

The Complete Obama Timeline

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On March 1, Adelaide.com.au reports that Muslim terrorists have threatened to behead Jacquie Lambie, a Senator in Australia who represents Tasmania, unless she works to implement Shari'ah law. "The letter warns that 'you are the enemy of Islamic State, therefore, I will take the honour in beheading you.' It includes graphic images of a man having his head sliced off by a knife. Her office conceded the letter could be a fake threat, linked to opponents of a new mosque in Adelaide, but said that they were taking the threat seriously and had referred the matter to the Australian Federal Police. ...The outspoken senator, who recently called for the introduction of the death penalty for terrorists, has confirmed her staff received a letter this week. 'Do not involve the police or media, shut you f---en [fucking] mouth and do as I say or else the bloodshed will worsen,' the letter says. 'I swear upon Allah's will that death will be approaching to you.' Describing the contents as 'disgusting' Senator Lambie said she had no plans to abandon her pursuit of tougher laws against terrorists. 'If you don't like our Australian law or you don't want to abide by our Australian constitution then pack your bags and do what I have already asked, leave,' she said. 'Here is a reality check for Islamic terrorists living in Australia, we will never bow down to sharia law.'" [72368, 72369, 72401]

According to TheDailyBeast.com, "One of the last moderate Syrian rebel groups trusted by Washington is waving the white flag—and picking up the Islamists' black one. The Syrian rebel group Harakat al-Hazm, one of the White House's most trusted militias fighting President Bashar al-Assad, collapsed Sunday, with activists posting a statement online from frontline commanders saying they are disbanding their units and folding them into brigades aligned with a larger Islamist insurgent alliance distrusted by Washington. ...Charles Lister, an analyst with U.S. think tank Brookings, described in a tweet the implosion of the group as 'absolutely remarkable.' The apparent implosion comes just weeks after the Obama administration halved its funding of the 4,000-strong secular brigade—one of several more moderate rebel militias that have seen their U.S. funding cut or scaled back since Christmas. ...Hazm was frequently touted by Obama aides as one of the militias they could rely on—a brigade that could partner on train-and-equip. But like other moderate militias, the program didn't sit well with Hazm fighters, who were infuriated with Washington at what they saw as a downgrading of their efforts to topple President Assad." [72606, 72613]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, "The Bethlehem-based news agency Ma'an has cited a Kuwaiti newspaper report... that... Obama thwarted an Israeli military attack against Iran's nuclear facilities in 2014 by threatening to shoot down Israeli jets before they could reach their targets in Iran. Following Obama's threat, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was reportedly forced to abort the planned Iran attack. According to Al-Jarida, the Netanyahu government took the decision to strike Iran some time in 2014 soon after Israel had discovered the United States and Iran had been involved in secret talks over Iran's nuclear program and were about to sign an agreement in that regard behind Israel's

back. The report claimed that an unnamed Israeli minister who has good ties with the US administration revealed the attack plan to Secretary of State John Kerry, and that Obama then threatened to shoot down the Israeli jets before they could reach their targets in Iran. Al-Jarida quoted ‘well-placed’ sources as saying that Netanyahu, along with Minister of Defense Moshe Yaalon, and then-Foreign Minister Avigdor Liberman, had decided to carry out airstrikes against Iran's nuclear program after consultations with top security commanders.” [72383, 72384, 72385, 72387, 72393, 72400, 72417, 72438]

In September 2009 this *Timeline* reported, “The Israeli-hating Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was an advisor to Obama during the campaign, suggests that the United States should shoot down Israeli jets if they fly over Iraqi air space en route to Iran to take out its nuclear facilities. ‘Well,’ says Brzezinski, ‘we have to be serious about denying them that [flyover] right. That means a denial where you aren’t just saying it. If they fly over, you go up and confront them. They have the choice of turning back or not.’ An unnamed source in Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu’s office says, ‘We will not dignify Brzezinski with a response.’ Regrettably, Brzezinski’s attitude is not out of step with most of Obama’s foreign policy advisors—or Obama. (Brzezinski served as National Security Advisor to the anti-Semitic Jimmy Carter, and was instrumental in encouraging America’s betrayal of the Shah of Iran—which led to the Islamist revolution in 1979, the takeover of Iran by Ayatollah Khomeini, the 444-day American hostage debacle, and the eventual rise of the Islamofascist regime’s nuclear weapon-seeking Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Brzezinski has written that ‘Marxism represents a further vital, and creative stage in the maturing of man’s universal visions.’ Obama likely met Brzezinski in the 1980s, when he attended Columbia University. Brzezinski claims he did not meet Obama until the summer of 2008, yet one year earlier, on September 12, 2007, Obama praised Brzezinski, calling him ‘an outstanding friend, and somebody who I have learned an immense amount from.’” Brzezinski’s daughter, Mika Brzezinski, is an Obama-defender on MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*.) [615, 616, 618, 842 p. 53; 1661, 2327, 2330, 4899, 4959, 4973, 4995]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “The words ‘Christ’ and ‘Jesus Christ’ have been placed on a list of banned words by [department store] Marks & Spencer and cannot be used in gift messages. Customers buying a bunch of flowers who try to add a free message containing them are prevented from completing their order. An on-screen notification, which pops up if any blocked words are entered, reads: ‘Sorry, there’s something in your message we can’t write.’ ‘Christ’ and ‘Jesus Christ’ join other banned words including ‘f***’ and ‘gay’—but some terms including jihad, Buddha and Allah are accepted. ‘Terrorist’ and ‘d**k’ can also be included in messages. The policy emerged earlier today after one customer was stopped from buying a £35 bouquet for a funeral because she said in the gift message that it was from a family in ‘Christ Church Teddington.’” (Based on the store’s rules, one can apparently send flowers with a card that reads, “F*** gay Muhammed, he’s a d**k.”) [72398, 72399]

According to Politico.com, the Clinton Foundation invested \$250 million in “a firm called Summit Rock Advisers, where Chelsea Clinton’s best friend Nicole Davison Fox is managing director. The two were classmates at Sidwell Friends School, and Davison

Fox interned in the Clinton White House. She later served as matron of honor in Clinton's wedding, and her husband was a founding employee of the hedge fund started by Clinton's husband, Marc Mezvinsky." [72419]

On ABC's *This Week*, Secretary of State John Kerry says of Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's March 3 address to Congress, "It was odd, if not unique, that we learned of it from the Speaker of the House and that an administration was not included in this process." (Kerry is incorrect, The White House was informed of the invitation before Netanyahu accepted.) Kerry (whose daughter is married to an Iranian-American with family ties in Iran) then makes the outrageous claim, "But the administration is not seeking to politicize this. ... We don't want to see this turned into some great political football." (The White House has been politicizing the issue for weeks. An example was National Security Advisor Susan Rice saying the speech would be "destructive of the fabric of the relationship" between Israel and the United States. Netanyahu warning of the dangers of a nuclear Iran can hardly destroy the relationship between the two nations. It is the Obama administration's six years of anti-Israel that threaten the relationship.) Kerry also claims that "Israel is safer today" because of the efforts of the Obama administration. [72160, 72192, 72193, 72344, 72403, 72422, 72423, 72432, 72436]

It is worth noting that although the Obama administration is complaining that allowing Netanyahu to address Congress is giving him an unfair political advantage in the upcoming Israeli elections and he should therefore be prohibited from speaking, in July 2008 Obama thought it was perfectly acceptable to address a huge crowd in Berlin (which had gathered for a rock concert). From Obama's perspective, engineering a scene in which thousands of Germans would cheer and applaud him during *his* campaign was somehow *not* "electioneering," while Netanyahu warning Congress about the dangers of a nuclear Iran *is*. [353, 1407, 1408, 1409, 2631]

On *Face the Nation*, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) says, "The demand for seats in the House, the demand for tickets [to be present when Netanyahu addresses Congress]—I've never seen anything like it. Everybody wants to be there. What I do wonder is why the White House feels threatened because the Congress wants to support Israel, and wants to hear what a trusted ally has to say? And it's been frankly remarkable to me the extent to which, over the last five or six weeks, the White House has attacked the Prime Minister, attacked me, for wanting to hear from one of our closest allies. The threat coming from Iran and the Iranians having a nuclear weapon is a threat to the region, it's a threat to the United States, and it's a threat to the rest of the world. This is a serious issue and we're not going to resolve this issue by sticking our heads in the sand. The prime minister can talk about this threat, I believe, better than anyone. And the United States Congress wants to hear from him, and so do the American people." (Obama opposes Netanyahu's speech precisely because he fears it will be effective, and will lead Congress to resist Obama's one-sided nuclear deal with Iran.) [72405, 72416, 72426]

On *State of the Union*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) says Netanyahu does not speak for her, and that his speech before Congress is "not helpful. And it's not helpful to attack

[Obama].” Netanyahu has not attacked Obama, and he is unlikely to do so during his address to Congress. The Obama administration, on the other hand, has frequently attacked Netanyahu, even calling him “a chickenshit”—along with recalcitrant, myopic, reactionary, obtuse, blustering, pompous, and “Aspergery.” (Why the administration did not get blasted by advocates of people with Asperger Syndrome is not known.) [72418, 72432, 73066]

At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon writes, “It seems hyperbolic to say that Obama’s nuclear agreement with Iran—if Ayatollah Khamenei, in his ‘wisdom,’ allows it to happen—will be the *worst deal ever made*. But if what we have been learning about it is true, it almost certainly will be. To begin with, the agreement is said to have a sunset clause of 10-15 years. Whatever the number turns out to be, that tells us that Iran is free to do anything it wants in the nuclear weapons field after a set amount of time, assuming that it hadn’t disobeyed the strictures of the agreement before then—a monumental assumption given past history. ...And why exactly is Iran building ICBMs—not part of the deal evidently—if not to deliver nuclear weapons? And just what weapons would Iran be building in 10-15 years, if not now? The atom bomb itself was 1944-45 technology. The U.S. detonated the first hydrogen bomb at Eniwetok in 1952, making the Hiroshima bomb seem like a pop gun. Are the Iranians that far behind that they can’t do as well, or close enough, 70 or more years later?” (If Iran’s nuclear plans are solely for domestic purposes, no ICBMs are needed. They would certainly not be used to “deliver electricity” to the United States.) ...And yet Obama, Kerry and Wendy Sherman wish to give the Iranians a sunset clause. ...And this is the ‘negotiation’ that began supposedly to *prevent* Iran from enriching uranium while destroying all it had enriched. It’s hard even to remember that.” [72421]

“...I hate to sound like Mr. Armageddon, but what we are dealing with here is not a [Neville] Chamberlain-style appeasement. It is something far more dangerous. Even that administration favorite Jeffrey Goldberg seems alarmed in a new article in *The Atlantic* (‘Danger Ahead for Obama on Iran’) in which he quotes from his own interview with the president when Obama claimed he has ‘Israel’s back.’ ...Goldberg’s one defense of Obama is that—although Netanyahu will undoubtedly offer a solid critique of the administration when he speaks to Congress on Iran Tuesday—the Israeli PM does not have anything better to offer. Not true. Serious economic sanctions—the truly crippling kind—have not even been tried. If we don’t do something like that for starters, and go further if we have to, we may all soon be in a war more horrible than anything imagined, something that would indeed make the Islamic State seem like the jayvee. ...I hope for the sake of all of us Bibi [Netanyahu] does a remarkable Churchillian job. At this moment, he’s the only one who could do it.” (Simon suggests, probably correctly, that Iran will end up not agreeing to a deal; Iran will blame Israel; and Obama and his fellow Democrats will blame Netanyahu and the Republicans.) [72421]

BuzzFeed.com reports, “ISIS supporters on Sunday called on jihadis around the world to kill Twitter employees because of the company’s frequent blocking of their social media accounts. ‘Your virtual war on us will cause a real war on you,’ reads an online post

addressed to Twitter founder Jack Dorsey and shared by ISIS supporters. The post, whose authorship is unclear, was accompanied by a digitally altered image of Dorsey in the cross sights of a gun. Twitter, like YouTube, often moves quickly to delete posts and suspend accounts that disseminate ISIS videos showing the gruesome executions of hostages. Twitter's terms of service bar users from posting or publishing 'direct, specific threats of violence against others.' Users are also banned from using the service 'for any unlawful purposes or in furtherance of illegal activities.'" [72445, 72446]

On March 2 Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) annual policy conference. He states, "American leaders worry about the security of their country; Israeli leaders worry about the survival of their country." "As prime minister of Israel, I have a moral obligation to speak up in the face of these dangers [such as a nuclear-armed Iran] while there's still time to avert them." [72405, 72441, 72448]

Pamela Geller writes, "The whole of Bibi's speech was a rapprochement to Obama. It was as if he were talking to a mental patient. Almost pathetic and heart-wrenching that the majority of Netanyahu's speech was—cajoling, nudging, softening, trying to make right what is out of Israel's control. They cannot lay down before their enemies in order to please Obama. Half shrink/half world leader, Netanyahu worked hard to calm the waters and restore sanity in the wake of an irrational attack on him and Israel. The big theme of Netanyahu's speech was that Obama has been a friend to Israel (!) and that support for Israel was a bi-partisan issue (tell that to anti-Semites on the left). He insisted that he was not endangering the U.S.-Israeli relationship: 'Our alliance is sound.'" [72444]

National Security Advisor Susan Rice also addresses AIPAC—and does not get the results she expects. (Before her speech, video screens remind the audience not to boo.) Rice says, "We cannot let a totally unachievable ideal stand in the way of a good deal [with Iran]. I know that some of you will be urging Congress to insist that Iran forego its domestic [uranium] enrichment capacity entirely." Much to Rice's annoyance, the audience stands, applauds, and cheers that statement, because many people present *will*, in fact, urge Congress to do just that. (Rice is obviously ridiculing the idea.) After the applause dies down, she says, "*But...* but as desirable as that might be, it is neither realistic nor achievable. ...I know some would argue that we should just impose sanctions [on Iran] and walk away, but let's remember..." The audience interrupts with applause again—because many certainly *do* want to re-impose sanctions on Iran and walk away until the regime caves in under pressure. ("Know your audience" is the first rule of delivering a speech, and Rice fails miserably. She may as well have said, "I know some of you believe Obama hates Israel and Jews, but you would be wrong," when the audience knows they are right.) In a criticism of Netanyahu, Rice says, "Soundbites won't stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon"—a statement which John Podhoretz quickly notes is itself a soundbite. [72413, 72414, 72437, 72466, 72483]

Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) tells the AIPAC audience, "I take issue with those who

say the prime minister's visit to the United States is 'destructive' to U.S.-Israel relations. And tomorrow I will be proud when I escort Prime Minister Netanyahu to the House Chamber to give his speech, to show him the respect he deserves from every American who cares about our relationship with the only true democracy in the Middle East. ...When it comes to defending the U.S.-Israel relationship, I am not intimidated by anyone—not Israel's political enemies, and not by my political friends when I believe they're wrong. ...I know there are more than a few people here in Washington who say that I'm outspoken in my defense of Israel—and, frankly, I'm not only proud of it, I'm fully prepared to stand on this stage today—or on any stage anywhere, anytime—to carry that message to both the friends and enemies of Israel around the world. ...You can be certain, the [Iranian] mullahs are not going to call us in Washington when they decide to breach the agreement. They are going to sneak-out—covertly, gradually, over time—when they think we're not looking, just as they have in the past and they are going to parse the words of this agreement and argue—as they have already—about whether a nuclear advancement technically violates the agreement. ...Here we are, near the end of negotiations, and the goal posts have moved from dismantlement to reconfiguration. From a peaceful nuclear program to just enough to detect break out. From no right-to-enrichment to getting an alarm system. ...A deal cannot be built on trust alone. It cannot be built on hope. It cannot be built on aspirations or good intentions like the North Korea deal. ...I can tell you one thing: as long as I have an ounce of fight left in me, as long as I have a vote and a say and a chance to protect the interest of Israel, the region, and the national security interests of the United States—Iran will never have a pathway to a weapon. It will never threaten Israel or its neighbors, and it will never be in a position to start a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Not on my watch. ...We hope and pray for peace, but we must always have Israel's back, and having Israel's back means fighting back against efforts by any nation or any anti-Semitic terrorist group—any haters or Holocaust deniers who try to delegitimize Israel.” [72469]

A desperate Obama administration, worried that Netanyahu's March 3 address to Congress will be well-received and will increase opposition to the nuclear deal with Iran, pulls out all the stops and warns that the Israeli Prime Minister will “betray” the United States by revealing details of the agreement. TimesofIsrael.com reports, “While he did not mention Netanyahu by name, US Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters in Geneva earlier he was ‘concerned by reports’ that ‘selective details’ of the deal aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear program would be revealed in the coming days. His deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf went further, saying discussing the contents of classified briefings by US officials to Israelis would ‘betray’ America's trust. ‘We've continuously provided detailed classified briefings to Israeli officials to keep them updated and to provide context for how we are approaching getting to a good deal,’ she told reporters in Washington. ‘Any release of any kind of information like that would, of course, betray that trust.’ White House spokesman Josh Earnest made similar statements Monday.” [72410, 72411, 72427]

In reality, it appears that the Obama administration is keeping secret from Congress important details of its negotiations with Iran. According to TheBlaze.com, “A senior aide to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel knows more than

Congress does about the elements in the emerging U.S.-negotiated deal over Iran's nuclear program. 'We know many details from the agreement being put together, details that we feel members of Congress are unaware of,' the official told reporters aboard Netanyahu's plane en route to Washington Sunday, according to multiple Israeli media outlets. 'According to the information we have, the deal currently taking shape will leave Iran with the capability to build a nuclear weapon, if [Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali] Khamenei make a decision to do so,' said the official, who was not named." Quite simply, the Obama administration wants no one to know the details of the proposed agreement with Iran. [72427, 72470]

Frosty Wooldridge writes at NewsWithViews.com, "Muslims may be just as nice as you and me in their own countries. While they remain in small numbers, they 'nice' you into their 'niceness.' Incidentally, Sir Winston Churchill in 1899 said it best, 'Individual Muslims may show splendid qualities, but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world.' While they remain in a minority in this country, you can bet your bottom dollar they remain 'nice' because they can't step out of line until they grow greater numbers that allow them bigger 'push' for their culture and mores. You can already see it happening in Detroit, Michigan; Minneapolis, Minnesota; New York City, Philadelphia, Miami and more. ...We face a totally Muslim war-like mindset born out of the 6th century. The Koran commands that each follower 'Convert or kill all non-believers.' Obama thrives in that mindset because he lived in Muslim countries with his Muslim fathers throughout his formative years. [Obama lived with a Muslim step-father in Indonesia. He never lived with his alleged father, Barack Hussein Obama, Sr., who was likely an atheist—although others in his Kenya family were and are Muslims.] Whether he tells you he's a Muslim or not, his action[s] speak to his affinity to Islam. But in fact, he told all of us in his book Audacity of Hope, that 'I will stand with the Muslims should the political winds shift in an ugly direction.'" [72402]

"Look at what Valery [sic; Valerie] Jarrett, Obama's top advisor said in 1977: 'I am an Iranian by birth and of my Islamic faith. I am also an American citizen and I seek to help change America to be a more Islamic country. My faith guides me and I feel like it is going well in the transition of using freedom of religion in America against itself.' That's a quote folks telling us her intentions. If she operates under that mindset and she works for Mr. Obama, do you think Obama possesses the same feelings? You [had] better bet your bottom dollar he thinks the same way! ...In less than a decade at current Muslim immigration [rates], they will increase to 10 to 15 million. If only 5 percent of them radicalize in our country, we face one hell of a living nightmare of violence, terror and dozens of 'Paris, France' [Charlie Hebdo-like] slaughters." [72402]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich reminds readers, "During the 2012 DNC convention in Charlotte, Democrats in attendance loudly booed after God and Jerusalem were placed back into the Party platform after being deliberately left out. I remember because I was there. Just two weeks ago, ...Obama referred to Jews murdered in Paris by an Islamic terrorist as some 'folks in a deli.' Are we really surprised Democrats are boycotting

Netanyahu's speech because Obama didn't approve it? Hardly. After all, they're part of the Party that booed God and Jerusalem as Israel's capitol city." [72404]

The Washington Post gives "four Pinocchios" to Obama for his claim that oil from the Keystone XL pipeline would "bypass" the United States. The *Post* writes that Obama "managed to make his statement even more misleading than before, suggesting the pipeline would have no benefit for American producers at all. The Fact Checker obviously takes no position on the pipeline, and has repeatedly skewered both sides for overinflated rhetoric. Yet [Obama's] latest comments especially stand out. ...As we have noted before, when [Obama] says 'it bypasses the United States,' he leaves out a very important step. The crude oil would travel to the Gulf Coast, where it would be refined into products such as motor gasoline and diesel fuel (known as a distillate fuel in the trade). Current trends suggest that only about half of that refined product would be exported, and it could easily be lower." The pipeline would also be used to transport crude oil—more than 65,000 barrels per day—from North Dakota and Montana to Gulf Coast refineries; it would not be limited to crude oil from the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin. [72406, 72407, 72431]

Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) calls on Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew and Obama to use executive orders to close some corporate tax loopholes to collect \$100 billion in additional tax revenue over 10 years. In Sanders' letter to Lew, he states, "This list is not intended to be exhaustive but rather to illustrate that if Congress fails to act, the administration can act to resolve some of the problems with our tax code." (In other words, "If Congress won't raise taxes, let King Barry do it by executive fiat.") White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama "certainly has not indicated any reticence in using his executive authority to try and advance an agenda that benefits middle class Americans. Now I don't want to leave you with the impression that there is some imminent announcement—there is not, at least that I know of. But [Obama] has asked his team to examine the array of executive authorities that are available to him to try to make progress on his goals. So I am not in a position to talk in any detail at this point, but [Obama] is very interested in this avenue generally." (In other words, expect Obama to do it.) No reporter bothers to ask Earnest how many jobs would be destroyed if corporate taxes are increased by \$10 billion per year. (If businesses have \$10 billion less to spend on expansion or new product development, jobs that might have been created will not come into being.) [72408, 72409, 72473]

Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), age 78, announces she will not seek a sixth term in 2016. Noting her next two final years in the Senate, Vice President Joe Biden states, "Two years of Barbara Mikulski is like six years of any other senator." (Whether that is a compliment or a criticism is not clear. In any event, Biden—who apparently thinks everyone has a short memory—used the same line when Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) announced she would not seek reelection.) Some suggest that former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley will seek Mikulski's seat—where his odds are (at least at the moment) far better than if he challenges Hillary Clinton for the Democrat presidential nomination. (The tax-and-spend O'Malley then states he will not seek the Senate seat—which

essentially means he *will* challenge Clinton.) [72412, 72420, 72558, 73734]

Jim Kouri reports at Examiner.com, “The unveiling of a new statue built to memorialize the murdered U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry on Saturday at the Homeland Security Department’s Brian Terry Border Patrol Station in Bisbee, Arizona, received minimal news coverage by the nation’s media except for the Fox News Channel, a news agency maligned and denigrated by ...Obama and his administration. In fact, no official from the Obama government attended the event and the sycophants in the legacy media made certain not to cover the story.” (Terry was murdered with a weapon from the Obama administration’s Operation Fast and Furious “gun-walking” scheme, which was intended to gin up anti-gun sentiment in the United States. The plan backfired when Americans, in addition to Mexicans, started getting killed with the weapons.) [72424]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A federal judge warned the EPA on Monday not to discriminate against conservative groups in how it responds to open-records requests, issuing a legal spanking to the agency that he said may have lied to the court and showed ‘apathy and carelessness’ in carrying out the law. Judge Royce C. Lamberth said he couldn’t prove that officials intentionally destroyed documents, but he described as ‘absurdity’ the way the Environmental Protection Agency handled a Freedom of Information Act request from the Landmark Legal Foundation and then the court case stemming from it—including late last week admitting that it misled the court about how it went about searching for documents. ... ‘The recurrent instances of disregard that EPA employees display for FOIA obligations should not be tolerated by the agency,’ the judge said. ‘This court would implore the executive branch to take greater responsibility in ensuring that all EPA FOIA requests—regardless of the political affiliation of the requester—are treated with equal respect and conscientiousness.’” [72425, 72587]

At WND.com Cheryl Chumley writes, “Globally known evangelist Franklin Graham says ...Obama is so sympathetic to those of the Muslim faith, he’s actually endangering Jews and Christians, opening the doors for them to be persecuted in the United States. ‘We’re going to see persecution in this country because [Obama] is very sympathetic to Islam, and the reason I say that ...is because his father was a Muslim, gave him a Muslim name, Barack Hussein Obama,’ Graham said in an interview on ‘The 700 Club’ on the Christian Broadcasting Network. ‘His mother married another Muslim man. They moved to Indonesia. He went to Indonesian schools. So, growing up, his frame of reference and his influence as a young man was Islam. It wasn’t Christianity; it was Islam.’ Graham’s remarks aren’t much of a surprise to those who listen to him frequently. He’s been an outspoken critic of Obama’s... policies and has decried what he’s characterized as a curious White House reach-out to Muslim groups, such as the Muslim Brotherhood. ‘There are Muslims that [sic; who] have access to him in the White House,’ he went on, CBN reported. ‘Our foreign policy has a lot of influence now, from Muslims. We see the prime minister of Israel being snubbed by [Obama] and by the White House and by the Democrats, and it’s because of the influence of Islam. They hate Israel and they hate Christians, and so the storm is coming, I believe.’” [72429, 72486]

Politico.com reports, “Senate Democrats have rejected the House’s request to go to conference on the two chambers’ plans to fund the Department of Homeland Security past Friday’s deadline. The vote on the measure was 47-43, short of the 60-vote threshold it needed to advance. House Speaker John Boehner now must decide whether to allow a vote on a funding measure free of provisions to block ...Obama’s immigration policies.”

NYTimes.com reports, “Hillary Rodham Clinton exclusively used a personal email account [hdr22@clintonemail.com, among others] to conduct government business as secretary of state, State Department officials said, and may have violated federal requirements that officials’ correspondence be retained as part of the agency’s record. Mrs. Clinton did not have a government email address during her four-year tenure at the State Department. Her aides took no actions to have her personal emails preserved on department servers at the time, as required by the Federal Records Act.” (It was Congressman Trey Gowdy’s (R-SC) Benghazi Select Committee that uncovered the fact that Clinton was using personal email accounts for official business.) “...Her expansive use of the private account was alarming to current and former National Archives and Records Administration officials and government watchdogs, who called it a serious breach. ...Under federal law... letters and emails written and received by federal officials, such as the secretary of state, are considered government records and are supposed to be retained so that congressional committees, historians and members of the news media can find them.” Jason R. Baron, “a lawyer at Drinker Biddle & Reath who is a former director of litigation at the National Archives and Records Administration,” states, “I can recall no instance in my time at the National Archives when a high-ranking official at an executive branch agency solely used a personal email account for the transaction of government business.” (According to Gawker.com, it also appears that Huma Abedin, Clinton’s “close” personal assistant, and Clinton staffer and confidante Philippe Reines, also used private email addresses to intentionally thwart federal record-keeping requirements. [72434, 72435, 72449, 72454, 72457, 72458, 72464, 72467, 72471, 72472, 72498, 72502, 72525, 72526, 72527, 72530, 72535, 72538, 72598, 72599, 72600, 72625, 72631])

Additionally, former Clinton aide Eric Hothem appears to have use an email address with the name “Eric Hoteham”—presumably to cover his tracks. It was “Hoteham” who, according to FreeBeacon.com, registered Hillary Clinton’s Internet address to her home in Chappaqua, New York. (That is, she had a server in her home.) “Hothem was involved in multiple personal matters during his service to Clinton and played a role in the controversy surrounding the pardon given to former President Bill Clinton’s half-brother Roger Clinton. A congressional investigation into Clinton’s clemency decisions found that as Roger Clinton refused to testify to the committee in March 2001, he received a \$15,000 wire transfer from a Citibank account in the care of Hothem. ...The congressional report points out that the ‘payment occurred at the height of public outcry and investigative activity regarding the pardons and at a time when Roger Clinton was deciding whether to provide testimony.’ According to accounts of the final days of the Clinton administration, Hothem told chief White House usher Gary Walters that multiple items of furniture were ‘the Clintons’ personal property’ even though they were not. The Clintons would later have to return or pay for more than \$100,000 in furnishings stolen

from the White House.” [72498, 72502, 72503, 72504, 72547, 72614, 72633, 72699]

Not only did Clinton have her email server in her own home, according to Bloomberg.com it was “Set up with [a] misconfigured encryption system [and was] left vulnerable [to hacking attacks],” and it included the “Ability to erase messages completely.” Clinton had her email system set up just days before she began her job as Secretary of State, and was apparently intended to allow her to ignore and violate the federal record-keeping and transparency rules. Additionally, Wired.com notes, “Unlike the State Department’s State.gov domain, Clinton’s Clintonemail.com is currently registered with a private domain registrar, Network Solutions, as a simple Whois search reveals. The domain Clintonemail.com (and thus its registrar) was certainly known to at least one hacker: The notorious celebrity hacker Guccifer [Marcel Lazar Lehel] first revealed it in 2013 when he spilled the emails of Clinton associate Sidney Blumenthal. Anyone who hacked Network Solutions would be able to quietly hijack the Clintonemail.com domain, intercepting, redirecting, and even spoofing email from Clinton’s account.” (On June 20, 2007 Hillary Clinton said, “You know, our Constitution is being shredded. We know about the secret wiretaps, about the secret military tribunals, the secret White House email accounts...”) [72572, 72573, 72579, 72591, 72598, 72605, 72615, 72788]

It is worth noting that Hillary Clinton relies on Sydney Blumenthal for advice on many, if not almost all, issues of significance. Clinton reportedly wanted Blumenthal on the State Department payroll when she accepted the Secretary of State position, but Obama (or at least Obama’s chief of staff Rahm Emanuel) wanted nothing to do with him. Clinton’s secret email server may have been a way for her to avoid FOIA requests, it may also have been for the purpose of her maintaining communication with Blumenthal without Obama being able to access those messages. [73210]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Department of Justice blocked an attempt to force the Internal Revenue Service to search for Lois Lerner’s missing emails at off-site storage facilities, according to a lawyer pushing to obtain the emails. The IRS never looked for Lerner’s backup email tapes at the West Virginia storage facility where they were being housed. Treasury deputy inspector general Timothy Camus told Congress that the IRS never asked IT professionals at the New Martinsville, W.V. storage site for the backup tapes. Camus only found the backup tape for Lerner’s missing 2011 emails about two weeks ago. But the Obama administration knew that emails were stored at off-site facilities, and even shut down a legal request to send somebody to go look for them.” In addition, “The first IT specialist to inspect the computer hard drive of former IRS exemptions director Lois Lerner was legally blind, according to an affidavit filed last year by Stephen Manning, deputy chief information officer for strategy and modernization at the IRS.” [72463, 72475]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, “In response to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu’s opposition to the nuclear deal he warns threatens Israel’s very existence, ...Obama’s administration has reportedly cut American intelligence cooperation with Israel. A report

on Monday night by the Hebrew-language *Channel 10*, notes that the cooperation between Israeli and American intelligence agencies until now has aided the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in formulating reports on Iran's nuclear program, reports that advanced the sanctions against the Islamic regime. At the moment, while Israel is cooperating with various countries in terms of intelligence on Iran's nuclear program, the cooperation with the United States has stopped according to the report. ...Israel warns that the Iranian deal will leave Iran with nuclear breakout capability, by which it will be able to continue enriching uranium and produce a nuclear weapon within a very short window of time at the moment of its choosing. Likewise Netanyahu has pointed out that Iran has threatened Israel with annihilation on many occasions, even as it advances its nuclear program and continues to be the leading state sponsor of terrorism." [72439, 72440]

In an interview with Reuters, Obama says his proposed deal with Iran would be "far more effective in controlling their [sic; its] nuclear program than any military action we could take, any military action Israel could take, and far more effective than sanctions will be." (Obama cannot know that, of course, unless he tries applying tough sanctions on Iran—much tougher than he has agreed to in the past.) Obama ridicules Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, saying he has "made all sorts of claims [about the interim 2013 deal with Iran]. This was going to be a terrible deal. This was going to result in Iran getting \$50 billion worth of relief. Iran would not abide by the agreement. None of that has come true. It has turned out that in fact, during this period we've seen Iran not advance its program. In many ways, it's rolled back elements of its program." (Obama is mistaken. Iran has most certainly advanced its nuclear program, even hiding a facility from the International Atomic Energy Agency. Iran has "rolled back" nothing.) [72474]

Pamela Geller writes, "More than 50 Democrats reportedly plan to boycott [Netanyahu's] address—including the [U.S.] ambassador to Israel. Obama has gone to war against the tiny Jewish state. And Netanyahu, despite it being politically destructive for him, is going through with it anyway. He is fighting for his country's life. Controversy this hot right before an election is toxic. But he is doing what he must. He is doing the *right* thing for his country—something Obama cannot even begin to fathom. 'He's risking his political life because he values not just the future of Israel but really the future of civilization,' Mike Huckabee said... 'The Iranians are just crazy enough to use a nuclear weapon if they had one.' And Obama the screw is turning the screws." [72440]

CNSNews.com reports, "The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has 'further corroborated' information indicating that Iran 'has carried out activities that are relevant to the development of a nuclear explosive device,' the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog says in its most recent report on Iran. Yet not only does Iran continue to deny inspectors access to a key suspect site, it has carried out work there that the agency says will make it more difficult to determine what has been going on there, should they ever be admitted in the future. Even couched in the staid language favored by U.N. bureaucrats, the Feb. 19 report underlines the still-unresolved concerns about alleged nuclear weapons activity, even as the P5+1 group—the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany—draws

closer to a late March deadline for a proposed nuclear agreement that will allow Iran to keep much of its nuclear infrastructure intact.” [72482]

On *The Kelly File*, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee says, “Well, [Obama] told us we could keep our doctors, we could keep our health insurance, they’re going to get to the bottom of Benghazi, and that was all about a video. We were told they’re going to get to the bottom of the IRS scandal. We’re going to get to the bottom of [Operation] Fast and Furious. I’m sorry, but [Obama] has no credibility when it comes to saying, look, you can trust me. Actually, we can’t. And the truth is, we certainly can’t trust the Iranians. And whatever legacy [Obama] wants to have by saying, look, I made a deal with the Iranians—it can’t be a good deal because you can’t trust a government that has vowed openly and publicly that it’s going to wipe another nation off the face of the earth. And anyone who thinks [Netanyahu is] doing this in advance of the Israeli elections because it’s good for him, well, they haven’t been reading the Israeli press. Megyn, I was just there. I’m telling you, this is very destructive to him politically. He’s doing it because he realizes that a nuclear Iran is really a death sentence to Israel. And it is a proliferation of nuclear arms across the Middle East. And he’s risking his political life because he values not just the future of Israel but really the future of civilization.” Noting that the deal with Iran will allow Iran to retain some centrifuges to enrich uranium, Huckabee adds, “This is like saying they had 19,000 centrifuges, we’re going to only let them have 6,000. This is the equivalent of saying, we’re not going to let a pyromaniac have a blow torch but we’ll let them have, you know, a cigarette lighter and a can of gasoline. You just don’t put those kind of opportunities in the hands of crazy people who would use those destructive forces.” (The negotiations began with the United States asking Iran to reduce its centrifuge count to 500-1,500. The Iran negotiators has so far moved that number up to at least 6,000.) [72484, 73248]

On March 3 the BBC reports, “Iran has rejected as ‘excessive and illogical’ a demand by US President Barack Obama that it freeze sensitive nuclear activity for at least 10 years. Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif was quoted saying Mr Obama spoke in ‘unacceptable and threatening’ terms. Mr Zarif said talks on Iran’s nuclear programme, which are nearing a critical 31 March deadline, would continue.” [72509, 72510, 72512]

In Toronto, Jahanzeb Malik, an ISIS-supporting Pakistani, is arrested after plotting to bomb the U.S. embassy. (Malik has an arrest record and should have been deported long before he planned his attack.) [72873]

Director Joel Gilbert (*Dreams from My Real Father*), who argues that Obama’s real father is his communist mentor in Hawaii, Frank Marshall Davis, is interviewed by Alex Jones at InfoWars.com. Gilbert says Obama “is always agitating. He’s a professional agitator. He was trained as an agitator in Chicago at the Midwest Academy, he was a trainer for ACORN, and I think he had no interest ever in becoming president of the United States or in being president—his only interest was using the pulpit of the presidency to agitate the country and divide and polarize the nation.” [72601, 72602, 72603, 74319]

In a radio interview, socialist Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) suggests lowering the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to zero: “Might it be a good time to start talking about alternatives, like, for example what Robert Ball, the guy who wrote the Medicare bill back in the ’60s, is on the record saying... that they put Medicare together in a way and with the assumption that a future president or a future Congress would simply start lowering the eligibility age by a decade every couple of years, giving a couple of years for the bureaucracy to absorb that many new enrollees, until eventually the eligibility age for Medicare was Zero. ...Why not, at some point Medicare for the whole country? It’s simpler, it’s easier to explain, it’s easier to understand, it’s better with cost-containment, most importantly it gives everybody an understandable, comprehensive health insurance.” (A fascist dictator is also “simpler” than a republic, but that does not make it a good idea. Further, it is ludicrous to suggest that Medicare is “better with cost containment.” Medicare is already running massive annual deficits, and they are projected to get worse—even if the eligibility age remains 65. Senior citizens already have difficulty finding physicians willing to treat them because the reimbursement rates are so low. Eliminating the eligibility age will only extend that problem to the entire population. Brown is an economic idiot—and he is not alone in Congress.) [72800, 73074]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses a joint session of Congress. (It is Netanyahu’s third address to the body. The late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill also addressed a joint session on three occasions.) Netanyahu discusses the danger of a nuclear-armed Iran, which would clearly be the greatest threat to Israel since its founding in 1948. He says, “The greatest danger facing our world would be the marriage of militant Islam with nuclear weapons.” Netanyahu harshly criticizes the in-progress nuclear agreement with Iran, noting that the regime has “proven time and again that it cannot be trusted,” and pointing out that “inspectors document violations [of such agreements]; they don’t stop them.” “This deal,” he says, “would not be a farewell to arms, but a farewell to arms control.” The deal “doesn’t block Iran’s path to the bomb; it paves Iran’s path to the bomb.” “The deal will not prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons; it will all but guarantee it gets nuclear weapons—lots of them.” Netanyahu firmly states, “Even if it has to stand alone, Israel will stand. I know that Israel does not stand alone, I know that America stands with Israel.” “The days when the Jewish people remain passive in the face of genocidal enemies—those days are over.” “This is a bad deal, it’s a very bad deal, we’re better off without it. We’re told that the alternative to this deal is war. That’s just not true. The alternative to this bad deal is a much better deal.” “I don’t believe Iran’s radical regime will change for the better after this deal. Its rapid appetite for aggression grows more every year... This deal will not change Iran for the better, it will change the Middle East for the worse.” [72453, 72478, 72480, 72481, 72491, 72492, 72493, 72500]

A petulant Obama schedules an 11:30 a.m. video conference with key allies to discuss Ukraine—and to keep them from watching Netanyahu’s speech. (WhiteHouseDossier.com’s Keith Koffler observes, “I suppose, through the power of YouTube, they can watch the rerun. But what a petty insult to Netanyahu.”) [72534]

It is clear that Congress stands with Netanyahu more than it stands with Obama on the nuclear agreement, which does not require Iran to remove or dismantle any of its nuclear facilities, and allows Iran to do whatever it wishes after a specified period of years. The “sunset clause” is clearly dangerous to Israel—and the world—and it proves that Obama is either dangerously naive (“If we just play nice with Iran it will act nice”), or he simply wants to kick the nuclear can down the road until after he leaves office—bragging as he departs that he prevented a dangerous war in the Middle East. In fact, the deal may help ensure a dangerous war in the Middle East.

At Townhall.com Dennis Prager writes, “There is no question about whether ...Obama—along with Secretary of State John Kerry and the editorial pages of many newspapers—has a particular dislike of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. But there is another question: Why? And the answer is due to an important rule of life that too few people are aware of: Those who do not confront evil resent those who do. ...Virtually everyone listening knows [Netanyahu] is telling the truth. And most dislike him for it. Appeasers hate those who confront evil. ...The negotiations with Iran over its nuclear weapons program are today’s quintessential example. Those who will not confront a tyranny engaged in terror from Argentina to the Middle East, and which is committed to annihilating another country, will deeply resent Israel and its leader. ...Since the end of World War II, there has been a name for the people who refuse to confront evil and who resent those who do: leftists.” [72450]

Also at Townhall.com, Phyllis Schlafly writes, “The Obama Democrats have an audacious scheme for winning future elections. They just plan to import 5,000,000 non-citizens and credential them as voters who will, in gratitude, vote Democratic. The way this devious formula works is stunningly simple. Just get the new Republican Congress (under Speaker John Boehner [R-OH] and Sen. Mitch McConnell [R-KY]) to pass a full-funding bill for Homeland Security without any exception for the funding of Obama’s illegal executive amnesty, which will allow Obama to give work permits, Social Security numbers and driver’s licenses to five million illegal aliens. Once the 5 million so-called undocumented persons are given those valuable documents, there is no way to stop them from voting.” (A Social Security number and a driver’s license is usually enough to allow an individual to register to vote, even if he or she is an illegal immigrant, because all he or she need do is answer “yes” to the question on the form that asks, “Are you a U.S. citizen?” Those who lie on the forms rarely get caught and removed from the voter registration lists.) [72451]

Conn Carroll writes, “Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave up trying to change ...Obama’s mind about a nuclear deal with Iran long ago. He knows Obama is determined cut a deal with Iran on nuclear weapons, at any price, on the belief that Tehran will then become a reliable ally in the region. That is why Netanyahu chose to speak to Congress personally Tuesday. He knows Congress is the only institution in America that has a chance of stopping Obama’s Iranian plans. ...How can Obama sign a nuclear arms deal with Iran without submitting that agreement to the Senate? The same

way that Obama has rewritten federal immigration and education law without Congress: by expanding executive power. Obama will claim that his deal with Iran is not a treaty but a ‘sole executive agreement’ that requires no approval from Congress. Sole executive agreements have been used by presidents since the early 1800s, but the exact scope of this power has long been in question. The Supreme Court has allowed many such agreements to stand... but the Court has always required at least some evidence that Congress at least acquiesced to those policies. ...Obama’s nuclear arms deal with Iran would be an unprecedented expansion of this sole executive agreement power. ...[W]hat Obama will do is announce his agreement, let other countries lift their sanctions for the first few years of the agreement, and then, years from now, long after Obama has left office, the next president will have to deal with Iran's nuclear program.” (The only way Congress can block Obama’ illegal actions is to pass legislation that can withstand a veto, or impeach him—neither of which could happen without a fair number of Democrats joining Republicans.) [72455]

Mitt Romney tweets, “...Obama may ignore Netanyahu, but he cannot ignore the truth he spoke. A flimsy Iran deal amounts to presidential malpractice.” [72456]

CNN reads statements from “anonymous” (that is, gutless) White House officials slamming Netanyahu’s speech. One of the anonymous comments, “It was all rhetoric... not one new idea given, WH very upset with this.” (The White House is apparently more afraid of Netanyahu’s words than a nuclear-armed Iran.) [72462]

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments, “I thought that was an extraordinary speech and it had two very sharp messages. The first was, and I think this is sort of the essence of his critique of the deal, what the Israelis are worried about, what the Israelis think is utterly intolerable is the sunset clause. And that is the idea that after about 10 years, with all restrictions removed, with the sanctions lifted, with Iran’s economy restored, they would have unlimited ability to develop enriched uranium, which is something no country is allowed, not even for example, our ally South Korea, is allowed that. [Netanyahu] says as long as this regime is in charge that would be catastrophic. And he seemed to be conceding that if that were dropped, he could live with the rest of the agreement. Remember, he said he wouldn’t like it, but there are ways we could live with it. I think what he means, if they were kept under some kind of restriction, indefinitely until the regime either altered its behavior or was changed, the Israelis would accept that. That is an interesting sort of offering on their part. But the second thing he said was that at the end. I think you can understand why he came [to address Congress]. He said, if we have to, we will act alone. Meaning, he is telling the Congress, if this deal is enacted or if it begins to go through, we reserve the right to attack Iran on our own. I think what he did here is he tried to show the world that he would have the support of the Congress if that happened because we know the administration has been discouraging that, arguing against it, in some way sabotaging the very idea of an Israeli attack. ...He got a standing ovation when he said Israel would act alone. I think what he was saying is, ‘I came here to show the world that we might have to act, and if we do, we want to have the support to the Congress,’ and he wanted to show the world that he did. Those were two very

important elements.” [72485]

At HotAir.com Jazz Shaw writes, “This was... one of the most powerful speeches which I have seen delivered in that chamber in the modern era. Netanyahu was the essence of many attributes so lacking in American politics today. He was gracious, not only to those who obviously support him, but to those who might disagree with him here on various policy points. ...He projected wisdom and rational thought, so frequently lacking in the cheap seats of the theater of American politics. He was sincerely grateful for all that he and the nation he represents have received from the United States and for the consanguinity between our nations. He expressed confidence and hope in a lasting relationship which should be a hallmark of civilized relations in the modern world. Above all, he was not there to be a politician as I had previously supposed. He was there to be a leader, but also a gracious ally, speaking as an equal on the world stage. He did not come with his hat in hand to ask America to save him. He reiterated that Israel could save itself, but that it would not have to stand alone as long as those with common values which embrace basic goodness stood together in sodality. It was, quite simply, one of the most moving speeches I have witnessed in many years.” [72531]

“I was wrong—in the worst way, since I have clearly allowed cynicism to poison the well—when I supposed that this speech was a pointless, partisan, political ploy. I think I’ve spent too long watching American politicians standing up on cable news and barking out the same tired talking points which their minions repeat *ad nauseam* for the mainstream media complex. I was highly impressed and felt a bit ashamed. I owe the Prime Minister an apology and I do so now. Sadly, not everyone shared my feelings. I was further embarrassed for our nation when [Obama] eschewed the chance to even watch the event and treated it as some inutile piece of puffery. When did we reach the point where one world leader can not even take a moment and lend their ear to a brief set of remarks on a critical topic from a fellow principal on the world stage, to say nothing of being willing to be generous in recognizing their remarks? ...I was wrong about Bibi Netanyahu’s speech. It was an impressive moment in history. I only wish our elected Democrat leaders could have shown the grace to join me in apologizing.” [72531]

The weeks spent by Obama and his fellow Democrats criticizing Netanyahu’s visit arguably backfired on them. Had Obama welcomed Netanyahu and not made an issue of his trip, the speech would not have received anywhere near the attention it ended up getting. In the end, the television audience for the address was likely far larger than it would otherwise have been, and because Netanyahu is a much more direct and persuasive speaker than Obama, millions more people may have shifted to a “reject the Iran deal” position. (The Fox News Channel, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, C-Span, and Al Jazeera America broadcast Netanyahu’s speech live. ABC, CBS, and NBC do not.) [72556]

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) states, “I was near tears throughout the Prime Minister’s speech—saddened by the insult to the intelligence of the United States as part of the P5+1 nations, and saddened by the condescension toward our knowledge of the threat posed by Iran and our broader commitment to preventing nuclear

proliferation.” (Pelosi is likely miffed that Netanyahu acknowledged Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) at the beginning of his address, but did not mention her. Regardless of Pelosi’s feelings, Obama’s deal will not prevent nuclear proliferation. In fact, it may encourage it. The closer Iran gets to having nuclear weapons, the more likely it will be that Egypt and Saudi Arabia seek to obtain them as well. Netanyahu’s remarks may seem condescending to Pelosi, but in addition to Congress he was also addressing the world—and average Americans who may have no idea of the nature of the Iranian threat. Netanyahu’s statements likely did not surprise anyone who is following the issue, but the average American may have been shocked by them.) [72487]

According to TheHill.com, 48 Democrats Congressmen and 8 Democrats Senators planned to boycott Netanyahu’s speech. [72494, 72495ral law]

Obama claims he did not watch Netanyahu’s speech, but after reading a transcript he declares, “As far as I can tell, uh, there was nothing new” in the address, and, “the prime minister didn’t offer any viable alternatives.” Before the speech, the Obama administration issued warnings that Netanyahu should refrain from revealing any new details about the proposed agreement with Iran; after the speech, Obama complains that he heard nothing new. Netanyahu did offer an alternative to Obama’s “bad deal.” He suggested a deal in which sanctions would not be lifted unless Iran refrains from sponsoring terrorism and stops threatening Israel. (Obama, as is typical, offers a usual false choice argument: in this case, “You either agree with me or the alternative is war with Iran.” Obama can never accept that there may be proposals other than his own that do not involve apocalyptic results. Obama’s continued reliance on false choice arguments is likely something he learned in his “community activist” days, where the opposition’s argument is ridiculed as extreme and totally unacceptable, and the only good solution is the one proposed by the community activist. The choice most certainly is not limited to Obama’s proposals versus war with Iran, just as the choice on the immigration issue is not limited to Obama’s schemes versus the deportation of 11-20 million illegal immigrants.) [72488, 72541, 72548]

At DailySignal.com national security expert James Carafano writes, “Jimmy Carter had one of the worst foreign and defense policy records of any modern president. But, at least he cut one good deal. The speech by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu before a joint session of Congress makes clear ... Obama can’t even match Carter’s level of competency. The high point of Carter’s presidency took place a little over a year after he took office, brokering the Camp David Accord, a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. The deal endures to this day. It was realistic. Both sides wanted peace. Peace was what they got. Netanyahu made the case before Congress that the White House’s efforts to negotiate a deal with Iran have about as much in common with the Camp David Accords as an SNL [*Saturday Night Live*] skit has with a State of the Union Address. The administration’s proposal is anything but a realistic plan for peace. A real peace plan would demonstrate that all sides were committed to not adding more nuclear weapons powers to the Middle East. The deal as it stands does the opposite—it preserves the nuclear option for Iran—and as result will prompt other regional powers to hedge their

bets and prepare to go nuclear as well rather than live in Tehran's nuclear shadow. ...All the partisan controversy and vitriol over Netanyahu's speech cannot obscure that the White House has no good answers to the legitimate concerns he raised. In the end, it was appropriate for the issue to be brought before Congress. There are only two powers capable of preventing Obama sealing a deal with Iran and cementing his legacy as a far-worse foreign policy president than Jimmy Carter. Tehran, of course, could string-out negotiations or sink the deal with even more outrageous demands to be given more for giving up very little. The only other voice capable of interceding with the president is Congress. Having all the facts of what is at stake before them before they decide what to do makes sense. That fact made this speech worth hearing." [72490]

