America will stand now against attempts to suppress the freedom of speech by violence, or will submit and give the violent the signal that we can be silenced by threats and murder. Speech that is offensive to some must not be curtailed, but protected (i.e., the Mohammed cartoons). Freedom of speech is the foundation of a free society. Without it, a tyrant can wreak havoc unopposed, while his opponents are silenced. If speech that offends a group is outlawed, that group has absolute power, and a free society is destroyed. A group that cannot be criticized cannot be opposed. It can work its will no matter what it is, and no one will be able to say anything to stop it. There is nothing about this cartoon that incites violence. It is within the established American tradition of satire. If America surrenders on this point, the freedom of speech is a relic of history.” (On June 9 the Fox Business Channel’s Lou Dobbs has the courage to show images of the free speech billboard on his program *Lou Dobbs Tonight*.) [76461, 76481, 76485, 76596, 76597, 76598]

AFDI co-founder Robert Spencer adds, “Many people on both the Left and the Right are saying that we should do nothing to provoke Islamic fundamentalism. The immediate answer would seem to be that we should do nothing to provoke violent jihadis, that the prudent thing to do would be to avoid doing things that anger them. But if we did that, they would not they stop coming at us. Last September, an Islamic State spokesman boasted: ‘We will conquer your Rome, break your crosses, and enslave your women, by the permission of Allah, the Exalted. This is His promise to us; He is glorified and He does not fail in His promise. If we do not reach that time, then our children and grandchildren will reach it, and they will sell your sons as slaves at the slave market.’ In light of that, what is the point of asking whether or not we should provoke them? They’re already provoked. A more useful question now is whether it is really productive and helpful to signal to them that we will acquiesce to their threats of violence and change our behavior accordingly, or whether we will instead signal to them that their violent threats are not going to frighten us into submission.” [76461, 76481, 76485]

At WND.com Chelsea Schilling reports, “Three MS-13 street-gang members from El Salvador are being held without bail on charges they forced a 16-year-old New York girl into the woods near a golf course, and two of them raped her while the third kept watch. ‘This is one of the most brutal, heinous crimes that I have seen in a long, long time,’ Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said at a news conference, according to New York’s WNBC-TV. ‘This poor young woman is so lucky that, quite frankly, that she is alive. These are vicious young men, vicious young men, and what they did to her was absolutely terrible.’ Spota, who said the attack was ‘barbaric,’ identified the suspects as 17-year-old Jose Cornejo, 18-year-old Bryan Larios and 17-year-old Joel Escobar. All three of the MS-13 gang members, who are from El Salvador, were arrested May 29 just hours after the attack. They are being charged as adults. ...MS-13 relies on metropolitan areas with highly concentrated populations of illegal aliens to boost its spreading membership. Chapters require that initiates perform random acts of violence, such as participating in gang rapes, to gain acceptance.” (Whether the three thugs involved in the rape are Obama’s “dreamers” is not yet known.) [76468]

Breitbart.com reports, “The Transportation Security Administration granted access to secure airport areas to 73 aviation workers with ‘links to terrorism,’ according to a new report from the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Inspector General. The audit, released Monday, reveals that TSA was unable to vet out 73 individuals with terror-related category codes because the agency did not have enough access to terror list information. ...‘TSA acknowledged that these individuals were cleared for access to secure airport areas despite representing a potential transportation security threat,’ [the audit] added. ...In addition to the threats posed by aviation workers with terror-ties, Monday’s report also took issue with the TSA’s handling of aviation workers’ potential criminal pasts and/or immigration issues, noting the agency’s controls on criminal histories and immigration statuses were ‘less effective’ than its terror-vetting.” [76473, 76474, 76483, 76484, 76491]

*The Telegraph* reports, “Fourteen members of a banned Islamic group stood trial in Paris on Monday on terror charges after police found a ‘hit list’ of Jewish stores marked ‘targets’ in files belonging to its leader. ...The 14, all members of a now-banned Islamist group called Forsane Alizza (‘The Knights of Pride’ in Arabic), are charged with ‘criminal conspiracy related to a terrorist enterprise.’ Some also face charges of illegal possession of weapons. All face prison terms of ten years if found guilty.” The police “also seized an English-language manual on how to build a nuclear bomb, along with three demilitarised assault rifles, three revolvers and ‘easy recipes’ for home-made explosives.” [76476, 76477, 76545, 76603]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s ‘No Ceilings’ women’s empowerment project at the Clinton Foundation accepted a \$5 million commitment last December from a Swiss billionaire even as his lawyers were fighting in federal court to hide his darkest secret—a long record of sexually abusing women. ...Hansjorg Wyss, a generous donor to major liberal groups like the Center for American Progress and longtime financial patron of Clinton Campaign Chairman John Podesta, also launched a ‘Women’s Equality Program’ at his \$2.1 billion Wyss Foundation. His net worth is estimated at \$6.1 billion. At issue in the federal district court case was a \$1.5 million settlement of a suit brought by Jacqueline Long, a Colorado woman who charged that Wyss brutally and sexually abused her for years while serving as his employee.” [76523]

In McKinney, Texas, demonstrators protest police actions against a gang of uninvited teen-agers who, on the evening of June 5, climbed a fence to join a party at a private Homeowners Association swimming pool. (Residents called the police after the crowd became unruly and fights broke out. At least one teen-ager was slammed to the ground after she refused a police directive to leave the scene.) Not surprisingly, professional race-baiters come out in full force to denounce police brutality—as if trespassing, climbing fences, and disturbing the peace does not warrant a police response. Radio host Benet Embry (who happens to be black) writes at Facebook, “Oh, I say and I say it again, ya been had! Ya been took! Ya been hoodwinked! Bamboozled! Led astray! Run amok! MediaTakeout.com posts a story showing only 7 minutes of a 30 minute ordeal, makes it racial and all the activist[s] come a running. Look, I LIVE in this community and this ENTIRE incident is NOT racial at all. A few THUGS spoiled a COMMUNITY event by fighting, jumping over fences into a PRIVATE pool, harassing and damaging property. Not EVERYTHING is about RACE. WE have other issues [sic; issues] that NEED our attention...” [76498, 76499, 76501, 76502, 76503, 76504, 76506, 76509, 76517, 76525, 76532, 76534, 76560, 76563, 76604, 76692]

Police officer Eric Casebolt, who, based on video of a portion of the incident, may have overreacted, later resigns—and leaves town because of death threats. Breitbart.com reports, “Residents in the McKinney, Texas, Craig Ranch subdivision told Breitbart Texas that during the protest movement since the pool party ruckus on Friday [June 5], they have received death threats, and their homes have been vandalized. The community residents say they are in deep fear that protestors, and those who trespassed at the pool

party, will return and harm residents and/or further vandalize property. Craig Ranch community residents told Breitbart Texas that this has been an ongoing problem for weeks. People have been coming from outside of the community into the subdivision and have vandalized homes and frightened neighbors. This behavior escalated after the pool party on Friday. According to residents, one home had a brick thrown through a window on Saturday night, and several mothers told Breitbart Texas they have received death threats via Twitter. Several of the mothers say they have moved their children out of the neighborhood in fear of threatened violence. One man said that his wife left their home, and he stayed in their residence to defend their property.” [76569, 76570]

Another McKinney resident, Bryan Gestner, writes on Facebook, “This was a Twitter party that turned into a mob event. Jumping pool fence. Assaulting 2 security guards, attacking a mother with three little girls. The video doesn’t show everything. ... This isn’t about race. This is about outside kids invading our neighborhood and [who] had no respect for authority or the residents here. I have a target on my back now and I have been threatened by these punks that they are gonna shoot up my house when all I did was try to control the mob and actually tended to the girl and the boy [who] had a bloody lip. Yall [sic] don’t know the whole story. I commend the officer for handling this situation.” According to Gestner, some of the disruptive teens returned to the neighborhood the next evening, and were “kicking in people’s front door[s], stole a truck and crashed it into many vehicles. They vandalized dozens of cars and were stealing things.” [76509, 76510, 76525, 76534, 76604]

Mark Davis later writes at Townhall.com, “One of the most valuable, even-handed quotes [about the McKinney incident] this week was from a woman who spoke with a local TV station. Lamonica Birmingham, who is black, lives just down the street from the pool. ‘We pay HOA dues to use that pool,’ she told a reporter. ‘So you can’t come out here and throw unauthorized events. I do not, however... agree with how the police officer handled the situation.’ Imagine that. A measured grasp of two concepts at the same time—the proper concern that led residents to call police, and an equally proper wish to thoughtfully scrutinize what unfolded. Thank you, ma’am.” (As a result of a fair amount of one-sided television reporting, many Americans believe the police were wrong and the teen-agers are blameless. Of course, the police were called *for a reason*, so it is doubtful that none of the teens were engaging in illegal—or at least disruptive—behavior. The likelihood is that some, but certainly not all, of the teens were trouble-makers, and that only one of the several police officers who arrived to calm the situation may have made it worse.) [76546]

On June 9 ISIS approaches Baghdad, with a suicide bombing that kills at least eight and wounds at least 17 in nearby Amiriyat Al-Falluja. At Townhall.com Daniel Davis reports, “ISIS has also released a new propaganda video, in which the group vowed to ‘liberate’ Baghdad soon. Baghdad is home to America’s \$750-million embassy, which is situated in the Green Zone and is protected by over 800 marines.” [76547]

Addressing an international security conference, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu states, “I’m often portrayed as the nuclear party pooper. And that would be okay if I was the only voice against the impending deal with Iran. But I speak with quite a few of our neighbors—more than you think—and I want to tell you that nobody in this region believes this deal will block Iran’s path to the bomb, or as they say, to many bombs. ...It’s worth noting that no one from this region, except Iran, is at the negotiating table. Somebody once said, ‘If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.’ The states with the most at stake are not even in the room. To those who say this deal will change Iran, I say, you’ve got it backwards. First, Iran should change. Then make the deal. ...[T]he deal that is supposed to address proliferation in one country will spark both a nuclear and a conventional arms race in many countries, in the most unstable part of the planet.” [76588]

*The Guardian* reports, “The Obama administration has asked a secret surveillance court to ignore a federal court that found bulk surveillance illegal and to once again grant the National Security Agency the power to collect the phone records of millions of Americans for six months. The legal request, filed nearly four hours after Barack Obama vowed to sign a new law banning precisely the bulk collection he asks the secret court to approve, also suggests that the administration may not necessarily comply with any potential court order demanding that the collection stop. US officials confirmed last week that they would ask the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance court—better known as the Fisa court, a panel that meets in secret as a step in the surveillance process and thus far has only ever had the government argue before it—to turn the domestic bulk collection spigot back on.” Judge Andrew Napolitano writes at LewRockwell.com, “When politicians tell you that the NSA needs a court order in order to listen to your phone calls or read your emails, they are talking about a FISA court order that is based on government need—not a constitutional court order, which can only be based on probable cause. This is an insidious and unconstitutional bait and switch.” [76535, 76536, 76542, 76595]

A federal appeals court upholds the Texas ban on abortion clinics that do not meet ambulatory surgical center standards. According to TexasTribune.org, “A three-judge panel of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the state’s requirement... did not impose an undue burden on a ‘large fraction’ of Texas women seeking abortions. Only a handful of Texas abortion clinics—all in major metropolitan areas—meet those standards, which are costly to implement. Immediately following the ruling, the Center for Reproductive Rights and Texas women’s health care providers announced their plan to appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.” [76548, 76549]

Meanwhile, the adamantly pro-abortion Obama addresses the Catholic Health Association Conference and says, “every human being, made in the image of God, deserves to live in dignity,” and “all children... ought to have the opportunity to achieve their God-given potential.” (CNSNews.com points out the hypocrisy of Obama’s statements, noting that as a state senator in Illinois “he repeatedly opposed legislation that would have defined any baby born alive in the state—even a baby who survived an abortion—as a ‘human being,’ ‘child,’ ‘person,’ ‘individual.’ In a March 30, 2001 speech

on the Illinois senate floor, Obama explained that he opposed this bill because he did not want ‘the fetus, or child’ who survived an abortion to be deemed a ‘person’ and, thus, gain protection under the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution.” (Volume 1 of this *Timeline* provides additional examples of Obama’s pro-abortion statements and actions.) [767586]

Michelle Obama delivers the commencement address at the Dr. Martin Luther King College Preparatory High School in Chicago. Predictably, her speech is about race and how difficult she believes her life has been. She says, “And with every word you speak, with every choice you make, with the way you carry yourself each day, you are rewriting the story of our communities. And that’s a burden that [my husband] and I proudly carry every single day in the White House. Because we know that everything we do and say can either confirm the myths about folks like us, or it can change those myths.” (For Mrs. Obama, trying to act responsibly and setting a good example is a “burden.” Most Americans might simply consider it the right thing to do and an appropriate way to live.) [76587, 76609]

Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett whines to *The New York Times*, “The point is, even as first lady of the United States, [Michelle Obama is] still subject to criticism, and oftentimes that criticism is hurtful. But you can’t let it define you. That’s important for them to hear. Sometimes, there’s a tendency to put her up on a pedestal as if she’s immune from hurt, but she’s not.” Ronald Christie, an aide to President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney who happens to be black, comments, “I just wish the Obamas would recognize the historical significance of [their being in the White House] rather than say[ing] racism is driving everything down or that America is inherently racist. America is not this mean, angry, racist place that sometimes I think the first family in the form of Michelle Obama would like you to believe.” [76610]

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on the speech: “Well, you know the burden she carries, she keeps—I mean, the self pity and this, you know—it was a tough life inside the White House, I’m sure carrying all the burdens that she imagines that she is. I think what’s happening is the same thing that’s happening to her husband. They are nearing the finish line. They no longer have to worry about any elections, either for themselves or midterms for the Democratic Party. They are both unleashed. Obama’s unleashed in the sense that he doesn’t have to listen to Congress. He can insult and try to intimidate the Supreme Court. You know, there are no restrictions, no separation of powers. There’s no limitation on what he is trying to do and what he will try to do in the next 18 months. I think in the same way, she no longer has to hide what she feels. She can go back to, sort of, amplifying on the gaffe that she made in 2008 where... she said famously that I’ve never been so proud of my country or proud of my country as I am now because they were recognizing her and her husband, elevating them to the presidency. But if it hadn’t been for that, she could find no place for pride in her country. They sort of had to walk that back a little bit. That’s where she is and now she’s unburdening herself I guess. ...No sugarcoating. I don’t see her in the vegetable garden very much.” [76592]



CNSNews.com reports, “The National Institutes of Health through its National Institute of Mental Health has awarded \$177,147 to the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to reduce ‘intimate partner violence’ among South African youth.” (Why U.S. taxpayers should foot the bill for the program is not clear.) [76589]

*The New York Times*, fresh from reporting the “critical news” that Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has had four traffic violations over a period of 17 years, breathlessly reports that Rubio had law school loans that he paid off in 2012 with the \$800,000 in income he received from writing a book. The *Times* scolds, “But at the same time, he splurged on an extravagant purchase: \$80,000 for a luxury speedboat...” [Rubio’s boat is not a speedboat; it is a fishing boat: an “EdgeWater 245CC Deep-V Center Console.”] The *Times* expresses “persistent doubts” about Rubio’s “financial management”—as if it is unaware that lawyers graduate with student loan debt and that Florida residents buy boats. (On more than one occasion Obama has complained about the burden of his student loans and mortgages. He also was able to reduce his debt with income from books he—or William Ayers—wrote.) HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey writes, “The Times’ sudden interest in the minutiae of Marco Rubio’s life also is rather curious, especially their intent to paint it in the worst possible light. In this case, tongue-clucking over the purchase [of a] speedboat with Rubio’s own cash as a ‘penchant for luxury’ while Hillary Clinton’s private-jet travel gets covered by a ‘charity’ is a rather interesting contrast—and quite revealing about the media outlet attempting to make the Rubios appear *nouveau riche*.” [76492, 76512, 76530, 76571, 76572, 76591, 76606]

The *Times* seems suddenly interested in Rubio’s finances and mortgage, yet was not particularly concerned about Obama’s special mortgage deals. As noted in Volume 1 of this *Timeline*, in June 2005 Obama purchased a mansion in Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood for \$1.65 million (\$300,000 less than the asking price), with the help of friend, fundraiser, and political “fixer” Tony Rezko. Although Obama’s eventual down payment was \$330,000, his initial earnest money was an astoundingly low \$1,000—when one per cent of the purchase price (\$16,500) would typically be expected. Tony Rezko’s wife Rita, who earned \$37,000 per year in a position with Cook County government, purchased the empty lot adjacent to the Obama house for the full price of \$625,000, with a down payment of \$125,000. Obama’s 5.625 per cent mortgage was for \$1.32 million, through the Northern Trust Bank, and he paid no origination fee or discount points. At the time of the purchase, it was already widely known that Rezko was under investigation by federal authorities, but that does not prevent Obama from dealing with him. (Three weeks before the purchase, \$3.5 million was loaned to Rezko by Nadhmi Auchi, a wealthy Iraqi who lives in England. In 2008 Rezko was convicted of receiving kickbacks for political favors.) Rita Rezko then sold a 10-foot strip of her empty lot to Obama, for \$104,500. That transaction left Rezko with an unusable empty lot with no street access—that cost her over \$500,000. Tony Rezko later asked Obama to help Auchi obtain a visa to travel in the United States in 2005. The State Department refused, partly because Auchi, a member of Saddam Hussein’s Baath Party and former high-ranking official in his Oil Ministry, had been found guilty of corruption charges in France. [105, 106, 249, 329, 1278, 1346]

It is unclear how the Obamas qualified for their enormous mortgage. Their reported income for 2004 was \$207,647, which was clearly insufficient for a mortgage of \$1.32 million that (assuming a 5.625 percent interest rate on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage) would require payments in excess of \$7,500 per month (not counting at least \$1,500 per month for property taxes). The monthly mortgage payment would have been more than 50 per cent of the Obama's gross income, and his 2005 U. S. Senate salary of \$162,100 would not have been enough to support mortgage approval. Further, Obama still had substantial student loans to pay off—if Michelle Obama's claims during the 2008 campaign season are to be believed. Obama later earned considerable royalties from the re-publication of his book, *Dreams From My Father*, but anticipated future earnings would normally not be counted toward mortgage qualification if prudent banking practices were being followed. (Arguably, Obama was granted a subprime loan.) [211, 1278, 1279]

Additionally, bank employees inflated the appraised value of the vacant lot by 25 per cent as part of the deal for Obama. Obama bought the house at a discount, but the sellers lost little because Rita Rezko *overpaid* for the adjacent vacant lot. The empty lot was appraised at less than \$500,000 by bank employee Kenneth J. Connor, but his appraisal was later replaced with a more generous appraisal of \$625,000 in order to finalize the deal for Rezko and Obama. Connor was then fired by the bank for complaining about its appraisal practices. (The FBI interviewed Connor in late 2008 for information regarding the Rezko-Obama house purchase deal.) [696]

Rita Rezko borrowed the money for the overpriced empty lot next to Obama's mansion from the Mutual Bank of Harvey, which was run by Rezko pal Amrish Mahajan. Mahajan's wife, Anita, was charged with fraudulently receiving \$2 million in Illinois taxpayer dollars for drug tests never performed by her company, K. K. Bio-Science, which had a no-bid contract with the state. Her company's computers conveniently "disappeared" right before investigators arrived to take them away for evidence. Patti Blagojevich, wife of the now-jailed former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, was a real estate agent whose dealings with both Tony Rezko and the Mutual Bank of Harvey were under scrutiny by federal investigators. Mahajan, a major Blagojevich fundraiser, resigned from the bank in February of 2009. Federal banking regulators stated that Mutual Bank of Harvey had "unsafe and unsound banking practices and had violated laws or regulations." [530, 1456]

The Rubio campaign responds to the *Times* hit-piece via Communications Director Alex Conant: "The New York Times today attacked Marco because he could not afford to pay for college, arrogantly describing his student loan debt as 'a deep financial hole of his own making.' The attack from The Times is just the latest in their continued hits against Marco and his family. First The New York Times attacked Marco over traffic tickets, and now they think he doesn't have enough money. Of course if he was worth millions, The Times would then attack him for being too rich, like they did to Mitt Romney. What The Times misses is that getting rich is not what has driven Senator Rubio's financial

decisions. His goal at this stage in his life is to provide his four children with a good home, a quality education, and a safe and happy upbringing. As he wrote in his book, ‘The mark I make in this world will not be decided by how much money I make or how many titles I attain. Rather, the greatest mark I can leave is the one I will make as a father and a husband.’” (The *Times* is no doubt trying to “dig up dirt” on Rubio on behalf of Hilary Clinton, who worries that he would be a formidable opponent because of his ability to attract Hispanic voters she cannot afford to lose. If Rubio is on the GOP ticket in 2016, the odds of Clinton winning Florida are greatly reduced.) [76497, 76559]

WeaselZippers.us notes: “John Kerry’s Yacht Is 87 Times More Expensive, And Over 3 Times The Size Of Rubio’s ‘Luxury Speedboat.’” As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Kerry registered his \$7 million yacht in Rhode Island, rather than his home state of Massachusetts, in order to avoid paying \$437,500 in sales taxes and an annual excise tax of about \$70,000. Kerry’s yacht was built in New Zealand. (He was apparently unable to find capable ship builders in the northeastern part of the United States who needed the employment.) [13108, 13109, 13117, 13134, 13162, 13168, 13211, 76534]

A Senate hearing on airport security is interrupted by a bomb threat that results in the evacuation of parts of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The White House briefing room is also evacuated. Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich later writes, “Reporters were not amused to find their cameras down turned during the evacuation. Strangely, the Secret Service felt it was necessary to evacuate the press, but not press secretary or [Obama], whose offices sit right near the briefing room. When the briefing resumed after given the all clear, Press Secretary Josh Earnest said ...Obama was not moved. ...Former Secret Service Agent Dan Bongino tells Fox News that for an evacuation like this to occur during business hours indicates the situation is serious and from a verified source. Fox News White House Correspondent Ed Henry added that although the White House often has suspicious package threats, evacuations of the press room are unprecedented.” [76493, 76494, 76526, 76531, 76561]

CBS’ Mark Knoller reports that former White House press secretary has landed a job as Executive Vice President, Global Chief Communications Officer, for McDonald’s Corporation. According to McDonald’s “In his new role, Gibbs will lead McDonald’s corporate relations group, which manages internal and external communications and government and public affairs. He will lead McDonald’s in communicating clear, coordinated messages to internal and external constituencies, enhancing the brand and supporting corporate strategies.” [76495, 76496]

At NationalReview.com Victor Davis Hanson writes, “Obama may well have been an unapologetic progressive wolf in centrist clothing, but mostly he was a continuation of what he had been in the past: an unimpressive state legislator, a one-term partisan senator without any accomplishments, a lackadaisical executive who in his own words had to worry most about not appearing lazy and distracted. Obama... simply pushed the right progressive buttons, all the more easily once his own party lost the Congress and he was freed to sign executive orders that enraged his enemies and moved the country leftward.

He cares little about the scandals involving the IRS, VA, AP, NSA, GSA, TSA, EPA, Benghazi, and the Secret Service, other than ensuring that they stay far away from his own godhead. Mostly, ...Obama likes the ceremonial perks of his office—the public spotlight to pick sports winners, the regal access to the links in sporty golf attire, the huge plane and entourage, the video clips of his catlike descent down the stairs of Air Force One, and the captive audiences for his often ahistorical and confused ramblings about America’s past and present shortcomings. Rarely has a president entered office so inexperienced and unprepared, yet with such great hopes and expectations among the public. That he squandered such good will through petty spite and inexperience should not be surprising, given his meager qualifications and thin résumé. Most of Obama’s career in community organizing, academia, and the Illinois legislature was predicated on leveraging his race, name, and unique background with the pretensions of liberal America to land opportunities for which he knew in advance that he would never be held accountable. Hence his presidency proved entirely predictable: Obama was neither a progressive crusader nor a neo-socialist who wrecked the country, but mostly a sad pretender going through the motions. The more that he kept silent and was not seen, the more the public liked the idea rather than the reality of Barack Obama.” [76505]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Baltimore city state’s attorney Marilyn Mosby’s motion for a gag order in the Freddie Gray case was denied Monday because the prosecutor filed paperwork in the wrong court. ...Judge Charles Peters slapped down Mosby’s motion, citing jurisdictional issues...” [76527, 76528]

Meanwhile, *The Baltimore Sun* reports, “About three weeks before Freddie Gray was chased from a West Baltimore corner by three Baltimore police officers—the start of a fatal encounter—the office of prosecutor Marilyn Mosby asked police to target the intersection with ‘enhanced’ drug enforcement efforts, court documents show. ‘State’s Attorney Mosby asked me to look into community concerns regarding drug dealing in the area of North Ave and Mount St,’ Joshua Rosenblatt, division chief of Mosby’s Crime Strategies Unit, wrote in a March 17 email to a Western District police commander. ...Defense lawyers for police officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray while in police custody have called for Marilyn Mosby to step down as prosecutor, citing an email calling for increased police activity. ‘Mrs. Mosby herself is now an integral part of the story and as such is a central witness,’ the defense attorneys argued. ‘This is a case where the witness and the prosecutor are one and the same.’” [76529, 76562]

Mosby, who defends herself by bragging, “I come from five generations of police officers,” does not go out of her way to mention that her father, Alan James, was a crooked cop who, according to DailyCaller.com, was “arrested and charged with assault and battery for [his] role in several armed robberies in a high-crime area of Boston. ...Then there is Mosby’s maternal grandfather, Prescott Thompson. Thompson... sued the Boston police department in 1986, claiming that he was the target of racial discrimination after he was denied a job. ...Thompson began working as a Boston cop in 1964. But in 1971, he suffered what seemed like a career-ending injury when a car battery exploded in his face, causing him to lose his right eye. With a glass eye

replacement, Thompson remained on the force—but did not work—until 1976 when he reluctantly accepted a retirement offer.” Denied a chance to remain a cop, Thompson “filed a lawsuit claiming he was not hired [back] because he was black.” [76650]

BizPacReview.com later writes, “Whatever happened to Gray, and the public still doesn’t know how he died because Mosby’s office is keeping his autopsy report sealed, the case hinges in large part on the initial arrest. Police officers who were complying with their superiors’ orders to carry out that crackdown arrested Gray, who had a history of drug dealing. After Gray’s death, Mosby announced with great fanfare that the arrest itself was illegal because it was based on nothing more than suspicion. In other words, Mosby wanted arrests, Mosby got arrests, and when things went bad, she charged her own police officers with making what she’s now calling an ‘illegal arrest.’ And she’s playing to the crowd the whole time. If Mosby ends up on the stand in this case, the defense should tear her to shreds.” [76562]

John Rossomando reports at InvestigativeProject.org, “Egypt asked the U.S. ambassador in Cairo to account for the Obama administration’s allowing Muslim Brotherhood officials to visit Washington for a private conference this week sponsored by the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID). Egypt sought the recent meeting with Ambassador Stephen Beecroft to show its displeasure with American policy toward the Brotherhood, which it labels a terrorist organization [but which Obama absurdly considers to be ‘moderate’].” [76537, 76538]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, “Hundreds of Cuban criminals are released onto the streets of the U.S. every year because that nation won’t take them back—even though the Obama administration is trying to broker a more open relationship with the communist island nation. It’s a quirk of immigration law known as ‘Zadvydas cases,’ after a 2001 Supreme Court ruling that said the government cannot detain immigrants indefinitely if their home countries won’t take them back. ...All told, the government released 2,457 criminals [878 Cubans] and 461 non-criminal illegal immigrants onto the streets last year because of the Zadvydas strictures, ICE said. This year, the totals through May 9 were 1,107 criminals and 344 non-criminals.” [76543]

On June 10 Obama’s schedule includes only two items: lunch with Vice President Joe Biden and a 4:00 p.m. meeting with Defense Secretary Ashton Carter. [76583]

Obama authorizes sending 450-500 more troops to Anbar Province to train Iraqis. CBS’ Mark Knoller tweets, “WH statement says the addtl forces are ‘in furtherance’ of ...Obama’s ‘comprehensive strategy to degrade and destroy’ ISIL.” (Apparently Obama has gone from, “We don’t yet have a complete strategy” to having a “comprehensive strategy” in only two days.) White House press secretary Josh Earnest says Obama “will push his national security team to continually reevaluate the strategy combatting ISIS.” (The reevaluation will likely last until January 20, 2017, at which point it will be someone else’s problem.) [76552, 76553, 76554, 76558, 76584, 76585, 76593, 76748]

Robert Joseph, former undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, says at a congressional hearing, “In my view, if there is an [Iranian nuclear] agreement along the lines that has been described by the White House and by the Iranian leadership, I believe it will represent perhaps the single greatest strategic mistake in the national security area in the past 35-plus years of my career. And this includes some real blunders... There’s no doubt that some will describe the agreement as historic. You can expect that from the White House. You can expect that from *The New York Times*. And it will be historic; it will be a historic blunder. ...Because missiles are excluded at Iran’s insistence, the message to other rogue states will be that we are not serious about imposing costs for missile proliferation. This could be a further incentive for those states seeking weapons of mass destruction to acquire ballistic missiles as a means of delivery. ...I think the metrics are clear. Just ask yourself: Does the agreement deny Iran a nuclear weapons capability? Does the agreement extend the breakout time in a meaningful way? Is the agreement verifiable? Is there a phased relief from sanctions and are there guaranteed ‘snapback’ provisions? And I think for each of these questions, the answer is clearly no.” [76611, 76617]

Retired Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, tells the House Foreign Affairs Committee, “The administration’s refusal to state what we can plainly see [about the radical jihadists] is beyond irresponsible and ranges on being dangerous for the long-term security of the United States.” Flynn also slams the proposed nuclear deal with Iran: “A 10-year timeframe [of some restrictions on Iran] only makes sense if the administration truly believes the Iranian regime will change its strategic course. Just as the spiraling-down of the entire region is unlikely to change, believing Iran will change its strategic course is also wishful thinking. Iran has every intention to build an ICBM and a nuclear weapons program. They have stated it many times. They have attempted well over a decade to move rapidly to nuclearizing its capability, and their [uranium] enrichment to 20 percent and their rapid move to develop a ballistic missile program, are examples of their continued preparedness to weaponize a missile for nuclear delivery. ...I believe that Iran’s overarching strategic goals of enhancing its security, prestige, and regional influence give it the ability to build missile-deliverable nuclear weapons. I believe that Tehran would choose ballistic missiles as its preferred method of delivering nuclear weapons. ...The rest of the region has lost trust and faith in the United States of America, and that’s very real.” [76618, 76658]

Flynn also says he was “Stunned” by Obama’s remark, “When a finalized plan [to defeat ISIS] is presented to me by the Pentagon, then I will share it with the American people. We don’t yet have a complete strategy.” Flynn states, “I know for our military commanders it’s hard for them to figure out, sort of, which end is up, and, ‘Which direction do you want me to take there, Mr. [Obama]?’ ...[Obama] has to be very clear about what it is that we want to do. He ...then has to put the right structure, framework, people in place to accomplish that. I just, I was, I was stunned by his comments two days ago, or three days ago. Stunned.” [76439, 76440, 76465, 76471, 76475, 76516, 76519, 76658]

The Associated Press reports, “The Obama administration proposed Wednesday to regulate aircraft emissions in much the same way as power plants, saying they are a threat to human health because they contain pollutants that help cause global warming. Using its authority under The Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency’s preliminary finding of endangerment to human health clears the way for possible U.S. adoption of international emissions standards.” (Meanwhile, the Democrat National Committee announces a contest: “We’re flying one lucky supporter and a guest to Beverly Hills to meet [Obama]—flights and hotel are on us!” [76555, 76556, 76557]

CNSNews.com reports that “seven openly homosexual U.S. ambassadors” have called for “International free-trade agreements like those being negotiated with countries in the Pacific and Europe” to help “export American values such as human rights, including for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people...” The seven are joined by Randy Berry, “the State Department’s first ‘special envoy for LGBTI persons.’” [76590]

According to *The Washington Times*, “Hillary Rodham Clinton’s efforts to provide favors to major donors to her husband’s global charity or her own political career stretch back far earlier than her tenure as America’s top diplomat, dating to the time she served as a U.S. senator and had the power to earmark federal funds and influence legislation, records show. For instance, Mrs. Clinton introduced a bill when she was New York’s junior senator that allowed a donor to the Clinton Foundation to use tax-exempt bonds to build a shopping center in Syracuse, New York, public records show. She also went to bat for Freddie Mac, working to defeat legislation that would have subjected the mortgage giant to tougher regulations before the housing bubble burst and led to a major recession. That same year, Freddie Mac donated \$50,000 to \$100,000 to her husband’s charity, originally called the William J. Clinton Foundation records show. Mrs. Clinton also used her leverage as a senator to help persuade the Chinese government to reduce tariffs on Corning Inc.’s fiber optic products. The central New York company’s employees and executives contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to her campaigns and political action committee.” [76612]

American Freedom Defense Initiative free speech billboards, featuring the winning entry in the Garland, Texas draw Mohammed contest, go up in Arkansas. [76602]

An opponent of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA), tells TheHill.com, “We’re in our districts. We don’t live in a cloister [like Obama] where the only people who can get in are the captains of industry and the titans of Wall Street. We’re the ones that [sic; who] are standing at the county fairs, talking to whoever wants to come up and talk to us. ...[Obama] should trust us [Democrats in Congress], his 200 most fervent supporters who, unlike him, have a chance to get out and see the real world. We have the same values, but we don’t have the same lifestyle.” Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) calls for the defeat of the “fast-track” trade bill in order to “save ...[Obama][ from his advisors.” Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) says, “Now is the time to redouble our efforts. Failure, my friend, is not an option.” [76594]

Breitbart.com reports that “secret Obamatrade documents leaked to Wikileaks show that there are provisions contained within draft Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) text that would massively expand ...Obama’s immigration authority when it comes to immigration matters. ‘The existence of these ten pages on immigration in the Trade and Services Agreement make it absolutely clear in my mind that the administration is negotiating immigration—and for them to say they are not—they have a lot of explaining to do based on the actual text in this agreement,’ NumbersUSA director of government relations Rosemary Jenks told Breitbart News.” [76619]

On June 11 TheHill.com reports, “The Obama administration is moving forward with regulations designed to help diversify America’s wealthier neighborhoods, drawing fire from critics who decry the proposal as executive overreach in search of an ‘unrealistic utopia.’ A final Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rule due out this month is aimed at ending decades of deep-rooted segregation around the country. The regulations would use grant money as an incentive for communities to build affordable housing in more affluent areas while also taking steps to upgrade poorer areas with better schools, parks, libraries, grocery stores and transportation routes as part of a gentrification of those communities. ...It’s a tough sell for some conservatives. Among them is [Congressman] Paul Gosar [R-AZ], who argued that the administration ‘shouldn’t be holding hostage grant monies aimed at community improvement based on its unrealistic utopian ideas of what every community should resemble.’” Debby Goldberg, vice president at the National Fair Housing Alliance, states the obvious: “We have a history of putting affordable housing in poor communities.” (That, of course, is because owners of large, \$750,000 homes do not want small, \$150,000 homes built nearby lowering neighborhood property values. That is economic self-defense, not racism.) The Heritage Foundation’s Hans von Spakovsky observes, “It’s a sign that this administration seems to take race into account on everything.” [76608, 76613, 76614, 76651, 76652, 76687]

According to Stanley Kurtz at NationalReview.com, “Obama’s sweeping new rule,” the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), “would override local zoning authority and expand federal control over where and how Americans live. Because of its sweeping impact and the fact that potential Clinton Vice-Presidential running mate, HUD Secretary Julian Castro, will be in charge of implementation, this issue has the potential to shift the terrain of the presidential race as well. ...The AFFH rule represents a stunning repudiation of America’s system of local self-government. This is as radical—and as politically explosive—a change as anything ...Obama has attempted. That’s exactly why he never talks about it, and why he’s delayed it past every election, setting deadline after failed deadline for the final rule’s release. A preliminary version of AFFH has been public for years, yet Obama never mentions it in speeches, press conferences, or the State of the Union address. The mainstream press essentially ignores AFFH. No Republican presidential candidate will back AFFH, but Hillary Clinton will surely endorse it. I think she’d have done this in any case, but now that her re-election strategy has moved so openly to the left, her support of AFFH is assured.” [76608, 76613, 76614, 76651, 76652]



“...Contrary to its title, AFFH isn’t about blocking housing discrimination. That is already illegal, and former HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan acknowledged that AFFH is not about stopping housing discrimination, but instead about changing the way Americans live. AFFH will force every municipality that takes federal housing money to take a detailed survey of where its citizens live, by income, race, ethnicity, etc. If the mixture is not to the federal government’s liking, changes would have to be made at local expense. In effect, this would strip local governments of their zoning power. Furthermore, by redefining ‘fair housing’ to mean housing near transportation hubs and dense downtown districts where many jobs are available, AFFH can be used to change the way Americans live, urbanizing suburbs and Manhattanizing cities. The rule can also be used to press suburbs into regional housing consortia designed to strip local governments of their independence.” (On June 9 the House temporarily blocked the implementation of AFFH by voting to deny funds for its implementation—but that won’t stop Obama from trying to advance his agenda by other means, such as Executive Orders and overzealous regulations from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.) [76608, 76613, 76614, 76651, 76652]

At RedState.com Leon H. Wolf comments on the housing scheme: “I am all in favor of the diversification of America. However, that is not what this policy will achieve or is designed to achieve. This is designed flat out to punish rich people for being rich and the ultimate result of this program may very well be the decimation of the real estate sector of the market. The plan essentially has two parts—the first is to spend money on improving poor neighborhoods by adding schools, libraries, etc. The second, however, seeks to move ‘affordable’ (i.e., lower quality) houses directly into affluent neighborhoods. The first part of this plan is likely to largely be a waste of money (if history is any indicator) but is otherwise harmless. The second, however, will have devastating economic and social effects. It is no secret to anyone at this point that a large part of what drives real estate cost is the quality of surrounding property. Wedging lower cost housing into expensive neighborhoods will not result in more minorities living in expensive neighborhoods—it will instead result in there being no such thing as an expensive neighborhood anymore. I am quite sure that, to the people who cooked up this scheme, that’s not a bug, it’s a feature. However, ultimately it will result in the loss of huge amounts of money from the American economy both in terms of the commerce sector and also in terms of the decimation of individual savings plans, many of which rely on equity built up in real property. To ignore the trickle-down effects this will have on the economy as a whole is either ignorant or malicious. And with the Obama administration, you can’t rule either possibility out.” (The housing scheme would serve another purpose: moving some Democrats into districts that tend to vote Republican.) [76608, 76613, 76614, 76651, 76652]

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issues a “Final Determination Regarding Partially Hydrogenated Oils.” The regulation orders that “trans fats” be eliminated from food products by June 18, 2018, unless the manufacturer is granted a “waiver” by the agency. According to Bloomberg.com, “The FDA estimates the ban will cost the food industry \$6.2 billion over 20 years as it reformulates products and substitutes ingredients.