Pamela Geller reports, "In a shocking op-ed by the editor-in-chief of the fiercely anti-Israel paper, al-Arabiya, Faisal Abbas admits that Netanyahu is right, Iran must be dealt with. Obama is out-radicalizing the radicals." [72511]

Talk radio's Rush Limbaugh tells his massive audience, "Benjamin Netanyahu today was everything Barack Obama is not. Everything. ...And this speech was all about rallying and saving Western civilization, which is what is under assault. ...Even though Obama only has two more years in office, he still believes that the power of his personality and his community organizer skills or whatever, that he can persuade Iran after they get the nuke not to use it. The Israeli approach is prevention. Do not let them get the bomb. Don't take the risk." [72519]

By a vote of 257-167 (every Democrat and 75 Republicans vote yes) the House of Representatives passes legislation fully funding the Department of Homeland Security through September 30, the end of fiscal year 2015. Obama, having been given the funding he needs to implement his illegal immigrant amnesty scheme, will sign the legislation—and millions of illegal immigrants will be on the way to illegally voting for Democrats in the 2016 elections. Congressman Lou Barletta (R-PA), who votes against the legislation, states, "Let us remember that it was [Obama] himself who said at least 22 times that he did not have the authority to unilaterally grant amnesty to illegal immigrants. Despite our best efforts in the House, we simply were not able to break the logjam of Democrats in the Senate who insisted on funding [Obama's] illegal actions as a prerequisite to an agreement on DHS appropriations. Requiring the funding of executive amnesty places illegal immigrants ahead of the national security concerns of the United States. I cannot understand the argument that providing work permits and federal benefits to those who have broken our laws is more important than funding the defense of our country. We have immigration laws for two basic reasons: to protect American jobs, and to preserve national security. [Obama's] executive actions violate both of those principles." One Democrat aide says, "I can confirm absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt, that [House] Speaker [John] Boehner [R-OH] committed, directly and without any ambiguity, that, in return for Democrats helping him pass the one-week CR [continuing resolution], he would bring up the clean, year-long appropriations bill that passed the Senate Friday and let it pass the House. There is no question whatsoever." (In other words, Boehner caved in—and lied on top of it.) [72452, 72476, 72477, 72489, 72520,

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Obama “thanks” House Republicans for caving in by threatening to veto three additional bills that are in the pipeline. According to CBS’ Mark Knoller, Obama has issued 19 veto threats since the first of the year. (Franklin D. Roosevelt vetoed 372 bills. Only Roosevelt, Harry Truman (180), and Grover Cleveland (346) vetoed more than 100 bills.) [72460, 72461]

By a vote of 53-46, the Senate passes legislation nullifying the National Labor Relations Board’s December 2914 “ambush election” regulation that reduces to only 11 days the time employers have to prepare for a union vote. Obama has threatened to veto the legislation. [72552]

The *Daily Mail* reports a claim that ISIS kidnapped and murdered a man and then fed him to his mother when she “travelled to their headquarters and demanded to see him.” According to a “British fighter who travelled to Iraq to stop the Islamic State” who teamed up with Kurdish fighters, ISSI “brought her cups of tea and fed her a meal of cooked meat, rice and soup. She thought they were kind. But they had killed him and chopped him up and after she finished the meal and asked to see her son they laughed and said, ‘You’ve just eaten him.’” (Obama has no comment; the State Department has no hashtag.) [72442, 72443]

Obama tweets, “Every girl deserves an education.” (Why it took him more than four decades to come to that conclusion is not clear. Perhaps there were no girls in the madrasa he attended in Jakarta and he is only now “evolving” on the issue.) [72459]

Target announces it will slash several thousand jobs over the next two years. [72507]

France24.com reports, “The controversial head of Norway’s Nobel Peace Prize committee was removed Tuesday and demoted to the rank of mere member in an unprecedented move. Thorbjørn Jagland, a former Norwegian premier, drew criticism after becoming committee chairman in 2009 for awarding the prestigious Nobel to” the newly-elected Obama. “He will be replaced by current Deputy Chair Kaci Kullmann Five.” [72505, 72506]

NYTimes.com reports, “[Retired General] David H. Petraeus, the best-known military commander of his generation, has reached a plea deal with the Justice Department and admitted providing his highly classified journals to a mistress [Paula Broadwell] when he was the director of the C.I.A. Mr. Petraeus has agreed to plead guilty to one count of unauthorized removal and retention of classified material, a misdemeanor. He is eligible for up to one year in prison, but prosecutors will recommend a sentence of probation for two years and a \$40,000 fine.” [72479]

The *Daily Mail* reports that ISIS-beheader “Jihadi John and his asylum-seeking family

have milked the British benefits system for 20 years... Housing the Islamic State executioner and his relatives in affluent parts of London has cost taxpayers up to £400,000 [about \$610,000 in March 2015]. One landlord said Mohammed Emwazi's family were 'parasites' and 'tenants from hell'. Incredibly, they are still believed to be pocketing £40,000 a year [about \$61,000] in handouts despite there being no sign of them in Britain. Emwazi's father Jasem, who has six children, is back in his native Kuwait—the country he claimed he fled fearing for his life. ...MPs [members of Parliament] said they were horrified that the child of a family given refugee status, citizenship and benefits had returned the favour by orchestrating the murder of two of its citizens." (How much U.S. taxpayers are being forced to spend to support jihadists in America is not known.) [72514]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The administration processed about 100,000 applications for amnesty for so-called Dreamers under some of the expanded rules ... Obama announced last year, lawyers told a Texas judge late Tuesday, in a move that could complicate their claim that they have halted all action under the amnesty." Texas Governor Greg Abbott argues that the Obama administration misled the federal court by issuing thousands of amnesty documents yet told the judge no such amnesty requests had been granted. Abbott: "Time for contempt [charges]." [72523, 72542, 72582, 72767]

At FoxNews.com William La Jeunesse and Laura Prabucki write, "Airfare from the U.S. to China and a months-long stay in an Orange County, Calif., apartment: \$80,000. A baby born a U.S. citizen: priceless. In the largest operation of its kind, early Tuesday morning federal officials in Southern California served warrants at 'Chinese birthing houses' or 'maternity hotels,' where wealthy Chinese nationals paid up to \$80,000 for the sole purpose of giving birth in the U.S. to obtain citizenship for their children, earning in-state tuition to U.S. universities for them and permanent U.S. residency for the parents. 'It is essentially citizenship for sale,' said Center for Immigration Studies analyst Jessica Vaughan. 'Something U.S. citizens hold very dear and cherish is essentially being purchased by people for their own economic self-interests or potentially more nefarious purposes.' Birth tourism is big business. An estimated 40,000 babies are born to couples posing as tourists each year. The U.S. is one of the few countries in the world that automatically grants citizenship to any child born here, regardless of the parents' nationality." [72524]

America.Aljazeera.com reports, "State Department technology experts expressed security concerns that then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was using a private email service rather than the government's fortified and monitored system, but those fears fell on deaf ears, a current employee on the department's cybersecurity team told Al Jazeera America on Tuesday. The employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of losing his job, said it was well known that Clinton's emails were at greater risk of being hacked, intercepted or monitored, but the warnings were ignored. 'We tried,' the employee said. 'We told people in her office that it wasn't a good idea. They were so uninterested that I doubt the secretary was ever informed.'" [72518]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest avoids a direct answer to a question from ABC's Jonathan Karl: "Does the White House believe that Hillary Clinton broke the law? Yes or no?" [72521, 72549]

At NationalJournal.com, Ron Fournier writes, "Perhaps Hillary Rodham Clinton shouldn't run for president. Maybe she should stay at the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation, where the former secretary [sic; Secretary] of State could continue her life's work of building stronger economies, health care systems, and families. Give paid speeches. Write best-selling books. Spend time with Charlotte, her beloved granddaughter. ... Two weeks ago, we learned that the Clinton Foundation accepted contributions from foreign countries. Assurances from the Obama administration and Clinton aides that no donations were made during her tenure as secretary of State were proven false. ... Many senior Democrats are angry, though not yet mad enough to publicly confront the Clintons. 'This story has legs as long as the election,' said a Democrat who has worked on Capitol Hill and as a presidential campaign manager. 'She will be tripping over this crap until the cows come home.' Another presidential campaign veteran who held a Cabinet-level post in Bill Clinton's White House fretted out loud about the fact that the former first lady is breezing toward the Democratic nomination. 'We can't have a coronation when she's handing Republicans an inquisition,' the Democrat said." [72532]

Hillary Clinton attends a 30th anniversary event of the pro-abortion organization Emily's List, and asks the audience, "Don't you someday want to see a woman president of the United States?" She also says, "Along life's way you make millions of decisions. Some of them are big... like do you run for office?" (Asked in March 2014 to list her accomplishments as Secretary of State, Clinton responded, "My accomplishments as Secretary of State? Well, I'm glad you asked! My proudest accomplishment in which I take the most pride, mostly because of the opposition it faced early on, you know... the remnants of prior situations and mindsets that were too narrowly focused in a manner whereby they may have overlooked the bigger picture and we didn't do that and I'm proud of that. Very proud. I would say that's a major accomplishment." The Republicans might be wise to run ads in 2016 that state, "If you can understand what she said, vote for Clinton. If not, vote Republican.") [72516]

On *Hannity*, author and talk radio host Mark Levin calls Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu "a leader who takes his commander-in-chief responsibilities seriously. Barack Obama is a community activist. He's a rabble-rouser. He's an ideologue. And he's an appeaser. That's the difference. ... This was a historic speech. Some people have compared him [Netanyahu] to Churchill. I will compare him to [Ronald] Reagan. People say where's our next Reagan? You saw our next Reagan. And so instead, Obama and [National Security Adviser Susan] Rice and [U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha] Powers [sic; Power] and [Secretary of State John] Kerry used their Saul Alinsky tactics to say, 'We support Israel,' but they trash Israel's leader. That's their [Israel's] commander-in-chief. That's their prime minister who is trying to protect his country from all the Islamic terrorism that surrounds it. ... Society after society is collapsing, and [Obama is] making nice with Iran, which is an Islamist terrorist regime. No question about it.

...Obama can't get [the necessary] two-thirds vote for one of his appeasement deals. I saw that today when I watched the members of Congress standing steadfastly, not with Obama, and that includes Democrats, but with Netanyahu." [72545]

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters tells Sean Hannity, "Obama is incapable of learning; we have to recognize that. Six years into his term, he still thinks he can make friends with Iran. It is stunning. ...I am convinced, Sean, absolutely convinced, that Obama and [Secretary of State John] Kerry and company, have accepted that Iran will get a bomb; they just don't want it to happen on Obama's watch, they want a decent interval of denial... Obama is a spiteful failure... and we've just got to get through the next two years, and Israel means business. Netanyahu, unlike ...Obama, means what he says. ...Obama is so desperate, so desperate for this deal for his 'legacy,' that he is willing to give Israel up. ...Let's face it. If Israel disappeared from the face of the earth tomorrow, Obama would not shed a tear." [72604]

On March 4 Mark Lippert, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, is slashed in the face and hands by an attacker with a razor blade. The injuries are not life threatening. (Lippert was Obama's national security advisor during his 2008 campaign. Lippert also served as Obama's "go-between" with Raila Odinga, a radical Muslim who Obama supported when he ran for president of Kenya in 2006. Obama raised \$950,000 for Odinga. As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Odinga promised his supporters in Kenya that he would "re-write the Constitution of Kenya to recognize Shari'ah as the only true law sanctioned by the Holy Quran for Muslim declared religion." In early 2006, Lippert was sent by Obama to Kenya, at taxpayer expense, on a "fact-finding" mission, and to do advance work for Obama's later visit. [126, 127, 207, 208, 271, 293, 294, 313, 329, 452, 1017, 1449, 5110, 12912, 12913, 12914, 12915, 12916, 12917, 12940, 12943, 13034, 21627, 72550, 72551, 72577])

Odinga made the following pledges to his supporters: re-write the constitution of Kenya to recognize Muslim Shari'ah law for Muslim regions; facilitate the establishment of a Shari'ah court in every Kenyan divisional headquarters; order every primary school to conduct daily Madrassa classes; impose a total ban on open-air Christian gospel crusades; outlaw gospel programs on KBC radio; impose a total ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages; and impose an immediate ban on women's public dressing styles that are considered immoral and offensive to the Muslim faith. Odinga also pledged to end Kenya's cooperation with the United States in its war on terror—and Obama traveled to Africa in an attempt to get Odinga elected. A December 22, 2006 email from then-Senator Obama to Raila Odinga advised, 'Hello brother, I will kindly wish that all our correspondence be handled by Mr. Mark Lippert. I have already instructed him. This will be for my own security both now and in the future. Faithfully, Obama.')

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In an interview with GoldSeek.com, legendary investment guru Marc Faber says, "I think the Chinese will eventually have a global currency, certainly with their trading partners.

China is the largest trading partner with 124 different countries in the world... Wages [in the United States] in real terms are basically down. The cost of living has gone up substantially—partially also because of this ‘brilliant’ idea of Obamacare. So all I’m saying is the household is suffering at the present time. That’s why retail sales are not picking up. And while the employment numbers look better, I say that [good] jobs have been replaced by low-paying jobs. In the ’70s we had high consumer price inflation, now we have extremely high asset price inflation... China increasingly trades directly with foreign countries, not in US dollars, but in local currency. I think that eventually China will have a gold-backed currency. That could be 5 years from now, it could be 10 years from now. My view is that US dollar’s day as the global currency is doomed. Now [with] this scenario, you should own some gold. The point is however the following: the central banks around the world have engaged in money printing and it’s not at all a currency war. It is a coordinated effort by central banks that are run by some professors who’ve never worked a single day in their lives in the private sector to kind of bail out the system. Now this bailout will of course fail. And when it fails, the question is what will happen then. I would hold about 25% of my assets in precious metals. ...Because the banking sector is run by an academic mafia. They are the destroyers of the purchasing power of money. The professors at the federal reserve—they don’t care about ordinary people. They are not even independent. They are ruled by someone that tells them, ‘You do this, you do that.’ ...I would hold some precious metals because of the central banks in the world. This is not a currency war, this is an agreement among academics and professors that do not relate to life of ordinary people to print money... The purchasing power of money will continue to decline.” (This *Timeline* owns both gold and silver.) [72716, 72717]

The West Virginia legislature votes 77-16 to override Democrat Governor Earl Ray Tomblin’s veto of legislation banning late-term abortions. (The state senate does the same the next day.) PJMedia.com notes that “West Virginia is the 11th state to prohibit abortions after 20 weeks. ...Proponents of the legislation base it on the belief that a fetus can feel pain at 20 weeks. Hence the name of the bill, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which was approved by an overwhelming majority in the West Virginia Legislature before Gov. Tomblin’s veto.” [73121]

The Department of Justice (DOJ) releases a “Report Regarding the Criminal Investigation into the Shooting Death of Michael Brown by Ferguson, Missouri Police Officer Darren Wilson.” The “investigation did not reveal any eyewitness who stated that Brown said ‘don’t shoot.” (The oft-repeated “hands up, don’t shoot” meme is based on a lie.) Wilson will not face federal charges. The DOJ also releases a report—“Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department”—charging “disparate impact” in the actions of the Ferguson police department, because a higher percentage of blacks are charged with crimes than whites. (About 67 percent of the town’s residents are black, which some leftists magically believe should mean that no more than 67 percent of the criminals should ever be black—and the only cause of a higher percentage must necessarily be the result of racism. Regardless of how many racists may be part of the police force in Ferguson, it is absurd to argue that criminal charges against minorities should always reflect the same percentage of those minorities in the general population.) [72496, 72497, 72539, 72570, 72580, 72773]

The Department of Justice had known for quite some time that no charges would be brought against Wilson, yet Attorney General Eric Holder delayed the release of the report so that it would be overshadowed by his report condemning the Ferguson Police Department. For political purposes, Holder shamelessly made Wilson suffer longer than necessary. Former FBI assistant director Ronald Hosko tells CNSNews.com, “Eric Holder knew in the fall that there was zero evidence to continue pursuing a case against Darren Wilson. He had seven months to make an announcement. But we had nothing but a resounding silence from the attorney general. He was mute all fall and winter while two police officers were gunned down in New York.” Hosko calls Holder’s delay “an appalling lapse not reflective of the intent to pursue justice. ...Holder deliberately gave a 20-minute dissertation on the ‘patterns and practices investigation’ to paint the whole department with the same brush.” [73132, 73134]

Thomas Sowell later says of the DOJ report, “Sweeping assumptions take the place of facts, and misleading statistics are thrown around recklessly. ...According to the ...report, law enforcement in Ferguson has a ‘disparate impact’ on blacks and is ‘motivated’ by ‘discriminatory intent.’ ...The implicit assumption is that such statistics about particular outcomes would normally reflect the percentage of people in the population. But, no matter how plausible this might seem on the surface, it is seldom found in real life, and those who use that standard are seldom, if ever, asked to produce hard evidence that it is factually correct, as distinct from politically correct.” [72773]

New York City mayor Bill “the Red” de Blasio announces that city’s schools will observe two Islamic holidays, Eid al-Fit and Eid al-Adha—which celebrates the brutal slaughtering of animals. (Pamela Geller writes, “The city is far too diverse for schools to observe every holiday. NYC has a huge Hindu population. Why weren’t the Hindu holidays added? The education is sub-par as it is; the last thing NYC kids need is more time off from school. This is but another device in which Islam is imposed on the public school.”) [72501, 72559, 72610]

DailyCaller.com reports, “An Egyptian-born imam who in 2007 said that Somali-born activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali should receive the death penalty for her criticism of Islam is now a Department of Justice contractor hired to teach classes to Muslims who are in federal prison. According to federal spending records, Fouad ElBayly, the imam at Islamic Center of Johnstown in Pennsylvania, was contracted by the DOJ’s Bureau of Prisons beginning last year to teach the classes to Muslim inmates at Cumberland Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, Md. ...Ali, a former Dutch parliamentarian who fled Somalia with her family at a young age, has been vocal in her critique of Islam, claiming that women suffer greatly under the religion.” [72560, 72561, 72611]

In Gaza, thousands gather for the funeral of 80-year-old Hammad Al-Hasanat, the co-founder of the terrorist group Hamas. [72562, 72563]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich writes, “In case you missed it yesterday, the New York

Times reported that during her time as Secretary of State Hillary Clinton conducted the entirety of her official government business through a personal email account, potentially violating the Federal Records Act and skirting Freedom of Information Act laws. Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), who is leading the Select Committee investigation into the 9/11 Benghazi terror attack, has taken notice of Clinton's personal email habit and said yesterday he will be asking Clinton's email provider to turn over necessary information." (Gowdy should do more than demand the emails. He should demand that the servers be turned over.) [72515, 72571]

Meanwhile, DailyCaller.com reports, "The pro-Hillary Clinton super PAC American Bridge sent a letter Tuesday to the Florida Department of State requesting Republican Jeb Bush's private emails." (Bush was governor of Florida, rather than an employee of the federal government, and was therefore not subject to the federal regulations that applied to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.) [72522]

Jim Kouri writes at Examiner.com, "[A] former Department of Justice prosecuting attorney said that he believes then-Secretary of State Clinton—probably using her unofficial and illegal email system—was complicit in the leaking of classified intelligence regarding military operation plans formulated by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) to destroy Iran's nuclear weapons program. ...Obama and his staff—including his top advisor Valerie Jarrett, herself born in Iran—believed Israel was willing and had the technical and strategic expertise to launch a preemptive sneak attack on Iran in order to eliminate their nuclear threat. ...According to documents obtained by Larry Klayman, the top executive at the nonpartisan Freedom Watch, as a result of his Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit, Secretary Clinton and her closest staff members were the likely sources of the leaks to New York Times reporter David Sanger. Klayman also said the FOIA documents show that those leaks were coordinated with the Obama White House's national security team, which included Susan 'Benghazi' Rice and Iranian-born Valerie Jarrett." [72553, 72554]

Judicial Watch announces "it has filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the State Department seeking any and all communications—including emails—from then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her [Deputy] Chief of Staff Huma Abedin with Nagla Mahmoud, wife of ousted Egyptian president Mohammad Morsi, from January 21, 2009 to January 31, 2013 (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:15-cv-00321)). This latest lawsuit will require the State Department to answer questions about and conduct thorough searches of Hillary Clinton's newly discovered hidden email accounts. Judicial Watch also has nearly a dozen other active FOIA lawsuits that may require the State Department to search these email accounts. Huma Abedin is also alleged to have a secret account as well." [72555, 72565, 72660, 72661]

Abedin's mother, Saleha Mahmood Abedin, is a close friend of Nagla Mahmoud, and a member of the Muslim Sisterhood, which is the female version of the Muslim Brotherhood. According to DiscovertheNetworks.org, Abedin is a "longtime former

employee of the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs, which shares the Muslim Brotherhood's goal of establishing Islamic supremacy and Sharia Law worldwide." Abedin, a practicing Muslim, was also "an executive board member of George Washington University's (GWU) Muslim Students Association (MSA)... [I]n 2001-02, soon after Abedin left that executive board, the chaplain and 'spiritual guide' of GWU's MSA was Anwar al-Awlaki, the al Qaeda operative who ministered to some of the men who were among the 9/11 hijackers. ...Huma Abedin's brother, Hassan Abedin, has ties to the Muslim Brotherhood and is currently an associate editor with the JMMA [*Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*]. Hassan was once a fellow at the Oxford Center for Islamic Studies, at a time when the Center's board included such Brotherhood-affiliated figures as Yusuf al-Qaradawi and Abdullah Omar Naseef. Huma's sister, Heba Abedin (formerly known as 'Heba A. Khaled'), is an assistant editor with JMMA, where she served alongside Huma prior to the latter's departure." [72555, 72565, 72660, 72661]

The Associated Press considers a lawsuit over the government's refusal to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests related to Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State. According to NYTimes.com, "In its requests, the AP asked for her full schedules and calendars and for details on the State Department's decision to grant a special position to a longtime Clinton aide, Huma Abedin, among other documents. The oldest request, the news organization said, was made in March 2010." [72557]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "Dick Harpootlian, a former Democratic Party chairman in South Carolina, home to an early and important presidential primary [and a top supporter of Joe Biden's presidential bid in 2016], said recent reports about Clinton's use of private e-mail to conduct government business and her family's charitable foundation accepting donations from foreign governments while she was secretary of state could be damaging to her likely 2016 presidential campaign. 'There's always another shoe to drop with Hillary,' Harpootlian said in an interview Wednesday. 'Do we nominate her not knowing what's in those e-mails? ...If the e-mails were just her and her family and friends canoodling about fashion and what they're going to do next week, that's one thing. But the fact that she's already turned e-mails to the Benghazi committee because she was doing official business on it means she's going to die by 1,000 cuts on this one. ...The chatter down here [in South Carolina] is, 'Is this the best we can do?' Certainly everyone wants to give a woman a chance to lead this country, but is [Clinton] the woman?" [72574, 72578]

State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf tells reporters she is "pretty confident" that all of Hillary Clinton's work-related emails have been turned over because, "her staff has stated that anything related to her work has been given to the State Department." (It apparently does not occur to Harf that Clinton and her staffers could be lying.) [72585]

At NationalReview.com Shannen Coffin, a former Department of Justice and White House lawyer, writes, "The Federal Records Act requires the preservation of any official 'record,' which is defined functionally to require preservation whenever a record relates to the performance of a federal official's duties. There is little question that Hillary

Clinton was conducting official business on her private e-mail account, and her turning over 55,000 pages of documents only *after* she left office all but concedes that (but may not concede the full scope of her use of that account). There is also little doubt, given this functional definition, that e-mail has been covered by the Federal Records Act since its adoption by the federal government during the Clinton administration. Best practices have *always* been that an employee using a private account for government business has to either print the e-mail (which rarely happens) or copy or forward the e-mail to the employee's official government e-mail account for preservation. Those practices, which reflected the law as it existed before Mrs. Clinton was secretary of state, were codified by National Archives Regulations in 2009, which required that any records created on private e-mail accounts must be saved to the federal-records system." [72699, 72700, 72798]

"But," continues Coffin, "Mrs. Clinton did something here that went well beyond *occasional* or *incidental* use of private e-mail accounts. She eschewed the use of an official account entirely, and deliberately established a private e-mail account, apparently maintained on a server in the Clintons' New York home. As a result, her e-mails were at no time during her tenure in office subject to the Federal Records Act. (She provided some of the e-mails only after she left office, and only when the Department of State asked for them back.) As our friends at Judicial Watch will no doubt remind everyone, there were plenty of Freedom of Information Act requests that would have implicated her e-mails. But they were never searched, even though a reasonable search of all responsive federal records must be made in response to FOIA requests. And the records would have been relevant to congressional inquiries as well, including continuing investigations of the Benghazi attacks. Why does that matter? Well, a federal criminal law makes it a felony when any custodian of official government records 'willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, falsifies, or destroys the same.' The crime is punishable by up to three years in prison. And interestingly, Congress felt strongly enough about the crime that it included the unusual provision that the perpetrator shall 'forfeit his office and be disqualified from holding any office under the United States.'" [72699, 72700]

"The requirement for specific intent in this criminal law—'willfully and unlawfully'—and the fact that [Obama's likely next Attorney General] Loretta Lynch would ultimately decide whether to bring prosecution, makes it doubtful that charges would be filed. But the better question is how could Hillary Clinton, in light of this prohibition, decide that this was a good (or legal) idea? Setting up a shadow e-mail server to conduct all official business as secretary of state is an action plainly undertaken for the purpose of evading federal-records laws. And Clinton was successful at that, avoiding congressional and citizen demands for review of her record during her term in office. For all we know, she may still be withholding records that ought to be handed over to the State Department and subjected to pre-existing FOIA requests. Unlike the Presidential Records Act, which allows the president a cooling off period before subjecting his records to public review, the Federal Records Act does not allow officials in federal agencies the same grace period. Yet that presidential privilege, at a minimum, is what Hillary Clinton claimed for herself. Could it be said that she also violated a federal criminal prohibition on willfully

‘concealing’ federal records? That certainly is a question that should be examined.”
[72699, 72700]

Former prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy adds, “I think there are other potential criminal violations as well. We don’t know enough about the former secretary of state’s emails yet to make a judgment about whether they involved classified matters—which could trigger liability under the espionage act (which governs the maintenance and severely limits the permissible disclosure of national security secrets). It is hard to imagine that no classified matters are implicated, but let’s set that aside for the moment. ...[T]he embezzlement statute (Section 641 of the federal penal code – Title 18) may also be relevant.

Embezzlement generally refers to the theft of money, but the federal statute extends the concept to cover government records and other property as well. Specifically, the statute makes it a crime, punishable by up to 10 years’ imprisonment, for anyone ([it] does not have to be a custodian or even a government official) to embezzle, steal, purloin or knowingly convert for the use of herself or others ‘*any record ...or thing of value of the United States or of any department or agency thereof.*’ It similarly criminalizes the receipt, concealment or retention of such embezzled or purloined government records. Under federal law, emails constituting government business conducted by government officials are government records. Much has justifiably been said today about the importance of issuing subpoenas to compel production of Mrs. Clinton’s private email records. That should only be the beginning of the investigation. It takes a great deal of time and effort to maintain, service, repair and operate servers. Who was involved in that project? Who had access?” [72699]

“And who knew about the external email system and facilitated its operation? As secretary of state, Clinton was surrounded by several longtime aides, including Cheryl Mills, Jake Sullivan and Huma Abedin. Mills and Sullivan have already been implicated by a witness in a scheme to purge embarrassing documents from the materials the State Department provided to Mrs. Clinton’s hand-picked Accountability Review Board that investigated security lapses surrounding the 2012 Benghazi massacre. It is known, moreover, that then-Secretary Clinton created an ethically dubious arrangement that allowed Abedin to work for private clients—at a Clinton-connected consulting firm—while remaining on the State Department payroll as a top adviser. The Obama Justice Department may want no part of this, but congressional committees ought to be getting very busy.” [72699, 73558]

The U.S. Supreme Court hears arguments in *King v. Burwell*, a case that challenges the federal subsidies for ObamaCare premiums to enrollees in states that did not establish exchanges. At DailySignal.com Hans A. Von Spakovsky writes, “Mike Carvin, the lawyer representing the challengers, gave a tour de force performance under heavy siege by the liberal justices on the Court. They almost immediately sought to divert attention away from the plain language of the statute, which is unambiguously in conflict with the position taken by the IRS and the administration, by asking questions about the supposedly dire consequences that could ensue if the Court rules against the government. Of course, this is a policy issue that should have nothing to do with the legal question at

issue. As Carvin said in his very first words at the podium, ‘This is a straightforward case of statutory construction where the plain language of the statute dictates the result.’ ...In general, there was a great deal of discussion over an hour and a half about the language of the specific provision on exchanges, whether the text should be interpreted differently based on the overall structure of the statute, and on the possible effect on the insurance market and individuals of a finding that no tax credits can be provided through the federal exchange. ...How the Court will rule is anyone’s guess, but we will likely hear one way or another by the end of June, when the Supreme Court’s current term ends.” [72517, 72537, 72540, 72569, 72581]

Laura Kennedy, the U.S. government’s representative at the International Atomic Energy Agency, tells the agency’s board of governors, “Iran’s failure to cooperate fully with the IAEA raises questions regarding its commitment to demonstrating its nuclear program is exclusively peaceful. Indeed, serious unresolved issues regarding Iran’s nuclear program remain, particularly those concerning its possible military dimensions.” [72586]

On *Your World*, retired Major General Bob Scales tells Neil Cavuto that Secretary of State John Kerry is wasting his time trying to get a good deal with Iran: “The United States is going to get what they want, and that’s a signed piece of paper that will stamp [Obama] for posterity as a peacemaker, and the Iranians are going to get what they really must have, and that’s an end to the sanctions. The collapse of oil prices have made things even worse for the Iranians. ...And they will continue to build the bomb... They are so far along now with the number of facilities that they’ve built, either buried underground or sequestered into urban areas, they know that their nuclear weapons program is secure... They’ll continue to be the world’s largest exporter of terrorism...” Scales states that only the United States can do something about it, “and for the next two years we’re not going to do it, and the Iranians know it.” [72727]

According to a February 26-March 2 Quinnipiac poll, 62 percent of Americans support “boots on the ground” to defeat ISIS in Syria and Iraq, while 30 percent are opposed. [72528, 72529]

According to WashingtonTimes.com, “Two top congressional chairmen demanded Wednesday that the IRS turn over all its emails that might have given private taxpayer information to the White House, after ...Obama’s lawyer last week passed the buck to the tax agency, insisting they would be able to search for the emails.” [72536]

The Senate fails to override Obama’s veto of the Keystone XL pipeline legislation, despite eight Democrats voting with the Republicans. (An override requires a two-thirds vote.) [72546]

Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) announces he will run for the seat of Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), who has said she will not seek reelection in 2016. Kathleen Matthews, wife of Hardball’s Chris Matthews, then announces she will seek Van

Hollen's House seat. (Matthews is an executive at Marriott International.)

In a March 1-3 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll, Obama's approval/disapproval ratings slip to 42/53 percent. (Obama's highest rating, 65/16, was in January 2009. His lowest rating, 38/56, was in September 2014. The average has been 46/47.) Obama's favorable/unfavorable ratings are 38/58. Only 34 percent believe Obama is a "strong negotiator with foreign leaders." While Obama's net favorability rating is -11, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is +6 among Americans. [72566, 72567]

Late in the evening, Hillary Clinton tweets, "I want the public to see my email. I asked State to release them. They said they will review them for release as soon as possible." State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf states, "The State Department will review for public release the emails provided by Secretary Clinton to the Department, using a normal process that guides such releases. We will undertake this review as quickly as possible; given the sheer volume of the document set, this review will take some time to complete." (That is, it will take some time to remove the emails that are considered damaging to Clinton or the Obama administration. Harf notes that Clinton is providing the State Department with [some] emails, when the department should have had them all along—had proper procedures and the law been followed. Clinton no doubt has staffers reviewing her email files that are retained on her own residential server. She most certainly does not want the public to see *all* her emails. She only wants those that she considers "safe" to be released.) [72563, 72564, 72576]

On March 5 Fox News' Catherine Herridge reports, "Fox News has exclusively obtained an internal 2011 State Department cable that shows Secretary of State Clinton's office told employees not to use personal email for security reasons, while at the same time, HRC [Hillary Rodham Clinton] conducted all government business on a private account. Sent to Diplomatic and Consular Staff in June 2011, the unclassified cable, with Clinton's electronic signature, makes clear to 'avoid conducting official Department from your personal e-mail accounts' and employees should not 'auto-forward Department email to personal email accounts which is prohibited by Department policy.' The Cable was addressed to all diplomatic and consular posts with the subject line 'Securing Personal E-mail Accounts.' While the cable told employees to secure personal/home email accounts given increased targeting of government employees, it makes clear that these personal accounts should never be used for government business and cites the departure procedures which prohibit the practices." [72568]

At TheFederalist.com Sean Davis reports, "Although Hillary Clinton and her allies may be claiming that her private e-mail system is no big deal, Hillary's State Department actually forced the 2012 resignation of the U.S. ambassador to Kenya in part for setting up an unsanctioned private e-mail system. According to a 2012 report from the State Department's inspector general, former U.S. ambassador to Kenya Scott Gration set up a private e-mail system for his office in 2011. The inspector general's report offered a scathing assessment of Gration's information security practices—practices that are eerily similar to those undertaken by Clinton while she served as Secretary of State... The

inspector general's report specifically noted that Gration violated State Department policy by using a private, unsanctioned e-mail service for official business. In its executive summary listing its key judgments against the U.S. ambassador to Kenya who served under Hillary Clinton, the inspector general stated that Gration's decision to willfully violate departmental information security policies highlighted Gration's 'reluctance to accept clear-cut U.S. Government decisions.' The report claimed that this reluctance to obey governmental security policies was the former ambassador's 'greatest weakness.' ...In a report filed shortly after his resignation, the Washington Post also recounted Gration's myriad security violations as U.S. ambassador, noting that Gration had 'repeatedly violated diplomatic security protocols at the embassy by using unsecured Internet connections.'" [72592, 72593, 72632, 72738, 73061]

At Morning Jolt, NationalReview.com's Jim Geraghty writes, "From a supremely cynical political perspective, it's better for conservatives and Republicans if Hillary Clinton's e-mails never come to light. If they're destroyed and impossible to recover, it means she will never be able to dispel everyone's worst suspicions. ...We don't know if foreign intelligence services ever cracked the (apparently flawed) code [on Clinton's email server] and got to read Hillary's private e-mails. We do know that we would be fools to assume they hadn't. This prospect makes a lot of Obama's first-term foreign policy look a little different in retrospect. Was there any particular time when a foreign power seemed one step ahead of our policies? Did Moscow, Beijing, or other foreign capitals seem to know what we were thinking in our negotiations before we began? [Did] Any of our spies get burned, or sources of intelligence dry up? Was Hillary Clinton's e-mail effectively a leak all along? (By the way, in the interim, every imaginable White House official should be brought before Congress and asked why it didn't seem unusual to them that Hillary Clinton never used a state.gov address, ever, at all, in a four-year span. Her use of a private e-mail was not secret within the administration.)"

On *Now with Alex Wagner*, MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell says, "You know what's funny to me about this is that a lot of people in liberal world today are using the 'Bush standard,' something they normally find abhorrent on everything, including what you order for dinner. They're using the Bush standard as the defense of Hillary Clinton. Uh, Bush's e-mails were legally available to everyone. Uh, Hillary Clinton's system, uh, was designed to defy Freedom of Information Act requests, which is designed to defy the law. The Freedom of Information Act and all this government transparency, which we obviously care about a lot more than voters do, that was a decades-long liberal crusade. It was liberals, uh, pushing on this from the Nixon administration forward to, say, 'There's too much nasty stuff backstage, we gotta [sic; have to] to find out how this is really working.' So... every one of these regulations—the regulation that Hillary Clinton was defying—is a liberal regulation. ...It is of a liberal spirit." On March 2 O'Donnell said, "This is a stunning breach of security. If this is true that she never used a State Department email address, we have something that at first read has no conceivable rational explanation to it that is legitimate." (O'Donnell, an admitted socialist, might certainly prefer a Democrat candidate in 2016 who is to Clinton's political left. Of course, that does not mean his criticism of Clinton is invalid.) [72575, 72643]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey points out the problem of never knowing whether emails released by Hillary Clinton will represent *all* of them: “That’s precisely what the FRA [Federal Records Act] was written to *prevent*. Executive branch communications go through official channels in order to remove the officials from the decisions of what gets archived and what gets thrown out. Otherwise, corrupt and/or incompetent officials could cull out any incriminating evidence, save only what makes them look good and honest, and then claim that the historical record vindicates them. That is exactly what Hillary Clinton is trying to pull with this maneuver, and if Democrats nominate her, that culture of corruption is exactly what they’ll be endorsing ...again.” (It is a felony if any custodian of official government records “willfully and unlawfully conceals, removes, mutilates, obliterates, falsifies, or destroys the same.”) [72576, 72579]

According to Politico.com, Chelsea Clinton used her mother’s home server for her clintonemail.com emails, under the pseudonym “Diane Reynolds.” [72597]

Newsmax.com reports, “The White House counsel’s office was not aware at the time Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State that she relied solely on personal email and only found out as part of the congressional investigation into the Benghazi attack, according to a person familiar with the matter.” (It is almost impossible to believe that no one in the Obama administration knew Clinton was violating the law.) [72595]

“Former White House spokesman Ari Fleischer tells Newsmax TV he believes Iran, Russia and China routinely read Hillary Clinton’s emails detailing sensitive government business. Fleischer, who served under George W. Bush, said the disclosure that Clinton had used a personal email account—not a government one—during her time as Secretary of State made her dispatches vulnerable to hacking. ‘If it’s done from a personal account, I guarantee you China, Russia and Iran have them.’” [72596]

According to NYTimes.com, Hillary Clinton did not turn over computer files of her emails to the State Department to review and release. Instead, in December 2014, “dozens of boxes filled with 50,000 pages of printed emails from Mrs. Clinton’s personal account were delivered to the State Department.” At WSJ.com James Taranto asks, “Why did Mrs. Clinton have her staff go through the trouble of printing out, boxing and shipping 50,000 or 55,000 pages instead of just sending a copy of the electronic record? One can only speculate, but there is an obvious advantage: Printed files are less informative and far harder to search than the electronic originals. Because State has only printouts of emails, department personnel responding to a Freedom of Information Act request have to go through the whole haystack rather than type ‘needle’ into a search engine. At best, that would mean long delays in FOIA compliance. ...Just what was Mrs. Clinton trying to hide? She set up the private domain even before her confirmation as secretary of state and never even had an official email address, so the answer at the outset would have been ‘Whatever.’ ...[P]ossible specific answers include information about Benghazi and about the Clinton Foundation.” (Whether environmental activists will complain about the number of trees required for 50,000 pieces of paper is not known.) [72723, 72724, 72725]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and key Congressional Democrats and Republicans call on Obama to provide Ukraine with weaponry to resist Russian troops.

WashingtonTimes.com notes, “Congress last year passed, and Mr. Obama signed, a law allowing transfer of defensive military equipment to Ukraine. And this week Ukrainian officials delivered to the Pentagon and Mr. Obama’s national security staff a list of military equipment they could use. But despite having permission, Mr. Obama has not taken advantage of it.” [72583]

CNSNews.com reports, “In a speech delivered last month to commanders and other personnel in the Iranian Air Force, whom he described as ‘officials who have very sensitive occupations,’ Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei—Iran’s Supreme Leader and commander in chief—boasted that Iran had enriched uranium to the 20-percent level. At the same time, the Supreme Leader noted that his government had agreed to shut down its production of 20-percent enriched uranium ‘for a while’ in its effort to reach a deal with United States and other foreign powers that would include lifting the sanctions now imposed on his country.” (Enriching uranium to the 20 percent level is generally considered “the hard part” of developing a nuclear weapon.) [72584]

DailyMail.com reports, “White children will be outnumbered by minority kids in the United States in just five years, new Census Bureau projections reveal. This is the result of an ongoing trend of declining birth among white Americans and a baby boom among immigrant groups, as well as a surge in immigration. By the year 2020, 50.2percent of all children in the US are expected to be non-white, according to the Census. By 2044, whites will be outnumbered by minorities. The Census study, released this week, predicts that by year 2060, nearly 20 percent of the population will be foreign born—thanks to an influx of 64million new immigrants.” [72588]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A majority of House lawmakers now are on record opposing the Obama administration’s proposed ban on ammunition commonly used in AR-15 rifles. A total of 239 lawmakers, including seven Democrats, have signed a letter to Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives [ATF] Director Todd Jones urging the agency to abandon the proposed ammo ban. ‘Under no circumstances should ATF adopt a standard that will ban ammunition that is overwhelmingly used by law-abiding Americans for legitimate purposes,’ the lawmakers wrote Wednesday. ... White House press secretary Josh Earnest said this week that ... Obama supports the move because he believes a prohibition on armor-piercing bullets will save the lives of law-enforcement officers. The ATF said in a report that newer handguns are capable of firing the ammo, which is primarily used in rifles for target practice or hunting game. But the lawmakers and others who track Second Amendment issues say the steel-tipped, .223 caliber M855 ammunition has not been used in any fatal shootings of police officers. Opponents are concerned that the proposal is a backdoor effort by the administration to eliminate the use of AR-15 rifles, and many police officers also oppose the ban. ... There are more than 5 million AR-15 rifles in the U.S.” [72589, 72647, 72648]

Breitbart.com reports, “Hillary Rodham Clinton’s brother, Tony Rodham, sat on the board of a self-described mining company that in 2012 received one of only two ‘gold exploitation permits’ from the Haitian government—the first issued in over 50 years. The tiny North Carolina company, VCS Mining, also included on its board Bill Clinton’s co-chair of the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission (IHRC), former Haitian Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive. ...VCS’s coveted gold mining exploitation permit was apparently such a sweetheart deal that it outraged the Haitian senate, since royalties to be paid to the Haitian government were only 2.5%, a sum mining experts say is at least half the standard rate. ...According to USAID, \$3.1 billion have been dispersed since the 2010 Haiti earthquake.” (The U.S. taxpayers gave Haiti billions in earthquake relief funds, and Hillary Clinton’s brother “coincidentally” was rewarded.) [72590]

A freight train transporting 130 tankers of crude oil derails and catches fire near Galena, Illinois, prompting the evacuation of nearby residents. (Whether the Obama administration is aware of an alternate and safer way to transport crude oil is not clear.) [72594]

According to the Department of Commerce, new orders for manufactured goods in January fell 0.2 percent, marking the sixth straight monthly decline. [72617, 72618]

According to a Fox News poll, “More Americans feel they love the United States than think Obama does: 83 percent think the U.S. is the greatest country in the world. Just 64 percent believe Obama feels the same way. The difference in the two perceptions is mainly partisan: 90 percent of Republicans think the U.S. is the best, while only 42 percent believe [Obama] agrees. Among Democrats, 82 percent feel this is the greatest nation, and even more—88 percent—believe Obama feels that. ...Overall, 54 percent of voters say Obama is patriotic, yet that’s down from 60 percent who felt that way in 2011. Again, party identification matters: the number of Republicans today who think [Obama] is patriotic is down six percentage points from 2011, among independents it’s down four points and for Democrats it’s down one. ...Fewer voters than ever before see Obama as honest: a record-low 43 percent. And for the first time since 2007, a majority, 54 percent, disagrees that [Obama] is ‘honest.’” [72623, 72624]

BizPacReview.com reports, “Israel and Saudi Arabia are mortal enemies, but a columnist at a pro-government newspaper in Saudi Arabia this week praised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a friend to peace in the Middle East and branded ...Obama ‘one of the worst American presidents’ over his negotiations with Iran. Writing in the pro-government newspaper Al-Jazirah before Netanyahu’s speech Tuesday, columnist Ahmad Al-Faraj praised the Israeli prime minister—something that doesn’t get done often in any Arab country. And he bashed Obama, according to a translation by the Middle East Media Research Institute.” The Saudi Arabian column concludes, “Since Obama is the godfather of the prefabricated revolutions in the Arab world, and since he is the ally of political Islam, [which is] the caring mother of [all] the terrorist organizations, and since he is working to sign an agreement with Iran that will come at the expense of the U.S.’s longtime allies in the Gulf, I am very glad of Netanyahu’s firm stance and [his

decision] to speak against the nuclear agreement at the American Congress despite the Obama administration's anger and fury. I believe that Netanyahu's conduct will serve our interests, the people of the Gulf, much more than the foolish behavior of one of the worst American presidents. Do you agree with me?" [72634]

On March 6 AFP reports, "Condemnation poured in Friday of the Islamic State group's bulldozing of the ancient city of Nimrud, the jihadists' latest attack on Iraqi cultural treasures that the UN termed a 'war crime.' After rampaging through Mosul's museum with sledgehammers and torching its library last month, IS [ISIS] 'bulldozed' the nearby ruins of Nimrud Thursday, the tourism and antiquities ministry said." [72612]

Obama names the anti-Israel Robert O. Malley "special assistant" to lead the Middle East desk at the National Security Council. TimesofIsrael.com notes, "As the director of the Middle East Program at the International Crisis Group, a think tank, [Malley] met multiple times with Hamas officials and said parties to the peace process must at some stage engage with the terrorist group, which controls the Gaza Strip. ... In 2008, Malley came under attack because he met with Hamas officials while informally advising then-senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign." As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Malley's father, Simon Malley, was an Egyptian-born journalist, member of the Egyptian Communist Party, close friend of Yasser Arafat, anti-Semite and anti-American. Malley had been expelled from France in 1980 for, according to government officials, "political activities which do not correspond with, and even run contrary to, French interests in certain countries..." and some articles written by Malley that were "genuine appeals to murder foreign chiefs of state." Robert Malley served as Clinton's Special Assistant for Arab-Israeli Affairs (1998-2000). In May 2008 Obama removed Malley from his list of official advisors after it was reported that he had met with Hamas, but Obama nevertheless continued to rely on his advice and support. Malley served on the board of the International Crisis Group along with George Soros and the Muslim Brotherhood-backed Iranian shill Mohamed el-Baradei." [356, 453, 472, 473, 474, 497, 1583, 17193, 17217, 17218, 17219, 17220, 17221, 17225, 17229, 17242, 17245, 17246, 17254, 17390, 17457, 55306, 55307, 72710, 72711, 72746]

Pamela Geller writes, "Robert O. Malley is such a controversial figure that when his name was floated during Obama 's 2007 presidential campaign, it was quickly withdrawn, but that was when Obama was pretending to be something that he is not in order to get elected. Obama no longer feels he has to hide who and what he is—a Jew-hater, and he is acting accordingly." Geller notes that Malley has spent years representing the Palestinian point of view, co-writing a series of anti-Israel articles with Hussein Agha—a former Arafat adviser. ... These have appeared in the New York Review of Books, a publication that has served as a platform for a slew of anti-Israel advocates from Tony Judt to... George Soros to the authors of the Israeli Lobby book Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer. Malley has also called settlements 'colonies'—implicitly condemning Israel as a 'colonial' state. His writings have been so critical of Israel that the media-monitoring group CAMERA has a 'dossier' on him." [72711, 72746]

Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett makes the outrageous claim, “I actually did not” receive emails from Hillary Clinton when she was Secretary of State, and “I don’t know” if anyone else in the Obama administration received emails from Clinton. (No one in his right mind would believe that neither Jarrett nor anyone in the administration would have never received emails from Clinton. She certainly did not make a personal visit to White House every time she needed to communicate something.) [72619, 72658]

Politico.com reports, “The State Department has had a policy in place since 2005 to warn officials against routine use of personal email accounts for government work, a regulation in force during Hillary Clinton’s tenure as secretary of state that appears to be at odds with her reliance on a private email for agency business...” According to the rules, “It is the Department’s general policy that normal day-to-day operations be conducted on an authorized [Automated Information System], which has the proper level of security control to provide nonrepudiation [sic; non-repudiation], authentication and encryption, to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the resident information.” [72636]

At HotAir.com Mary Katherine Ham writes, “The Clintonista line, when it hasn’t been the utterly preposterous notion that Clinton is being extra-special transparent by hiding her e-mails in a private account, has relied on the idea that there was technically no prohibition on conducting business on an outside email account. This is almost equally preposterous, ...but new reports from both Politico and Fox’s Catherine Herridge demolish it. Clinton herself told personnel to avoid personal email in 2011. You know, right before she canned an ambassador for doing it. ... Rules are for other people, not for Clintons...” [72636]

Paul Begala, Democrat operative and longtime ally of the Clintons, says, “Voters do not give a shit about what email Hillary used. They don’t even give a fart.” [72637]

Interviewed by radio host Hugh Hewitt, author Mark Steyn says, “I think there’s no doubt” that Hillary Clinton’s use of a personal email account for her State Department duties “was deliberate. This is why the usual spin isn’t going to work, because she essentially set up a shadow operation to supplant the normal exchange of information within a cabinet department. ...If [you use] your regular government email, that is to say your Hillary.Clinton@State.gov, your emails are part of the public record and can be easily accessed under Freedom of Information Act. If they’re part of some private thing and... somebody requests them, you have to go to court and then somebody files an interlocutory appeal, and then it’s being heard for the next three years. And by the time... any decision comes down, you’re three-quarters of the way through your first term. That’s why she did it. That’s why she did it. And that is what is so repugnant about it, that you have all these rules, you have all these laws. Everything is quite explicit here. Nobody’s saying it’s about codes of behavior and conventions the way it is in Canada or the United Kingdom or whatever. It’s all written down explicitly here. And she says sit down, it doesn’t matter.” [72742]