The benefits will [allegedly] total \$140 billion during the same time period, mostly from lower spending on health care. Food companies have been switching to mixtures of palm and coconut oils or palm and soybean oils, the combination used in tubs of Country Crock margarine...” (Palm oil contains saturated fat, which also raises the “bad cholesterol.”) Whether “Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet” will become “Soccer, tofu, rice cakes, and Subaru” remains to be seen. At DailySignal.com Daren Bakst writes that the trans fat ban is “problematic because the FDA shouldn’t use its power to go after ‘unhealthy’ ingredients; its focus is supposed to be on ‘unsafe’ ingredients. The agency is seeking to be the nation’s nutritionist. But that’s not the appropriate role for the FDA. ...Furthermore, dietary decisions are extremely complex. An individual who consumes trans fat may have an overall diet that is far healthier than someone who never consumes trans fat.” [76771, 76772, 76814, 76840, 76845, 76894, 76942]

Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett tells the City Club of Chicago, “When I look back at the last six years of unfinished business, one of my largest frustrations and disappointments is that we were not able to get comprehensive immigration reform. Overwhelmingly the American people support comprehensive immigration reform, just like another disappointment, to be honest with you, is that overwhelmingly the American people think we have to have more sensible gun laws. The fact that we weren’t able to get Congress to support either one is really very, very disappointing.” [76848]

U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power tells the House Foreign Affairs Committee the Obama administration “will retain the ability to snap that multilateral sanctions architecture back in place without Russian or Chinese support” if Iran does not abide by the terms of any nuclear agreement. (Power’s claim is absurd. It took an incredibly long time to enact sanctions against Iran in the first place, and there is no reason to believe they can be quickly “snapped back.” Further, Obama has no control over Russia or China—or any other nation. If some countries wish to trade with Iran despite sanctions, they will do so.) [76849]

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Amerine testifies before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. According to WesternJournalism.com, “While under oath, [Amerine] told the committee that he had been working on a plan that would facilitate the release of at least six Americans as well as Canadians. Amerine was specifically working to have Bowe Bergdahl, Caitlin Coleman, and her husband, Josh Boyle, released [by the Taliban]. Amerine, whose office is in the Pentagon, stated during his testimony that he and a team of other officials in his office were working ‘every initiative possible.’ One of the angles that his team had been formulating was to trade a Taliban warlord who was currently in prison in the United States. The Taliban warlord had been lured here to U.S. soil, then thrown in prison for life. Amerine’s office hoped to trade the warlord for the six hostages. Amerine said: ‘We made a lot of progress on it, but then in the end, when the Taliban came to the table, the State Department basically said it must be the five [Taliban leaders at Guantanamo] for one [Bowe Bergdahl], and that is the only viable option we have.’” The Obama administration has been going after

Amerine for cooperating with Congress. His “Amerine’s security clearance was cancelled, he was removed from his job, he was part of a criminal investigation, his retirement orders were cancelled, and the Army is currently seeking a court-martial for Amerine. To date, it is an ongoing investigation. Amerine continues to argue that he has done nothing wrong and that he was exercising his constitutional right to be a whistleblower.” [76693]

WesternJournalism.com notes Army Regulation 600-20, which the Obama administration has apparently chosen to ignore: “No person will restrict a member of the Armed Services from making a protected communication with a Member of Congress; an IG [Inspector General]; a member of a DOD [Department of Defense]audit, inspection, investigation, or law enforcement organization; or any other person or organization (including any person in the chain of command) designated under this regulation or other administrative procedures to receive such communication... Soldiers will be free from reprisal for making or preparing a protected communication.” [76693]

At FoxNews.com Malia Zimmerman writes, “The recent cyber theft of millions of personnel records from the federal government was sophisticated and potentially crippling, but hackers with just rudimentary skills could easily do even more damage by targeting voting machines, according to security experts. Voter fraud is nearly as old as elections themselves, and different states and precincts use different voting systems and machines. But in many cases, even the electronic ballots could be manipulated remotely, according to a new report by the Commonwealth Security and Risk Management for the Virginia Information Technologies Agency. That report found that the AVS WINVote machines Virginia has used since 2002 have such flimsy security that an amateur hacker could change votes from outside a polling location. ...The report was commissioned after one precinct in Virginia reported ‘unusual activity with some of the devices used to capture votes,’ during last November’s statewide elections. ...The report is ‘very alarming,’ said Hans von Spakovsky, manager of Election Law Reform Initiative and senior legal fellow for The Heritage Foundation, noting while there is no evidence that a Virginia election was compromised because of these security vulnerabilities in the WINVote machines, but there is no way to really know. ‘Anyone who thinks that there are not folks out there—from lone hackers to foreign governments—who are willing to exploit the security vulnerabilities of our election system is living in a fantasy world,’ said von Spakovsky, who [with John Fund] co-authored the book, ‘Who’s Counting? How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk.’ ...A ‘better alternative,’ von Spakovsky said, is the opti [optical] scan ballot, which counts votes at the speed of a computer scanner, while keeping original paper ballots so any question over the software or other issues can easily be resolved.” [76620]

Fox News also reports, “A major cyberattack on U.S. federal personnel data was far graver than the Obama administration has acknowledged, with hackers obtaining information on every federal employee, the president of a government workers union claimed Thursday. In a letter to the director of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), J. David Cox, national president of the American Federation of Government

Employees (AFGE), said that based on the information provided by the OPM, the hack was much broader than previously thought. ‘Based on the sketchy information OPM has provided, we believe that the Central Personnel Data File was the targeted database, and that the hackers are now in possession of all personnel data for every federal employee, every federal retiree, and up to one million former federal employees,’ Cox said in the letter dated Thursday [June 11]. ...Cox went on to say that the hackers have accessed a host of information that includes Social Security numbers, military records, addresses, birth dates, pay histories, health insurance and pension information. The AFGE also believes that Social Security numbers were not encrypted, which Cox calls ‘a cybersecurity failure that is absolutely indefensible and outrageous.’ ...A well-placed intelligence source told Fox News the breach involved an ‘advanced persistent threat’ designed to harvest information covertly without crippling systems and that the attack bears similarities to those carried out by nation-states, not by criminal syndicates.” [76621]

The North Carolina state legislature votes 69-41 to override a veto by Republican Governor Pat McCrory, thereby making it legal for state officials to opt out of marriage ceremonies that conflict with their religious beliefs. [76636]

Florida Governor Rick Scott signs into law legislation requiring that women must wait 24 hours after seeing a doctor before they can get an abortion. (Exceptions are included for rape, incest, and human trafficking.) [76649]

*The Jerusalem Post* reports, “CIA director John Brennan allegedly came to Israel last week to tell officials that a final nuclear deal with Iran does not have to include a commitment by Tehran to provide access to military bases, or Iranian consent to interview its scientists. According to a Middle East Media Research Institute report... [Iran’s] Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei seems to have torpedoed an arrangement under which IAEA inspectors would be allowed to exercise symbolic supervision at Iranian military sites where suspected work has been carried out on military dimensions of the nuclear program. Khamenei reportedly rejected proposals that would have enabled the IAEA to question Iranian scientists.” “Under these circumstances,” states the report, “it seems the head of the CIA, John Brennan, was sent to Israel to convince it—and through it, the European Union—that intelligence monitoring of every suspected instance of a military dimension in the Iranian nuclear program is a sufficient solution, and that the [IAEA’s] ...investigation can be left aside.” (In other words, Obama is replacing Ronald Reagan’s “trust, but verify” with little more than “trust.”) [76631]

Also in *The Jerusalem Post*, Sarah Hong writes, “Obama is so lucky he never encountered the formidable Golda [Meir, Israel’s prime minister between March 17, 1969 and June 3, 1974]. She didn’t gladly suffer hypocrites. She’d have sent him and his honeyed blandishments packing and tossed his two-state mantra out the window.” “...Golda Meir rarely passed up an opportunity to warn about the allure of ‘lies wrapped up in sweet words.’ She knew that shallowness offers smug refuge from the intractable and that syrupy slogans are a convenient copout for the intellectually indolent. ...Obama

probably knows the same which is perhaps why he laid the blarney on so thick in his recent interview with The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg, who himself couldn't have been more cloying. It's undeniably in Obama's interest to sweet-talk American Jews—whom he must perceive mostly as sycophant dilettantes—into trusting that some of his best friends are Jews. ...Obviously we [Israelis] may all expect unkind comeuppance for having insubordinately reelected the PM Obama hates. Let's not forget: Obama did his darndest [sic; darnedest] to defeat [current Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu, thereby impudently and imperiously interfering in the domestic politics of a fellow democracy." [76632, 76633]

"...Endearing as Obama occasionally strives to be—when political needs so mandate—he twists and warps the truth. By dramatically reiterating Palestinian propaganda, divorced conveniently from any perspective, Obama misrepresents our reality. We Israelis, at least, mustn't become gullible saps. All of us know full well that until terror was unleashed in our streets, Arabs from the so-called occupied territories entered Israel utterly unhindered every day. No roadblocks or checkpoints interfered with anyone's routine. Things only changed when buses started exploding here, when going to the supermarket or school became perilous, when family outings could mean gruesome carnage. But did Obama appraise Palestinian inconvenience versus Israeli lives? He knows why things are the way they are. He knows that Mahmoud Abbas's schools, media and mosques all glorify mass-murderers and incite to hate. By pretending not to be aware, Obama proves himself disingenuous in the extreme. ...The Golda for whom Obama seemingly yearns famously said: 'There is no Palestinian nation. Palestine was a Roman name specifically invented to humiliate defeated Jews. The Arabs only learned the name from the British in 1918 and couldn't even pronounce it correctly at that, distorting it into Falastin. There's just as much substance to that degrading Roman name as there is to what the Romans called Jerusalem—Aelia Capitolina [the Roman colony in Jerusalem under emperor Hadrian].'" [76632, 76633]

WND.com reports that a group of 20-30 black teens in Florence, Alabama beat a white family, yelling racial slurs, and using a Taser on the father. (Obama and Attorney General Loretta Lynch have no comment.) [76622]

Apparently expecting people to believe that he can actually do something about it, Obama whines in a Twitter message that May was "the wettest month on record." [76648]

Obama stops by the annual congressional baseball game to rally support for Trade Promotion Authority legislation. Fans behind the Democrat dugout (apparently not too enthused about Hillary Clinton) chant, "Four more years! Four more years!" [76624, 76688, 76690, 76745]

GOP presidential candidate Carly Fiorina tells a Washington, D.C. audience, "A feminist is a woman who lives the life she chooses. A woman may choose to have five children and home-school them. She may choose to become a CEO or run for president."

Addressing leftist double standards, she says, “The left fights to protect late-term abortions and sues the Little Sisters of the Poor, but they oppose over-the-counter birth control.” WashingtonTimes.com reports that Fiorina “suggested repeatedly in her speech ...that feminist conservatives like herself, not radical finger-wagging liberals who’ve dominated the sexual equality battlefield for decades, are the people who best advance the legitimate interests of women in America. The ‘failures of progressive feminism,’ she argued, are rooted in the fact that liberals are focused ‘more about winning elections than empowering women.’” [76635]

In Warwick, Rhode Island police arrest Nicholas Rovinski (also known as Nuh Amriki and Nuh al Andalus) in connection with the terrorist plot to kill Pamela Geller and Boston police officers. According to a 21-page FBI affidavit, Rovinski “told the agents that he fully supported the recently publicized acts of ISIL fighters in the Middle East such as beheadings and military attacks on forces who oppose ISIL... Rovinski stated that the beheadings ...were both warnings and a method of warfare. He stated that he feels he is ‘at war’ with those who oppose ISIL... He also indicated he is prepared to fight anyone who is an enemy of ISIL, including Americans if necessary, to accomplish ISIL’s ultimate goal.” Rovinski also claimed that if his family refused to follow ISIL, “they must be killed.” [76629, 76630, 76634, 76653, 76666, 76667, 76700, 76701, 76702, 76727]

Radio talk show host Mark Levin tells his listeners, “The Obama administration is in full cover-up mode as it always is. It’s in full cover-up mode, it’s in full propaganda mode, as it is whether it’s ObamaCare, as it is whether it’s illegal immigration, as it is whether it’s the Freedom of Information Act, the nukes that the ‘Islam-o-Nazis’ in Tehran are getting—full cover-up mode. But this [hacking of U.S. federal government employee records by China] is huge. This is an act of war. I say it over and over again: this is an act of war by the communist police state in China. And they have now breached our federal databases, they now have obtained—we have a lot of federal employees listening to this program all over the country: liberal, conservative, moderate, independent, Democrat, Republican, not registered—you’ve all been hacked by the Red Chinese. And your employer, the federal government, failed to put in place the necessary, the effective tools to prevent it and to alert them to it in a timely manner. And I don’t want to hear anymore that they don’t have enough money. They waste over \$120 billion a year. Now, the rest of us. You need to understand that the Internal Revenue Service has an enormous amount of information on we the people. Bank accounts, credit card information, family information, charitable information, you name it. More than that. Under ObamaCare, the federal government is centralizing data information on the most personal aspects of your health. And I can assure you that a government that can’t create a website can’t protect the data. That’s obvious, now that they’ve stolen all this data from our federal employees and veterans and military personnel and on and on and on.” [76758]

On June 12 the Obama administration’s Internet regulations—known as “net neutrality”—take effect after a June 11 ruling by a federal judge to deny a motion to temporarily block them. A gleeful Federal Communications Commission chairman Tom

Wheeler says, “This is a huge victory for Internet consumers and innovators. Starting Friday, there will be a referee on the field to keep the Internet fast, fair and open.” Others disagree. TheHill.com notes, “The regulations reclassify Internet service providers as utility companies, giving the ...FCC more power to regulate them. ...Republican lawmakers said the ruling was creating ‘uncertainty.’” (How the rules will impact Internet users is not yet clear—beyond the likelihood that service will ultimately cost more.) [76663]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The State Department has no record of former Secretary Hillary Clinton or her two top aides receiving IT security training while Clinton led the department... In response to a Freedom of Information request filed by the nonprofit Competitive Enterprise Institute in March, State said it could not locate any record of Clinton, chief of staff Cheryl Mills, or [Egyptian-born] deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin undergoing any sort of IT security training.” [76751]

Department of Justice lawyers responds to Judge Emmet Sullivan’s demand for information on the status of former agency official Lois Lerner’s emails with the lame excuse that the IRS is first trying to ensure that there are no duplicates. The attorneys whine that the process “could affect the Service’s ability to complete its review and production of Lerner communications by September 2015.” Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton tells DailyCaller.com, “Even though TIGTA [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration] already identified and removed emails that are duplicates, the IRS is in ‘the process of conducting further manual deduplication [sic] of the 6,400’ emails, rather than reviewing them in response to Judicial Watch’s FOIA requests that are more than 2 years old now. Our legal team will continue pursuing all necessary and available legal options to hold the IRS accountable for its flagrant abuse of power.” (Judicial Watch no doubt would not care if there are some duplicates in the released emails. The IRS is stalling not because it is looking for duplicates, but because it wants to eliminate emails that may contain damaging information.) [76469, 76470, 76551, 76753, 76877]

Secretary of State John Kerry leaves Massachusetts General Hospital on crutches, having broken a leg in a bicycling accident on May 31. [76689]

The House of Representatives votes down the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) bill by a vote of 302-126. WashingtonTimes.com writes, “Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi [D-CA] issued the final blow to Mr. Obama, taking to the floor to denounce the push for trade and saying she would kill a Democratic priority—extra assistance for workers displaced by trade agreements known as Trade Adjustment Assistance—in order to defeat the broader trade agenda. ‘This is not a good deal,’ she said. A stunned White House called it a ‘procedural snafu’ and promised to try again, and GOP leaders left the door open for a revote, but it will take a huge effort by Mr. Obama, who will need to switch votes of dozens of Democrats who defeated the trade assistance bill... That vote unraveled a package that was supposed to include the assistance bill, a separate measure stiffening enforcement of trade agreements and fast-track negotiating powers for Mr. Obama to complete trade agreements, which was the linchpin to the deal. ...And the TPA

[Trade Promotion Authority] did gain a majority, scoring a 219-211 tally—but that vote was symbolic since the worker assistance package had already failed. ...Republicans also were frustrated with Mrs. Pelosi, who spent much of her floor speech decrying the GOP for writing in language restricting [Obama's] ability to negotiate global-warming terms as part of any future trade deal." [76623, 76624, 76626, 76659, 76662, 76668, 76669, 76728, 76850]

At WND.com, Garth Kant adds, "The vote... means the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, a monumental but controversial trade deal between the U.S. and Pacific Rim nations, is likely dead, after Obama and business interests spent months lobbying for it. After Friday's vote, it is back to the drawing board for [Obama] and the bill's supporters in Congress. They will either have to try again to drum up the needed votes, or the bill will die for good. ...[Obama] was so desperate to save his far-reaching trade bill he went to Congress Friday morning to plead with fellow Democrats for their support—with Pelosi by his side. But just before the vote, she declared 'I will be voting to slow down fast-track. Today, we have an opportunity to slow down. Whatever the deal is with other countries, we want a better deal for American workers.' ...GOP House leaders concocted a plan to have separate votes on TPA and TAA on Friday. They had expected TAA would pass with a majority of votes from Democrats, but Pelosi's opposition thwarted that. ...In a tweet after the vote, AFL-CIO President Richard L. Trumka, called Pelosi 'a champion for workers.' GOP House leaders supported the bill, but they didn't have enough rank and file Republican lawmakers to pass it without the votes of roughly two-dozen Democrats. That put Obama in the odd position of having the support of Republicans while having to either beg or twist the arms of his fellow Democrats." (With the passage of the Trade Promotion Authority but without the approval of the Trade Adjustment Assistance bill, Obama will not be able to win support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal.) [76623, 76625, 76626, 76659, 76662]

At WorldTribune.com Jeffrey T. Kuhner writes that Obama "is on the verge of creating the New World Order. He is using Trade Promotion Authority—otherwise known as 'fast track'—to pass his globalist dream: the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a sweeping 12-nation trade pact. The TPP, however, is much more than about 'free trade.' It is a deliberate attempt to create a new Pacific Union—a supranational entity modeled on the European Union. It is an embryonic political and economic union that, if implemented, would destroy U.S. sovereignty, flood America with unlimited immigration and subordinate the Constitution to an unelected, unaccountable international tribunal. In short, it is a monster, an evil corporatist infant, which must be strangled in its crib. ...The TPP is not a simple trade pact; rather, it grants special powers to a TPP commission—an international tribunal composed of bureaucratic elites—in which on vital areas, such as immigration, labor, the environment, commercial policy and even food, its authority will trump that of Congress. It transfers and surrenders U.S. sovereignty to a globalist entity similar to the EU—a new Pacific Union. ...TPA lowers the Senate threshold for approving treaties from 67 votes or even the 60 votes necessary for major legislation to a simple majority. Moreover, it surrenders Congress' constitutional prerogatives to amend the deal or strike out any bad provisions—such as the supranational and secretive TPP commission." [76661]



“If Obama is granted TPA, Congress can only vote up or down on the TPP. And never has a trade deal been defeated after a president acquired fast track authority. In other words, a vote for TPA almost assures passage of Obamatrade. ...The Constitution is clear: ‘The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises ...To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations.’ Instead of curbing Obama’s power grab, House and Senate Republicans are enabling him to act on behalf of Congress (and the national interest). They are recklessly giving Obama—who has lied repeatedly to the American public on issues ranging from Obamacare to Benghazi to Iran—a blank check to negotiate the most consequential trade pact in U.S. history. This would be like trusting Dracula with a blood bank. ...Obama is on the verge of completing his fundamental transformation of America. Obamatrade would be the final hammer blow. It would allow for an unlimited number of Third World immigrants—Chinese, Mexicans, Malaysians—to flood our country, swamping us with cheap labor and even cheaper goods. America’s borders, sovereignty and Constitution would be rendered meaningless. Similar to EU member states, we would be subject to the whims of progressive globalist elites. Our national independence would be a thing of the past. That Obama’s treachery is being aided and abetted by the GOP leadership reveals a harsh reality. America is now divided into two camps. It is not, however, between Republicans and Democrats. Rather, it is between our ruling class and the citizens they seek to rule.” [76661]

The Associated Press reports, “Hackers linked to China appear to have gained access to the sensitive background information submitted by intelligence and military personnel for security clearances, several U.S. officials said Friday, describing a second cyberbreach of federal records that could dramatically compound the potential damage. The forms authorities believed to have been accessed, known as Standard Form 86, require applicants to fill out deeply personal information about mental illnesses, drug and alcohol use, past arrests and bankruptcies. They also require the listing of contacts and relatives, potentially exposing any foreign relatives of U.S. intelligence employees to coercion. Both the applicant’s Social Security number and that of his or her cohabitant is required. ...‘This tells the Chinese the identities of almost everybody who has got a United States security clearance,’ said Joel Brenner, a former top U.S. counterintelligence official. ‘That makes it very hard for any of those people to function as an intelligence officer. The database also tells the Chinese an enormous amount of information about almost everyone with a security clearance. That’s a gold mine. It helps you approach and recruit spies.’ ...The officials said they believe the hack into the security clearance database was separate from the breach of federal personnel data announced last week—a breach that is itself appearing far worse than first believed.” [76639, 76640, 76641, 76654, 77042]

Meanwhile, the State Department experiences “technical problems” that prevent it from issuing passports and visas. [76642, 76643]

Because of the security breach, the government sends an email to millions of current and former employees urging them to take security precautions. (Of course, it is the government that should have taken precautions.) According to Buzzfeed.com, the email

“includes tips such as ‘be suspicious of unsolicited phone calls, visits, or email messages from individuals asking about you, your employees, your colleagues or any other internal information,’ and “urges all federal employees to run a credit check to make sure their bank accounts or credit cards have not already been compromised. Several current and former Federal employees who spoke to BuzzFeed News about the breach described a state of panic and confusion within their offices. The breach on the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), first disclosed last week, is already the largest breach in U.S. government history. The OPM said it was currently working with the FBI, as well as with other relevant bodies, to determine the extent of the breach, which could affect many more employees than originally disclosed.” [76801]

DCWhispers.com reports, “Appalling, abusive, and arrogant are just three of the descriptions that emerged from ...Obama’s morning meetings with both Democrat and Republican members of Congress today as he tried in vain to accumulate the needed support for what is being called the ‘Obamatrade’ legislation. Apparently those meetings did not go well for [Obama], who lashed out at members of Congress and then left visibly upset over how few were willing to support him. Today Congress was greeted with the many faces of Barack Obama, and apparently none of them were particularly positive or respectful and that has whispers spreading throughout Washington D.C. regarding just how poorly the meetings went... ‘[Obama] was said to be very defensive within minutes of his arrival. He snapped at staff, verbally bullied members of Congress, and finally left openly angry and frustrated. There were lawmakers who in turn felt [Obama’s] abusive and arrogant behavior was appalling. They’ve seen him act out before, but not like this. He was every bit the spoiled little brat.’ The contentious environment was apparently not simply between Barack Obama and Congressional Democrats either, but in fact involved certain influential members of the Democratic Caucus telling Nancy Pelosi [D-CA] if she did not stand up to [Obama] on the trade bill, her time as Minority Leader was over. Pelosi must have taken her own members at their word as she was among those who then told Barack Obama he didn’t have the votes. [Obama] pushed back, Pelosi refused to budge, and [Obama] then got up and walked out, ‘tight lipped and ready to leave.’” [76644, 76645]

CNN’s Jake Tapper quotes one House Democrat: “[Obama] was fine until he turned it at the end and became indignant and alienated some folks.” [76646, 76647]

At FreeBeacon.com Elizabeth Harrington writes that although Obama “admits there is ‘no complete strategy’ in the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq, U.S. embassies there will have access to a complete package of movie channels. The State Department issued a solicitation on Thursday to purchase satellite television subscriptions for all its embassies in the embattled country, including the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. ...A channel list provided in the contract’s statement of work includes: OSN Movies, OSN Movies 2, OSN Movies Premiere, OSN Movies Premiere 2, OSN Movies Action, OSN Movies Festival, OSN Movies Comedy, OSN Movies Drama, OSN First Comedy, Turner Classic Movies, MGM, Sundance, and Star. ...U.S. embassies in Iraq will also have access to E! Entertainment, the Food Network, TLC, VH-1, OSN Sports, Discovery channel, several

Nat Geo channels, the History channel, and Animal Planet. The only news channels listed are CNBC Europe and Fox News.” (Pamela Geller writes, “The U.S. embassy personnel can enjoy first-run movies right until the Islamic State blades start slicing their necks. The Obama administration here reveals its priorities; do they want to make sure that embassy personnel will be too distracted to start pestering the State Department with requests for help when the jihadis come, as they did to no avail in Benghazi?”) [76698, 76699]

TransCanada Corporation announces it will begin construction of a \$4.1 billion natural gas pipeline to its Pacific coast in British Columbia. HotAir.com comments, “So, good for you, Canada. I can’t really blame you. It’s a big world and a big energy market and there’s no reason you should have to sit on the sidelines waiting for a bunch of bureaucrats to stop sitting on their hands. And on the plus side, if anybody in the US gets seriously tired of living here, there should be a ton of jobs available up there.” [76791, 76792]

CNSNews.com reports that federal tax revenue for the first eight months of the fiscal year (October 2014 through May 2015) “hit a record \$2,103,987,000,000 [\$2.1 trillion] for the first eight months of the fiscal year this May, but the federal government still ran a \$365,156,000,000 [\$365 billion] deficit during that time, according to the latest Monthly Treasury Statement.” During those eight months the government spent \$2.469 trillion. [76657]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The Clinton administration had bankrupted the intelligence community and refused to let the CIA prioritize anti-terrorism over other major priorities in the late 1990s, leaving the agency stretched too thin in the days ahead of the 2001 terrorist attacks, former Director George J. Tenet said in a 2005 document declassified Friday.” [76660]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The Obama administration will agree to let Iran bypass questions about its past nuclear military work under any final deal signed in the coming weeks, according to reports. Western officials were quoted as telling the Associated Press on Friday that the United States has given up a major concession to Iran on the military front. While senior U.S. officials, including Secretary of State John Kerry, have long insisted that Iran will immediately have to submit to wide-ranging inspections and disclosures regarding its past nuclear work, the new reports indicate that this demand has been cast aside as world powers work to strike a final deal with the Islamic Republic by the end of June.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Surrender and capitulation. Catastrophe to follow.”) [76664, 76665]

*The Washington Post* reports, “Key lawmakers have moved to slash funding of a secret CIA operation to train and arm rebels in Syria, a move that U.S. officials said reflects rising skepticism of the effectiveness of the agency program and the Obama administration’s strategy in the Middle East. The House Intelligence Committee recently voted unanimously to cut as much as 20 percent of the classified funds flowing into a

CIA program that U.S. officials said has become one the agency's largest covert operations, with a budget approaching \$1 billion a year." [76683]

On June 13 an early morning, hours-long standoff outside the Dallas Police Headquarters results in a gunman with an automatic weapon shot and killed by a police sniper. According to FoxNews.com, "Dallas Police Chief David Brown said at a press conference that the gunman—who self-identified as being James Boulware, though police could not confirm that identity as of [Saturday] evening—ranted in a 911 call after the attack about killing cops and came within seconds of doing so in the case of several officers in the line fire. 'We barely survived the intent of this suspect,' Brown said He said it was extremely fortunate no officers were hurt. ...Investigators found a package containing pipe bombs near the headquarters building and the suspect told police he had C-4 explosives in his armored van, Brown said. The package exploded as an Explosive Ordinance Robot picked it up. 'Lots of shrapnel was included in the pipe bombs that exploded—screws, nails,' a police spokesman tweeted. Two pipe bombs were also found in the van after the suspect was shot. When police detonated those devices, the gunman's van caught fire and ammunition rounds went off inside." On CNN, Fredricka Whitfield angers many viewers when she says says, "It was very courageous and brave, if not crazy as well, to open fire on the police headquarters..." (Whitfield later says she "misspoke," without apologizing or saying she was sorry, but on June 15 she is pressured into giving an actual apology: "I misspoke, terribly. I misused those words terribly and I sincerely apologize for making this statement and I understand now how offensive it was. I want to reiterate that in no way do I believe the gunman was courageous or brave.") [76670, 76671, 76673, 76686, 76709, 76710, 76711, 76752, 76762, 76778]

On Roosevelt Island in New York City, Hillary Clinton re-launches her 2016 presidential campaign with a populist ["free stuff for everyone!"] speech intended to boost her sagging poll numbers. She says, "You [voters] have to wonder, 'When do I get ahead?' I say now. You brought the country back. Now it's your time to enjoy the prosperity. That is why I'm running for president of the United States." FoxNews.com notes, "She remarked that Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms are a 'testament to our nation's unmatched aspirations and a reminder of our unfinished work at home and abroad.' Clinton also drew into focus what will likely be the key themes of her campaign including support for same-sex marriage, wage equality for women and all Americans, affordable college tuition and free child-care and pre-kindergarten." (Some might argue that Clinton belongs on Rikers Island, rather than Roosevelt Island. Of course, Clinton chose the site for her speech to emphasize that—at least in her opinion—she is a modern-day Franklin D. Roosevelt-style leftist. On the other hand, Roosevelt Island was once the home of Blackwell's Island Penitentiary and the Municipal Pauper Lunatic Asylum, and was also known as "Welfare Island." Although Roosevelt island no longer has a prison (it has apartment buildings), Rikers Island currently houses one of the world's largest correctional facilities.) [76672, 76708, 76712, 76723, 76724, 76730, 76732, 76750]

Twenty minutes into Clinton's 45-minute speech (for which the FAA ordered a no-fly zone), the overflow area was still empty. (Whether that is the result of a lack of

enthusiasm for Clinton or the absurd decision to hold a campaign rally on an island that is difficult to get to is not clear.) WashingtonExaminer.com notes, “MSNBC observed that the crowd that did show up for her speech was ‘largely enthusiastic’ but ‘not overwhelmed’ and that the audience was overwhelmingly white.” [76677, 76678, 76682, 76684]

During her speech, Clinton notes two accomplishments as Secretary of State, bragging, “I stood up to adversaries like [Russia’s Vladimir] Putin and allies like Israel and I was in the Situation Room on the day we got Bin Laden.” (What Clinton did to “stand up to Putin” is not clear; why standing up to Israel is an accomplishment is not clear; and why merely being in a room when others are doing something significant on the other side of the world is relevant to anything is also not clear.) [76674, 76675, 76721, 76874]

In what is clearly an orchestrated action, two gays carefully placed behind Clinton kiss each other when she discusses gay rights and “marriage equality.” [76679, 76802]

With her millionaire hedge fund manager son-in-law and former Goldman Sachs employee Marc Mezvinsky seated nearby, Clinton rails against overpaid hedge fund managers. She whines about rich people who “bend the rules”—as if she thinks no one knows she turned a \$1,000 “investment” in cattle futures into \$100,000 with the eager assistance of people currying favors with her husband. (Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich later notes that some of Clinton’s hedge fund comments were lifted almost word-for-word from a May speech Obama delivered at Georgetown University. Pavlich writes, “Did Hillary Clinton plagiarize Obama’s speech? Did the same speech writer produce both speeches? Or is this just a new liberal talking point? Either way, it proves once again that Hillary’s ideas are from yesterday.” Pavlich also notes that Mezvinsky co-founded his hedge fund with the help of his Clinton ties. Marc Mezvinsky’s father, Edward, is a former Iowa congressman who served five years in federal prison for fraud. His second ex-wife, Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, is a former Congresswoman from Iowa.) [76680, 76734, 76806, 76807]

*National Review’s* Jim Geraghty notes that Clinton mentioned ISIS only once: “‘No other country is better prepared to meet emerging threats from cyber attacks, transnational terror networks like ISIS, and diseases that spread across oceans and continents.’ It’s particularly fascinating that she would claim that ‘no other country is better prepared to meet emerging threats from cyber attacks’ just days after we learn that hackers stole sensitive information in the personnel files of as many as 14 million current and former government workers. This is not debatable. We weren’t prepared. We’re probably not going to be prepared for a long time, or ever. But she needs the applause line, so the line stays in there.” [76746]

Clinton’s only reference to the national debt: “Instead of a balanced budget with surpluses that could have eventually paid off our national debt, the Republicans twice cut taxes for the wealthiest, borrowed money from other countries to pay for two wars, and family incomes dropped.” Geraghty comments, “The debt the day President George W.

Bush took office was \$5.7 trillion. The revenue surplus under Clinton topped out at \$236 billion, so we would have needed 24 years of that peak surplus, year after year, with no spending increases, to ‘have eventually paid off our national debt’ as Hillary envisions. Of course, once the dot-com bubble burst and tax revenue plummeted, the surpluses were certain to disappear anyway, and it would have taken a lot longer than a quarter century to pay off the debt. Still, it’s nice to see a Democrat acknowledging that we ought to want to reduce our debt. The next step would be to acknowledge that under President Bush, we added \$4.9 trillion in new debt. Under ... we have added \$7.5 trillion [so far].” [76746]

Former U.S. Spokesman at the United Nations Richard Grenell tweets, “Hillary Clinton took a private plane to New York and a boat to an island in NYC to tell you she can relate to your problems.” [76682]

NBC’s Chuck Todd notes that during the speech “Clinton has referenced her time in the Senate more than she has her time as Sec/State.” (That may be because she did not get four Americans killed while she was in the Senate.) [76676]

According to NationalReview.com, the Clinton campaign blocked reporters with “yellow tape, metal barriers, and security officers” so that they “could see—but not speak to—the crowds lined up” to hear the candidate. ...[J]ournalists were corralled into a press area fenced in by metal barriers on all four sides. Without ‘special clearance,’ one staffer informed a reporter, mingling with the crowd was strictly forbidden. ... Their decision to segregate journalists from supporters illustrates that the campaign is determined to control Clinton’s image as tightly as possible.” [76749]

In Marshalltown, Iowa only six people show up for an organized “watch party” to view Clinton’s campaign speech—and one of the six is a Clinton staffer. [76691, 76708]

Obama spends five hours playing golf at Andrews Air Force Base. [76694]

WND.com reports, “A man believed to be a British ISIS leader tweeted out the home address of anti-jihad activist Pamela Geller, a WND columnist and head of the American Freedom Defense Initiative. It was the latest in a series of death threats and intimidation tactics by Islamists against Geller. This one came just hours after a third man linked to a plot to kill her and Boston cops was arrested. ‘#GoForth,’ the Tweet urged, via a hashtag, after revealing Geller’s New York City address, apartment number and all. The Twitter account that sent out the address has since been suspended.” [76695, 76729]

FoxNews.com reports, “Six detainees at the Guantanamo Bay detention center, including two alleged Usama bin Laden bodyguards, have been transferred to Oman, the Pentagon said Saturday. The terror-related detainees are all from neighboring and embattled Yemen. ... The new transfers mark the departure of more than half of the 242 detainees who were at the facility when Obama was sworn into office in 2009. The number is now 116.” Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) comments, “It’s extremely troubling that the Obama

administration has sent six dangerous terrorists to Oman, which borders Yemen—a country engulfed in civil war and that serves as the headquarters for al-Qaeda’s most dangerous affiliate. Even more disturbing is the fact that the administration has not provided sufficient assurances to Congress or to the public that these terrorists will not return to the battlefield. If they are not securely detained, no one should be surprised if they travel to Yemen and re-engage in terrorist activities.” Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) states that Obama “is once again putting his legacy above the safety and security of Americans. We need an effective detention program, not continued transfers of prisoners to countries without clear requirements for their monitoring to ensure they don’t return to the battlefield.” [76703, 76704, 76705, 76720]

Obama hosts a party at the White House featuring entertainers Prince and Stevie Wonder. (Details of the event are kept secret, with press secretary Josh Earnest telling reporters on June 15 it was a “private social event.” The “private event,” which Earnest—probably falsely—claims the Obamas paid for personally, is attended by about 500 celebrities, friends, lobbyists and other guests—including Al Sharpton.) [76737, 76738, 76774, 76783, 76788, 76790, 76838, 76843]

On June 14 Bill Clinton appears on CNN’s State of the Union and comments on the many Republican presidential candidates: “Well there’s a lot of them. It looks more like the Kentucky Derby than Belmont. ...First of all, they’ve got a lot of youth, a lot of energy. They’ve got some significant diversity, and they’re no dummies. It’s interesting. They believe what they believe. They still believe that trickle-down economics still work better than investment, and they’re convictions are so great that they’re undeterred by evidence. That’s always amazing to me, but they are impressive. And they have some differences of opinion—like the national security issues and the incarceration issues—it’ll be interesting to watch them debate. I sympathize with the question of how the primary voters are going to decide who to vote for and whether it’s fair or unfair for some people to be eliminated from the televised debate. I don’t know how you listen to 12 people, or however many they’ve got, but here’s what I think. Republican primary voters... end up voting for the person they think has the best chance to win. Because the Tea Party has taken over the House, they’ve got all their ideological dreams fulfilled. The reason I’m saying this is it may be harder this year than before to figure out who’s the most electable candidate.” [76713]

Clinton also says he does not know if Clinton Foundation donors expected anything in return from him or his wife: “Nobody even suggested it or talked about it or thought about it until the political season began and somebody said, well, what about this? No one had ever asked me for anything, or any of that. ...[Y]ou never know what people’s motives are.” [76757]

On *Face the Nation*, Hillary Clinton campaign manager Robby Mook is asked by host John Dickerson, “When I talk to Democratic strategists, people who even are anxious for [Clinton] to be president, they say she can list a lot of things [as reason]. The biggest problem for her is trust. The voters and the polls have shown this: voters do not trust her.

How does she overcome that?” Mook replies, “First of all, no poll shows that voters don’t trust Hillary.” Dickerson: “They don’t find her honest and trustworthy.” Mook: “No poll says that. The central question in this race is whether voters can trust Hillary Clinton to be a tenacious fighter for them, to go to bat for them. To push back on stacked deck that has kept middle class behind, and the answer to that is overwhelmingly, yes. Anyone who watched her speech yesterday was abundantly clear: Hillary Clinton will be a tenacious fighter for every day Americans. That’s the question in this election, and voters can trust her to be that fighter. As she said people call her lot of things, but they don’t call her quitter, and right now, the middle class needs someone who will not quit and will keep fighting for them every single day.” More than a few polls have shown that huge numbers of voters do not trust Clinton. ( A June 2 Gallup poll found that 57 percent of those surveyed do not consider her “honest or trustworthy.”) The voters are now not only expected by Mook to trust her, they are expected to believe that she will “fight for the middle class”—something she has never shown any inclination to do in her 67 years. [76714, 76718]

On *Meet the Press* former Obama chief of staff William Daley says he had no idea then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was using a private email server rather than the State Department’s system. [76715]

DCWhispers.com writes, “[T]he dramatic rift that now exists between Nancy Pelosi and the Obama White House is being reported across the Mainstream Media since it broke open [on June 12]. The Obama White House fully expected a close vote on the ‘Obamatrade’ bill on Friday. What they didn’t expect was to have House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi [D-CA] personally escort [Obama] into Congress and then quickly turn on him by refusing to give him the support needed to have any chance of the legislation passing. This is said to have enraged both Barack Obama and [close Obama advisor] Valerie Jarrett who were left stunned and embarrassed by the overwhelming and bipartisan vote count that was a powerful rebuke of [Obama’s] now-vanishing influence. ...The Washington Post declared the Obamatrade vote a ‘major defeat’ for the White House and [reported] that Pelosi had earlier on Friday indicated to [Obama] she was ‘leaning no’ but then made a far stronger and much more dramatic no vote speech on the House floor—a gesture that initially frustrated and then soon after enraged, both Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett. ...It is also now being whispered that Valerie Jarrett is at this very moment threatening to ‘shut it all down’ with a still-pending federal budget agreement. If so, things appear on the verge of getting very-very ugly between the White House and Congress...” [76719]

At the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Hillary Clinton says, “In order to get a [trade] deal that meets these high standards, [Obama] should listen to and work with his allies in Congress, starting with Nancy Pelosi, who have expressed their concerns about the impact that a weak agreement would have on our workers, to make sure we get the best, strongest deal possible. And if we don’t get it, there should be no deal.” (In other words, Clinton waited to see which side in the trade deal battle won before choosing a side. But



Breitbart.com notes that in 2012 Clinton supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership.) [76744]

Meanwhile, at NationalReview.com, Patrick Brennan points out that “CNN has turned up a whopping 45 instances in which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton pushed a trade deal, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, that she now says she opposes. Of course, she was doing the bidding of [Obama], not an independent actor—but this goes to suggest... that she is less offering coherent answers on trade issues, at the forefront of the policy debate right now, than she is trying to find politically palatable ones.” [76765, 76766]

In a recorded and then translated radio interview with Aaron Klein on New York City’s AM 970, Abu Al-Ayna al-Ansari, the leader of an ISIS-allied terrorist group in Gaza, says, “Our goal is to bring Islam, to bring Shari’ah all around the world. And we will not rest until we see our flag raised in the United States, raised upon the White House and everywhere there are Crusaders who are fighting our people. We are sure that our Caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, in spite of all the international military campaign that is targeting the Islamic State, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi will bring his revenge to all those who are humiliating our prophet and humiliating Islam. I call you to follow Islam, and I call you not to confront the Muslims because there is no choice but to see Islam ruling all around the world. ...Our prophet is the prophet of mercy, is the prophet of humanity. But he is also the sword upon those who will try to humiliate Islam. ...Our conflict is not an Israeli-Arab conflict. Our struggle is not for a Palestinian state. We are seeking the world. We are seeking the whole word. We are seeking a confrontation against all Crusaders, against all Christians, against all infidels until they adopt the Islamic religion, until they follow the Shari’ah of Allah. We are not interested in Palestine. We are not interested in Tel Aviv or in Ashkelon. What is important for us is to see Islam ruling the world. This is the religion of God and we are fighting to see Islam rule the world. And for the moment, Hamas is preventing our campaign. This is why we are shooting in Israel.” [76722]

At DailySignal.com Stephen Moore notes that lie that Obama “continues to repeat a falsehood over and over. This is the claim that the poor work just as hard as the rich do. Well, yes, many people in poor households heroically work very hard at low wages to take care of their families. No doubt about that. Yet the average poor family doesn’t work nearly as much as the rich families do. And that’s a key reason why these households are poor. [According to Census Bureau data] The average household in the top 20 percent of income have an average of almost exactly two full-time workers. The average poor family (bottom 20 percent) has just 0.4 workers. This means on average, roughly for every hour worked by those in a poor household, those in a rich household work five hours. The idea that the rich are idle bondholders who play golf or go to the spa every day while the poor toil isn’t accurate. The finding that six out of 10 poor households have no one working at all is disturbing. Since they have no income from work, is it a surprise they are poor? As for rich households, 75 percent have two or more workers. For the poor households, that percent is less than 5 percent. Of course, hours worked doesn’t account for all or even most of the gap between rich and poor. But it does account for some of it. One of the more pernicious concepts is the notion of ‘dead-end jobs.’ No, the surefire

economic dead end is no job at all. There's no climbing the economic ladder if you're not even on the first rung." [76731]

On June 15 Mitt Romney appears on MSNBC's *Morning Joe*, where he comments, "Somehow... when you see [Hillary Clinton] on a stage, or when she comes into a roomful of people, she's smiling with her mouth, but her eyes are saying, you know, 'Where's my latte?' It just doesn't suggest that she believes everything she's saying. ...I'm sure she'll become more effective as time goes on. But at this stage, what does she really believe? I think people wonder, can they really trust Hillary Clinton." [76755]

Also appearing on the program is GOP candidate Carly Fiorina, who says, "Everyone talks about comprehensive solutions, but nobody starts with the basics. My own view is, if you have come here illegally and stayed here illegally, that you don't get a pass to citizenship. ...I think legal status is a possibility for sure. I think their children maybe can become citizens. But my own view is, it isn't fair to say to people who have played by the rules—and it takes a long time to play by the rules—that, you know, it just doesn't matter." [76756]

Hillary Clinton campaign in New Hampshire, and her staffers do not even allow the designated pool reporter, David Martosko, to cover the event. (Preventing Martosko from entering—even to use the bathroom—is almost certainly retaliation for his having Tweeted on June 13, "It's truly astonishing how many journalists at the Hillary Clinton speech today reported exactly, and only, what the campaign wanted them to." Clinton apparently thinks "transparent" has the same meaning as "vindictive.") [76760, 76761, 76763, 76769, 76780, 76789]

Clinton holds a press conference but, according to DailyCaller.com, only takes questions "from reporters selected by Clinton campaign communications director Nick Merrill." [76781]

Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon tweets, "We are rolling out major policy proposals over the summer/fall. Among those proposals will be revenue enhancements." (In other words, Clinton's plans include tax increases.) [76857, 76907]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi reports, "A respected Wall Street analyst who has been investigating the Clinton Foundation's finances alleges the 'Big Four' accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers [PWC] was a willing participant in a scheme by the Clintons and their associates to become personally enriched by the foundation, a crime known as inurement. Charles Ortel, a frequent guest on Bloomberg television and a contributor to the Washington Times and others, says in a draft report that he found 'the PWC accounting work product for 2013 is riddled with uncorrected errors and falsehoods' as well as procedural defects so severe he has raised the possibility 'the Clinton Foundation might be PWC's Enron.' His reference is to the fall of Arthur Andersen LLP, previously one of the "Big Five" accounting firms. Andersen surrendered its license to practice as a certified public accounting firm after being found guilty of criminal charges in its

auditing of Enron, the Texas-based energy company that filed for bankruptcy in 2001. ...WND has previously reported in a series of stories, beginning in April, that Ortel has found 'irregularities' of a 'sufficient magnitude' that the Clinton Foundation should be shut down. He says that 'if any of the 50 state attorneys general should present the evidence to a federal district judge, I believe an injunction would be ordered, shutting down the Clinton Foundation and placing the organization in receivership.'" [76813]

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush, son of former president George H. W. Bush and brother of former president George W. Bush, announces his candidacy for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination. (Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) will not be pleased to learn that, according to Newsmax.com, "all three of Miami's Cuban-American Congressmen [Mario Diaz-Balart, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Carlos Curbelo] have announced they are backing Jeb Bush for president." [76736, 76742, 76743, 76747, 76754, 76759])

In Geneva, Switzerland, Undersecretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights Sarah Sewall delivers an address about "countering violent extremism" without ever referencing Islam. According to CNSNews.com, "Sewall cited a theory in popular psychology—the 'hierarchy of needs'—in an attempt to explain why people from widely different backgrounds are attracted to terrorist groups. 'We remain challenged by the difficulty of understanding why individuals or communities would join such backward, violent extremist groups,' Sewall said. 'Terror network recruits come from all walks of life: posh suburbs and forgotten slums; from countries rich and poor, repressive and free, stable and conflict-ridden.' She said their motives in joining or aligning with terror groups may be 'complex, overlapping and context-specific.' ...Popularly represented as a triangular diagram, the [Abraham Maslow] theory holds that human beings have needs beginning with the base physiological (food, shelter etc.); followed by safety (protection, law and order); love and belonging; esteem (status, self-respect etc.) and—at the triangle's peak—self-actualization (fulfillment, personal growth etc.)." (According to Sewall, terrorists come from all walks of life and seem to have little in common—except a need for -self-actualization." She ignores the fact that the terrorists do have something in common: they follow Islam.) [76803]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich reports, "Between 2010 and 2014, a group of 121 illegal aliens were held by Immigration and Customs Enforcement [ICE] and scheduled for deportation. Despite being scheduled for deportation, they were never removed from the country and have now been charged with murder. ...This revelation came as a result of an inquiry from Senators Chuck Grassley [R-IA] and Jeff Flake [R-AZ] about Apolinar Altamirano, an illegal alien charged with murdering Arizona convenience store clerk Grant Ronnebeck. Altamirano was supposed to be deported after racking up a previous criminal history. Instead, he was able to stay and took the life of an innocent American. As a result of ICE providing this information, Grassley and Senator Jeff Sessions have sent a letter to Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Secretary of State John Kerry and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson demanding answers. ...Lynch, Kerry and Johnson have until July 6 to respond. ...In 2013, DHS admitted to releasing 36,000 violent criminal aliens charged and convicted of crimes like assault with a deadly

weapon, child-rape, rape, participating in street gangs, aggravated assault and murder onto American streets.” [76733, 76940]

Gap, Inc., which Obama praised for raising employee wages, announces it will close 140 stores in 2015 and 250 jobs at its San Francisco Headquarters. (To some Democrats, being unemployed at \$10.00 per hour is preferable to being employed at \$7.25 per hour.) [76739, 76740, 76741]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Data from America’s most advanced climate monitoring system shows the U.S. has undergone a cooling trend over the last decade, despite recent claims by government scientists that warming has accelerated worldwide during that time. The U.S. Climate Reference Network was developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide ‘high-quality’ climate data. The network consists of 114 stations across the U.S. in areas NOAA expects no development for the next 50 to 100 years. ...Data compiled from these stations shows a slight cooling trend over the U.S. for the past decade.” [76764]

DCWhispers.com writes, “The aftershocks of last weekend’s rebuke by fellow Democrats against his hopes for passage of a sweeping Asian-Pacific trade bill is apparently not sitting well with [Obama] as he fumes this week over what could, and what he believes should, have been. Democrats, including once-stalwart ally [House Minority Leader] Nancy Pelosi [D-CA], have been a very large fly in the legacy-ointment of a man who values his own well-crafted image above all else—and he’s none too happy about it... ‘It is said [Obama] has come to hate the walk downstairs to the Situation Room. He doesn’t want bad news. He doesn’t want ISIL updates. He doesn’t want to listen to complaints from foreign leaders. He tried to organize the recent Israeli election in his own favor and failed. He remains an outcast of [Chancellor Angela] Merkel’s Germany. He watched as the liberal party was trounced in Great Britain. The Canadian Prime Minister tells jokes about him. Beyond the insulated bubble of the American media Barack Obama is increasingly viewed as an utterly incompetent clown—and he knows it. He placed great value in being the one to finalize an Asian-Pacific trade bill but his hubris left people no longer willing to risk their own political careers for his. That is a dramatic shift within his party, and he is mad as hell about it. He wants his image and influence to go far beyond America after 2016 but the Democrats in Congress just made that more difficult for him and he’s not used to having to actually work for anything. He is fuming over his foreign policy legacy, yelling to staff that they (Democrats) ‘...are making me a godd\*amn war president!’ As of this moment, the word that best describes [Obama] is politically and emotionally unstable. He is having a very hard time coming to terms with his own irrelevance.’” [76767]

DCWhispers continues, “The above quote from a D.C. operative appears to coincide with equally recent media reports of a president who gets up late, and quits work early. Whispers persist of a man increasingly detached from the day to day requirements of the job who has all but given nearly all actual authority over to longtime senior White House Adviser, Valerie Jarrett. Just today, some in the media made mention of a secretive White

House party that had music, drinking and dancing late into the night [on June 13]. It was dubbed a ‘celebration of African American music appreciation’ but what some are suggesting is [that] it was an invitation enjoyed by some very deep pockets in the hopes of securing further funding for the upcoming Obama Presidential Library which in turn will act as the initial front for the Obama Machine’s global ambitions whereby Obama becomes a highly lucrative brand name that requires little work from the actual man, but considerable financial gain and world political influence for both he and his handlers. Democrats best be careful as [Obama] and his multitude of advisers/investors will not have those plans easily denied...” [76767]

At DailySignal.com John Suarez writes that Obama’s “‘engagement’ with Cuba has been deadly for human rights activists.” His policies have “led to a massive increase in arbitrary detentions, violence against activists and the deaths of high-profile opposition leaders under circumstances that point to extrajudicial executions carried out by Cuban state security.” [76768]

On June 16 Obama’s schedule includes only three items: his daily briefing; lunch with Vice President Joe Biden; and a meeting with Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter. [76794]

In Egypt, former president Mohammed Morsi is sentenced to death. According to Reuters, “The general guide of the Muslim Brotherhood, Mohamed Badie, and four other Brotherhood leaders were also handed the death penalty. More than 90 others, including influential cleric Youssef al-Qaradawi, were sentenced to death in absentia. ...The sentences were part of a crackdown launched after an army takeover stripped [Morsi] of power in 2013 following mass protests against his rule. Hundreds of Islamist[s] have been killed and thousands arrested.” [76795]

In London, Michelle Obama visits Kate Middleton and presents gifts to Prince George and Princess Charlotte. (According to DailyCaller.com, “An official traveling with her said Michelle gave Prince George a red wagon, and the six week old baby got ‘an Amish rocking chair and a personalized Alpaca baby blanket.’”) [76856]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, “[About 60] New emails belonging to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were discovered just ahead of testimony today on Capitol Hill from longtime Clinton confidant and adviser Sid Blumenthal. Blumenthal, who was banned by ...Obama from working inside his administration, will testify behind closed doors about underground intelligence analysis he gave Clinton on Libya while she was working under the administration. Blumenthal was being paid by the Clinton Foundation when he emailed Clinton with information about the 9/11/2012 terror attack in Benghazi. He will testify in front of the House Select Committee on Benghazi behind closed doors.” Committee chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) states, “These emails were not previously produced to the Committee or released to the public, and they will help inform [Blumenthal’s] deposition. We are prepared to release these emails.” (That the emails

have been uncovered means, of course, that Clinton was lying when she said she had turned over all her work related emails.) [76770, 76793, 77116, 77121]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The federal government cannot verify nearly \$3 billion in subsidies distributed through Obamacare, putting significant taxpayer funding “at risk,” according to a new audit report. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) released an audit Tuesday finding that the agency did not have an internal system to ensure that subsidies went to the right enrollees, or in the correct amounts. ...The OIG reviewed subsidies paid to insurance companies between January and April 2014. The audit found that CMS did not have a process to ‘prevent or detect any possible substantial errors’ in subsidy payments.” (ABC, CBS, and NBC ignore the story.) [76817, 76818, 76837]

At a White House energy summit Obama’s “science czar,” John Holdren, says, “As we all know, a global low-carbon economy in 2050 is going to have to meet the energy needs of 9 or 10 billion people using technologies that will have to be more advanced than the technologies that are in place today. Buildings, agriculture, machines must be dramatically more energy-efficient. Cars, trucks and planes are going to have to run on electricity, biofuels or hydrogen. Electricity generation is going to need to come primarily from renewables and nuclear energy. ...The emissions from most of the remaining fossil fuel combustion are going to need to be diverted permanently from the atmosphere.” [76847]

Al-Qaeda confirms that its second in command, Nasir al-Wuhayshi, was killed by a U.S. airstrike in Yemen. (Wuhayshi is reportedly replaced by Qassim al-Rimi.) [76773, 76785]

Billionaire real estate mogul Donald Trump announces his candidacy for the presidency. (The day before he wrote, “Do we really need another Bush in the White House—we have had enough of them.”) The ever-humble Trump states, “Ladies and gentlemen, I am officially running for president of the United States and we are going to make our country great again. ...I will be the greatest jobs president that God ever created. I will bring back our jobs from China, from Mexico from Japan, from so many places. I will bring back our jobs and our money. ...There is so much wealth out there that can make our country rich again. We’re dying, we’re dying, we have to do it. We need the right people. ...When did we beat Japan at anything? They send their cars over by the millions, and what do we do? When was the last time you saw a Chevrolet in Tokyo? It doesn’t exist, folks. They beat us all the time.” [76777, 76779, 76786, 76796, 76798, 76799, 76805, 76808, 76851, 76961, 77402]

Trump continues, “When do we beat Mexico at the border? They’re laughing at us, at our stupidity. And now they are beating us economically. They are not our friend, believe me. But they’re killing us economically. The U.S. has become a dumping ground for everybody else’s problems. When Mexico sends its people, they’re not sending their best. They’re not sending you [he points to someone in the audience]. They’re not sending you

[pointing to someone else]. They're sending people that [sic; who] have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems with [them to] us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists. And some, I assume, are good people." (Although Trump's statements are accurate, they are certainly not politically correct. While they do not resonate with the mainstream media, they resonate with tens of millions of Americans.) [76777, 76779, 76786, 76796, 76798, 76799, 76805, 76808, 76851, 76961, 77402]

In a Suffolk University poll taken in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton leads Democrat candidates with 41 percent. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has 31 percent—a number that should make the Clinton campaign very nervous. Vice President Joe Biden has 7 percent; former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley 3; former Rhode Island governor Lincoln Chafee 1; former Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) 1; and 15 percent of likely Democrats are undecided. (A Gallup poll shows that Democrat voters have moved further to the political left over the past 15 years. That shift helps Sanders, and also pushes Clinton to the left. While that may help her in the Democrat primaries, it will hurt her in the general election if she is the party's nominee. In states with open primaries, some Republicans might even try to disrupt Clinton's candidacy by voting for Sanders.) [76787, 76920, 76921, 76927]

WashingtonTimes.com reports that although Obama "took office vowing to go after unscrupulous employers who hire illegal immigrants, ... worksite audits have plunged over the last year and a half, according to a report released Tuesday by the Center for Immigration Studies, tumbling along with the rest of immigration enforcement. Fewer owners are being arrested, and fewer fines are being collected as well, according to the report, which suggests that even as he offers amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, ... Obama is giving a similar free pass to ever more businesses who provide the jobs magnet that draws them. Through the first five months of this fiscal year, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement conducted just 181 workplace audits and brought charges against only 27 employers, putting it on pace for fewer than 500 audits and just 65 arrests this year. That's less than 15 percent of the total audits conducted in 2013. ... Obama's administration early on stopped the Bush administration practice of workplace raids, which rounded up illegal immigrants—and which advocacy groups deemed too traumatic for the immigrants and their families." [76815, 76816]

DailyCaller.com reports that Obama "is preparing to unleash a series of "executive actions" aimed at boosting the green energy industry as part of [his] global warming agenda. Obama is launching a 'Clean Energy Impact Investment Center' at the Energy Department to 'make information about energy and climate programs ... accessible and more understandable to the public, including to mission-driven investors.' The White House is also ordering the IRS to come out with guidance and rules to get nonprofits to invest in green energy technologies, along with creating more government financing options for small businesses looking to go green." [76842]

Maryland State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby again asks a court for a protective order to block the release of evidence in her case against six Baltimore police officers in the death of Freddie Gray. (Mosby apparently does not want the public to know what is in Gray's autopsy report.) [76782, 76834, 76836, 76846]

The House votes 391-0 on a resolution demanding that Iran release four Americans it has been holding. According to PJMedia.com's Bridget Johnson, Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) states, "It is ridiculous that our citizens languish in Iranian jails while we negotiate [a nuclear deal with Iran]. ...I cannot imagine having an agreement with Iran that doesn't release these people—it would be a dereliction of our duty." Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) asks why Obama "has failed to make the release of our Americans his top priority with the regime." [76784]

In London's Tower Hamlets neighborhood, Michelle Obama delivers a "Let Girls Learn" address at the Mulberry School for Girls. The majority of the area's residents are Muslim. Breitbart.com notes, "And while the school has been rated as 'very good' for a number of years, it has also played host to hard-left conferences sponsored by groups such as 'War on Want', which is closely tied to anti-Israel activities in the United Kingdom, the 'Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament' which has its roots in communist sympathising, and indeed the European Parliament. ...So why did Michelle Obama choose Tower Hamlets, and the Mulberry School for Girls? She said she specifically chose the area, and asked the question aloud herself, during her speech: 'Why would she choose Tower Hamlets? I'm here because of you,' she told the crowd. 'When I look out at all these young women, I see myself. In so many ways your story is my story,' she told the room full of hijab-wearing girls. 'I know I don't look [older than you all],' she crowed. And then went on to praise the local area, which is known for being a hot bed of Islamist activity and sympathy." [76797, 76892]

Pamela Geller later comments, "In saying this ['When I look out at all these young women, I see myself'] Michelle Obama is implying that both she and the Muslim girls she is addressing face oppression, discrimination, and disadvantage. She is, in other words, advancing the false Muslims-as-victims narrative that Islamic advocacy groups such as Hamas-CAIR work so hard to cultivate in the U.S. She does not, of course, address the fact that the primary source of the oppression and discrimination that these Muslim girls face and will face in the future is their own families—primarily their fathers and husbands. Michelle Obama could have called upon these girls to reject the Sharia misogyny that devalues women's testimony and inheritance rights, reduces women to commodity status via polygamy, sanctions their beating, and makes them vulnerable to genital mutilation and honor killing. But she didn't dare do that. Michelle sees herself in the gender apartheid under Islamic law? Was Michelle held down by her mother and other female relatives while they cut her clitoris off? The UK's 'failure to stop FGM [female genital mutilation] is a 'national scandal.'" There have been 170,000 victims and no prosecutions until this year... Michelle Obama also said: 'Maybe you see the news and see people talking about your religion, and wonder if anyone will ever see beyond your headscarf.' Her husband said the same thing in his notorious speech in Cairo in



2009: that the US would protect the right of women to wear hijab. But who is infringing on that right? No one. And who is not seeing beyond the headscarf? Michelle Obama meant 'Islamophobes,' but the real people these girls have to fear regarding their headscarves are the Muslim men who will kill them if they don't wear it. Aqsa Parvez was murdered by her father and her brother for not wearing the headscarf. Innumerable other Muslim women have been similarly victimized. Who speaks for them? Who stands for their rights? Not Michelle Obama." [76792]

At CNSNews.com Gabrielle Cintorino reports that increasing numbers of U.S. citizens living abroad are renouncing their citizenship because of the horrendous costs and frustration of dealing with U.S. tax laws. The Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) law and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) "...require Americans living abroad to file [a report of] all their overseas bank accounts and other financial holdings with the U.S. Treasury Department, which has the power to charge a 30 percent withholding fee if the bank does not report the accounts to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To comply with the laws' requirements, citizens living abroad typically enlist the help of an accountant, but often find themselves unable to cover the cost of the accountant's fees, according to the study." One woman relates, "Under current tax laws I am obligated to disclose all bank account information, including my husband's, to my government. My non-US husband does not wish to reveal his personal bank information and I really do not think my government has a right to ask him for it. I believe this is a violation of my rights. The government is not collecting bank information about my parents, nor my brother or any of my friends. There exists no reason to believe that we are partaking in illegal activity nor do we earn enough to be hiding large sums of taxable income. So shall I lie to the government, divorce my husband or give up my citizenship? And I may still have to go to jail." [76804]

Sidney Blumenthal, a close advisor to Hillary Clinton, tells the House Select Committee on Benghazi he did not write his emails about Libya and Benghazi. Committee chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) tells reporters, "What we learned today is he's not the author of a single one of those memos. He was passing on information authored by someone else and he has no idea about the credibility or reliability of any of the sources. So, the information passed on to the secretary of State, he didn't vet and we don't know if anybody vetted it," TheHill.com reports, "Gowdy's comments came after the panel finished a nearly nine-hour deposition of Blumenthal. The chairman said the closed-door interview revealed that the information came from a single source, who was also known to Clinton. However, he declined to identify that person or what their position might have been. Gowdy said the panel 'might' call that individual in to testify. Tyler Drumheller, a former CIA officer, was identified as an author of some of the memos Blumenthal forwarded in reports by *Politico* and *Bloomberg*. ...The new revelations come after Blumenthal last week handed over nearly 60 previously undisclosed emails between himself and Clinton to the congressional panel. The State Department last month released nearly 300 emails from Clinton's private server that showed she received about 25 memos from Blumenthal regarding Libya while she was Secretary of State. Gowdy said Tuesday that Blumenthal was 'simply and merely a conduit of someone who, it's still unclear, but very well may have had business interest in Libya.' ...Gowdy said that

Clinton should have forward the emails to the Central Intelligence Agency, instead of sending them on to staff or replying with statements that encouraged Blumenthal so send more missives. ‘There were several instances where she said, ‘keep it coming,’ ‘good stuff,’’ Gowdy said.” [76809, 76844]

On June 17 the House Committee on Foreign Affairs hears testimony on the Syrian government’s continuing use of chemical weapons, despite Obama’s claim that he had successfully addressed that problem. [76835]

Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) responds to the Government Accountability Office’s findings that the Obama administration has not been complying with a law that requires reporting to Congress every six months on Iran’s, North Korea’s, and Syria’s weapons programs. According to CNSNews.com, “[T]he reports to the House Foreign Affairs and Senate Foreign Relations committees, required by law every six months, had instead been provided at intervals ranging from seven to 22 months, with an average of 16 months.” Ros-Lehtinen states, “The findings in this report are very troubling, not only from an oversight perspective for us as members of Congress, but for anyone who believes that the laws of the land are indeed meant to be followed and that no one is above these laws. And they’re also disturbing because of what they tell us about the lengths that the administration will go to, to appease the Iranian regime in its misguided and dangerous quest to reach a nuclear deal with Iran, and forge some sort of legacy for ...Obama.” [76922]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge reports, “Secretary of State Hillary Clinton used her personal email account to handle high level negotiations in 2011 for a no-fly zone to help topple Libyan dictator Muammar Qaddafi, according to a series of emails obtained by Fox News, challenging her claim the private server did not hold classified information. The emails... conflict with Clinton’s statement that she did not put national security at risk by using a personal account.” [76869]

NationalReview.com posts an August 22, 2011 email from Sidney Blumenthal to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Joel Gehrke writes, “The e-mail, which Blumenthal provided to Benghazi Committee investigators earlier this week, shows him advising Clinton on a most delicate matter: How she should respond to the fall of Libyan dictator Moammar Qaddafi. Blumenthal e-mailed a list of talking points to Clinton the day after rebel forces captured Tripoli, prefaced by a congratulatory statement exhorting [her] to make sure she received credit for the U.S. intervention in Libya. The message was only recently provided by Blumenthal to the congressional panel investigating the Benghazi terrorist attacks, despite Clinton’s previous assurance that she had turned over ‘all’ her correspondence pertaining to Libya.” Blumenthal’s email reads in part, “First, brava! This is a historic moment and you will be credited for realizing it. When Qaddafi himself is finally removed, you should of course make a public statement before the cameras wherever you are, even in the driveway of your vacation house. You must go on camera. You must establish yourself in the historical record at this moment. The most important phrase is ‘successful strategy.’” [76918, 76919]

Gehrke notes, “Blumenthal’s e-mail... provides a window into how Clinton’s brain-trust plotted her movements in the days leading up to the fall of Qaddafi’s regime. It also makes explicit the degree to which her advisers misjudged the situation on the ground in Libya and the Middle East, and shows that her team wasn’t above making foreign-policy statements with an eye on ...Obama’s looming reelection bid—and her own political future. The longtime Clinton loyalist expressed contempt for the ‘flamingly stupid ‘leading from behind’ phrase’ that a White House official coined to summarize Obama’s foreign-policy doctrine. ‘To refute this passive construction on US policy and help remove it as an albatross from the administration as it enters the election year, do not be defensive but rather simply explain that the US had a strategy from the start, stuck with it and has succeeded,’ Blumenthal wrote.” [76918, 76919]

At Powerlineblog.com John Hinderaker writes, “The emails are embarrassing to Hillary Clinton because she received the emails from Blumenthal, but apparently failed to produce them to the committee. ...The fact that Hillary wanted Libya to go down in history as her great achievement is not new... The problem with Hillary’s ‘successful strategy’ is that she had no plan for what would follow after Qaddafi’s overthrow. (She may have had a wish, but a wish unaccompanied by the ability to influence events on the ground is not a plan.) What happened was that the vacuum caused by Qaddafi’s removal was filled—predictably—by Islamic extremists. Libya became a terrorist playground. This is why, a year after Hillary and Sid were patting each other on the back, Ambassador Chris[topher] Stevens and three other Americans were murdered in a terrorist attack. It was the ultimate proof, but by no means the first or the last proof, of the failure of Hillary’s policy. Critics of Mrs. Clinton’s tenure as Secretary of State should talk less about Benghazi and more about Libya. ...Of course, one basic difference between Iraq and Libya is that the Bush administration had a plan for what would happen after Saddam was gone, and they executed it, with mixed results. The almost incredible fact is that the Obama administration—most notably, Hillary Clinton—had no meaningful plan for what would follow Qaddafi. The result was, almost immediately, a disaster. This is the fact that should be pounded home whenever Hillary’s tenure as Secretary of State is under discussion.” [76918, 76919]

According to WashingtonExaminer.com, “The Eastern U.S. could be bracing for bigger summer electricity bills as power plant closures due to a host of federal emission regulations kick into high gear, according to energy market analysts. Market analysts with Louisville, Ky., company Genscape confirmed this week that nearly eight gigawatts of primarily coal-fired power went dark as of Tuesday in the largest electricity market in the country, PJM Interconnection. That is enough electricity to power between 5.9 million-7.8 million homes. PJM Interconnection is the grid operator that runs the electric delivery system across most of the densely populated areas of the eastern United States. The Genscape update on the power plant closures confirmed that the plants that went offline May 31-June 1 were critical to providing power to the system last summer when electric demand for cooling was at its peak. With those plants now offline, analysts are waiting to see what happens, including a likely surge in electricity prices.” [76870]

AZCentral.com reports, “A federal judge on Tuesday ordered a Phoenix carpet cleaner to be held without bail for what the FBI says is his role in planning to shoot up a controversial [free speech, draw Mohammed] rally in Texas last month. Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem was indicted last week by a federal grand jury on felony charges of conspiracy, lying to federal agents and crossing state lines to furnish weapons for the failed gun attack. ... Abdul Kareem say he wanted to join ISIS and plot an attack on Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale.” Pamela Geller comments, “Here is more proof of what I have stated all along: our Garland, Texas art exhibit saved lives. With the arrest... of Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem, a third jihadi in the Garland jihad terror attack, we learned that they had been plotting mass murder long before we announced our Muhammad art exhibit. If they had hit a softer target, the outcome would have been vastly different. The indictment also says that others were involved, so expect more arrests. Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem met with the other Muslim terrorists involved in the Garland, Texas shooting in his home beginning in January, and provided the guns they used in the May 3 shooting. ... Two jihadists were taken out before they could commit mass murder. By drawing them out, we exposed their network. We were able to expose the cell without getting anyone killed. The FBI are now going after the sources. More arrests of jihad killers are being made. We are gleaning intel from their computers. We smoked out a terror structure.” [76860, 76861, 76862]

Geller also reports that billboard company Clear Channel Outdoor has refused to run her ads that point out Mohammed’s calls for violence, even though it is running false ads sponsored by the Islamic Circle of North America (a Muslim Brotherhood front group) that falsely claim Mohammed “believed in peace, social Justice, [and] women’s rights.” (In 2009 Clear Channel Outdoor refused to accept billboard ads that asked, “Where’s the Birth Certificate?”) [3248, 20910, 20932, 76863, 76864, 76902]

At WeeklyStandard.com Jeryl Bier reports, “Neil S. Rodgers, a former D.C. government official, was sentenced Tuesday for his role in the misappropriation of \$110,000 earmarked for D.C.’s Children at Risk and Drug Prevention Fund to cover a deficit for the 51st State Inaugural Ball for ... Obama’s inauguration in 2009. Rodgers, found guilty of fraud in March, was sentenced to 36 days (served on weekends) plus two years of probation. Rodgers must also repay the entire \$110,000 as restitution for his crime.” [76858, 76859]

Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich reports, “In 2013 the Department of Homeland Security released 36,000 violent illegal alien criminals onto American streets after claiming officials were practicing prosecutorial discretion. In 2015, they did the same and released 30,000 more violent aliens onto the streets who had been convicted of heinous crimes like murder, sexual assault, aggravated assault, rape and more. We also learned just this week that more than 100 violent illegal aliens who avoided deportation by DHS have been charged with murder after being let go from the system.” Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) “is harboring violent criminals and setting them free in American neighborhoods because their home countries won’t take them back. Further, ICE is

protecting the identities of violent criminal aliens in the name of ‘safety’ while ignoring the safety of citizens.” According to *The Boston Globe*, “[I]f their home country will not take [illegal immigrants] back, ICE says they must release them after six months because the Supreme Court in 2001 barred the agency from holding immigrants indefinitely. Officials said they can detain such immigrants longer only in rare cases, such as when a detainee is ruled mentally ill and dangerous. The immigration agency does not disclose the names of the immigrants in its custody, to protect their privacy.” [76852, 76853]

Author (*Adios, America!*) Ann Coulter later tells PJMedia.com, “There’s a law on the books that says if a country will not take a criminal back the attorney general shall, not may, shall deny visas, any visas coming from that country—that is on the books right now. Has it been enforced by Republicans or Democrats? No, it has not. There’s a law on the books right now that says an immigrant who has been convicted of a crime in America who does not cooperate in being sent home, that itself is a crime, not signing the papers, not showing up when you’re supposed to, that itself is a crime punishable by 4 years in prison—that’s never enforced. It’s just not enforced. Three times Congress has voted to build a fence and it never gets built. ... The entire thing has to be shut down. No more immigration for 10 years. We get our books in order. We assimilate the ones already here. Build a fence. Repeal anchor babies and then we start up with the pre-1970 immigration policies. It’s not just Obama; Bush was the same way. Bush didn’t enforce it, either.” [77274]

“The entire immigration bureaucracy is corrupt. It is run by and staffed by left-wingers who hate America who in other times would have been fighting with revolutionaries in Latin America and getting themselves arrested. Now they punish Americans here at home. They say we are racist, sexist, imperialistic, greedy, they want to transform America because they hate America. ... If Romney had won the Hispanic vote by 71 percent, which Republicans are never going to get in a presidential election, he still would have lost. If he got 4 percentage points more of the white vote he would have won. Republicans for years have been embarrassed for getting white votes. Why should white votes be embarrassing? ... Particularly it’s African-Americans who are hurt the most by all of this low-wage immigration. It’s driving their wages down. It’s killing them in the job market... Immigration both legal and illegal is killing African-Americans. So generally there’s a lot of ethnic voting; I wouldn’t hang my hat on winning with the black vote or winning with some sliver of the Hispanic vote but whites, number one, are still a majority in this country and number two, they are still Republican voters. Again, the Democrats can’t get white voters to vote for them and three, basically since Ronald Reagan, Republicans have been ignoring the white vote.” [77274]

In Quinnipiac poll in Florida, Hillary Clinton’s favorable/unfavorable ratings are 47/45 percent; in Ohio, 44/48; in Pennsylvania, 46/48. Majorities in all three states believe Clinton is not trustworthy: 51 percent in Florida, 53 percent in Ohio, and 54 percent in Pennsylvania. (It is virtually impossible to win the presidency without carrying at least two of those three states). [76854, 76855, 76876]