“And I think it’s all part of a pattern here, that they’re protecting their own in the same

way as they protect [Obama] when he decides which bits of U.S. immigration law no longer apply, or which bits of ObamaCare law no longer apply, that there is an increasingly open contempt for the rule of law. ...[S]he thinks she can get away with it, which is one reason all this stuff is coming up and out now. You know, it's the usual business. *The New York Times* guy who broke the story is sort of kind of sheepish about his own scoop. In other words, he's writing it up now because he doesn't want the scoop to get out of hand. But it's a major, it's a major issue. The problem in Libya on the night of Benghazi was that nobody, either in Benghazi or in Tripoli, can get hold, could get hold of the cabinet office in charge of American foreign policy. The ambassador in Tripoli, the deputy ambassador in Tripoli after the U.S. ambassador has been killed, was able to get the president of Libya on the phone, but he wasn't able to get anyone who mattered in his own department back in Washington on the phone, because he, he's like all these other shlub ambassadors. He didn't have the email for the Secretary of State. That's absolutely ridiculous. The Australia ambassador in Washington knows how to contact the Australian foreign minister in Canberra. This is a separate, this was a separate, unique arrangement that Hillary Clinton thought she was entitled to because of her celebrity, and there were real consequences to it." [72742]

MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell says, "Well, the Benghazi investigation by the Select Committee was viewed by many as overkill, that it had all been cleared up back two years ago. And the fact is that some people, certainly the partisans for Hillary Clinton, thought it was a witch hunt. Now they [Republicans] can say, with some legitimacy, 'We didn't have all the emails.'" (CNSNews.com notes that "Mitchell herself was one of those Clinton 'partisans' who adopted the 'witch hunt' label. In May of 2014, Mitchell led the top of *Andrea Mitchell Reports* by declaring: 'The Benghazi dozen, five Democrats now agreeing to join seven Republican inquisitors after failing to block the new Benghazi probe. Is it a witch hunt or a truth squad?'" [72756]

Judicial Watch submits Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests with the State Department seeking information about Hillary Clinton's and other State Department employees' using email accounts other than "state.gov." [72881, 72882]

Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL) writes Obama, stating, "Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution is clear on this matter—only Congress has the power to tax. The statement by your press secretary [Josh Earnest] this week that you are 'very interested' in reshaping the tax code through unilateral action would be a clear violation of the Constitution and continue a disturbing lack of bipartisanship. ...I remind you that the last successful tax reform effort, nearly 30 years ago, required President Reagan and a Democratic Congress to find common ground, but unilateral action could poison the well of goodwill that is necessary to tackle this urgent challenge in a bipartisan manner." [72640]

CNN.com reports, "The Justice Department is preparing to bring criminal corruption charges against Sen. Robert Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat, alleging he used his Senate office to push the business interests of a Democratic donor and friend in exchange

for gifts. People briefed on the case say Attorney General Eric Holder has signed off on prosecutors' request to proceed with charges, CNN first reported. An announcement could come within weeks. Prosecutors are under pressure in part because of the statute of limitation on some of the allegations. ...The government's case centers on Menendez's relationship with Salomon Melgen, a Florida ophthalmologist who the senator has called a friend and political supporter. Melgen and his family have been generous donors to the senator and various committees the senator is associated with. Investigators have focused in part on plane trips Menendez took in 2010 to the Dominican Republic as a guest of Melgen. In 2013, after word of the federal investigation became public, Menendez paid back Melgen \$58,000 for the 2010 plane trips calling his failure to properly disclose the flights an 'oversight.'" According to Breitbart.com, Melgen "donated more than \$700,000 to support the Senator's reelection" through contributions to a PAC. Melgen is the number one recipient of Medicare payments in the nation, having billed \$20.8 million in 2012 alone. According to Phil Kerpen, president of American Commitment, "Despite being an eye doctor with no security background, Melgen bought a defunct, and therefore largely worthless, Dominican port security contract. Menendez, in turn, brought pressure to bear on the Dominican government to reinstate the contract, which would earn Melgen... windfall profits." [72621, 72622, 72629, 72641, 72642, 72645, 72657, 72665, 72745, 72766, 72845, 72846, 72847]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich adds, "Menendez has been under fire over the past three years for allegations of hiring underage prostitutes in the Dominican Republic, for accepting suspicious campaign donations and much more. ...I should point out that the timing of the indictment is interesting. Menendez has been a harsh critic of ...Obama's policy and negotiations with Iran and has been a staunch supporter of Israel." (Anyone who follows politics knows Menendez is a shady character—and a fan of child prostitutes in the Caribbean. That he was not indicted ages ago merely reflects the fact that he is a powerful Democrat. But Obama has apparently told Attorney General Eric Holder to go after him, in retaliation for his strong support of Israel and opposition to his Cuba policy.) [72621, 72622, 72629, 72641, 72642, 72645, 72657, 72665, 72745, 72766]

An angry Menendez holds a press conference to announce (in English and in Spanish), "I am not going anywhere. ...I have always conducted myself appropriately and in accordance with the law." After his brief statement he refuses to take questions from the reporters (some of whom were caught on open microphones, before Menendez spoke, talking about where they would like to have sex). [72627]

WXIX/Fox19.com manages to conduct a telephone interview with Christopher Cornell (also known as Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah), a 20-year-old Ohio resident who was arrested by the FBI on January 14, before he was able to proceed with his terrorist plot. According to the local Fox affiliate, "Cornell is accused of plotting with an FBI informant to plan an attack in Washington, D.C. that included planting pipe bombs around the U.S. Capitol and the Israeli embassy with the intention of then shooting people as they ran from the buildings to escape the bombs." Cornell says in the interview, "I'm with the Islamic State. I'm very dedicated to establish the Sharia in America, to wage war on the kafir

[unbeliever] and raise the word of Allah above all. I'm so dedicated that I risked my whole life. ...The planned attack against the United States Capitol, the event in which I planned, was but a reaction to the continued American aggression, injustice and oppression against our people. I got orders from the brothers overseas because I'm with the Islamic State. My brothers over there, in Syria and Iraq, gave me specific orders to carry out jihad in the west, so I did so. ...What would I have done? I would have took [sic; taken] my gun, I would have put it to Obama's head and I would have pulled the trigger. Then I would have released more bullets on the Senate and the House of Representative members, and I would have attacked the Israeli embassy and various other buildings..." [72707, 72708, 72872, 73028]

Cornell says he talked with others "about how we should raise Jihad in America. We should form groups and alliances with the Islamic State. When I say groups, I mean what you would call sleeper cells. ...What do I think is coming? Many things. There will be many, many attacks. Like I said, we are ready for the battle over the Capitol. ...We are pretty strong. Yes, yes. In every state, like I said. We're in Texas. We're in Ohio. We're in New York City. We're in Washington, DC. We're in every single state you can name, just about. ...I'm not afraid of the punishment. You must understand this. The punishment I receive in here [in jail] doesn't come close to the punishment that people like Barack Obama is [sic; are] going to face." (Why prison officials allow Cornell telephone access for a lengthy telephone interview is not clear.) [72707, 72708, 72872, 73028]

6ABC.com reports, "Two suspects have been charged in the death of Philadelphia Police Officer Robert Wilson III, who was gunned down Thursday inside a North Philadelphia GameStop store. Brothers Ramone Williams, 24, and Carlton Hipps, 29, are both charged with 1st degree murder, conspiracy, and attempted murder. ...Hipps was out on parole, having just been released a few weeks ago after being convicted of robbery. And police say Williams has prior arrests for aggravated assault and theft." All three men are black. (Although the ABC story does not note the religion of the killers, the photograph of a bearded Hipps shows a Muslim "prayer bump" on his forehead.) [72709]

In a Sirius radio interview, Obama says, "The notion that some kid that [sic; who] was brought here when he was two or three years old might somehow be deported at the age of 20 or 25 even though they've [sic; he or she has] grown up as American, that's not who we are. That's not true to the spirit of what the march on Selma was about. When you think about the principle that was upheld that day and in subsequent days at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, it was the promise of an inclusive America, it was the promise of an America where everybody was equal under the law." (As usual, Obama provides a false choice argument: he portrays the issue as give citizenship to illegal immigrants or deport all of them. There are, of course, other options—such as doing neither. If a person has lived in the United States illegally without becoming a citizen for years or even decades, why is it necessary to now make that person a citizen? Further, the march on Selma had nothing to do with illegal immigrants or citizenship. It had to do with treating black Americans as human beings with the same rights as every other U.S. citizen.)

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At Townhall.com Conn Carroll writes, “But while granting amnesty to select illegal immigrants may be inclusive, it is the exact opposite of ‘an America where everybody was equal under the law.’ Just look at Obama's own example of ‘some kid that was brought here when he was two or three years old’ who we should not deport now that they are ‘20 or 25.’ What if that kid came to the United States when they were [sic; he or she was] 16 instead of when they were [sic; he or she was] two? What if they [sic; he or she] came last year instead of 15 years ago? Are they [sic; is he or she] still deserving of citizenship? By what logic should we grant amnesty to an illegal immigrant that [sic; who] came here when he was 15 but deny it to one who came when he was 18? By what logic is an illegal immigrant who came to this country in 2010 entitled to... stay but an illegal immigrant who came in 2011 deserving of deportation? Amnesty is all about drawing arbitrary lines that by definition treat people very unequally under the law. ...[W]hy are parents who came to this country illegally and gave birth to a child here entitled to Obama’s amnesty program, but parents who came to this country illegally and brought their existing children with them not? Obama claims it is because he is not legally allowed to do give temporary legalization benefits to both. But that is a lie. There is no law, regulation, or court case anywhere that says parents of children born in the United States are entitled to stay in the country but parents who brought their children with them are not. Obama made that arbitrary distinction up out of thin air. Nobody likes deporting people. And perhaps deportations are an action that should be reserved for just criminals and national security threats. But that is not the policy change that Obama and other amnesty activists have been pushing for decades. At least not openly. The policies that Obama and amnesty activists say they want would treat people very differently based on arbitrary factors like when they arrived in the country or why they came here. The chosen will get to stay and will be put on a path to citizenship. Everyone else, supposedly, would then be deported. How is that in the ‘spirit of Selma?’” [72626]

According to a CNN/ORC poll, 39 percent of Americans believe race relations have worsened since Obama entered the White House; 15 percent say race relations have improved; 45 percent say they have stayed the same, according to the CNN/ORC poll. [72638]

Pummeled by reporters asking questions about Hillary Clinton’s secret email accounts and server, State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf says, “I’m going to go take a whole class on FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] after this.” [72628]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters Obama learned about Hillary Clinton’s email issues “from news reports.” (Why Obama has advisors and staffers is not clear inasmuch as he seems to learn what’s going on from watching television.) [72630]

According to the Department of Labor, the economy added 295,000 jobs in February—and 354,000 Americans left the workforce. The “official” unemployment rate falls from 5.7 to 5.5 percent, although 92.9 million Americans remain jobless—most of whom are

not even counted as unemployed because they have given up looking for work or are on welfare. (The civilian labor force participation rate is 62.8 percent, meaning that only 62.8 percent of working-age Americans have jobs.) [72635, 72644]

At BirtherReport.com attorney Mario Apuzzo (*Kerchner v. Obama*) explains why Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) is *not* a natural born citizen and is therefore ineligible to serve as president of the United States. Cruz, Obama, former Rick Santorum (R-PA), Senator Mario Rubio (R-FL), Louisiana Governor Bob Jindal, and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley are *not* natural born citizens—which means birth on U.S. soil *and* birth to two U.S. citizen parents. (As previously noted in this *Timeline*, on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1862, Congressman John Bingham—the “father of the 14th Amendment”—stated, “All from other lands, who by the terms of [congressional] laws and a compliance with their provisions become naturalized, are adopted citizens of the United States; all other persons born within the Republic, *of parents owing allegiance to no other sovereignty*, are natural born citizens. Gentleman can find no exception to this statement touching natural-born citizens except what is said in the Constitution relating to Indians.” In 1866 Bingham stated, “Every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States *of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty* is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.” Bingham’s definition was never disputed by other Congressmen. Obama supporters—including attorneys filing briefs with the U.S. Supreme Court—have intentionally *omitted* the words “of parents” when quoting Bingham’s statement, in a shameful effort to mislead.) [18420, 18466, 18783, 18784, 18795, 72639, 72659]

At a town hall meeting at Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, Obama enjoys the usual softball questions provided by students. The first “question” from a student is not even a question: “I don’t have a question. I just want you to talk to me.” According to Breitbart.com’s Charlie Spiering, Obama whines about the cold weather, blames it on “climate change,” and says, “I’ll be gone when the worst of this hits.” (So will every one of the 7+ billion inhabitants of earth, none of whom will live to see any dramatic “climate change.”) Asked about reducing gun violence, Obama makes the ridiculous claim, “There are neighborhoods where it’s easier for you to buy a handgun and clips [sic; magazines] than it is for you to buy a fresh vegetable.” (Obama may not be aware that there are no mandatory “waiting periods” or background checks for the purchase of vegetables.) Obama also says, “In fact, in some places it goes the opposite direction. People just say, ‘Well, we should have firearms in Kindergarten and we should have machine guns in bars, and you think I’m exaggerating—I mean, you look at some of these laws that come up.’” (Not only is Obama exaggerating, he is flat-out lying. Although some states allow concealed carry of handguns in public, none certainly allow machine guns—and no one has proposed such legislation. As far as allowing guns in schools, many Americans support *teachers* being allowed to carry guns in order to protect their students. But that is not the same as allowing students to carry weapons to class.) [72651, 72719]

Of the Keystone XL pipeline issue, Obama says, “Its proponents argue that it would be creating jobs in the United States. But the truth is... it will probably create a couple thousand construction jobs for a year or two. We’re not going to authorize a pipeline that

benefits largely a foreign company if it can't be shown that it is safe and if it can't be shown that, overall, it would not contribute to climate change." WashingtonTimes.com notes, "But Mr. Obama's own State Department contradicts his claims. The department's environmental review of Keystone already has determined the pipeline would not significantly increase greenhouse-gas emissions or contribute in a measurable way to climate change because, the federal government predicts, Canada will extract its oil and send it to market with or without the project. Mr. Obama also seriously downplayed the State Department's job-creation estimates. Government analyses of Keystone found the project will support about 42,000 jobs, including about 16,000 jobs created as a direct result of the pipeline itself. About 4,000 of those would be construction jobs to physically build the pipeline. Another 26,000 jobs would come as an 'indirect' result of Keystone. Those jobs would include, for example, retail and service positions in areas around the construction zone." (Even if Obama is correct and the pipeline construction would create only "a couple thousand" jobs for a year or two, his blocking of the pipeline is keeping "a couple thousand" Americans from lucrative work.) [72664]

Politico.com reports, "The White House, State Department and Hillary Clinton's personal office knew in August that House Republicans had received information showing that the former secretary of state conducted official government business through her private email account—and Clinton's staff made the decision to keep quiet. Sources familiar with the discussions say key people in the Obama administration and on Clinton's staff were aware that the revelation could be explosive for the all-but-announced candidate for president. But those involved deferred to Clinton's aides, and they decided not to respond. In the end, Clinton's staff waited six months—until after the New York Times published a story on Tuesday about the email account and the possibility that it hampered public access to official records—to begin their response. ...As the scandal has grown, White House aides have worked to put distance between [Obama] and the mess. Although Clinton aides have been in touch with the White House about the response in recent days, the situation has put the White House in the uncomfortable position of having to defend the expected presidential candidate because her own staff has left a public vacuum—setting up a potentially precarious dynamic between staffers for Clinton, who have traditionally been reluctant to engage with reporters and aides, and aides to ...Obama. Between the two camps, animosity buried after their 2008 primary campaign occasionally flares up. White House press secretary Josh Earnest took care to point out that Obama himself was unaware of any issues with Clinton's email. 'The expectation of [Obama] is that everybody throughout his administration is acting in compliance with the Federal Records Act,' Earnest said on Wednesday [March 4]." (Obama's hands are not clean. He has known for six months—if not longer—that Clinton was in violation of the law and did nothing. By protecting Clinton he was also protecting himself, of course, because the emails she has kept secret in her at-home server may very well implicate both her and Obama if they relate to four Americans killed in Benghazi or links to the Muslim Brotherhood.) [72649, 72650]

Political strategist Dick Morris and Eileen McGann write, "If insanity means repeating your past behavior and expecting a different outcome, then Hillary is surely guilty. Because Hillary Clinton never learns. She just keeps doing the same thing over and over

and has the same predictable and disastrous outcome. Her core instincts—extreme paranoia, arrogance, and distrust of both the press and her list of ‘enemies’ overwhelms her judgment. That’s why her instinct is always to hide, obfuscate, fight, attack, spin, deny and drag out every single one of her scandals unnecessarily. Then she ultimately takes a bigger hit in the press and tarnishes her reputation much more than if she had simply responding early and truthfully. It happens every time. Now she’s created a mega-scandal that will follow her right into 2016 primaries. Her latest fiasco—secretly and exclusively using a private email address attached to a server that was installed in her Chappaqua home on the day her Senate confirmation hearing began—is vintage Hillary. By circumventing government policies, she placed access to her emails under her sole control. The State Department and the Obama White House would have no access to her business. Only she would decide what was going to be made public, if anything. She didn’t need those pesky right wing groups trying to watch her every move and look through her emails. No way. In her view, the rules just don’t really apply to Hillary Clinton—they’re meant for other less important people. She’s smarter and knows so much better.” [72646]

“So she literally took the emails home with her when she left the State Department. Although they were clearly government property, she decided that they were going to be her property. And, although the State Department clearly knew what she was doing, they responded to all Freedom of Information requests with a blanket statement that there were no relevant emails. And that’s exactly what she wanted. Of course, they had no idea exactly what emails existed because they had no access to the Secretary’s official emails. It’s always the same with her. She’s reminiscent of Nixon refusing to hand over the tapes. She just doesn’t get it. ...Now she says that she wants the State Department to release her emails. She’s talking about the emails she selected to send back to the State Department. If history is any guide, Hillary has already scrubbed her server of anything she didn’t want made public. ...But now we will play months and months of the favorite Washington parlor game ‘Hide The Email.’ What would have been a 2015 scandal that would go away by the election has now become a 2016 scandal that will bedevil her during the primaries. On her way to Super Tuesday primary night, she will be dodging Committee subpoenas.” [72646]

NYPost.com reports, “More than 100 prisoners released from Guantanamo Bay went right back to being terrorists when they got out, according to a new report. Out of 647 detainees who were released, 116—or 18 percent—have been confirmed as ‘re-engaging’ in terrorism, according to the report by the Director of National Intelligence. Of those, 25 are dead and 23 are back behind bars. Another 11 percent of those released are ‘suspected’ of re-engaging in their jihadi ways, according to the annual summary that is required by Congress.” [72674, 72675, 72676]

On March 7 leftists complain that Fox News is not covering the 50th anniversary of the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. (They are mistaken. Fox does, in fact, cover the event. It broadcasts the speeches of Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) and Obama, as well as interviews with Jesse Jackson, Alveda King (niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.),

and Martin Luther King III. Additionally, while Fox covers the event, MSNBC breaks away from Selma to air a crime program.) [72653]

At Selma, Obama says, “With effort, we can protect the foundation stone of our democracy for which so many marched across this bridge... the right to vote.” (No “effort” is needed. All U.S. citizens already have the right to vote.) “Right now, in 2015, 50 years after Selma, there are laws across this country designed to make it harder for people to vote.” (Obama is, of course, referring to photo ID laws for voting—which a majority of blacks support, partly because they do not want their votes diminished by illegal immigrants who break the law and vote. Photo ID laws do not suppress the votes of U.S. citizens; they suppress the illegal votes of non-citizens and dead people.) [72654, 72655, 72667, 72679, 72689]

Obama says, “I was asked whether I thought the Department of Justice’s Ferguson report shows that, with respect to race, little has changed in this country. I understand the question, for the report’s narrative was woefully familiar. It evoked the kind of abuse and disregard for citizens that spawned the civil rights movement. ...[What happened in Ferguson] may not be unique, but it’s no longer endemic. We do a disservice to the cause of justice by intimating that bias and discrimination are immutable, or that racial division is inherent to America. ...We don’t need the Ferguson report to know that’s not true. We just need to open our eyes, and ears, and hearts, to know that this nation’s racial history still casts its long shadow upon us. We know the march is not yet over, the race is not yet won, and that reaching that blessed destination where we are judged by the content of our character requires admitting as much.” (Obama’s reference to Ferguson, Missouri is totally misplaced, because his own lackeys at the Department of Justice confirmed that police officer Darren Wilson did not act improperly, was justified in defending himself against Micheal Brown, and was not motivated by racial animosity. Yet Obama’s statement implies that racism was, in fact, a motivating factor. Further, Michael Brown’s actions had *nothing* to do with the 1964 Selma march. Brown was not protesting for the right to vote, he was bashing a police officer after having robbed a convenience store. The shooting of Brown has nothing to do with racism. It has to do with a young thug who had no respect for the law.) [72689]

Obama creates some outrage when he says, “Ask your gay friend if it’s easier to be out and proud in America now than it was 30 years ago.” (Reverend William Owens of the Coalition of African American Pastors later tells Breitbart News, “I marched with many people back in those days and I have reached out to some of my friends who marched with me, and all of them are shocked. They never thought they would see this day that gay rights would be equated with civil rights. Not one agreed with this comparison. ...Obama is a disgrace to the black community. He is rewriting history. We didn’t suffer and die for gay marriage. We marched for opportunity, equality, justice, freedom from oppression. We are the true heirs of the civil rights movement. We have a new movement to reclaim the ‘real’ civil rights movement. ...The LGBT community hijacked our movement, a movement they know nothing about. ...Obama is delusional to compare our struggle with the struggle for marriage equality. Gays have not had fire hoses or dogs unleashed at them. They have not been hung from trees or denied basic human rights.

...Obama didn't march. He has benefited from those of us who did march, but for ...Obama to say we marched so that gays would have the right to marry today, is a disgrace and a lie." (A majority of blacks oppose gay marriage. Owens has charged that Obama never "evolved" on the issue: "That is not true. He made the deal with the gay community to let him get elected—his second election—[and he would then] take the issue up. But it was always there; he did not 'evolve.' It was already there because of their commitments of very large sums of money and his relationship with them.") [72801]

Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) delivers the better speech of the day. Lewis was at the Selma march in 1964 and was beaten by white police officers. Obama's speech (with his fake black Southern accent), which could have been used to unite people, instead is used to divide people and incite resentment. (The event could arguably have done without Obama's presence. In fact, Obama should be ashamed to be seen in Selma. In March 2007 Obama said—with his fake Southern black accent—"But somethin's stirrin' across the country because of what happened in Selma, Alabama, because some folks are willin' to march across a bridge, and so they got together and Barack Obama Jr. was born. So don't tell me I don't have a claim on Selma, Alabama! Don't tell me I'm not comin' home when I come to Selma, Alabama!" Obama was allegedly born in 1961, which means it is impossible for him to claim that his parents got together and had a child as a result of the 1965 march in Selma. In the same 2007 speech Obama claimed his Kenyan father came to the United States as part of President John F. Kennedy's "air lift" to "start bringing young Africans over to this country and give them scholarships to study..." That was also a lie, because Obama, Sr. arrived in Hawaii to study in 1959, and Kennedy was not inaugurated until January 1961. [561, 564, 72667, 72679, 72690, 72691, 72692, 72694, 72701]

Democrat Party hack Donna Brazile tweets, "Let's march on and urge others to join with us and fight for a constitutional amendment for the right of all eligible citizens to vote." (Brazile is apparently unaware that all U.S. citizens already have the right to vote.) [72695]

According to DrudgeReport.com, "Vice President Joe Biden, 72, reportedly entered the Betty Ford Center in Rancho Mirage, California on Feb. 26. According to a source close to the chemical dependency recovery facility, the Vice President was escorted into the Center late Thursday evening by several members of the Secret Service and Dr. Jill Biden, the Vice President's wife. Biden's official White House schedule makes no mention of an official event in or near Southern California, leading many to wonder if the Vice President's visit is because of a substance abuse or alcohol problem. Biden's recent headlines concern what some describe as his 'erratic' behavior—a charge dismissed by close friends and associates—brushed aside with the comment That's just Joe being Joe! Others say the odd conduct can only be described as 'chemically fueled.'" [72656]

In an interview with CBS' Bill Plante, Obama says he heard about Hillary Clinton's email issues "the same time everybody else learned it, through news reports." (Obama is lying. Politico.com has reported that the White House knew as early as August 2014 that

Clinton “conducted official government business through her private email account...” and it is almost certain that Obama knew long before that—unless he was too stupid to notice that her emails were *not* sent with a state.gov address.) One Twitter user asks, “Obama didn’t know Hillary was using her private email server but Obama knows Iran won’t use nukes on Israel?” (If anyone hacked Clinton’s account/server, the hacker may have learned Obama’s email address. Regardless of whether that happened, Clinton significantly increased the likelihood of that happening and therefore endangered Obama’s safety and the security of the United States.) [72649, 72650, 72662, 72663, 72671, 72680, 72681, 72706, 72720, 72751, 72765, 72857]

BizPacReview.com reports, “A Judicial Watch investigation revealed that top Hillary Clinton aides may have been using secret email accounts to correspond with her during the Sept. 11, 2012, Benghazi attacks. Clinton’s aides, Philippe Reines and Cheryl Mills, were intent on shielding Clinton from scrutiny, Fox News’ Catherine Herridge told the host of ‘The Real Story with Gretchen Carlson’ on Friday. ‘These emails obtained through a federal lawsuit show that Philippe Reines, widely described as the former secretary of state’s principal gatekeeper, and Cheryl Mills, who has been at Clinton’s side for decades, were running interference during the 2012 attack,’ Herridge said. ‘While receiving updates in real time, Mills told the State Department spokeswoman to stop answering reporter questions about the status of Ambassador Chris Stevens, who was missing and later found dead.’ The emails made repeated reference to a ‘Benghazi group,’ which Herridge said a diplomatic source told her was code for the damage control task force headed by Mills. ‘Cheryl Mills was instrumental in making sure the big lie was put out there,’ Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton told Fox News. ‘What’s notable thus far is that we received no emails from or to Mrs. Clinton, and you have to wonder whether these aides went offline and were using these secret accounts to communicate with her about the Benghazi attack.’” (While Hillary Clinton’s emails would certainly be revealing, this *Timeline* believes Valerie Jarrett’s emails contain information that could destroy Clinton, Obama—and half the people in the administration and Congress.) [72666, 72668]

Keshet, a Jewish children’s charity, cancels a planned speech by Congresswoman Jan Schakowski (D-IL) at its annual Rainbow Banquet because she boycotted the March 3 address by Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Breitbart.com reports, “Rumors began circulating on Tuesday afternoon when Keshet’s Facebook page posted, ‘Due to unanticipated circumstances beyond Keshet’s control, the Congresswoman will not be able to attend this year’s banquet on Sunday, March 8th.’ This social media statement was released approximately 90 minutes after... Netanyahu completed his controversial address to a joint session of Congress. ...Schakowsky’s boycott decision was not well received by many in the pro-Israel community, including those who reside in her congressional district. The nine-term congresswoman has a solid pro-Israel voting record, but is often criticized for her ‘lockstep’ support for the Obama administration and her silence in response to comments made by the administration over the years that have been perceived as unsupportive of and offensive to the Jewish State.” [72669, 72670]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Schakowsky is an admitted socialist who, just weeks after the shooting of Trayvon Martin but more than one year before George Zimmerman was found not guilty of murder, cared little about the concept of “innocent until proven guilty” when she told MSNBC’s Ed Schultz that Zimmerman had committed “a modern day lynching.” Schakowsky is married to Robert Creamer, who served five months in federal prison for 16 counts of financial crimes—including defrauding non-profit charitable organizations. Creamer once worked for George Soros’ Open Society Policy Center, as a “hit man” to destroy the nomination of John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations. While in prison, Creamer wrote the book, *Listen to Your Mother: Stand up Straight: How Progressives Can Win*, which includes, among other things, a blueprint to nationalizing America’s health care system by frightening citizen to support something that is not in their best interests. Creamer’s book is essentially the outline of ObamaCare, and was endorsed by Obama political guru David Axelrod and Greg Galluzo—of the leftist community group the Gamaliel Foundation, where Obama got his start as a paid political activist. Creamer runs Strategic Consulting Group, a firm that specializes in promoting leftist policies, with clients such as MoveOn.org and labor unions. According to visitor logs, Creamer has visited the White House at least 60 times, including five visits in August 2011 alone. [5592, 6563, 6564, 6565, 6574, 6586, 6688, 6925, 6926, 7014, 26877, 30241, 50883, 50884, 50885, 50901, 51623, 51942, 51944, 60040, 60041, 60042, 60043, 60044, 60045, 60056, 60058, 60062, 60063, 60069, 60095]

Mark Gillar, host of the Tea Party Power Hour, tweets, “Guess which number was photoshopped in this document?” The tweet includes a close-up of the registration number of Obama’s alleged long-form birth certificate, which clearly shows that one of the five digits has been electronically inserted. (Of course, there are *many* anomalies in the computer image of the birth certificate posted by the White House. The birth certificate has been declared an obvious forgery by many document experts, but the mainstream media continues to cover for Obama.) [72673]

The Nigerian Islamist terrorist group Boko Haram pledges allegiance to ISIS. FoxNews.com reports that the pledge came “in an Arabic audio message with English subtitles alleged to have come from Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau and posted Saturday on Twitter, according to the SITE Intelligence monitoring service.” The message stated, “We announce our allegiance to the Caliph of the Muslims [Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi] ...and will hear and obey in times of difficulty and prosperity, in hardship and ease, and to endure being discriminated against, and not to dispute about rule with those in power, except in case of evident infidelity regarding that which there is a proof from Allah.” ISIS responds, calling the pledge “a new door opened by Allah,” warning Christians and Jews to “convert to Islam or pay the ultimate price when your armies are expelled from Muhammad's peninsula, from Jerusalem, and all Muslim lands,” and declaring, “We—with Allah’s help—want Paris, before Rome and Islamic Iberia and after we blow up the White House, Big Ben, and the Eiffel Tower before Paris, and Rome. The Muslims will return to power, to be the vanguard and lead in every place.” [72672, 72697, 72744, 72995, 72996, 73083]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Paul Bedard writes, “The first family, Michelle Obama fresh from her annual Aspen ski vacation with her daughters, and [Barack] Obama back from a weekend of golf in sunny Palm Springs, Calif., have spent tens of millions in tax dollars to vacation, and they still have two more years to go, according to an accounting of their trips. As the first lady readies for a trip to Japan and Cambodia this month, [this columnist] calculated that the first family has racked up 38 holidays, working vacations, and fun trips like a date night in New York. They are on par to take at least 45 holidays before leaving office. Costs are hard to pin down, and most come as a result of Freedom of Information Act suits from taxpayer watchdog Judicial Watch which pegged the Obama-Biden vacation tab at \$40 million last year. That was before first lady and daughters took spring break in China, and the first family’s annual summer vacation in Martha’s Vineyard, Christmas in Hawaii, and this year’s holidays. ... ‘The Obamas are abusing the public trust and the taxpayers with unnecessary luxurious vacations and travel,’ Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said in releasing those details of flight charges to Martha’s Vineyard and Hawaii. ‘These staggering costs show why these documents were covered up and we had to sue in federal court to get them. Another transparency fail for the Obama gang.’ ... CBS White House Reporter Mark Knoller, the unofficial presidential record keeper, calculates that [Obama] has taken 22 vacation trips spanning all or part of 160 days. ... What’s more, White House reporters told [us] that some trips by the first lady and daughters are kept secret from the media, so a full accounting is difficult.” [72677, 72678, 72732]

Saturday Night Live opens its broadcast with a brutal skit that skewers Hillary Clinton over her email scandal. [72687, 72688, 72696]

On March 8 AFP reports, “As many as 10,000 Europeans could be waging jihad in Iraq and Syria by the end of this year, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls warned Sunday, a three-fold increase on current numbers. ‘There are 3,000 Europeans in Iraq and Syria today. When you do a projection for the months to come, there could be 5,000 before summer and 10,000 before the end of the year,’ Valls told French television channel iTele. ‘Do you realise the threat that this represents?’ he asked. ... ‘There have already been nearly 90 French people who have died out there with a weapon in their hand, fighting against our own values,’ Valls said. ... Last month, France seized passports from six of its citizens and banned 40 more from travelling abroad after they were allegedly planning to travel to Syria and Iraq.” [72712, 72713]

The New York Times publishes a photograph of Obama and others marching through Selma, Alabama on March 7—conveniently cropping the image so that George W. Bush and his wife Laura are excluded. (Every Republican who attended the event was in a lose-lose situation. Not attending would prompt media criticism: “How dare they not go and pay their respects to the civil rights movement!” So would attending: “How dare they try to politicize the event!” Hillary Clinton does not attend—and may escape criticism because she is not a Republican.) The *Times* photographer later says, “There was no intentional cropping of President Bush out of it at all... I did not even send this [full] frame [photo] because it’s very wide and super busy and Bush is super-overexposed

because he was in the sun and Obama and the others are in the shade.” [72684, 72685, 72686, 72702, 72736, 72739, 72749, 72764]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) is asked by *Face the Nation* host Bob Schieffer, “Are you gonna [sic; going to] release the emails that, uh, she [Hillary Clinton] has sent to your committee?” Gowdy, chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, replies he will not “because we don’t have all of them” and “It’s frankly not fair to the Secretary, not fair to your viewers or my fellow citizens to selectively release information. ... Serious investigations don’t make selective releases.” Gowdy says, “[T]here are gaps of months and months and months” in the emails released by Clinton. “It’s not up to Secretary Clinton to decide what’s a public record and what’s not. ... I’ve lost confidence in the State Department to make that determination. They’re the ones who allowed this arrangement, they’re the ones who did nothing about this arrangement until they got a request from our committee. ... I think your viewers are entitled to a neutral, detached arbiter to determine what’s a public record... because [Clinton’s emails] never should have left the custody of the government...” [72682, 72703, 72762]

Some may wonder why Gowdy’s committee is only now making an issue of Clinton’s private email account, inasmuch as it also knew of its existence in the summer of 2014. Gowdy is not issuing a subpoena, which he could have done months earlier. At NationalReview.com Andrew C. McCarthy writes, “That in itself is a scandal. ... As some of us have contended for some time, there is abundant reason to fear that Republicans do not want to get to the bottom of Benghazi. GOP congressional leaders were major supporters of Obama’s disastrous decision to ditch our counterterrorism alliance with [Libyan leader Moammar] Qaddafi and empower jihadists to oust him. Some of those jihadists were complicit in the Benghazi attack—and they’ve since turned Libya into a failed state in which both al-Qaeda and ISIS now have footholds. Furthermore, if there was a covert operation to help move arms from Libya to the Syrian ‘rebels’—some of whom worked with al-Qaeda, others of whom became ISIS—it is a near certainty that top congressional Republicans were in the loop when it was approved. To listen to what Trey Gowdy says is to be confident that these fears are baseless, that his committee will relentlessly pursue the truth wherever it leads. To watch what Trey Gowdy does, which doesn’t seem to be much, is to worry.” [72682, 72698]

On *Meet the Press*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) says Hillary Clinton should “step up and come out and state exactly what the situation is [with regard to her emails]. ... I think at this point, from this point on, the silence is going to hurt her.” [72704]

On *This Week*, pretend-Republican and Obama supporter Colin Powell says, “I still see it [racism]. I still see it in the Republican Party and I still see it in other parts of our country. You don’t have to be a Republican to be touched by this dark vein. We’ve come a long way, but there’s a long way to go. And we have to change the hearts and minds of Americans. And I see progress, especially in the younger generation. ... We’ve made enormous progress. If we hadn’t made progress, [Obama] wouldn’t have been standing there [in Selma], Eric Holder wouldn’t have been with him, and I wouldn’t be here right now.” Slamming photo ID laws for voting, Powell adds, “But we still now have hurdles

that we have to get over.” (Had Powell been white, he likely would never have been promoted to general or made Secretary of State. Some might argue that he should shut up and enjoy his taxpayer-funded pension.) [72683]

On *Fox News Sunday*, political hack and Clinton defender Lanny Davis valiantly (but ineffectively) tries to defend Hillary Clinton’s use of a personal email account to conduct her official State Department business, making the nonsensical argument that “a secretary of state traveling to 111 countries might be needing to have one email system versus people in the department who should use the official system. ... [A]s secretary of state she might feel the need, traveling all over, with a hand-held device... She may feel the need as secretary of state to have that, as opposed to people in the department.” (Whatever the Clintons pay Davis to defend them, some might suggest that it is far too little.) [72732, 72733]

At DailySignal.com Sharyl Attkisson reports, “High-level federal executives routinely use personal email for business, in likely violation of the Federal Records Act. That’s according to a recent survey of federal employees. ... Personal email is ‘always’ or ‘often’ used for government business in their agency, according to 16 percent of survey respondents. One-third, 33 percent, said personal email is used ‘sometimes’ or more frequently. Thirty-one percent said personal emails used for business are not preserved for archiving. Forty-seven percent said they don’t know whether or not the records are properly preserved.” [72734]

Attkisson notes that “IRS manager Lois Lerner allegedly used an msn.com email account labeled ‘Lois Home’ for government-related communications. Lerner was a key player in what the IG found was the tax agency’s unfair targeting of conservative groups. Former Obama EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson used private email accounts, as well as a secret EPA email address under the pseudonym ‘Richard Windsor,’ to conduct official business. That included communicating with a climate lobbyist. ... Attorney General Eric Holder’s criminal division head, Lanny Breuer, was caught forwarding controversial [Operation] Fast and Furious-related emails to his personal account. Obama Labor Secretary Thomas Perez, Holder’s former assistant attorney general for civil rights, allegedly used his private email account to leak non-public information about official business. As to whether Holder himself ever used personal email for government business, the Justice Department isn’t saying. A spokesman did not respond to requests for information about Holder’s email practices. In Justice Department emails turned over in a federal Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, Holder’s email name is redacted with no explanation. It’s unknown whether the redactions conceal use of an email address that does not belong to an official government account. Fast and Furious-related emails between Holder and his wife Sharon Malone, and his mother, are currently being withheld under executive privilege invoked by ... Obama. There are similar redactions of the email name for Obama adviser Eric Schultz. In one instance, ‘privacy’ is cited as the reason. In other cases, no explanation is given.” [72734, 72740, 72741]

At PJMedia.com Michael Walsh, noting the news stories about foreign donations to the Clinton Foundation and Hillary Clinton’s failure to follow email rules, writes, “...these

are not coincidences—they're a message being sent to the Clintons that their time at the top is over. The only question is whether they'll take the hint and retire to their money-collection business, aka, the Clinton Foundation, or whether she'll go down hard. Already, the young Turks are getting restive: 'And while Clinton remains the overwhelming favorite for her party's nomination, some Democrats last week were more open about their misgivings about her candidacy. On Friday night in New Hampshire, former Maryland governor Martin O'Malley, who might run against Clinton, for the first time criticized her use of the private e-mail account, saying that 'openness and transparency are required of governing in the modern age.' If Hillary were smart, which she's not, she'd take the hint. But her greed and arrogance will get the better of her, and she'll never hear the sound of the accelerating bus until it's too late.' [72743, 72757, 73734]

Newsmax.com reports, "First the good news: The United States no longer has the world's highest corporate income tax rate. The bad news: The U.S. didn't lower its sky-high corporate tax rate—France on Jan. 1 boosted its tax rate to surpass the rate in America. France raised its surtax on corporate income and now imposes a 36 percent marginal effective tax rate on capital investments, while the U.S. remains at 35.3 percent. The marginal effective tax rate takes into account for the corporate income tax including deductions and credits, sales taxes on capital purchases, and other capital-related taxes. When the federal tax rate is combined with the average state levy, the U.S. statutory corporate tax rate is 39.1 percent, according to the Tax Foundation." [72693]

On *Political Insiders*, former Jimmy Carter pollster Pat Caddell says, "This White House is Nixon on steroids. ...I was the youngest person on Nixon's enemies list, and I want to tell you, they [the Obama White House] went after him [Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ)], they're going after [retired General David] Petraeus... anybody who leaves the fold, they are going after. It is corruption, and it's Nixon on steroids. ...And where's somebody in my party [who is] going to say they're not going to be threatened and they're going to stand up for America?" [72705]

Iran unveils a new missile with a 2,500 kilometer range. *Algemeiner.com* notes that the "Soumar" poses "a serious threat to any vessels sailing in the Persian Gulf, particularly US naval forces, as well as an array of countries which are distant from Iran. Its design is based on a Soviet missile, similar to one stolen from Ukraine 12 years ago which made its way to Iran from the Chinese. ...According to Tal Inbar, the head of the Space Research Institute at the Fisher Strategic Studies Aerospace Center in Israel, the missile can be launched from planes, or equipped with a nuclear warhead, Israel's *Channel 2* reported. ...There are far-reaching implications to the revelation of the "Soumar," particularly since Iran has never confirmed in the past that it possesses missiles with a range of above 2000km, yet now it has revealed a missile with a 2500km range that is capable of reaching a series of countries, including Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and others. Additionally, the missile's range can be increased to 3000km with external fuel tanks." (*JihadWatch.org* asks, "What could go wrong?") [72717, 72718, 72737, 72816]

On March 9 Governor Scott Walker signs legislation making Wisconsin the 25th right-to-work state, meaning no one in the state can be forced to pay union dues in order to get or keep a job. (Some leftists complain that such laws do little but move jobs from one state to another. In fact, they have shifted some jobs from Canada to the United States.) [72763, 72797, 73392]

Obama responds to Walker's action with a statement: "...I'm deeply disappointed that a new anti-worker law in Wisconsin will weaken, rather than strengthen workers in the new economy. Wisconsin is a state built by labor, with a proud pro-worker past. So even as the governor claims victory over working Americans, I'd encourage him to try and score a victory for working Americans—by taking meaningful action to raise their wages and offer them the security of paid leave. That's how you give hard-working middle-class families a fair shot in the new economy—not by stripping their rights in the workplace, but by offering them all the tools they need to get ahead." (The Right-to-Work law is not "anti-worker," although it is arguably "anti-labor union bosses." Allowing workers to freely decide whether they wish to join a labor union is hardly "anti-worker." Additionally, Obama's understanding of how the economy works is abysmal. No government can raise middle-class wages. Wages are determined by the free market. Walker cannot demand that employers increase the wages of a \$50,000-per-year employee to \$60,000 per year. What he can do is try to create a limited-government business environment that makes it easier for businesses to expand and become more productive, which results in higher wages.) [72781, 72782, 72850]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The controversial New Israel Fund and its social change and political lobbying organization known as SHATIL, have received more than \$1 million from the State Department under a program designed to create political change, reform, and activism in the Middle East. ...Vocal critics in both the U.S. and Israel charge that the New Israel Fund has knowingly financed groups that support the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, and worked to get Israeli soldiers prosecuted for so-called 'war crimes.'" Benny Yanay of an Israeli military organization called Consensus, representing some 3,000 members of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), stated, "The New Israel Fund acts against Israel—against the soldiers of our country. It is supported by foreign governments and organizations so that Israeli soldiers will be weakened." Other Israel military men and women have alleged that the NIF is trying to "destabilize the IDF." [72961]

DailyCaller also reports that at a presidential primary debate in 2008, Obama "accused Hillary Clinton... of not actually 'turning the page' on history by refusing to give permission to the National Archives to release communications between herself and her husband, President Bill Clinton. 'This is an example of not turning the page. We have just gone through one of the most secretive administrations in our history, and not releasing, I think, these records at the same time, Hillary, as you're making the claim that this is the basis for your experience, I think, is a problem,' then-Senator Obama said at the time to debate moderator Tim Russert. 'Part of what we have to do is invite the American people back to participate in their government again. Part of what we need to do is rebuild trust in our government again.'" [72962]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama “did, over the course of his first several years in office, trade emails with his secretary of state. I would not describe the number of emails as large, but they did have the occasion to email each other. The point that [Obama] was making is not that he didn’t know Secretary [Hillary] Clinton’s email address, he did, but he was not aware of the details of how that email address and that server had been set up or how Secretary Clinton and her team were planning to comply with the Federal Records Act.” (The excuse will not wash with reasonable people. Obama most certainly knew Clinton was not using a state.gov email address. That alone should have prompted him to ask questions. That Obama did nothing means he condoned the practice—or even that it was one of the conditions she laid out when she accepted the Secretary of State position.) [72721, 72722, 72758, 72759]

Clinton hatchet-man James Carville appears on MSNBC to defend Hillary Clinton’s email practices, saying she is the victim of “cockamamie ...right-wing talking points.” He asks Andrea Mitchell, “What happened to Filegate? What happened to Travelgate? What happened to Pardongate? What happened to Benghazi? ...My point is, this was legal, in accordance with regulations... The [*New York Times*] gets something from some right-wing talking points, they print the story, they gotta [sic; have to] walk the story back. ...And everybody, the chin-scratchers go ‘Oh my God, the story’s not right but it says something larger about the Clintons.’ This is never gonna [sic; going to] end. We’ve lived with this for 20 years. We’ll live with it the rest of the campaign. It’s All. About. Nothing. That’s my view of the whole thing. ...All of the out-of-breath, all of the coverage, all of the ‘worried Democrats,’ all of the other stuff that we’re hearing, every one of these things—it is always the same, Andrea. It’s never gonna change. We go through the same stuff 20 times.” (Carville offers no legitimate defense. He spends several minutes whining that the Clintons have, in his opinion, been unfairly picked on for 20 years.) HotAir.com comments on Carville’s tirade: “There’s a saying among lawyers that when the facts are on your side, argue the facts; when the facts are against you, argue the law; and when both the facts and the law are against you, pound the table.” [72780, 72792, 72843, 72844]

Carville’s references to “Filegate,” “Travelgate,” “Pardongate,” and Benghazi are of course attempts to demonstrate that attacks against the Clintons “don’t stick.” But evading indictments and prosecution certainly does not prove that no crimes were committed. Arguably, for Carville to bring up the issues may serve only to remind television viewers that the Clintons have almost always been up to their necks in controversy. “Filegate” refers to the 1990s scandal in which the Clinton administration illegally accessed FBI files and used their information to smear and control political enemies. “Travelgate” involved the Clintons’ unjustified firing of veteran White House Travel Office employees in order to replace them with a company owned by Arkansas friends Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason. “Pardongate” relates to Bill Clinton’s last-minute, January 20, 2001 pardons or sentence commutations of about 450 people, including Linda Evans and Susan Rosenberg (members of William Ayers’ radical Weather Underground), Susan McDougal (who was a key figure in the Whitewater scandal), and millionaire tax cheat Marc Rich (who fled to Switzerland and whose wife

made large donations to the Clinton library and to Hillary Clinton's U.S. Senate campaign. Even Jimmy Carter called the Rich pardon "disgraceful.") The Whitewater scandal involved a 1970s real estate scheme by the Clintons and James and Susan McDougal to buy Arkansas land, and fraud by the McDougal's Madison Guarantee Savings and Loan—which was represented by the Rose Law Firm, which employed Hillary Rodham Clinton. In early 1996, several boxes of missing Rose Law Firm records were "unexpectedly discovered" in the White House. [72819, 72820, 72821, 72822, 72823, 72824, 72825, 72827, 75003]

Other Hillary Clinton controversies involved the suicide (or murder) of confidante Vince Foster in 1993 (whose Whitewater records were taken from his office by Clinton's chief of staff Maggie Williams on the night of his death), her magically making almost \$100,000 on a \$1,000 cattle futures investment, her behind-closed-doors "HillaryCare" planning in 1993, the sudden appearance of Rose Law Firm records in the White House residence, and her false claim that she was fired at by snipers in Bosnia. Going back to 1974, Hillary Diane Rodham was a low-level staffer of the House Judiciary Committee that was investigating the Watergate burglary conspiracy. Investigative journalist Dan Calabrese wrote in June 2013, "Jerry Zeifman, a lifelong Democrat, supervised the work of 27-year-old Hillary Rodham on the committee. Hillary got a job working on the investigation at the behest of her former law professor, Burke Marshall, who was also Sen. Ted Kennedy's chief counsel in the Chappaquiddick affair. When the investigation was over, Zeifman fired Hillary from the committee staff and refused to give her a letter of recommendation—one of only three people who earned that dubious distinction in Zeifman's 17-year career. Why? 'Because she was a liar,' Zeifman said in an interview last week. 'She was an unethical, dishonest lawyer. She conspired to violate the Constitution, the rules of the House, the rules of the committee and the rules of confidentiality.'" Most importantly was Hillary Clinton's involvement in the cover-up of the facts behind the Benghazi attack that left four Americans dead. She now expects everyone to trust her to have not deleted any emails that might make her look bad. The simple truth is that Clinton cannot be trusted to tell the truth, let alone serve as president. [72819, 72825, 72826, 72827, 72989, 73154]

It is worth noting a March 18, 1999 CNN.com report: "Deputy independent counsel Hickman Ewing testified at the Susan McDougal trial... that he had written a 'rough draft indictment' of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton after he doubted her truthfulness in a deposition. Ewing, who questioned Mrs. Clinton in a deposition at the White House on April 22, 1995, said, 'I had questions about whether what she was saying were accurate. We had no records. She was in conflict with a number of interviews.' Ewing said those interviews by investigators were primarily with other people in the Rose Law Firm. Ewing said he had questioned Mrs. Clinton about her representation of Jim McDougal's Madison Guarantee Savings & Loan when she was at the Rose Law firm in Little Rock. 'I don't know if she was telling the truth. I did not circulate the draft. I showed it to one lawyer (in the independent counsel's office) who said he didn't want to see it...'" (Susan McDougal was "charged with criminal contempt for refusing to answer questions before a federal grand jury looking into the Whitewater land partnership among McDougal and her late husband, James, and Bill and Hillary Clinton." McDougal was sentenced to 18

months in prison for contempt of court. After she served her time, Bill Clinton pardoned her—in a move that many considered a favor for her keeping secrets about the Clintons' involvement in the Whitewater and Madison Guarantee Savings and Loan scandals.) [72854, 72855]

Via the Web site of Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR), 47 Senate Republicans post an open letter to Iranian leaders that reads in part, “We will consider any agreement regarding your nuclear-weapons program that is not approved by the Congress as nothing more than an executive agreement between ... Obama and Ayatollah Khamenei. The next president could revoke such an executive agreement with the stroke of a pen and future Congresses could modify the terms of the agreement at any time.” The letter is essentially a middle finger extended in Obama's face, as well as a stern warning to the Ayatollah that the Senate cannot be hoodwinked as easily as Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry. White House press secretary Josh Earnest says the letter is “a partisan strategy to undermine [Obama's] ability to conduct foreign policy.” Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) calls it “a desperate ploy to scuttle a comprehensive agreement and the chance for a peaceful resolution.” At WashingtonExaminer.com, Byron York writes, “Time after time, Obama has told Congress to go to hell. Now Congress is telling Obama to go to hell. It's an entirely predictable development. Of course, it is still a bad thing. It is not good to invite a foreign leader to address Congress in a campaign against [Obama]. It is not good to undermine [Obama's] authority to conduct foreign policy. But it's not a good thing to undermine Congress' authority to make laws, either. And to threaten even more undermining in the future, as Obama has done. It's too bad for Obama that he couldn't persuade Congress to do everything he wanted. That did not give him the right to encroach on Congress's constitutional authority. Now Congress is pushing back. It's a shame it's come to this, but that's the way things work.” [72726, 72727, 72785, 72786, 72790, 72791, 73076]

Although the Senators certainly have the right to send such an “open letter” to Iran's leaders, doing so gives Democrats a chance to shift the public's attention from the terrible deal Obama is negotiating to charges that the letter is interfering with Obama's “plan for peace.” Arguably, the letter should have been addressed to Obama. The GOP could have made the same arguments, without giving Democrats and Obama a talking point.

Obama says of the GOP's letter that it is “somewhat ironic to see some members of congress wanting to make common cause with the hard-liners in Iran. It's an unusual coalition.” (Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) responds via CNN, “There are nothing *but* hardliners in Iran, nothing but hardline Islamic extremists who've been killing Americans around the world for 35 years. That's why Iran cannot be allowed to get a nuclear weapon. If they've been the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism for 35 years, imagine what they will do if they have a nuclear umbrella.”) [72730, 72774, 72789, 72791, 72799]

Obama's charge is nonsensical. It is Obama's eagerness to allow Iran's nuclear weapons program to proceed that demonstrates his willingness to bend over for the Mullahs. Obama should be asked to explain why simply stating that an Iranian nuclear deal

warrants Senate approval is “wanting to make common cause” with the mullahs. [72730, 72774, 72789, 72791, 72799]

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) whines in a Twitter message, “Republicans are undermining our Commander-in-Chief while empowering Iran’s hardline ayatollahs.” (Again, it is Obama who is empowering the Iranian regime by giving it what it wants.) [72731]

Socialist Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) says, “It appears that for most of my Republican colleagues in the Senate, a war in Afghanistan and a war in Iraq were not enough. They now apparently want a war in Iran as well.” [72789]

Vice President Joe Biden remarks, “In 36 years in the United States Senate, I cannot recall another instance in which senators wrote directly to advise another country—much less a longtime foreign adversary—that the president does not have the constitutional authority to reach a meaningful understanding with them.” (No previous U.S. leader has attempted to give away the nuclear store and throw Israel under the bus in an ill-advised agreement.) [72793]

The White House claims any deal Obama negotiates with Iran does not need to be ratified by the Senate. (Obama apparently considers it just an agreement between friends. But Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution—which Obama swore an oath to defend and uphold—states that the president “shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur...” Obama will bypass the Constitution by calling the treaty something other than a treaty. Obama’s “it’s not a treaty” argument may be irrelevant if Congress passes veto-profit legislation calling for additional sanctions on Iran if it finds his deal unacceptable.) [72728, 72729]

SwedishSurvivor.com reports that a January 30 gang rape of a woman on a Viking Line Finland ferry boat was widely reported as perpetrated by eight “Swedes” when, in fact, seven were Somali Muslims living in Sweden and one was an Iraqi. “None have Swedish citizenship. But in the media they were called ‘Swedish’ in big fat headlines. The Swedish media once again revealed its unscrupulous agenda when it comes to violent criminal immigrants. The perpetrators are protected, the victims are completely disregarded. ...All of public Sweden, including the media and state authorities, are in agreement to silence everything that shows the destructive consequences of mass immigration, Islamization and multiculturalism. ...The mass immigration policies have amongst other things resulted in our country topping the list of reported rapes in Europe and incessantly leads to more and horrible brutal rapes of Swedish women. Tens of thousands of women are sacrificed every year on the altar of multiculturalism. Politicians disregard the victims. The silence reveals their indifference to their own people’s safety. No Swedish government has ever cared about attempting to curtail the rape rates in the only way that could give a noticeable result: minimizing immigration from Muslim countries. To place Swedish women’s security and safety above mass immigration is, of course, racism.” [73023, 73024]

“...Why do the journalists consciously lie to the Swedish people? They do it to push their own sick agenda and hammer in the notion that Swedish men are full-blooded racists, Nazis, barbarians and brutal gang rapists. Above all it’s about Swedish journalist having sworn to protect immigrant criminals under any and all circumstances. Not a single suspected hair may ever be touched on an immigrant’s head. The really bizarre thing is that journalists in the mendacious Swedish media beat themselves on the chest and think they are doing something good and admirable. They imagine that with their lies they will counteract racism and xenophobia. ...Sweden is a country whose citizens have been pushed into war by politicians who have allowed mass immigration from the worlds most underdeveloped and violent countries and cultures. Politicians rape their own people through a yearly mass import of tens of thousands of Muslim men with a backwards view on women. ...That is why Swedish girls and women will continue to be raped by imported Muslims for the foreseeable future. There is one word for these notorious unscrupulous liars, politicians and journalists alike, who bear the responsibility for this war on the Swedish people. Traitors.” Media headlines included, “Several Swedish men suspected of rape on Finland Ferry” (*Dagens Nyheter*), “Six Swedish men raped woman in cabin” (*Aftonbladet*), “Six Swedes arrested for rape on ferry” (*Expressen*), and “Eight Swedes suspected for ferry gang rape” (*TT*). [73023, 73024]

On *Your World*, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) tells Neil Cavuto that Obama “was a backbencher in the state legislature in Illinois and I was in leadership all nine years that I served there including two as Speaker of the House [in Florida]. He basically served two uneventful years in the U.S. Senate before starting to run for president for the better part of four years. Not only have I served in the Senate and achieved some things but [I] have been very engaged in both foreign policy issues, intelligence issues, given my role in those committees, and I think foreign policy is going to have a big part of our debate in 2016.” (Rubio is correct about Obama’s history. As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Obama was a non-productive water carrier for Chicago’s Mayor Richard M. Daley during his years in the State Senate. Obama persuaded Senate President Emil Jones to steer bills his way in 2003 so he could make a name for himself to help his 2004 campaign for the U.S. Senate. Democrat colleagues in the Illinois State Senate were intensely critical of Obama’s legislative tactics in taking credit for bills he had virtually nothing to do with. State Senator Ricky Hendon said, “No one wants to carry the ball 99 yards all the way to the one-yard line, and then give it to the half-back who gets all the credit and the stats in the record book.” Hendon was the original sponsor of Illinois’ racial profiling and videotaped confession legislation. Jones took bills away from Hendon and others so that Obama could put his name on them. Once in the U.S. Senate, Obama repaid Jones with tens of millions of dollars in federal spending for his district, which Jones glibly refers to as “steak” rather than “pork.”) [98, 99, 239, 292, 72783, 72784]

Investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson notes there have been at least eight instances in which Obama said he heard about something controversial in his own administration from news reports: “1. Controversial Air Force One Photo Op Flyover... 2. Fast and Furious Cross-Border Operation Supplying Guns to Cartels... 3. Gen. Petraeus’ Sex Scandal... 4. The IRS Using Nixonian Tactics Against Conservative Groups... 5. The

Secret Seizure of AP News Reporters' Phone Records... 6. NSA Spying on Foreign Leaders... 7. Veterans Affairs Scandal... 8. Hillary Clinton's Email Arrangement..." [72735]

Reuters reports, "Activists protested for a third day in Madison, Wisconsin, on Sunday over the fatal shooting of an unarmed black teenager by a white policeman, the latest in a string of killings that have intensified concerns of racial bias in U.S. law enforcement. More than 100 people angry over the death of Tony Robinson Jr. marched through the streets of Madison toward the capital building on Sunday evening, carrying signs, beating drums and chanting 'The people united will never be defeated.' ...Robinson, 19, was shot in Madison, Wisconsin's capital, on Friday evening after Officer Matt Kenny responded to calls about a man dodging cars in traffic who had allegedly battered another person, Police Chief Mike Koval said. Kenny, 45, followed the suspect into an apartment, where the officer was struck in the head, according to Koval. Kenny then shot the unarmed teen, who died later in a local hospital." [72748]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey reviews evidence that suspended NBC News anchor Brian Williams buried stories that would have hurt the Obama administration. [72750, 72754]

CNSNews.com reports, "Many people are living longer, but not to age 112 or beyond—except in the records of the Social Security Administration. The SSA's inspector general has identified 6.5 million number-holders age 112—or older—for whom no death date has been entered in the main electronic file, called Numident. The audit, dated March 4, 2015, concluded that SSA lacks the controls necessary to annotate death information on the records of number-holders who exceed 'maximum reasonable life expectancies.' 'We obtained Numident data that identified approximately 6.5 million numberholders born before June 16, 1901 who did not have a date of death on their record,' the report states. Some of the numbers assigned to long-dead people were used fraudulently to open bank accounts. And thousands of those numbers apparently were used by illegal immigrants to apply for work [and possibly to vote]." Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) states, "It is incredible that the Social Security Administration in 2015 does not have the technical sophistication to ensure that people they know to be deceased are actually noted as dead. Tens of thousands of these numbers are currently being used to report wages to the Social Security Administration and to the IRS. People are fraudulently, but successfully, applying for jobs and benefits with these numbers. Making sure Social Security cleans up its death master file to prevent future errors and fraud is a good government reform we can all agree on." (More than a few people may wonder if that list includes any of the *several* Social Security numbers used by Obama over the years.) Although Social Security fraud is rampant—and a felony—the federal government rarely prosecutes illegal immigrants for using stolen numbers. [72753, 72755, 72883]

On Newsmax TV's *America's Forum*, former NSA and CIA head General Michael Hayden says, "We need to look at the [Iranian nuclear] deal in its entirety and frankly push [Obama's] view on the deal aside, push Secretary [of State John] Kerry's view on the deal aside. I don't mean to be overly critical, but they've got a track record of saying things that are useful for the moment rather than reflecting the reality." He says "the

Iranians not being forced to come clean” on how far they have gotten in their nuclear program already. “They’re stiffing the IAEA, the international inspectors, on those questions and I’m still concerned about what’s the fine print with regard to the Iranian facilities at Fordow, where they’ve got a reactor hall inside a granite mountain, and in Iraq, where they’ve got a plutonium reactor under construction. So there’s a lot to be checked here. ...They’re going to build that stuff somewhere else we don’t know of yet. What they’re building... is knowledge and confidence and technological know-how.” [72761]

Putting an end to the “lone wolf” claims, France24.com reports, “Four people have been detained over links to Amedy Coulibaly, the militant Islamist who killed four people at a Jewish store during the January 7-9 terror attacks in Paris, police and security officials said Monday. The two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing, said three men and one woman had been apprehended for their connections with the gunman, who was killed by security forces on January 9. Europe 1 radio also reported that one of those detained was a policewoman, posted at Rosny-sous-Bois just outside Paris, and who converted to Islam two years ago. She was suspended from her duties in early February.” [72768, 72769]

Newsmax.com reports that Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, “is renewing his demand for the State Department to hand over information about a program that let Hillary Clinton aide and confidante Huma Abedin and others work for the government while hanging onto lucrative private-sector jobs. ...Questions about Clinton’s use of the special program were first raised in 2013, when it became public that Abedin was being paid by the State Department while also working for an international consulting firm with close ties to Bill and Hillary Clinton. According to Investors’ Business Daily, Abedin made \$135,000 a year as Clinton’s deputy, a period in which she is reported to have raked in as much as \$355,000 from consulting contracts.” [72795]

WND.com reports, “Greek Defense Minister Panos Kammenos warns Europe that if no bailout of its economic crisis is forthcoming, his nation will flood Europe with migrants and jihadists, providing them with papers to travel legally throughout the continent. Greece is expected to go broke this month. Kammenos said: ‘If Europe leaves us in the crisis, we will flood it with migrants, and it will be even worse for Berlin if in that wave of millions of economic migrants there will be some jihadists of the Islamic State, too. ...If they strike us, we will strike them. We will give to migrants from everywhere the documents they need to travel... so that the human wave could go straight to Berlin.’” [72772]

On March 10 Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) appears on *Morning Joe* to respond to Vice President Joe Biden criticism of the GOP letter to Iran. Cotton says, “Joe Biden, as Barack Obama’s own [former] secretary of defense [Robert Gates] has said, has been wrong about nearly every foreign policy and national security decision in the last 40 years. Moreover, if Joe Biden respects the dignity of the institution of the Senate he

should be insisting that [Obama] submit any deal to approval of the Senate, which is exactly what he did on numerous deals during his time in Senate.” [72793]

In Fairfield, Connecticut, two dead skunks are found at a telephone pole with a sign that reads, “Obama Stinks.” According to the local CBS affiliate, “The sign with the anti-Obama message was attached to the pole and also had an American flag with a hammer and sickle in place of the stars.” [72809]

Near Mosul, Iraq, ISIS fighters blow up a 10th century Chaldean Catholic monastery and bulldoze a nearby graveyard. [72972, 72973]

Hillary Clinton announces a press conference to address the issue of using her private email accounts to conduct government business while she served as Secretary of State. Clinton schedules the press conference at the United Nations (a friendly venue for her), conveniently waiting until it is too late for reporters to be credentialed. MSNBC reporter Alex Seitz-Wald explains, “It’s appearing at the UN, which has a notoriously difficult credentialing process. So there’s going to be a restriction on the number of reporters who can come in. You had to apply 24 hours in advance for press passes. So I don’t know if it is intentional or not [of course it was], but there will definitely be a limited number than if they held it at, say, a hotel or somewhere else in New York where they could be expected to be mobbed by every reporter and their mother in the city.” Breitbart.com adds, “The Clintons are masters at managing and manipulating a media that loves to be managed and manipulated by Democrats. Democrats don’t want the media to damage them politically and the media doesn’t want to damage Democrats politically. The media have been doing an okay job of staying on Hillary’s email scandal. As expected, there is no zeal or thrill of the hunt in their eyes, but they have stayed on it. The question now is, how long will they stay on it. Will the media look for any off-ramp available like they did with Benghazi and the IRS? Or will the media run this email fiasco to ground like they did Chris Christie’s Bridgegate, Valerie Plame, Romney’s taxes, Todd Akin, and anything else that could be used as a club against Republicans?” [72760, 72775, 72828]

At her press conference, Clinton—frequently reading from notes—begins by changing the subject: thanking the United Nations for hosting a women’s event at which she just spoke, and slamming Republican senators for their letter to Iran about its nuclear negotiations. She says Republicans are either “trying to be helpful to the Iranians or harmful to the commander-in-chief in the midst of high-stakes international diplomacy”—essentially accusing them of treason. (This would be the same Hillary Clinton who screeched in 2003, “I am sick and tired of people who say that if you debate and you disagree with this administration somehow you’re not patriotic, and we should stand up and say we are Americans and we have a right to debate and disagree with any administration.” Of course, Clinton’s sudden defense of the Obama administration’s Iran deal is the result of her now needing the White House to help defend her in the email scandal. She had been distancing herself from Obama as she headed toward announcing her 2016 candidacy, but now has to “play nice” with the Oval Office. Whether Obama and Valerie Jarrett will help her remains to be seen, but this *Timeline* believes Clinton

would be wise not to count on their full support.) [72770, 72778, 72779, 72804, 72805, 72813, 72828, 72835]

Addressing the email issues, Clinton says, “I opted for convenience to use my personal email account... because I thought it would be easier to carry just one [Blackberry] device... instead of two.” (Two Blackberries would apparently be too heavy, and she expects people to believe that she never travels with aides or Secret Service agents who could carry anything for her. In fact, Clinton could have maintained two email addresses on one device. Additionally, using a Blackberry with two emails addresses is certainly more “convenient” than installing a server in one’s private residence. She is lying, and only fools will not recognize that. Lastly, Clinton has stated that she uses an iPhone, a Blackberry, an iPad, and a mini-iPad.) “The vast majority of my work emails went to government employees at their government addresses.” (That is irrelevant and does not answer the question, “How many work-related emails did Clinton send from her private email address to aide Huma Abedin’s private email address?”) “I responded right away and provided all my emails which might possibly be work related...” (Clinton did not respond “right away.” Her attorneys spent months on the issue before anything was released.) Clinton claims, “We went through a thorough process” of reviewing the emails to determine which could be released. (The review process should *not*, of course, have been conducted or directed by *her*. That is tantamount to allowing a suspected bank robber edit the security videos of a bank that has been robbed.) [72770, 72778, 72779, 72804, 72805, 72813, 72828, 72842]

The very first (clearly planted) softball question lobbed at Clinton—from a Turkish reporter, Kahraman Haliscelik, no less—is whether she thinks “all of this fuss” would have been made if she were a man (after he first says, “Thank you very much for your remarks and it’s wonderful to see you here again”). She replies, “I will leave that to others to answer.” Asked about her personal emails, Clinton plays the “victim card,” specifically mentioning that her private emails include discussion of her daughter’s wedding, her mother’s funeral, “yoga routines,” and family vacations. (Those references are clearly intended to send a signal: “Don’t let those nasty Republicans have access to anything other than what I personally reviewed for release.”) Clinton claims her home server was set up for the benefit of her husband. But *The Washington Post* has reported that Bill Clinton has only sent two emails in his life, and both were sent when he was still in the Oval Office. Additionally, Mrs. Clinton claims the server contains private, personal emails between her and her husband—which also conflicts with the *Post*’s report. (BusinessInsider.com notes that Clinton spokesman Nick Merrill “handpicked which reporters got to ask questions throughout the press conference. Journalists who attempted to get their questions in outside of this process were ignored.”) [72777, 72861, 72862]

Mrs. Clinton does her best to respond to questions with well-rehearsed non-responses, such as, “I am very proud of the work that I and my colleagues did...” MSNBC’s Andrea Mitchell asks how Clinton decided which emails should be released, about foreign contributions to the Clinton Foundation, and then compliments Clinton for “rightly celebrating 20 years of leadership [since her 1995 Beijing speech about women’s rights].” Asked about access to her home serve and private emails, Clinton insists she will

not allow anyone to have access to the server or private emails. Clinton's comments boil down to: "I did nothing wrong, you'll have to trust me, and I certainly won't let you have access to anything that would prove me wrong." [72670]

Asked if she discussed the security of her home-grown server with State Department officials, Clinton insists her emails included no classified information. (In addition to not answering the question, Clinton responds with an absurd claim. Even her Secretary of State schedule would, for security purposes, have been considered classified. It is ridiculous to expect anyone to believe that she never mentioned an upcoming trip in any of her thousands of emails.)

Although Clinton claims her emails and server were never hacked—"There were no security breaches"—she has no way of knowing that. In fact, a review of mail.clintonemail.com at sslabs.com results in the messages, "No secure protocols supported" and "**Warning:** Inconsistent server configuration." [72787, 72788, 73208]

The Drudge Report's Matt Drudge tweets, "Hillary totally f***ed it up." [72806]

NationalJournal.com's Ron Fournier: "Is this [Hillary] as good as we [Democrats] can do?" [72806]

Former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina tweets, "In effect, Hillary Clinton told us to trust her. Nothing in her track record suggests we should do so." [72814]

RedState.com's Erick Erickson tweets, "Today Hillary Clinton proved she was too old and ill prepared for a 3am phone call." [72815]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) comments, "The expectation that we merely trust that Secretary Clinton shared all relevant emails and that the process of vetting the emails was as thorough and unbiased as it should have been is insulting given the Clintons' well-established history of misleading the American people. This matter cannot be put to rest without a thorough forensic examination of the email server and an unbiased independent review of the records in question." [72838]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, says, "Having finally heard from Secretary Clinton about her exclusive use of personal email with which to conduct official business while serving as Secretary of State, regrettably we are left with more questions than answers. Because Secretary Clinton has created more questions than answers, the select committee is left with no choice but to call her to appear at least twice." [72838, 72865]

Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, says, "Secretary Clinton would certainly like this matter to go away because it would be the most convenient scenario for her. Today's press conference does

not bring closure to this matter. ...[We] will continue looking into this matter to ensure that all records were properly preserved in accordance with the law.” [72838]

Former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) observes, “A liberal’s view on emails: If it’s government servers holding Lois Lerner’s emails, they can’t be found. If they are Hillary’s, they’re on a private server and we can forget about ever getting them. This is her Nixon moment. It is her 18-minute gap on the tape. ...[Clinton] feared access to her government emails more than getting found out. Certainly no one would ever think their official emails would never come under scrutiny, especially when she obviously planned to run for president. She was certainly confident the press would cover for this. One set of rules for the Clintons, another for us.” [72806]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, says there “remain serious questions about the security of the system [Hillary Clinton] employed, from a national security standpoint, and who authorized the exclusive use of personal email despite, guidance to the contrary from both her State Department and the White House.” There is also a “serious question about who had access to the server from the time Secretary Clinton left office until the time—almost two years later—the State Department asked for these public records back,” and “who culled through the records to determine which were personal and which were public. Without access to Secretary Clinton’s personal server, there is no way for the State Department to know it has acquired all documents that should be made public, and given State’s delay in disclosing the fact Secretary Clinton exclusively used personal email to conduct State business, there is no way to accept State’s or Secretary Clinton’s certification she has turned over all documents that rightfully belong to the American people.” [72806]

Clare Lopez, a foreign policy expert with the Center for Security Policy, member of the Citizen’s Commission on Benghazi, and a former CIA officer, tells WND, “The only way to know with certainty what all was on that server is for an official, neutral party to take custody of that server and conduct a thorough investigation to retrieve everything that was ever on it and make a determination about whether there was ever an actual security breach or even the potential for unauthorized access.” Clinton’s actions “reasonably may be viewed as a deliberate attempt to conceal her communications from appropriate official as well as public scrutiny. Relying on her word that she provided the lawfully required access for proper government archiving and records retrieval becomes problematic with that kind of track record.” [72806]

John Noonan, spokesman for Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee, tweets, “When I was on nuclear alert, it would have been convenient for me to bring home classified study guides. I didn’t, because it’s illegal.” “What message does it send to the military when an aspiring Commander-in-Chief brings home classified [info] because [of] ‘convenience?’” “When you are at the Secretary level, especially SecState or SecDef, what you communicate is of intense interest to foreign sources.” “Just saying ‘hey I think we need to recheck this Uganda report’ can have Agency-wide implications.” “unsecure server represents a breach that could do ‘significant harm to US national interests.’ But those are the rules. And the law.” “So HRC had to go in front of cameras

and say ‘ok we combed through tens of thousands of emails and confirmed there was no classified.’” “They did this in less than a week? That sort of thing takes a room full of analysts half a year to determine...” “I honestly have no clue where this goes. HRC opened the barn door to a storm of new questions, and I’m not sure they can be answered.” “...But this convenience line is baloney. There are a lot of lives at risk, which is why we guard these secrets...” [72776]

The Associated Press quickly fact-checks Hillary Clinton’s claims and statements, noting, “Although email practices varied among her predecessors, Clinton is the only secretary of state known to have conducted all official unclassified government business on a private email address. ...At the very least, Clinton appears to have violated what the White House has called ‘very specific guidance’ that officials should use government email to conduct business. ...Clinton provided no details about whether she had initially consulted with the department or other government officials before using the private email system. She did not answer several questions about whether she sought any clearances before she began relying exclusively on private emails for government business. ...While Clinton’s server was physically guarded by the Secret Service, she provided no evidence it hadn’t been compromised by hackers or foreign adversaries. She also didn’t detail who administered the email system, if it received appropriate software security updates, or if it was monitored routinely for unauthorized access. Clinton also didn’t answer whether the homebrew computer system on her property had the same level of safeguards provided at professional data facilities, such as regulated temperatures, offsite backups, generators in case of power outages and fire-suppression systems. It was unclear what, if any, encryption software Clinton’s server may have used to communicate with U.S. government email accounts.” [72810, 72848, 72849]

Pamela Geller comments on a Bret Baier interview with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi: “Asked how el-Sisi and America’s other Arab allies view American [Obama’s] leadership in the region now, it’s what he didn’t say that spoke volumes. In what is perhaps the deepest sigh, and the most pregnant of pauses...[h]e said the suspension of U.S. equipment and arms to his country has sent a ‘negative indication to the public opinion that the United States is not standing by the Egyptians.’ ...He struggled to be ...diplomatic and avoided answering entirely, trying to decide how to phrase the truth without being overly critical and offending the priggish [Obama]. Volumes communicated in one very short clip. Asked directly how he and other Arab allies view U.S. leadership in the region, he answered briefly in English: ‘Difficult questions.’ ‘We have to admit that terrorism is now a major threat not only to Egypt or even the immediate region, but it is a threat to the stability and security of the whole world,’ the Egyptian leader said. ‘We can also see that the map of terrorism and extremism is expanding, it is not recessing [receding].’ This is exactly the kind of Muslim leader America needs in the fight against the global jihad... and Obama has taken up *against* him.” (During the interview, el-Sisi tell Baier, “I received an invitation from members of the U.S. Congress to speak to the Congress members. I believe the invitation is on...”)

[72771, 72796, 72897]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Susan Crabtree reports that Obama “made sure there was no official watchdog supervising the State Department while Hillary Clinton was secretly sending her emails using a private server. [Presidents have] a duty to appoint independent inspectors general at every federal agency, but Obama left the position vacant at the State Department throughout Clinton’s entire four-year tenure. ...Obama bears direct responsibility for a lax ethics environment that may have allowed Clinton to work without any real oversight, government accountability groups say. ...That the inspector general system was broken at State during Clinton’s entire time there may have discouraged whistleblowers from stepping forward to denounce Clinton’s for conducting business in a suspect manner.” (Some might wonder if Obama intentionally left the IG position open to allow Clinton free rein. Other may wonder if a “No IG!” demand was one of Clinton’s preconditions for accepting the Secretary of State position. Obama did not appoint an IG at the State Department until after Clinton left.) [72794, 73482]

BloombergView.com notes, “The State Department is beginning to sort through more than 55,000 pages of e-mails from Hillary Clinton’s tenure as secretary that she handed over late last year, sticking taxpayers with additional costs that could reach into the millions. It’s an additional burden for her former department and another aspect of an e-mail fiasco her political opponents plan to highlight. Clinton’s office sent the e-mails to the State Department last December, a portion of the total in her possession, after printing them out and stacking them in boxes. The department largely sat on them until last week, when news broke that she had used a ‘homebrew’ server rather than her government account to conduct her official business. ...If Clinton had used her departmental e-mail account—as she insisted her employees do during her tenure—the messages would already be in the government’s electronic records management system and could be redacted and released as part of the regular Freedom of Information Act process...” [72798]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “Clinton’s account had 62,320 e-mails sent and received between March 2009 and February 2013. 30,490 of those were turned over to the State Department in printed form, comprising 55,000 pages. More than 90 percent of those 30,000-plus e-mails, over 27,500, involved accounts ending in ‘state.gov,’ meaning that they were already in the State Department’s system [because Clinton’s email recipient had a state.gov email address]. About 3,000, in other words, weren’t. ...31,380 of the e-mails were not turned over because they were deemed to be ‘private, personal records.’” (Of course, these numbers come from Clinton and her staffers. There is no way of confirming their accuracy or knowing how many emails she deleted that should not have been deleted.) [72806, 72807]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), addressing the International Association of Fire Fighters legislative conference, says, “On tax reform, we, right now, have more words in the IRS code than there are in the Bible—not a one of them as good.” (*The Washington Post*, apparently eager to find some way to criticize Cruz, “fact-checks” his claim, and then declares, “Cruz is correct on the comparison of words in both texts. But regular readers of The Fact Checker know we frown on such counting exercises... Such comparisons... don’t really tell you much of anything.” The *Post* then proceeds to repeat the mistake,

advising its readers, “The Bible is longer than the Hunger Games series, which comprises three books. But it’s no longer than the Harry Potter series, which various estimates place at just over 1 million words over seven books. The Bible is longer than most popular works of literature, including War and Peace, which clocks in at between 544,406 and 560,000 words.” The *Post* then defends the tax code, writing, “It takes an average American taxpayer 13 hours to comply with the tax code, according to the IRS. ...In comparison, it takes 90 hours for a marathon reading of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, without commentary.” Cruz’s point, of course, is that the IRS code is impossible to understand and comply with. While one can remember 10 Commandments and try to follow them, the same cannot be said of IRS regulations.) [72834, 72841, 72904]

With all the Democrat outrage over the Republican letter to Iran’s leaders, WashingtonExaminer.com lists five examples of Democrats undermining Republican presidents’ foreign policy” “1. That time ‘liberal lion’ Ted Kennedy proposed a secret alliance with the Soviet Union to defeat President Ronald Reagan...” “2. ...In 1984, 10 Democratic lawmakers—including the then majority leader and House Intelligence Committee chairman—sent a letter to Nicaraguan Communist leader Daniel Ortega known as the ‘Dear Comandante’ letter. In it, the lawmakers criticized Reagan’s policy toward Nicaragua and whitewashed the record of violence by the Sandinista communists.” “3. ...In 2007, newly elected House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited the Syrian dictator Bashar Assad. As the Associated Press reported at the time, ‘The meeting was an attempt to push the Bush administration to open a direct dialogue with Syria, a step that the White House has rejected.’” “4. Democrats visited Iraq to attack Bush’s policy [in 2002...” “5. Jimmy Carter tried to sabotage George H.W. Bush at the U.N.” [72802]

Obama has also interfered with foreign policy. In 2006 then-Senator Obama visited Kenya to throw his support behind Raila Odinga, a Muslim socialist candidate for president who had ties to both al-Qaeda and Libya’s Moammar Gaddafi, was educated in communist East Germany, and hoped to get Shari’ah Muslim law established. Odinga is a cousin of Obama; Odinga’s mother is the sister of Obama’s [alleged Kenyan] father. (Odinga named his first son Fidel after Fidel Castro.) During his Kenya visit, Obama made a speech to university students in Nairobi. In the speech, Obama criticized the existing pro-American Kenyan government, rallied the students against it, and spoke of the need for change. Obama’s actions were logically seen as an endorsement of Odinga, the existing Kenyan president’s opponent. By making his speech, supporting Odinga, and standing beside Odinga at rallies, Obama violated the stated conditions of his Official Government Visa: “to nurture relations between the (African) Continent and the United States.” The Kenyan government lodged an official protest of Obama’s passport abuse and misconduct, and Obama’s actions were denounced by the U.S. State Department as being in direct opposition to U. S. National Security. After Odinga lost the election, his Muslim followers burned Christian women and children alive in a church where they had sought refuge. More than 1,500 people were ultimately killed in riots, and Odinga was reluctantly given the position of prime minister to placate his radical supporters and stop further bloodshed. [126, 127, 207, 208, 271, 293, 294, 313, 329, 452, 1449]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Energy companies are preparing to shut down nearly 16 gigawatts of power [about five percent of the nation’s 300 gigawatts] by the end of this year as the deadline for compliance with new federal environmental regulations looms. In total, some 85 coal-fired generating units at 36 locations are expected to close in the coming months in part because of Environmental Protection Agency regulations. The largest set of retirements is set for June, when electricity demand starts to peak as Americans turn on their air conditioners for the summer. Most of these retirements will come from coal-fired power plants in Appalachia.” [72808]

Obama attends a \$33,400-per-head fundraiser in Atlanta. [72803]

On *Special Report*, the *Weekly Standard*’s Stephen Hayes says, “The whole idea that this [GOP letter to Iran’s leaders] is controversial is preposterous on its face. Republicans write this letter, basically re-stating their long-held views that they’re not going to be bound, as Members of Congress, as Senators, by an agreement that ...Obama doesn’t include them in. That’s stating the obvious. There’s absolutely nothing wrong with that. And the idea that this is somehow new or this is, you know, ending the idea that foreign policy stops at the water’s edge, is totally preposterous. Remember, the number two Democrat in the House of Representatives flew to Baghdad—we later found out, on a trip financed by Saddam Hussein—appeared on Sunday shows from Baghdad—this is David Bonior [former Congressman from Michigan]—to trash the Bush administration and the arguments they were making about Iraq. In 2007, [Congresswoman] Nancy Pelosi [D-CA] went to Damascus, despite the Bush administration’s request that she not to do that, embraced Bashar Assad and basically got his back, suggested he wanted peace with Israel. In 1990—go back to the Gulf War—Jimmy Carter wrote a secret letter to members of the U.N. Security Council telling them that they should oppose the resolution that George H. W. Bush was pushing that would have led to war in Iraq. The idea that this is unprecedented or new is preposterous. The only thing wrong with the letter is it should have come earlier and should have included references to Iran and al-Qaeda.” [72860]

According to NewsBusters.org, “On Monday night and Tuesday morning, ABC ignored Hillary Clinton’s growing e-mail scandal, despite three hours of potential airtime (on *World News*, *Good Morning America* and *Nightline*). Instead, *GMA* on Tuesday devoted eight and a half minutes to the 50th anniversary of the *Sound of Music*, not exactly the most important topic. The program, hosted by former Bill Clinton operative George Stephanopoulos, also offered seven minutes of coverage to the reality show *The Bachelor*.” [72863]

On *On the Record*, Night Lion Security cybersecurity expert Vinny Troia tells Greta Van Susteren, “I did read reports that [the email server] was at her [Hillary Clinton’s] house, but when we traced the IP address it came back to the city office here in downtown Manhattan.” DailyCaller.com adds, “The exact location of Clinton’s server has been a mystery, though after The Associated Press reported on its existence last week it was

assumed by many to have been kept at her Chappaqua, N.Y. residence. The AP reported that the server was registered to that location and to a longtime Clinton associate. Neither the State Department nor Clinton, who held a press conference on Tuesday to discuss the growing scandal, have sought to clear up confusion over many aspects of the private emails, including specifics related to the server. ...The coordinates Troia found in his search trace to the New York City Buildings Department at 280 Broadway. That building is across Chambers Street from the plaza that includes New York City Hall. Troia said that there was 'absolutely no question' that the IP address would be traced to that address." Troia states, "[E]ven though her main server may have been located here in the city, there's [sic; there are] almost always going to be backup copies offsite or a redundant copy somewhere else where the data was replicated. When you talk about recovery, I guarantee that one of those hard drives could probably be subpoenaed and data could probably be recovered and pulled off." (If Clinton's email server is in an New York City office building, then she lied when she claimed it was secure because it was protected by Secret Service agents at her home in Chappaqua.) [72811, 72812]

Also on *On the Record*, author and radio talk show host Laura Ingraham comments, "MSNBC and all of these others [will say I] mentioned the 'I word' [impeachment]. All I will say is, if there is a consensus in Congress that this [a nuclear-armed Iran] is one of the most critical national security issues we will face, and [if Obama] doesn't go to Congress, then you can just throw up your hands and say the Constitution doesn't mean anything, or you write a letter, you put public pressure on him, or you have to consider your 'I word' alternative." [72858]

On March 11 the *New York Post* slams Hillary Clinton with her photo and the headline, "Deleter of the Free World." [72836, 72837]

On the Fox Business Channel, Judge Andrew Napolitano comments on Hillary Clinton's press conference "performance," telling Philip Varney, "Her denials were not believable. Her arrogance was palpable. Her misunderstanding of the law was obvious." [72867, 72902]

On *Fox and Friends*, Ed Klein, author of *Blood Feud: The Clintons vs. the Obamas*, states, "[Bill Clinton] has said, according to my sources, that the White House is leaking to their friends in the mainstream media stories about the Clintons. Not only about Hillary, but about him, and about what she did while she was in the State Department. This is from sources within the White House, that the Clintons know that Hillary is under not one, but six different investigations prompted by the White House." According to Klein, Obama operatives are "taking tons of documents" from Clinton's Secretary of State offices that "are being wheeled through the corridors" and "they're going through these, looking for problems on her expense account, on her dealings with foreign leaders. All of this, I'm told, is prompted by Valerie Jarrett and [Obama], who do not want to see Hillary Clinton [become] President of the United States. ...They feel that the Clintons are very 'centrist' ...[and] that if Hillary becomes president she won't carry out the legacy of Barack Obama, which is much further to the left than the Clintons, ...and [she will] dilute

whatever Obama was able to accomplish.” [72868, 72869]

On *Morning Joe*, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) says his Select Committee on Benghazi “doesn’t have the power” to obtain Hillary Clinton’s email server: “[U]nder our rules, we don’t have the power to seize a personal property like that. The House as a whole, that’s frankly an open constitutional question as to whether the House as a whole has that legal authority, but frankly, we shouldn’t have to compel it. You can subpoena but the power to subpoena is only as good as the power to compel compliance, but rather than have that protracted legal battle, I don’t know why she doesn’t just turn the server over. ...One thing that’s clear is, we don’t get to grade our own papers in life; we don’t get to call penalties on ourselves. She [Clinton] doesn’t get to determine what’s a public record and what’s a personal record; someone else gets to do that. I think it’s eminently reasonable to ask someone to turn this server over to an independent, neutral third party—if not to the House of Representatives, turn it over to a retired judge, an archivist, an inspector general, so we can have some assurance that the ‘we’ that separated the public [emails] from the private did a good job.” [72853]

Also on *Morning Joe*, former Maryland governor Martin O’Malley says, “Most years, there’s the inevitable front-runner and that inevitable front-runner is inevitable right up until he or she is no longer inevitable. So I think you’re going to see a robust conversation in the Democratic Party about how we restore our middle class and middle-class opportunity.” (Translation: O’Malley will challenge Hillary Clinton.) [72912, 73734]

The Associated Press files a lawsuit against the State Department to force the release of Hillary Clinton’s email and other documents during her tenure as secretary of state. “The legal action comes after repeated requests filed under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act have gone unfulfilled. They include one request AP made five years ago and others pending since the summer of 2013.” Karen Kaiser, AP general counsel, states, “After careful deliberation and exhausting our other options, The Associated Press is taking the necessary legal steps to gain access to these important documents, which will shed light on actions by the State Department and former Secretary Clinton, a presumptive 2016 presidential candidate, during some of the most significant issues of our time.” (It remains to be seen if Clinton will claim the Associated Press is part of a “vast right-wing conspiracy.”) [72829, 72903]

Stephan Dinan writes at WashingtonTimes.com, “The Obama administration will soon find itself in court having to explain to federal judges why it never told anyone former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton used a secret email address, potentially spoiling dozens of open records requests, experts said Wednesday. And Mrs. Clinton could face up to three years in prison per message if she is found to have broken her word and handled classified information on the secret account, one open records expert told The Washington Times. The legal challenges have already begun, with The Associated Press filing a federal lawsuit saying the State Department has foiled five years’ worth of requests for Mrs. Clinton’s emails, but never told them or the court that she kept her own

server—meaning that her emails weren't being searched.” (Of course, the likelihood of Obama's Department of Justice indicting Clinton are close to zero, regardless of the fact that she broke the law.) [72903]

Addressing the Council on Foreign Relations, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Gina McCarthy warns (apparently with a straight face), that “Climate change puts the world's coffee-growing regions at risk.” [72910]

FoxNews.com reports, “A baby-faced executioner who looks to be no older than 12 appears to kill an Israeli Arab who confesses to being a Mossad spy in the latest stomach-turning video released by ISIS. The 13-minute clip... shows a seated man identified by his family as 19-year-old Muhammad Said Ismail Musallam calmly confessing to having been recruited by the Jewish State's spy agency, even stating how much he was paid. ...Near the end of the video, a man speaking in French issues threats against Jews in France, before the boy moves in front of the kneeling hostage and shoots him in the forehead with a pistol. The boy, who shouts ‘Allahu Akbar,’ then shoots Musallam four more times as he lies on the ground.” [72817, 72818, 73022]

At the White House, Michelle Obama celebrates Nowruz—the Iranian spring festival at the beginning of the Persian new year. At WhiteHouseDossier.com Keith Koffler writes, “There are somewhere between half a million and a million Iranian Americans in the United States, about the same as the number of Lithuanian Americans. Where's the White House Lithuanian American holiday celebration? No, this is not about Nowruz. This is a clear attempt to appease the Iran government, and it is exactly what is wrong with [Barack] Obama's approach to Iran and the rest of the world. It explains why Iran has been able to extract a deal that will allow the centrifuges to keep spinning and, ultimately, a bomb to be built. ...Obama, who supposedly understands the world with extra perspicuity because of his exotic background, actually does not. The barbarians who rule Iran and our other tough-minded enemies and rivals around the world are unmoved by our attempts to show how nice we are. They do not blush when we kiss them, except out of embarrassment for our stupidity. What tyrants respond to is strength. Malice. Threats. Force. They do not love, and they do not seek to be loved. When Qadaffi gave up his nuclear program after Bush invaded Iraq, it wasn't because Laura Bush celebrated a Libyan holiday. Our attempts to placate evildoers with something like a Nowruz festival invite only contempt. It confirms for them that we are weak, and that they can take advantage of us. We are, as these things go, a nice people. Some of us, mostly on [the] Left, tend to think the rest of the world is nice too. It's not. ...One day, quite possibly, hundreds of thousand or even millions will die because of the deal Obama is about to strike. Those people may be Americans. Because Peace through Weakness is a deadly way of doing business.” [72944, 73026, 73073]

According to NationalJournal.com, “The Federal Communications Commission plans to soon begin working on a proposal to subsidize Internet service for low-income consumers by expanding its Lifeline program, which is mocked by conservatives as the ‘Obamaphone’ program. All three Democrats on the five-member commission have

publicly said they want to use federal money to help ensure that all Americans can afford to get online. Lifeline—which despite the Obamaphone nickname was created during the Reagan administration—currently subsidizes only phone service. ...Democratic FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn ...said she is hoping the agency will unveil a proposal by this summer to expand the program to cover Internet access.” [72907, 72921]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, “We are not negotiating a legally binding plan” with Iran. (Forty-seven Republican Senators send a letter to Iran stating that the deal will not be legally binding, and that results in media leftist heads exploding and Democrats calling Republicans traitors. Kerry admits that the deal will not be not legally binding—and he will be called a brilliant negotiator who should consider running for president in 2016.) [72830, 72839, 72840, 72900]

Kerry also says, “The enduring transformation that has to take place here is not going to take place if the United States just comes in and were to knock out ISIL and that’s it, go away. Not gonna [sic] happen. We could do that, actually. We have that capacity, but we’re not asking to do that, nor are they [other Middle Eastern countries] asking us to do that, because I think they understand that the implications of that would be actually to aid in the recruitment to create a bigger problem than we face today.” (Some may wonder if Kerry thinks that building an alliance to defeat the Nazis and the Japanese in World War II was ill-advised because it “aided the enemy’s recruitment.”) [72909]

At the committee hearing, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) addresses Kerry, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey: “...I’m not particularly happy with being lectured to by the administration about the Constitution. This is an administration who [sic; that] I believe has trampled the Constitution at many turns. This is an administration that seeks to legislate when it is not in their [sic; its] purview, whether it be immigration, whether it be health care, or whether it now be a war [with ISIS] that’s been going on for eight months without congressional authorization. This administration is in direct defiance of what Senator Obama ran on and what he was elected upon. He said no country should go to war without the authority of Congress, unless [it is] under imminent attack. This is a great debate. I signed the letter to Iran. But you know what? The message I was sending was to *you* [the Obama administration]. The message was to ...Obama, that we want you to obey the law, we want you to under the separation of powers. If this agreement [with Iran] in any way modifies legislative sanctions, it will have to be passed, by Congress. ...You cannot undo legislation. So why [did] I sign this letter? ...Because I signed it to [send a message to] an administration that doesn’t listen, to an administration that [at] every turn tries to go around Congress because you think you can’t get your way. [Obama] says, ‘Oh, the Congress won’t do what I want, so I’ve got a pen and I’ve got my phone and I’m going to do what I want.’ The letter was to you.” [72864, 72866]

Hillary Clinton tweets, “GOP letter to Iranian clerics undermines American leadership. No one considering running for commander-in-chief should be signing on.” Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal responds, “No one who allows Iran to become a nuclear power

should consider running.” Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) tweets, “No, Hillary Clinton, letter to Iran helps protect USA from bad deal. No CINC should allow world’s worst regimes to get world’s worst weapon.” [72831, 72871]

Asked how the Obama administration can continue to claim it is “the most transparent” in history, White House press secretary Josh Earnest defends the administration, citing the release of “wage records” and “trying to make the process of making, uh, a FOIA request more efficient.” (Earnest’s claim is laughable. The Obama administration has routinely and fiercely fought Freedom of Information Act requests for six years. The entire point of Hillary Clinton’s email scheme, for example, was to thwart FOIA requests.) [72832, 72833]

CNSNews.com reports, “The number of beneficiaries on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), also known as food stamps, has topped 46,000,000 for 40 straight months, according to new data released by the Department of Agriculture (USDA). ...As of July, the national population was 318,857,056, the Census Bureau estimates. Thus, the 46,252,064 on food stamps equaled 14.5 percent of the population.” The USDA “brags” that its “15 nutrition assistance programs help struggling families gain access to healthy, nutritious food,” and “1 in 4 Americans... rely on these vital programs for the nutrition they need.” (The government believes that providing handouts to tens of millions of people is an indication of success. In fact, it demonstrates the failure of federal policies—which should be designed to get people off welfare and into the work force.) [72851, 72852]

On *Andrea Mitchell Reports*, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) says of the Hillary Clinton email scandal, “Let’s move on... Let’s get on with it, and if you don’t believe her, don’t vote for her, that’s what I think.” (Clinton’s problem is that many Americans will take Boxer’s advice.) [72856]

Former Maryland governor Martin O’Malley, asked about Hillary Clinton’s email problems, tells reporters, “I didn’t watch the press conference yesterday, so I don’t know. I didn’t watch it. Because I was working. ...[In Maryland], we abide by all of our state rules on emails, and have many times turned over emails in response to FOIAs—even though some of them had colorful language that might have caused my mother great embarrassment. ...The old ways of governing—bureaucracy, hierarchy—these things are fading away. ...A new way of governing is emerging. And it also calls for a new way of leadership at every level. Leadership that embraces a culture of accountability, embraces entrepreneurial approaches to problem solving, and embraces collaboration. ...Americans should know what our government’s top five objectives are: job creation, improving the security of our people, improving the education of our people, improving the sustainability of our way of life and improving the health and wellness of all Americans.” (In other words, no one should be surprised if O’Malley challenges Clinton for the Democrat presidential nomination.) [72879, 73734]

White House press secretary John Earnest, addressing the Clinton email issue, tells

reporters, “Frankly, the secretary’s handling of her own personal email and the maintenance of [her] personal email inbox is something that, um, I’m not going to comment on and I’m not particularly interested in. . . .The federal government did not review Secretary Clinton’s personal email. Her team did. If you have questions about the process they went through to catalog that email you should direct them to them.” (In other words, “She dug herself a deep hole and we’re not about to offer her a ladder that would shift some of the blame to the Obama administration.” Obama is effectively throwing Clinton under the bus, which is not surprising inasmuch as the Obamas and the Clintons can’t stand each other, and Obama would prefer someone further to the political left—such as Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)—to carry on his socialist legacy.) [72859, 72911]

At WashingtonTimes.com Monica Crowley writes, “The big revelation from the latest Clinton scandals is not that the former president and his wife are corrupt, low-rent, grabby, greedy, serial liars. Everyone already knows that. No, the revelation is the exposure of the dirtiest little secret of them all: No one likes her. This is the hard truth that has popped up like a vicious migraine: No one—not even many of her fellow Democrats and leftists in the mainstream media—likes her very much. Her negative poll numbers (particularly on issues of honesty and trustworthiness) have always been high, except during much of her tenure as secretary of state. But her negatives are now back with a vengeance. Mrs. Clinton does have a core constituency, mostly unmarried women who consider her some sort of feminist heroine. And she is perennially on Gallup’s list of most admired women, mostly for her steeliness in the face of deep personal humiliation. But admiration does not translate necessarily into affection, and her core support, always narrow, is growing narrower by the day.” Unlike her husband, “Mrs. Clinton never had the patience to dress up the malevolent parts of her personality. It was a function of her narcissism and elitist mindset: She knows best, and the burden is on you to see it. She couldn’t be bothered with putting on a show. . . .Mrs. Clinton is now in the [Eliot] Spitzer-zone. Very few people have been willing to go to bat for her. Some Democrats have offered tepid support, leaving her with only two surrogates, James Carville and Lanny Davis, both of whom are also covered in the crusty old Clinton mud. . . .The Clintons have long been regarded as tornadoes blowing through other peoples’ lives, leaving wakes of lies, tortured explanations and destruction in their paths. Do the Democrats want to relive all this? Do the American people? They might suck it up for someone they like and respect. But for her? Meh.” [72875]

The *Weekly Standard*’s Stephen Hayes reports there is evidence that Hillary Clinton’s two top aides, chief of staff Cheryl Mills and deputy chief of staff Huma Abedin, also used private clintonemail.com email addresses—thereby bypassing the federal government’s record-keeping requirements. Clinton aide Philippe Reines also used a Clintonemail.com address. [72870, 72878]

On *The Kelly File*, Megyn Kelly reports that employees leaving the State Department are required to turn over all government documents in their possession (partly so that they may be available for Freedom of Information Act requests) and sign a “separation

statement” form OF-109 declaring that they did so. The document informs the individual that it is a felony to do otherwise. If Hillary Clinton signed the form, she violated the agreement and committed a felony by keeping government emails on her private server. If Clinton did not sign the form, the question will be why she was allowed to avoid State Department rules and procedures. Former Department of Justice attorney Shannen Coffin tells Kelly, “State Department regulations... say that departing officials have to make sure that all of their official records are in the files of the Department of State upon departure. That couldn’t be any clearer.” Kelly asks, “If she [Clinton] signed it [Separation Statement], as you read the law and the manual itself which refers to the Criminal Code, if she signed that saying she had given them everything back, every federal record she had in her possession when in fact she had thousands of documents and thousands of emails sitting on her home server, did she violate the law? Did she commit a crime?” Coffin responds, “If that’s the case, then there’s no question. The form itself [essentially] says, ‘Hey, before you sign this understand that you are certifying something that we can prosecute you for.’ Making a false statement in this context, knowingly and willfully—[and] I can’t imagine anything more knowing and willful than knowing you have 55,000 records sitting in your home—if you do that, it is a felony punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001.” (Section 1001 of Title 18, United States Code, provides criminal penalties—up to five years in prison—for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing material fact in a statement or document.) [72887, 72940]

Two police officers are shot in Ferguson, Missouri, as demonstrators celebrate the resignation of the police chief. The injuries to the officers are serious but not life-threatening. (There are no immediate arrests.) [72874, 72876, 72899, 72901, 72905, 72913]

On March 12 Judge Andrew Napolitano writes, “I have not seen [Hillary] Clinton’s signature on any documents, but standard government procedure is for her to have signed an agreement under oath when she began her work at the State Department requiring her to safeguard classified records, and another agreement [form OF-109] under oath when she ended her work that she had returned all records to the government. She violated both agreements, and she violated numerous federal laws. By using her personal email address—@clintonemail.com—she kept her work documents from the government. Concealing government documents from the government when you work for it is a felony, punishable by up to three years in prison and permanent disqualification from holding public office. Failing to secure classified secrets in a government-approved facility or moving them to a non-secure facility outside the government’s control is a misdemeanor, punishable by a hefty fine and a year in jail. Using a false email address that gives the clear impression that the user is not using a government server when she is, or one that creates the false impression that the emailer is using a government server when she is not, is also a felony. [72877, 72884]

“...The legal issues in Clinton’s case are all the more curious when one hears Obama’s tepid reaction to this latest scandal. Asked by Bill Plante of CBS News last weekend when he first learned of Clinton’s use of a personal email server instead of the

government's, [Obama] told Plante he learned of it from the media, last week, when the rest of us did. ...Does the White House not know where [Obama's] emails are coming from and where they are going? ...Mr. [Obama], are you not troubled that your secretary of state had a non-secure email account and used it for all of her work? Are you not troubled that she might have kept classified secrets on a server in her barn on her estate in Chappaqua, N.Y. that the Secret Service might or might not have known about, or at a computer company in Texas that the Secret Service was unable to protect? Does it not trouble you... that foreign intelligence services likely would have had a far easier time hacking into the emails of your secretary of state because of all this? Mr. [Obama], will your Department of Justice prosecute Clinton for retaining 48 months of classified records on her personal server after she left office, as it did Gen. David Petraeus, who kept 15 months of classified records in a desk drawer in his home after he left office? Mr. [Obama], the premise of the law regulating government records is that the government owns them all, and when a high-ranking government official leaves office, the ex-official may ask the government for copies of her personal emails, and the government decides which ones it will give her. Mr. [Obama], don't you realize that Clinton turned the law on its head by keeping all of her emails from the government?" [72877, 72884]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, "Every person who works inside the State Department must sign an official Separation Statement, which is a document requiring an inventory be taken of personal documents departing officials plan to take with them. These documents must be submitted to and approved by Department records officials. According to the State Department Records Management Handbook, officials who fail to turn over documents can face, 'fines, imprisonment or both for the willful and unlawful removal or destruction of records as stated in the U.S. Criminal Code.' [Hillary] Clinton has argued that she has turned over all the proper documents to the State Department, but just did it two years after leaving her position." [72887]

At FoxNews.com Chris Stirewalt asks, "How did Hillary Clinton know that the tens of thousands of emails from her time in office she ordered destroyed were personal? Did she or even her staff scroll through her sent items scanning emails about 'yoga routines' or 'family vacations' before deleting them? Nope. No one looked at them. The Clinton campaign said those emails that did not crop up in a keyword search performed by her team were automatically deleted. No eyes. No one to be subpoenaed. Just highlight all and press delete. That method seems better for missing emails than to finding them. And it would sound reckless and haphazard coming from another politician. In this case, though it sounds like a woman covering her tracks in preparation for a long and bloody legal fight over subpoenas to come." Clinton's lawyers merely created a list of names and keywords for a computer search—and any emails that did not contain any of those names of words was deleted. (Clinton's personal lawyers are *not* State Department employees. All of Clinton's emails should have been reviewed by federal employees, and they, not Clinton or her attorneys, should have decided what email was government property and what was not.) [72890, 72891, 72892]

It should be noted that a search of emails for particular words would only flag items with

one or more of those words in the text *of the email*. The search would *not* identify emails where the word or words appear *only* in an attachment. Therefore, if Hillary Clinton sent or was sent an email that stated nothing more than, “Please read the attached ASAP,” that email would *not* have been flagged in a search for the word “Benghazi”—even if the email had an attached report that was crammed full of references to Benghazi.