Dylann Storm Roof, a 21-year-old white man, shoots and kills nine black people attending a prayer meeting at a historic black church, Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal, in Charleston, South Carolina According to Reuters, “In a Facebook profile apparently belonging to Roof, a portrait showed him wearing a jacket emblazoned with the flags of apartheid-era South Africa and of the former Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, both formerly ruled by white minorities. Many of his Facebook friends were black.” (South Carolina residents can own guns but they are prohibited in schools, polling places, court facilities, hospitals, or places of worship. Additionally, because Roof had been charged with felony drug possession in February, he could not legally purchase a gun. He nevertheless was able to buy one anyway because that felony was reportedly not properly entered into the federal national background check database.) [76865, 76866, 76867, 76871, 76875, 76878, 76882, 76887, 76890, 76906, 76908, 76910, 76925, 76943, 76954, 76959, 77961, 77968]

On June 18 Richard Haas, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, appears on Morning Joe and warns that the eagerness of Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry to ink a nuclear deal with Iran will only encourage other Middle East nations to seek nuclear weapons. Haas says, “In the case of Iran, there’s such a thing as wanting an agreement too much. ...The danger is that we will get an agreement that ...after ten or fifteen years will allow Iran tremendous freedom to rebuild its nuclear capacity essentially unfettered. And the administration is setting up a Middle East where I actually think the chance—not just Iran, but several of its neighbors will have some sort of nuclear program—is going up... To define success as ‘getting an agreement,’ I believe, is strategically simply the wrong way to go about this.” [76917]

In response to the church shooting, Obama says, “The fact that this took place in a black church obviously raises questions about a dark part of our history. ...We don’t have all the facts, but we do know that once again, innocent people were killed in part because someone who wanted to inflict harm had no trouble getting their [sic; his] hands on a gun. ...Now is the time for mourning and for healing. But let’s be clear: At some point, we as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries. It doesn’t happen in other places with this kind of frequency. At some point, it’s going to be important for the American people to come to grips with it and for us to be able to shift how we think about the issue of gun violence collectively. And it is in our power to do something about it.” (Obama is, of course, incorrect. Mass violence most certainly does occur in other countries, with the frequency varying by country. Politifact.com—which apparently has no idea how many people live in China—claims, “The US has more mass shootings ...than the other 10 nations combined, partly because it has a much bigger population.”) [76828, 76829, 76830, 76880, 76886, 76888, 76896, 76905, 76909, 76926, 76946]

IJReview.com responds to Obama’s claim that “this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries” by reviewing statistics on “rampage shooting fatalities” after correcting for population. Norway tops the list, with 15.3 rampage shooting fatalities for every one million citizens (between 2009 and 2013). Norway is followed by Finland (1.85), Slovakia (1.47), Israel (1.38), Switzerland (0.75), the United

States (0.72), Belgium (0.63), Netherlands (0.42), Germany (0.31), United Kingdom (0.19), Canada (0.17), and France (0.06). IJReview also notes, “The Frequency of Mass Shootings in America is Rare,” “Mass Shootings are Not Significantly on the Rise,” “Gun Violence is Down. Way, Way Down,” “Gun Violence is Not the Only Kind of ‘Mass Violence,’” and “U.S. Homicide Rate Does Not Reflect Its High Gun Ownership in Global Context.” [77069, 77070, 77071]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal reacts to Obama’s statement, telling Fox News’ Neil Cavuto, “Within 24 hours of this awful tragedy, nine people killed at a Bible study in a church, now, let’s stop and think about that. Nine people coming into the church who are saying—to praise God, to study’s God’s scripture, gunned down. This monster [Dylann Roof] then says he is going leave some victims alive so they can go tell the world what he has done. Within 24 hours, we have got [Obama] trying to score cheap political points. ...His job as commander in chief is to help the country to begin the healing process. Now is the time to be hugging these families. Now is the time to be praying for these families. Now is the time to be coming together. Thank God for law enforcement for capturing this monster, and there’s no other word for him, this monster, so quickly. [Obama] has got a job... to help begin the healing process, to unify us. For whatever reason, he always tries to divide us. ...But now is not the time.” [76899, 76901]

“My point is, whether he and I agree or not, now is the time—look, there are children wondering, why do things like this happen? There are families at home trying to understand, how does it happen in a church? What the commander in chief should have done, he could he emulated what [South Carolina Governor] Nikki Haley did. What a great example, a great governor of her state, coming forward and speaking for the people of South Carolina, saying our hearts are broken and literally having that candid moment on TV. You could see the emotion. You could see—that’s beginning the healing process. [Obama] could have asked the country, he could have said, instead of talking about politics today, we’re not Democrats, Republicans, independents, blacks, whites. We’re Americans, and we all need to worship together. We need to—what would have been a great sign is to call for people to fill those churches, because don’t let anybody be scared from [sic; afraid of] going to church. We’re not going to be deterred from lifting our prayers. ...Government is not going to eradicate evil. And that’s why it would be also a good time to call America to prayer. [Obama] doesn’t seem to like to do that, but it’s an important, important part of our country’s tradition.” [76899, 76901]

After his call for gun control legislation, Obama heads to California for several fundraisers—and golf in Palm Springs. [76900, 76911, 76912]

A black woman interrupts a live CNN report from Charleston, South Carolina, and heckles reporters John Berman and Don Lemon. Among her comments are: “No, we’re mad, we’re angry. Tell the truth. ...White people are terrorists. ...Terrorists! The president’s a puppet! Stop the lies. Stop the lies. He’s an Uncle Tom too. ...Obama’s an Uncle Tom too. Black folks, get off your knees and start praying.” [76889, 76895, 76897]

WND.com reports that church shooter Dylann Roof “was into long-term and hard-core drug abuse. He was apprehended at a mall in February by a police officer who made a startling discovery. Roof had been using a powerful narcotic, Suboxone, which is prescribed to treat pain and opiate addictions including heroin. This drug is also sold illegally on the street and police say this is how Roof came into its possession. ...As WND Managing Editor David Kupelian documents in his book, ‘How Evil Works,’ it is ‘simply indisputable that most perpetrators of school shootings and similar mass murders in our modern era were either on—or just recently coming off of—psychiatric medications.’ From Adam Lanza at Sandy Hook Elementary, to Columbine mass killer Eric Harris, all had been taking some form of mind-altering drugs.” [76891, 76903, 76941]

The Department of Labor announces that it will investigate whether the shooting of nine blacks at a South Carolina church was a “hate crime.” Attorney General Loretta Lynch states, “The Department of Justice has opened a hate crime investigation into this shooting incident. The FBI, ATF, U.S. Marshal Service, Civil Rights Division, and the U.S. Attorney’s office are working closely with our state and local partners, and we stand ready to offer every resource, every means, and every tool that we possess in order to locate and to apprehend the perpetrator of this barbaric crime.” (For murdering nine innocent people, alleged killer Dylan Roof—who reportedly told victims, “You rape our women and you’re taking over our country”—will certainly be eligible to receive the death penalty if he is convicted. Why it makes sense to waste taxpayer dollars on having employees from at least five government agencies prove the murders were also a hate crime is not clear.) [76879]

WashingtonTimes.com writes, “[T]he State Department’s chief watchdog reported... that worker harassment complaints have nearly tripled inside the department during the tenures of Hillary Rodham Clinton and John F. Kerry—but the department still doesn’t have mandatory training for all employees. ‘A significant increase in reported harassment inquiries in the Department of State over the past few fiscal years supports the need for mandatory harassment training,’ the department’s inspector general warned in an oversight report that reviewed the agency’s Office of Civil Rights.” [76893, 76971]

TheBlaze.com notes a new book by Michael Oren, *Ally: My Journey Across the American-Israeli Divide*. “In a rare tell-all book just two years after completing his tenure, the former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. has revealed shocking allegations about the Obama administration’s treatment of Israel. Among the revelations by former Ambassador Michael Oren... how he initially got the cold-shoulder from then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton after asking to meet her; how State Department staffers cheered as they secretly listened in on a meeting during which the deputy secretary excoriated him over the building of Israeli homes in the West Bank and Jerusalem; and hearing a comment from ...Obama to Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu suggesting he had no problem with the then pro-Hamas Islamist Turkish leader [and now president] Recep Tayyip Erdogan.” [76881]



At FreeBeacon.com, Matthew Continetti writes, “Reading Oren’s new memoir *Ally*, it’s clear that Israel has been on her own since the day Obama took office. Oren provides an inside account of relations between the administration of Barack Obama and the government of Bibi Netanyahu, and his thesis is overwhelming, authoritative, and damning: For the last six and a half years [Obama] has treated the home of the Jewish people more like a rogue nation standing in the way of peace than a longtime democratic ally. Now the alliance is ‘in tatters.’ ... The diplomatic rupture endangers Israel in another way. It preceded Obama’s quest for détente with Iran, Israel’s greatest enemy and most pressing threat. Oren was outraged in 2013 when he learned that the administration had been conducting secret negotiations with the mullahs. Now, with the United States about to clear the way for Iranian nukes and flood the Iranian economy with cash, Israel is all the more at risk. ... The [U.S.-Israel] alliance has faltered to such a degree that Oren is morose. He wonders whether Israel is in the same precarious position it was in 1967, before the Six Day War, or in 1948, when it came close to never being born. Neither option is comforting. David Horowitz asked him, ‘Are people going to look back in a few years’ time and say, ‘This is what they were talking about in Israel as Iran closed in on the bomb and they were wiped out?’” Oren’s response: ‘It’s happened before in history, hasn’t it?’ It has. And it may happen again. But whatever happens, thanks to Michael Oren, history will know that an inexperienced and ideologically motivated [Obama] drove a lethal wedge between the United States of America and the young, tiny, besieged Jewish State.” [76916]

At CommentaryMagazine.com John Podhoretz writes, “I don’t know that I’ve ever read a book quite as eye-opening as Michael Oren’s *Ally*, the bestselling historian’s stunning new memoir of his four years as Israel’s ambassador to the United States. For what Oren has written is an account of serving as a diplomat during a Cold War—the Cold War the Obama administration launched against Israel upon coming into office. It turns out that, as bad as things looked between the Obamans and the Israelis from the outside, it was even worse on the inside. The sheer unfriendliness of the administration is startlingly present on nearly every one of his memoir’s 374 pages of text—and runs far deeper than the problematic relationship between [Obama] and Oren’s boss, [Israeli Prime Minister] Benjamin Netanyahu. Oren’s first meeting at the State Department with then-Deputy Secretary Jim Steinberg sets the tone: ‘He was a dedicated angler renowned for tying flies in his spare time. Fittingly, Steinberg’s attitude toward the Jewish state called to mind the old Israeli adage, ‘He loves us like a fisherman loves fish.’” Oren is later verbally abused, and irrationally so, by another State Department official, Tom Nides, when Palestinian efforts to seek recognition of UN statehood threaten to trigger long-standing legislation passed by Congress to shut down Palestinian diplomatic and economic relations with the United States. ‘You don’t want the f—king UN to collapse because of your f—king conflict with the Palestinians, and you don’t want the f—king Palestinian Authority to fall apart either,’ Nides rages at Oren. ... Oren recounts how he himself fell for the Obama Romance in 2008. But this was before he understood the deep and profound coldness within Barack Obama, ‘a chill’ that ‘distanced him from traditional American allies—not only Israel—whose ambassadors complained to me of the administration’s unprecedented aloofness. ‘Obama’s problem is not a tin ear,’ one of my European

colleagues lamented, ‘it’s a tin heart.’” But it is not his tin heart that has led Obama to engage in this Cold War with Israel. It is his tinpot ideology.” [76977, 76978]

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) introduces a plan for a 14.5 percent flat tax. According to Reuters, the plan “would establish a 14.5 percent flat-rate tax applied equally to all personal income, including wages, salaries, dividends, capital gains, rents and interest. All deductions except for a mortgage and charities would be eliminated under the proposal. Paul said the first \$50,000 of income for a family of four would not be taxed and that for low-income working families, the plan would retain the earned-income tax credit. . . His proposal also would eliminate the payroll tax on workers and several federal taxes including gift and estate taxes, telephone taxes and all duties and tariffs. He said he would also apply a uniform 14.5 percent business-activity tax on all companies, down from as high as nearly 40 percent for small businesses and 35 percent for corporations.” Paul tells Fox News, “We have a 70,000-page tax code and we’re chasing businesses overseas. We’re chasing Burger King to Canada. Every day there’s a new company reincorporating somewhere else.” [76868, 76884, 76956]

Newsmax.com reports, “The White House waited roughly four weeks before telling the public that hackers had stolen the personal information of millions of people associated with the federal government, two people directly involved with the investigation tell The Associated Press.” [76883]

The House votes 280-140 to repeal ObamaCare’s destructive medical device tax. (The Senate has yet to vote on the measure, but will likely do so soon. Obama will likely threaten a veto, but there may be enough votes to override a veto.) [76885, 76904]

At PJMedia.com Nicholas Ballasy reports that Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) “have proposed a bill that would establish an economy-wide tax on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions.” The tax would be \$45 for each ton of carbon emissions and would be increased every year. According to Whitehouse, his proposed tax “would generate over \$2 trillion in revenue over 10 years.” (It would also take \$2 trillion out of the private economy each year, destroying millions of jobs.) [76898]

Obama has dinner with movie bigwigs Steven Spielberg and Jeffrey Katzenberg. [76966]

On June 19, in San Francisco, Obama addresses the annual meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (which elects Baltimore mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake as its president) Obama tells the mayors, “More than 11,000 Americans were killed by gun violence in 2013 alone—11,000. If Congress had passed some common-sense gun safety reforms after Newtown, after a group of children had been gunned down in their own classroom—reforms that 90 percent of the American people supported—we wouldn’t have prevented every act of violence, or even most. We don’t know if it would have prevented what happened in Charleston. No reform can guarantee the elimination of

violence. But we might still have some more Americans with us. We might have stopped one shooter. Some families might still be whole. You all might have to attend fewer funerals.” (Obama is essentially arguing that saving even one life justifies abrogating the Second Amendment rights of 300+ million Americans. The words, “We might have stopped one shooter,” also apply to situations where armed citizens prevent thugs from taking innocent lives.) [76915, 77004]

Obama continues, “You don’t see murder on this kind of scale, with this kind of frequency, in any other advanced nation on Earth. Every country has violent, hateful, or mentally unstable people. What’s different is not every country is awash with easily accessible guns. And so I refuse to act as if this is the new normal, or to pretend that it’s simply sufficient to grieve, and that any mention of us doing something to stop is somehow politicizing the problem.” (In fact, the number of violent crimes have decreased as more states allow concealed or open carry of firearms. It is perhaps no coincidence that mass murders often take place in gun-free zones, where the killer knows he will have the opportunity to take many lives without resistance.) [76915]

The leftist Salon.com tweets, “White America must answer for the Charleston church massacre.” (This would be the same Salon.com that on April 22, 2013 tweeted, “Muslims don’t need to apologize for the Tsarnaevs.” In other words, white Americans share collectively guilt for the acts of insane killer Dylann Roof, but Muslims share no responsibility for the Boston Marathon bombers.) [76944]

In an interview with Jon Ralston, Hillary Clinton says, “We have to have a candid national conversation about race, and about discrimination, hatred, prejudice. Public discourse is sometimes hotter and more negative than it should be, which can, in my opinion, trigger someone who is less than stable. I think we have to speak out against it. Like, for example, a recent entry into the Republican presidential campaign [Donald Trump] said some very inflammatory things about Mexicans. Everybody should stand up and say that’s not acceptable.” (Trump had complained that more than a few illegal immigrants from Mexico are not “their best.” He said, “They’re sending people that have lots of problems, and they’re bringing those problems with us [sic; them]. They’re bringing drugs. They’re bringing crime. They’re rapists. And some, I assume, are good people.” Trump may not be diplomatic, but he is not incorrect.) [76947, 76948]

The Obama administration proposes an increase in fuel economy standards for heavy-duty trucks like tractor-trailers, delivery trucks and school buses, starting in 2018. DailySignal.com comments, “The new mandate will be not be beneficial to the economy or the environment. New climate change-motivated fuel efficiency standards will simply mandate pricier technology that drives up the cost of trucks and takes choices away from producers, who then pass the costs onto consumers. And no matter how much the administration chooses to regulate our economy... to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (cars, new power plants, existing power plants, fracking, airplanes, trucks), it will have virtually no impact on global temperature change.” [77028]

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals rules that a lawsuit against the IRS by the pro-Israel lobby Z Street can proceed. The lawsuit charges that the IRS violated the organization's First Amendment rights. The Yid With Lid blog writes that Z Street "filed its lawsuit against the IRS in August, 2010, on the basis of statements made to its counsel by the IRS agent reviewing Z Street's application for 501(c)(3) charitable tax exempt status, filed in 2009. That agent revealed that the IRS has an 'Israel Special Policy' which gave differential treatment to tax exemption applications from organizations holding views about Israel inconsistent with those espoused by the Obama administration, scrutinizing such applications differently and at greater length, than those made by organizations which did not hold such views. In its lawsuit against the IRS, Z Street alleges that the IRS violated the First Amendment when it implemented a policy that subjected Israel-related organizations applying for tax-exempt status to more rigorous review procedures than other organizations applying for that same status." (In other words, the IRS was treating Z Street like it later treated tea party groups, by delaying its application for tax exempt status and subjecting it to greater scrutiny than other organizations. ... The organization says it looks forward to the discovery phase of litigation in which it will seek to learn the nature and origin of the 'Israel Special Policy' which the IRS applied to Z Street's tax exemption application. Z Street will seek to learn how such a policy was created, who created it, who approved it, to whom it was applied, as well as all other information regarding this policy. The ultimate value of this suit goes way beyond Z Street, the discovery phase and the eventual decision will have ramifications which will spread to all of the groups damaged by the IRS bias during the Obama administration." [76937]

On MSNBC, Democrat strategist Bob Shrum absurdly argues that the church massacre in Charleston, South Carolina would have been even worse had members of the congregation been armed. Shrum says, "Now, I cannot imagine the horror that could've occurred if people were sitting around with concealed weapons, this thing started and you [would have] had a full-scale gunfight. I don't—you might not even have three survivors. But I think in 2016, in the Democratic primaries, this is gonna [sic] be a big issue." (Shrum is grossly mistaken. Had one or more people in the church been armed, there may have been fewer than nine people dead—and one of them might very well have been Dylann Roof.) [76945]

At a fundraiser at the Santa Monica, California home of actor Tyler Perry, Obama whines that Americans frequently complain about what he has not accomplished but do not credit him for what he has done. Noting a letter from one individual, Obama says, "The core I think of his concern, the core of his complaint was that he thought that when I got to Washington I could bring people together and make them work more effectively. And on that issue, I had to tell him, you're right. I am frustrated, and you have every right to be frustrated, because Congress doesn't work the way it should." (In other words, "Don't blame me; blame Congress.") "Sometimes I feel like people forgot the essence of my pledge when I ran for president. What I promised—I said to people, I said, I am not a perfect man I will not be a perfect president, but I promise you I will wake up every single day and I will go to bed every single night thinking about how to make sure that ordinary Americans have a chance. And I will fight as hard as I can, and I'll be as honest and straightforward as I can about what I believe can open up the doors of opportunity to

everybody. That pledge I've kept." (In other words, "I'm a failure, but I deserve a mountain of credit for trying.") Obama also says, "We should be reforming our criminal justice system in such a way that we are not incarcerating nonviolent offenders in ways that renders them incapable of getting a job after they leave office. ...[A] Little slip of the tongue there. [A] Little Freudian slip. Tyler is going to give me a job once I leave." [76923, 76924, 76938, 76939]

Obama says, "There are two things in particular that these days I'm spending a lot of time thinking about. The first is the changing nature of the economy. The other is climate change." He makes the outrageous claim that by the year 2050, "well within our children's lifetimes, on our current pace, the oceans go up maybe two, maybe three, maybe four feet." [77060]

On June 20 Newsbusters.org writes, "As if the ties between the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign and Univision, the nation's most widely-viewed Spanish-language television network, weren't close enough, along comes Univision and Fusion star anchor Jorge Ramos announcing that his daughter, Paola, is now becoming a Hillary Clinton campaign aide." Ramos unconvincingly claims, "This will not change how I approach my duty as a journalist. I will continue to report with complete independence and ask the tough questions." [76839]

Jeffrey Immelt, CEO of General Electric threatens to move jobs to Canada or Europe if Congress does not re-authorize the Export-Import Bank. HotAir.com comments, "There's nothing technically illegal about what Immelt is doing here, but it's pretty disreputable. Working to influence public policy is one thing, but issuing clear threats which involve chopping the legs out from under American workers if you don't get your way is something else entirely. The only remaining question is if this will work and Congress will cave to GE's demands." (The original purpose of the Export-Import Bank was to provide loans to small U.S. businesses and help them boost sales overseas. General Electric, of course, is not a small business. Nor does it need taxpayer subsidies in order to survive.) [76992, 76993]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) delivers an address at CrossRoads Shooting Sports in Johnston, Iowa. The Associated Press takes a photograph of Cruz with a gun poster in the background, and the resulting image shows the gun pointed directly at Cruz's forehead. Cruz later tells talk radio's Mark Levin, "Well, there's no doubt that if they had run the same photo and it had been Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, then the entire world would have recoiled in horror, and the editor who made the decision to run it would very likely have been fired, and there would have been a public apology. Instead, this has been business as usual. As you know, the mainstream media—they are not objective reporters. They are hard-core leftists and partisans; they are Barack Obama's most important Praetorian Guard, and no one is more ready for Hillary than the mainstream media. So it is not surprising to see—you know, I've kind of enjoyed some of the contrasts of all the AP photos of Barack Obama with a halo of light behind his head versus me with a giant gun pointed between my eyes, because that sums up their views of you and me and

conservatives and, frankly, of Americans. They view hard-working men and women all across this country, people that believe in the values—the Judeo-Christians values—the free market; people that believe in the Constitution, they view us as ignorant rubes. And that's their hostility coming out. And it is the nature of who they are. They are partisans.” [76957, 76958, 76960, 76962, 76973, 76991, 76998, 77003, 77006, 77050]

The Associated Press later unconvincingly states, “The images were not intended to portray Sen. Cruz in a negative light.” On *The Kelly File* author Ann Coulter responds, “That is so outrageous. Don’t insult our intelligence by saying, ‘Oh, we didn’t even notice.’” HotAir.com writes, “Imagine Hillary Clinton... confronted by pro-life protesters, some of them carrying gory images of aborted babies, and one press photographer decided to frame a shot composed of nothing more than her face side by side with one of those gory posters in the near background. How do you suppose that image would go down with the left’s abortion warriors? Safe bet: We’ll never find out.” [76957, 76958, 76960, 76962, 76973, 76991, 76998, 77003, 77006, 77050]

On June 21 Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA), chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, appears on *Face the Nation* and warns, “We face the highest threat level we have ever faced in this country, today... including after 9/11. ...On the Internet, young people are being radicalized... here in the United States. ...We are having a tough time tracking terrorist cells in the United States.” [76821]

The Associated Press reports, “With some lawmakers chanting ‘Death to the America,’ Iran’s parliament voted to ban access to military sites, documents and scientists as part of a future deal with world powers over its contested nuclear program.” (State Department spokesman John Kirby says the chants are “not helpful.”) In the understatement of the year, the AP notes, “The bill, if ratified, could complicate the ongoing talks in Vienna between Iran and the six-nation group—the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany—as they face a self-imposed June 30 deadline. The talks are focused on reaching a final accord that curbs Iran’s nuclear program in return for the lifting of economic sanctions. Of 213 lawmakers present on Sunday, 199 voted in favor of the bill, which also demands the complete lifting of all sanctions against Iran as part of any final nuclear accord. The bill must be ratified by the Guardian Council, a constitutional watchdog, to become a law.” (Pamela Geller writes, “And Obama is giving them a nuclear weapons accord. His inner Muslim is manifest in this deal. What could be treacherous, more fatal to humankind than jihadis with nukes? American is under siege, and the majority of Americans either don’t know or don’t care. And the media is like the man with the shovel following behind Obama the circus elephant. Happily.”) [76976, 77024]

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, about 20,000 pages of newly-obtained emails “show frequent consultations between [Jonathan] Gruber and top Obama administration staffers and advisers in the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] on the Affordable Care Act. They show he informed HHS about interviews with reporters and discussions with lawmakers, and he consulted with HHS

about how to publicly describe his role. The emails... cover messages Mr. Gruber sent from January 2009 through March 2010. Committee staffers said they worked with MIT to obtain the 20,000 pages of emails. ...The emails show Mr. Gruber was in touch with key advisers such as Peter Orszag, who was director of the Office of Management and Budget, an arm of the White House that oversaw federal programs. He was also in contact with Jason Furman, an economic adviser to [Obama], and Ezekiel Emanuel, who was then a special adviser for health policy at OMB. One email indicates Mr. Gruber was invited to meet with Mr. Obama. In a July 2009 email, he wrote that Mr. Orszag had ‘invited me to meet with the head honcho to talk about cost control.’” Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, states, “[Gruber’s] proximity to HHS and the White House was a whole lot tighter than they admitted. There’s no doubt he was a much more integral part of this than they’ve said. He put up this facade he was an arm’s length away. It was a farce.” [76823, 76824, 76965, 76983, 76997]

USAToday.com reports, “Faced with a shortage of U.S. Navy ships, the Marine Corps is exploring a plan to deploy its forces aboard foreign vessels to ensure they can respond quickly to global crises around Europe and western Africa.” (At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey writes, “If we’re forcing our Marines to hitch rides on foreign ships to meet strategic threats and emergencies, then we’re clearly on the wrong path. Both the White House and Congress should answer for this lack of capacity, and provide answers on how they plan to fix it—and *fast*.”) [76833, 76995]

Missing the Charleston, South Carolina “unity march,” Obama plays golf with friends Bobby Titcomb, Greg Orme, and Mike Ramos in Palm Springs, California. (Obama’s later motorcade to the airport blocks traffic, prompting a report from the *Los Angeles Times*’ Christi Parsons: “Some of the guys at the Rancho Super car wash paused their washing to video the spectacle. ...In the final stretch, one white-haired man stuck in the traffic blockade stepped out of his car and extended both middle fingers for the passing entourage. Most of the other stalled motorists simply held up their hand-held devices.”) [76955, 76972]

On MSNBC, Susannah Heschel, a professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College, calls for slavery reparations to be paid by white Americans to black Americans. She says, “The focus has been on forgiveness and the evocation has been of Christ of the cross forgiving. But what about the Romans, the crucifiers? What about their repentance? In Judaism there is no repentance without restitution. I would like to know if the white churches in this country are hanging their heads in shame today. But you know the shame isn’t enough because they can’t repent without restitution. When are we going to have reparation for slavery, for Jim Crow, for the new Jim Crow? Unless you give back, there is no forgiveness for you. The repentance cannot even begin without the restitution.” [76982]

It is worth noting that Obama is a “closet” supporter of slavery reparations. One of Obama’s Harvard professors, friends, and advisors is Charles Ogletree, Jr., an open

advocate of slavery reparations and the co-chair of the Reparations Movement Coordinating Committee. Obama also discussed reparations in classes he taught at the University of Chicago in 1994. During the 2008 campaign Obama told a group of “minority journalists, “I consistently believe that when it comes to... reparations, the most important thing for the U.S. government to do is not just offer words, but offer deeds.” Several days later, to calm fears of white taxpayers and voters who read his remarks, Obama added that he was not calling for direct cash payments to descendents of slaves, but indirect aid through government programs to “close the gap” between white America and black America. His government programs would be “universal”—such as universal health care, mortgage credits, college tuition, job training, and universal 401(k) accounts—programs that Obama feels “disproportionately affect people of color.” Reverend Leah Daughtry was named by Obama and DNC chair Howard Dean to be the Democrat National Convention chief in 2008. In Daughtry’s House of the Lord Church in Brooklyn hangs a banner supporting slavery reparations, which reads, “They Owe Us.” Another avid supporter of slavery reparations is Congressman Bobby Rush (D-IL). Rush has stated, “The future of race relations will be determined by reparations for slavery.” [163, 275, 842 p. 68; 935, 936, 1085, 1362, 1597, 1598, 1599, 1600, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 76982]

Judy Shalom Nir-Mozes, wife of Israeli cabinet minister Silvan Shalom, tweets: “Do u know what Obama Coffee is? Black and weak.” (After considerable immediate criticism, she deletes the tweet and issues several apologies.) [76968]

On June 22 Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com that one year after “revelations of excruciating and deadly wait times” at Veterans Administration hospitals, “the problem has gotten significantly worse, not better. In fact, wait times for veterans have *increased* by 50 percent. ...The VA is blaming the increase on an influx of unexpected patients.” (One reason for the increased patient load is the increased cost of private health insurance. Many veterans have had private policies because they prefer not to go to VA facilities, but because ObamaCare has priced some of them out of the private insurance market, their default option is a VA clinic or hospital.) [76822]

Pavlich also reports, “South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley has called for the removal of the Confederate Flag after the killing of nine black worshippers by a white racist last week at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston. Senators Tim Scott [R-SC], Lindsey Graham [R-SC] and RNC Chairman Reince Preibus have also called for its removal.” { Preibus states, “Now is the time to do what is right, and I support the call by Governor Haley and South Carolina leaders to remove the Confederate battle flag from state house grounds. This flag has become too divisive and too hurtful for too many of our fellow Americans. While some say it represents different things to different people, there is no denying that it also represents serious divisions that must be mended in our society. For South Carolina, taking down this Confederate flag is a step in mending those divisions. Our future must be better than our past. We are not meant to be a country divided by racial tensions; we are meant to be a country that stands united. Our prayers are with the



people of South Carolina during these difficult times.” [76825, 77000, 77001, 77005, 77239]

Technically, the flag in question is not the flag of the Confederate States of America; it is the battle flag of General Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. The flag was ordered raised over the South Carolina State Capitol in 1962 by Democrat Governor Fritz Hollings. In 1998 Republican Governor David Beasley ordered it removed from that building, but it has flown on the grounds of the state’s Confederate War Memorial. [76825, 77000, 77001, 77005, 77007]

In an absurd act of political correctness, Walmart, Amazon.com and other retailers decide to stop selling merchandise with the Confederate flag because some people find the flag offensive. (Whether stores will stop selling Obama-related products and Che Guevara t-shirts remains to be seen. A Walmart store in Slidell, Louisiana refuses to decorate a cake with the Confederate flag and the words, “Heritage, not hate,” but has no problem decorating a cake with an ISIS flag. Walmart later states, “[O]ur associate didn’t recognize what that [ISIS] image was and what it meant or it wouldn’t have been made.” [76827, 76831, 76832, 77235, 77237, 77273]

The White House announces that on June 26 Obama will deliver the eulogy for Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney, one of the victims of the church shooting in Charleston, South Carolina. [76980, 76981]

In a podcast interview with leftist comedian Marc Maron, Obama says, “Racism, we are not cured of it. And it’s not just a matter of it not being polite to say nigger in public. That’s not the measure of whether racism still exists or not. It’s not just a matter of overt discrimination. Societies don’t, overnight, completely erase everything that happened 200 to 300 years prior.” (Although a fair amount of media attention is given to Obama’s use of the word “nigger,” more interesting may be his comment about erasing the past. The majority of Americans are not suggesting that the past be erased, but it must be accepted as the past and not carried forward as a giant chip on societal shoulders. In fact, it is arguably leftists who seem eager to erase the past, with demands that Confederate flags be removed from sight and store shelves, as if not seeing them will make the past disappear from memory.) [76963, 76964, 76966, 76969, 77053, 77122]

Perhaps emboldened by Obama’s interview remarks, CNN’s, Don Lemon holds up a sign (on the air) that reads “nigger” and asks viewers, “Does this offend you?” He then holds up a Confederate flag and asks the same question. (This would be the same CNN which lacked the courage to show *Charlie Hebdo* cartoons.) [76979]

Investigative journalist James O’Keefe, detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol agents, reports that he has been told by agents he will be detained every time he enters the country because of the undercover illegal border crossing “sting” video produced by his Project Veritas team. (In other words, the Obama administration is intentionally harassing

O’Keefe because he dared to report the fact that the border is not secure.) [76826, 76990, 77081, 77113]

Obama tweets, “If Obamacare is repealed, the national debt could increase by \$137 billion.” (This would be the same Obama who has presided over \$1+ trillion deficits and an \$8+ trillion increase in the national debt since he entered the White House.) [76984, 76985]

TheHill.com reports that Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) “is pushing for legislation that he says will bolster pensions for millions of Americans.” The Keep Our Pension Promises Act “...would reverse a provision, included in a spending bill passed last year, that allowed pension plans to cut retiree benefits in an effort to shore up the plans’ finances. ...According to a fact sheet from Sanders’ office, many multi-employer pension plans are underfunded or retirees have been ‘orphaned’ after an employer left a plan or it went bankrupt. In an effort to guarantee benefits, Sanders’ legislation would create a fund for ‘orphaned’ retirees. The fund would be offset by closing tax loopholes for the wealthy. Members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters appeared alongside Sanders at his rally late last week. AARP has also backed the legislation.” [76974]

According to a June 2-7 Gallup poll, 47 percent of Americans would vote for a socialist presidential candidate. All the other options in the poll scored more than 50 percent: Catholic, 93 percent; Woman 92; Black, 92; Hispanic, 91; Jewish, 91; Mormon, 81; Gay or lesbian, 74; Evangelical Christian, 73; Muslim, 60; Atheist, 58. (HotAir.com observes, “*It was 47%. Damn you, Mitt, you glorious bastard.*”) [76996]

According to an NBC/ WSJ poll, Jeb Bush leads the Republican presidential field with 22 percent; Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker follows with 17 percent; Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), 14 percent; Dr. Ben Carson, 11 percent. Also in the top 10 are former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), former Texas governor Rick Perry, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina. [77019, 77020]

The Supreme Court rules 8-1 (with Sonia Sotomayor dissenting) against the federal government in *Horne v. USDA*, a case involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s confiscation of raisins from a raisin farmer in order to control prices—and keep them artificially high. At PJMedia.com Scott Ott writes, “Well, Rejoice! The Supreme Court ruled today that personal property is no different than real estate under the 5th Amendment when it comes to eminent domain, and if Uncle Sam wants to snatch your raisin crop—or anything else you own—he must provide ‘just compensation.’ This is a big dang deal, because in addition to expanding the eminent domain protections, the case also involves a socialistic system in which the government controls prices by removing ‘surplus’ inventory from the marketplace, creating a kind of scarcity. Who knows? This might lead a future court to decide that all of our stuff belongs to us. (I can dream, can’t I?) With the Horne decision, the Court pendulum swings away from the (I think

unconstitutional) decision in *Kelo*, which allowed the government to swipe private land for, essentially, private usage. Take a moment, and enjoy a win for liberty.” (*Kelo v. City of New London* involved the condemnation of private property by a town in Connecticut so that it could use the land for a “comprehensive redevelopment plan.” Families were forced out of their homes, and in 2005 the Supreme Court ruled against them in a 5-4 decision. The homes were bulldozed—and 10 years later the property had not even been developed.) [76987, 76988, 76989, 76994, 77002, 77016, 77030]

At NationalReview.com Clare Foran points out, “When the Supreme Court considers a batch of cases, the justices often divide the workload evenly so that each justice writes the majority opinion for one case. For a slate of cases argued in March and early April, each of the nine justices—except [Justice Antonin] Scalia—has penned a legal justification. That means that if the Court follows precedent, Scalia will write the opinion in the last case—brought by a coalition of states led by Michigan and utility industry challengers that takes aim at EPA’s regulations on toxic air pollution. ...If that happens, Scalia could deliver a major blow to Obama’s EPA. Scalia is no friend to the administration’s regulatory agenda, and he appeared to sympathize with industry challengers fighting to roll back the regulations during oral arguments. The question is whether EPA violated the law when it decided to regulate toxic air pollution from power plants without first taking into account how much it would cost the industry to comply. Challengers argue that the agency should have factored cost into that determination, while the agency maintains that it was not required to do so under the Clean Air Act.” (It logically must be assumed that *if* Scalia was assigned to write the majority opinion, the ruling will likely be against the EPA.) [77198]

On the *Steve Malzberg Show*, *New York Daily News* columnist and New York Civil Rights Coalition president Michael Meyers comments on Obama’s interview with comedian Marc Maron: “He was on a comedy show. ...This man demeans... the office. He demeans the presidency. It’s a disgraceful, disgraceful performance on his part. His feigned repetition and reiteration of the past—*he lives in the past*. He lives in the past before he was born. Americas is not what Dylann Roof represents. That is racial hatred. That’s not America. And [Obama] should be bigger than this, broader than this, but he’s not. He is full of racial rhetoric, racial division, he doesn’t unite, he’s a polarizing figure, and thank goodness, in less than two years this nightmare of a presidency will be done with. ...He used the word nigger, but that’s because he has a ghetto mentality. ...And he craves... racial rhetoric... The man is ignorant. The man is a nightmare of a president. He demeans the presidency, I have to repeat myself.” (Meyers is black.) [76963, 76964, 76966, 76969, 76975]

In celebration of Ramadan, Obama hosts an Iftar dinner in the White House. Obama tells his guests, “Around the world and here at home, there are those who seek to divide us by religion or race or sect. Here in America, many people personally don’t know someone who is Muslim. They mostly hear about Muslims in the news—and that can obviously lead to a very distorted impression.” (Obama does not discuss the news events that lead to those impressions.) [76967, 76986, 77021, 77025, 77026]