Secretary of State John Kerry, speaking at the Atlantic Council about “climate change,” says, “My heroes are people who dared to take on great challenges without knowing for certain what the outcome would be. Lincoln took risks, Gandhi took risks, Churchill took risks, Dr. King took risks, Mandela took risks, but that doesn’t mean that every risk-taker is a role model. ...Gambling with the future of Earth itself when we know full well what the outcome would be is beyond reckless. It is just plain immoral, and it is a risk that no one should take. We need to face reality. There is no planet B.” [73037, 73038]

CNN.com reports, “The Department of Homeland Security is investigating another incident of misconduct by senior Secret Service agents, White House officials said Wednesday night. Two senior Secret Service agents, including a top member of ...Obama’s protective detail, crashed a car into a White House barricade following a [March 4] late-night party for retiring spokesman Ed Donovan and it’s suspected they had been drinking, sources confirmed to CNN. ...The officers were allowed to go home after a supervisor on duty overruled on-duty law enforcement who wanted to arrest the agents and conduct sobriety tests, a U.S. law enforcement official confirmed to CNN.” According to WashingtonPost.com, the two high-ranking agents who struck “a White House security barricade drove through an active bomb investigation and directly beside the suspicious package...” [72889, 72898, 72908]

James Knowles, mayor of Ferguson, Missouri, tells WND.com, “There is no way they [the Department of Justice investigators] were going to hold [Ferguson police officer] Darren Wilson to the standard of federal civil rights violations. They said that early on. They kept saying the standard was too high. They said, ‘Don’t get your hopes up.’ And so they didn’t say anything about Darren Wilson, but they came out and stuck it to us. I think those cards were laid back in September.” (That is, from the beginning the Department of Justice knew it had no case against Wilson, but it used his shooting of Michael Brown as a way of going after the entire police department.) “[Attorney General] Eric Holder has to be a terrible poker player because he tells his hand before it’s dealt. He came out and said that he was going to come after the Ferguson police department within a couple of days of the shooting. They actually announced the investigation the same day I did my exit interview with them. They told me it would be at least a week. Eric Holder had made the announcement before I got home from that interview with the DOJ. He had made up his mind he was going to come after us. ...The stories that were recounted by the DOJ in the report ...many of those were never verified or got the officer’s side of the story. I think that in and of itself is cause for some concern. There’s a lot of that, honestly, and we’re putting together right now [cases] ...where there’s very specific information about things they reported in that report they neglected to bring up. ...My understanding is that all of that testimony for the report was unsworn statements.

They didn't ask the officer what happened. They didn't ask for the other side of the story. They didn't swear on a Bible that this is what happened. They weren't held under penalty of perjury." (One "example" of racism in the police department cited by the Department of Justice involved the arrest of a black student. The report neglected to mention that the student had shoved to the ground a pregnant teacher, who also happened to be black. To Obama and Holder, arresting the student was "racist.") [72919]

State Department spokeswoman Jennifer Psaki tells reporter that then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton "was not issued a State Department BlackBerry." If Clinton used her own device, it did not have the same level of security as a State Department device. Additionally, TheHill.com reports that Clinton "did not encrypt her private email service with a digital certificate for the first three months of her tenure as secretary of State, according to a security research firm. After scanning Clinton's domain, clintonemail.com, the security firm Venafi found that from January to March 2009, the domain had no digital certificate issued by an authority, which shows a site is secured. 'This means that during the first three months of Secretary Clinton's term in office, web browser, smartphone and tablet communications would not have been encrypted,' said Kevin Bocek, vice president of security strategy and threat intelligence at Venafi, in a blog post. According to Clinton's travel records, she went to China, Egypt, Israel, Japan and South Korea, among other countries, during that time." [72894, 72895, 72896, 72906]

Meanwhile FoxNews.com reports, "[A] determined band of hackers, IT bloggers, and systems analysts have trained their specialized talents and state-of-the-art software on clintonemail.com, the domain under which Clinton established multiple private email accounts, and uncovered serious lapses in security, according to data shared with Fox News. The findings call into question Clinton's confident declaration, at a hastily arranged news conference in New York on Tuesday, that 'there were no security breaches' in her use of a private server. One prominent figure in the hacker community, bolstered by long experience in the U.S. intelligence community, has undertaken to build a virtual 'replica' of Clinton's server configuration in a cyberlab, and has begun testing it with tools designed to probe security defenses. ...Fox News has previously reported that, with the aid of software named Maltego, experts had established that the server is up and running, receiving connectivity to the Internet through an Atlanta-based firm called Internap Network Services Corporation. ...[W]orking with publicly available tools that map network connectivity, experts have established that the last 'hop' before the mail server's Internet Protocol, or IP, address (listed as 64.94.172.146) is Internap's aggregator in Manhattan (listed as 216.52.95.10). 'This is a very strong indication that the clintonemail.com server is in Manhattan,' the source told Fox News. ...That outside experts could so swiftly unearth such information left them convinced that the server remains, as presently configured, highly 'vulnerable' to unauthorized intrusion—even if, as most observers suspect, the server, with so much publicity now attendant on it, is no longer in active use. The hackers further concluded that Clinton's email operation was likely not much better secured when she was secretary of state." Additionally, the Clinton server is using an out-of-date version of Microsoft Outlook Web Application, an older version (7.5) of Microsoft Internet Information Services, and "the certificate for its TLS, or Transport Layer Security, is invalid." [72914]

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, “In 2005, the [State Department] manual was updated and said ‘normal day-to-day operations’ should be conducted on authorized, agency computer systems... In October 2009, federal regulators updated rules to require that emails sent by government employees across private systems be preserved... In 2011, a cable sent to all diplomatic and consular posts offered advice for handling email and included this admonition: ‘Avoid conducting official Department business from your personal email accounts.’”

A Chappaqua, New York resident posts a “For Sale” sign near the home of Bill and Hillary Clinton. It reads, “Used Email Server. Clean Hard Drive. 15 Old House Ln. - See Bill.” [72934, 72992]

In *The Washington Post*, Charles Krauthammer writes, “She burned the tapes. Had Richard Nixon burned his tapes, he would have survived Watergate. Sure, there would have been a major firestorm, but no smoking gun. Hillary Rodham was a young staffer on the House Judiciary Committee investigating Nixon. She saw. She learned. Today you don’t burn tapes. You delete e-mails. Hillary Clinton deleted 30,000, dismissing their destruction with the brilliantly casual: ‘I didn’t see any reason to keep them.’ After all, they were private and personal, she assured everyone. How do we know that? She says so. Were, say, Clinton Foundation contributions considered personal? No one asked. It’s unlikely we’ll ever know. We have to trust her. ...Hillary was determined never to permit another open-ended investigation [like Whitewater]. Which is why she decided even before being confirmed as secretary of state that only she would control her e-mail. ...Her [press conference] answers are farcical. Everyone knows she kept the e-mail private for purposes of concealment and, above all, control. For other State Department employees, their e-mails belong to the government. The records officers decide to return to you what’s personal. For Hillary Clinton, she decides. The point of regulations is to ensure government transparency. The point of owning the server is to ensure opacity. Because she holds the e-mails, all document requests by Congress, by subpoena, by Freedom of Information Act inquiries have ultimately to go through her lawyers, who will stonewall until the end of time—or Election Day 2016, whichever comes first.” [72943]

“...[W]hat is Hillary running on? Her experience and record, say her supporters. What record? She’s had three major jobs. Secretary of state: Can you name a single achievement in four years? U.S. senator: Can you name a single achievement in eight years? First lady: her one achievement in eight years? Hillarycare, a shipwreck. In reality, Hillary Clinton is running on two things: gender and name. Gender is not to be underestimated. It will make her the Democratic nominee. The name is equally valuable. It evokes the warm memory of the golden 1990s, a decade of peace and prosperity during our holiday from history. Now breaking through, however, is a stark reminder of the underside of that Clinton decade: the chicanery, the sleaze, the dodging, the parsing, the wordplay. It’s a dual legacy that Hillary Clinton cannot escape and that will be a permanent drag on her candidacy. You can feel it. It’s a recurrence of an old ailment. It

was bound to set in, but not this soon. What you're feeling now is Early Onset Clinton Fatigue. The CDC is recommending elaborate precautions. Forget it. The only known cure is [Senator] Elizabeth Warren." (Krauthammer is, of course, not a supporter of Warren.) [72943]

The Weekly Standard's Stephen Hayes tweets, "From Obama/Biden 2008 website on Iraq SOFA: 'Obama & Biden also believe that any security accord must be subject to congressional approval.'" [72893]

According to a Gallup poll, "Americans continue to name the government (18%) as the most important U.S. problem, a distinction it has had for the past four months. Americans' mentions of the economy as the top problem (11%) dropped this month, leaving it tied with jobs (10%) for second place." [72885, 72886]

Now-retired former NBC investigative reporter Lisa Myers tells *The Des Moines Register*, "I think the primary mission of journalism is to hold the powerful accountable, be they in government or corporate America. There is less and less interest in network television today holding the White House or any other part of government accountable. I fear there is a calculation that the audiences they are trying to reach don't care that much about the serious news. I think most of the political coverage these days has all the depth of Twitter. I also worry that journalists today appear to have chosen sides when it comes to political coverage. I think you see that in the sagging approval numbers of TV news over the last few years. We've seen trust in the media hit its lowest level ever in 2013 or 2014 surveys and I think the lack of depth and the feeling that too many journalists have chosen sides has caused viewers to question whether we are giving it to them straight and whether we are making a politically balanced presentation." [72917, 72918]

The *Chicago Sun-Times's* Lynn Sweet reports, "Howard Dean, the former Vermont governor, Democratic National Committee chairman and presidential candidate endorsed Jesus 'Chuy' Garcia over [former Obama White House chief of staff] Rahm Emanuel for Chicago mayor on Thursday." [72915]

The *Chicago Sun-Times's* Michael Sneed writes, "Sneed is told by impeccable sources that ...Obama and his wife, Michelle, want to live in New York when they leave the White House. 'They want New York, plain and simple,' said a top Sneed source who asked to remain anonymous—but has a relationship with the Obamas. 'It's not an unusual decision,' added the source. 'The Clintons moved to New York after Bill Clinton left the presidency. It's a happening place.' 'They love the vibe in New York and don't plan to have their main residence in Chicago,' a second source said. 'Is Chicago not big enough anymore? I'm told the Obamas feel New York is the right place to be for the next phase of their lives,' the second source added. 'I don't think the emotional tie to Chicago is what it once was. Perhaps not sophisticated enough.' 'I can't imagine either one of them making their home base here,' a third source added. 'New York is what they want. They are both going to be traveling; being on boards; making speeches; earning a lot more than a White House salary. It's called the presidential gravy train.'" [73000, 73001, 73546]

TMZ.com reports, “The Univision talk show host canned for racist remarks about Michelle Obama says the pink slip was generated from the First Lady’s Office. Rodner Figueroa’s team tells TMZ ...no one from the station or social media uttered a peep when he said Wednesday morning that a makeup artist who transformed himself into Michelle Obama, looked like a member of the ‘Planet of the Apes’ cast. The team claims at 10:20 PM Wednesday they got a call from a Univision exec who said Michelle Obama’s office called the network to complain.” (For some strange reason, a male make-up artist used make-up and wig to make himself look like Michelle Obama. The openly-gay Figueroa—who is half-black, half-Latino, and who twice voted for Barack Obama—then commented on the “made-up” artist’s appearance: “They say he applies makeup everywhere. Now, look at the transformation into Michelle Obama. This is truly impressive. Look at this. You know that Michelle Obama looks like she’s part of the cast of the movie *Planet of the Apes*. This is a difficult transformation. It’s true.”) [72925, 72926, 72935, 72939]

To the surprise of no rational, thinking people, the imposition of a \$15-per-hour minimum wage in Seattle, Washington—effective April 1—is prompting many restaurants in the city to close down. (The same is happening in some neighborhoods in San Francisco, where some restaurants and stores cannot pay the city’s increased minimum wage and still stay in business.) [72930, 72978, 73068, 73155]

Breitbart.com notes a Grantland podcast interview with Dan Pfeiffer, a newly-retired Obama advisor. Pfeiffer confirms in the interview that Obama follows sports whenever he has the chance: “On the plane [Air Force One] it’s good, because he always has a game on. There’s always some NBA game on, usually the Bulls.” [72938]

Senators Ben Sasse (R-NE) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) ask the Social Security Administration to confirm the number of illegal immigrants to whom the Obama administration has given Social Security Numbers since June 2012. CNSNews.com notes, “Sessions, who chairs an immigration subcommittee, is co-sponsoring Sasse’s newly introduced bill, titled ‘Amnesty Bonuses Elimination Act.’ The bill would prohibit the issuance of Social Security Numbers to individuals receiving deferred deportation under ...Obama’s executive actions.” [72952]

The Federal Elections Commission (FCC) finally releases its “net neutrality” rules. The two Republicans on the five-member Commission release their report slamming the commission’s misnamed “neutral” rules. The dissent states, “Net neutrality proponents are already bragging that it will turn the FCC into the ‘Department of the Internet.’ ...The Internet has become a powerful force for freedom, so it is sad to witness the FCC’s unprecedented attempt to replace that freedom with government control. ...This Order imposes intrusive government regulations that won’t work to solve a problem that doesn’t exist using legal authority the FCC doesn’t have. ...The Order notes that the FCC has referred the question of assessing state and federal taxes on broadband to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service and has ‘requested a recommended decision by

April 7, 2015,' right before Tax Day—although 'a short extension of that deadline' may be in order. It's no surprise that many have interpreted this referral as a question of how to tax broadband, not whether to do so, and states have already begun discussions on how they will spend the extra money." (Congress has never passed legislation directing—or even allowing—the FCC to regulate and tax the Internet. Because only Congress has the power to impose federal taxes, the new FCC regulations are clearly unconstitutional. They are based not on legislation, but an Obama directive to the FCC that it regulate the Internet. But because Obama could not care less about following the U.S. Constitution, Internet users can expect to see federal taxes on their broadband bills, just as they see federal taxes on their telephone bills.) [72948, 72950, 72951, 72958]

DailySignal.com comments on the FCC regulations: "The burdensome rules will chill investment in the core of the Internet, leaving everyone with slower speeds and less innovation. A broad range of innovative and pro-consumer services will potentially be stopped cold by the rules, potentially including such popular offerings as T-Mobile's 'Music Freedom' plan that allows unlimited access to music streaming services, and Sprint prepaid social media access plans. What exactly will be prohibited to consumers, however, is still unknown, as the rules leave final decisions in the discretion of regulators. Is this really what openness looks like? Fortunately, the debate over these rules is not over. Congress is gearing up to overturn the new rules, with [Congresswoman] Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) last week introducing a bill to reverse the Federal Communications Commission's actions. And the rules will no doubt be reviewed by a wary judiciary, which has twice before knocked down similar regulatory power-grabs by the Commission. The text released Thursday is far from the final word." [72958] With Democrats slamming Republicans for daring to criticize the Obama administration's nuclear negotiations with Iran, DailyCaller.com reminds readers that "Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger hammered John Kerry in 1985 for interfering in diplomatic negotiations with Nicaragua's Marxist government as a Massachusetts senator. ...Kerry and then-Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin visited Nicaragua in 1985 to cut a deal with the Sandinista government, which was close to the former Soviet Union. President Ronald Reagan, however, was already set on overthrowing the Marxist government in Nicaragua by sending aid to a group of Nicaraguan rebels—the contras." [72916]

Meanwhile, the Obama administration considers having his eventual Iran agreement endorsed by the United Nations Security Council—a sure-fire way to anger Senators who oppose the deal, as well as a global middle finger to the American people. (Of course, Iran is already in violation of existing Security Council resolutions. Any move by Obama to seek Security Council approval of a deal will be purely political.) At NationalReview.com Andrew C. McCarthy later notes, "Even when international understandings are validly created by treaty (which requires approval by two-thirds of the Senate), they are not 'self-executing,' as the legal lexicon puts it—meaning they are not judicially enforceable and carry no domestic weight. Whether bilateral or multilateral, treaties do not supersede existing federal law unless implemented by new congressional statutes. And they are powerless to amend the Constitution. ...Obama, therefore, has no power to impose an international agreement by fiat—he has to come to Congress. He can make whatever deal he wants to make with Iran, but the Constitution still gives Congress

exclusive authority over foreign commerce. Lawmakers can enact sanctions legislation that does not permit a presidential waiver. Obama would not sign it, but the next president will—especially if the Republicans raise it into a major 2016 campaign issue.” [72931, 72941, 72949, 73011]

At the daily State Department press briefing, spokeswoman Jen Psaki is asked if the administration is treating the Iran nuclear as non-binding so that Obama can avoid calling it a treaty that requires Senate approval. She replies, “The overriding reason to prefer a non-binding international arrangement to a treaty is the need to preserve the greatest possible flexibility to re-impose sanctions if we believe Iran is not meeting its commitments under a joint comprehensive plan of action.” (The response is preposterous, and is like saying, “We are not defining murder as being against the law so that if someone does commit a murder we will have more flexibility in punishing that murderer.”) Psaki is asked, “Your argument is that you have more flexibility with a non-binding agreement. And what I don’t understand is why you couldn’t have the same flexibility in a binding agreement?” She responds, “Because that’s not how these have typically worked. This is the path we’ve determined is the best path forward.” [72949]

On *Hannity*, John C. Muhammad city clerk of Uplands Park, Missouri, tells Sean Hannity the shooting of two police officers in Ferguson, Missouri “was a complete setup. I think it was a setup between members of the police fraternity is what I like to call them [sic]. I think they operate just like the KKK. I think they did it to make themselves [look like] a victim. Honestly the victims are black people. I think it’s just a publicity stunt. No more than that.” Hannity asks Muhammad (who is black), who the shooters were. Muhammad replies, “I don’t know. Maybe KKK? Their brothers? I don’t know. ... Things [are] going to get bigger. ... We can’t stop now. We have to keep pushing this issue forward, because this is a major problem that black men, black women are being shot down and killed by white police officers, sometimes black, because the problem’s not always these white people.” (Earlier in the day, Muhammad tweeted, “Headed to the Ferguson Police Station to do what I do best. AGITATE!”) [72953, 72955]

In response to the shooting of the two police officers, Obama issues nothing more than a tweet (“Violence against police is unacceptable. Our prayers are with the officers in MO. Path to justice is one all of us must travel together”)—and then heads to California to tie up traffic, attend a fundraiser, and appear on *Jimmy Kimmel Live* (taxpayer cost: about \$2 million). On the program (which is not broadcast live), Obama tells Kimmel, “What had been happening in Ferguson was oppressive and objectionable and was worthy of protest. But there was no excuse for criminal acts. Whoever fired those shots [at two police officers in Ferguson, Missouri] should not detract from the issue—they are criminals, they need to be arrested—and then what we need to do is make sure that like-minded, good-spirited people on both sides—law enforcement, who have a terrifically tough job, and people who understandably don’t want to be stopped and harassed just because of their race—that they are able to work together to come up with some good answers.” [72888, 72928, 72929, 72933, 72936, 72947, 72945, 72954, 72956, 72957, 72960, 72976, 72977, 72987, 72988, 72990, 72993, 72994, 73014]

Kimmel jokes that 47 Republican senators warned Iran not to negotiate with Obama because he is “the first Kenyan-born socialist” in the White House. Obama says, “I can’t drive.” Kimmel asks, “Is that because you don’t have a birth certificate?” Obama responds, “In Kenya, we drive on the other side of the road.” (Obama’s wife also travels to California—to tape an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres’ television program—where she dances to “uptown funk” and whines, “The one thing people don’t realize is, we can’t do little things like open windows [in the White House] and “I haven’t been in a car with the window open for like seven years... I look forward to getting in a car and rolling down the window and just letting the air hit my face.” (If she missed fresh air, she could have persuaded her husband not to run for reelection in 2012.) The Obamas fly on separate planes, possibly because she wanted to return home, rather than accompany her husband on a trip to a Veterans Hospital in Phoenix the next day.) [72888, 72928, 72929, 72933, 72936, 72947, 72945, 72954, 72956, 72957, 72960, 72976, 72977, 72987, 72988, 72990, 72993, 72994, 73014, 73099, 73190]

On March 13 Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett tells the *New York Times Magazine*, “I just want to do my job, and part of my job for [Obama] is to be his friend. ...I intend to stay until the lights go off. Why would I miss a single second of this?” Jarrett is asked, “Starting out six years ago, did you expect a different relationship with the Republicans on Capitol Hill?” She replies, “Yes, absolutely. In Springfield, as a very junior state senator, [Obama] was able to work with the other side of the aisle. What became clear when we came here is that there was not a willing spirit on the other side of the table.” (Jarrett’s response is sheer nonsense. First, Democrats firmly controlled the Illinois legislature during the entire time Obama served as a state senator. Secondly, not only did Obama not get along with Republicans in Springfield, he made more than a few enemies among his fellow Democrats with his tactics. As an example, Obama persuaded Senate President Emil Jones to steer bills his way in 2003 so he could better make a name for himself to help boost his 2004 campaign for the U.S. Senate. Democrat colleagues in the Illinois State Senate were intensely critical of Obama’s game of taking credit for bills he had almost nothing to do with. State Senator Ricky Hendon—one of Obama’s victims—said, “No one wants to carry the ball 99 yards all the way to the one-yard line, and then give it to the half-back who gets all the credit and the stats in the record book.”) [98, 99, 239, 292, 72922, 72923, 72924, 72937]

D. W. Ulsterman writes, “[Valerie] Jarrett is the figure who controls every aspect of the Obama media monster. From his attempts at comedy on the *Between Two Ferns* Internet program, to interviews granted to actual reporters, every facet of every media examples is carefully orchestrated out of Valerie Jarrett’s second floor White House office—a location known by those with access to the administration as OVO2, aka ‘Oval Office 2.’ Jarrett is also the direct link between the Obama White House and the Eric Holder DOJ. It is said Attorney General Eric Holder regularly awaits approval from Jarrett herself prior to taking actions on more important DOJ-related matters such as Benghazi, Ferguson, etc. In 2012 Eric Holder was said to be fully prepared to step down as Attorney General, a move supported by those high up within the then Obama re-election team. Valerie Jarrett apparently quashed the move, demanding Holder stay and threatening any

who further suggested such a resignation that it would in fact be them who would have all access to the administration immediately terminated. Valerie Jarrett was the one who turned on the lights of this Obama White House. I guess it is only fitting she be the one to turn them off..." (With Jarrett insisting she will "stay until the lights go off," more than a few concerned Americans may be praying for a power outage.) [72959]

Apparently because it cannot think of anything more productive and worthwhile to do, Obama's propaganda group, Organizing for Action, announces a "Climate Change Fantasy Tournament" to pick the greatest "climate denier" in Congress. [72927]

Senate Democrats block legislation that sets up a fund to aid victims of human trafficking because the funds are not permitted to be used for abortions (except in cases of rape or incest or when the mother's life is endangered). Politico.com notes, "The provision is essentially an expansion of the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits taxpayer funds from being used for abortions and is routinely included in spending bills. Provisions similar to the Hyde Amendment are included in other types of programs, such as the State Children's Health Insurance Program." (Democrats would rather support abortion than rescue modern-day slaves.) [73043, 73044, 73045, 73071, 73078, 73361]

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) responds to an inquiry from a constituent about Obama's past by claiming, that Obama "has provided several news organizations with certified copies of his original long-form birth certificate, showing he was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 4, 1961." Brown is mistaken. ThePostEmail.com notes, "The only news organization which claims to have received a 'certified copy' of the image posted on the White House website on April 27, 2011 purported to be Obama's long-form birth certificate is NBC News via Savannah Guthrie." (It should be noted that Guthrie's first husband was Mark Orchard, producer and editor for Al Jazeera. She then married Michael Feldman, a former Al Gore aide who runs a business that 'promotes strategic communication.' Guthrie once worked for the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer and Feld, whose senior counsel is Vernon Jordan, the grand-uncle of Obama's closest advisor and the 'de facto president,' Valerie Jarrett.) [2717, 8120, 21389, 32676, 71005, 71006, 73019]

The Associated Press reports, "The National Institutes of Health says an American health care worker who contracted Ebola while volunteering in a Sierra Leone treatment unit has arrived safely at its hospital in Maryland. The NIH says the patient arrived at the hospital in Bethesda, north of Washington, before 5 a.m. Friday and the patient's condition is still being evaluated. The patient's name, age and gender have not been released. Officials say the patient was transported to the United States in isolation on a chartered plane." [72932]

On his return trip from Hollywood, Obama visits the Veterans Administration hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, accompanied by VA Secretary Robert McDonald. WashingtonExaminer.com reports, "A staffer at the hospital says retaliation against internal critics is going on even after Obama replaced his top Veterans Affairs official in

2014. Obama's trip to the Phoenix, Ariz., VA hospital is long overdue, critics argue. Revelations about treatment at that facility led to disclosures of similar problems — including chronic delays in medical care—at Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals nationwide. Continuing VA troubles culminated in the ouster last year of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki. But complaints about VA facilities continue to roll in, and [Obama] took heat for driving by the Phoenix VA hospital—his motorcade did not stop—when promoting his housing agenda in Arizona two months ago. ... Brandon Coleman, who worked at the Phoenix VA hospital, said he was put on administrative leave earlier this year after informing his supervisor that suicidal veterans were not being treated at the emergency room there. 'I'm on paid administrative leave for no other reason than whistleblower retaliation. [McDonald] said this would no longer happen to whistleblowers. ... I've been home 44 days. He said he would look into it. It's just a huge bureaucratic mess and hard to get anything done. I'm hoping something comes from it, but I have reservations.'" [72945]

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki tells reporters that the automatic system for saving emails of department employees was not implemented until February of 2014. (The statement contradicts Hillary Clinton's claim that she did not have to save emails on her personal serve because any emails to or from State Department employees were automatically saved. Clinton left her position long before the automatic process was in place.) [72986, 73005]

CIA Director John Brennan (who some believe is a "closet Muslim") tells an audience at the Council on Foreign Relations that ISIS members "are terrorists, they're criminals. ... Most—many of them—are psychopathic thugs, murderers who use a religious concept and masquerade and mask themselves in that religious construct. Let's make it very clear that the people who carry out acts of terrorism—whether it be al-Qaeda or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant—are doing it because they believe it is consistent with what their view of Islam is. It is totally inconsistent with what the overwhelming majority of Muslims [think] throughout the world. ... Quite frankly, I'm amused about [sic; by] the debate that goes on about, you know, 'Unless you call it by what it is, you don't know what you're fighting.' I think we have to be very careful also in the characterization [of ISIS] because the words that we use can have resonance." Brennan offers an excuse for terrorism, saying their actions are "fed a lot of times by, you know, political repression, by economic, you know, disenfranchisement, by, you know, lack of education and ignorance, so there—there are a number of phenomena right now that I think are fueling the fires of, you know, this ideology." [72966, 72967, 73029, 73030, 73088, 73404]

Reuters reports, "Eight suspected Islamist militants accused of planning attacks in Spain and recruiting fighters to send to Syria and Iraq were arrested in dawn raids across Spain on Friday, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The six men and two women were connected to the Islamic State militant group via one of their operatives who organized activity from Syria and Iraq, the ministry said. All those arrested had Spanish nationality, and five were of Moroccan heritage." [72968, 72969]

Bloombergview.com reports, “The war against the Islamic State has killed thousands of fighters and even some mid-level battlefield commanders, but the organization's senior leadership and nerve center remain largely untouched, according to U.S. military and intelligence officials. These officials and other experts tracking the terror group tell us that the Islamic State's Shura and Sharia councils, the advisory bodies that help inform the major decisions of the group's leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, remain intact, notwithstanding one close call in November for Baghdadi. Although airstrikes and military campaigns have killed several regional administrators and designated ‘governors,’ the Islamic State has quickly replaced them and maintains its command-and-control capabilities.” [72970, 72971]

Caroline Glick writes at Townhall.com, “The next 22 months until ...Obama leaves office promise to be the most challenging period in the history of US-Israel relations. ...The [Senator Bob] Menendez [D-NJ] prosecution tells us that Obama wishes to leave office after having vastly diminished support for Israel among Democrats. And he will not hesitate to use strong-arm tactics against his fellow Democrats to achieve his goal. ...[W]ith his move against Menendez, Obama made clear that support for Israel—even in the form of opposition to the nuclear armament of Iran—will be personally and politically costly for Democrats. ...Last Thursday, US National Security Adviser Susan Rice announced that the NSC’s [National Security Council’s] Middle East Coordinator Phil Gordon was stepping down and being replaced by serial Israel-basher Robert Malley. ...Malley thinks it is perfectly reasonable that the Palestinians refuse to concede their demand for free immigration of millions of foreign Arabs to the Jewish state in the framework of their concocted ‘right of return,’ even though the clear goal of that demand is to destroy Israel. As [Jonathan] Tobin noted, Malley believes that Palestinian terrorism against Israel is ‘understandable if not necessarily commendable.’ ...The deeper significance of Malley’s appointment is that it demonstrates that Obama’s goal in his remaining time in office is to realign US Middle East policy away from Israel. With his Middle East policy led by a man who thinks the Palestinian goal of destroying Israel is legitimate, Obama can be expected to expand his practice of placing all the blame for the absence of peace between Israel and the Palestinians solely on Israel’s shoulders.” [72977, 73086]

“Malley’s appointment indicates that there is nothing Israel can do to stem the tsunami of American pressure it is about to suffer. Electing a left-wing government to replace Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will make no difference. ...[W]e can assume that [Malley], and his boss [Obama], will blame Israel for the absence of peace over the next 22 months, regardless of who stands at the head of the next government. In this vein we can expect the administration to expand the anti-Israel positions it has already taken. ...We can expect the US to make expanded use of European economic warfare against Israel in the coming years, and to continue to give a backwind to the anti-Semitic BDS [boycott, divestment, and sanctions] movement by escalating its libelous rhetoric conflating Israel with the apartheid regime in South Africa. US-Israel intelligence and defense ties will also be on the chopping block. We can expect the US to make expanded use of European economic warfare against Israel in the coming years, and to continue to give a backwind to the anti-Semitic BDS movement by escalating its libelous rhetoric

conflating Israel with the apartheid regime in South Africa. US-Israel intelligence and defense ties will also be on the chopping block. While Obama and his advisers consistently boast that defense and intelligence ties between Israel and the US have grown during his presidency, over the past several years, those ties have suffered blow after blow. During the war with Hamas last summer, acting on direct orders from the White House, the Pentagon instituted a partial—unofficial—embargo on weapons to Israel. As for intelligence ties, over the past month, the administration announced repeatedly that it is ending its intelligence sharing with Israel on Iran.” [72977, 73086]

“The Hillary Clinton email scandal has revealed that during her tenure as secretary of state, Clinton transferred top secret information regarding Israel’s operations against Iran to the New York Times. We also learned that the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is being fingered as the source of the leak regarding the Stuxnet computer virus that Israel and the US reportedly developed jointly to cripple Iran’s nuclear centrifuges. In other words, since taking office, Obama has used the US’s intelligence ties with Israel to harm Israel’s national security on at least two occasions. He has also used diplomacy to harm Israel. Last summer, Obama sought a diplomatic settlement of Hamas’s war with Israel that would have granted Hamas all of its war goals, including its demand for open borders and access to the international financial system. Now of course, he is running roughshod over his bipartisan opposition, and the opposition of Israel and the Sunni Arab states, in the hopes of concluding a nuclear deal with Iran that will pave the way for the ayatollahs to develop nuclear weapons and expand their hegemonic control over the Middle East.” [72977, 73086]

CNSNews.com reports, “Inflation-adjusted federal tax revenues hit a record \$1,185,613,000,000 in the first five months of fiscal 2015 [September 2014 through January 2015], but the federal government still ran a \$386,537,000,000 deficit during that time, according to the latest Monthly Treasury Statement. ...Although the federal government brought in a record of approximately \$1,185,613,000,000 in revenue in the first five months of fiscal 2015, according to the Treasury, it also spent approximately \$1,572,149,000,000—leaving a deficit of approximately \$386,537,000,000.” [72946]

NYTimes.com reports, “A federal judge [Gladys Kessler] on Friday ruled on behalf of Citizens United, a conservative advocacy group, in its lawsuit against the State Department for documents related to Hillary Rodham Clinton’s tenure there. Judge Gladys Kessler of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia ordered the State Department to produce passenger manifests from 47 overseas trips that Mrs. Clinton made as secretary of state. Citizens United requested the manifests last July through a Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] Request. The State Department, the judge wrote, must release the first batch of records by April 3, with more being released every two weeks; all the documents must be given to the group no later than Aug. 1. The group requested the flight manifests to examine whether Clinton Foundation donors had accompanied Mrs. Clinton on State Department trips. ...Citizens United has made 18 FOIA requests for information, none of which have been fulfilled. The group said it planned to file a lawsuit next week that would seek to gain access to documents that show

any existing correspondence between senior State Department officials and donors to the Bill, Hillary & Chelsea Clinton Foundation.” [72963, 73008]

FoxNews.com reports, “A State Department spokeswoman said Friday that the department did not start automatically archiving emails from senior officials until February of this year—raising questions about Hillary Clinton's claim that her emails were ‘immediately’ saved whenever she corresponded with colleagues. The former secretary of state made that assertion during her press conference earlier this week—and in a lengthy statement put out by her office—as she defended her exclusive use of personal email. Clinton downplayed concerns that official emails could have been lost by suggesting anytime she emailed anyone with a ‘.gov’ address, that email would be stored for posterity. ...But department spokeswoman Jen Psaki made clear on Friday that this was not the way the system worked. She said the department only started automatically archiving emails for other senior officials in February. ...Before February, these senior officials would have been responsible for flagging their own official records for preservation. And as an inspector general report released earlier this week made clear, that often was not happening.” [72964]

Obama tells Vice.com he is “embarrassed for the Republican senators who wrote an open letter to Iranian leaders about their nuclear negotiations. “For them to address a letter to the Ayatollah, who they claim is our mortal enemy, and their basic argument to them is, ‘Don’t deal with [Obama] because you can’t trust him to follow through on an agreement,’ that’s close to unprecedented.” (Obama is incorrect in many ways. The letter was not in an envelope with a postage stamp and addressed to the Ayatollah. It was merely an open letter posted on the web site of Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR). The senators did not state that Obama could not be trusted. The letter stated that no Oval Office successor would be bound by any Obama agreement that is not ratified by the Senate. It is not “unprecedented” to openly state what is in the U.S. Constitution. Nor is Senate criticism of an administration’s foreign policy unprecedented.) [72975, 73076]

Also in the interview, Obama blames the formation of ISIS/ISIL on former President George W. Bush: “...ISIS is a direct outgrowth of al-Qaeda in Iraq that grew out of our [2003] invasion, which is an example of unintended consequences, which is why we should generally aim before we shoot. We’ve got a 60-country coalition, we will slowly push back ISIL out of Iraq. I’m confident that will happen. But what I’m worried about and what we have to stay worried about, is even if ISIL is defeated, the underlying problem of disaffected Sunnis around the world, but particularly in some of these areas—including Libya, including Yemen—where a young man who has no education, no prospects for the future is looking around and the one way he can get validation, power, respect is if he’s a fighter and this looks like the toughest gang around and let me affiliate with them, and now you’re giving me a religious rational for doing this. That’s a problem we’re going to have generally.” (Obama notes the problems in Libya, apparently unaware that they are the direct result of his “shooting before aiming.” He was so eager to oust Moammar Gaddafi that he gave no consideration to who or what would succeed him—or, worse, he *did* know that radical Islamists would follow Gaddafi.) Retired Lieutenant

Colonel Ralph Peters later remarks, “If ...Obama developed athlete’s foot, he would blame George W. Bush.” [73112, 73113, 73114, 73189]

On March 14 Pamela Geller posts poll results from around the world showing that about 985 billion of the world’s estimated 1.6 billion Muslims want Shari’ah law, and roughly 370 billion of them believe it should be imposed on everyone. [72965]

Iraqi Kurds claim ISIS is using chemical weapons against their “peshmerga” troops. [72998, 73072]

The Telegraph reports that ISIS terrorist Mohammed Emwazi (“Jihadi John”) still has an unfrozen bank account in Great Britain. “Only six out of more than 600 British jihadists have had their bank accounts frozen under special terror laws, according to an official report. The review also shows just £50,000 worth of assets was frozen in bank accounts opened by terror suspects operating in the UK. The amount was branded ‘remarkably low’ by David Anderson QC, the Government’s independent reviewer of terrorism legislation and author of the new study.” [73031, 73032, 73033]

International Business Times reports that the young boy who was shown shooting a captive in the head in an ISIS video may be a French schoolboy: “Students at Nicolas Vauquelin de Toulouse college, Toulouse, reportedly recognised the killer as a former classmate who left France last year. ‘Concerning the formal identification of this person, I cannot tell you anything,’ schools inspector Jacques Caillaut told AFP. ‘Children from the Vauquelin College have recognised one of their (former) classmates, but we must remain cautious.’ The child, said to be called ‘Ryan’ was in his final year of primary school education at École Élémentaire Publique Vergers in Toulouse, until 11 March 2014, when he was reported absent by the school. ...French media has identified the man standing besides the boy [in the video] as Sabri Essid, 31. Essid is believed to be the boy’s stepfather. According to *Le Parisien* Essid left France for Syria with all his family in spring last year. Essid is the stepbrother of Mohammed Merah, who killed seven people after targeting a Jewish school in Toulouse in 2012.” (The brutal killing of innocents apparently runs in the family.) [72022]

FoxNews.com reports, “A baby-faced executioner who looks to be no older than 12 appears to kill an Israeli Arab who confesses to being a Mossad spy in the latest stomach-turning video released by ISIS. The 13-minute clip... shows a seated man identified by his family as 19-year-old Muhammad Said Ismail Musallam calmly confessing to having been recruited by the Jewish State’s spy agency, even stating how much he was paid. ...Near the end of the video, a man speaking in French issues threats against Jews in France, before the boy moves in front of the kneeling hostage and shoots him in the forehead with a pistol. The boy, who shouts ‘Allahu Akbar,’ then shoots Musallam four more times as he lies on the ground.” [72817, 72818, 73022]

Actor Jon Voight appears in a video message to Israeli citizens. He states, “I love Israel. I

want to see Israel survive and not be overtaken by the mad men of this world. ...Obama does not love Israel. His whole agenda is to control Israel; in this way, he can be friends with all of Israel's enemies. He doesn't want [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu to win this upcoming election. America has not been the same since his presidency. I beg everyone, all of you to understand the truth. Those like Isaac Herzog [Netanyahu's primary election opponent, Knesset member Yitzhak Herzog] who believe that deal making is the solution to what Israel faces are as wrong as Neville Chamberlain believing he made a peace deal with Hitler. We must learn from history where the true danger lies. I pray to God to keep Israel safe, and America as well. Much love to you." (Herzog, also known as "Bougie," trusts Obama to "get a good deal" with Iran. The basis for that trust is not known.) [73058, 73059, 73062, 73117]

At Townhall.com John Hawkins reports on how Bill and Hillary Clinton have gone after the women who have come forward to claim they were sexually used, abused, or raped by the former president. (Those women include, but are not limited to, Gennifer Flowers, Paula Jones, Kathleen Willey, Monica Lewinsky, Elizabeth Gracen, Dolly Kyle Browning, Sally Perdue, Juanita Broadrick.) [72974, 73090, 73091, 73092, 73093, 73094, 73095, 73096, 73097]

At NYTimes.com Maureen Dowd writes "an open letter to hdr22@clintonemail.com." Dowd writes, "Since open letters to secretive and duplicitous regimes are in fashion, we would like to post an Open Letter to the Leaders of the Clinton Republic of Chappaqua: It has come to our attention while observing your machinations during your attempted restoration that you may not fully understand our constitutional system. Thus, we are writing to bring to your attention two features of our democracy: The importance of preserving historical records and the ill-advised gluttony of an American feminist icon wallowing in regressive Middle Eastern states' payola. If you, Hillary Rodham Clinton, are willing to cite your mother's funeral to get sympathy for ill-advisedly deleting 30,000 emails, it just makes us want to sigh: O.K., just take it. If you want it that bad, go ahead and be president and leave us in peace. (Or war, if you have your hawkish way.)" [73016]

"You're still idling on the runway, but we're already jet-lagged. It's all so drearily familiar that I know we're only moments away from James Carville writing a column in David Brock's Media Matters, headlined, 'In Private, Hillary's Really a Hoot.' ...None of what you said made any sense. Keeping a single account mingling business and personal with your own server wasn't about 'convenience.' It was about expedience. You became judge and jury on what's relevant because you didn't want to leave digital fingerprints for others to retrace. You could have had Huma carry two devices if you really couldn't hoist an extra few ounces. You insisted on piggybacking on Bill's server, even though his aides were worried about hackers, because you were gaming the system for 2016. (Or even 2012.) ...Because you assume that if it's good for the Clintons, it's good for the world, you're always tangling up government policy with your own needs, desires, deceptions, marital bargains and gremlins. ...Hillary, your syndrome is less mortal [than your husband's philandering], more regal, a matter of 'What Is Hillary Owed?' Ronald Reagan seemed like an ancient king, as one aide put it, gliding across the

landscape. You seem like an annoyed queen, radiating irritation at anyone who tries to hold you accountable. You're less rhetorically talented than Bill but more controlling, so it's harder for you to navigate out of tough spots." [73016]

"Rapper" Kanye West tells reporters, "I love Obama. He called our house before. He knows that. Don't try to pit us, uh, against each other. C'mon, brother, don't try to pit us against each other." (Asked by Jimmy Kimmel the day before if it was true he had telephoned West, Obama said, "I don't think I've got his home number.") [73009]

Due to "heightened security concerns," the State Department cancels "all consular services in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dhahran for Sunday, March 15 and Monday, March 16, 2015. ...All U.S. citizens are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings, and take extra precautions when travelling throughout the country [of Saudi Arabia]." [73003, 73004]

The White House responds to the letter from 47 Republican senators by sending its own letter—from Chief of Staff Denis McDonough. McDonough writes, "The Administration's request to the Congress is simple: let us complete the negotiations before the Congress acts on legislation. We understand that Congress will make its own determinations about how to respond, but we do not believe that the country's interests are served by congressional attempts to weigh in prematurely on this sensitive and consequential ongoing international negotiation aimed at achieving a goal that we all share: using diplomacy to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon." (In other words, "We will listen to your input after it is too late for you to do anything. We welcome the input of Congress, but Obama will veto any legislation that tries to stop our nuclear deal with Iran.") [73012, 73013, 73025, 73075]

At the South Carolina National Security Action Summit in West Columbia, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton calls the in-progress nuclear deal with Iran "fundamentally flawed. ...There really is no deal I'd trust Iran with. It is a regime determined to have nuclear weapons and this deal will give it to them. ...[Obama] coddles the Iranian ayatollah and attacks his own countrymen and our closest allies over this deal. The danger we hope to avoid is now imminent. This is just one example of how [Obama] doesn't care about America's national security. ...The gravest threat to our national security sits in the Oval Office. The next two years can't pass swiftly enough. For God's sake, let's not make the same mistake in 2016." [73027]

At NYPost.com Edward Klein writes, "Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett leaked to the press details of Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail address during her time as secretary of state, sources tell me. But she did so through people outside the administration, so the story couldn't be traced to her or the White House. In addition, at Jarrett's behest, the State Department was ordered to launch a series of investigations into Hillary's conduct at Foggy Bottom [the State Department], including the use of her expense account, the disbursement of funds, her contact with foreign leaders and her possible collusion with the Clinton Foundation. Six separate probes into Hillary's

performance have been going on at the State Department. I'm told that the e-mail scandal was timed to come out just as Hillary was on the verge of formally announcing that she was running for president—and that there's more to come. Members of Bill Clinton's camp say the former president suspects the White House is the source of the leak and is furious. ...[A]ccording to this source, Bill added: 'The Obamas are out to get us any way they can.' ... 'Obama and Valerie Jarrett will go to any lengths to prevent Hillary from becoming president,' a source close to the White House told me. 'They believe that Hillary, like her husband, is left of center, [but] not a true-blue liberal.' ... 'With Obama's approval,' this source continued, 'Valerie has been holding secret meetings with Martin O'Malley [the former Democratic governor of Maryland] and [Senator] Elizabeth Warren [D-MA]. She's promised O'Malley and Warren the full support of the White House if they will challenge Hillary for the presidential nomination.'" [73002, 73006, 73007, 73734]