On June 23 Lebanon's *Daily Star* reports, "An ISIS video released Tuesday showed the jihadis murdering 16 men by drowning them in a cage, decapitating them with explosives and firing a rocket-propelled grenade into a car. The video, apparently shot in Iraq's Nineveh province, was one of the most brutal yet in a series released by the jihadis of killings of opponents in areas under ISIS control. ...The men killed in the latest video are said to be 'spies,' with some of them making recorded 'confessions.' First, the militants lead four men to a car and close the doors, after which one fires a rocket-propelled grenade under the vehicle, setting it alight. A militant is later shown locking five men inside a metal cage, which is then lifted by a crane and submerged in what appears to be a dirty swimming pool. Two cameras affixed to the outside of the cage show the men's deaths in the murky water. The last killings show a militant looping blue detonating cord around the necks of seven kneeling men, after which the explosives are set off and some of the men are decapitated." [77008, 77009, 77022, 77023, 77072]

At Townhall.com Daniel Davis reports, "The United States will be sending dozens of tanks, armored vehicles and howitzers to eastern Europe in response to Russian aggression in Ukraine. The vehicles will be enough to arm an entire combat brigade, and will be spread throughout Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Bulgaria, Romania and Poland. U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said the vehicles will be utilized for training and exercises. The move is meant to reassure NATO allies in eastern Europe that the U.S. stands behind them. 'We need to explain to those who doubt the value of our NATO commitments that the security of Europe is vital to everything else we hold dear,' Carter said. The move is more symbolic than substantive, however. During the Cold War, West Germany alone was home to a U.S. armored brigade. Now, that same amount of strength will be distributed across six countries. Even as the move is a welcome step in protecting NATO allies, it comes nearly a year late. It has been about a year since Russian-backed rebels took over Crimea in east Ukraine and declared its independence. That move demonstrated Putin's will to reassemble parts of the old Soviet empire—an aim that eastern European nations have expressed concern over." [77029]

Professor Alan Kuperman, head of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project at the University of Texas, writes in *The New York Times* that Obama claims "the pending deal would shrink Iran's nuclear program, so that if Iran later 'decided to break the deal, kick out all the inspectors, break the seals and go for a bomb, we'd have over a year to respond.' Unfortunately, that claim is false, as can be demonstrated with basic science and math. By my calculations, Iran's actual breakout time under the deal would be approximately three months—not over a year. Thus, the deal would be unlikely to improve the world's ability to react to a sudden effort by Iran to build a bomb. Breakout time is determined by three primary factors: the number and type of centrifuges; the enrichment of the starting material; and the amount of enriched uranium required for a nuclear weapon. Mr. Obama seems to make rosy assumptions about all three. ...In a real-world breakout, Iran would race, not crawl, to the bomb. [Its] additional centrifuges would need to be connected, brought up to speed and equilibrated with the already operating ones. But at that point, Iran's enrichment capacity could exceed three times what Mr. Obama assumes. This flaw could be addressed by amending the deal to require

Iran to destroy or export the additional centrifuges, but Iran refuses. Second, since the deal would permit Iran to keep only a small amount of enriched uranium in the gaseous form used in centrifuges, Mr. Obama assumes that a dash for the bomb would start mainly from unenriched uranium, thereby lengthening the breakout time. But the deal would appear to also permit Iran to keep large amounts of enriched uranium in solid form (as opposed to gas), which could be reconverted to gas within weeks, thus providing a substantial head-start to producing weapons-grade uranium.” [76819, 76830, 77045, 77183]

At the Aspen Institute, former president Jimmy Carter says, “I think [John Kerry is] one of the best secretaries of state we’ve ever had. I think he’s outstanding.” But Carter says, “On the world stage, I think [Obama’s accomplishments] have been minimal. I think he has done some good things domestically, like the health programs and so forth. But on the world stage, just to be objective about it as I can, I can’t think of many nations in the world where we have a better relationship now than we did when he took over. If you look at Russia, if you look at England, if you look at China, if you look at Egypt and so forth. I’m not saying it’s his fault, but we have not improved our relationship with individual countries and I would say that the United States’ influence and prestige and respect in the world is probably lower than it was six or seven years ago.” (Carter is arguably half-right. Obama’s accomplishments have been minimal, and Kerry has done nothing that would earn him a stellar rating.) [77393, 77394, 77419]

At WND.com Bob Unruh writes, “Valerie Jarrett has been one of Barack Obama’s closest advisers in the Oval Office and it’s no secret her family history is checkered with adherents to Communism, but a new report from Judicial Watch [JW], the Washington watchdog group, reveals the FBI even investigated several of her relatives. For example, files obtained by Judicial Watch and posted online show that her father, James Bowman, was in 1950 in communication with a ‘paid Soviet agent named Alfred Stern, who fled to Prague after getting charged with espionage.’ The files also reveal, JW reported, ‘Bowman was ...a member of a Communist-sympathizing group called the Association of Internes and Medical Students.’ Another document in the files was a note from J. Edgar Hoover to FBI officials in Denver instructing them to investigate ‘James Edward Bowman’ for his connections to other suspects. ...The document shows that Jarrett’s grandfather, Robert Taylor, was thought also to have been ‘in contact with Stern on a number of occasions.’ Bowman moved to Iran to work after his release from the Army Medical Corps in 1955. The report explained, ‘According to Bowman’s government file the Association of Internes and Medical Students is an organization that ‘has long been a faithful follower of the Communist Party line’ and engages in un-American activities. Bowman was born in Washington, D.C., and had deep ties to Chicago, where he often collaborated with fellow Communists.’” [77027, 77052, 77061, 77062, 77120, 77131, 77377]

“JW also obtained documents on Bowman from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) showing that the FBI was brought in to investigate him for his membership in a group that ‘follows the communist party line.’ The Jarrett family

Communist ties also include a business partnership between Jarrett’s maternal grandpa, Robert Rochon Taylor, and Stern, the Soviet agent associated with her dad.’ Then, the files reveal, Jarrett’s father-in-law, Vernon Jarrett, ‘was also another big-time Chicago Communist.’” As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Vernon Jarrett was a friend of Obama’s communist mentor, Frank Marshall Davis, with whom he worked at the *Chicago Defender*, a leftist newspaper that advocated communism. Jarrett later became the *Chicago Tribune*’s first black syndicated columnist and was a strong supporter of Chicago’s black mayor Harold Washington, who had defeated the Daley machine’s candidate with the help of Chicago’s Communist Party and the Democratic Socialists of America. (Vernon Jarrett later moved to the *Chicago Sun-Times* and eventually became a member of its editorial board.) Additionally, Valerie Jarrett’s mother, Barbara Bowman, was a neighbor and close friend of Obama’s domestic terrorist pal William Ayers. [478, 479, 480, 545, 664, 832, 1660, 77027, 77052, 77061, 77062, 77377]

Judicial Watch announces that it has “filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to obtain records of all Secret Service expenses incurred to provide ‘security and or/other services’ to former President Bill Clinton during his trips to the Caribbean island of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein... According to the flight logbook obtained and first reported by Gawker.com, Clinton took more than a dozen trips aboard the private jet of convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein and was at least on one occasion accompanied by ‘4 secret service.’ The logbooks also show Clinton flew alongside a woman who prosecutors believe procured underage girls to service Epstein and others. Judicial Watch filed the FOIA lawsuit after DHS failed to comply with a January 15, 2015, FOIA request to the U.S. Secret Service... The scandal involving the Epstein’s Boeing 727, dubbed the ‘Lolita Express,’ and his private Caribbean Island of Little Saint James [‘Orgy Island’] first came to light in December 2014, when Virginia Roberts—now a married, 31-year-old mother of three—filed an affidavit in a Florida federal court charging that at age 15 she was procured by socialite Ghislaine Maxwell to satisfy the sexual needs of Epstein and his friends. ...Flight logs show that Clinton shared Epstein’s plane with Maxwell and Sarah Kellen, Epstein’s former assistant, on at least 11 flights in 2002 and 2003. ...Epstein, who is registered as a ‘Tier 1’ sex offender with the US Virgin Islands department of justice, served 13 months in jail after signing a plea agreement with the US government in 2008.” [77043, 77044]

At FoxNews.com William La Jeunesse reports, “Not only are illegal immigrant women and children continuing to cross the border in large numbers, but the majority charged with crimes aren’t even showing up for court. ‘[Obama’s program] is obviously a complete failure because such a high percentage of these people who were not detained have simply melted into the larger illegal population and have no fear of immigration enforcement,’ said Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies for the Center for Immigration Studies. Statistics released by the Department of Justice Executive Office of Immigration Review show 84 percent of those adults with children who were allowed to remain free pending trial absconded, and fewer than 4 percent deported themselves voluntarily.” [77051]

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) manages to get the 60 votes needed to end debate on Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation that would give Obama “fast track” powers, clearing the way for the bill’s passage (which will need only 51 votes). DailyCaller.com explains, “TPA would give Congress more power to shape the trade agreement by defining specific objectives [Obama] must work toward in a deal, and by setting new transparency rules. But once [Obama] submits a deal to Congress, TPA greatly restricts the Senate’s ability to block or complicate the deal. Any deal [a] president submits to Congress in the next six years is almost guaranteed to pass, because the Senate must promptly approve or reject the deal with no chance to amend it and little time for debate. And just 51 votes would be required for passage—a far cry from the 61 votes required for major legislation.” TheHill.com adds, “The Democrats [except for Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)] cast ‘yes’ votes even though the trade package did not include a workers assistance program for people displaced by increased trade. The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program was a part of the last fast-track package approved by the Senate in May, but became a key part of opposition to the package among Democrats in the House. ...The House has already passed fast-track but it must still vote on the package including TAA, which faces opposition from conservatives.” [77017, 77018]

According to a study conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research, electric cars are worse for the environment than gasoline-powered cars. WashingtonExaminer.com notes, “Although the typical assumption is that electric cars are cleaner than gasoline-fueled cars, the power for electric cars has to come from somewhere, and it’s often from coal-fired power plants. ‘Rather than simply accepting the assertion of environmental benefits from electric vehicle use, this paper conducts a rigorous comparison of the environmental consequences of gasoline and electric powered vehicles, specifically by quantifying the externalities (both greenhouse gases and local air pollution) generated by driving these vehicles,’ the authors write.” [77063, 77064]

An unnamed senior Obama administration official tells *The Washington Post*, “If you are a white man in America, this country is changing dramatically. You have always been in charge. So there is something to white men feeling like something has been taken away from them.” (That is, Obama and his staffers blame white men for Obama’s failure to improve race relations and impose strict gun controls. At FoxNews.com Chris Stirewalt observes, “Not one in 1,000 white males cares about the presence of a Confederate war monument on the grounds of the South Carolina statehouse. Not one in 1 million would share the racist worldview of the Charleston killer. The overwhelming majority are focused on keeping themselves and their families afloat in the face of enormous challenges. But focusing on them as villains is revealing and attributing the resistance to gun control and other issues as a personal response to Obama’s African heritage is an unintentionally damning revelation. There’s nothing [Obama] can do about the real issues, so finding and blaming a boogeyman becomes job one.”) [76930, 76931, 76932]

Speaking at a mostly black audience at a church in Florissant, Missouri, Hillary Clinton offends blacks by saying, “All lives matter”—rather than “black lives matter.” (How

many black votes Clinton will lose as a result of being politically tone deaf is not known.) Some area residents are not impressed by Clinton's appearance. One man tells the *Daily Mail*, "It just ain't enough for someone to drop into the community when it's time to collect money and votes." A woman adds, "That goes for all of them. If you ain't been with us when it matters, don't think we gonna [sic] be with you when it's important to you." (In other words, Clinton will not win the black vote as easily as did Obama.) [76935, 76936, 77036, 77067]

Jumping in front of the parade already in progress, Clinton "bravely" tells the Missouri audience that the Confederate flag is "a symbol of our nation's racist past that has no place in our present or our future. It shouldn't fly there [in South Carolina]. It shouldn't fly anywhere. ... You know and I know that's just the beginning of what we have to do. Equality, opportunity, civil rights in America are still far from where they need to be." (How banning a flag will lessen racism, create jobs for poor blacks, or improve public schools is not explained. Meanwhile, sales of Confederate flags skyrocket at many stores, and at Amazon.com—until the company stops selling them.) [77039, 77040, 77041, 77096]

*The Baltimore Sun* obtains a leaked copy of portions of the autopsy report of Freddie Gray, who died several days after being arrested and transported in a police van. The report's findings are vague and full of suppositions that suggest it will not be easy for prosecutors to win a second-degree murder case against the driver. BizPacReview.com writes, "The report showed Gray was placed in the van on his belly, shackled at the wrist and ankles, the Sun reported. However, he was not otherwise restrained and at some point likely managed to stand in the van, the autopsy reported. According to the autopsy, that placed him 'at risk for an unsupported fall during acceleration or deceleration of the van.'" John Banzhaf, a law professor at George Washington University, tells DailyCaller.com, "I think this autopsy report is very, very helpful to the defense in many ways. The report suggests that Gray may have contributed to his own death [by standing up in the police van, rather than remaining in the prone position in which he was placed by police officers]." [77032, 77033, 77035, 77037, 77066]

Andrew C. McCarthy writes at NationalReview.com, "It turns out that Mr. Gray 'tested positive for opiates and cannabinoid.' Moreover, he carried on wildly when initially placed in the police van. ...Significantly, however, the medical examiner, Carol H. Allan, surmised that *Gray probably could not have sustained his severe injuries if he'd remained in the prone position the police had put him in.* ... Thus, the most likely scenario is that Gray, under the influence of narcotics and in the course of making his transport difficult for the arresting officers, elected on his own to get to his feet despite the difficulty of doing so. Under circumstances where his arms and legs were restrained, Gray's decision to change the position the police had put him in rendered him vulnerable to the 'high-energy' injury he sustained. This is not to say the police should not have done a better job of securing Gray. But we are not talking here about whether they violated procedure and prudence. We are talking about whether their conduct warrants prosecution for *murder* and lesser forms of culpable *homicide*. ... Causation is not a small



matter. Prosecutors have to prove it beyond a reasonable doubt in a homicide case. If Gray's own actions, particularly those in contravention of what the police were trying to get him to do, materially contributed to his severe injury or broke any chain of causation attributable to the police conduct, the homicide case collapses. Put another way, Ms. Mosby's case appears to be very thin ...and that's before experienced defense lawyers have even begun to pick it apart." [77200]

On June 24 *The Wall Street Journal* reports, "Obama administration officials avoided immediately disclosing the severity of the government employee data hack by defining it as two distinct breaches, according to people familiar with the matter, in an incident that underscores the tensions within the government over what officials have described as one of the worst breaches of U.S. data. Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation suspect China was behind the hack of Office of Personnel Management databases, and those hackers accessed not only personnel files but security clearance forms, which contain information that foreign intelligence agencies could use to target espionage operations, according to officials. Chinese officials have said they weren't involved. The administration disclosed the breach of personnel files on June 4 but not the security clearance theft. The security theft was disclosed a week later, but investigators probing the theft already knew about it. OPM Director Katherine Archuleta on Wednesday said her agency is investigating whether up to 18 million unique Social Security numbers were stolen as part of the cyberattack, though she cautioned that the numbers were unverified and preliminary." Obama says he has "full confidence" in Archuleta, who blames "legacy systems that are very old" and says she does not believe "any one person is personally responsible" for the security breach. (The 18 million count numbers represent federal employees and members of their immediate families, whose personal data is also included in the personnel files. On June 17, asked by Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) if the hack included military and CIA personnel, Archuleta replied, "I would be glad to discuss that in a classified setting.") [76928, 76929, 76970, 77048]

The Food and Drug Administration calls for a warning label on the implantable birth control device Essure, which has resulted in at least five deaths. (Many had expected that the FDA would ban the device altogether.) [77388, 77389]

In a letter to Obama, Indiana Governor Mike Pence calls for changes to proposed federal "global warming" power plant regulations. Pence writes, "If your administration proceeds to finalize the Clean Power Plan, and the final rule has not demonstrably and significantly improved from the proposed rule, Indiana will not comply. I believe the Clean Power Plan as proposed is a vast overreach of federal power that exceeds the EPA's proper legal authority and fails to strike the proper balance between the health of the environment and the health of the economy." According to TheHill.com, "Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin (R) is the only state leader so far to instruct her staff to ignore the regulation. Leaders in Texas and Wisconsin have voiced strong objections to the rule and expressed doubts that their states would comply, but have also stopped short of completely rejecting it. ...The rule is expected to significantly harm the coal industry, causing the shutdown of more than 20 percent of coal-fired power plants and greatly reducing the demand for coal.

Indiana gets 85 percent of its electricity from coal and ranks No. 8 in the nation in terms of coal production.” Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) states, “The proposed rule would substantially raise electricity rates for Hoosier families, decrease electric grid reliability, hurt Indiana’s coal industry and undercut our state’s autonomy, all while yielding potentially negligible global carbon dioxide reductions.” [77093, 77094, 77095]

At NationalReview.com Joel Gehrke reports, “House Republicans investigating the IRS’s targeting of tea-party groups are seriously considering an effort to impeach IRS commissioner John Koskinen or other agency employees for ‘culpable misdemeanors’ pertaining to the destruction of e-mails written by Lois Lerner, the former official at the heart of the scandal. ...Lawmakers have been privately mulling the unconventional tactic for months, in part due to frustration that cutting the agency’s budget and holding Lerner in contempt of Congress failed to speed up the glacial pace at which the agency has produced documents requested by the committee. The ultimate decision depends on their ability to demonstrate that the IRS has obstructed the investigation—a public case that might begin Thursday [June 25], when the Treasury Department’s inspector general announces that IRS officials destroyed the files ‘most likely to have contained Lerner’s emails’ after telling Congress they could not be found, according to a transcript of the IG’s forthcoming testimony to the Oversight Committee obtained by NR.” [77089]

“...According to inspector general J. Russell George, IRS officials literally put Lerner’s hard drive through a shredder, destroying it without exhausting every means of attempting to recover her data. ‘IRS IT management determined the extra effort to recover data from Ms. Lerner’s hard drive was not worth the expense,’ George says in his prepared testimony. ...The hard drive was destroyed in April of 2012, according to the inspector general’s best estimate. George goes on to note that IRS employees also erased the backup tapes of the server that housed Lerner’s e-mails in 2010 and 2011. ...‘[Investigators] took possession of the 424 backup tapes and determined that 422 of the 424 tapes were degaussed (i.e., magnetically erased) by IRS employees in Martinsburg on or around March 4, 2014, one month after the IRS realized they were missing e-mails from Lois Lerner, and approximately eight months *after* [italics added] the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requested ‘all documents and communications sent by, received by, or copied to Lois Lerner,’” George says in his prepared testimony.” [77089, 77101]

Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich writes, “This used to be called obstruction of justice and tampering with evidence. ...According to George, 24,000 Lerner emails were destroyed. By the way, Lerner’s hard drive ‘crashed’ on a Saturday, the same week the House Ways and Means Committee sent the IRS a letter inquiring about the agency targeting conservatives. ...George will release a full report of his investigation into ~~deliberately destroyed~~ ‘missing’ Lerner emails next week. After pleading the Fifth and refusing to testify in front of Congress about her role in the targeting scandal, Lerner retired in 2013 with a full pension and benefits after raking in more than \$100,000 in bonuses and a six figure salary.” [77101]

Yet another individual who is not a natural born citizen, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, announces he is running for president. (As understood by the Founding Fathers, a natural born citizen is an individual born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. By that definition, Jindal is ineligible to serve as president. Also ineligible are Obama, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), and former Senator Rick Santorum.) Media leftists quickly demonstrate their monumental intolerance and hypocrisy, arguing that Jindal is “too white” and has abandoned his Indian heritage—after arguing that Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) has emphasized his Cuban ancestry too much and implying that Ben Carson is an “Uncle Tom” or an “Oreo.” Jindal is excoriated for “forgetting his roots,” Rubio is slammed for mentioning his roots, and Carson is crucified for being a black who dares to not be a Democrat. [76933, 76934, 77135, 77138]

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker signs into law legislation that eliminates a 48-hour waiting period for gun purchases and allows off-duty and retired police officers to carry concealed weapons at public schools. [77087, 77088]

Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is sentenced to death. He tells the court, “I am a Muslim. My religion is Islam. I pray to Allah to show his mercy to the deceased in this bombing. I ask Allah for his mercy for me and my brother and my family.” [77046, 77092]

The Senate approves “fast track” trade authority legislation.

Obama issues an executive order clarifying that the government will not prosecute families that raise funds to pay ransoms to terrorists who take Americans hostage. An unnamed State Department official tells DailyCaller.com, “All this because an idiot opened her mouth out of place and someone told the media. It’s going to encourage more kidnappings of U.S. service members and U.S. diplomats stationed abroad, and it’s going to make Americans targets. ... This is really media-driven. The White House wants this issue to go away.” Former CIA and NSA director General Michael Hayden tells Newsmax.tv’s J. D. Hayworth, “I would strongly recommend we keep an eye out for what now happens in terms of how often Americans are taken hostage under this new policy. When you allow a family to pay ransom for a hostage, you are in a sense transferring risk from your family member to future family members. In other words, you may be making it more likely that other people’s children or father or mother or sister are captured and held for ransom because you’ve suddenly made it more profitable for those who would do this.” [77038, 77047, 77054, 77055, 77082]

According to CNN.com, “The U.S. government will now communicate with terrorist groups holding the more than 30 Americans currently hostage abroad, one of a slew of changes to the nation’s hostage policy that ... Obama announced Wednesday. The U.S. government will stick to its ‘no concessions’ policy—often incorrectly interpreted as ‘no negotiations’—while also allowing government officials going forward to talk with terrorist groups like ISIS that have kidnapped Americans, according to a presidential policy directive Obama outlined on Wednesday. More than 30 Americans are currently

held hostage abroad, Obama's chief counterterrorism adviser Lisa Monaco, who oversaw the policy review, told reporters on Wednesday. ...Obama also made it clear that the U.S. government will not prosecute families looking to pay ransoms to terrorist groups holding their loved ones hostage—a threat some families faced during their ordeals. 'No family of an American hostage has ever been prosecuted for paying ransom for their loved one. The last thing we should ever do is to add to a family's pain with threats like that,' Obama said at the White House. 'The bottom line is this: When it comes to how our government works to recover hostages, we are changing how we do business,' he said." (The policy changes will, of course, encourage the abduction of even more Americans.) [77075, 77076]

Obama hosts an LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual) event at the White House. A heckler complaining about deportations is escorted out of the building, after Obama tells him, "No, no, no, you're in my house." (The White House is not, of course, Obama's house. He is only a temporary guest of the taxpayers.) Obama then says, "As a general rule, I am just fine with a few hecklers, but not when I'm up in the house, you know what I mean? Because my attitude is if you're eating the hors d'oeuvres—you know what I'm saying—and drinking the booze, I know that's right. Anyway, where was I?" (Why the heckler, an illegal immigrant transgender man/woman activist named Jennicet Gutierrez, was invited to the event in the first place is not known. Why law-breaking illegal immigrants are allowed into the White House and not arrested is also not known.) [76949, 77031, 77058, 77068, 77077, 77079, 77080, 77085]

Obama tweets, "When I became President, same-sex marriage was legal in only 2 states. Today, it's legal in 37 states & the District of Columbia." (Obama does not mention that when he campaigned in 2008 he claimed he opposed same-sex marriage.) [76952, 76953]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, "Obama's decision to take his Earth Day speech attacking climate change 'deniers' to Florida, home of two GOP presidential candidates, cost taxpayers \$866,615.40 just for the flight of Air Force One. Taxpayer watchdog Judicial Watch revealed Wednesday that the Air Force provided documents showing the flight expenses of flying the jumbo jet 4.2 hours to Miami. He was then helicoptered 20 minutes to the Florida Everglades for his speech. Other costs, such as security, communications and staff were not provided, but would put the speech price at way over \$1 million." [76950, 76951]

TheDailyBeast.com reports, "A senior U.S. official has confirmed that foreign hackers compromised the intimate personal details of an untold number of government workers. Likely included in the hackers' haul: information about workers' sexual partners, drug and alcohol abuse, debts, gambling compulsions, marital troubles, and any criminal activity. Those details, which are now presumed to be in the hands of Chinese spies, are found in the so-called 'adjudication information' that U.S. investigators compile on government employees and contractors who are applying for security clearances. The exposure suggests that the massive computer breach at the Office of Personnel Management is more significant and potentially damaging to national security than

officials have previously said. Three former U.S. intelligence officials told The Daily Beast that the adjudication information would effectively provide dossiers on current and former government employees, as well as contractors. It gives foreign intelligence agencies a roadmap for finding people with access to the government's most highly classified secrets." Michael Adams, "a computer security expert who served more than two decades in the U.S. Special Operations Command," states, "Whoever compromised the adjudication information is going to have clear knowledge, beyond what's in the SF86 [questionnaire completed by federal employees], about who the best targets for espionage are in the United States. This is the most successful cyber attack in the history of the United States." [77013, 77014, 77042]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "Hillary Clinton's top aide Cheryl Mills held several outside roles, including a board position with a UAE-funded university in Abu Dhabi, while working as chief of staff and counselor at the State Department... After joining the State Department in the beginning of 2009, Mills continued to serve as general counsel for New York University for several months. She also sat on the board of the 'NYU in Abu Dhabi Corporation,' the fundraising arm for the university's UAE satellite campus. The school is bankrolled by the Abu Dhabi government and has been criticized by NYU professors and human rights activists for alleged labor abuses." [77049]

FoxNews.com reports, "The United States and its allies are willing to offer Iran state-of-the-art nuclear equipment if Tehran agrees to pare down its atomic weapons program as part of a final nuclear agreement, a draft document has revealed. The confidential paper, obtained by the Associated Press, has dozens of bracketed text where disagreements remain. Technical cooperation is the least controversial issue at the talks, and the number of brackets suggest the sides have a ways to go, not only on that topic but also more contentious disputes, with less than a week until the June 30 deadline for a deal. ...The draft, titled 'Civil Nuclear Cooperation,' promises to supply Iran with light-water nuclear reactors instead of its nearly completed heavy-water facility at Arak, which would produce enough plutonium for several bombs a year if completed as planned." (Pamela Geller reacts: "The treachery and treason of Obama and his enemy administration is shocking. This is surreal—we are going to give Iran nuclear reactor parts to keep it from making a bomb? Madness. America is in so much trouble ...and the band plays on.") [77056, 77112, 77115, 77183]

France demands answer and apologies from the United States after information from Wikileaks shows that three successive French presidents were being spied on by American agencies. According to the Associated Press, "France's foreign minister summoned the U.S. ambassador to respond to the WikiLeaks revelations, while ...Obama spoke by phone with his French counterpart [Francois Hollande]. And all eyes were fixed on the top floor of the U.S. Embassy after reports that a nest of NSA surveillance equipment was concealed there, just down the block from the presidential Elysee Palace. ...France's counter-espionage capabilities were called into question at the highest level. The United States, meanwhile, was shown not only to be eavesdropping on private conversations of its closest allies but also to be unable to keep its own secrets. 'The rule

in espionage—even between allies—is that everything is allowed, as long as it’s not discovered,’ Arnaud Danjean, a former analyst for France’s spy agency and currently a lawmaker in the European Parliament, told France-Info radio. ‘The Americans have been caught with their hand in the jam jar a little too often, and this discredits them.’” [77057, 77086, 77143]

At Examiner.com Jim Kouri writes that Obama has been “intensely criticized by intelligence, law enforcement and military officers who believe his inexperience, lack of leadership qualities and his curiosity about what others are saying about him and his administration led to Wikileaks obtaining top secret information. ‘It’s a known fact that people without security clearances are walking around the place [the White House] with classified documents and treat it like it was yesterday’s newspapers [sic]. At best, it’s a sloppy way to run an intelligence program, at worst it’s a good way to encourage theft of secrets,’ said former police intelligence unit detective Arthur J. Pullington.” [77143]

CNSNews.com reports, “A study commissioned by the National Black Chamber of Commerce, which represents 2.1 million black-owned businesses in the United States, found that the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Power Plan would increase black poverty by 23 percent and cause the loss of 7 million jobs for black Americans by 2035. The study also found that the EPA’s plan would increase Hispanic poverty by 26 percent and cause the loss of 12 million jobs for Hispanic Americans by 2035.” [77059]

The far left Southern Poverty Law Center’s Mark Potok and Janet Smith compile a “hit list” of 12 high-profile women who it dislikes for their opposition to jihad and Shari’ah law. WND.com writes, “Upon learning of her inclusion on SPLC’s newest list, columnist and prolific author Ann Coulter was delighted. ‘It’s an honor just to be nominated for the SPLC’s list of conservative women who speak out against radical Islam!’” Others on the list are Cathy Hinnners, a blogger at DailyRollCall.com, Cathy Adams, president of Texas Eagle Forum, Pamela Geller, president of the American Freedom Defense Initiative, Clare Lopez, former career operations officer with the CIA and current vice president for research and analysis at the Center for Security Policy, author and radio talk show host Laura Ingraham, and Fox News’ host Judge Jeanine Pirro. (Some might assume the SPLC’s goal is to inspire a crazed jihadist to kill one or all the women on their list.) Retired Lieutenant General Jerry Boykin, executive vice president of the Family Research Council, states, “These are the thought police. They’ve appointed themselves as the thought police, so anything that disagrees with their position is considered hate speech. They have no authority whatsoever to do this. All they do is endanger people, like these 12 women and like the Family Research Council.” [77078, 77117, 77118, 77119]

On June 25 the Supreme Court rules 6-3 in *King v. Burwell* that federal ObamaCare subsidies can go to residents of any state, regardless of whether the state established an ObamaCare exchange. The wording of the Affordable Care Act *clearly* states that subsidies apply *only* in states with exchanges. According to six of the nine Justices, what

a law states is apparently less important than what one wishes it had stated. (Former Congressman Steve Stockman (R-TX) tweets, “The law reads ‘no state exchanges’ but self-identifies as ‘state exchanges.’ - Supreme Court Justice Rachel Dolezal”) Insurance companies breathe sighs of relief at the ruling, because they will continue to receive tens of billions of taxpayer dollars for the premiums of Americans who qualify for the generous subsidies. [76999, 77010, 77011, 77012]

Writing for the minority, Justice Antonin Scalia states, “The Court has not come close to presenting the compelling contextual case necessary to justify departing from the ordinary meaning of the terms of the law. Quite the contrary, context only underscores the outlandishness of the Court’s interpretation. Reading the Act as a whole leaves no doubt about the matter: ‘Exchange established by the State’ means what it looks like it means. ...Let us not forget that the term ‘Exchange established by the State’ appears twice in §36B and five more times in other parts of the Act that mention tax credits. What are the odds, do you think, that the same slip of the pen occurred in seven separate places? No provision of the Act—none at all—contradicts the limitation of tax credits to state Exchanges. ...Under all the usual rules of interpretation, in short, the Government should lose this case. But normal rules of interpretation seem always to yield to the overriding principle of the present Court: The Affordable Care Act must be saved. ...Having transformed two major parts of the law, the Court today has turned its attention to a third. The Act that Congress passed makes tax credits available only on an ‘Exchange established by the State.’ This Court, however, concludes that this limitation would prevent the rest of the Act from working as well as hoped. So it rewrites the law to make tax credits available everywhere. We should start calling this law SCOTUScare. ...The cases will publish forever the discouraging truth that the Supreme Court of the United States favors some laws over others, and is prepared to do whatever it takes to uphold and assist its favorites. I dissent.” [76999, 77090, 77091, 77097, 77105, 77141]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey writes, “In the glass-half-full take, this does let Republicans in Congress off the hook for fixing the subsidies temporarily in order to stave off the necessity of dealing with ACA while Obama’s in the White House. It makes undoing ObamaCare a little more difficult in the long run, but in the short term it doesn’t require Republicans to cast votes shoring it up. The premium spirals and deductible issues will come to the fore instead, and that only benefits the GOP. They can argue for full repeal followed by a market-based reform that will actually lower prices by encouraging providers to enter the markets and the use of insurance for hospitalizations and catastrophic events. For now, though, the *King* decision will be a bitter pill to swallow. It’s yet another reason why Republican Presidents need to be careful with their Supreme Court appointments. While these decisions rankle conservatives just as much as they rankle Scalia, it’s also a reminder that presidential elections matter for this very reason—because otherwise, the next openings will get filled with the Kagans and Sotomayors rather than the Scalias and the Thomases.” [76999]

Obama states, “This morning, the Supreme Court upheld one of the most critical parts of health reform—the part that has made it easier for Americans to afford health insurance,

no matter where you live. If the challenges to this law had succeeded, millions would have had thousands of dollars in tax credits taken away. Insurance would have once again become unaffordable for many Americans. Many would have even become uninsured again. Ultimately, everyone's premiums could have gone up. Because of this law, and because of today's decision, millions of Americans will continue to receive the tax credits that have given about 8 in 10 people who buy insurance on the new Health Insurance Marketplaces the choice of a health care plan that costs less than \$100 a month." (No plan costs "less than \$100 per month," although many Americans pay less than \$100 per month. The difference between what is paid and the cost of the plan is covered by the taxpayers.) "If you're a parent, you can keep your kids on your plan until they turn 26—something that has covered millions of young people so far. That's because of this law. ...If you're a woman, you can't be charged more than anybody else—even if you've had cancer, or your husband had heart disease, or just because you're a woman. Your insurer has to offer free preventive services like mammograms. They can't place annual or lifetime caps on your care." (Women cost more to insure. ObamaCare does not reduce those costs; it merely shifts them to male customers by increasing their premiums.) [77034, 77098]

"And when it comes to preexisting conditions—someday, our grandkids will ask us if there was really a time when America discriminated against people who got sick. Because that's something this law has ended for good." (Those grandchildren may also ask, "Why are our taxes so high?") "Five years in and more than 16 million insured Americans later, this is no longer just about a law. This isn't just about the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. This is health care in America. Today is a victory for every American whose life will continue to become more secure because of this law. And 20, 30, 50 years from now, most Americans may not know what 'Obamacare' is. And that's okay. That's the point." (That is, Obama hopes that ObamaCare will eventually be replaced by a complete government takeover of the health care industry.) "Because today, this reform remains what it always has been—a set of fairer rules and tougher protections that have made health care in America more affordable, more attainable, and more about you." (ObamaCare has most certainly not made health care more affordable. Nor is it more obtainable, because it is causing physicians to retire early and prompting many not to accept new Medicaid patients.) "That's who we are as Americans. We look out for one another. We take care of each other. We root for one another's success. We strive to do better, to be better, than the generation before us, and we try to build something better for the generation that comes behind us. And today, with this behind us, let's come together and keep building something better. That starts right now." [77034]

Although Obama applauds the court's decision, he complains, "We have still have states not covering people for political reasons, with the federal government picking up the tab." ("Federal government," of course, means the taxpayers. Obama is apparently unaware of the source of government funds.) Obama brags that ObamaCare is a success, but the worst is arguably yet to come. The employer mandate requires that all businesses with 50 or more full-time employees provide those workers with health insurance. When that mandate becomes fully effective, businesses will start cutting employees, wages, and benefits in response. As a result, millions of American workers will be forced into the



ObamaCare exchanges, where they will find high premiums and monumentally high deductibles. But by that time Obama will be out of office, playing golf, and making a fortune giving speeches. [77015, 77034, 77359]

Larry Klayman, founder of Freedom Watch, comments, “These six justices have violated their own long-established rules of interpretation for applying statutes to instead advance their own political objectives or burnish their public persona. Such personal goals corrode the role of the court. The justices abandoned the rule of law and have become merely a political focus group.” [77073]

Rush Limbaugh comments, “Well, there’s no way to spin this, folks. It’s just a disaster. I think many of us are witnessing now the complete corruption of Washington, D.C., meaning the objective has been to corrupt the government and success appears to be, at this moment in time, in hand. As it was pointed out to me earlier today, the left has the government that they’ve always wanted. We have an authoritarian megalomaniac ruling like a monarch. The opposition bends over and, according to the high court, the Supreme Court, words, laws, really have no meaning. It’s whatever the popular interpretation of the powers that be of the day want the words to mean. ...So [Justice Antonin] Scalia has, as usual, a really, really powerful dissent. And we learn that Chief Justice Roberts, according to Jeffrey Toobin, was laughing about it, laughing about Scalia’s dissent. Scalia says, ‘We no longer should call this ObamaCare, but SCOTUScare.’ So here’s what the left completely understands. They understand completely the optics of succeeding and getting something to become part of society and having it accepted. And that happens to be socialism’s great appeal. And then once something is in place, such as ObamaCare, to use that as an example here, once it’s in place, people generally don’t complain. ...But ObamaCare’s not in a vacuum. There’s so much happening in our society and culture. It’s all under assault. It’s all under attack. And so much of it is extreme and insane and senseless. At some point people are going to wake up. I don’t know when. I don’t know what’s gonna cause it. I just know that these cycles do occur. I’m not saying the tipping point’s gonna be reached in time, but there will be a tipping point.” [77107]

Congressman Brian Babin (R-TX) introduces legislation that would force all nine Supreme Court justices and their staffs to enroll in ObamaCare. [77109, 77129, 77130]

One problem faced by the Obama administration is that some of the states that established ObamaCare exchanges may now shut them down and dump their problems on the federal government. States established the exchanges believing what ObamaCare architect Jonathan Gruber and others had told them: your citizens will get ObamaCare subsidies *only if you set up an exchange*. With the Supreme Court now saying, “Never mind that requirement,” some states may react by closing their technologically dysfunctional and money-bleeding exchanges—and telling their residents, “Go to Healthcare.gov.”