The *Daily Mail* reports, "The US government has made a bizarre internet gaffe by posting a British Muslim extremist's photograph of veiled women calling for sharia law, citing it as an inspirational example of free speech in the West. The [U.S.] State Department's 'Think Again Turn Away' campaign is designed to dissuade Muslims from joining IS—also known as ISIS—and other extreme groups. The campaign posted the picture on its Twitter account last week, adding: 'In open societies, all faiths enjoy freedom of speech; under ISIS rule, no such thing as freedom of expression.' The photograph shows Muslim women, all in black burkas, running a stall in Dalston, East London. They are standing behind a trestle table covered in leaflets and a banner reading: 'Shariah law or man made law. Which is better for mankind?'" [73035]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "Nearly 200,000 insured Coloradans will lose their health-care plans next year under the state's embattled Obamacare exchange, Connect for Health Colorado. State insurance commissioner Marguerite Salazar touched off an outcry Friday by confirming to news outlets that health-care policies covering 190,000 people will be dropped in 2016 because they fail to comply with the Affordable Care Act. Colorado Senate Majority Leader Bill Cadman called the action 'a huge blow to another 190,000 Coloradans who will be forced out of their existing healthcare plans.' ... Those holding non-compliant health-care policies will have 90 days' notice to switch plans, he said, but Republicans were nonetheless furious to learn of the cancellations." Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) "urged state officials to reconsider and allow the non-compliant policies to stay in effect for another year, pointing out that 'Coloradans were promised by supporters of this healthcare law that if they liked their plans, they could keep their plans.' 'I am utterly appalled by this announcement. After all of the glitches, the increased costs and premiums, and the plan cancellations that Coloradans have already endured, the idea that the Division of Insurance would choose to cancel the healthcare plans of hundreds of thousands more people is unconscionable,' Mr. Gardner said in a statement." [73010]

At the annual Gridiron Club dinner, Obama says, "You don't diminish your office by taking a selfie. You do it by sending a poorly written letter to Iran." (Obama apparently believes taking a selfie warrants a defense while trying to prevent Iran from getting

nuclear weapons does not.) He also jokes, “If you think about how things have changed since 2008, back then I was the young tech-savvy candidate of the future. Now I’m yesterday’s news and Hillary’s got a server in her house! I am so far behind.” [72985, 73064, 73126]

On March 15, 20-year-old Jeffrey Williams is arrested and charged with the shooting of two police officers in Ferguson, Missouri. USA Today.com reports, “County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch said Jeffrey Williams was charged with two counts of assault in the first degree, one count of firing a weapon from a vehicle and three counts of armed criminal action. McCulloch said Williams admitted firing the shots but said he was shooting at someone else. ‘We’re not sure we buy that part of it,’ McCulloch said, adding that the handgun used in the shooting has been recovered. He said Williams was involved in the demonstration that was wrapping up when the incident took place. Williams, he said, was being held in lieu of \$300,000 cash bail. ... Williams has had several minor run-ins with police and one felony arrest in St. Louis, court records show.” (Williams, who is black, was already wanted for violating the terms of his probation. On January 2 he wrote on social media, “It’s so easy to take somebody life... Bt y’ll niggas scared to bang... smh [shaking my head]... Gotta Have da best of both worlds.” In September he wrote, “Dam i heard mfs on west florrisant again on tht looting sht again... lhh gotta make my way tht way.” (That is, “I want to join the looting in Ferguson.”) [72979, 72980, 73015, 73034, 73137]

On *This Week*, Democrat party hack James Carville comes to Hillary Clinton’s “defense” in a way she might not appreciate. He says, “It was something that she did—it was legal. I suspect she didn’t want [Congressman] Louie Gohmert [R-TX] rifling through her emails, which seems to me to be a kinda [sic; kind of] reasonable position for someone to take. So, it amounts to—this, like everything else before it, it amounts to nothing but a bunch of people flappin’ their jaws about nothin.” (Regardless of likelihood that Clinton did break the law, not wanting anyone to “rifle through” emails is not justification for hiding them when they relate to government business. Clinton clearly kept her emails in a personal account so they would not be found and released via any Freedom of Information Act inquiries. Richard Nixon did not want anyone listening to his White House recordings either, but that was irrelevant. Clinton’s emails, like Nixon’s tapes, are the property of the people of the United States.) [72981, 73036, 73063, 73065]

Secretary of State John Kerry tells CBS the Obama administration is willing to meet with Syrian president Bashar al-Assad to negotiate an end to the nation’s civil war: “We have to negotiate in the end, and what we’re pushing for is to get him to come and do that, and it may require that there be increased pressure on him of various kinds in order to do that. We’ve made it very clear to people that we are looking at increased steps that can help bring about that pressure.” (This would be the same Obama administration that has repeatedly stated Assad had to be removed from power. On February 8 Kerry said, “And as Daesh [ISIS] retreats to Syria, we will continue our fight and we will continue to put pressure on the Assad regime because there is no place for a brutal dictator who is a magnet for terrorism and allows those terrorists safe haven.” In 2013 Kerry told NBC’s

Meet the Press, “Bashar al-Assad now joins the list of Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein who’ve used these weapons in a time of war.” In 2013 Assad was like Hitler; in 2015 he can be trusted in negotiations—perhaps to draw more “red lines” he can cross.) [72982, 72983, 72984, 73041, 73042]

On *Face the Nation*, Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) tells leftist program moderator Bob Schieffer why he and 46 other GOP senators posted an open letter to the Iranian regime: “Iran’s leaders needed to hear the message loud and clear. I can tell you they are not hearing that message from [the negotiations in] Geneva. In fact, if you look at the response of the Iranian foreign minister... it underscores the need for the letter in the first place because he made it clear that he does not understand our constitutional system. He thinks that international law can override our constitution.” Schieffer asks, “But how does it make America stronger to tell them any agreement they make with this administration may not be worth the paper it’s written on, that it may not last beyond this presidency? How does that make things better?” Cotton responds, “It’s a simple fact of our constitution that if Congress doesn’t approve that deal that it may not last and the deal that’s on the table right now is a very bad deal.” A snarky Schieffer asks, “Do you plan to check with the North Koreans to make sure that they know that any deal has to be approved by the Congress?” Cotton replies, “I would point out that in 1994 the United States entered into something called Agreed Framework to stop North Korea from getting a bomb. They almost immediately started cheating on it and a mere 12 years later they detonated their first nuclear weapon. Now the world has to live with the consequences of a nuclear North Korea. I don’t want the world to live with the consequences of a nuclear Iran.” Cotton points out, “The fact that ...Obama doesn’t see this letter as a way to get more leverage at the negotiating table just underscores that he is not negotiating for the hardest deal possible. He’s negotiating a deal that is going to put Iran on the path to a bomb if not today or tomorrow then ten years from now.” [73057, 73067, 73079]

FoxNews.com reports, “A powerful U.S. Senate investigatory committee has launched a bipartisan probe into an American nonprofit’s funding of efforts to oust Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after the Obama administration’s State Department gave the nonprofit taxpayer-funded grants, a source with knowledge of the panel’s activities told FoxNews.com. The fact that both Democratic and Republican sides of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations have signed off on the probe could be seen as a rebuke to ...Obama, who has had a well-documented adversarial relationship with the Israeli leader. The development comes as Netanyahu told Israel’s Channel Two television station this week that there were “governments” that wanted to help with the ‘Just Not Bibi’ campaigning—Bibi being the Israeli leader’s nickname. ...According to the source, the probe is looking into ‘funding’ by OneVoice Movement—a Washington-based group that has received \$350,000 in recent State Department grants, and until last November was headed by a veteran diplomat from the Clinton administrations. A subsidiary of OneVoice is the Israel-based Victory 15 campaign, itself guided by top operatives of Obama’s White House runs [including Jeremy Bird and other Obama campaign operatives], which seeks to ‘replace the government’ of Israel. ...No direct link has been confirmed between Obama and the anti-Netanyahu campaign in Israel, but polls have shown that a large majority of Israelis [62 percent] believe the administration has been

interfering in the election, set for March 17.” [72991, 72997, 72999, 73055, 73056, 73080, 73085, 73129, 73219, 73281, 73282, 73352, 73459, 73610]

Newsmax.com reports, “In February [2015], 92,898,000 Americans did not participate in the nation's labor force, up from 80,529,000 [in January 2009] when ...Obama took office—meaning that more than 12 million people have left the workforce during his tenure. ‘The civilian labor force participation rate, at 62.8 percent, changed little in February and has remained within the narrow range of 62.7 to 62.9 percent since April 2014,’ the Bureau of Labor Statistics stated in a release. The BLS also disclosed that the participation rate has been 62.9 percent or lower in 13 of the 17 months since October 2013. Prior to that, the last time the rate was below 63 percent was in March 1978, 37 years ago, when it was also at 62.8 percent. The monthly labor force participation rate is the percentage of the 16-and-over civilian population not in the military or an institution who either had a job during the month or actively sought one. The nation’s civilian non-institutional population reached 249,899,000 in February, and 157,000,000 were considered to be in the workforce. But 6.6 million employed persons who want a full-time job were working part time because their hours had been cut or they were unable to find a full-time job. Another 2.2 million people were considered ‘marginally attached to the labor force’—they were not employed but wanted to work and had looked for a job sometime during the prior 12 months. There were 732,000 ‘discouraged workers’ in February—they were not currently looking for a job because they think no jobs are available to them. The number of long-term unemployed—those jobless for 27 weeks or longer—accounted for 31.1 percent of the unemployed.” [73006]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Byron York posts “a timeline of State Department obstruction” on Benghazi. Among other things, York notes that on August 11, 2014 “The State Department sends its first group of documents to the new Benghazi committee, a partial response to a previous subpoena. The production contains a few—less than 10—emails either to or from Clinton. Committee staffers notice immediately that the emails are from a previously unseen address, hdr22@clintonemail.com.” On December 2, 2014 the select committee on Benghazi “specifically asks” Hillary Clinton’s personal attorney, David Kendall, “for emails to or from the @clintonemail.com account that relate in any way to Libya.” Kendall responds that he has referred the request “to the State Department, which will be responding to your request, as it is in a position to produce any responsive emails.” (The State Department, of course, did not have those emails because Clinton had them hidden in her private server. If Kendall knew that, he was lying. If Kendall did not know that, he was lied to by Clinton.) [73017]

On *America’s News HQ*, Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder says Attorney General Eric Holder “is sounding the right notes today, this afternoon [with regard to the shooting of two police officers in Ferguson, Missouri]. I just wish he had been more judicious and measured in his comments since August 9 [when Michael Brown was shot by police officer Darren Wilson], because Mr. Holder came in and seemed on many occasions to be inciting the mob. He seemed to be putting his weight on the one side of the scales of justice and not backing up law enforcement. And if he is now, you know,

backing up law enforcement mode, then I will be among those cheering him. And I hope that's the way he is from now on." Asked if he had ever spoken with Holder, Kinder replies, "No, no, no, he doesn't bend to speak with people like me. He comes into town and meets with one side. He met with the family of Michael Brown, and that's fine that he met with them. But, he did not meet with the family of officer Darren Wilson or with his brother and sister officers to say I'm backing you up." [73018]

The Hillary Clinton camp changes its email story, with spokesman Nick Merrill telling Fox News that all of the 30,000+ "private" emails were read before they were deleted. On *Fox News Sunday*, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) states, "I have zero interest in looking at her personal emails, but who gets to decide what's personal and what's public? And if it's a mixed-use email, and lots of the emails we get in life are both personal and work, I just can't trust her lawyers to make the determination that the public's getting everything they're entitled to." [73021]

Senate Republicans get closer to enlisting enough Democrats to pass veto-proof legislation to counter Obama's Iran appeasement. Although Democrats were angered by the open letter signed by 47 Republican senators, Politico.com reports that "none of them said it would cause them to drop their support for bills to impose new sanctions on Iran or give Congress review power over a nuclear deal. That presents another complication for the administration ahead of a rough deadline of March 24 to reach a nuclear agreement with the country." As many as 11 Senate Democrats have already expressed support for Republican legislation that would trigger new sanctions against Iran if it walks away from or violates a nuclear agreement. [73046, 73047, 73077]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The Obama administration has quietly killed an IRS tax preparation program designed to help low-income and disadvantaged citizens, choosing instead to give millions of dollars to liberal groups for the same purpose. Without fanfare, the administration has closed down the free walk-in services at hundreds of taxpayer assistance centers around the country. Administration officials are now trying to steer the 'face-to-face' help to volunteer community groups, some with political ties. But one undercover inspection of those groups in 2013 revealed a 49 percent error rate. ...Funding was not an issue for the program. Unlike other parts of the IRS that faced cutbacks, the taxpayer assistance program was left untouched by Congress." [73060]

On March 16 *The Times of Israel* reports, "An annual report delivered recently to the US Senate by James Clapper, the director of National Intelligence, removed Iran and Hezbollah from its list of terrorism threats, after years in which they featured in similar reports. The unclassified version of the Worldwide Threat Assessment of the US Intelligence Communities, dated February 26, 2015, noted Iran's efforts to combat Sunni extremists, including those of the ultra-radical Islamic State group, who were perceived to constitute the preeminent terrorist threat to American interests worldwide." The declassification action is both absurd and against the security interests of the United States. That Iran and Hezbollah are fighting ISIS does not make them peace loving or supporters of Israel and the United States. Hezbollah remains a terrorist group, and Iran

continues to fund Hezbollah—and other terrorist activities around the world. Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, “If this isn’t dangerous appeasement, I don’t know what is. ...So what’s going on here? Why strip Hezbollah and its funding parent Iran, from their terrorism label? Especially now? It all points back to getting ...Obama his deal with Iran at all costs. This reclassification of Iran and Hezbollah without the terrorism label is a certain warning sign the deal the White House is working on to appease the rogue regime doesn’t have the best interests of the United States as a top priority.” [73039, 73040, 73087, 73089]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest labels as “utter baloney” a *New York Post* claim that Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett leaked the Hillary Clinton personal email abuse story to the media. Earnest also declines to state that Obama would veto the “Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act” solely because it includes a restriction on abortion funding. [73048, 73049, 73100]

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki is asked by Associated Press reporter Matt Lee if “the Department has a record of former Secretary Clinton signing the separation form” OF-109, which Megyn Kelly brought to the public’s attention on *The Kelly File*. Psaki replies, “I don’t have an update on this, Matt. We’re still working on it. I understand.” Lee: “The human resources department presumably has a file on every employee, it can’t be that difficult.” Psaki: “I don’t think former secretaries [of state]... are standard employees. ...I understand why you’re asking; we’re looking to get an answer; I don’t have an answer today.” (*The Kelly File* has submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for Clinton’s OF-109 form, as well as the related statement signed by the State Department employee confirming the receipt of official files and documents from the date of Clinton’s departure from her job.) [73101, 73119, 73120]

The cover of *Time* magazine shows a silhouette of Hillary Clinton and the words, “The Clinton Way. They write their own rules. Will it work this time?” (The letter “M” in the cover title creates devil’s horn on Clinton’s head. Whether that is intentional is not known.) [73255]

In an interview with Buzzfeed.com, British Prime Minister David Cameron says that Obama has told him several times, “you don’t know how lucky you are” to have bans on television political ads in Great Britain. (In other words, “You’re lucky you don’t have a pesky First Amendment allowing free speech.”) [73050]

Obama calls for more federal spending on education, including millions for “special education and English-learning for large portions of our student population that may need extra help. That’s going to be critically important.” CNSNews.com reminds readers that Obama “announced in November that he will allow millions more illegal aliens to live and work in the United States without fear of deportation. This follows his 2012 decision to defer deportation for certain illegal aliens who came to the U.S. as children. And it follows a summer-time influx of illegal immigrants from Central America, many of them children who are now enrolled in America’s taxpayer-funded schools.” (Obama’s

knowledge of math and logic may be rusty if he cannot understand that money to teach English to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants would not be needed if they are not allowed into the United States.) [73131]

USAToday.com reports, “Before her 2006 Senate re-election campaign and 2008 presidential bid, then-senator Hillary Rodham Clinton dramatically increased her use of taxpayer-funded charter flights, becoming the Senate’s biggest spender on reported charter airfare. In the four years before the 2008 presidential campaign, she spent more than \$300,000 on charters while the four other senators running for president—including then-senator Barack Obama—took a grand total of two taxpayer-funded charter flights. Clinton spent \$225,000 traveling on such charters during her eight-year tenure. That covers only her own airfare. The figure rose to \$527,000 when the cost of the staff who flew with her is included. Clinton almost always flew with senior adviser Huma Abedin, and spokesman Philippe Reines was also a regular passenger, Senate spending records show.” Twitchy.com writes, “We’ll admit, we are surprised at the amount. Just last year, Senator Mary Landrieu [D-LA] was forced to apologize for some ‘sloppy bookkeeping’ that led her to racking up just \$33,700 in improperly charged flights. We’re not at all surprised, though, that Clinton led the pack in spending.” [73051, 73052]

Hot on the heels of the Hillary Clinton email scandal, the Obama administration acts to reduce its already low level of “transparency.” According to USAToday.com, “The White House is removing a federal regulation that subjects its Office of Administration to the Freedom of Information Act, making official a policy under Presidents Bush and Obama to reject requests for records to that office. The White House said the cleanup of FOIA regulations is consistent with court rulings that hold that the office is not subject to the transparency law. The office handles, among other things, White House record-keeping duties like the archiving of e-mails. ...Unlike other offices within the White House, which were always exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, the Office of Administration responded to FOIA requests for 30 years. Until the Obama administration, watchdog groups on the left and the right used records from the office to shed light on how the White House works. ‘This is an office that operated under the FOIA for 30 years, and when it became politically inconvenient, they decided they weren’t subject to the Freedom of Information Act any more,’ said Tom Fitton of the conservative Judicial Watch.” (Ironically, March 16 is “National Freedom of Information Day,” making Obama’s action a “giant middle finger” to the American people.) [73053, 73054, 73118, 73123]

CBSNews.com reports, “A CBS News investigation has found that at least one foreign company with close ties to its government has been giving generously to the foundation run by Bill, Hillary and Chelsea Clinton. ...One donor—Rilin Enterprises—pledged \$2 million in 2013 to the Clinton Foundation’s endowment. The company is a privately-held Chinese construction and trade conglomerate and run by billionaire Wang Wenliang, who is also a delegate to the Chinese parliament. Public records show the firm has spent \$1.4 million since 2012, lobbying Congress and the State Department. The firm owns a strategic port along the border with North Korea and was also one of the contractors that

built the Chinese embassy in Washington. ...Rilin, however, has a history of complaints since 2001 regarding its treatment of embassy construction workers. Documents obtained by CBS News show Rilin was cited in 2011 and 2013 by officials in Jersey City, New Jersey for housing workers in unsafe, crowded and unsanitary conditions.” HotAir.com notes, “Oddly enough, those charges got dismissed just as Rilin pledged \$2 million to the Clinton Foundation, and started spending \$1.4 million in lobbying. Go figure. It’s all just a coincidence, no doubt ...a coincidence that Rilin and Beijing hope will get repeated often during a Hillary Clinton presidency. Bill Allison of the Sunlight Foundation makes a similar point... Pretending that the Clinton Foundation is separate from politics and the presidential ambitions of Hillary Clinton is simply absurd. The reason this foundation exists is to give some plausible deniability for the millions that the Clintons rake in for their speeches, and to keep key personnel like Dennis Cheng on the payroll in a way that evades FEC scrutiny. The Clintons are selling access, pure and simple, to those who can write the biggest checks.” [73069, 73070]

WND.com reports, “Loretta Lynch’s bid to become the next attorney general appears to be in big trouble, as a well-placed source on Capitol Hill told WND there are now rumblings that even some Democratic Party senators may oppose her nomination. The source also said WND’s revelations about Lynch’s ties to terrorists and drug lords are playing a part in the growing opposition to her confirmation. WND reported on Friday that her nomination was already in serious jeopardy, with her support dwindling to just 50 senators, the bare minimum needed. Vice President Joe Biden would have to break a 50-to-50 tie in the Senate. But with every passing day, her prospects apparently grow more dim, especially after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced on Sunday that Lynch will not get a confirmation vote until GOP differences with Democrats over an anti-human trafficking bill are resolved. The source told WND the extra time seems to be putting more pressure on holdout Republicans to oppose Lynch. ...WND has chronicled in great detail charges that Lynch, in her capacity as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York in 2012, arranged a mere slap-on-the-wrist settlement with the world’s second-largest bank, HSBC, for laundering billions of dollars for Mexican drug cartels and Middle Eastern terrorists.” (Although Senate Democrats charge that a vote against Lynch is partisan and perhaps racist and sexist, it is with noting that Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and then-Senator John Kerry (D-MA) voted against the confirmation of Condoleezza Rice as Secretary of State in 2005. Like Lynch, Rice is a black woman.) While Durbin accuses the GOP of racism, other Democrats throw out the usual “war on women” charge. [73081, 73174, 73185, 73187, 73285, 73832]

Ricochet.com announces a “2015 Obama Scandal Bracket,” writing, “Don’t waste your time on college basketball when you can make March Madness matter. Introducing the 2015 Obama Scandal Bracket! ...[V]ote for the scandal you think will bring down [Obama].” [73115, 73116]

WhiteHouseDossier.com’s Keith Koffler writes, “Having just flown on the same day as her husband, but separately, to Los Angeles, ...Michelle Obama will leave this week on a

five day tour [March 18-22] of the Far East to promote her ‘Let Girls Learn’ initiative in Japan and Cambodia. I wasn’t aware that there was a crisis in girls education in Japan. And I wasn’t aware that if there is, that it’s any business of ours. Nevertheless, Michelle will embark on what will undoubtedly be a fabulously expensive trip there to make sure the Japanese gender reading gap is erased.” [73124]

CNSNews.com reports that if Obama’s illegal immigration amnesty scheme “gets past a federal court injunction, and if 60 percent of illegals apply for deferred action protection under the plan, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) agency projects that it may have to hire an additional 3,100 employees, with a total program cost of up to \$484 million a year.” [73125]

PJMedia.com reports, “A man once hailed as ‘one of the most respected Islamic scholars in the country’ was sentenced to death today in an Egyptian court after being found guilty on charges of inciting murder. Dr. Salah Soltan, a senior member of the international Muslim Brotherhood, lived and worked in the U.S. for more than a decade. He is still listed as a member of the Fiqh Council of North America (FCNA) on their organizational brochure.” Also convicted are the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mahmoud Ghozlan, former Kafr El-Sheikh governor Saad El-Hossainy, and several other Muslim Brotherhood leaders. (Soltan was a “leading ideological voice” at the Noor Center mosque in Ohio. Pamela Geller notes Rifqa Bary, “an Ohio teen who converted out of Islam in secret. Her mosque, the Noor mosque, spied on her and told her devout parents, who threatened to kill her. It was a long, ugly struggle. Rifqa’s parents were represented by CAIR-Ohio, which fought long and hard to return her to the family who threatened to kill her. Despite their money, power and influence, they did not succeed.” Thanks in large part to Geller and a church in Florida, “Rifqa is alive and thriving.”) [73122, 73651]

Globes reports, “The US has not renewed a historic agreement under which it guaranteed a supply of oil to Israel in emergencies, that is, instances in which Israel might be cut off from its regular commercial sources of oil because of war or closure of sea lanes. The agreement expired in November 2014, and since then the US administration has done nothing to renew it, Washington sources told ‘Globes.’ The sources said that it was not clear whether this was a deliberate step by the administration, stemming perhaps from renewed friction between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the White House, or a matter of bureaucratic inertia in Washington. ... Now, apparently after a push by the pro-Israel lobby in Washington AIPAC, a group of Democratic and Republican senators has written to Secretary of State John Kerry calling on the administration to renew the historic agreement. The letter is signed by Lisa Murkowski [R-AK], who is chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Mark Warner [D-VA], the senior Democratic member of the committee, and four other senators. Israel has never invoked the agreement, but Israel sources say that its importance lies in its very existence. An Israeli source compared the oil supply agreement to the loan guarantee agreement between the two countries that enables Israel to obtain commercial loans at low rates of interest. ‘Israel used the loan guarantee agreement very sparingly, but it is important that the loan guarantees agreement should exist, and the same applies to the energy agreement

that guaranteed a regular supply of oil,' the source said, 'We never used it, but it's important that it should lie signed in a drawer.'" [73084]

On *Special Report, National Journal's* Ron Fournier comments on Chinese corporate donations to the Clinton Foundation: "It's a big issue. There's [sic; there are] a lot of other ways the Chinese government, and the Saudis, and the Qatars [sic; Qataris]... there are other ways that they can help the world... if that's what they want to do—they're giving their money to the Clinton Foundation for a reason. They want something out of it. ...What I want to see in these [Hillary Clinton] emails is any email that mentions the foundation and mentions one of the donors..." On the email scandal, Fournier says, "Nobody's going to vote against her because of this; nobody's going to vote for her for this, on this specifically—Democrats are right about that. What they don't want you to understand is this is a matter of trust. And you can't lead a country, you might not even be able to win an election if the people don't trust you. And we already see her trust numbers coming down. ...Don't buy the spin, they [Democrats] are scared to death. And there's a lot of them who are already starting to think, 'Is she really the best candidate for us?' ...Their bench, compared to the Republican bench is awfully, awfully thin. And there's [sic; there are] a lot of Democrats, by the way, who are saying 'follow the money.' A lot of Democrats are really worried about the Foundation, that's what they're really worried about." [73082]

United Airlines flight 1074 from Washington, D.C. to Denver, Colorado is forced to return to Dulles International Airport after a passenger yells, "Jihad! Jihad!" Mashable.com reports, "The news first broke on Reddit, where a user posted a photo of a man being subdued on the plane. According to the account of that user, whose father was apparently aboard the plane, the man claimed he had 'bombs' and ran towards the cockpit, but several passengers tackled him before he got there. One of the plane's pilots told a similar story to air traffic controllers, ABC reports. 'He ran forward towards the cockpit and he is being restrained by passengers,' the pilot is quoted as saying." [73108, 73109, 73110, 73111, 73136, 73153]

On March 17 the water in the White House fountain is dyed green for Saint Patrick's Day. (Whether PETA will argue that the dye will poison the ducks that frequent the fountain remains to be seen.) [73107]

Obama welcomes Ireland's Prime Minister, Enda Kenny, to the White House, turning away when Kenny extends his hand for a handshake. (Whether the snub was intentional or Obama was imply not paying attention is not clear, but people in Ireland who see the video of the incident will most certainly not be pleased.) [73169]

Speaking at the "Impact Symposium" at Vanderbilt University, ESPN sportscaster Stephen A. Smith (who is black), says, "What I dream is that for one election, just one, every black person in America vote Republican. ...Flatter me. What [have] you got? Let me see what you [Republicans] have to offer. We don't do that with politics, then we blame white America for our disenfranchisement. It is us. Black folks in America are

telling one party, ‘We don’t give a damn about you.’ They’re telling the other party ‘You’ve got our vote.’ Therefore, you have labeled yourself ‘disenfranchised’ because one party knows they’ve got you under their thumb. The other party knows they’ll never get you and nobody comes to address your interest. ...I hate the fact that anybody is allowed to believe that they have a bloc of people in the palm of their hand. That disgusts me.” [73227, 73229, 73238, 73445]

Border Patrol Agent Chris Cabrera tells the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, “I want to be crystal clear, the border is not secure. That is not just my opinion or the position of the [National Border Patrol Council]. Ask any line agent in the field, and he or she will tell you that at best we apprehend [only] 35 to 40 percent of the illegal immigrants attempting to cross. This number is even lower for drug smugglers who are much more adept at eluding capture. ...I’ve been told by our chief of our sector [in Texas] that we are going to bleed heavily on our flanks at all of our stations. The western flank usually gets neglected because we don’t have enough manpower to get out there. Our agents will count the foot sign, they will call it in, and at the end of the day the numbers get manipulated so that it doesn’t show up correctly.” Examiner.com notes that committee chairman Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) “later questioned witnesses on the lack of prosecution of those who actually are apprehended at the border. During a trip to the Mexican border, Johnson said he heard of officials state they wouldn’t prosecute, for example, marijuana traffickers unless they have at least 500 pounds of marijuana, and that prosecutors are reluctant rather than eager to handle such drug cases. ‘If it’s weekends, a lot of times they’ll pass on some of these smuggling cases because it’s a four day weekend,’ Cabrera said. ‘With some of our agents that get assaulted, if it doesn’t meet the threshold, if he doesn’t have enough blood or bruising, they don’t prosecute.’” [73246]

Thomas Sowell writes, “Just recently, a State Department official in the Obama administration said that Americans have remained safe in a nuclear age, not because of our own nuclear arsenal but because ‘we created an intricate and essential system of treaties, laws and agreements.’ If ‘treaties, laws and agreements’ produced peace, there would never have been a Second World War. The years leading up to that monumental catastrophe were filled with international treaties and arms control agreements. ...Today, with the Obama administration ‘leading from behind’—in practice, not leading at all—we see in Ukraine and the Middle East what that produces. ...‘Not one of the lessons of the past has been learned, not one of them has been applied, and the situation is incomparably more dangerous,’ [Winston] Churchill said in 1934. And every one of those words is more urgently true today, in a nuclear age.” [73098]

The State Department’s Jen Psaki tells reporters, “We have reviewed [former] Secretary [Hillary] Clinton’s official personnel file and administrative files and do not have any record of her signing the OF-109. ...I think we are fairly certain she did not [sign the separation agreement].” Whether the document was destroyed in order to protect Clinton or she was never given the form to sign may never be known. (One Twitter comment: “We’ve arrived at the place where there is no proof Hillary was ever Secretary of State.” That is, she left no records and no positive accomplishments.) According to former

federal prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy, the CIA has a Security Exit Form that is similar to the State Department's form OF-109. Former CIA director Davie Petraeus was required to sign the form when he left the agency. The form includes the statement, "I give my assurance that there is no classified material in my possession, custody, or control at this time." [73102, 73103, 73143, 73144, 73151, 73341]

DailyCaller.com reports, "Failure to sign a formal separation agreement can have dire consequences for rank-and-file State Department employees, an agency whistle-blower told The Daily Caller. That is in stark contrast to what happens to top-level officials such as former Sec. of State Hillary Clinton if they refuse to sign the separation form, OF-109. Ramifications for lower-level State Department employees include the withholding of retirement benefits and possible investigations conducted by the agency into why employees declined to sign the form, whistle-blower Richard Higbie says. ... 'You don't have a choice,' he told TheDC. 'They will not give you your retirement benefits if you don't sign the separation agreement.' ... 'If you don't do the separation agreement they can then initiate investigations as to why you're not doing that,' he said. 'And further, if you don't sign that agreement not only can you not get your benefits they can then look at proceeding with a termination from you versus a separation from you because you didn't complete the required steps of separation.'" [73165]

Author Edward Klein tells Newsmax TV, "According to State Department, White House, and Clinton sources" Obama was aware that Hillary Clinton "was using a private server, a private email. And either he or his people told her and warned her not to." Klein says it was "a lie" that Obama was unaware of the situation. "This is not true that he was kind of vaguely aware. They said you've got to be using the government server and she didn't. ... She knew what she was doing when she used the server to begin with, which meant that nobody could get it. And ... when she was asked or knew she was supposed to sign a separation agreement, she didn't because that separation agreement requires you to then turn over all your emails to the State Department." (Klein has claimed that Obama does not want Clinton succeeding him in the White House. This *Timeline* believes that is likely, because Obama would rather have someone further to the political left than Clinton inherit the Oval Office. But Obama cannot simply "throw Clinton under the bus" in order to give the Democrat nomination to someone like Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). His actions have to be more subtle, so that the blame for Clinton's political demise can be laid at the feet of Republicans and the media. He will therefore arrange for slow leaks to be spread out over time, while he pretends, "I know nothing other than what I read in the newspapers.") [73166]

While many media pundits believe Hillary Clinton has a lock on the Democrat nomination in 2016 and will win the presidency, a March 1-4 McClatchy/Maris poll shows her leading former Texas Governor Rock Perry by only 9 points (49/41). Clinton led Perry by 21 points in a December 3-5, 2014 poll. Clinton leads Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker by only 4 points (48/44)—and most Americans have not yet even heard of Walker. (Of course, most Democrats still support Clinton, believing the prospect of "the first woman president" can help her overcome her lack of accomplishments not involving

corruption or deception.) [73149, 73150, 73157]

Congressman Aaron Schock (R-IL) announces his resignation, effective March 31, after charges of misuse of funds. (Among other things, he billed the government and his campaign for 172,520 miles on his vehicle, even though it had only 81,860 miles on the odometer when he traded it in.) [73104, 73105]

Senate Democrats block a procedural vote to advance anti-human trafficking legislation because of its exclusion of abortion funding. [73106, 73133]

The Associated Press reports, “Federal agencies made \$125 billion in improper payments last year, including tax credits to people who didn’t qualify, Medicare payments for treatments that might not be necessary and unemployment benefits for people who were actually working, said a government report released Monday. The level of improper payments was a new high after several years of declines. In addition to fraud, the errors included overpayments and underpayments, as well payments made without proper documentation. While the errors were spread among 22 federal agencies, three programs stood out: Medicare, Medicaid and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Together, the three programs accounted for more than \$93 billion in improper payments, according to the report by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.” Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) comments, “This taxpayer money was not spent securing our borders, it was not spent on national defense, and it was not spent contributing to a safety net for those in need. This is a problem that is going to get worse year after year if we do not get a handle on it now.” [73127, 73130]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “House Republicans unveiled a budget Tuesday that balances in less than 10 years while prioritizing defense, repealing Obamacare and scaling back the nation’s welfare programs. The blueprint from House Budget Chairman Tom Price, Georgia Republican, cuts \$5.5 trillion in spending and cues up a fight over the parties’ aims for the middle class—and just how far Washington should go in helping them achieve those goals. Republicans said their plan would secure key programs for future generations, spending slightly over \$43 trillion over the next decade in place of the current path, which would crest \$48 trillion.” House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) tells reporters, “For 53 of the last 60 years, the Federal Government has spent more than it has taken in—53 of the last 60 years. It’s unacceptable. To this day, now in his seventh year in office, [Obama] has never proposed a budget that balances. Our budget will balance, but it’s also by growing our economy, growing jobs and building economic strength for our future.” Obama responds that he had been “hoping for a little luck of the Irish as Republicans put forward their budget today. It’s not a budget that reflects the future. It’s not a budget that reflects growth. We’re going to have a robust debate.” (Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI) quickly whines that the GOP budget proposal does not sufficiently address the “realities” of “climate change.”) [73128, 73135, 73163]

According to DailySignal.com, “The House budget balances in less than 10 years, by 2024 at around 18 percent of GDP, when you include the budget’s economic impact on

the deficit. The budget would put the debt on a downward path, reducing debt held by the public from 74 percent of GDP this year to 55 percent of GDP by 2025, and further to below the average historical debt level within 20 years.” (In general, a federal budget that exceeds 18 percent of Gross Domestic Product is dangerous because the higher burden on the private economy leads to lower productivity and weak GDP growth. A budget that exceeds 18 percent simply cannot be maintained without significant damage to the economy—as has been demonstrated since Obama took office in 2009.) “To arrive at balance, the budget proposes to cut \$5.5 trillion from spending projected under the Congressional Budget Office baseline, including \$800 billion in savings from reduced interest payments. By far, the largest savings come from repealing Obamacare and its \$2 trillion in projected gross spending over the next decade.” [73164]

At Townhall.com Conn Carroll reports that Obama’s amnesty scheme “will cost taxpayers \$7.8 billion a year, a Heritage Foundation scholar told the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Tuesday. ‘I estimate that, at least, 3.97 million illegal immigrants would be eligible to obtain legal status under [the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability program]. The average DAPA eligible individual has a 10th grade education,’ Heritage Foundation Senior Fellow Robert Rector testified. ‘Assuming all DAPA eligible individuals receive legal status, cash payments from [the Earned Income Tax Credit] and [the Additional Child Tax Credit] to DAPA recipients would equal \$7.8 billion per year.’ ...The costs of Obama’s amnesty will only become larger if DAPA recipients are ever made eligible for Obamacare benefits. Under Obama’s current amnesty program, DAPA recipients only receive Social Security Numbers, work permits, and drivers licenses. But if they were to ever be given permanent legal residence, then they would also be eligible for Obamacare, which Rector estimates would cost tax payers another \$14 billion per year.” [73138]

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen tells Congress its customer service is worsening because money and manpower has been shifted to ObamaCare issues. [73179]

Breitbart.com has a hissy fit over the fact that a campaign aide to Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has dual U.S.-United Kingdom citizenship. (Journalists who cared not one whit that Obama was born with dual citizenship now seems concerned that a mere staffer to a possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate has dual citizenship.) [73148]

In an interview with *Playboy* magazine, former vice president Dick Cheney is asked, “At different points, ...Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder have suggested that racism is a factor in criticism of them. Is there any truth in that?” Cheney replies, “I think they’re playing the race card, in my view. Certainly we haven’t given up—nor should we give up—the right to criticize an administration and public officials. To say that we criticize, or that I criticize, Barack Obama or Eric Holder because of race, I just think it’s obviously not true. My view of it is the criticism is merited because of performance—or lack of performance, because of incompetence. It hasn’t got anything to do with race.” Cheney does not hold back on his criticism of Obama: “Where do you start? I think with respect to the situation in Iraq, his precipitous withdrawal and refusal to leave any stay-

behind forces, to negotiate a Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqis, was a huge mistake; we are paying a price for it now. He's having to go back in now, and the guy who campaigned on the basis of bring the boys home and get out of Iraq is now redeploying forces to Iraq." [73141, 73142]

"I think [Obama's] apology tour, when he went to Cairo in the summer of 2009 and said the U.S. overreacted to the events of 9/11, was a huge mistake. I don't think he ever bought into the notion that we're at war, in terms of a war on terrorism; I think he always wanted to treat it as a law-enforcement problem. I think he's done enormous damage to the military. I think what's happened to the military in terms of morale, in terms of financing, budget and so forth is just devastating. The way Obama is functioning now, he's crippling the capacity of future presidents to deal with future crises. It takes a long time to build up that military force. And I am absolutely convinced there will be a future president—two or three times down the road, perhaps—who will be faced with a major crisis and will not have the military capability he needs to deal with it. We are limiting the options of future presidents because of what is happening to the defense budget today. I can go on for hours. ...I came to town [Washington, D.C.] in 1968, and I have never seen people I have known in some cases for a quarter of a century—foreign leaders, especially in the Middle East—who are so terribly frustrated, angry, frightened. 'Whatever happened to the United States?' There's a conviction they can't count on us, that our word doesn't mean anything." [73141, 73142]

"We have had a massive spread in the number of Al Qaeda-type organizations...I think the threat is growing steadily, and I think our capacity to deal with it is rapidly diminishing. I look at Barack Obama and I see the worst president in my lifetime, without question—and that's saying something. I used to have significant criticism of Jimmy Carter, but compared to Barack Obama and the damage he is doing to the nation—it's a tragedy, a real tragedy, and we are going to pay a hell of a price just trying to dig out from under his presidency. ...When I look at Barack Obama I see a guy who is not part of the consensus that has governed Republican and Democratic administrations alike since Harry Truman's day. You can argue about Carter and how committed he was, but there's been a basic fundamental belief since the end of World War II that United States leadership in the world produces a far more peaceful, less hostile world and greater prosperity. The U.S. has to play a leadership role. And it's going to take a lot to rebuild the damage that has been done over the past few years, because we've actively conveyed to the world the notion—[Obama] has—that we no longer believe that." [73141, 73142]

FoxNews.com reports, "The American nonprofit OneVoice Movement—under scrutiny by a U.S. Senate panel over possible links to a campaign to oust Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—quietly filed paperwork that would allow it to engage in political activism after two leading Republican lawmakers questioned its use of government funds, FoxNews.com has learned. ...[A] 'corporation service company' registered a new funding entity in Delaware called PeaceWorks Action, Inc. under a section of the tax code that still governs nonprofits, but allows them to engage in a limited amount of political activity. Listed under section is 501(c)4 of the tax code, PeaceWorks Action,

Inc. is now featured on the OneVoice Website as one of OneVoice's funders, alongside PeaceWorks Foundation, whose name has long been present, and which holds 501(c)3 status like OneVoice itself. Critics are likely to see the registration as tacit admission that it had indulged in political activity alongside V15, which itself has been advised by former Obama campaign aides, including his top field organizer, Jeremy Bird." [73139, 73281, 73352, 73459, 73610]

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu declares victory in his reelection bid, although exit polls show the race "too close to call." He writes on Facebook, "Against all odds: a great victory for the Likud [Party]. A major victory for the people of Israel." [73140, 73145, 73171]

A petulant Obama finds no time to congratulate Netanyahu (even though in the past he promptly telephoned Russia's Vladimir Putin, Egypt's Mohamed Morsi, Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and Iran's Hassan Rouhani after their election victories.) Obama does manage to find time to tape an interview with ESPN in which he says, "I am an advocate, by the way, for the NCAA changing the rules in terms of shortening the shot clock, widening the lane, moving the three-point line back a little bit. The fact of the matter is I like how basketball is going in the NBA because it's fluid. What [coach] Gregg Popovich did with San Antonio [Spurs team] I think is being replicated now with Atlanta and Golden State, and you're seeing a lot of teams move in that direction. I'd like to see college basketball get back to that. It's a fast game, let's get it down to 30 seconds at minimum [sic; maximum]." (Whether Obama will issue an executive order to change the shot clock in the NCAA does not change its rules remains to be seen.) [73162]

On March 18 several jihadists open fire on visitors at the National Bardo Museum in Tunis, Tunisia. Nineteen people are reportedly killed, and dozens are wounded. Security forces kill two of the gunmen, but two or three others escape. [73177, 73178, 73214, 73215, 73233, 73334]

According to Boston.com, among the questions asked potential jurors in the trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev are, "Do you believe the United States government acts unfairly towards Muslims in this country or in other parts of the world?" "Do you believe the 'war on terror' unfairly targets Muslims?" "Do you believe the 'war on terror' is overblown or exaggerated?" (Robert Spencer writes at JihadWatch.org, "Apparently if you answer 'Yes' to all three of these questions, the defense wants you on the Tsarnaev jury.") [73335, 73336]

In lieu of Obama, Vice President Joe Biden telephones Netanyahu to congratulate him on his victory, while Secretary of State John Kerry calls Israel's foreign minister. [73158, 73159, 73160]

The inability of Obama to congratulate Netanyahu is made even more obvious when White House political director David Simas appears on CNN's *New Day* and says, "We

want to congratulate the Israeli people for the democratic process, for the election, uh, that they just engaged in with all the parties that engaged in that election.” State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki says, “We congratulate the citizens of Israel on today’s election. The reported large turnout is another reminder of the vibrancy of Israel’s democracy and why the United States will remain firm in our commitment to our deep and abiding partnership with Israel.” (Neither Simas nor Psaki could even manage to say Netanyahu’s name and congratulate him. It is obvious that the White House was behind those weak comments.) [73167, 73175, 73184, 73213]

While Obama has no time to telephone Netanyahu, he does release his NCAA Tournament brackets. Obama picks Kentucky to defeat Villanova in the final game. (Villanova loses to North Carolina State on March 21.) Comedian Dennis Miller quips via Twitter, “I see the Prez has Kentucky, Wisconsin, ’Nova and Iran in his brackets.” [73168, 73181, 73182, 73198, 73199, 73343]

The Weekly Standard’s Bill Kristol quips via Twitter, “BREAKING: British PM Cameron, in close reelection contest, has called WH to ask that Obama intervene against him.” [73161]

SrnNews.com reports, “Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s ruling Likud Party scored a resounding victory in the country’s election, final results showed Wednesday, a stunning turnaround after a tight race that had put his lengthy rule in jeopardy. With nearly all the votes counted, Likud appeared to have earned 30 out of parliament’s 120 seats and was in a position to build with relative ease a coalition government with its nationalist, religious and ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies. Such a government would likely put Israel at odds with the international community over Palestinian statehood and continue to clash with the White House over hard-line policies. The election was widely seen as a referendum on Netanyahu, who has governed the country for the past six years. Recent opinion polls indicated he was in trouble, giving chief rival Isaac Herzog of the opposition Zionist Union a slight lead. Exit polls Tuesday showed the two sides deadlocked but once the actual results came pouring in early Wednesday, Likud soared forward. Zionist Union wound up with just 24 seats. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s ruling Likud Party scored a resounding victory in the country’s election, final results showed Wednesday, a stunning turnaround after a tight race that had put his lengthy rule in jeopardy.” [73146, 73152, 73156, 73216]

“...Netanyahu, who already has a testy relationship with ...Obama, took a sharp turn to the right in the final days of the campaign, staking out a series of hard-line positions that will put him on a collision course with much of the international community. In a dramatic policy reversal, he said he now opposes the creation of a Palestinian state—a key policy goal of the White House and the international community. He also promised to expand construction in Jewish areas of east Jerusalem, the section of the city claimed by the Palestinians as their capital. ...In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama was confident strong U.S.-Israeli ties would endure far beyond the election, regardless of the victor.” (Netanyahu’s victory is a blow to Obama, who hoped

he would be replaced by fellow appeaser Yitzhak Herzog. Herzog would likely have accepted Obama's capitulation to Iran in the nuclear negotiations, while Netanyahu knows it is a danger to the world in general and Israel in particular.) [73146]

The New York Times, highly peeved that Netanyahu will remain in power, tries to downplay the significance of his party's victory: "But there was a cloud over his apparent turnaround, the result of an increasingly shrill campaign that raised questions about his ability to heal Israel's internal wounds or better its standing in the world." At Morning Jolt, *National Review's* Jim Geraghty calls the *Times'* comment "a classic example of the wishing-as-analysis genre... No, you know who has a cloud over his head? ...Obama, who made his views on Netanyahu abundantly clear. Obama's proposed deal with Iran was unpopular across the spectrum of Israeli politics, but a defeat of Bibi, the deal's most vocal critic, would have been seen as good news for the deal." [73147]

Meanwhile, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki tells reporters, "We're currently evaluating our approach. We're not going to prejudge what we would do if there was a U.N. action [on an Israel-Palestinian resolution]." ForeignPolicy.com notes, "The Palestinians had been pressing the U.N. Security Council for months last year to adopt a resolution demanding that Israel end its occupation of Palestinian lands within three years. The United States threatened to veto the Palestinian initiative. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Samantha Power called it 'unbalanced' because it failed to take into consideration Israel's security concerns. But in the end, the Palestinians were unable to muster the nine votes needed for passage in the 15-nation Security Council, sparing the United States the need to veto." (Obama's hatred of Israel in general and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in particular may prompt him to *not* have Power issue a veto the next time Palestinian statehood comes up at the Security Council.) [73212, 73221]

According to NYTimes.com, "[S]everal administration officials said that the Obama administration may now agree to passage of a United Nations Security Council resolution embodying principles of a two-state solution that would be based on the pre-1967 lines between Israel and the West Bank and Gaza Strip and mutually agreed swaps. ...Such a Security Council resolution would be anathema to Mr. Netanyahu. Although the principles are United States policy, until now officials would never have endorsed them in the United Nations because the action would have been seen as too antagonistic to Israel. ...Mr. Netanyahu's objections to a nuclear deal with Iran, and his decision to firmly ally himself with Mr. Obama's Republican opponents in expressing his ire over the Iran talks, may well have hardened [Obama's] decision to push for an agreement, one Obama adviser said Wednesday." (That is, the thin-skinned, petulant, and arrogant Obama is so angry that Netanyahu was victorious in Israel's election, while still upset that Senate Republicans oppose his nuclear deal, that he will push forward with the agreement even if the final document is terrible. Obama will give Iran what it wants, because the Israeli voters would not give Obama what he wants.) [73223]

Pamela Geller writes, "Obama's unhinged obsession with the Jews is bordering on mental illness. The world is in chaos. Whole swaths of the Middle East and Africa are

embroiled in jihadi wars, the human toll of which is unfathomable, and Obama is hellbent on the tiny Jewish state surrendering to that vicious antisemitic imperialism. It's shocking and genocidal. Obama is putting the screws to Israel. Think about that. Is that really the best move in America's best interests? Meanwhile, the Obama administration paid 490 million dollars this week to Iran, the world's largest state sponsor of terror, and will give them a total of \$11.9 billion by the end of June. ...Obama is so vindictive and so deeply anti-Israel that he is now planning to use Netanyahu's victory in Israel as a pretext to betray Israel at the UN and force it to accept a 'Palestinian' state that would be a new base for jihad against a diminished Jewish state. This is the time when all the friends of Israel must stand strong against this traitor's onslaught." [73252, 73253, 73254]

At IsraelNationalNews.com Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, executive director of the Task Force on National and Homeland Security and director of the U.S. Nuclear Strategy Forum, writes, "Of all the threatening shadows presently darkening the future of mankind, the threat of Iran, the world's leading sponsor of international terrorism—armed with nuclear missiles—is perhaps the darkest. ...Iran has orbited four satellites, some weighing over one ton, demonstrating it can deliver a nuclear weapon anywhere. Iran has been secretly working on nuclear weapons for over twenty (20) years. ...Israel, South Africa, and North Korea all developed nuclear missile warheads clandestinely, without testing. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations watchdog trying to monitor Iran's nuclear program, has uncovered compelling evidence of a clandestine Iranian program to develop nuclear weapons and missile warheads. The IAEA has also repeatedly warned that it has only partial access to Iran's nuclear program and does not know what is going on in several underground facilities suspected of nuclear weapons development. ...North Korea and Iran are strategic partners and cooperate on missile and nuclear programs. Iran is almost certainly following North Korea's example—using nuclear negotiations to cheat and stall for time to build enough nuclear weapons and nuclear infrastructure so these facts become irreversible." [73250, 73251, 73279]

"Iran armed with nuclear missiles poses an unprecedented threat to global civilization. One nuclear warhead detonated at high-altitude over the United States would blackout [sic; black out] the national electric grid and other life sustaining critical infrastructures for months or years by means of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP). A nationwide blackout lasting one year, according to the Congressional EMP Commission, could cause chaos and starvation that leaves 90 percent of Americans dead. Iranian military documents describe such a scenario—including a recently translated Iranian military textbook that endorses nuclear EMP attack against the United States. Thus, Iran with a small number of nuclear missiles can by EMP attack threaten the existence of modernity and be the death knell for Western principles of international law, humanism and freedom. For the first time in history, a failed state like Iran could destroy the most successful societies on Earth and convert an evolving benign world order into world chaos. ...An Iran with nuclear missiles can topple the existing world order, that was until recently so favorable for the proliferation of freedom—without firing a shot. The specter of nuclear EMP attack changes the whole calculus of benefit and risk for the U.S. and its allies that have tried to uphold the moral norms of international law and civilization." [73250, 73251, 73279, 73475]

“...The present P5+1 negotiations to stop Iran’s march toward an ‘Islamic Bomb’ are doomed to failure by including Russia and China as negotiating partners with the West, when they have in fact been partnering with Iran all along. If an agreement results from the P5+1 talks, as Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu warned the U.S. Congress and the American people, it will almost certainly be the most fateful arms control folly in history. ...The U.S. needs to protect its electric grid and other critical infrastructures from EMP by hardening, beef-up National Missile Defense, modernize the U.S. nuclear deterrent, and support any popular revolution for regime change in Iran. The Congress and the White House have both neglected to take these prudent steps, vital to the survival of the United States, for years. Continued failure by the White House and the Congress to act on their constitutional obligation ‘to provide for the common defense’ will surely crown them both with the laurels of Neville Chamberlain.” [73250, 73251, 73279]

Former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, who is now the \$570,000 per year head of the University of California, is caught on an open microphone at a meeting of university regents saying, “Let’s just break. Let’s go, let’s go. We don’t have to listen to this crap.” Napolitano’s comment comes after a group of students rose to object to the 28 percent tuition increase she is pushing. The local CBS affiliate notes, “The comment was a different tone from Napolitano [earlier] at the very same meeting. ‘They want to be sure that their voices are being heard and I want to commit to them that their voices are being heard,’ she said.” [73296, 73297, 73298]

According to Politico.com, Obama “is quietly but steadily working behind the scenes on what could become one of his signature achievements: a global agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. What he’s seeking out of the December U.N. climate talks in Paris would create the broadest, farthest-reaching deal in history, reworking environmental regulations for governments and corporations around the world and creating a framework for global green policy for decades. Republicans in Congress, sensing what he’s up to, are already saying no. And Obama’s already preparing to sign on without them. Which is why, even though reaching a climate change pact has become a top priority for the West Wing and part of nearly every conversation Obama has recently had with a foreign leader, [Obama] and his aides aren’t advertising it. ...Since the Paris agreement would be voluntary and not a formal treaty, it’s seen as much more likely to get support around the world. And it can happen without the Senate taking any kind of vote on it. ...Obama believes Paris offers a historic opportunity to finally take global action. It’s been nearly 20 years since Kyoto fell apart. If Paris doesn’t produce a deal, people familiar with the talks say, another 20 could go by before another agreement is reached, with the effects of global warming mounting.” [73172]

The “Kyoto Protocol” not only “fell apart,” it never went anywhere. In 1997 the U.S. Senate even voted 95-0 against the *concept* of ratification of the agreement because of the massive job losses expected from following its emissions controls. Bill Clinton never bothered to submit the Kyoto Protocol to the Senate for approval, knowing that its overwhelming defeat would be embarrassing to his administration. Instead, he had Vice

President Al Gore signed it in a meaningless gesture—and Obama’s signature on a Paris agreement will be similarly meaningless. [5153, 5154, 5200, 5201, 5443, 73172]

The Associated Press reports, “The Obama administration set a record again for censoring government files or outright denying access to them last year under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, according to a new analysis of federal data by The Associated Press. The government took longer to turn over files when it provided any, said more regularly that it couldn't find documents and refused a record number of times to turn over files quickly that might be especially newsworthy. It also acknowledged in nearly 1 in 3 cases that its initial decisions to withhold or censor records were improper under the law—but only when it was challenged. Its backlog of unanswered requests at year’s end grew remarkably by 55 percent to more than 200,000. It also cut by 375, or about 9 percent, the number of full-time employees across government paid to look for records. That was the fewest number of employees working on the issue in five years.” Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) observes, “This disappointing track record is hardly the mark of an administration that was supposed to be the most transparent in history.” [73173, 73180, 73237, 73244]

On the floor of the Senate, smarmy Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) shamelessly slams Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) for delaying a confirmation vote on Obama’s Attorney General nominee. Durbin says, “And so, Loretta Lynch, the first African-American woman nominated to be Attorney General, is asked to sit in the back of the bus when it comes to the Senate calendar. That is unfair. It’s unjust.” (In 2005 Durbin voted against the confirmation of Condoleezza Rice for Secretary of State, and no one accused him of making Rice “sit in the back of the bus.”) The next day Senator John McCain (R-AZ) excoriates Durbin for charging that racism is playing a part in the Lynch nomination, pointing out that in 2003 and 2005 Durbin filibustered the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown—an African-American woman—for a spot on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. After a monumental delay of *684 days*, the Senate confirmed Brown, with Durbin voting against her. McCain states, “I would never suggest, even with veiled rhetoric, that Judge Rogers Brown’s race was the reason for the senator from Illinois’ opposition to her nomination. And he should extend... that same courtesy to me and my colleagues.” (McCain did not bring up 2001 Appeals Court nominee Miguel Estrada, who, notes DailyCaller.com, Durbin called “especially dangerous” because “he is Latino.”) [73200, 73201, 73202, 73203, 73207, 73232, 73234, 73407, 73832]

Lynch’s nomination is most certainly not being held up because of her race or gender. It is being held up because she stated in her confirmation hearing that *everyone* has a right to work in the United States, including illegal immigrants, and would not commit to resisting Obama’s illegal immigrant amnesty scheme. Additionally, of course, Lynch’s nomination is by no means “historic.” The United States has already had a woman attorney general (Janet Reno) and currently has a black attorney general (Eric Holder). To argue that Lynch is “special” because she is both black and a woman is ludicrous. One might just as well demand that Obama withdraw her nomination and select instead a

person afflicted with dwarfism—because no dwarf has ever held the position.

The vote on Lynch is also being held up until after the Senate passes the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which Democrats have blocked because it contains the usual “Hyde Amendment” language prohibiting funds in the legislation from being used to pay for abortions. Senate Democrats demand that the anti-abortion provision be stripped from the bill. Politico.com notes that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) “offered Democrats an up-or-down vote to amend the bill by stripping out the abortion language. Democrats promptly objected to having the opportunity to vote on that specific item, which is ostensibly their entire basis for obstructing the underlying legislation’s passage.” (In other words, pro-abortion Democrats don’t want the anti-abortion language in the legislation, but they are unwilling to cast a vote on the issue of removing that language. They would rather hold up a bill that helps victims of sex-trafficking than make their pro-abortion positions obvious to the voters.) At Townhall.com Matt Vespa writes, “...Senate Democrats opted to die on this hill; relegating the protection of children from sex traffickers to a periphery issue since they’re so caught up with government bills that directly or indirectly permit the funding of abortion. That’s still extreme. It’s a fetishistic trait that’s incredibly disturbing with the left.” (A number of Democrats planned on voting for the legislation, until Planned Parenthood raised objections. Fearing the loss of that group’s support—and campaign contributions—those Senators changed their positions.) [73217, 73269]

Real estate mogul Donald Trump issues a statement: “I have a great love for our country, but it is a country that is in serious trouble. We have lost the respect of the entire world. Americans deserve better than what they get from their politicians—who are all talk and no action! I have built a great company, created thousands of jobs and built a tremendous net worth with some of the finest and most prestigious assets in the world—and very little debt! All Americans deserve the same opportunity. Our real unemployment rate is staggering while our manufacturing base is eroding on a daily basis. We must rebuild our infrastructure, control our borders, support local control of education, greatly strengthen our military, care for our veterans and put Americans back to work! We must stop other countries from totally taking advantage of our representatives who are being out-negotiated at every turn. I am the only one who can make America truly great again!” (In other words, Trump will be running for president in 2016. He has reportedly declined an offer to produce another season of his hit television program *The Apprentice*.) [73176, 73183, 73186]

Newsmax.com reports, “More than 30,000 illegal immigrants with criminal records were released by federal officials last fiscal year—on top of the over 36,000 who were released the previous year, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Wednesday. The agency, which falls under the Department of Homeland Security, said it had released 30,558 criminal illegals in fiscal 2014. The figure was down from the 36,007 criminals released in 2013.” [73225, 73259]

In Cleveland, Obama—who opposes photo ID for voting and who voted “present” many

times as an Illinois State Senator—suggests to an audience that *mandatory voting* should be considered in the United States: “It would be transformative if everybody voted. That would counteract [campaign] money more than anything. If everybody voted, then it would completely change the political map in this country.” (Aside from the fact that compulsory voting would be tyrannical and unconstitutional, Obama’s claim is nonsensical. It would not “counteract” money in politics; it would encourage more spending by candidates and political action committees. Being forced to vote does not make a person any less influenced by campaign ads. In fact, the indifferent people who rarely or never vote might arguably be pounded by campaign ads targeted specifically for them.) Obama complains, “The people who tend not to vote are young, they’re lower income, they’re skewed more heavily towards immigrant groups and minority groups, and they’re the folks who are scratching and climbing to get into the middle class and they’re working hard. There’s a reason why some folks try to keep them away from the polls. We should want to get them into the polls.” (In other words, Obama wants mandatory voting because he believes that a majority of the people who do not bother to vote in mid-term elections would be more likely to vote Democrat than Republican.) [73188, 73194, 73222, 73228, 73230, 73240]

Countries that currently enforce mandatory voting rules are: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Cyprus, Ecuador, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, North Korea, Nauru, Peru, Singapore, Uruguay, and the Schaffhausen canton in Switzerland. Mandatory voting, of course, would mean longer lines on election day. Obama would “solve” that problem by trying to implement on-line voting—which would likely be even more subject to fraud than the existing easy-to-cheat systems. [73256]

At BloombergView.com Josh Rogin and Eli Lake report, “Hillary Clinton didn’t take a basic precaution with her personal e-mail system to prevent hackers from impersonating or ‘spoofing’ her identity in messages to close associates, according to former U.S. officials familiar with her e-mail system and other cyber-security experts. This vulnerability put anyone who was in communication with her clintonemail.com account while she was secretary of state at risk of being hacked. ...[F]ormer cyber-security officials and experts told us that there were gaps in the system. According to publicly available information, whoever administrated the system didn’t enable what’s called a Sender Policy Framework, or SPF, a simple setting that would prevent hackers sending e-mails that appear to be from clintonemail.com. SPF is a basic and highly recommended security precaution for people who set up their own servers. ...Experts told us that oversight was just one flaw of a security system that would have been relatively easy for foreign intelligence services and others to exploit. ‘I have no doubt in my mind that this thing was penetrated by multiple foreign powers, to assume otherwise is to put blinders on,’ said Bob Gourley, the chief technology officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency from 2005 to 2008 and the founder of Cognito, a cybersecurity consultancy.” [73209, 73218, 73235]

According to BoingBoing.net, “Hilary Clinton used Mxlogic—now a division of Intel—to filter her clintonemail.com mail. The service would have received all of her email

before it was forwarded on to her. Sensitive and confidential matters of state were exposed to untrustworthy insiders and spies/crooks who [may have] penetrated their network.” [73236]

At WashingtonTimes.com Monica Crowley writes, “We all know that the only reason you would deliberately and premeditatedly set up a private email address and server is to have total control over your communications—to keep people away from those communications and to retain the ability to edit and delete your content. In Hillary Clinton’s case, given her long history of concealment and duplicity, total control was the system’s purpose, not to keep track of Chelsea’s bridal gift registry. ...In order to understand this Hillary scandal, you must understand her pattern in past scandals. And you must understand the man at the center of so many of them: Sidney Blumenthal. Mr. Blumenthal is the Clintons’ longtime and fiercely loyal political hit man. He orchestrated many of the sleaziest attacks on Clinton opponents, including smearing Monica Lewinsky as a ‘stalker’ at Mrs. Clinton’s request. His mastery of the dark arts was so notorious that it may have been the reason Mr. Obama pointedly denied Mrs. Clinton’s request to appoint him to a special, official role in her State Department. But Mrs. Clinton has never been one to take ‘no’ for an answer. It now appears that despite Mr. Obama’s order, Mr. Blumenthal may have still served Mrs. Clinton’s political and policy needs, but in a shadowy, non-official capacity.” [73211, 73559]

“Mr. Blumenthal apparently sent numerous emails to Mrs. Clinton immediately after the Benghazi attack on Sept. 11, 2012. Those emails were hacked allegedly by the hacker Guccifer (whom some claim is actually Romanian intelligence) in March 2013. ...It appears that Mr. Blumenthal had moved from handling matters of stained dresses to matters of national security. He suggests [in the hacked emails] he is in contact with the highest levels of foreign intelligence, including in Libya, Algeria and France. What was the Clintons’ hatchet man really doing? How did he cultivate such sensitive intelligence sources, and on whose orders? Why was he apparently hip-deep in intelligence matters while his close friend was secretary of state? Was the real reason Mrs. Clinton created a private communications system because she planned to run her own intelligence operation via Mr. Blumenthal, away from the prying eyes of [Obama], his White House, the intelligence and diplomatic communities, Congress, the press and the American people? Was she essentially freelancing some national security policy, operating outside normal channels? Did she set up this private system because she didn’t trust the Obama team to provide the intelligence that she needed or wanted? Further, was it arranged so she could run her own intelligence operations?” [73211, 73559]

“After Benghazi, it was reported that she had been so obsessed with overthrowing Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi that Mr. Obama simply gave her the Libya portfolio. Her role in the result—Gadhafi’s assassination and the subsequent Islamist-induced chaos, leading to the Benghazi attack—would likely be something she’d want under her control. And if it proves true that Ambassador Christopher Stevens was overseeing a covert gunrunning operation from Benghazi to Syrian rebels on Mrs. Clinton’s watch, wouldn’t she want to keep that under her control, too? ...If she did not circumvent [Obama], our intelligence and diplomatic agencies, and the law, then she should be ready, willing and

able to reveal all. But if she did, that might explain why she's been so dodgy and defensive. What say you, Mrs. Clinton? What were you and your personal El Sid really up to?" [73211, 73559]

On March 19 White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, "As I believe I said yesterday, we certainly congratulate the Israeli people on the completion of another election and again the fact that there are free and fair elections in Israel that sort of determine the political leadership of their country is one of the many important things the United States has in common with Israel. It's part of what forms the bond between our two countries, this sort of commitment to Democratic principles and the Democratic tradition and [Obama] does intend later today, or as early as today at least, to telephone the Prime Minister to talk to him about the election and to offer him congratulations on the apparent victory for his party in the elections." [73220]

Earnest also makes it clear the Obama administration plans on making it difficult for Israel during Obama's remaining two years in office. Although Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has for years been willing to negotiate a "two-state agreement" with the Palestinians, the White House is now focusing on Netanyahu's recent statements that current conditions and circumstances make such an agreement impossible. Earnest says, "What is apparent is that in the context of the campaign and while [Netanyahu] was the sitting Prime Minister of Israel, he walked back from commitments that Israel had previously made to a two-state solution. So it is, as we mentioned yesterday, cause for the United States to evaluate what our path is forward, given the Prime Minister's comments. And so we'll have to sort of see what sort of policy and priorities the Prime Minister chooses, but we certainly are in a position to evaluate our approach to these issues, given that the Prime Minister essentially backed away from commitments that Israel had previously made to this effort." In other words, the administration does not care that Israel is concerned about the rise of ISIS, the increasing numbers of terrorists at its borders, Hamas' continued control of the Palestinians, and the spread of Iranian troops throughout the region; it wants to use Netanyahu's statements as an excuse to throw Israel under the bus. Obama does not care that conditions have changed—for the worse for Israel. (The situation is tantamount to Netanyahu promising for years that someone could borrow his car, and that person now shows up drunk and demands the car keys. Obama and Earnest think Netanyahu should still hand over the keys.) [73273, 73274]

Obama succumbs to pressure and telephones Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, but instead of congratulating him on his victory merely congratulates his political party for winning a plurality of seats in the Knesset. Obama also "reaffirms the United States' long-standing commitment to a two-state solution." (Translation: "Now I'm going to try even harder to shove a Palestinian state down Netanyahu's throat.") Not surprisingly, Obama is less than friendly during the call. He complains that peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians will be difficult because of Netanyahu's attitude. (In fact, Secretary of State John Kerry's peace negotiations had collapsed a year earlier when the Palestinians walked away from the table.) [73191, 73192, 73193, 73271, 73325]

The leftist Hareetz.com, stunned by Netanyahu's victory, writes, "Young voters, who went on Instagram to share their election selfies, explain why they voted for Netanyahu: Security, security, security—and distrust of Arabs, the left and media. ... Many Israelis woke up to quite a shock Wednesday morning, discovering that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had handily beaten challenger Isaac Herzog, despite opinion polls the previous weekend predicting a narrow victory for Herzog's Zionst [sic; Zionist] Union." Eighteen-year-old Elina Rabinovich states, "I voted for Likud wholeheartedly yesterday. Israel is not Switzerland—we're always surrounded, always attacked and I don't think the situation can ever be perfect and rosy, not even close to it. That's why I knew I would vote for the rightist bloc. I wavered between Bibi and Bennett, but after all the pitches by other parties with their slogans amounting to 'just not Bibi' I realized how important it was to strengthen him. He's been at the head for a long time, and despite everything that's been said about him he's holding up the country." Valeria Pertova comments, "Why would I choose Likud [Party]? I wanted to put my trust in a party that considers security as the foremost issue, a party that promises not to divide Jerusalem and ensures that the Iranian threat is removed. I don't succumb to cheap slogans made by expensive consultants, but really believe we must maintain an undivided country, especially after all we went through to attain it. And beyond that? Let's break the stigma attached to rightists. It's not that the cost of living isn't painful for me. It's not that I don't see the poor, it's not that I'm a meat-eating chauvinist who doesn't care about social issues. But if we don't even have a state, how will we worry about the other issues? Likud unites all citizens instead of causing a rift. How will we make peace with others before we make peace among ourselves?" [73306, 73400]

At the Department of Energy, Obama signs an executive order calling for a 40 percent reduction in the federal government's "greenhouse gas" emissions over 10 years. CBS' Mark Knoller then tweets a photo of Obama emerging from the Energy Dept garage "in his gas-guzzling limousine for drive back to the WH." (The limousine actually uses diesel fuel.) It can be assumed that Obama's limousine and Air Force One will be exempted from the executive order. [73195, 73196, 73197, 73204]

Reuters reports, "In response to questions from Reuters, officials at the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) and the [Clinton] foundation confirmed no complete list of donors to the Clintons' charities has been published since 2010. CHAI was spun off as a separate legal entity that year, but the officials acknowledged it still remains subject to the same disclosure agreement as the foundation. The finding could renew scrutiny of Clinton's promises of transparency as she prepares to launch her widely expected bid for the White House in the coming weeks. ... CHAI should have published the names during 2010-2013, when Clinton was in office, CHAI spokeswoman Maura Daley acknowledged this week." [73205, 73206]

LA Times.com reports, "A federal judge threatened Thursday to sanction the Justice Department if he finds that government lawyers misled him about the rollout of ... Obama's plan to shield up to 5 million people from deportation. U.S. District Judge Andrew S. Hanen, visibly annoyed, confronted a U.S. deputy assistant attorney general

over previous government assurances on the timing of the program. He asked why he shouldn't grant a discovery request for internal federal immigration documents—a request filed Thursday by 26 states that are suing over Obama's executive actions on immigration. ...At a one-hour hearing in Brownsville, Hanen gave the Justice Department 48 hours to file a motion in response. He said he would then rule promptly on whether to require the government to produce documents concerning applications under Obama's deferred action program. ...Hanen's barbed comments left little doubt that he sympathized with lawyers for the 26 states, who said they suffered 'irreparable harm' when federal officials granted more than 100,000 applications for deferred action after Obama announced the program Nov. 20. He said government lawyers had assured him that 'nothing was happening' regarding the applications." [73224, 73247]

The Senate Budget Committee votes 13-9 to approve an amendment that would defund the Department of Justice's "Operation Choke Point" operation, which pressures banks to not accept as customers certain businesses of which the Obama administration disapproves (such as gun shops, coin dealers, tobacco sales, et al.). Senator Mike Crapo (R-WY) tells DailySignal.com, "The Department of Justice must not politicize its enforcement policies, and we must not let Operation Choke Point become an end run around the Second Amendment by threatening the financial security of gun and ammunition manufacturers." (The Obama administration essentially forces businesses to shut down if they cannot find a bank willing to process their credit card transactions—or a bank that will not impose absurd fees as a penalty for being in the "wrong business.") [73226, 73270]

At FreeBeacon.com Brent Scher writes, "One team ...Obama didn't have the opportunity to pick when he joined ESPN this week to fill out his NCAA March Madness bracket was Oregon State, which has yet to recover from a disastrous six years under the guidance of his brother-in-law, Craig Robinson. Robinson, Michelle Obama's brother, was fired by Oregon State after six straight disappointing seasons as head coach—the team went 39-69 in the Pac 12 and never made the NCAA Tournament or the NIT. Not only did Robinson fail to get results at Oregon State, he also left a mess for new coach Wayne Tinkle. Tinkle inherited a team without a single player averaging four points a game. ...Benjamin Schorzman, a sports reporter for Oregon's *Register-Guard*, said he was surprised Robinson even lasted six years. 'Robinson just couldn't deliver on any of his promises when he was hired,' said Schorzman. 'Frankly I think his relationship to the Obamas was the only reason he lasted six years because Oregon State was middling to bad every year.' ...Robinson spent the past year as an analyst for ESPN, and is rumored to be in the mix for the head coach position at Holy Cross. Robinson was paid nearly \$1 million a year by Oregon State, and received a \$4 million buyout when he was fired. Tinkle made just \$800,000 in his first year as coach, though his contract elevates in its final years. Oregon State basketball paid the price for its decision to hire Robinson as coach in 2008, much like we are all paying the price for electing his brother-in-law... that same year. Also Obama is terrible at basketball." [73231]

The very tall Michelle Obama visits Japan, and has what the *Daily Mail* calls "an

awkward start” because she was “towering over Emperor Akihito and stumbling as she tried to bow, shake his hand and curtsy at once. ...Her three-day trip is being described as a ‘makeup call’ after she ‘snubbed’ the Japanese by failing to accompany her husband during his state visit to Japan last year.” [73239]

According to Politico.com, “The luxurious beachfront Hawaiian home made famous by the ’80s television series [*Magnum P.I.*]—the backdrop for Tom Selleck’s adventures as a skirt-chasing, freeloading private investigator—was sold this week in a mysterious transaction that involves a prominent Obama friend and one of his major donors. And while the White House isn’t confirming anything, there’s a lot of talk among residents of Waimanalo, the beachfront area of Honolulu where the property is located, that they’re expecting to see Obama and his family hanging out there once he’s done with the White House. According to a report from Fox affiliate KHON, a group called Waimanalo Paradise LLC purchased the property, located along the southeast coast of Oahu, on Monday for \$8.7 million. Waimanalo Paradise’s contact is reportedly Seth Madorsky, a lawyer in Chicago and Obama donor. The property was then sold to another limited liability corporation based in Colorado, according to a report from ABC affiliate KITV. The deed and the mortgage are both signed by Judy Grimanis, KHON reported. Grimanis is an executive assistant at The Vistria Group, a private-equity firm in Chicago run by Marty Nesbitt, a frequent Obama golf and travel partner in Hawaii. Nesbitt is one of Obama’s top 10 golf partners, having played with him 18 times [since Obama entered the White House]. ...There’s a chance that Obama could be disappointed if he hasn’t checked out the property in person. According to the website ‘Magnum Mania!,’ the estate itself is ‘much smaller than it appears in the show’ and has fallen into disrepair. Most of the indoor scenes that were supposed to take place at the estate were actually filmed in a studio; the real estate listing features pictures of the beach and the grounds but not the house.” (The White House denies that the purchase was made for the Obamas.) [73241, 73243, 73299]

TheBlackSphere.com writes, “In what must come as a shock to many Americans, Michelle Obama’s mom didn’t like Barack Obama’s white side. Taking a page out of the Harry Reid acceptability book, except from the other perspective, Marian Robinson liked Barack, because he was a non-threatening black-looking man, with no Negro dialect. A new biography of Michelle Obama has revealed that her mother was initially suspicious of her future son-in-law because he was of his mixed race. The claim is contained in a new biography of the First Lady written by Washington Post correspondent Peter Slevin. ...As part of his research into Mrs. Obama’s life, Mr. Slevin uncovered an interview with WTTW’s ‘Chicago Tonight’ show where Mrs. Robinson addressed the issue of race. She told the interviewer that his mixed-race heritage did not worry her. ‘That didn’t concern me as much as had he been completely white.’ It’s easy to see how Obama developed this black-centric mentality. All of his real influences were about anarchy against the establishment, which he viewed as “rich white men.” Even when Obama got help from whites, it was whites who hated their own identities, and who were themselves anti-establishment, by any means necessary.” [73242]

TheHill.com reports, “The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) approved a convicted felon who is a former member of a domestic terrorist organization for expedited airport security last year, according to a report released this week by the Department of Homeland Security’s inspector general. The report alleges that the TSA cleared the June 2014 passenger, whose name was not revealed, despite the fact that the traveler had not submitted paperwork for its PreCheck trusted passenger program. The traveler was recognized by security agents at the airport. ‘In this circumstance, the [Transportation Security Officer] recognized the sufficiently notorious convicted felon based on media coverage, and verified the traveler’s identity documents. Upon scanning the traveler’s boarding pass, the TSA received a TSA PreCheck eligibility notification,’ the report said. ‘However the TSO knew of the traveler’s... disqualifying criminal convictions,’ the report continued. ‘The TSO followed standard operating procedures and reported this to the supervisory TSO who then directed the TSO to take no further action and allow the traveler through the TSA PreCheck lane.’ ...The inspector general’s report said the Secure Flight program failed to flag a passenger who was ‘involved in numerous felonious criminal activities’ and served a multiple-year prison sentence.” (NYPost.com later reports that the felon is Sarah Jane Olson, born Kathleen Ann Soliah, “who was a member of the California-based Symbionese Liberation Army... [She] was arrested in 1999 in St. Paul, Minn., after 25 years on the lam. She pleaded guilty to attempted murder [in a bombing case] and was paroled after seven years in prison.”) [73267, 73268, 73450, 73660, 73661, 73662]

Reuters reports, “Support for [Hillary] Clinton’s candidacy has dropped about 15 percentage points since mid-February among Democrats, with as few as 45 percent saying they would support her in the last week, according to a Reuters/Ipsos tracking poll. Support from Democrats likely to vote in the party nominating contests has dropped only slightly less, to a low in the mid-50s over the same period. ...Support for Clinton’s candidacy has dropped about 15 percentage points since mid-February among Democrats, with as few as 45 percent saying they would support her in the last week, according to a Reuters/Ipsos tracking poll. Support from Democrats likely to vote in the party nominating contests has dropped only slightly less, to a low in the mid-50s over the same period.” [73287]

On the floor of the U.S. Senate, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) excoriates Obama for his atrocious treatment of Israel. Rubio observes, “I think Netanyahu is right. The conditions do not exist for a peace deal with a people who think killing Jews is a glorious thing. ...[Obama] would not dare say the things about the supreme leader of Iran now that he’s saying about the prime minister of Israel, because he wouldn’t want to endanger his peace deal or his arms deal that he’s working out with them.” Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, “Responding to the Obama administration’s extraordinary statements and actions in the aftermath of Benjamin Netanyahu’s re-election, Florida’s junior Senator offered a stirring tribute to Israel, followed by a meticulous and unsparing condemnation of [Obama’s] treatment of our close ally. This is Rubio at his very best—taking apart Obama at his very worst—in an articulate, informed, and unscripted address.” [72363, 73272, 73277, 73284]

Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) addresses the Senate: “Under no circumstances will I or this Congress allow the Obama administration to abandon Israel to the United Nations, or any other international institution, or to change fundamentally the terms of our relationship with Israel. ... The Obama administration ... has gone off the deep end and let their [sic; its] personal bitterness toward the Israeli prime minister drive their [its] public foreign policy toward our closest ally.” [73276]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “Suspected for years of plotting to dismantle the U.S. electric grid, American officials have confirmed that Iranian military brass have endorsed a nuclear electromagnetic pulse explosion that would attack the country’s power system. American defense experts made the discovery while translating a secret Iranian military handbook, raising new concerns about Tehran’s recent nuclear talks with the administration. ... [T]he result could be destruction of all or part of the U.S. electric grid, robbing the public of power, computers, water and communications for potentially a year.” [73953]

At WhiteHouseDossier.com Keith Koffler writes, “Let me tell you three things about ... Obama that auger very poorly for Israel. 1. Obama is, at heart, an internationalist. It pains him to make the United States the stumbling block in front of international opinion. Now he feels he is free to join with the consensus of the other internationalists at organizations such as the UN and pressure a rogue nation into ‘proper’ standards of behavior. 2. Israel recalls for Obama issues that are central for him—racism and oppression of minorities by a dominant culture. Obama’s default stance is with what he perceives as the aggrieved minority, not the majority, no matter the threats the majority faces. It reminds him not only of the struggle for racial justice in the United States, but one of the defining issues of his political coming-of-age during the 1980s, the fight against the Apartheid system in South Africa. 3. Obama is not lazy, but he’s not the hardest working [leader] we’ve seen either. But he is extraordinarily competitive. When faced with competition, as during one of his political campaigns, he shelves the golf, focuses like a laser, and does everything he has to not to lose. With his own reelection, Netanyahu has soundly humiliated and beaten Obama. He did so while upstaging and defying him in his own backyard with a grand speech to Congress. The well of the House is a stage Obama feels he owns, not some foreign interloper. Make no mistake, Obama will strike back hard. He is furious about Netanyahu’s unexpected victory. He will not allow the Israeli leader to have the final word. He will win at all costs. And that will have grave consequences for Israel.” [73275]

The administration releases a video of Obama directly addressing the people of Iran as they celebrate Nowruz, their new year spring festival. In his comments, Obama also notes the nuclear negotiations, saying, “Just over a year ago we reached an initial understanding regarding Iran’s nuclear program, and both sides have kept our [sic; their] commitments. Iran has halted progress on its nuclear program, and even rolled it back in some areas.” Obama is lying. Iran has not halted progress on its program. It now has as many as 19,00 centrifuges. It continues to enrich uranium, and reportedly has progressed to the 20 percent level. “The days and weeks ahead will be critical. Our negotiations have

made progress but gaps remain. And there are people in both our counties and beyond who oppose a diplomatic resolution.” By “and beyond” Obama means Israel. Obama is again lying. Israeli—and Senate Republicans—do not “oppose a diplomatic solution.” They oppose Obama’s deal, which is more of a capitulation than a solution. Obama’s deal does not prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons; it enables Iran to develop nuclear weapons. [72484, 72584, 73245, 73290, 73301]

Obama also says, “Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, has issued a fatwa against the development of nuclear weapons.” Obama is not only mistaken (no such fatwa exists), he knows his claim is a lie. (Although the White House complained about an “open letter” to Iran posted on a Republican Senator’s web site, which did little but point out that Obama is not above the U.S. Constitution, Obama addresses the Iranian people directly. He is willing to ask the Iranian people to support his ill-advised nuclear deal, yet he was not willing to record a video in 2009 when they were in the midst of attempts to overthrow the Ahmadinejad regime. He is today willing to make the regime stronger and more dangerous, but was in 2009 not willing to help free the Iranian people.) [72484, 72584, 73245, 73290, 73583, 73884]

Meanwhile, WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Bipartisan resistance to the Obama administration’s push for a nuclear deal with Iran surged on Capitol Hill on Thursday, even as details emerged about a potential agreement that would allow Tehran to retain up to 6,000 uranium enrichment centrifuges while getting immediate relief from international economic sanctions. Administration witnesses got an earful from representatives of both parties over the administration’s handling of nuclear negotiations involving the U.S., Iran and other world powers that could be reaching a climax in Geneva this week. Many lawmakers say the White House is flagrantly icing Congress out of the deal. A bipartisan letter signed by 360 House members warned ...Obama on Thursday that Iran can’t get ‘permanent sanctions relief’ unless Congress approves it.” Congressman Brad Sherman (D-CA) who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, “said the administration is clinging to ‘preposterous’ logic in its pursuit of a deal by the self-imposed deadlines at the end of the month. ...Right now, according to [an Associated Press] report, Iran would require only two to three months to amass enough material to make a bomb. But the report cited only anonymous officials, and U.S. negotiators refused to speak publicly on such matters.” [73248, 73249]

At a hearing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) tells Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken, “Congress really needs to play a very active and vital role in this whole process [the Iran nuclear negotiations], and any attempts to sidestep Congress will be resisted on both sides of the aisle. ...But make no mistake: Congress will play an important role in the evaluation of a final deal. Again, I want to say that I will not stand by and allow Congress to be marginalized. Any permanent repeal of sanctions is, by law, Congress’s discretion. And before we do that, we must be completely convinced that this deal blocks all of Iran’s pathways to a nuclear bomb.” Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA) states, “This committee is prepared to evaluate any agreement to determine if it is in the long-term national security interests of the

United States and our allies. Indeed, as Secretary [of State John] Kerry testified not long ago, any agreement will have to ‘pass muster with Congress.’ Yet that commitment has been muddled by the administration’s insistence in recent weeks that Congress not play a role.” [73280]

Iran, seeing weakness in Obama’s negotiating position and his desire to get an agreement at any cost, continues to play hardball with nuclear negotiations. WSJ.com reports, “When international sanctions on Iran would be lifted has emerged as one of the largest remaining stumbling blocks to an agreement to constrain Tehran’s nuclear program by a March 24 deadline, according to U.S., European and Iranian officials. Tehran’s negotiators in Switzerland, according to these diplomats, have hardened their position that United Nations sanctions on their country be repealed at the front end of any deal reached this month with the U.S. and other global powers. The U.S. and its European allies are demanding the U.N.’s sanctions be suspended or terminated in a phased time-frame over years. ... The Iranians ‘say it’s a deal breaker. They don’t want it at all,’ said a senior European diplomat involved in the Lausanne talks, referring to Iran’s position on the U.N. sanctions. ‘There’s no way that we would give up on that... No way.’” [73260, 73261, 73283, 73476]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey writes, “Welcome to Iranian Negotiations 101. This has been going on for more than a decade, and the only people who don’t grasp what Iran is doing are in the White House. Iran pretends to negotiate for a while, and then finds reasons to stall talks and blame the West for the impasse. Then, while the West spends several months trying to find incentives to restart the process all over again, Iran has time to continue its progress on developing nuclear weapons. Besides, the West has to be nuts to be talking about lifting sanctions at all. Those should get lifted only when the Iranian regime stops sponsoring terrorist networks like Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, and Hamas. They ship weapons to the latter that end up getting fired at the civilians of our ally Israel. If sanctions get removed, all of the cash that the Iranian mullahs get will go straight into the pockets of terrorists. Iranian nuclear weapons are *not* the only threat from Tehran, even if the White House pretends that Iran isn’t a terror sponsor. ... Clearly, we aren’t being careful at all. Instead, we’re rushing headlong into a deal with Tehran that will give them enough economic power to dominate the region and threaten nations who [sic; that] had been our allies. That’s not just Israel, but also the Sunni nations who assumed we understood the Iranian threat. Maybe Barack Obama should take a lunch with [retired General David] Petraeus sometime soon.” (Petraeus has warned, “I would argue that the foremost threat to Iraq’s long-term stability and the broader regional equilibrium is not the Islamic State; rather, it is Shiite militias, many backed by—and some guided by—Iran. ... The current Iranian regime is not our ally in the Middle East. It is ultimately part of the problem, not the solution.”) [73283, 73301]

At WND.com Aaron Klein writes, “Saudi Arabia has quietly reached out to arch foe Russia in an attempt to temper Iran’s regional influence and reach a compromise on Tehran’s nuclear program, Middle Eastern defense officials told WND. The Saudi move already has resulted in the opening of back-door dialogue between the two countries

aimed at possibly forging a new alliance, the officials said. The talks may showcase Saudi desperation in light of the Obama administration's rapprochement toward Iran, perhaps the House of Saud's biggest competitor for influence in the Middle East and Persian Gulf. Already, the shifting U.S. regional alliances have seen Russia's military relationship with long-time U.S. ally Egypt grow ever closer." [73257]

Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-FL) charges that Republicans are blocking Loretta Lynch's attorney general confirmation vote because they are racists. If it look [sic; looks] like a duck, walk [sic; walks] like a duck and quack [sic; quacks] ike a duck, it's a duck. And it is clear to me that there is hidden racism, uh, rampant, uh, in the House and the Senate." (Brown needs a refresher course on the U.S. Constitution and Congressional rules. The House has no involvement in the confirmation process; only the Senate votes to confirm presidential nominees.) [73432]

NBCPhiladelphia.com reports, "Two high school freshmen were arrested in connection with the killing of a man walking his dog last week in Philadelphia's Overbrook section. A third teen, who police say actually pulled the trigger, is still on the loose. Brandon Smith, 15, was arrested Thursday and charged in the murder of James Patrick Stuhlman, who plead for his life before he was gunned down while walking his dog... Police say that the teens were playing basketball when they decided to rob someone. Initially, they targeted a different man walking his dog until they saw Stuhlman who was older and whose dog looked 'weak.'" (Stuhlman, a 51-year-old husband and father of one daughter, was white. The three teenagers are black. Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder, and Al Sharpton have no comment.) [73647]

On March 20 the White House marks the first day of spring by tweeting a photo of Obama. (The photo may be quite old, as Obama appears to be flanked by former White House communications head Anita "I love chairman Mao" Dunn and Valerie "Valsputin" Jarrett.) [73266]

Iran sends 180 tons of weapons and military equipment to Shi'ite Houthi rebels in Yemen. [73383]

Economist and author Peter Schiff tells Yahoo Finance, "I'm surprised [the dollar index has] rallied this much but that doesn't mean it's permanent, because you have everybody speculating... The conventional narrative is that the Fed [Federal Reserve] is going to be raising rates and the rest of the world is going to be easing [printing money], and it's based on that that speculators have bid up the dollar. ...When traders wake up to reality and realize how wrong these [bullish dollar] bets are, they're going to unwind these trades and the dollar is going to implode very quickly. ...When people realize we can never raise [interest] rates and it's permanent QE [quantitative easing, or expansion of the money supply], that the Fed can't shrink its balance sheet and has no ability to control inflation... there's no place to hide. ...The real move of the dollar is going to be a crash. ...I don't think it's going to take decades [for the dollar to decline]. I'm surprised it's taken this long. But I do believe the fact we've had to wait so long, it's an even bigger

pay day, because all the problems have gotten bigger because we've been able to delay the day of reckoning. ...The Fed has inflated the mother of all bubbles....Gold's going a lot higher. ...There's no real ceiling on gold because there's no floor on the dollar."
[73405]

B. Todd Jones, director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announces his resignation effective March 31. (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes that "Acting Director Tom Brandon, who has a history of failing to not only punish bad behavior within the agency but condone it, will be in charge" until Obama nominates a successor.) [73258, 73289, 73293]

DCClothesline.com reports that Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) "has written two letters to the State Dept. concerning a special arrangement for Huma Abedin, Hillary's closest adviser. At the same time Abedin worked for the State Dept., she also worked for a company called Teneo. ...Teneo bills itself as an expert in helping your company get government contracts. Can you see the obvious conflict of interest here? The Senate is trying to find out if Teneo's clients received government grants and if they did, if Abedin and or Hillary was involved? Abedin also had a private email account that ran off Hillary's server." [73357]

Once again proving its uselessness and wrongheadedness, the United Nations slams Israel—this time for violating the rights of women. The U.N.'s Commission on the Status of Women condemns only Israel—out of 193 member nations. (Apparently the United Nations believes life is simply wonderful for women living in Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Somalia, Yemen. In fact, women are more free and have more rights in Israel than in any other country in the Middle East.) [73262, 73304, 73305]

Algemeiner.com reports that Obama "is considering cutting all ties with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's *YNet News* reported on Friday. According to a source cited by the paper, the White House 'is contemplating lowering its ties with Israel and putting [Secretary of State John] Kerry as the sole liaison between the two states, as opposed to the open line Netanyahu now enjoys with Obama. '[Obama] is pragmatic, if he were to think there was some gain to be made from talking directly with Netanyahu he would do so, but he just prefers not to waste his time,' the White House source said. The report culminates weeks of mounting anger by the White House towards Netanyahu. Administration officials were very critical of Netanyahu's historic speech earlier this month before a joint session of Congress on the Iranian nuclear threat, and there was even speculation that the White House was attempting to unseat the Israeli Prime Minister." (Pamela Geller comments, "Obama's jihad on the Jews just became official policy."
[73302, 73303]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells NPR, "I don't want a one-state solution. But I certainly don't want a zero-state solution, where Israel's very existence would be jeopardized." On MSNBC, Netanyahu tells a combative Andrea Mitchell, "I don't want a one-state solution. I want a sustainable, peaceful two-state solution. I haven't changed my

policy. ...I'm talking about what is achievable and what is not achievable." Mitchell rudely asks Netanyahu why Obama should trust him—when it is Obama who Netanyahu has good reason not to trust. [73277, 73286, 73288]

On his radio program Glenn Beck lambastes Obama, saying he has “brought lying to an art form. ...The proof is readily available for anybody who cares to look. And the fact is, [Obama] is a special kind of liar because he can lie about things that have long been proven to be lies. Then he has the nerve to tell you to look up the evidence. ...That's what he did this week [when he said of ObamaCare, 'Every prediction they have made about it turned out to be wrong. See, it's working better than even I expected. But it doesn't matter. Evidence be damned']. ...You have to almost sit back in awe and say 'Oh, my gosh, he is an artist. He is a Rembrandt or the Monet of lies. He is so convincing, he may even have convinced himself!' And I believe he has. But what a statement. 'Evidence be damned.' All of the evidence is on our side, and he makes the opposite claim. But we have seen it before, repeatedly. ...So it wasn't a tax; it is a tax. He wanted a single payer [system], he doesn't want a single payer. 'I am absolutely for a single payer, but against a single payer.' ...I hate being the guy telling you [Obama] is a liar. I hate it. I don't want to be this guy, but nobody else will say it. Somebody has to, for the record, set it straight. Someone has to preserve the record, because they are changing our history. If they say it enough, it will be recorded that way for all time and no one will know the truth.” [73323]

Secretary of State John Kerry issues a statement expressing his sympathies on the death of the mother of Iranian president Hassan Rouhani. (Associated Press reporter Matt Lee then asks a State Department spokesman, “I'm just wondering, aren't you guys laying it on a bit thick here? ...Are you sending flowers as well?”) [73264, 73265, 73322, 73380]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “...Michelle Obama's visit to a Buddhist Temple in Kyoto is costing taxpayers nearly \$80,000 for rental cars, according to a government contract. Mrs. Obama, who is travelling to Japan and Cambodia for a girls' education initiative, will arrive in Kyoto, Japan, on Friday [March 20]. According to the White House press office, 'The First Lady will travel to Kyoto on March 20 and visit the Kiyomizu-Dera Buddhist Temple and the Fushimi Inari Shinto Shrine. She will also greet staff from the U.S. Consulate in Osaka.' Fushimi Inari Shinto is a shrine dedicated to a god of rice. ...Mrs. Obama is promoting 'Let Girls Learn,' an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) that is spending \$231.6 million for education programs in Nigeria, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Jordan, and Guatemala.” [73278]

The House Select Committee on Benghazi formally requests that Hillary Clinton give her secret email server to an independent third party for review. (Clinton will not comply with the request. That will eventually lead to legal actions against her—but the committee is first giving Clinton a chance to prove she is uncooperative. The final outcome cannot be known, but the secret email issue may haunt her well into her presidential campaign.) The committee also subpoenas records of emails to and from several Clinton aides—probably Huma Abedin, Cheryl Mills, and Philippe Reines. (The Department of Justice

laughably responds, “Plaintiff provides no basis, beyond sheer speculation, to believe that former Secretary Clinton withheld any work-related emails from those provided to the Department of State.”) [73291, 73294, 73295, 73320]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The illegal immigrant charged with killing an ‘America’s Next Top Model’ contestant was only in the U.S. because the administration had granted him amnesty under ...Obama’s 2012 policy for so-called Dreamers, two senators revealed Friday afternoon. Emmanuel Jesus Rangel-Hernandez was first arrested on drug charges and was set to go before an immigration judge, but he had his deportation case closed after he was granted amnesty, or ‘deferred action,’ in late 2013, according to documents” released by Senators Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Thom Tillis (R-NC). “The young man has now been charged with three counts of murder stemming from the February slaying of three persons, including Mirjana Puhar, who had appeared on the ‘Top Model’ show last year. He has also been charged with murder in a separate case, too, The Associated Press reported.” [73292]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Bureaucrats from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will weigh and measure children in daycare as part of a study mandated by First Lady Michelle Obama’s Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act. The agency published a notice in the Federal Register on Friday proposing data collection on what meals are served in professional and home daycare facilities and how much physical activity children perform.” [73311]

In an interview with HuffingtonPost.com, Obama responds to Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu’s campaign statement about a Palestinian state: “We take him at his word when he said that it wouldn’t happen during his prime ministership [sic], and so that’s why we’ve got to evaluate what other options are available to make sure that we don’t see a chaotic situation in the region.” (Netanyahu had stated that there would be no Palestinian state during his time in office because the Palestinians refuse to accept the existence of Israel. That is hardly a new or controversial statement, but Obama is using it as an excuse to work against Israel.) Obama also whines about Netanyahu’s campaign warnings that Arabs in Israel were voting “in droves.” (Many on the left argue that Netanyahu’s statement was racist. Of course, during the 2008 and 2012 campaigns, Obama made special appeals to blacks to get them to vote, to counter the white vote. “I need your non-Arab vote” is, to Obama, racist, while “I need your black vote” is not.) [73327, 73328]

Of the Iranian nuclear negotiations, Obama says, “Frankly, they have not yet made the kind of concessions that are I think going to be needed for a final deal to get done. But they have moved, and so there’s the possibility.” (The Iranians have “moved” in the wrong direction. They now demand that all sanctions be immediately lifted as part of the deal.) Obama complains that his nominee for attorney general Loretta Lynch, is being held up in the Senate: “You don’t hold attorney general nominees hostage for other issues. This is our top law enforcement office. Nobody denies that she’s well-qualified. We need to go ahead and get her done [sic].” (As a Senator, Obama demonstrated no

reluctance to hold up or vote against Bush nominees. Further, the position is not vacant. Eric Holder will likely remain until a successor is confirmed.) [73327, 73328]

Obama warns that he will veto the next annual budget if it continues sequestration cuts, using education as an excuse: “I’ve been very clear. We are not going to have a situation where, for example, our education spending goes back to its lowest level since the year 2000. We can’t do that to our kids, and I’m not going to sign it.” “It’s for the children” is the typical response to any attempt to slow down the reckless growth of government spending.) Obama argues that there is no need to cut spending because “circumstances [have] changed. ...[W]e were seeing significantly higher deficits, and the economy was just beginning to grow. We now know that we’ve got strong growth.” (Economic growth is by no means strong, and annual deficits remain massive—albeit lower than in 2009 and 2010.) Obama argues against eliminating the estate (death) tax, claiming “it would blow a \$30 billion-a-year hole in our budget.” (Obama is either ignorant of lying. The estate tax results in about \$3.3 billion per year in federal revenue—and destroys as many as 100,000 jobs in the process.) [73327, 73328, 73329]

Asked if he had become more “progressive,” Obama replies, “No. What we have done, is consistently looked [sic; look] for additional opportunities to get stuff done. ...By hook or by crook, we’re going to make sure that when I leave this office, that the country is more prosperous, more people have opportunity, kids have a better education, we’re more competitive, climate change is being taken more seriously than it was, and we are actually trying to do something about it. Those are going to be the measures by which I look back and say whether I’ve been successful...” [73327, 73328]

In general, Obama is asked leading and softball questions during the interview. An example is a question about the nomination of Loretta Lynch: “And increasingly, we hear Democrats saying that race is a factor. Do you share their concerns?” (Race is most certainly not a factor, and reasonable and informed people know that, yet Obama is offered a “Republicans are racist, aren’t they?” question.) Interviewer Sam Stein says, “they’re holding up her [lunch’s] nomination until they get to this human trafficking bill with a controversial abortion provision in it.” (The abortion provision is not at all controversial. The “Hyde Amendment” is routinely tacked on to legislation, and routinely approved by Republicans and Democrats.) Stein also mentions Obama’s NCAA tournament picks, and asks whether college basketball players should be paid. (With millions of Americans unemployed, ISIS wreaking havoc in the Middle East, and Iran trying to develop nuclear weapons, Stein believes basketball is an important topic.) Other “critical questions: Stein asks: “In your seventh year in office, what have you learned about pacing yourself and managing the stress of the job?” and “I was wondering how many hours of sleep you’re getting a night.” [73327, 73328]

TheHill.com reports, “The Obama administration announced Friday that 80,000 corrected tax forms for people on plans through ObamaCare have still not gone out. ...The issues stem from the announcement last month that 800,000 people on insurance plans through ObamaCare received incorrect tax information. At the time, the administration said forms

with corrected information would be sent out in the first week of March. Republicans pounced on the news, arguing it showed the burdens the Affordable Care Act is placing on families during tax season. They also said it showed the administration was having trouble administering its own law.” [73324]

On *On the Record*, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, notes, “Twenty-two percent of the funding for the United Nations comes from the American taxpayers, and I’m in charge of that account. ...I’m not going to allow the United Nations to be used as a way to get around the United States Congress for a deal [with Iran] that affects the very existence of Israel and our own national security. ...If they go to the U.N. Security Council, and the U.N. Security Council lifts all sanctions before we ever get a chance to look at this deal, absolutely I would suspend funding the United Nations, because I don’t think your money should go to an organization that irresponsible.” Graham warns that the Obama administration is “about to make a mistake for the ages.” (According to FoxNews.com, U.S. funding of the United Nations will cost taxpayers about \$654 million in 2015.) [73300]

A machete-wielding man attacks several people at the airport in New Orleans and is then shot by security personnel. The attacker, a 62-year-old taxi driver named Richard White, later dies. (It is later reported that White, who is black, was carrying six “Molotov cocktails.”) [73319, 73321, 73326]

ISIS bombings of mosques in Yemen kill 142 and injure 350. Video at one mosque shows a suicide bomber walking through a group of unsuspecting worshipers as they chant, “Death to America! Death to Israel! Curse upon the Jews! Victory to Islam! Allahu Akbar! Death to America! Death to Israel! Curse upon the Jews! Victory to—[boom!].” [73231, 73307, 73308, 73310, 73354, 73355, 73403]

On March 21, while Obama attends a women’s NCAA Tournament game at Princeton, the U.S. military pulls all remaining troops out of Yemen. (Obama is accompanied by his brother-in-law, Craig Robinson, who was recently fired by Oregon State where he had a disastrous six years as its overpaid basketball coach.) Obama then plays golf at Andrews Air Force Base. [73308, 73312, 73313, 73314, 73315, 73316, 73317, 73342, 73457]

Congressman Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) attempts to hold a town hall meeting at the University of Southern California to push Obama’s amnesty program. BizPacReview.com later reports that “he was met with outspoken protesters who wouldn’t allow him to begin on time, and eventually booed him out of the room. At the beginning of the meeting, the facilitator explained to the crowd that the bi-lingual congressman was going to hold the meeting in Spanish only—unless headphones were used to translate to English—and was met with calls from the crowd that, ‘More people here speak English than Spanish!’ and ‘We live in America, it should be in English!’ Pro-amnesty Gutierrez supporters began chanting ‘Si, se puede,’ which the headphones would have translated to ‘Yes, you can.’ ...[P]rotesters chanted back with, ‘USA, USA!’”