On the floor of the Senate, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) says, “For the second time in just a few years, a handful of unelected judges has re-written the text of Obamacare in order to impose that failed law upon millions of Americans. The first time, the court ignored federal law and magically transformed a statutory penalty into a tax. Today, these robed Houdinis have transmogrified a federal exchange into an exchange quote, ‘established by the state.’ This is lawless. As Justice [Antonin] Scalia rightfully put it, words no longer have meaning if an exchange that is not established by a state is established by the state. If this were a bankruptcy case or any other case of ordinary statutory interpretation the results would have been 9-0. With the court unanimously reversing the Obama administration’s illegal actions. But instead, politics intervened. For nakedly politically reasons the Supreme Court willfully ignored the words that Congress wrote. Instead, wrote into the law their preferred policy outcome. These judges have joined with ...Obama in harming millions of Americans. Unelected judges have once again become legislators and bad ones at that. They are lawless and they hide their prevarication in legalize. Our government was designed to be one of laws not of men and this transparent distortion is disgraceful. These justices are not behaving as umpires calling balls and strikes, they have joined a team, and it’s a team that’s hurting Americans across this country. ...If those justices want to become legislators I invite them to resign and run for office, that’s the appropriate place to write laws. On this floor, not from that courtroom.” [77140]

The Supreme Court also rules 5-4 in favor of big government in *Texas Housing v. Inclusive Communities*. Joel B. Pollak writes at Breitbart.com, “Now, plaintiffs do not need to show there was *actual* racial discrimination, or an intent to discriminate. Instead, they can just point to the racial makeup of a neighborhood and infer that discrimination must have happened in order to bring a lawsuit and force communities to re-engineer themselves. ...It is perhaps just a coincidence that the Texas Housing decision comes as the Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced a policy designed to pressure wealthy communities to build ‘affordable’ housing in their midst. The goal in Texas Housing, however, is not just to diversify neighborhoods, but to uncover what Justice Anthony Kennedy, writing for the majority, calls ‘unconscious prejudice.’ The dissent, written by Justice Samuel Alito, points out the absurdity of using ‘disparate impact’ as a measure of racial discrimination. By the same logic, he writes, minimum wage laws must be racist, because they can be shown to have a disproportionately negative effect on young black males, who are priced out of the labor market. Alito also notes that neither the 1968 Fair Housing Act, nor its 1988 amendments, allowed ‘disparate impact’ to be evidence of racial discrimination. Yet that is how the Court has interpreted the statutes, on the argument that disparate impacts might be evidence of racial discrimination.” [77110, 77111, 77136, 77184]

“...How bad is this decision? The federal government expected to lose—so much so, in fact, that it spent years settling cases on ‘disparate impact’ before they could reach the Supreme Court, lest that tool of intimidation be taken away. The Court has now affirmed one of the federal government’s most abusive tactics: the threat of racial discrimination lawsuits. And the biggest losers, Alito points out, are the poor, because now local efforts to improve poor neighborhoods can be blocked by lawsuits alleging racial discrimination

when the rent is raised. In the Obamacare case, the Court pretended to know what was really in the minds of legislators in spite of their explicit words (and evidence of their actual intent). In *Texas Housing*, the Court has ruled that the federal government can decide what is really in the minds of ordinary people, whether they intend to discriminate or not. You may not know you are a racist—but you are, now.” [77110, 77111, 77136]

Reverend Franklin Graham writes that Obama “was right about one thing in the speech he gave at a Gay Pride event he hosted in the White House yesterday. He said, ‘There has been an incredible shift in attitudes across the country.’ That’s true—but it is definitely not a shift for the good of America. The shift in attitudes he refers to is the moral decline we are seeing manifest daily around us. Accepting wrong as right—accepting sin as something to be proud of. Yes, that’s definitely a shift. Should we be surprised that he thanked the LGBT community for all that they had helped him accomplish during his time [in the White House]? He said, ‘A lot of what we’ve accomplished over these last six and a half years has been because of you.’ He also noted there were two states where gay marriage was legal when he took office, but now there are 37. [Obama] is leading this nation on a sinful course, and God will judge him and us as a nation if we don’t repent.” [77142, 77155]

ChristianPost.com reports, “A coalition of African-American pastors vowed this week that there will be massive civil disobedience if the U.S. Supreme Court legalizes same-sex marriage in a ruling on the matter expected this month. At a press conference in Memphis, Tennessee, members of the Coalition of African-American Pastors joined Christian ministers at the Church of God in Christ’s historic Mason Temple to warn the Obama administration to prepare for massive civil disobedience among pastors and clergy if state bans on gay marriage are deemed unconstitutional. ‘If they rule for same-sex marriage, then we’re going to do the same thing we did for the civil rights movement,’ said Rev. Bill Owens, president and founder of CAAP. ‘We will not obey an unjust law.’ ‘The politicians and courts have tried to take God out of this country,’ continued Owens. ‘This country was founded on Godly principles. We will not stand back.’” Reverend David Welch, president of the Pastor’s Council in Houston, Texas, adds, “If it comes down to declining to perform same-sex weddings, that we will be charged with a civil or criminal penalty, then we will accept the penalty. But this isn’t just about the wedding ceremony itself. This is a core, fundamental issue of our First Amendment freedom that the court is toying with right now. Either we have the right of freedom of conscience and religion and the freedom to practice it, or we don’t.” [77158, 77159]

DCClothesline.com reports, “Liberals at the University of Texas signed a petition to remove a statue of George Washington and memorials to other founding fathers in another illustration of the politically correct insanity that has emerged in the wake of the Charleston massacre. ... Several also agreed that demolishing the statues would be a fantastic way of controlling the future by re-writing history, a line lifted straight out of George Orwell’s 1984. ‘It’s so bad it’s like as if you’re having a statue of maybe Hitler or someone like that,’ said one trendy as he signed the petition. Others were convinced to

sign after being told that eradicating the statues was part of shifting the country towards socialism. Another student agreed to sign the petition immediately after hearing the words ‘racist statues,’ while another man said the statues represented ‘treason.’ ...CNN’s Ashleigh Banfield suggested that statues of Thomas Jefferson should also be removed because he owned slaves. Co-host Don Lemon remarked that, ‘There may come a day when we want to re-think Jefferson.’” [77149]

Meanwhile, A. C. Wharton, the mayor of Memphis, Tennessee, wants to exhume the bodies of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife from a city park. Todd Starnes writes at Townhall.com, “In addition to desecrating the graves, Wharton wants to tear down a massive statue honoring the Confederate general who was involved in organizing the Ku Klux Klan. The bodies of Forrest and his wife would be relocated to a cemetery. ...Memphis city officials have been waging a fierce and unrelenting war on southern heritage. In 2013, the city council changed the name of Forrest Park to Health Sciences Park. They also changed the names of Jefferson Davis Park and Confederate Park. So now they want to disinter the dead? What in God’s name is wrong with the mayor? What kind of sick, twisted person wants to dig up dead people?” (Abraham Lincoln called for the deportation of all blacks. His grave in Springfield, Illinois may perhaps soon need additional security.) [77182]

CNN.com reports, “A former White House executive chef found dead in the mountains of New Mexico drowned, according to the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. An autopsy determined the nature of Walter Scheib’s death was accidental, a department statement said. Scheib, who served under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, had been absent since June 13 when he left to go for a hike alone on a mountain trail in Taos, New Mexico. He was later reported missing by a family member. ...His body was found submerged ‘in a mountain drainage flowing with surface runoff’ about 25 yards off the Yerba Canyon hiking trail, hidden from view by vegetation and a steep decline off the trail, the statement said.” (Not surprisingly, the death sparks rumors of foul play. VeteransTruthNetwork.com writes, “Walter prepared the First Couple’s meals daily—and could have known intimate secrets that threaten to derail Hillary’s presidential run, a former member of the Clintons’ inner circle told The National ENQUIRER. ‘Isn’t it odd that as Hillary is about to get into a vicious campaign, a guy who would have been in a position to overhear things that could scuttle her campaign just disappears?’ Larry Nichols—a member of the Clintons’ notorious ‘Kitchen Cabinet’—told The ENQUIRER.”) [78430, 78431]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Former Internal Revenue Service official Lois Lerner’s hard drive most likely crashed due to ‘an impact of some sort,’ like somebody hitting it or smashing it, according to new congressional testimony. Then the hard drive was shredded and its pieces were sold for scrap. Lerner’s laptop, which crashed on June 11, 2011 between 5 and 7 PM, was sent to an IT technician two days later. The Hewlett-Packard technician looking at her laptop determined that the hard drive failed because of an impact of some sort.” [77065]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Sarah Westwood notes that Sidney Blumenthal frequently gave Hillary Clinton bad advice and information in his emails to the then-Secretary of State. Westwood writes, “Blumenthal’s predictions about how coalition countries would react, who would play leading roles in the transitional government and even the location of embattled Libyan dictator Muammar Gaddafi turned out to be incorrect.” Westwood provides 10 examples, among them: “Blumenthal told Clinton on February 21, 2011 that ‘if [Gaddafi] judges there is no hope he will leave the country.’ Gaddafi was discovered eight months later hiding in a drain and was then killed by rebels, long after even the most optimistic observer would have said there was hope for his regime.” “That same day, Blumenthal assured Clinton that Gaddafi’s sons felt his regime had the ‘upper hand’ in the government despite the uprising. Less than a week later, an entirely new government was formed in the parts of the county Gaddafi had quickly lost.” “When discussing possible future actions toward Libya from the international community, Blumenthal told Clinton that South Africa was unlikely to support a no-fly zone. South Africa voted in favor of the no-fly zone weeks later in the United Nations.” “On March 9, 2011, Blumenthal told Clinton his sources believed the Arab League would not support military intervention against the Gaddafi regime. The Arab League did support the intervention.” [77083]

Reuters reports, “A group of prominent American security advisers, including five with ties to ...Obama’s first term, warned on Wednesday [June 24] that a deal on curbing Iran’s nuclear program was at risk of failing to provide adequate safeguards. In an open letter, the group of former U.S. officials and foreign policy experts cautioned that an Iran nuclear deal would ‘fall short of meeting the administration’s own standard of a ‘good’ agreement’ unless it included a tougher line on United Nations nuclear inspections and conditions for sanctions relief. The release of the letter, which was signed by Dennis Ross, an adviser on Iran and the Middle East in Obama’s first term, comes as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry prepares to fly to Vienna on Friday to join the talks. ...In addition to Ross, the letter was signed by David Petraeus, former CIA director and U.S. commander in Iraq, Robert Einhorn, a former member of the U.S. negotiating team with Iran, retired U.S. General James Cartwright and Gary Samore, an Obama adviser on nuclear policy turned president of the advocacy group United Against Nuclear Iran. The letter was also signed by Stephen Hadley, a national security adviser to both former President George W. Bush and his brother, Republican presidential contender Jeb Bush.” (If a nuclear agreement with Iran is finalized, it may be that Obama and Kerry will be the only two Americans supporting it.) [77084, 77112]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Donald Trump plans to sue Univision over its decision to renege on its contract to air the Miss Universe pageant. The real estate mogul also says that Univision executive’s social media post comparing him to mass shooter Dylann Roof will cost the Hispanic media company a ‘fortune.’ Univision announced on Thursday that it is cutting ties with the Miss Universe Organization because Trump, who owns a stake in the pageant, has been critical of Mexican illegal immigrants. That decision comes a week after Alberto Ciurana, Univision’s president of programming and content, posted a picture to the social media website Instagram comparing Trump to Roof, the 21-year-old white supremacist who killed nine people at a black church in Charleston, S.C. last week.

... ‘They put a picture of me up next to that horrible human being who killed nine people,’ Trump said. ‘You know what that picture’s going to cost them? It’s going to cost them a fortune.’ ‘That whack-job, that disgusting human being,’ Trump said of Roof. ‘My lawyer said that’s going to play very prominently [in the lawsuit].’” (The far left Univision is solidly behind Hillary Clinton and, as previously noted, network anchor Jorge Ramos’ daughter is a Clinton campaign aide.) [76839, 77108, 77128, 77386]

The next day Trump, according to Politico.com, writes Univision CEO Randy Falco, stating, “Please be advised that under no circumstances is any officer or representative of Univision allowed to use Trump National Doral, Miami—its golf courses or any of its facilities. Also, please immediately stop work and close the gate which is being constructed between our respective properties. If this is not done within one week, we will close it.” (Trump’s resort and golf club are next door to the Univision offices in Miami.) [77144, 77145, 77192, 77196]

On June 26, in a video posted on the Internet, Egyptian cleric Muhammad Zaki, Secretary General of the Al-Azhar Dawa committee, says, “Ramadan has never been a month for the lazy. It has never been a month for tormenting one’s body or for sleep. It is a month for jihad. Jihad of the soul, jihad against Satan, and jihad for the sake of Allah.” [77345, 77346]

A terrorist crashes through the gates of Air Products, a U.S.-owned factory in Saint-Quentin Fallavier, France, causing an explosion when he strikes gas cylinders. Two people are injured. According to NBCNews.com, President Francois Hollande “said a suspect had been arrested and there was ‘no doubt’ that the attacker—possibly acting with an accomplice—intended to blow up the entire plant. ...A severed head was found hanging on a post at the factory’s entrance, an official told The Associated Press. Two flags—one white and one black, both with Arabic inscriptions—were found nearby. Cazeneuve told reporters that writing on the flags was being analyzed. A French police official told the AP that the man in custody [Yassine Salhi] is a resident of the Lyon suburb of Saint-Priest. Three French officials said the victim ran a delivery company that employed Salhi; the victim’s name was not released. A woman believed to be Salhi’s wife was seen on local television being taken into police custody in Saint Priest hours after the attack, the AP reported.” [77099, 77100, 77160, 77165, 77166, 77171, 77172, 77175, 77176, 77181, 77202, 77250]

According to *The Telegraph*, Salhi “had previously been investigated in 2006 for radicalisation and links to the Salafist movement, Bernard Cazeneuve, the interior minister, said. ‘He was investigated in 2006 for radicalisation, but [the investigation] was not renewed in 2008. He had no criminal record,’ Mr Cazeneuve said. ...Salafism is an extremist, puritanical form of Sunni Islam often described as a mix of Saudi Arabian Wahhabism with later fundamentalist influences.” Salhi’s wife tells Europe 1 radio, “We are normal Muslims. We do Ramadan. We have three children and a normal family life.” [77099, 77100, 77160, 77165, 77166, 77171, 77172, 77175, 77176, 77181]

An ISIS suicide attack by a bomber yelling “Allahu Akbar” kills 13 people at a Shi’ite mosque in Kuwait. [77162, 77163, 77169, 77170, 77174]

At a Tunisian beach resort in Sousse frequented by foreign tourists, a terrorist shoots and kills at least 38 people and wounds at least 36. Victims include Brits, Germans, and Belgians. The attacker, a 23-year-old electrical engineering student named Seifeddine Rezgui (also apparently known as Abu Yahya Qayrawani), is then killed by police in a confrontation on a side street near the hotel. At least one other terrorist may have been involved. The *Daily Mail* later reports, “Three survivors of the Tunisian beach massacre have come forward to insist there was a second gunman during the murderous attack... Kirsty Murray and Steve Johnson, who were in entirely different parts of the complex, as well as Mr Johnson’s friend Michael Perry have all now said that they believe Seifeddine Rezgui was not the only gunman last Friday. Retired police officers Mr Johnson and Mr Perry have both described how they saw a second man shooting at tourists as they hid on the third floor of the hotel.” (Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes, “ISIS called for attacks around the world during the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan, which started last week.”) [77104, 77161, 77164, 77170, 77173, 77181, 77203, 77207, 77208, 77211, 77218, 77219, 77242, 77243, 77244, 77249, 77904, 77905]

Reuters writes, “By official accounts, Rezgui was a dedicated student from a stable family who enjoyed partying and practiced break-dancing. In a pattern similar to other Tunisia jihadists, he appeared to have come into contact with extremist preachers about six months ago, a senior security source said.” At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer explains, “The Islamic State’s manual *How to Survive in the West* teaches Muslims ‘how to live a double-life, how to keep your Secret life private, how to survive in a threatening land, how you can Arm and strengthen the Muslims when the time for Jihad comes to your country, and neighborhood. ...If you are a convert to Islam, you should try to hide your Islam as much as possible. ...If you are a born Muslim: then don’t make it too obvious you have become a practicing Muslim. ...if you are a practising Muslim, and you have a beard already, then don’t remove it if it will bring unwanted attention to yourself. I.e. your family, friends and colleagues will get more suspicious why you removed it, forcing them to spy on you more.” [77219, 77220]

In response to the killings, delusional British Prime Minister David Cameron insists they were “not in the name of Islam. Islam is a religion of peace.” (Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes, “This denial of what the jihad terrorists themselves explain is their guiding ideology, as if they don’t mean what they say or don’t understand their own religion, is hamstringing the West’s response to the jihad terror threat. With this willful ignorance, Cameron is leading his country to ruin.”) [77167, 77168]

Reuters reports, “Tunisia plans within a week to close down 80 mosques that remain outside state control for inciting violence, as a countermeasure after the hotel attack that killed 39 people, Prime Minister Habib Essid said on Friday. ...Since its 2011 uprising to oust [corrupt former president] Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali, Tunisia has struggled to manage ultraconservative Islamist movements.” At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer comments,

“Tunisia’s government can recognize that preaching in mosques can incite violence. The government of the United States cannot. To do so would be ‘Islamophobic.’” [77212, 77213, 77214, 77215]

In Manhattan’s Upper West Side, New York City police finally get around to issuing parking tickets to cab drivers who leave their taxis double parked while they pray inside mosques. NYPost.com reports, “At least one officer handed out nearly 100 tickets on the streets surrounding the Islamic Cultural Center on Riverside Drive near West 72nd Street, said cabby Mohammad Zaman. ‘This is a special prayer time, a time for religion. We double-park here every Friday and they [allow it], but today they gave us all tickets, almost 100 cabs,’ he said. Zaman, who has been attending services at the mosque for nine years, was slapped with a dreaded orange envelope that held a \$115 greeting for double parking. ‘This has never happened before,’ he said. ‘I can’t help but to think they are being prejudiced. They don’t understand. We have to be here.’” [77245, 77246]

The Supreme Court rules 5-4 in favor of same-sex marriage. (Whether the Department of Justice will go after priests, ministers, and rabbis who refuse to participate in gay weddings remains to be seen; it is assumed the Obama administration will not go after imams. But even if the administration chooses not to prosecute members of the clergy, it may very well order the IRS to revoke the tax exempt status of churches and synagogues that refuse to hold gay weddings. Marriage counselors might be prohibited from refusing to accept gay clients, religious schools might be forced to allow gay couples in married student housing, religious adoption agencies may be forced to serve gay couples, and landlords might be forced to accept gay couples as tenants—all regardless of their religious beliefs. Of course, bakers, photographers, and catering services have already been fined and persecuted for refusing to participate in gay weddings. There may be decades of lawsuits to come, as the federal government limits the citizens to merely advocating for their religion, while restricting the free *exercise* of their beliefs. The government might limit freedom of religion to what is said and done within the walls of churches and synagogues, while tyrannically prohibiting words and actions outside those walls.) [77103, 77132, 77133, 77137, 77148, 77224]

Justice Antonin Scalia writes in dissent, “I write separately to call attention to this Court’s threat to American democracy. ...This practice of constitutional revision by an unelected committee of nine, always accompanied (as it is today) by extravagant praise of liberty, robs the People of the most important liberty they asserted in the Declaration of Independence and won in the Revolution of 1776: the freedom to govern themselves. ...Hubris is sometimes defined as o’erweening pride; and pride, we know, goeth before a fall. The Judiciary is the ‘least dangerous’ of the federal branches because it has ‘neither Force nor Will, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm’ and the States, ‘even for the efficacy of its judgments.’ With each decision of ours that takes from the People a question properly left to them—with each decision that is unabashedly based not on law, but on the ‘reasoned judgment’ of a bare majority of this Court—we move one step closer to being reminded of our impotence.” [77103, 77139]



Also in the minority, Chief Justice John Roberts writes, “Just who do we think we are? It can be tempting for judges to confuse our own preferences with the requirements of the law. But as this Court has been reminded throughout our history, the Constitution ‘is made for people of fundamentally differing views.’ Understand well what this dissent is about: It is not about whether, in my judgment, the institution of marriage should be changed to include same-sex couples. It is instead about whether, in our democratic republic, that decision should rest with the people acting through their elected representatives, or with five lawyers who happen to hold commissions authorizing them to resolve legal disputes according to law. The Constitution leaves no doubt about the answer.” [77103]

Justice Clarence Thomas writes, “Aside from undermining the political processes that protect our liberty, the majority’s decision threatens the religious liberty our Nation has long sought to protect. ...In our society, marriage is not simply a governmental institution; it is a religious institution as well. Today’s decision might change the former, but it cannot change the latter. It appears all but inevitable that the two will come into conflict, particularly as individuals and churches are confronted with demands to participate in and endorse civil marriages between same-sex couples. The majority appears unmoved by that inevitability. ...[H]uman dignity cannot be taken away by the government. Slaves did not lose their dignity (any more than they lost their humanity) because the government allowed them to be enslaved. Those held in internment camps did not lose their dignity because the government confined them. And those denied governmental benefits certainly do not lose their dignity because the government denies them those benefits. The government cannot bestow dignity, and it cannot take it away.” (The far left Vox.com shamelessly and intentionally twists Thomas’ words, tweeting, “Clarence Thomas: Same-sex marriage bans, like slavery, were just fine for human dignity.” Aging actor George Takei, a gay activist known for little more than his *Star Trek* role in the 1960s, calls Thomas “a clown in black face sitting on the Supreme Court” and slams the reference to dignity. Takei either did not read Thomas’ entire statement or is, like Vox, intentionally misrepresenting it.) [77188, 77189, 77190, 77296, 77495]

Justice Samuel Alito writes, “Today’s decision usurps the constitutional right of the people to decide whether to keep or alter the traditional understanding of marriage. The decision will also have other important consequences. It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy. In the course of its opinion, the majority compares traditional marriage laws to laws that denied equal treatment for African-Americans and women. ...The implications of this analogy will be exploited by those who are determined to stamp out every vestige of dissent. Perhaps recognizing how its reasoning may be used, the majority attempts, toward the end of its opinion, to reassure those who oppose same-sex marriage that their rights of conscience will be protected. ...We will soon see whether this proves to be true. I assume that those who cling to old beliefs will be able to whisper their thoughts in the recesses of their homes, but if they repeat those views in public, they will risk being labeled as bigots and treated as such by governments, employers, and schools. The system of federalism established

by our Constitution provides a way for people with different beliefs to live together in a single nation. If the issue of same-sex marriage had been left to the people of the States, it is likely that some States would recognize same-sex marriage and others would not. It is also possible that some States would tie recognition to protection for conscience rights. The majority today makes that impossible. By imposing its own views on the entire country, the majority facilitates the marginalization of the many Americans who have traditional ideas. Recalling the harsh treatment of gays and lesbians in the past, some may think that turn-about is fair play. But if that sentiment prevails, the Nation will experience bitter and lasting wounds.” [77295]

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Elena Kagan, who voted with the majority, should have recused themselves from the case because of a conflict of interest. Both have officiated at gay weddings. Trevor Loudon notes, “The critical part of the law in the gay marriage case is Title 28, Part I, Chapter 21, Section 455 of the U.S. Code, which is applicable to judges and courts. It says, ‘Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.’ These disqualifications include cases in which ‘he has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party...’ ...Groups such as the National Organization for Marriage, the American Family Association, the Coalition of African American Pastors, and the Foundation for Moral Law had called for Kagan and Ginsburg to withdraw from the case. Matthew Kidd, executive director of the Foundation for Moral Law, told Accuracy in Media that the failure by Kagan and Ginsburg to withdraw from the case leaves them open to impeachment and removal from the bench.” (Congress could impeach both of them, but it clearly lacks the courage, and the votes, to do so.) It is also likely that Kagan is a lesbian (as may be Justice Sonia Sotomayor), which would also suggest she has a personal bias in favor of gay marriage. [77494]

Obama responds to the Supreme Court decision with a tweet featuring a photo of himself, and the words, “Today we can say in no uncertain terms that we’ve made our union a little more perfect.” In the White House Rose Garden, Obama says, “This morning the Supreme Court recognized that the Constitution guarantees marriage equality. In doing so, they’ve reaffirmed that all Americans are entitled to the equal protection of the law, that all people should be treated equally regardless of who they are or who they love.” (Until the political winds changed—and he realized he would lose campaign contributions—Obama had unconvincingly said he was opposed to same-sex marriage. Hillary Clinton has also switched her position on the issue.) [77106, 77177, 77179]

Obama also arrogantly calls for people to abandon their religious beliefs. He says, “I know that Americans of goodwill continue to hold a wide range of views on this issue. Opposition in some cases has been based on sincere and deeply held beliefs. All of us who welcome today’s news should be mindful of that fact. Recognize different viewpoints. Revere our deep commitment to religious freedom. But today should also give us hope that on the many issues with which we grapple often painfully real change is possible. Shifts in hearts and minds is [sic; are] possible. And those who have come so far on their journey to equality have a responsibility to reach back and help others join

them.” (In other words, “At least for a little while, we leftists should humor those who oppose same-sex marriage on religious grounds because we won, they lost, and they will have no choice but to concede to our government power in the long run.”) [77146]

On *The O'Reilly Factor*, Bill O'Reilly notes three public statements made by Obama in defense of traditional marriage. In 2004 Obama said, “What I believe is that marriage is between a man and a woman.” In 2008 he said, “I believe that marriage is the union between a man and a woman. For me, as a Christian, it's also a sacred union. God's in the mix.” In 2010 he said, “My baseline is a strong civil union that provides them the protections and the legal rights that married couples have.” The Blaze.com notes “a Windy City Times article from 1996, in which Obama, then a candidate for the Illinois State Senate, reportedly affirmed his ‘unequivocal support for gay marriage.’ ‘I favor legalizing same-sex marriages, and would fight efforts to prohibit such marriages,’ Obama proclaimed in an interview with the newspaper, reportedly issuing the same sentiment in a separate survey for a gay political group.” [77381]

Meanwhile, in Obama's childhood country, the Indonesian Constitutional Court legalizes marriage for children under age 16. AsiaNews.it writes, “According to human rights activist Nursjabhani Katjasungkana, the supreme courts have created a dangerous precedent that could give the green light to the practice of ‘forced marriage’ even for minors. It would appear that the Supreme Court decision gave into pressure from the Indonesian Council of Ulemas (MUI), a so-called ‘observer’ of morals and morality on the Muslim archipelago. The Islamist movement has long campaigned for marriage of girls under 18 years.” [77247, 77248]

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker states, “As a result of this decision, the only alternative left for the American people is to support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to reaffirm the ability of the states to continue to define marriage. The states are the proper place for these decisions to be made. As we have seen repeatedly over the last few days, we will need a conservative president who will appoint men and women to the Court who will faithfully interpret the Constitution and laws of our land without injecting their own political agendas. ...The First Amendment does not simply protect a narrow ‘right to worship,’ but provides broad protection to individuals and institutions to worship and act in accordance with their religious beliefs. I call on [Obama] and all governors to join me in reassuring millions of Americans that the government will not force them to participate in activities that violate their deeply held religious beliefs. No one wants to live in a country where the government coerces people to act in opposition to their conscience. We will continue to fight for the freedoms of all Americans.” [77102]

Politico.com posts an article titled, “It's time to legalize polygamy. Why group marriage is the next horizon of social liberalism.” Fredrik Deboer writes, “Now that we've defined that love and devotion and family isn't driven by gender alone, why should it be limited to just two individuals? The most natural advance next for marriage lies in legalized polygamy—yet many of the same people who pressed for marriage equality for gay couples oppose it. ...If my liberal friends recognize the legitimacy of free people who

choose to form romantic partnerships with multiple partners, how can they deny them the right to the legal protections marriage affords? Polyamory is a fact. People are living in group relationships today. The question is not whether they will continue on in those relationships. The question is whether we will grant to them the same basic recognition we grant to other adults: that love makes marriage, and that the right to marry is exactly that, a right.” (More than the camel’s nose is now under the tent.) [77114, 77134, 77147]

In Alabama, two counties respond to the court ruling by not issuing marriage licenses to anyone. Al.com reports, “Pike County officials haven’t issued marriage licenses in months, and today Probate Judge Wes Allen announced that his office is now permanently out of the marriage business. ... Geneva County Probate Judge Fred Hamic also said he intends to permanently close the marriage license bureau in his office, if his attorneys don’t object. Both judges cited Alabama Code Section 30-1-9: ‘Marriage licenses may be issued by the judges of probate of the several counties.’ The law says ‘may’ instead of ‘shall,’ Hamic said, which makes a big difference. He said the law permits probate judges to opt out of issuing marriage licenses. ... Probate Judge Jerry Pow of Bibb County said he will issue licenses to all couples, gay and straight, in light of the Supreme Court ruling. But he and his staff will no longer perform weddings in the courthouse.” [77152, 77153, 77284, 77396]

NYTimes.com reports, “Within hours of the Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage, an array of conservatives including the governors of Texas and Louisiana and religious groups called for stronger legal protections for those who want to avoid any involvement in same-sex marriage, like catering a gay wedding or providing school housing to gay couples, based on religious beliefs. They demanded establishing clear religious exemptions from discrimination laws, tax penalties or other government regulations for individuals, businesses and religious-affiliated institutions wishing to avoid endorsing such marriages. Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, a Republican, issued a directive to state agencies saying that employees should not be penalized for refusing to act in violation of their beliefs. ‘No Texan is required by the Supreme Court’s decision to act contrary to his or her religious beliefs regarding marriage,’ he said in a statement. Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, a Republican candidate for president, warned that the court decision ‘will pave the way for an all-out assault against the religious freedom rights of Christians who disagree.’” [77154, 77156]

In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, the *Patriot-News* announces, “As a result of Friday’s ruling, PennLive/The Patriot-News will no longer accept, nor will it print, op-Eds and letters to the editor in opposition to same-sex marriage.” [77185, 77186, 77189, 77223, 77275]

Professor Robert A. J. Gagnon writes, “Today, June 26, 2015, a day of national tragedy, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered what should rank as the worst decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the lifetime of every living American (rivaled only by *Roe v. Wade*) and at least one of the two or three worst decisions since the Court’s inception (compare the *Dred Scott* case). ... As individuals, people of faith will be aggressively indoctrinated, fined, denied advancement, fired, intimidated, and

subjected to ceaseless verbal abuse in public and private schools, at institutions of higher learning, at places of employment in public and private sectors, and throughout the main communication organs of the media and entertainment industry. Their institutions and businesses will be set on a collision course with the state: denied government funding, contracts, and loans; denied accreditation and tax-exempt status; and subjected to government harassment.” [77256, 77257]

“...The Lawless Five [Supreme Court Justices] have indeed become the masters of the Fourteenth Amendment, making it say what the formulators and electorate (and nearly everyone else for the century-and-a-half that followed) never even dreamed it could say in order to reconfigure an institution grounded in the Scriptures and natural law long before the Constitution and its amenders ever existed. We have come to a point where the country is ruled by an unelected, unresponsive, and ideologically arbitrary oligarchy. My children have learned today that they cannot trust the system of government under which we now operate. ...Granted, in addressing a ruling by SCOTUS we are dealing with a civil, not religious, matter. Yet five renegade Justices now claim to be able to pronounce authoritatively on a moral matter in the absence of any clear direction from the Constitution of the United States. As Scalia put it in his dissenting opinion, ‘They (the majority of Justices) have discovered in the Fourteenth Amendment a ‘fundamental right’ overlooked by every person alive at the time of ratification, and almost everyone else in the time since.’ Marriage as an institution is older than the Constitution, by millennia. The framers of the Constitution had no desire to change the definition of marriage inherited by them from the Judeo-Christian Scriptures, much less the most foundational element of all: the male-female prerequisite accepted by virtually all religious and civil traditions worldwide.” [77256, 77257]

Attorney Alan Dershowitz tells Newsmax.tv’s Steve Malzberg, “I wasn’t surprised [by the Supreme Court’s gay marriage ruling]. What surprises me is that ...Obama is taking any credit for this. He ran twice against gay marriage and it was only when he was not running for re-election, when the polls showed the vast majority of Americans supported gay marriage, that he had the courage of his convictions to come out and support it. So it takes a little bit of chutzpah for him to... claim some credit ...His Justice Department supported it, but for years they did not support it but that’s true of most politicians. They blow with the wind. ...Even if the Supreme Court had not ruled in favor of gay marriage, within five or 10 years, every state would have legislated gay marriage because it’s the trend. And so the question really is, is this the role of the courts or is this the role of the legislator? This was inevitable. It was going to happen, but is it better to come through the judiciary or is it better to come from the people? And that’s an argument reasonable people can disagree about. ...If you asked the framers of our Constitution 225 years ago, they would’ve laughed at you. Thomas Jefferson thought that gay people should get the death penalty. If you asked any justices in the Supreme Court 20 years ago, they would’ve laughed at you. Fifty years ago, if a lawyer had raised this question, he probably would’ve been subjected to sanctions. This is the quickest turnaround ever in constitutional history ...It’s a great victory for those of us who realized that we have a living Constitution, that you can’t treat the Constitution as if the words were there, to be interpreted as they were intended back in the 1800s.” [77187, 77319]

While gays in the United States celebrate the Supreme Court decision, ISIS terrorists throw four gays men to their death from the roof of a five-story building in Deir ez-Zor, Syria. The *Mirror* reports, “Many ISIS extremists online were seen to ironically use the hashtag #LoveWins— a rallying tweet for gay rights campaigners across the globe.” [77209, 77210, 77225, 77251]

At ForeignPolicy.com Rosa Brooks, noting the contrasting images of Middle Eastern gays being thrown to their deaths off rooftops and American gays celebrating same-sex marriage, pens what is perhaps one of the most incredibly inane and naive articles ever written. She writes, “Do you want to fight the Islamic State and the forces of Islamic extremist terrorism? I’ll tell you the best way to send a message to those masked gunmen in Iraq and Syria and to everyone else who gains power by sowing violence and fear. Just keep posting that second set of images. Post them on Facebook and Twitter and Reddit and in comments all over the Internet. Send them to your friends and your family. Send them to your pen pal in France and your old roommate in Tunisia. Send them to strangers.” (Brooks stops short of suggesting Hello Kitty greeting cards and CDs of James Taylor singing, *You’ve Got a Friend*.) [77221, 77222, 77902, 77903]

In Charleston, South Carolina, Obama delivers a fiery, partisan eulogy for Reverend Clementa Pinckney. He complains about the Confederate flag (“The flag has always represented more than ancestral pride. For many, black and white, that flag was a reminder of systemic oppression.”) and guns (“For too long we’ve been blind to the unique mayhem that gun violence inflicts upon this nation.”) At the end of his address—in an obviously “pre-planned act of spontaneity”—Obama leads the audience in singing *Amazing Grace*. (At a January 2012 fundraiser at the Apollo Theater, Obama sang a few words of Al Green’s *Let’s Stay Together*—in an acceptable but arguably feminine-sounding voice. According to The Ulsterman Report, Obama’s few seconds of singing had been “rehearsed to death” for days—with a vocal coach—in an effort to make Obama “cool.” Whether the taxpayers covered the cost of the vocal coach is not known. Whether Obama relied on him for *Amazing Grace* is also not known—but he sings it in a lower, Frank Marshall Davis-like key.) According to BizPacReview.com, Obama’s speech “became so partisan that one person referred to it as ‘a race hate speech with a southern accent.’” Others tweet, “A divisive speech disguised as a eulogy. A city, State and country came together and Obama didn’t like it.” “Same media that mocked Tim Tebow for praying are having an orgasm cuz Obama sang Amazing Grace.” “It was the most inappropriate, clownish show I’ve ever seen. It was supposed to be about the deceased. I had to turn it off.” [28450, 28451, 28879, 77124, 77125, 77126, 77127, 77193, 77195, 77743, 77857]

At the funeral, writes Andrew Malcom at Investors.com, Jesse Jackson “was clearly seeking face-time” with Obama before “his sizeable entourage left. But just as Jackson nears his target from the rear, Secret Service agents cut him off... The men were no doubt polite. But very firm. Perhaps they even recognized Jackson. Through their earpieces, they were likely tipped to his approach by other agents. ...At one point

Jackson makes a move to reach through the wall of agents, but is restrained by another. You may be happy—or disappointed—to learn that the veteran scene-crasher Jackson did eventually get a brief Obama handshake through bodies and over chairs. But, alas for him, it did not make the news.” [77371]

At AmericanThinker.com Jeannie DeAngelis later comments on Obama’s “Amazing Disgrace of a Eulogy” for pastor Clementa Pinckney, one of the victims of the Charleston, South Carolina shooting. She writes, “Fresh off a victory lap in the Rose Garden where the #LOVEWINS president narcissistically defined agreeing with him as ‘love,’ ...Obama segued from LGBTQ rights into racial rancor and Biblical misrepresentation during a eulogy where he also defined ‘God’s grace’ as agreeing with him. ...Wily, crafty, and well done, [Obama’s] torturous twisting of Scripture was rivaled only by Chief Justice John Robert’s opinion on Obamacare. ...[Obama] was in full-on, pedal-to-the-metal racial-injustice mode. Quite frankly, Obama’s self-serving eulogy exploited a dead man to offer racial grievances, latent hostility, and under the guise of grace, justify a buffet of tired liberal solutions. After complimenting the deceased pastor/senator’s character, Obama, just short of breaking into the Holy Ghost shuffle, went into his mediocre black-minister impression with talk of the ‘deeds and not just words’ that the man who’s always talking and never doing believes Christian faith to be. ...Ironically, in a Christian service among Christian believers, the name of Jesus Christ, the Giver of Grace, never once crossed [Obama’s] lips. Instead, what slowly became apparent was that Obama was there primarily to pervert the Bible by implying that divine grace is synonymous with liberal policies. ...Although Obama remarked that ‘[b]y taking down the Confederate flag, we express God’s grace,’ what he left out of his history lesson was how the Confederate flag was a symbolic emblem for the historically racist Democratic Party, which stubbornly supported slavery and notoriously suppressed blacks. Obama, who normally wants God kept far away from politics, piled on, saying ‘[b]ut I don’t think God wants us to stop there.’” [77238]

On the issue of illegal immigration, D. W. Ulsterman writes, “Most politicians would be scrambling to apologize by now, but not so Donald Trump. The billionaire presidential candidate is pushing back against both the media and the Mexican government following his comments last week pertaining to the chaotic U.S.-Mexico border. The American Mainstream Media continues to try and get an apology from Mr. Trump following... remarks he made last week when declaring his intentions of running for President of the United States. Trump’s comments were his own and not the comments of a teleprompted speech created by a slew of political advisers. They were also, despite their rather straightforward nature, absolutely correct. The southern border of the United States is for all intents and purposes, an open border. The Obama administration and his fellow Democrats feel [that] the risk to national safety is worth it politically. They have since declared anyone who speaks of an orderly and lawful U.S.-Mexican border as racist. The Mainstream Media has helped greatly in this effort, and so Republican after Republican has softened on their former belief of a safe and secure border and in doing so, put the safety of Americans at risk.” [77199]

“Trump made a point to acknowledge some who immigrate illegally are ‘good people,’ while also stating what anyone with any real knowledge and/or experience of what is taking place along the southern border know all too well—it is a chaotic and dangerous situation for U.S. and Mexican citizens alike and one that is getting exponentially worse. What both nations need is a responsible border agreement that allows Mexican and citizens from other Central and South American nations the opportunity to come to America to work and better their lives and if they so choose, seek permanent (and legal) status that does not favor the illegal human traffickers, drug dealers, etc. Donald Trump understands this and makes no apologies for saying so—at least not yet. NBC and a slew of sponsors are at this very moment attempting to punish Trump financially. Protests against him are likely soon to follow as the media is working double-time to manufacture an anti-Trump backlash. Will Mr. Trump manage to remain as defiant in his views, no matter how correct they might be, in the face of such an onslaught? We shall see...” [77199]

According to FreeBeacon.com, “While Hillary Clinton has made a political career with the support of the financial sector, socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has relied on labor. A review of campaign fundraising records conducted by the Labor Union Report found that all of Bernie Sanders’ top donors come from Big Labor, which could complicate Hillary Clinton’s tack to the left to woo union support. Nine of Clinton’s ten most generous donors are investment banks, white collar law firms, or companies, such as Cablevision and Time Warner, that have a history of union disputes. Sanders, on the other hand, has the backing of the working man. ...Peter List, a former labor organizer who runs the Labor Union Report, said this could expose a key weakness for Clinton as she tries to stave off Sanders running to her left. ‘There’s not a union among’ her top donors, List said. ‘If union members turn out to vote in the Democratic primaries, Bernie Sanders—and not Hillary Clinton—may very well be the Democrats’ next nominee.’” [77204]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) proposes a Constitutional amendment that would subject the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices to judicial retention elections every eight years. Cruz states, “During the past 50 years, the Court has condemned millions of innocent unborn children to death, banished God from our schools and public squares, extended constitutional protections to prisoners of war on foreign soil, authorized the confiscation of property from one private owner to transfer it to another, and has now required all Americans to purchase a specific product, and to accept the redefinition of an institution ordained by God and long predating the formation of the Court. ...The time has come, therefore, to recognize that the problem lies not with the lawless rulings of individual lawless justices, but with the lawlessness of the Court itself. The decisions that have deformed our constitutional order and have debased our culture are but symptoms of the disease of liberal judicial activism that has infected our judiciary. A remedy is needed that will restore health to the sick man in our constitutional system. ...Those justices deemed unfit for retention by both a majority of the American people as a whole and by majorities of the electorates in at least half of the 50 states will be removed from office and disqualified from future service on the Court.” (Justices can be impeached by the Senate, but only with a two-thirds vote.) [77178]



On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer observes, “SCOTUScare [ObamaCare] is here to stay, unless and until the Republicans win the White House and hold the Senate. If they do, there is no question that they are going to repeal and replace. If the Democrats hold the White House, it’s here to stay.” [77271]

As if extending a giant middle finger in front of the faces of tens of millions of Americans who oppose gay marriage, Obama has the White House lit in the rainbow colors of the gay flag to “celebrate” the Supreme Court decision. (That Obama had prepared remarks celebrating the decision, had a rainbow image of the White House on the Internet, and had colored lights ready to light up the building proves that he and his staff knew well in advance how the Supreme Court would rule.) [77150, 77151, 77157, 77191, 77285, 77287, 77428]

According to WND.com, rainbow-colored lights also lit up “Niagara Falls, the Cinderella Castle in Disney World, Terminal Tower in Cleveland, the Empire State Building, Penn Station, the Seattle Great Wheel, the U.S. Great Hotel in San Diego, the Alamo in San Antonio, San Francisco City Hall, Grace Cathedral, Playhouse Square in Cleveland, [and] the Davis Building in Dallas...” [79073]

Earlier in the day, the Department of Education displayed on its web page an altered logo that included gay rainbow colors. As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan came under fire in May 2009 for “pushing the gay envelope” by naming Kevin Jennings Assistant Deputy Secretary in the Office of Safe Schools. Jennings is the founder of a homosexual activist group called the GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). GLSEN promotes homosexual clubs in high schools, middle schools, and even grade schools, and promoted a national “Day of Silence” in schools to celebrate homosexuality. Jennings’ own web site brags that he “has spent the last 12 years building GLSEN into a national organization at the forefront of a bold movement that now works with over 3,000 Gay-Straight Alliances.” [2970, 3129, 3130, 4318, 4784, 77294]

According to WesternJournalism.com, “GLSEN promotes pro-pedophile books such as *One Teenager in 10*, which contains at least a half dozen stories involving sex between children and adults. Another example of a GLSEN-promoted book featuring child/adult sex is *Growing up Gay/Growing up Lesbian*: ‘When I was 15, he must have been 29-39... I seduced him... it was a wild night. We did everything.’ Another GLSEN-recommended book has a story about a minor boasting about how he met his 25 year old ‘boyfriend’ who ‘picked me up right away when I joined the group.’” Jennings, who once said “Fuck ’em” in response to a reference to the “religious right,” considers the promotion of homosexuality and gender confusion “normal,” even for young students. At a GLSEN “TeachOut” conference for students and public school teachers that was co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, children as young as age 12 were taught how to engage in homosexual acts. At a March 25, 2000 “workshop,” one adult told a group of high school students, “Fisting [forcing one’s entire hand into another person’s rectum or vagina] often gets a bad rap... [It’s] an experience of letting

somebody into your body that you want to be that close and intimate with... [and is meant] to put you into an exploratory mode.” Teachers who attended the “conference” received “professional development credits” from the state. (There was no national outrage over the appointment of Jennings because the mainstream media shamelessly chose not to tell Americans about him or what he represents.) [2970, 3129, 3130, 4318, 4784, 77294]

In Virginia, Hillary Clinton addresses the annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. According to BusinessInsider.com, “Tickets for the event are being sold for \$30 and \$125. However, on Friday afternoon, some Virginia Democrats received an email advertising ‘FREE TICKETS’ to the dinner. The email was given to Business Insider by a source. It contained a promotional code to get \$30 tickets to the event for free. An operative for one of the Republican 2016 candidates joked that the ticket giveaway showed Clinton is having trouble generating enthusiasm. ‘How bad is it out there for Hillary? She’s gone from paid speeches to paying people to hear her speeches,’ the operative said, referencing the past controversy over Clinton’s speaking fees.” (How long it will take activists to force the decades-old Democrat dinner to change its name is not known. The name honors Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.) [77201, 77240, 77432]

Democrats claim the Virginia event raised more than \$1 million for the state’s Democrat party coffers, but FreeBeacon.com later reports that “campaign disclosure forms show that this figure was far from accurate. ...The Democratic Party of Virginia’s monthly filing to the Federal Election Commission show that just over \$208,000 was raised during the month of June. Only \$78,650 of the contributions came on June 26. The bulk of the listed contributions on that day were for \$125—which was the ticket price for the event.” [78717]

On June 27 Andrew C. McCarthy writes at NationalReview.com, “Did you notice that there was not an iota of speculation about how the four Progressive justices would vote? There was never a shadow of a doubt. In the plethora of opinions generated by these three cases, there is not a single one authored by Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan, or Sonia Sotomayor. There was no need. They are the Left’s voting bloc. There was a better chance that the sun would not rise this morning than that any of them would wander off the reservation. How can that be? Jurisprudence is complex. Supple minds, however likeminded, will often diverge, sometimes dramatically, on principles of constitutional adjudication, canons of statutory construction, murky separation-of-powers boundaries, the etymology of language, and much else. ...But not the Court’s lefties, not on the major cases. And it is not so much that they move in lockstep. *It is that no one expects them to do anything but move in lockstep*—not their fellow justices, not the political branches, and certainly not the commentariat, right or left. It is simply accepted that these justices are not there to judge. They are there to vote. They get to the desired outcome the same way disparate-impact voodoo always manages to get to discrimination: Start at the end and work backwards. Guiding precedents are for the quaint business of administering justice. In the *social justice* business, the road never before traveled will do if one less traveled is unavailable. But there’s a problem. Once it has become a given that

a critical mass of the Supreme Court is no longer expected, much less *obliged*, to do law, then the Court is no longer a legal institution. It is a political institution.” [77197]

“...Today’s Court has been called ‘post-constitutional.’ That’s accurate, but it’s not complete. Its latest rulings are post-law. The SCOTUScare case, *King v. Burwell*, was not a constitutional case at all; it was a straightforward matter of statutory interpretation. What made it ostensibly straightforward was the law: a statute that says, ‘an Exchange established by the State,’ cannot possibly mean ‘an Exchange not established by the State.’ If we were a nation of laws, such a case would never make it to the highest court in the land. But we are a nation of will, the will of a determined political movement, so the law never had a chance. The Supreme Court is not unique in being captured by progressives. It is a lagging indicator, its crush of late-June edicts reflecting what’s become of the political class of which it is now very much a part. [Obama] rules unilaterally and in contravention of the laws. Half of Congress applauds, the rest shrugs and says there is nothing to be done. The elements of the progressive agenda the political branches don’t feel safe implementing are delegated to anonymous bureaucrats in the administrative state. The courts are there to finish the job, to give any mopping up the aura of legal rigor. But none of it is about the law, or even expected to be. That time is gone.” [77197]

On MSNBC, openly gay Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) insists that bakeries should be forced to bake cakes for gay weddings. She says, “Certainly the First Amendment says that in institutions of faith that there is absolute power to, you know, to observe deeply held religious beliefs. *I don’t think it extends far beyond that* [emphasis added]. We’ve seen the set of arguments play out in issues such as access to contraception. Should it be the individual pharmacist whose religious beliefs guides [sic; guide] whether a prescription is filled, or in this context, they’re talking about expanding this far beyond our churches and synagogues to businesses and individuals across this country. I think there are clear limits that have been set in other contexts and we ought to abide by those in this new context across America.” (The constitutionally ignorant Baldwin believes that freedom of religion only applies to religious institutions and not to individuals, and that it applies only within the walls of churches, synagogues, and mosques.) [77622, 77623, 77624, 77625]

JewishPress.com reports, “American police forces from coast to coast are on alert from federal officials that the Islamic State (ISIS) is planning to terrorize the country during the July 4 Independence Day holiday. Homeland Security, the FBI and the National Counterterrorism Center sent an intelligence bulletin to law enforcement agencies. No specific plots were spelled out, according to CNN, but there was a general warning because of the holiday and the upcoming visit of Pope Francis.” [77205, 77206, 77252, 77258]

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott says of the day’s terrorist attacks, “This illustrates yet again that as far as the Daesh [ISIS] death cult is concerned, it’s coming after us. We may not always feel that we are at war with them, but they certainly think that they are at war with us. ...Regrettably, as we saw in France, all you need for

terrorism these days is a knife, a flag, a camera phone and a victim. This is the grim reality the world faces now.” He absurdly adds, “This is why it is so important that what’s being done by Daesh has nothing to do with God, it has nothing to do with religion...” (Pamela Geller writes, “[F]or years my colleagues and I have been warning the West. We work tirelessly to rouse the slumbering masses. We were smeared, booed, hissed, defamed for trying to ward off this war. And still, even today, the campaign of personal attacks and destruction continues, because we oppose Islamic supremacism and jihad. It never should have come to this.”) [77216, 77217, 77253]

BizPacReview reports, “CNN ended up with egg on its face Saturday when one of its editors mistook a banner depicting all sorts of sex toys at a London gay pride parade for an Islamic State flag. CNN International assignment editor Lucy Pawle reported that she came across ‘a clear attempt to mimic’ the distinctive black and white flag as she was leaving work, and took a few snapshots of it that were displayed during her report.” The words, “Just in: ISIS flag spotted at gay pride event” are splashed on the screen. (In fact, the black-and-white flag displayed a variety of sex toys. Why the error was not caught by Anderson Cooper is not known.) [77236]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “Hillary Clinton withheld Benghazi-related emails from the State Department that detailed her knowledge of the scramble for oil contracts in Libya and the shortcomings of the NATO-led military intervention for which she advocated. Clinton removed specific portions of other emails she sent to State, suggesting the messages were screened closely enough to determine which paragraphs were unfit to be seen by the public. For example, one email Clinton kept from the State Department indicates Libyan leaders were ‘well aware’ of which ‘major oil companies and international banks’ supported them during the rebellion, information they would ‘factor into decisions’ about who would be given access to the country’s rich oil reserves. The email, which Clinton subsequently scrubbed from her server, indicated Clinton was aware that involvement in the controversial conflict could have a significant financial benefit to firms that were friendly to the Libyan rebels. ...State Department officials admitted Clinton had withheld all of nine emails and parts of six others after [Sidney] Blumenthal provided 60 emails to the House Select Committee on Benghazi that the agency had failed to submit earlier this year. Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) immediately demanded to know whether State or Clinton herself withheld the records. The agency’s admission Thursday that it couldn’t find 15 of the new emails in its records indicated both had played a role in keeping the emails away from Congress.” [77265]

HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey later writes, “The issue of Hillary Clinton’s emails got deeper... Not only did Hillary fail to give the State Department all of the work-related emails from her private server as she publicly stated, now it appears those she did submit may have been altered. That brings up all sorts of new questions about whether Hillary and her team have tampered with evidence in a government investigation. ...This would present a huge legal issue for anyone whose name didn’t rhyme with Millary Minton. The Federal Records Act requires work-related communications to go to the National Archive, where the government determines what can and cannot be published for public review. That is why the Obama administration instructed its agencies not to use personal

e-mails unless those communications were copied to official accounts, in order to comply with the FRA. Hillary and her team flat-out disregarded those directives and flouted the law in running their own private email system. Now, with records under subpoena by an official committee of Congress, it seems clear that Hillary and her team not only destroyed email subject to the subpoena but tampered with the evidence they *did* provide. Any other government official would be looking at jail time for that kind of action. Sandy Berger got caught doing essentially the same thing with official government documents *not* under subpoena (presumably for the same purpose, to clean up after the Clintons), and traded his law license in exchange for not getting prosecuted. The chances of Hillary Clinton getting investigated for this by the Department of Justice are roughly nil while Barack Obama is [in the White House], but it's certainly a good argument for keeping that authority away from Hillary by ensuring she doesn't succeed Obama..." [77266]

In *The Nation*, three leftist activists write, "The... question of what comes after the [gay] marriage cases ignores the reality that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people's lives are not yet free, equal or secure, even with the positive outcome of these Supreme Court decisions. ...The queer movement is focused on formal legal gay/lesbian equality only and still does not address the economic, racial and gender-based inequities affecting low-income LGBT folks, transgender people, people of color (POC), women and others in queer communities. Large parts of the US (the South, Midwest and Southwest) are zones without rights. ...[T]he Democrats see us an ATM; the Republicans, as a punching bag. ...So what should we do now? First, reframe the LGBT political and legal agenda to positively address the life chances and lived experience of every queer person. Second, build infrastructure, coalitions and political strategy to advance LGBT people's interests in the Southern and Midwestern US. Third, create a political strategy with allies (labor, POC, women) to win and secure progressive outcomes in key states over the next two decades. Fourth, put massive amounts of funds into developing the leadership of young progressives—queer and straight. Fifth, create a specific anti-fascist infrastructure of social media, legal, research and watchdog groups to expose and defeat the right wing culturally and politically. In sum, the work ahead for queers is to be transformative, not transfixed. ...What next? Disestablish marriage. Get the state out of the business. Abolish the legal category. Even as we savor the victory for civil equality this week, we should start to push for disestablishing marriage. Freedom, equality, and the health of our liberal democratic polity depend on it." [77404, 77405, 77410]

Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, ridicules the same-sex marriage ruling in the United States, saying, "I've just concluded [that] since ...Obama endorses the same-sex marriage, advocates homosexual people, and enjoys an attractive countenance thus if it becomes necessary, I shall travel to Washington, D.C., get down on my knee, and ask his hand [in marriage]. I can't understand how [those] people dare to defy Christ's explicit orders as our Lord prohibited mankind from sodomy." [77439, 77440, 77441, 77442]

In the early hours of June 28 (about 1:45 a.m.), as many as 50 teenagers (most or all of whom are black) trash a Walmart store in Macon, Georgia, causing thousands of dollars in damage. According to WND.com, "Surveillance video, which police have not released

to the news media, shows the crowd yanking a man off an electric wheelchair and tossing him to the ground... The video reveals 17-year-old Kharron Nathan Green entering the store first, displaying gang signs. He was then followed by a large crowd of other teens that investigators number between 40 and 50. The sheriff's report says the teen leading the rushing horde told a Walmart employee 'this was a planned event ...to see how much damage they could cause.'" Sheriff David Davis "expressed concern about the parenting of those who took part in the rampage. 'Due to the lateness of the hour, I don't know that they were going to be going to church the next morning,' he said. When deputies arrived, the crowd 'began to flee into many different vehicles and leave the scene,' according to the sheriff's report." (Obama and Attorney General Loretta Lynch have no comment.) [77406, 77407]

Obama plays 27 holes of golf at Andrews Air Force base. [77227, 77228]

*The Jerusalem Post* reports, "A 'flotilla' of four small boats is expected to sail to the territorial waters outside Gaza by at least Wednesday, and possibly as early as Monday, with Israel making clear that it has no intention of allowing the vessels to break the naval blockade and reach the Gaza Strip. Among the passengers on the boats are Balad MK Basel Ghattas, whose presence has sparked a Knesset controversy, and former Tunisian president Moncef Marzouki. Israeli officials reiterated on Sunday that Jerusalem has no intention [of allowing] the boats to reach Gaza, and that the organizers are well aware both that there is a legal naval blockade of the area, and that all humanitarian aid into Gaza can pass through established channels. 'This is just a provocation,' one official said." (The next day the boats are intercepted by the Israeli Navy. Three are turned back; one is boarded and taken to the port at Ashdod, from which the passengers and crew will be deported.) [77347, 77348, 77350, 77356, 77357]

On *Fox & Friends Weekend*, DailyCaller.com's Tucker Carlson excoriates John Micek, the *Patriot-News* opinion editor, for the newspaper's decision to "no longer accept" or "print, op-Eds and letters to the editor in opposition to same-sex marriage." Carlson says, "You made it pretty clear. You have contempt for people who disagree with your views. You consider them bigots and you don't think that they ought to be able to express those views because they're illegitimate. That was clear." Micek responds, "No, not at all. What we were trying to do—and perhaps we missed a little in the execution—was to try to create a space for civil discussion in the pages of Pennlive, while allowing reasonable and intelligent debate on the issue. I fully recognize that people of good will and deeply held conviction are going to differ with the high court on this decision, but our intent, I think, and we might have missed this initially, was to create a space for civil discussion." [77185, 77186, 77189, 77223, 77275]

Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) appears on *Face the Nation* and argues that ObamaCare is "going to collapse under its own weight. I am as motivated as ever before to repeal and replace this law, and that's what we're working on. ...There are a number of alternative ObamaCare bills out there right now, in Congress. ...In 2016, we need to show the country what exactly we would replace this law with, so that when we win the election in 2016, we will have the ability to do it in 2017." [77226, 77255]

Also on *Face the Nation*, Benghazi Select Committee chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) comments on the inability to get documents from the State Department: “If I don’t get satisfaction from that public interaction with his chief of staff, the next person to come explain to Congress why he has been so recalcitrant to turn over documents will be the secretary [of state] himself [John Kerry]. I want to get this investigation over with and [Kerry] is the only thing standing between me and a completed investigation. ... They haven’t given us emails for nine of the 10 senior aides that [Clinton] had. It’s been over a year, and we don’t have a single scrap of paper from nine of the 10. ... We know that [Hillary Clinton’s] seminal point—‘don’t mind my unique email arrangement, you have everything you’re supposed to have’—we know that that is patently false.” [77276]

On *This Week*, Congressman Peter King (R-NY) disputes *The New York Times*’ claim “white supremacists, anti-government fanatics and other non-Muslim extremists” are more dangerous than Islamist radicals. King states, “I totally disregard what *The New York Times* said. ... [T]o compare these deranged white supremacists with an organized international terrorist movement, that’s *The New York Times* at its worst.” [77268, 77277]

Also on *This Week*, Mike Huckabee says, “When [Obama] lit up the White House the other night with rainbow colors, I guess that’s his prerogative. [But] If I become president, I just want to remind people, please don’t complain if I were to put a nativity scene out during Christmas and say, ‘If it’s my house, I get to do with it what I wish, despite what other people around the country may feel about it.’” (Huckabee is referring to Obama’s response to a heckler at a White House LEBT event: “No, no, no, you’re in my house.”) [76949, 77031, 77058, 77068, 77077, 77079, 77080, 77085, 77270, 77272]

On *Media Buzz*, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) notes the media bias in favor of Hillary Clinton: “Let’s say a Republican admitted to conduct that on its face violates federal law and may well violate criminal statutes. The press would be in an outrage. If this were a Republican, every day on every Sunday show, there would be a special prosecutor watch. And yet the press quietly says it’s just the Clintons being the Clintons.” [77269]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Congressman Mike McCaul (R-TX), chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, warns, “I am extremely concerned about Syrian and ISIS recruiters [who] can use the Internet at lightning speeds to recruit followers in the United States with thousands of followers in the United States and then activate them to do whatever they want to do. Whether it’s military installations, law enforcement or possibly a Fourth of July event parade. ... In light of the three attacks in three hours on three continents overseas shows us that ISIS is just regionalized like the administration says only in Iraq and Syria but rather demonstrates a global threat, that they can conduct external operations and they’re very savvy doing that over the Internet.” [77289]

In a letter to Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton states that county clerks do not have to issue same-sex marriage licenses if they believe doing so will violate their religious beliefs—and adds that “numerous lawyers stand ready to

assist clerks defending their religious beliefs.” [77229, 77230, 77231, 77254, 77306, 77307, 77375]

Katie Lang, a county clerk in Texas, later writes at Hood County’s web site, “The religious doctrines to which I adhere compel me to personally refrain from issuing same-sex marriage licenses. Nonetheless, in addition to the county clerk offices in the several surrounding counties, as soon as the appropriate forms have been printed and supplied to my office, the County Clerk’s Office of Hood County will have staff available and ready to issue same-sex marriage licenses. Because some have misreported and misconstrued my prior statements, I want to make clear that the County Clerk’s Office of Hood County will comply with the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States. I am grateful that the First Amendment continues to protect the sincerely held religious beliefs of public servants like me. That has not changed since last Friday. As Justice Kennedy stated, ‘it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned.’” [77453, 77454]

At Time.com, *New York Times* columnist Mark Oppenheimer calls for the elimination of tax-exempt status for churches. He writes, “Rather than try to rescue tax-exempt status for organizations that dissent from settled public policy on matters of race or sexuality, we need to take a more radical step. It’s time to abolish, or greatly diminish, their tax-exempt statuses.” Oppenheimer, who apparently believes he is a fair arbiter of societal goodness, declares, “I can see keeping some exemptions; hospitals, in particular, are an indispensable, and noncontroversial, public good.” In his opinion, churches and synagogues must not be a public good. (Several weeks earlier, Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced a First Amendment Defense Act, which would protect the tax-exempt status of religious institutions that do not support same-sex marriage.) [77259, 77260, 77293, 77409]

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) announces it will no longer support federal religious freedom laws, specifically the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. At HotAir.com Taylor Millard writes, “The ACLU is a weird organization at times because it sometimes stands up for things libertarians (and some conservatives) agree on. But they’re absolutely wrong here, and their belief the government needs to be involved in protecting people from discrimination on religious grounds is wrong. They’re being inconsistent for promising to defend religious liberty, but refusing to acknowledge the rights of private businesses with religious beliefs and religious nonprofits. It’s not religious freedom for me and not for thee. It’s religious freedom for all. Unless the religion in question is physically hurting or killing someone, taking their liberty, or their property. Then it’s another story. But that’s not what’s at stake here. There are ways people can disagree with a policy a business or nonprofit has, but agree it’s their right to do it because of the First Amendment. ACLU should be willing to acknowledge this. Until then, they’re just hypocrites.” [77261, 77262, 77435]

Father Jonathan Morris tweets, “Walking down Broadway and 22nd St just now, I ran into gay marriage parade. Two men walked by and spat on me. Oh well... I deserve



worse” and “The two men who spat on me are probably very good men caught up in excitement and past resentment. Most in that parade would not do that.” (Many who demand respect and tolerance are not willing to give it to others.) New York City’s communist mayor, Bill De Blasio, marches in the parade, wearing a rainbow necktie and carrying a rainbow flag. In the parade are various banners sponsored by communist organizations, such as the Workers World Party. Not surprisingly, more than a few participants are dressed in revealing, provocative, and arguably repulsive clothing and costumes. [77263, 77264, 77292, 77297, 77304, 77358]

The Associated Press tweets, “Greek premier: Bank of Greece has recommended banks to close, capital controls be imposed.” (In other words, Greeks will be denied access to their own money.) [77232]

Author Brad Thor tweets that the Supreme Court ruling on gay marriage is “The only major event the Obama administration wasn’t caught off guard by and didn’t have to read about in the papers.” [77233, 77234]

Dr. Ben Carson wins the straw poll at the Western Conservative Summit, with 26 percent of the vote. Carly Fiorina comes in second with 23 percent; Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker gets 22 percent; Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) gets 11 percent. All other candidates are in single digits. WND.com notes, “Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush received just four total votes” out of 871 votes cast. [77241, 77286]

In a radio interview on New York’s 970 AM, Donald Trump says, “Look, Obama is not a negotiator. We look like we’re beggars. We look like we’re sitting there begging, and the Persians—as you know—are very good negotiators. The people representing Iran are master negotiators, and they’re dealing with fools. They’re dealing with fools. It looks like we’re begging to make a deal. They’ve put us in such a position... We have the cards right now. Soon we won’t have the cards, but we have the cards right now, and we should put sanctions—much stronger, much harder—and bring them to the table on our terms because they are really making a deal that should not be made.” [77278]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “The P5+1 countries led by the United States under Barack Obama have caved in to Iranian demands and will not insist on inspections of nuclear installations as part of a deal on Iran’s nuclear weapons program, Channel 1 reported Sunday. The channel’s Arab affairs correspondent reported that the June 30—Tuesday night—deadline for the talks has been set back to an unspecified date but that the negotiations are good natured and the feeling is that the deal is nearly done.” [77279, 77288]

At PowerLineBlog.com John Hinderaker writes, “Iran has consistently declared that it will not allow inspections, and Barack Obama wants a deal at any cost, either because he actually wants to help Iran to obtain nuclear weapons—circumstantial evidence supports that conclusion—or because he is so desperate for some kind of foreign affairs legacy that he is willing to go along with anything. From the beginning of this process, Iran’s government has issued more truthful updates on the status of the negotiations than has

our own. In some parallel universe, this would be an embarrassment to an American administration. ... Was there ever any doubt [that there would be a deal]? I don't think so. More important, neither did the Iranians. They knew they could dictate the terms of the agreement because they were dealing with Barack Obama, and they have done so. Meanwhile, here in the U.S., we are busy posting rainbows on our Facebook pages. It is hard to escape the conclusion that we deserve what we are going to get." [77281]

One PowerLine reader writes, "It means they already have nukes, i.e., sufficient highly enriched uranium for, at a minimum, 1-5 Hiroshima type bombs. Therefore, there is nothing Obama can do: once the kooks have nukes it's game over; we can never directly attack them without huge risk. See Korea, North. The real travesty is that—of course!—Obama never had any intention of making sure that Iran would 'not be permitted to have nuclear weapons.' As usual, the threats of preemption, 'all options on the table,' were always lies which is why the left let him get away with an explicit invocation of the Bush Doctrine. For Iran, having the capability of enriching uranium and, eventually, plutonium and being rumored to have enriched HEU [highly enriched uranium] cores is sufficient for their military purposes. They want insulation from attack by the west and the ability to intimidate regionally. ... [Obama] just needed the words to get by elections and be able to claim with enough plausibility that the MSM [mainstream media] will cover for him that on his watch Iran had no 'nuclear weapons.' Of course, it does all depend on what the meaning of 'have' is ... and 'nuclear weapon.' It's a disaster and Obama and his pals are snakes." [77281]

WSJ.com reports, "U.S. intelligence agencies believe there is a strong possibility the [Bashar al-] Assad regime will use chemical weapons on a large scale as part of a last-ditch effort to protect key Syrian government strongholds if Islamist fighters and other rebels try to overrun them, U.S. officials said." (These would be the same chemical weapons that, notes Jim Geraghty at *Morning Jolt*, Obama said on May 14 Syria no longer had: "Assad gave up his chemical weapons. And that's not speculation on our part. That, in fact, has been confirmed by the organization internationally that is charged with eliminating chemical weapons.") [77298, 77299, 77300]

On June 29 European banks lose at least 50 billion euros in market value as a result of the financial problems in Greece. According to Newsmax.com, "The Stoxx 600 Banks Index fell as much as 4.4 percent, the biggest intraday decline since November 2011, with all 46 members declining. The gauge was down 3.4 percent at 12:55 p.m. Frankfurt time. Lenders in Italy, Portugal and Spain were among the biggest decliners, led by Banco Comercial Portugues. Greece shut its banks and imposed capital controls to help avert the collapse of its financial system amid increasing concerns it will be forced out of the euro area. Banks will be closed at least until July 6, the day after Greeks vote in a referendum on proposals to restore bailout aid." (HotAir.com explains, "The European Central Bank had attempted to negotiate for weeks with Greece's new socialist government to get the country onto a rational payment schedule, while Greece balked at establishing a more austere budgetary and fiscal policy that would allow for repayment. Greeks staged a slow-motion bank run over the weekend—more like an ATM run to get as much cash as

possible—which forced banks to remain closed this morning to protect cash reserves.”) [77267, 77282, 77283]

Meanwhile, WashingtonPost.com reports, “The governor of Puerto Rico has decided that the island cannot pay back more than \$70 billion in debt, setting up an unprecedented financial crisis that could rock the municipal bond market and lead to higher borrowing costs for governments across the United States. Puerto Rico’s move could roil financial markets already dealing with the turmoil of the renewed debt crisis in Greece. It also raises questions about the once-staid municipal bond market, which states and cities count on to pay upfront costs for public improvements such as roads, parks and hospitals.” (Although many Americans might find comfort in saying that the fiscal problems in Greece and Puerto Rico “can’t happen here,” they most certainly can. U.S. debt is many times greater than that of any other nation, and there is not real likelihood that the economy can ever grow enough to create the surplus needed to pay off that debt. As a result, the United States will continue to do what most countries do: print money—until the entire scheme collapses.) [77290, 77478, 77617, 77640, 77705]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes 350 points down, a decline of just under two percent.

HotAir.com observes, “The June 30th deadline for a nuclear deal with Iran isn’t looking very healthy at this point, particularly considering the fact that the date happens to be tomorrow and some of the principle negotiators aren’t even in the same country at the moment. Of course, it was never really much of a deadline anyway in the eyes of most competent observers. ...Obama and his Secretary of State [John Kerry] are desperate for a deal, seemingly at any cost, and they’ll keep pushing the deadline back as many times as needed until they have some sort of bone to bring home to Washington. But it may not take as long as some of us thought if the most recent report coming from across the pond [that Obama and Kerry are caving in and will not demand inspections of Iranian nuclear and military sites] is correct. ...Is there any reason to cave on what is essentially the lynchpin of the entire deal? (That being the idea that we could keep a lid on the Iranian nuclear pot provided we were free to roam around and inspect.) ...But it still smells bad, so why do it when you could at least continue to bluster and rattle sabers? Relying on little more than Occam’s razor here, the most obvious answer can be summed up in one word: *legacy*. ...[Obama] is in the middle of a full blown March of Triumph with dreams of what the various displays in his presidential library are going to look like. The bronze statues dedicated to Obamacare and gay marriage are already being carved, but he could use a big foreign policy one to complete the set.” [77280, 77288]

“[Obama] started out his presidency promising to heal the world by mending America’s tarnished reputation as a bully. For six years he’s been extending hands around the globe waiting for some of these folks to unclench their fists but has repeatedly gotten a punch in the nose for his efforts. There has been no progress with North Korea, China is thumbing their nose at us militarily and Russia is... well, the less said about that the better right now. Iran is probably Obama’s last shot at cementing his legacy as a peacemaker and guardian of the new age of global harmony. Sealing this deal is critical to that legacy.

Unfortunately it looks like he's going to have to give away the entire store to get it." [77280]

At Newsmax.com Clare Lopez, Vice President for Research & Analysis at the Center for Security Policy, writes, "To no one's surprise, the nuclear talks with Iran that were supposed to produce an agreement by tomorrow have been extended. Critics of the nuclear deal sought by ...Obama fear that this will be a dangerous deal because of too many one sided U.S. concessions to Iran. These include allowing Iran to enrich uranium and build advanced enrichment centrifuges while an agreement is in force. Iran will keep all of its nuclear infrastructure, including a plutonium-producing heavy-water reactor. ...Iran also will be allowed to keep its entire stockpile of the uranium it's already enriched (although it's supposed to dilute it down to a form less-readily usable to make a bomb). Nor does Iran have to come clean about its past nuclear weapons work. And the U.S. reportedly has now pledged to provide Iran technical assistance to further develop its nuclear program. Israeli news sources over the weekend claimed that the U.S. has caved on inspections of nuclear facilities in a final agreement, a report that is consistent with other reports this month about such a concession. But this story actually gets worse. In a June 29 Wall Street Journal article, columnist Jay Solomon wrote that the Obama administration has been secretly making concessions to Iran since 2009 to convince it to begin multilateral talks on its nuclear program. These concessions included the release of four Iranians detained in the United States and the United Kingdom; two convicted arms smugglers, a retired senior diplomat and a scientist convicted of illegal exports to Iran. The U.S. also agreed to increase U.S. visas for Iranian students. According to Solomon, these concessions were arranged in secret by Oman. ...What other concessions did the Obama administration make to get a nuclear deal with Iran? The overall picture that's emerging suggests an even broader understanding: to what extent has the Obama White House agreed to Iranian regional hegemony, perhaps a dominance secured by a nuclear capability? How much worse does this story have to get before Congress puts an end to this dangerous farce?" [77352]

The Obama administration suffers a loss in the Supreme Court as it rules 5-4 in *Michigan v. EPA* against the Environmental Protection Agency in a case involving environmental regulations that are issued with little concern for the onerous costs necessary to comply with them. WashingtonTimes.com writes, "In the majority opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia blasted the administration for blatantly ignoring the cost of the proposal while relying on its own internal estimates of how much money the regulations would save through public-health benefits. 'EPA's decision to regulate power plants ...allowed the Agency to reduce power plants' emissions of hazardous air pollutants and thus to improve public health and the environment. But the decision also ultimately cost power plants, according to the Agency's own estimate, nearly \$10 billion a year,' he wrote. 'EPA refused to consider whether the costs of its decision outweighed the benefits. The Agency gave cost no thought at all, because it considered cost irrelevant to its initial decision to regulate.'" The decision also notes, "'Appropriate and necessary' is a capacious phrase. Read naturally against the backdrop of established administrative law, this phrase plainly encompasses cost. It is not rational, never mind 'appropriate,' to

impose billions of dollars in economic costs in return for a few dollars in health or environmental benefits.” [77291, 77303, 77305, 77309, 77317, 77373, 77374, 77483]

Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) comments, “The mere fact that the EPA wished to ignore the costs of its rules demonstrates how little the agency is concerned about the effects it has on the American people. ...The EPA continued to burden the public with more and more costs even as so many are still struggling to get by and improve their lives in this economy. Today’s decision firmly rejects the Obama administration’s circumvention of the democratic process and restores a dose of accountability to the increasingly unaccountable executive branch.” (The EPA will likely continue to issue regulations without regard to costs, forcing industries to take the agency to court. Because the regulation has been in effect for three years, a number of power plants have already been forced to shut down while the court case has proceeded. HotAir.com observes, “The key point here is *that much of the damage of this regulation has already been done*. And if you think that the green energy warriors don’t know this already you’re missing one of the biggest weapons in their tool kit. Both the EPA and the Sierra Club were still looking smug even after the ruling because they nearly knocked out the opponent before losing the decision on the judges’ cards.”) [77291, 77303, 77305, 77309, 77317, 77373, 77374, 77483]

The Supreme Court also rules 5-4 in favor of allowing states to continue using lethal injections for death sentences, despite claims by some that the penalty is cruel and unusual. In her dissent, Justice Sonia Sotomayor writes, “...it leaves petitioners exposed to what may well be the chemical equivalent of being burned at the stake.” [77308, 77316]

In a victory for the Democrats, the Court denies an appeal from Arizona and Kansas that would have allowed states to request proof of citizenship when individuals register to vote. The existing federal form merely asks the applicant to “check a box” stating that he is a U.S. citizen. DailyCaller.com writes, “The court believed that the federal registration form—requiring applicants to swear they are citizens under the threat of perjury—was a sufficient safe-guard against voter fraud.” (The ruling is ridiculous. There are millions of illegal immigrants in the United States, and if they cannot be asked to provide proof of citizenship there is nothing preventing them from voting. Just as absurdly, many states allow voting without photo identification. That allows political operatives to vote using the names of dead people or former residents who have not been purged from the registration lists.) [77322, 77349]

The Supreme Court rules 5-4 to grant an emergency appeal from Texas abortion clinics that objected to new health and safety regulations that would have gone into effect on July 1 and led to the closure of 10 of the state’s 19 abortion mills. (The action suggests the Court will hear the appeal in its next session, which begins in October 2015.) [77387]

The Alabama Supreme Court issues an order prohibiting for 25 days the issuance of same-sex marriage licenses, in order to allow time for the filing of motions and petitions. [77302]

According to Breitbart.com, “White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett was one of the mobilizing forces behind the decision to light up the White House with the colors of the gay pride movement to celebrate the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage. According to the *Washington Post*, Jarrett worked with gay rights organizations to pay for the display to avoid using taxpayer money. The idea came from one of Jarrett’s aides who was also the LGBT liaison in the White House. When Jarrett approached ...Obama with the idea, he responded, ‘It’s a great idea if you can get it to work,’ she told the *Post*.” (This *Timeline* believes the taxpayers did, in fact, pay for the lighting, and the story was planted in the *Post* to deflect criticism. There is no reference in the *Post* story with regard to *which* gay organizations paid for the lights.) [77320, 77321]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Officials with the Department of State threatened to call security Monday on a *Washington Free Beacon* reporter who was attempting to report on a briefing held by senior Obama administration figures in Vienna on the eve of an expected nuclear agreement with Iran. Two State Department officials booted the *Free Beacon* from a room where Wendy Sherman, the undersecretary of state for political affairs, was talking to reporters, despite the *Free Beacon*’s being credentialed by the Austrian government for the ongoing Iranian nuclear talks. ...At one point, Marie Harf, another State Department official, was also involved in the situation.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Let’s be frank here: the Washington Free Beacon is the only major American newspaper actually reporting on Obama’s treasonous nuclear deal with Iran.”) [77301, 77312, 77341]

At Townhall.com Cortney O’Brien writes, “The Supreme Court gave ...Obama a reason to be giddy about the status of his signature health care legislation on Friday, upholding Obamacare subsidies for individuals living in states without state based Obamacare exchanges. He promptly held a presser at the White House, beaming that the Affordable Care Act was ‘here to stay.’ Now, it appears he’s taking his victory tour to Tennessee [with a trip to Nashville on July 1].” Congresswoman Diane Black (R-TN), a former nurse, comments, “During his visit to Tennessee, perhaps ...Obama will explain why Obamacare customers in our state have been told to expect a 36 percent premium increase next year, despite [his] promise that his law would save families an average of \$2,500 per year. Or maybe he will address the 28,000 Tennesseans who lost their insurance coverage in a single day despite his pledge that ‘If you like your health care plan, you can keep it.’ Whatever the case, [Obama] has picked the wrong location to take a victory lap on the Supreme Court’s irresponsible ruling and my conservative colleagues and I will not relent in the fight to fully repeal Obamacare. ...I don’t know what [Obama] will say during his visit to the Volunteer State, but no amount of spin can change the fact that Obamacare is failing to live up to its most basic promises and is hurting too many Tennesseans.” [77310, 77311]

Politico.com reports that Obama will announce on July 2 “a long-awaited overtime rule aimed at raising wages for 5 million people as soon as 2016, according to sources familiar with the plans. The proposed rule will more than double the salary level under which virtually all workers qualify for overtime pay whenever they work more than 40

hours in any given week. That threshold, now \$23,660, will rise to \$50,440.” (DailySignal.com has noted that the rule “will force entry- and mid-level salaried employees to track their hours” and also lead to employers eliminating many work-at-home, telecommunicating arrangements. Although the proposed change may be well-intentioned, it will have negative consequences. If employers are forced to pay time-and-a-half to people making as much as \$50,440, many of those workers will lose their supervisory duties, be put back on time-clocks, and have their hours reduced. The managers who make more than \$50,440 will then be forced to work longer hours to cover the reduction in supervisory workers.) [76448, 76544, 77366, 77383, 77443]

New York City mayor Bill De Blasio signs legislation prohibiting businesses from asking job applicants if they have criminal histories. HotAir.com explains that under the new regulations, “you don’t get to find out about the [criminal] record unless they make it through the interview process and you tender an initial, conditional offer of employment to them. Only then can you dig into their criminal history. And if it turns out that they have the sort of record which would lead you to not want them as an employee, you have to send them a letter explaining why you were pulling the offer. That opens up you, as the employer, to charges under the... law against refusing to hire based on criminal background and... lawsuits! The sad part is, even if somebody challenges it, this law will probably hold up in court. Between the taxes, the fees and the massive regulatory burden it’s already hard enough to do business in New York. I wonder how many more employers will simply flee to a more business friendly climate after this?” (Employers can refuse to hire someone *if* the criminal record relates to the business. For example, banks do not have to hire bank robbers—but other businesses cannot deny a job to a former bank robber. Under the new law, however, the employer will not be able to learn that the job applicant was a bank robber until *after* an offer of employment has been extended—at which point the information does little good.) [77433]

*The New York Times*, which refused to post images of *Charlie Hebdo* cartoons out of fear of offending Muslims, publishes a full-page portrait of Pope Benedict XVI made of 17,000 condoms. At FrontPageMag.com, Daniel Greenfield asks if the *Times* will post a similar portrait of Mohammed made out of condoms. Defending its hypocrisy, the *Times*’ standards editor, Philip B. Corbett, writes, “Hundreds of thousands of people protested worldwide, for instance, after the Danish cartoons were published some years ago. While some people might genuinely dislike this Milwaukee work [of the Pope], there doesn’t seem to be any comparable level of outrage.” (In other words, “It’s okay to offend Catholics because we don’t think they will shoot up our offices in response.”) Pamela Geller notes, “Back in 2012, the NY Times ran a full page ad calling for Christians to leave the Catholic Church. When we submitted a mirror image of that same ad, making the same declaration concerning Islam, the ad was rejected out of hand. Not to be outdone, the Washington Post rejected the ad as well.” [77313, 77314, 77315, 77384, 77398, 77399, 77434, 77469, 77506, 77507]

Geller notes that the *Times* rejected her American Freedom Defense Initiative ad, which featured “Bosch Fawstin’s cartoon of Muhammad exclaiming, ‘You can’t draw me!’ and the cartoonist answering, ‘That’s why I draw you,’ with the caption ‘Support Free

Speech,' to run on Sunday, July 5, at the staggering cost of over \$40,000. Our ad is not obscene or offensive in any objective sense. It is a statement about how free people are not going to submit to violent intimidation and allow bloodthirsty thugs to curtail our freedoms. But for the Sharia-compliant *New York Times*, even that was too far over the line. The Times' John Shaw wrote me: 'I have checked with our advertising acceptability department and this ad does not comply with our acceptability standards because it is offensive on religious grounds. We thank you again, but we will not be able to accept the ad.' Offensive on what religious grounds? Sharia. For years now, the *New York Times* has adhered to and enforced the strict code of Islamic law. Bowed and cowed, the Times will not violate the vicious and archaic blasphemy laws under the sharia: it will not criticize, mock or otherwise mock Islam, no matter how high the death toll or how gruesome the jihad." [77506, 77507]

British Prime Minister David Cameron tells the British Broadcasting Company, "I wish the BBC would stop calling it 'Islamic State' because it is not an Islamic state. What it is is [sic] an appalling, barbarous regime that is a perversion of the religion of Islam and many Muslims listening to this programme will recoil every time they hear the words. 'So-called' [Islamic State] or Isil is better." London's mayor, Boris Johnson, states, "Islamic State? This death cult is not a state and it's certainly not Islamic." (Cameron and Johnson should be reminded that the Islamic State calls itself the Islamic State. If everyone must comply with Bruce Jenner's demand that he be called "Caitlyn," Cameron, Johnson, and Obama should at least not be afraid to use the terms "jihad," "Islamic State," and "radical Islam." On the other hand, the BBC Cameron is calling out is certainly not a bastion of unrestrained objectivity; it is very much politically correct and is quite reluctant to properly identify the dangers of radical Islam. Including in the BBC's programming is a "British Muslim Comedy." One episode is described as follows: "Mobeen, aka Guzzy Bear, guides his newly converted friend Terv through his first Ramadan.") [77332, 77333, 77334, 77339, 77340, 77351, 77380]

Pamela Geller reports, "Newly released video captures the Tunisian jihadi walking on the beach after his killing spree. The policeman who shot the Muslim, who wished the terrorist dead, wished to keep his identity secret. He said he spotted the killer while he was praying in a side street before he shot him twice. Three other key points: — Just like other mass jihad massacres, Muslims [were] warned and allowed to flee before the killing begins. — The enemedia is lauding the 'bravery of the hotel staff,' but reality is very different. Tunisia's interior minister Najem Gharsalli has said that the operation to eliminate terrorist Seifeddine Rezgui could have taken place more quickly if Imperial Marhaba Hotel had called the police during the first minutes of the attack. They did not. — Instead of comforting his own people, British Prime Minister's foremost concern was protecting and proselytizing for Islam. He admonishes the media for calling the Islamic State the Islamic State. This was his chief concern. Tunisia was warned. Why didn't the Cameron government issue a warning?" [77335]

In Cairo, public prosecutor Hicham Barakat is killed in a terrorist car bombing. Reuters notes, "Judges and other senior officials have increasingly been targeted by radical Islamists opposed to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi and angered by hefty prison sentences



imposed on members of the now-outlawed Muslim Brotherhood.” An Egyptian writes Pamela Geller: “This was not the first time to target this great gentleman. May God rest his soul in peace. Please ask the US Administration to stop supporting terrorism of Muslim Brotherhood. My country Egypt is sad today. We are Muslims but we are not terrorists. Some are and we hate them.” “Even with this assassination,” notes Geller, “the enemedia is still shilling for [Mohammed] Morsi, head of the terrorist Muslim Brotherhood group.” [77337, 77338]

In Florida, Marcus Robinson (also known as Abu Taubah), an imam convicted of tax fraud and weapons charges, is sentenced to time served and ordered released by Judge Gregory Presnell. According to OrlandoSentinel.com, Robinson was also “accused of teaching another man how to participate in jihad missions overseas. ...Robertson had faced increased sentencing of up to 20 years for allegedly promoting terrorism through these crimes. According to federal prosecutors, Robertson falsified tax documents to fund recruiting efforts for an al-Qaida base overseas.” [77342, 77343, 77344]

NBC ends its business relationship with Donald Trump over his comments about illegal immigrant criminals. (Whether NBC approves of such crime is not clear.) Trump responds, “You have to stop illegal immigration. I know NBC might disagree with me, but you cannot have illegal immigration. You do not have a country if you do... I told NBC I can’t change my stance... My stance on immigration is correct. ...If NBC is so weak and so foolish to not understand the serious illegal immigration problem in the United States, coupled with the horrendous and unfair trade deals we are making with Mexico, then their contract violating closure of Miss Universe/Miss USA will be determined in court. Furthermore, they will stand behind lying Brian Williams, but won’t stand behind people that tell it like it is, as unpleasant as that may be.” (MSNBC continues to retain race hustler Al Sharpton on its payroll, despite his owing the IRS several million dollars in back taxes.) [77318, 77363, 77402]

At Examiner.com Jim Kouri reports, “After months of requests and lawsuits by non-government organizations and public-interest groups to obtain documents regarding the 2012 Benghazi terrorist attack, a U.S. federal court released new documents that reveal ...Obama telephoned his then-Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, which indicates that Obama at least didn’t [simply] go to bed in order to wake up early for his campaign fundraiser in Las Vegas the next day. According to Fox News’ award-winning Chief Intelligence correspondent, Catherine Herridge on Monday, this latest document release provides information on the timing of the Obama and Clinton conversation. ...According to Herridge, long considered one of the best intelligence and national security analysts and correspondents in the U.S., the latest documents provide more information regarding the Obama-Clinton call which was made after the initial attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission's compound in the already dangerous city of Benghazi, Libya. ...Although Herridge said the documents confirm a call between Obama and Clinton took place, the actual contents of their discussion are still being held back. Herridge states that the reason for the government's refusal to release those contents has nothing to do with the information being classified, which it is not. The State Department and White House officials say the contents are being withheld because the administration claims they

represent internal deliberations about the 2012 terror assault.” [77323, 77324, 77451, 77654]

“According to Catherine Herridge’s report for Fox News, ‘The contents of the call were only shared with Obama’s and Clinton’s closest aides. Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes sent an email on the call to State Department officials Jake Sullivan and Philippe Reines, and National Security Council (NSC) spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan.’ Herridge notes that the email states, ‘Readout of [Obama’s] Call to Secretary Clinton,’ but the document is one large black page of redactions. In addition, Ben Rhodes, hours before the Islamist attack was over and the four Americans lay dead, had okayed a communiqué from Hillary Clinton to blame a low-budget, anti-Islam video that was circulating on the Internet. Rhodes wrote, ‘[W]e should let State Department statement be our comment for the night.’ The day after the Benghazi attack, NSC’s Meehan promulgated an email to a number of State Department and NSC officials informing them of a conference call with Ben Rhodes ‘to ensure we are all in sync on messaging for the rest of the day.’” (It should be noted that Ben Rhodes’ brother, David Rhodes, is president of CBS News. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall, an Obama special assistant, is the brother of ABC News president Ben Sherwood.) It is increasingly obvious that it was a lie to blame the terrorist attack in Benghazi on a YouTube video. There has been no release of any information from the intelligence community to suggest the video was the cause. Regardless of who in the administration concocted the story, in their September 11, 2012 telephone conversation Obama and Clinton no doubt agreed to the subterfuge. [77323, 77324, 77451, 77654]

At PJMedia.com Debra Heine points out that the State Department’s redactions of the document are based on a “B-5” status. “The administration claims the information isn’t classified, but represents ‘internal deliberations about the 2012 terror assault.’” But Herridge notes, “If there’s any suggestion that there was misconduct, or in this case, discussion of the video explanation, they could not withhold [the phone readout] under the [B-5] exemption.” Heine reminds readers of a May 2013 observation by Charles Krauthammer: “The biggest scandal of all, the biggest question is what was [Obama] doing in those eight hours [during the attacks in Benghazi]. He had a routine meeting at five o’clock. He never during the eight hours when our guys have their lives in danger, he never called the Secretary of Defense, he never calls the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, he never calls the CIA Director. Who does he call? Five hours in he calls the Secretary of State. And after the phone call she releases a statement essentially about the video and how we denounce any intolerance. It looks as if the only phone call is to construct a cover story at a time when the last two Americans who died were still alive and fighting for their lives. There’s the scandal and that has to be uncovered.” (Congress will attempt to obtain an unredacted document, but the State Department will stall and fight any court actions until at least election day 2016.) [77452]

Ammoland.com notes, “When the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) ruled that every state must recognize same sex marriages, they used a basis for judgment that will not easily stop at same sex marriage. In fact, it is a basis for judgment that should offer itself to national reciprocity of concealed carry permits and permit holders. The

SCOTUS legalized same sex marriage by finding a right which Justices Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, Stephen G. Breyer, and Elena Kagan ruled as beyond a state-by-state prerogative via the 14th Amendment.” Kennedy wrote, “Under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, no State shall ‘deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.’ The fundamental liberties protected by this Clause include most of the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights.” Ammoland observes, “Because a concealed carry license is the vehicle through which many 2nd Amendment rights are exercised in states other than your own, there seems no way to avoid the implication that a state ought to have to recognize a concealed carry license from another state, just as states are now required to recognize same sex marriage licenses from other states.” [77330, 77331]

Some might also argue that if the 14th Amendment means everyone must be treated equally and that is why gays cannot be denied the right to marry, then it would appear to be unconstitutional to tax some Americans at higher rates than others. In other words, it is certainly not “equal treatment under the law” when some Americans pay an income tax rate of 15 percent—or even zero—while others are subjected to a 39.6 percent rate.

NBCNews.com reports, “A senior U.S official in Vienna said negotiators will not make tomorrow’s deadline on an agreement on Iran’s nuclear program. And while those involved in the talks are willing to spend a few more days hammering out details, no one will agree to a long term extension. They are also not willing to renegotiate what they say Iran agreed to in April. The U.S. and five other world powers have crafted a framework of a deal with Iran to keep it from developing nuclear weapons. Despite recent statements from the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei indicating Iran could be backtracking from the ‘framework’ agreement negotiated in Lausanne in April, the official said ‘the agreement will be based on the Lausanne parameters. Period.’ ... ‘If the Iranians refuse to agree to final agreement that’s not consistent with framework there won’t be an agreement,’ White House press secretary Josh Earnest said on Monday.” [77360, 77361]

On *The Kelly File*, Megyn Kelly reports that a mountain of evidence related to the charges against six police officers in the death of Freddie Gray includes “videotape of Donta Allen telling police that Freddie Gray was repeatedly banging his head against the van, that he sounded like a madman and that he was asking himself why cops would put him in the van with a crazy person.” (Allen had been arrested and was in the police van with Gray.) DailyCaller.com notes, “If true, Allen’s statement would throw a major wrench in the case against the officers, who face charges ranging from misconduct to second-degree depraved-heart murder. Gray’s death was ruled a homicide because of ‘acts of omission’ on the part of the officers, a medical examiner determined.” [77395, 77423]

On June 30, while Greeks are being allowed to withdraw limited amounts or no cash from their bank accounts, Tyler Durden notes at ZeroHedge.com a Bloomberg report that “BlackRock Inc. is seeking government clearance to set up an internal program in which mutual funds that get hit with client redemptions could temporarily borrow money from sister funds that are flush with cash.” Durden writes, “We may have been early on

warning about leaving your savings in the financial system. It's okay to be too early getting your money out of the system but it's fatal to be just one second too late. The gates are already in place in money market funds just waiting for the signal to be lowered. BlackRock's filing with the SEC to enable 'have cash' funds to lend to 'heavy redemption' funds should send shivers down the spine of anyone with funds invested in *any* BlackRock fund. In fact, it should horrify anyone invested in *any* mutual fund. ...It's clear the elitists running BlackRock now foresee events coming that will trigger a redemption run because the fund company is seeking SEC approval for the ability to take cash from funds with cash and lend that cash to funds that will need cash when the redemption rush begins." [77325, 77326, 77327, 77364, 77365]

"...This means that the Treasury fund in which your IRA or 401k is invested will now be 'invested' in any fund that borrows money from the fund with your money. The risk profile of your 'conservative' fund assumes the risk profile of the riskier fund. **Because of this, there is absolutely no reason for anyone to leave any of their money in any of BlackRock's funds.** The SEC should deny BlackRock's filing. But it won't because Wall Street *is* the SEC." This move by BlackRock also signals that the elitists at BlackRock foresee an event that will disrupt the markets and trigger 'bank' run on mutual funds. What or when is anyone's best guess. But the fact that [BlackRock CEO] Larry Fink has decided to implement internal lending among funds indicates that he and his band of merry criminals believe an event will happen sooner rather than later. To me, this is the signal that everyone should call up their mutual fund company, financial adviser or 401k administrator and get all of their the money out of any mutual fund. Larry Fink has done everyone invested in any mutual fund a favor: he's unwittingly signaled that it's time to get out—now. Anyone who is aware of this and does not take action immediately is either a complete idiot or simply does not care about having their money taken from them by the criminal elite." (Basically, BlackRock is attempting to shift risk from some of its mutual funds to those with less risky investments—without the permission of the customers who hold what they think are safer investments.) [77325, 77326, 77327, 77364, 77365]

Meanwhile, Bonner & Partners' Bill Bonner writes, "Greece is the canary in the coal mine for what could one day happen to your savings. ...In a crisis, banks will move fast to block access to your money. First, they will limit withdrawals. Then they will either close their doors or run out of cash. That's what's happening in Greece right now... The showdown going on there for months is reaching a climax. The Greek government has announced it will put creditor demands to a popular vote. 'Hey, how do you feel about paying our national debt?' they're going to ask the hoi polloi. And how do you think the hoi polloi are going to respond? The best guess is they're going to say: Let's not. Which will leave the banks cut off from new funds... and short of old ones. Smart depositors figured this out long ago. They took their money out of Greek banks. But the rest of the people are now wising up. In effect, they're voting with their money—getting it out while they still can. ...And now Greek prime minister Alexis Tsipras says Greek banks will be shut, and that capital controls will be imposed, until July 7. Greeks will only be allowed to take out a maximum of €60 (\$67) a day. And they're banned from moving their savings to accounts outside of Greece." [77325, 77328, 77329, 77364, 77365]

As Greece defaults on a 1.6 billion euro loan payment to the International Monetary Fund, Puerto Rico announces that it will not be able to pay back a \$70 billion debt. [77368, 77369, 77385, 77397]

MSNBC's Chris Hayes (predictably) blames the banks for Greece's inability to pay back its debts. [77426]

The White House issues a statement confirming that Obama "will propose extending overtime pay to nearly 5 million workers. The proposal would guarantee overtime pay to most salaried workers earning less than an estimated \$50,440 next year." The statement also brags that Obama "cut taxes for the average middle-class family by \$3,600. The American Taxpayer Relief Act, which ... Obama signed into law in 2012, permanently lowered income tax rates for 98 percent of American workers." (That legislation merely extended the Bush tax cuts—cuts that the Democrats would not allow to be made permanent when they were originally put in place. Obama is now taking credit for something he had nothing to do with and which his party opposed. The statement also falsely claims that taxes were cut. They were not; the tax rates were simply not allowed to expire. No one's taxes were lowered; they were not increased.) [78388]

The Oklahoma Supreme Court rules that a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the state capitol must be removed. (The U.S. Supreme Court has previously ruled that such monuments are historical and can remain on public grounds. The Oklahoma ruling is essentially wasting the money of the taxpayers, who will have to pay for the state's lawyers who try to defend the action.) [77353, 77354]

Bridget Johnson reports at PJMedia.com that Congressman William Lacy Clay (D-MO) "is asking the mayor of St. Louis to bring down a 32-foot-high stone Civil War memorial in the city's Forest Park." (Whether Clay will demand the removal of a statue of St. Francis of Assisi because some non-Catholics might find it offensive is not known.) [77450]

Linda Barnette, a 24-year employee of Grenada County, Mississippi, resigns rather than issue marriage licenses to gay couples. At Townhall.com Todd Starnes writes, "Mrs. Barnette is a Southern Baptist and her husband once helped Franklin Graham with his national festivals. So when it came to choosing between her job and her faith—there never was any real debate. ... In the coming days I believe Christians will be forced to abandon their jobs in public service. Those who remain will be targeted with lawsuits and investigations from the activists. Resign or face the consequences. Make no mistake. America is about to undergo a religious purging in the public marketplace—at the hands of secular jihadists." [77476]

The Export-Import Bank's charter expires. With Congress on recess for the July 4 holiday, its authorization to approve new loans ends at midnight. DailSignal.com notes, "The bank, the official export credit agency of the federal government, has been called a form of 'corporate welfare' and engine of 'cronyism' by opponents. Supporters claim the

bank helps small businesses in the U.S. compete globally. Although the charter will expire, supportive lawmakers may attempt to revive it in the future if an amendment concerning the bank is added to a must-pass bill, such as legislation supporting the Highway Trust Fund. With the bank's ultimate fate still unclear, here are the current presidential candidate's positions on renewing Ex-Im." (The agency should not be renewed. The government should not be lending money to businesses. Further, the bank has abused the rules and given loans to corporations like General Electric, which certainly do not need taxpayer assistance to negotiate overseas deals.) [77355]

Despite outcries from outraged parents, California Governor Jerry Brown signs legislation eliminating religious and personal belief exemptions for childhood vaccinations. (Mississippi and West Virginia have similar laws.) [77408, 77420]

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie enters the crowded field of Republican presidential candidates. [77362, 77372, 77382]

Meanwhile, former Florida governor Jeb Bush releases 33 years of tax returns that show he paid an average effective income tax rate of 36 percent. He states, "In my case, I paid the government more than one in three dollars that I earned in my career. Astounding. The total effective rate was 36 percent. I think I speak for everyone, no matter your tax rate: we need to get more money back in your pocket and less in the federal kitty." (The move is a direct, if unstated, challenge to Hillary Clinton, who will continue to be pressed on the issue of Clinton Foundation donations and her claim that she and her husband were "dead broke" when they left the White house.) [77367]

At a joint press conference with Brazil's former Marxist terrorist and ex-convict president Dilma Rousseff, Obama unconvincingly claims, "I will walk away from the negotiations [with Iran] if, in fact, uh, it's a bad deal." (Obama has no intention of walking away from a deal. What he is doing is preparing an "out" in the event that Iran walks away from the deal. Obama will then claim it was he who walked away, telling the media, "I told you I would and I did." HotAir.com writes, "This may be the single most brazen lie he's told since the glory days of 'if you like your plan, you can keep your plan.' In fact, I might go one better than that. For sheer lack of believability, this may be the most transparent garbage he's pushed at the public since he assured voters in 2008 that he had no choice as a deeply religious man but to oppose gay marriage because 'God's in the mix.' No one took him seriously then. No one's taking him seriously on this either. ...Exit question: If Obama's prepared to walk away, why did he and Kerry extend the deadline for talks from today to July 7? Iran's had month upon month to come around to our terms knowing full well that the deadline for a final deal was (supposedly) June 30. They refused to concede. So we're giving them another chance. Why? You know why. A bad deal is better than no deal.") [77370, 77403]

Obama also claims the Greek financial crisis will not cause worldwide problems. "This is not something that we believe will have a major shock to the system, but obviously it's very painful for the Greek people and it can have a significant effect on growth rates in Europe." (It may not cause a "major shock," but it may lead to rising interest rates.

Additionally, U.S. taxpayers will lose money because the Greek default means losses to the International Monetary Fund—which gets a substantial amount of its funds from the U.S. government.) [77445]

Obama tells reporters, “I did not have a chance to comment on how good the White House looked in rainbow colors. That made it a really good week—to see people gathered in an evening outside on a beautiful summer night, and to feel whole and to feel accepted and to feel that they had a right to love—that was pretty cool. That was a good thing.” (No reporters asks Obama why he did not arrange for a lighted cross display after the Supreme Court’s ruling in the Hobby Lobby case.) [77448]

Obama also says of his final months in office, “You know, the list is long, and my instructions to my team and my instructions to myself have always been that we are going to squeeze every last ounce of progress that we can make when I have the privilege of—as long as I have the privilege of holding this office. ...I am really interested in the possibilities, the prospect of bipartisan legislation around the criminal justice system, something that I think directly speaks to some of the themes that I mentioned [at the funeral of Clementa Pinckney] on Friday. ...I want to keep on making progress on job training and making sure that the idea of two years of free community college starts taking root. And the list is long. And what we’re going to do is just keep on hammering away at all the issues that I think are going to have an impact on the American people. Some of them will be left undone, but we’re going to try to make progress on every single one of them.” [77449]

The United States and Cuba reach an agreement to open foreign embassies in each other’s capitals. At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey notes, “Congress blocked funds a month ago for the use of opening an embassy in Havana in the upcoming budget. That won’t keep Obama and the State Department from designating an embassy, as the US still uses the same building as the 1961 embassy for other purposes. It badly needs repair, especially to come up to the modern standards of an embassy, but the Congressional block on funds will prevent Obama from renovating it—a job that will cost at least \$6.6 million, the State Department told Congress in May. Obama and Congress will wrangle over the budget in the fall, and this may or may not survive. It’s pretty clear with this standoff that Obama’s desire to get Congress to lift the embargo with Cuba will be a non-starter, which may leave Obama with an embassy but not much else. ...If anyone won, it’s Raul Castro, who got the Obama administration to capitulate on the diplomatic standoff on Cuba’s terms—without having made any significant concession on human rights to gain access to American trade and investment.” [77427, 77431, 77438]

Congressman Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) comments, “The re-designation of our diplomatic facility in Havana as an embassy means ...Obama can check off another item on his personal ‘legacy-building’ bucket list. [But] It will not further our national interests and recklessly confers legitimacy on an absolutely illegitimate military dictatorship. This deplorable move adds to the long list of unilateral concessions the Cuban government has received from the Obama administration as a reward for cruelly holding an American hostage [Alan Gross] for five years. Our country deserves a foreign policy that puts

America first and that rewards our allies—not dictators responsible for the death of American citizens and for the theft of American property.” [77438]

Reuters reports, “The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to take up a case that could weaken public sector unions, a challenge by 10 nonunion public school teachers who say California’s requirement that they pay the equivalent of union dues violates their free speech rights. The teachers have asked the court to upend a decades-old practice allowing public-sector unions to collect fees from workers who do not want union representation... Unions, including the California Teachers Association, had urged the court not to hear the case, as did California Attorney General Kamala Harris, a Democrat.” [77376, 77391]

CNSNews.com reports, “After six months of study, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, a division of the Department of Homeland Security, has issued new guidelines on how to care for transgender illegal aliens who end up in detention facilities, awaiting possible deportation. ...Among the questions to be asked of men who identify as women or vice-versa: ‘Do you prefer to wear male or female clothing?’ ‘Are there any specific clothing items (e.g. undergarments) that you need that you have not been provided?’ (An attachment to the guidance notes, ‘The detention standards do not restrict the provision of gender-appropriate clothing. In general, brassieres should be provided to individuals who request them, as appropriate.’)” [77378]

The White House rescinds its policy against visitors taking photographs and “selfies”—just in time for visiting LGBT activists to photograph themselves “giving the finger” to portraits of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush. [77437, 77614]

CNSNews.com also reports that “Catherine Duval, the attorney in charge of the Internal Revenue Service’s email production to Congress, has changed jobs: She now manages the State Department’s email production to Congress...” (Duval’s talents at obstruction are apparently so good that federal departments are fighting over who gets to use her.) [77379, 77392, 77411]

Donald Trump files a \$500 million lawsuit against Univision for breach of contract after the network decides to cancel the July 12 telecast of the Miss USA beauty pageant (which Trump owns). Meanwhile, Mexico announces it will not have a participant in the Miss Universe Pageant (which Trump also owns). [77386, 77390]

The leftist Fusion.net’s Felix Salmon calls on the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of churches that do not support gay marriage. Newsbusters.org reports, “The former Reuters financial blogger, who left in 2014 to work for Fusion (a joint project between ABC and Univision), began his article, ‘Does your church ban gay marriage? Then it should start paying taxes,’ by underlining that ‘now that the US government formally recognizes marriage equality as a fundamental right, it really shouldn’t skew the tax code so as to give millions of dollars in tax breaks to groups which remain steadfastly bigoted on the subject. I’m talking, of course, about churches.’” Salmon, who has apparently decided that he is the arbiter of what is just and proper for everyone else, writes, “We have religious freedom in this country, and any religious organization is entirely free to



espouse whatever crazy views it likes. But when those views are fanatical and hurtful, they come into conflict with the views of any honorable legislator who believes in freedom and equality. And at that point, it makes perfect sense for our elected representatives to register their disapproval by abolishing the tax exemption for organizations who cling to narrow-minded and anachronistic views. ...[I]t is entirely right and proper for the state to say to a church that if you want to thumb your nose at a fundamental right which is held by all Americans, then we are not going to privilege you with tax-free status. We'll let you practice your bigotry, at least within the confines of your own church. But we're not about to reward you for doing so." [77424]

Iraq War veteran Chris Dorsey, told by a veterans clinic he cannot be given an appointment because it is not taking new patients, goes to a different facility where he is told the same thing. On the latter visit he records the conversation with his smartphone camera—and he posts the video on Facebook and YouTube. [77463, 77477]

*The Telegraph* reports, “The gunman who massacred British tourists on the beach in Sousse was inspired by a fanatic who ran a terror network from London. Seifeddine Rezgui’s terror group is believed to be Afnad al-Khilafah. It grew out of Ansar al-Sharia, a hardline Salafi group whose Tunisian branch was founded by Saifallah Ben Hassine. ...Hassine, 49, arrived in Britain in the late 1990s and became a follower of the al-Qaeda cleric, Abu Qatada, who was then also based in London.” (British Prime Minister David Cameron continues to insist that the Islamic State is not Islamist—while Islamist radicals in his own country brainwash and recruit terrorists.) [77472]

The *Belfast Telegraph* reports, “Gunman Seifeddine Rezgui, who killed 38 tourists in a Tunisian beach attack, took photos of his victims and laughed, a British man who helped saved lives said. Rezgui paused during his terror spree in Sousse to take pictures on his phone, witness Paul Short said. ...‘The gunman was busy ...with his phone, taking pictures of the bodies and laughing,’ Mr Short said.” [77473, 77474]

At about 9 p.m. the State Department releases several thousand emails related to Hillary Clinton. Among them is a September 14, 2012 email from Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes to various administration officials and political operatives (Dag Vega, David Plouffe, Dan Pfeiffer, Jay Carney, Jennifer Palmieri, Josh Earnest, Ferial Govashiri, Howli Ledbetter, Dawn Selak, Daniel Brundage, Erin Pelton, and Mehdi Alhassani). Rhodes lists as goals: “To convey that the United States is doing everything that we [sic] can to protect our people and facilities abroad;” “To underscore that these protests [in Benghazi and Cairo] are rooted in an Internet video, and not a broader failure of policy;” “To show that we will be resolute in bringing people who harm Americans to justice, and standing steadfast through these protests;” “To reinforce the President and Administration’s strength and steadiness in dealing with difficult challenges.” (By the time Rhodes sent the email, it was already clear to the administration that a YouTube video was not the cause of the Benghazi attack. His message was intended to make sure that everyone in the administration was “spinning” the story the same way. The spin was essentially, “Regardless of the facts, just keep repeating, ‘It’s the video’ and ‘Obama is a strong leader.’”) [77413]

An email from Hillary Clinton dated September 30, 2009, reads, “Pls call Sarah and ask her if she can get me some iced tea.” (Not only can Clinton not get her own iced tea, she has to involve two people to get it for her. That may explain why the government runs \$1+ trillion deficits—especially if she was being given Long Island Iced Tea.) Yet another shows that Clinton has no idea how to use a fax machine. Rush Limbaugh later comments, “[Sidney] Blumenthal was behind all of Hillary’s attacks and assaults on [Obama] during the ’08 campaign, and they were similar to attacks that Democrats make on Republicans. That’s what Blumenthal is known for. His nickname is Sid Vicious, and he’s a reprobate. He’s of the same mind-set as David Brock and Media Matters for America. He’s just a despicable person. But Hillary cannot cross the street without him. Hillary can’t give a speech without him. Everybody thinks it’s Huma Abedin. She does have a role. But without Sidney Blumenthal, literally [Clinton] doesn’t know what to say or what she thinks. She doesn’t know. She obviously doesn’t have confidence. She’s got an ideology that’s stuck in the 1930s.” (Just as Valerie Jarrett has been the behind-the-scenes president telling Obama what to do and say, Blumenthal was the behind-the-scenes secretary of state.) [77415, 77425, 77462]

Other emails show messages between Obama political advisor David Axelrod using her private email account—despite the fact that Axelrod has claimed he did not know she had a private server and account. (Axlerod expects people to believe he was sending emails to an address he did not know existed.) [77418, 77421, 77430]

BizPacReview.com writes, “The release of the first 3,000 carefully screened emails compiled by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton during her time as the country’s top diplomat show her confused by the workings of a fax machine, getting taken by surprise by an occasional Cabinet meeting—and leaving behind possible evidence of illegal campaign fundraising by State Department employees. The emails also show Clinton’s private email server—which she used to conduct public business that she could keep from the American public—was an open secret in Washington from the beginning, even if key players are claiming they never knew about it, according to the Daily Mail.” [77422]

A group of Girl Scouts camp out in tents on the White House lawn. Obama and his wife Michelle briefly address the girls for a photo-op. Obama says, “What are you guys doing in my yard? When did you guys show up?” (The White House lawn is not *his* yard. It belongs to all U.S. citizens.) Mrs. Obama says, “You are making history. This is something you can tell your kids and your grandkids. Do you understand the impact, the importance, of this moment today? It’s exciting!” (When dangerous thunderstorms hit the area, the Scouts are not allowed into the White House. Instead, they are trudded off to a fourth floor conference room in a nearby office building. To be fair, the White House might not have had enough transgender bathrooms to accommodate the scouts.) Meanwhile, CNSNews.com reports, “The CEO of the Girls Scouts of Western Washington has returned a \$100,000 gift because the donor asked that it not be used for transgender girls...” [77416, 77417, 77447, 77487, 77614]

Illegal immigrant protesters attempt to disrupt an Ann Coulter book-signing event in Costa Mesa, California. Breitbart.com reports, “As dozens of fans waited their turn to have a book signed, several people rose from the tables in the adjacent Starbucks and began bellowing slogans: ‘Undocumented, unafraid!’ they [proving they have not mastered the English language] yelled, ‘Ain’t no power like the power of the people ’cause the power of the people don’t stop!’ The protesters inside the store, unfurled a large banner reading ‘Adios, Ann Coulter,’ and brandished Mexican and anarchist flags. Some approached the front of the line and attempted to confront Coulter, but were rebuffed by security guards. ‘Go back to Europe, Ann Coulter!’ one particularly vocal man screamed. ‘When our communities are under attack, what do we do? Fight back!’” (The Mexican is apparently too uneducated to understand that his ancestors also came from Europe: Spain.) “The guests waiting in line, including some young children, mostly ignored the protesters. Some defiantly held up copies of their signed books. The furor did not seem to faze Coulter, who cheerfully signed books and posed for photographs with her fans. ...At one point, the [protesters] ripped up a copy of the book, littering the space outside the store with paper. ...‘You have to understand,’ Coulter told Breitbart News, ‘screaming and defacing things is how Latin Americans express disagreement. At least as long as they were destroying books and screaming in a book store, they weren’t molesting any 4-year-olds.’” (Although Obama may believe he has won the immigration policy war with his executive orders, the popularity of Coulter and Donald Trump demonstrate that a large portion of Americans—who believe in playing by the rules—are fed up with the failure to enforce immigration laws. If the “silent majority” rises again, it may be Hillary Clinton who suffers the consequences in November 2016.) [77500, 77612]