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At Townhall.com Daniel J. Mitchell writes, “No other nation in the world spends as much on education as the United States. ...To paraphrase what Winston Churchill said about the Royal Air Force in World War II, never have so many paid so much to achieve so little. Now we have more evidence that American taxpayers are paying a lot and getting a little (though I have to admit that non-teaching education bureaucrats have been big winners). *The Washington Post* reports on some new research to see how America’s young adults rank compared to their peers in other nations. The results aren’t encouraging.” The *Post* reports on the exam, “given in 23 countries, [that] assessed the thinking abilities and workplace skills of adults. It focused on literacy, math and technological problem-solving. The goal was to figure out how prepared people are to work in a complex, modern society. And U.S. millennials performed horribly. That might even be an understatement... No matter how you sliced the data—by class, by race, by education—young Americans were laggards compared to their international peers. In every subject, U.S. millennials ranked at the bottom or very close to it, according to a new study by testing company ETS. ...[I]n literacy, U.S. millennials scored higher than only three countries. In math, Americans ranked last. In technical problem-solving, they were second from the bottom. ‘Abysmal,’ noted ETS researcher Madeline Goodman. ‘There was just no place where we performed well.’” [73309]

Iran’s Ayatollah Khamenei sends several Twitter messages mocking Obama’s Nowruz message to the Iranian people. Among them: “Obama says in his Nowruz message: submit to what we dictate so that your economic activity boosts! This is an arrogant viewpoint.” “Unfortunately Obama’s Nowruz Message had dishonest points. He said there r ppl in Iran who disagree w a diplomatic solution to nuclear issue.” “I say it clearly that there’s no one in Iran who wouldn’t favor a solution to the nuclear issue; but Iranians don’t accept US bullying.” “We reject US fraudulent offer of reaching a deal w Iran first then lifting sanctions. Lifting sanctions is a part of deal not its outcome.” [73318]

Khamenei also addresses a crowd in Tehran. According to TimesofIsrael.com, “When the crowd started shouting, ‘Death to America,’ the ayatollah responded: ‘Of course yes, death to America, because America is the original source of this [sanctions] pressure.’” (Meanwhile, Secretary of State John Kerry insists the nuclear talks have made “substantial progress,” although “important gaps remain. ...It’s time to make hard [sic; difficult] decisions. We want the right deal that would make the world, including the United States and our closest allies and partners, safer and more secure. And that is our test.” (The deadline for an agreement is March 31. It can be assumed, of course, that Iran will not agree to anything other than an Obama-Kerry capitulation and the U.S. negotiating team will merely suggest yet another deadline—all the while giving Iran more time to continue its nuclear program.) [73331, 73332, 73339, 73360]

ISIS posts names, addresses, and photographs of 100 members of the U.S. Armed Forces and calls on its American followers to kill them. According to *The Telegraph*, “The Pentagon said after the information was posted on the Internet that it was investigating

the matter. ‘I can’t confirm the validity of the information, but we are looking into it,’ a US defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said on Saturday. ‘We always encourage our personnel to exercise appropriate OPSEC (operations security) and force protection procedures,’ the official added.” [73330, 73333, 73338, 73340, 73379]

On March 22 the Iraqi counteroffensive to take back the city of Tikrit from ISIS stalls after Obama orders a halt to airstrikes. [73381]

The far left *Boston Globe* urges Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) to enter the 2016 presidential race and challenge Hillary Clinton, writing, “Democrats would be making a big mistake if they let Hillary Clinton coast to the presidential nomination without opposition, and, as a national leader, Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren can make sure that doesn’t happen. If she puts her causes and goals front and center, as Democrats gather their forces for the crucial 2016 campaign, Warren could enrich the political process for years to come. ...If Warren runs with conviction, and can clearly articulate voter unease with the widening divide between the 1 percent and the struggles of middle-class Americans, her candidacy will be welcome. ...Senator Warren, we hope you’re reading this. Our country needs you. Please run.” [73382, 73385]

Newsmax.com reports, “The political consulting firm founded by Barack Obama’s former senior adviser David Axelrod worked in support of a presidential candidate in Nigeria who has openly pushed for Shariah law. Incumbent President Goodluck Jonathan is being challenged by former dictator Muhammadu Buhari in the election scheduled for March 28 in the African nation of 174 million. ...[Axelrod’s] firm AKPD Message and Media—formerly called Axelrod and Associates—was working for Buhari as recently as this winter, AKPD partner Isaac Baker confirmed to BuzzFeed News. ...Buhari, an army general who took power in a coup for a short time in the 1980s, was accused of presiding over human rights abuses and suppression of political activity as a military dictator. He has run for president three times since 2003.” [73337, 73536, 73568, 73769]

“Richard Grenell, a former spokesman for four U.S. ambassadors to the United Nations, wrote in an opinion piece for The Washington Times that the Nigerian election ‘could have a profound impact on the future of Africa.’ Grenell quoted Buhari: ‘I will continue to show openly and inside me the total commitment to the Shariah movement that is sweeping all over Nigeria. God willing, we will not stop the agitation for the total implementation of the Shariah in the country.’ ...Buhari has also spoken sympathetically about members of Boko Haram, which has pledged its allegiance and support to ISIS, and has cautioned against a rush to judgment on its members. Grenell concluded: ‘President Goodluck Jonathan has committed to defeating Boko Haram and overseeing a free and fair election. The Nigerian economy has been growing faster than South Africa’s. Buhari’s election would be a disaster for Africa. The Obama administration should be doing more to ensure Africa’s most populous country doesn’t slip away.’” (Some suggest that Obama has refused to assist Jonathan, who is a Christian, in his fight against Boko Haram in order to make it easier for Buhari, a Muslim, to win the presidency.) [73337, 73536, 73568, 73769]

Newsmax.com also reports, “Iran helped to finance the 2007 campaign of Argentinian presidential candidate Cristina Kirchner in an effort to secure Argentina’s help in its nuclear weapons development program, according to a new report in a South American media outlet. The Brazilian magazine *Veja* [“*Look*”] asserts that the deal was brokered by Venezuela's then-President Hugo Chavez and is based on the testimony of three former Chavez cabinet members now living in the United States. Iran also wanted Argentina to cover up Iran’s link to the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that killed 85 and injured hundreds, *Veja* reported.” [73337, 73356]

At NYPost.com Michael Goodwin warns Israel to “Beware of Obama.” Goodwin writes, “First he comes for the banks and health care, uses the IRS to go after critics, politicizes the Justice Department, spies on journalists, tries to curb religious freedom, slashes the military, throws open the borders, doubles the debt and nationalizes the Internet. He lies to the public, ignores the Constitution, inflames race relations and urges Latinos to punish Republican ‘enemies.’ He abandons our allies, appeases tyrants, coddles adversaries and uses the Crusades as an excuse for inaction as Islamist terrorists slaughter their way across the Mideast. Now he’s coming for Israel. ...Against the backdrop of the tsunami of trouble he has unleashed, Obama’s pledge to ‘reassess’ America’s relationship with Israel cannot be taken lightly. Already paving the way for an Iranian nuke, he is hinting he’ll also let the other anti-Semites at Turtle Bay [the United Nations] have their way. That could mean American support for punitive Security Council resolutions or for Palestinian statehood initiatives. It could mean both, or something worse. Whatever form the punishment takes, it will aim to teach Bibi Netanyahu never again to upstage him. And to teach Israeli voters never again to elect somebody Obama doesn’t like. Apologists and wishful thinkers, including some Jews, insist Obama realizes that the special relationship between Israel and the United States must prevail and that allowing too much daylight between friends will encourage enemies. Those people are slow learners, or, more dangerously, denyists [deniers].” [73344]

“...For Israel, the consequences will be intended. Those who make excuses for Obama’s policy failures—naive, bad advice, bad luck—have not come to grips with his dark impulses and deep-seated rage. His visceral dislike for Netanyahu is genuine, but also serves as a convenient fig leaf for his visceral dislike of Israel. The fact that it’s personal with Netanyahu doesn’t explain six years of trying to bully Israelis into signing a suicide pact with Muslims bent on destroying them. Netanyahu’s only sin is that he puts his nation’s security first and refuses to knuckle under to Obama’s endless demands for unilateral concessions. That refusal is now the excuse to act against Israel. ...Most troubling is Obama’s bended-knee deference to Iran’s Supreme Leader, which has been repaid with ‘Death to America’ and ‘Death to Israel’ demonstrations in Tehran and expanded Iranian military action in other countries. The courtship reached the height of absurdity last week, when Obama wished Iranians a happy Persian new year by equating Republican critics of his nuclear deal with the resistance of theocratic hard-liners, saying both ‘oppose a diplomatic solution.’ That is a damnable slur given that a top American military official estimates that Iranian weapons, proxies and trainers killed 1,500 US soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. Who in their right mind would trust such an evil regime with a nuke? Yet Netanyahu, the leader of our only reliable ally in the region, is

repeatedly singled out for abuse. He alone is the target of an orchestrated attempt to defeat him at the polls, with Obama political operatives, funded in part by American taxpayers, working to elect his opponent. They failed and Netanyahu prevailed because Israelis see him as their best bet to protect them. Their choice was wise, but they better buckle up because it's Israel's turn to face the wrath of Obama." [73344]

Breitbart.com reports, "A new CNN poll, asking Americans about their 'perfect' candidate in 2016, is a bitter prelude to Obama's... legacy. By strong majorities, Americans want a political leader with lots of experience who will reverse Obama's policies. ...According to the CNN poll, 59% of Americans would prefer Obama's successor to be a seasoned political leader who has been on the national scene, and in the public eye, for many years rather than a newcomer. An equally strong majority would prefer the next President to have executive experience, either in government or business, rather than a legislator. Reversing the Obama years isn't confined to just a different presidential biography, though. Almost 60% of voters, 57%, want the next president to reverse most of Obama's policies. It is important to note that voters weren't asked about any specific policies they wanted reversed. Far more troubling for Obama's thoughts about his legacy, voters simply generally want to scrap his policies. In other words, their default position is that, from a national policy perspective, the Obama years ought to be simply erased. ...Words are ephemeral. Even soaring rhetoric is subject to the gravity of economic and foreign policy challenges. Where Obama did impart policy changes, voters would rather forget, reverse course, and move on. More importantly, voters want to look deeper behind the words for the next President. They want to make sure there is something there, there." [73345]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Chris Wallace interviews CIA director John Brennan. Although Brennan generally does not avoid answering questions, more than a few Americans may be a bit unsettled by how he does answer some of them. Brennan downplays the threats of a nuclear Iran, al-Qaeda, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and ISIS—which he annoyingly refers to as "Daesh" apparently because he does not want to link the Islamic State with Islam. (Daesh is the Arabic version of the group's name, "al-Dawla al-Islamiya fil Iraq wa'al Sham.") He absurdly claims al-Qaeda and ISIS are following "an ideology of violence, it's not a religious ideology. ...I am [only] prepared to say they are extremists, they are violent terrorists who misrepresent what the Islamic religion is about." Brennan generally tries to leave the impression that although "the world is a complicated place," he and Obama have everything under control and Americans should not worry about what they are doing behind the scenes. (He implies, "Just trust us.") [73346, 73347, 73378]

Many will find the interview totally unsatisfying, among them blogger "Sundance" at *TheConservativeTreehouse.com*. Sundance notes a July 2008 article by Brennan in which he wrote, "Among other recommendations, it argued that the next U.S. administration should grant political legitimacy to the terrorist organizations Hezbollah and Hamas, and should exercise 'strategic patience' with Iran rather than engaging in 'bellicose' rhetoric and coercive diplomacy. ...To successfully chart a new course for U.S.-Iranian relations, the next president must (1) tone down rhetoric; (2) establish a direct dialogue with

Tehran, including comprehensive, private discussions and deployment of a special envoy; (3) encourage greater assimilation of Hezbollah into Lebanon's political system; and (4) offer carrots in addition to sticks, including consideration of legitimate Iranian concerns on regional security issues." (Obama, of course, did follow Brennan's advice—and it has led to disastrous results. Granting legitimacy to the terrorist groups Hamas and Hizbullah (or "Hezbollah") has done nothing but allow them to expand their terrorism and attack Israel. Brennan's suggestion that the United States "play nice" with Iran has resulted in its leaders playing Obama's negotiators for suckers, continuing its nuclear program while stretching out talks over several years.) [73346, 73347, 73348, 73378]

Sundance notes what *Timeline* leaders already know, that Brennan (who some believe is a closet Muslim) was the head of The Analysis Corporation, which "was identified and cited in March 2008 for penetrating the files of presidential candidates Barack Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and John McCain in the State Department's passport office. At the time of the breach, Brennan was working as an unpaid adviser to the Obama campaign. ...[P]eople would have you believe after 25 years within the CIA, ...and after being the Chief of Staff to the Director, ...and after being the person who set up the counter terrorism center, ...and after being the CIA approved contractor for the State dept., ...well, he just didn't know that someone from his firm was penetrating the passport files within the State Dept. on three occasions in Jan and Feb 2008 to look at information of the candidate [Obama] who he was specifically working for! ...It does not take a stretch to come to the conclusion this was for the sole purpose of cleansing the records of information that would jeopardize Obama's candidacy. ...It is important to remember the oversight agency who would be investigating the breach—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee oversees the State Department. At the time Senator Joe Biden, now Vice President Biden, was the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at the time the breach would be investigated. ...And, well, what do you know? ...Biden became the VP pick of Obama." [73346]

Sundance continues, "Also, after [the] election—in mid February 2010—White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs alerted WH [White House] reporters who regularly cover daily events that certain questions about Obama's job with Business International Corporation (BIC) would not be subject to discussion. BIC was well-known in Washington DC to be a front company for the CIA, hence many speculated the State Department passport records were scrubbed to erase any mention of Obama's CIA activities and his personal information; it would not be too long a dotted line to the false story claim of Columbia University attendance. But it became over-the-top suspicious when the State Department employee, Lt. Quarles Harris, Jr. who had the access, and apparently was the one who penetrated the database and scrubbed the records, was killed—April 18th 2008. Lt. Harris decided to cooperate with the FBI who was investigating the break-in. Soon after his cooperation became a matter of record his body was discovered in his parked car; He had been shot in the head, described as execution style." [2438, 73346]

"Fast forward to 2013... Journalist Michael Hasting's wife, Elise Jordan, confirmed to media in California that John Brennan was the subject of Hastings' investigative

reporting. In 2013 a source provided San Diego 6 News with an alarming email hacked from super secret CIA contractor Stratfor's President Fred Burton. The email... was posted on WikiLeaks and alleged that Obama counter-terrorism Czar John Brennan, was in charge of the government's continued crackdown or witch-hunt on investigative journalists." Sundance writes, "I have never been more certain of something, yet simultaneously never able to prove it, as I am about two events. The first is that [current Secretary of the Treasury] Jack Lew and the White House in 2010/2011 coordinated the DOJ [Department of Justice] attack, with Eric Holder, against political opposition using the IRS. The second event is that journalist Michael Hastings was killed by the dispatch of CIA Director John Brennan." [73346, 73349, 73350, 73351]

As noted in Volume 1 of this *Timeline*, Obama worked briefly for Business International Corporation in New York, a small newsletter publishing and advisory firm that printed articles relating to global business and which assisted American companies operating overseas. Obama later embellished his job description, saying he was hired as a research assistant by a "consulting house to multinational corporations" where he had his own private secretary and dealt with Japanese financiers and German bond traders. His former co-workers have said that Obama's accounts of his job were grossly inflated and that he wore jeans, shared cubicles with others in a dumpy office, had no secretary, and mostly rewrote articles for newsletters. Employees referred to the environment as "high school with ash trays." Obama remarked that the job exposed him to the "coldness of capitalism." As Sundance points out, the company has reportedly been used by the CIA as a "front operation." With regard to Quarles, who was shot in the head on April 18, 2008, there were never any arrests in connection with the murder/assassination. [30, 31, 32, 1038, 2218, 2327, 2438]

It was Michael Hastings who wrote the 2009 *Rolling Stone* article about General Stanley A. McChrystal, in which the general criticized the "wimps in the White House." In his book, *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America's War in Afghanistan*, Hastings included several unflattering stories about Obama. After the Benghazi attack that killed four Americans, Hastings ruffled feathers in both the Obama and the Clinton camps. Clinton aide Philippe Reines responded to Hastings' questions about Benghazi with an email that ended, "...have a good day. And by good day, I mean Fuck Off." Hastings once told MSNBC's Martin Bashir that many journalists are so enamored of Obama that they lose common sense. "[W]hen they're near him, they lose their minds sometimes. They start behaving in ways that are juvenile, and amateurish, and they swoon." [12204, 12205, 12206, 12211, 28164, 28165, 28167, 28183, 32187, 32188, 37542, 37579, 41960]

When Hastings was killed in a suspicious automobile accident in Los Angeles in June 2013, he had just written an article on the NSA domestic spying program, which he described as "North Korea-esque." PJMedia.com wrote at the time, "Hastings pulled no punches as he linked the NSA scandal to the Department of Justice's spying on reporters and the IRS abuse scandal. Hastings built a case that the same Democrats who turned Bush-era anti-terrorism techniques into wedge issues that helped them capture Congress and the White House in 2006 and 2008 were now defending much worse and more

widespread spying on American citizens by the Obama administration. ...Hastings died in a fatal single-car crash at 4:25 on Tuesday morning. A witness said his car ‘suddenly jackknifed’ before crossing the median and hitting a tree, causing a ferocious explosion that reportedly threw the engine block of the brand new Mercedes Hastings was driving 30 or 40 yards from the car. Mercedes engine blocks typically weigh between 290 and 540 pounds. It would take tremendous speed or force to throw one nearly half the length of a football field. ‘It sounded like a bomb went off in the middle of the night,’ [a] witness told the TV station. ‘The house shook, my windows were rattling.’ Hastings’ body was burned ‘beyond recognition,’ according to reports.” Some speculate that Hastings was killed because of his NSA story. It is worth noting that journalist Andrew Breitbart died shortly after announcing he was about to release damning information about Obama, and Hastings died while investigating the Muslim-convert CIA Director John Brennan. (Hastings’ widow, Elise Jordan, vowed to “take down whoever did this.”) [45916, 45917, 45929, 45934, 45955, 45964, 46076, 46077, 46120, 46604, 46715]

Hastings’ final email to friends warned, “Subject: FBI Investigation, re: NSA—Hey [redacted names]—the Feds are interviewing my ‘close friends and associates.’” Also, according to SanDiego6.com, “Another significant detail pointed out by some members of law enforcement, is the intensity of the fire inside the car. It’s highly unusual since gasoline generally doesn’t burn that hot. Reviewing video footage from the scene, the intensity of the fire resembles a ‘thermite’ burn.” In 2010 former Marine Gordon Duff described a technique “in which ‘drive by wire’ cars, specifically a Mercedes Benz, can be manipulated remotely to simulate an out-of-control accident” which, as happened in Hastings’ crash, somehow manages to leave no skid marks on the highway. More suspiciously, one witness states that he heard explosions *before* the car crashed. Lastly, in his book, *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America’s War in Afghanistan*, Hastings wrote of a death threat he received from a member of General Stanley McChrystal’s staff: “We’ll hunt you down and kill you if we don’t like what you write.” [46604, 46605, 46715]

PatDollard.com reports, “Top Israeli envoys were sent to confer with French officials on Sunday about preventing what Israel considers an unfavorable nuclear deal with Iran after tensions surfaced between France and the United States over negotiation strategy. ...Israel’s Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz, however, told Israel Radio that he is flying to Paris at short notice and may also hold meetings with other European nations to re-state his country’s concerns. ‘This is an effort to prevent a (nuclear) deal that is bad and full of loopholes, or at least ...to succeed in closing or amending some of these loopholes,’ said Steinitz, who is being accompanied by Israeli National Security Adviser Joseph Cohen. Officials in Israel, which is not a party to the negotiations but feels especially threatened by the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran, have long described France as the negotiating power with views closest to Israel’s.” (France has veto power on the United Nations Security Council.) [73387, 73388, 73607]

At DailySignal.com, Robert Bluey explains how ObamaCare led Scott Womack selling his 16 IHOP restaurants. Womack explains, “You have to fund your development through your profits, and if you have no profits, you’re not building restaurants.” In 2011

Womack told Congress, “Let me state this bluntly: this law will cost my company more money than we make.” Womack, explains Bluey, “faced unique challenges in the industry, where profit margins ranged from 5 percent to 7 percent. Restaurants already produce the lowest revenue per employee, meaning there was a high labor cost associated with implementing the new law.” [73375]

On March 23 the Obama administration celebrates the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Affordable Care Act. [73376]

According to *The Washington Post*, a “Draft Joe Biden” political action committee actually exists, but “The Biden team has some catching up to do. Ready for Hillary has been around for more than two years and had raised \$12 million by the end of 2014. Ready for [Elizabeth] Warren had raised almost \$100,000. Draft Bernie [Sanders] reported bringing in \$6,819.” [73444]

The *Post* also reports that the February 13 departure of White House florist Laura Dowling has been so “hush hush... that most outside of 1600 Penn knew nothing about it. There’s still no official comment on why Dowling is no longer at the White House. ... ‘This absolutely comes from the top. The first lady has the final say,’ explained Kate Andersen Brower, author of the upcoming book, ‘The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House.’ Andersen Brower first heard of Dowling’s departure from three former residence staffers. ...According to a former residence staffer, Dowling’s exit ‘surprised a lot of people.’ But the White House’s staff, continued this source, was discouraged from ‘trying to come up with their own conclusions.’ Rumors, of course, have been flying ever since. ‘I’m not sure what the reason is,’ continued our source. ‘But I can think of a few.’” (Why Dowling left is not known, but she has hired the Sidley & Austin law firm to represent her. Ironically, Obama met his wife Michelle at that firm’s Chicago office in 1989—probably after being recommended for the job by Thomas Ayers, father of Obama’s radical Weather Underground pal William Ayers. Ayers’ wife Bernardine Dohrn also worked at the firm.) [50, 55, 25, 116, 324, 824 p. 144; 1544, 842 pp. 91-92, 1085, 2214, 2271, 73465, 73466, 73477, 73478]

Judicial Watch releases documents showing that, as of April 26, 2014, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) had released 165,900 criminal illegal aliens into the United States rather than deport them. In 2013 alone ICE released 36,007 criminal aliens, who had about 88,000 convictions among them. Meanwhile, according to *WashingtonExaminer.com*, “The next explosion of illegal teen border crossing is in full swing, but just one-in-six are being sent home, with most of the rest settled in the United States, according to new government figures. The U.S. Border Patrol agency reported that they have seized 12,509 illegals under age 18 since October, making it the second biggest surge in history after last year’s unprecedented movement of unaccompanied youths across the nation’s southern border. However, when compared to the numbers of illegal kids turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, it is clear that most are being ‘booked in’ to U.S. facilities and then released—not sent home.” [73422, 73425]

International Business Times reports, “Islamic State (IS) militants returning to the UK could attack London Underground trains or football matches with chlorine gas, a chemical weapons expert has said. Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, “a retired head of chemical and biological weapons for the British Army and NATO,” writes, “It is very evident that [ISIS is] putting much time and effort into training its jihadis in the use of chlorine as a terror weapon and in particular in IEDs (improvised explosive devices). Virtually every foreign jihadi who returns to the US or UK will have been exposed to training of this sort and will have a reasonable idea on how to use chlorine and other toxic chemicals as a terror weapon.” [73458]

At a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy states, “We routinely decide cases involving federal statutes and we say, ‘Well, if this is wrong, the Congress will fix it.’ But then we hear that Congress can’t pass a bill one way or the other, that there is gridlock. Some people say that should affect the way we interpret the statutes. That seems to me a wrong proposition. We have to assume that we have three fully functioning branches of the government... that are committed to proceed in good faith and with good will toward one another to resolve the problems of this republic.” (Observers suggest that Kennedy’s comment mean he may be leaning toward siding with the plaintiffs in *King v. Burwell*. A ruling in favor of the plaintiffs would make illegal the taxpayer subsidies applied to ObamaCare accountholders in states that do not have exchanges.) [73417]

A letter to Obama warning him not to accept nuclear deal with Iran without their input is signed by 367 members of the House of Representatives. The letter states, “Should an agreement with Iran be reached, permanent sanctions relief from congressionally-mandated sanctions would require new legislation. In reviewing such an agreement, Congress must be convinced that its terms foreclose any pathway to a bomb, and only then will Congress be able to consider permanent sanctions relief.” [73441, 73442]

At the United Nations human rights forum, where nations typically gather to condemn Israel while ignoring human rights violations all over the world, the United States declines to take the floor in defense of the Jewish State. IsraelNationalNews.com notes, “The step is unprecedented. The UNHRC [United Nations Human Rights Council] is a notoriously anti-Israel forum where Washington has always defended Israel. Asked for an explanation, a spokesman said only that the US ambassador to the council Keith Harper was in Washington.” Pamela Geller writes, “For the first time in modern Israel’s history, the United States has abandoned our ally at the notoriously antisemitic United Nations. It’s a whole new terrible paradigm. And it isn’t hard to anticipate how the world will react, once it recovers from the shock of such unprecedented betrayal. This is a new reality, unlike anything that has come before. Nothing good can come from America abandoning her closest allies, especially now when the world is embroiled in jihad wars across the world. It’s like cutting off your lungs to spite your breath. ...Let me be clear: the United Nations Human Rights Council is a bloody joke. Literally. ...And now with Obama’s perfidy and betrayal, it’s open season on the Jews.” (Geller also notes that the United Nations book store “looks like Nazi headquarters,” with books on sale with the

titles, “How I Stopped Being a Jew,” “Israel War Against the Palestinians,” and “The Punishment of Gaza.”] [73401, 73564]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) announces he is running for president in 2016. (He does not waste time with the absurd formality of first establishing an “exploratory committee.”) At Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, Cruz tells an enthusiastic audience, “I believe in you. I believe in the power of millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America. And that is why today, I’m announcing that I am running for President of the United States. ...It is a time for truth. It is a time for liberty. It is a time to reclaim the Constitution of the United States. ...Instead of a president who boycotts Prime Minister Netanyahu, imagine a president who stands unapologetically with the nation of Israel. ...Imagine in 2017 a new president signing legislation repealing every word of ObamaCare. Imagine a president [who] finally, finally, finally secures the borders. Imagine a simple flat tax. Imagine abolishing the IRS. ...Imagine a president who says, ‘We will stand up and defeat radical Islamic terrorism. And we will call it by its name.’” [73353, 73358, 73362, 73377, 73384, 73386]

At Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson offers weak arguments to claim that Ted Cruz “is constitutionally eligible to be president.” Benson is grossly mistaken. As readers of this *Timeline* know, the historical meaning of the term “natural born citizen” is birth on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. That was the definition understood and followed by the Founding Fathers, and the authors of the U.S. Constitution. By that definition, Cruz is ineligible to serve as president—as are Obama, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. [73363]

Benson claims the 14th Amendment applies to Cruz. But the 14th Amendment never even uses the term natural born citizen. One cannot magically pretend that any time the word “citizen” is used in the Constitution, its Amendments, or federal legislation that it automatically also means natural born citizen. It does not. Any first year law student would flunk if he made such a claim. Benson also notes that federal law confers citizenship on persons born outside the United States, if both parents are citizens or if at least one citizen parent has resided in the United States for at least five years after age 14. But that law *only* confers “generic” U.S. citizenship. It does *not* state that such person would also be a natural born citizen. No one is arguing that Cruz is not a U.S. citizen. But he is *not* a natural born citizen. [73363]

Those who somehow believe the 14th Amendment “proves their case” should note that Congressman John Bingham—who authored that amendment—said on the House floor in 1862, “All from other lands, who by the terms of laws and a compliance with their provisions become naturalized, are adopted citizens of the United States; all other persons born within the Republic, *of parents owing allegiance to no other sovereignty* [italics added], are natural born citizens.” In 1866 Bingham stated, “Every human being born within the jurisdiction of the United States *of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty* [italics added] is, in the language of your Constitution itself, a natural born citizen.” (Obama supporters—including attorneys filing briefs with the U.S. Supreme

Court—have intentionally *omitted* the words “of parents” when quoting Bingham’s statement, in a shameful effort to mislead.) Cruz is a *citizen* of the United States, but he is not a *natural born citizen* because he was neither born “within the jurisdiction of the United States” nor “of parents not owing allegiance to any foreign sovereignty.” Rafael Edward “Ted” Cruz was born in Canada, and his father was a citizen of Cuba when his son was born. [18420, 18466, 18783, 18784, 18795, 73363]

In the 1885 U.S. Supreme Court case *Minor v. Happersett*, Chief Justice Morrison Waite wrote, “The Constitution does not, in words, say who shall be natural-born citizens. Resort must be had elsewhere to ascertain that. At common-law, with the nomenclature of which the framers of the Constitution were familiar, it was never doubted that all children born in a country *of parents who were its citizens* [italics added] became themselves, upon their birth, citizens also. These were natives, or natural-born citizens, as distinguished from aliens or foreigners. Some authorities go further and include as citizens children born within the jurisdiction without reference to the citizenship of their parents. As to this class there have been doubts, but never as to the first.” That is, there was agreement by all legal scholars in 1885 that the term natural born citizen meant “born in the United States to two U.S.-citizen parents.” A minority argued that the citizenship of the parents was not material but, without justification, Obama (and Cruz) supporters accept the less common interpretation. The Supreme Court has never ruled on the meaning of the term. [16448, 18963, 18964, 18965, 19054, 73363]

Additionally, Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution reads:

“No Person except a natural born Citizen, *or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution* [italics added], shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.” Note the italicized “grandfather clause.” That text was made necessary after the term “born citizen” was changed to read “natural born citizen.” An earlier draft of the document read as follows:

“No Person except a Born Citizen shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

“Born Citizen” means born on U.S. soil—without regard to the citizenship of one’s parents. John Jay then wrote George Washington and asked that all presidents be required to be natural born citizens—that is, born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. But simply making that change (“born” to “natural born”) would have been inadequate:

“No Person except a natural born Citizen shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

The problem with that text was that neither George Washington nor John Adams (nor anyone else) was yet a 35-year-old natural born citizen. Those potential presidents who were born on U.S. soil (such as George Washington, who was born in Virginia) obviously could not have had U.S. citizen parents at the time of their births—because the nation did not yet exist. (Washington’s parents were citizens of Great Britain, as were the majority of the residents of the 13 colonies). In other words, it would be 35 years before anyone could serve as president! To allow for that problem, the *final* version read:

“No Person except a natural born Citizen, *or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution* [italics added], shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.”

The “grandfather clause” is essentially a loophole that means, “We can’t go without a president for decades while we wait for natural born citizens to reach age 35, so we will *temporarily* allow individuals who are *not* natural born citizens to serve as president, as long as they were present here in the colonies and became U.S. citizens in 1776 when the nation was founded.” Considering all of the above, it is clear that the U.S. Constitution prohibits Obama, former Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, and Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) from serving as president.

Obama is actually the nation’s *second* illegal president. (The first illegal president was Chester A. Arthur, who hid from the public the fact that his father was not a U.S. citizen at Chester’s birth. Arthur even went so far as to burn his father’s documents—something that would not have been necessary if his citizenship was irrelevant.) Regardless of where Obama was born, his father was not a U.S. citizen—if one assumes his father was the drunken Kenyan communist. Obama is therefore not a natural born citizen. (Additionally, according to Kenya’s constitution, a person born of a Kenyan parent—irrespective of the place of birth—automatically becomes a citizen of Kenya. Obama was therefore a Kenyan citizen at birth, by virtue of his father’s citizenship.) Marco Rubio was born in Florida to Cuban citizen parents. He is a U.S. citizen but he is not a natural born citizen. Bobby Jindal and Nikki Haley were born in the United States to Indian citizen parents. They are U.S. citizens but are not natural born citizens. Rick Santorum’s father was a citizen of Italy. Ted Cruz was born in Canada to an American mother and a Cuban father, and is also not a natural born citizen—although he is a U.S. citizen. (For years, “Obots” have tried their best to claim that Obama is a natural born citizen. That delusional mindset will now produce “Cruzbots,” who will go to great lengths to claim that he is a natural born citizen—despite having been born in Canada to a Cuban father. Facts are apparently of no use to people who have been caught up in a mass movement.)

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) is expected to announce his candidacy for the presidency in Louisville, Kentucky on April 7. [73359, 73384]

Showing how much the GOP “establishment” fears and resents Cruz (and most conservatives), Congressman Peter King (R-NY) tells CNN he will “jump off a bridge” if Cruz is the party’s nominee. King says, “We need intelligent debate in the country. Ted Cruz may be an intelligent person, but he doesn’t carry out an intelligent debate. He oversimplifies, he exaggerates, and he basically led the Republican Party over the cliff in the fall of 2013 [when he tried to stop ObamaCare]. He has shown no qualifications, no legislation being passed, doesn’t provide leadership and he has no real experience. So, to me, he is just a guy with a big mouth and no results.” The not-so-conservative King claims it is he who is the real conservative, and says he might have to run for president. [73373, 73374]

Not surprisingly, the leftist mainstream media reacts to Cruz’s announcement with immediate criticism and claims that he has no chance of winning the nomination, let alone the election. The same media leftists reacted to Obama’s candidacy in 2007 by stressing how “historic” it would be because Obama is black, but in 2015 they make no fuss about Cruz being the first Hispanic candidate. (Granted, Cruz is only half-Hispanic, but Obama is only half-black. Additionally, Obama was most certainly not the first black presidential candidate. He was preceded by Alan Keyes (1992, 1996, 2000, 2008), Al Sharpton (2004), Carol Moseley Braun (2004), Douglas Wilder (1992), Jesse Jackson (1984 and 1988), Barbara Jordan (1976), Shirley Chisholm (1972), Eldridge Cleaver (1968), Stokely Carmichael (1968), Dick Gregory (1968), and other blacks who ran as long ago as 1848 (Frederick Douglass). Of course, that Cruz has Hispanic ancestry is as irrelevant as Obama having black ancestry. Neither has anything to do with the ability to govern and follow the U.S. Constitution. (It is worth noting that it is not just the leftist media that opposes Cruz. Fox News has also had some “analysts” arguing that Cruz is too young, inexperienced, and unaccomplished—while ignoring the fact that he is not even eligible to serve as president. Some people at Fox, like many at other networks, want a Jeb Bush versus Hillary Clinton contest in 2016. Author and talk radio host Mark Levin argues that Fox would not support Reagan over Gerald Ford if they were in the running today.) [73464, 73472]

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson tells an audience that “with every new wave of immigrants that comes to the United States, America is more American,” and, “The reading of the Quran reminded me of two things that Martin Luther King said a lot, which are quintessentially American values.” [73365]

Addressing the radical, leftist “J Street” lobby (a lobby that supports Israel, but only when it is run by leftists), White House chief of staff Denis McDonough says, “an occupation that has lasted for more than 50 years must end.” (That is, McDonough—and by extension Obama—believe Israel should give up territory it won in the 1967 Six-Day War, forcing the Jewish state to return to its highly indefensible “Auschwitz borders.”) McDonough argues that if Israel agrees, it “would deal a knock-out blow to calls for boycotts, divestment, and sanctions” and “would undercut efforts to isolate Israel in the international community and roll back de-legitimization efforts.” (In other words, if Israel commits suicide, its enemies will stop calling for its execution.) [73397, 73398, 73399, 73426, 73435]

Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) responds to McDonough's remarks: "The language used by [Obama's] chief of staff... is exactly what Hamas uses. Today, the chief of staff... used language that has been reserved for terrorist organizations. ... All I can say is, when I thought it couldn't get worse, it has. Wake up and change your [White House] policies before you set the whole world on fire. Please watch your language. ... You're making everything worse, and now, you've added fuel to the fire." [73427]

Obama signs an executive order creating a "council" to focus on ways to improve Internet speed. TheHill.com reports, "According to new data out of the Commerce Department, 98 percent of the country currently has access to high-speed 4G wireless Internet service. But while many people have speedy access to the Web on their smartphones and tablets, wired hookups are not being deployed as quickly over as large a swath of the country." [73366]

ThinkProgress.com claims that Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) "just laid out the most anti-woman agenda yet." Among the leftist site's "arguments": Cruz opposes ObamaCare, supports the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, supports a flat tax, supports eliminating the IRS, supports strengthening border security, supports the Second Amendment, opposes NSA spying on U.S. citizens, supports school choice, opposes the "common core" education standards, supports Israel, and opposes Islamist terrorism. (Why anyone would believe that most women voters disagree with Cruz on those issues is not clear, although some might suggest that there is very little thinking going on at ThinkProgress.com. Nor is there much at DailyKos.com, which the day before called Republicans "the party of forced birth for teenage sex slaves"—simply because the GOP included "Hyde amendment" language to legislation to help victims of sex trafficking. That amendment is routinely added to legislation, with bipartisan support. But the Democrats have decided it should now be used as a "Republican war on women" bludgeon.) [73367, 73368, 73370]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest is asked if Obama still sees Yemen as "a model for success in fighting terrorism that could be applied elsewhere in the region?" Earnest replies, "The case that we have made is that Yemen, uh, did serve as a template for the kind of strategy that we would employ and have employed, to mitigate the threat from extremists, uh, around the world..." (Yemen has been an unmitigated disaster and is an example of the Obama administration's ineptness and naivete.) [73369]

The White House excuses Ayatollah Khomeini's "Death to America" statement to a huge crowd in Tehran as "intended for a domestic political audience." (Obama takes Binyamin Netanyahu "at his word" when he uses campaign rhetoric, but he is somehow unable to take the Iranian regime at its word when it exclaims, "death to America" and pledges to "wipe Israel off the map.") Earnest tells reporters, "Those kinds of comments only underscore why it is so critically important that the United States and the international community succeed in preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, and the best way for us to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon is sitting down at the negotiating table and getting Iran to make very specific commitments that would prevent

them from obtaining nuclear weapons.” Asked how the administration can negotiate in good faith with a “death to America” regime, Earnest replies, “[W]hat we have seen is—we have seen the Iranians sit down at the negotiating table and demonstrate a willingness to have constructive conversations.” [73331, 73332, 73339, 73360, 73364, 73421, 73474]

The U.S. Supreme Court lets stand Wisconsin’s photo ID for voting legislation, refusing to even take up the case. (The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago had previously ruled that the law did not violate the Constitution.) [73371, 73372, 73443]

Radio talk show host Mark Levin tells his listeners, “I want to give you a little back information that’s not widely available publicly. When Barack Obama called Benjamin Netanyahu, it was not to congratulate him. They spoke for 30 minutes. Barack Obama insisted that Benjamin Netanyahu remove his ambassador to the United States, Ron Dermer. Netanyahu said he would not. Obama pressed the case. Netanyahu said he will not. Obama attacked Netanyahu, he said, for the last days of the campaign when he called out the Arabs. And he attacked Netanyahu for his statements about the two state solution. Unfortunately Netanyahu’s position is that he still supports a two-state solution. However he said as long as that other state is committed to Israel’s demise, as long as they won’t disarm, as long as they will not recognize Israel as a Jewish state, how can there be a two state solution? As I say, the two-state solution would be a final solution. And so it was a disrespectful, rude conversation on Obama’s part, not a congratulatory, ‘Oh, you won.’” [73389]

Meanwhile, Rush Limbaugh tells his listeners, “[H]ave you heard the news, folks? Have you heard the news? Some guy who has only been a senator for a short time, some guy without any real executive experience, some guy whose biggest qualification is he went to Harvard Law School, some guy with a foreign name and mixed ethnic background, some guy who has questions about his birth certificate, have you heard this guy’s running for president? Isn’t that crazy? And the Democrats are telling us this guy is not qualified, that he’s dumb, that he’s stupid, that he’s incendiary, and that he doesn’t have it right on global warming. I’m talking about Ted Cruz. Did you ever stop and look at Ted Cruz that way? Some guy that’s only been a senator for a short time, some guy with not any real executive experience, biggest qualification, went to Harvard Law School, foreign name, mixed ethnic background, questions about his birth certificate. Yeah, I saw it on CNN today. He may not be qualified. He might have been born in Canada. It is uncanny. Everything about Barack Obama that they said qualified him they are saying disqualifies Ted Cruz.” [73390]

According to DailyCaller.com, “A group of Democratic senators is urging the Obama administration to delay a key portion of Obamacare because the results could be ‘harmful and disruptive.’ In a letter exclusively obtained by The Daily Caller, Senate Democrats pleaded with Health and Human Services secretary Sylvia Matthews Burwell to delay an Obamacare rule change that puts companies with 51 to 100 employees in the costlier ‘small group’ market instead of the ‘large group’ market. The rule change, which will result in higher premiums for many companies, goes into effect in 2016.” [73393, 73433]

Hillary Clinton meets privately with Obama at the White House. PatDollard.com notes, “Moments after the White House confirmed the meeting, Clinton posted a message on Twitter praising Obama’s health care law and its provisions aimed at covering young people and those with preexisting conditions. In a jab at Republicans who want to get rid of the law, she wrote: ‘Repeal those things? Embrace them!’ To emphasize her point, Clinton shared an old photo of her and Obama hugging.” (In other words, the meeting was to discuss mutual back-scratching: “Don’t diss my administration and I’ll do my best to protect you from the email scandal.”) [73394, 73423, 73428]

Townhall.com reports, “FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has decided that states with governors who do not address climate change in their hazard-mitigation plans will not be eligible for disaster-preparedness funds in the upcoming year. These funds are used for a variety of projects, such as making buildings safer and building safe rooms. Louisiana, New Jersey, and Texas, all states with Republican governors, received the first, third, and fourth most hazard-mitigation money from FEMA between 2010 and 2014.” HotAir.com’s Noah Rothman tweets in response, “Pretty sure the future GOP president who uses an executive order to deny Planned Parenthood federal health grants will be accused of murder” and “But using emergency management agency power to deny disaster funding to states with governors Dems don’t like is just good governance.” [73406, 73429, 73440]

The Dallas Tea Party partners with Dr. Gina Loudon, The Politichicks, major bloggers and conservative media personalities, and the “I Own the World” blog to resist the nomination of an “establishment” (that is, “Democrat-lite”) Republican presidential candidate in 2016. The “No More in 2016” campaign is an “organized attempt by conservative voters to warn the GOP Establishment they can no longer depend on our votes if they run another big-government, moderate squish like a la McCain or Romney. Our votes must be earned from now on! Conservatives are tired of voting for the ‘least worst option’ when we see there is virtually no difference between Republicans and Democrats in Washington.” The campaign argues:

“In 1976, the GOP ran an establishment moderate for President. He lost.
In 1980, the Ronald Reagan ran as an unapologetic conservative. He won.
In 1984, Reagan won reelection in a national landslide.
In 1992, the GOP ran an establishment moderate for President. He lost.
In 1996, the GOP ran an establishment moderate for President. He lost.
In 2000, George W. Bush ran as a conservative and won.
In 2008, the GOP ran an establishment moderate for President. He lost.
In 2012, the GOP ran an establishment moderate for President. He lost.
Notice a pattern?

During the Obama years, the American people have seen the left-wing Democratic vision for our nation. They haven’t liked what they’ve seen. In 2016, Republicans have a historic opportunity to elect a strong, principled conservative to the White House. Someone who believes the right to keep and bear arms must not be infringed. Someone who believes in defending America’s borders. Someone who believes in the rule of law.

Someone who rejects one-size-fits-all curriculum ideas like Common Core. A conservative who knows the government has no business reading any American's private communications without a proper warrant. A conservative who believes and will fight for fiscal sanity, limited government, and individual rights. Therefore we conservative voters in America raise our voices to say No More In 2016! Please help us fire one across the bow of the Republican Leadership beginning this Monday, March 23 by telling them No More in 2016! Republicans must run a strong conservative or they will not be able to depend on our votes!" [73402]

According to WSJ.com, "Soon after the U.S. and other major powers entered negotiations last year to curtail Iran's nuclear program, senior White House officials learned Israel was spying on the closed-door talks. The spying operation was part of a broader campaign by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government to penetrate the negotiations and then help build a case against the emerging terms of the deal, current and former U.S. officials said. In addition to eavesdropping, Israel acquired information from confidential U.S. briefings, informants and diplomatic contacts in Europe, the officials said. The espionage didn't upset the White House as much as Israel's sharing of inside information with U.S. lawmakers and others to drain support from a high-stakes deal intended to limit Iran's nuclear program, current and former officials said." LegalInsurrection.com comments, "Now it's all making sense. The Israelis saw Obama acting deceptively, hiding negotiations that would affect Israel's existence, and giving away the store to the Iranians. Netanyahu saw no choice but to go to Congress both through the Israeli ambassador and the speech to Congress, knowing that it would harm Israel with the administration. This was not something done for election purposes." [73395, 73396, 73438]

On *The Five*, Greg Gutfeld responds to the candidacy of Ted Cruz, asking, "Aren't we tired of having a president who was born outside the country?" [73391]

On March 24 a Germanwings flight 9525, an Airbus A320, crashes in the French Alps, killing all 150 people aboard. Three Americans are among the victims. The recovered voice cockpit recorder suggests co-pilot Andreas Lubitz intentionally crashed the plane, after locking the pilot out of the cockpit. (Although Lubitz' motives are not immediately clear, a Facebook page is quickly added by ISIS supporters who call him a "hero of the Islamic State" and write, "Our holy martyr died for our prophet." One unconfirmed report claims Lubitz had converted to Islam, but it is generally reported that he was suffering from depression and it is assumed that the crash could be classified as a suicide/mass murder.) [73416, 73437, 73448, 73468, 73504, 73505, 73537, 73541, 73542, 73543, 73544, 73551, 73552, 73553, 73556, 73565, 73573, 73576, 73578, 73593, 73614, 73641, 73696]

Senator Dan Coats (R-IN) announces he will not seek reelection in 2016. (Few will be surprised if former Democrat Senator Evan Bayh seeks to get his old seat back.) [73480]

Larry Klayman, founder of Freedom Watch, filed a civil suit against Hillary Clinton, Bill Clinton and their family foundation alleging criminal violations under the Racketeer

Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). According to TeaParty.org, “The lawsuit alleges a pattern over ten years of the Clintons engaging in two or more predicate acts constituting a criminal enterprise, designed to enrich them personally. In this regard, Klayman alleges that the Clintons—through mail and wire fraud, and various false statements—misappropriated documents which he was entitled to receive and possess under the Freedom of Information Act (‘FOIA’) concerning Hillary Clinton’s involvement in releasing Israeli war and cyber-warfare plans and practices. The complaint alleges that Hillary Clinton orchestrated this release to harm and thwart Israeli plans to preemptively attack Iranian nuclear sites to stop the Islamic nation’s march to producing atomic weapons. Another FOIA request called for the production of Mrs. Clinton’s and other State Department’s records which refer or relate to the granting of waivers for persons, companies, countries and other interests to do business with Iran, thereby undermining the economic sanctions. These acts are alleged to be the result of the defendants selling government influence in exchange for bribes from interests which have donated to The Clinton Foundation, paid huge speaking fees to the Clintons and other means. The present email scandal is alleged to cover up evidence of these and other related crimes by hiding emails that would incriminate the Clintons and their foundation.” [73503, 73506, 73526, 73654]

The March 24 deadline for a nuclear deal with Iran passes with no final agreement. FreeBeacon.com notes, “A group of ten Senate Democrats stated in a Jan. 27 letter to ...Obama that if no agreement is reached by the agreed upon deadline of March 24 they would support legislation that would impose additional sanctions on Iran. ...The deadline has already been extended twice since talks began. ...Administration officials now say the relevant date is March 31, not March 24. They also state no date was ever referred to as a ‘deadline,’ but rather a ‘goal.’” [73431, 73436, 73476]

At HotAir.com Noah Rothman writes, “As [Obama] again prepares to extend the deadline for an agreement with Iran over its nuclear program, though without calling it an extension, it’s time to take stock of what Barack Obama’s myopic pursuit of a legacy achievement in his second term has wrought. [Obama] and his allies have said on any number of occasions that no deal with Iran is preferable to a bad deal, but the administration has given every indication that the opposite is true. The Obama administration is sacrificing its legitimacy at home and faith in America abroad for fleeting and personal gain. The negotiation process alone has resulted in the increasing isolation of the elected Israeli government and a chill in bilateral relations between Washington and Jerusalem. The Israeli government’s opposition to the terms of a nuclear deal with Iran has caused a schism between these two historic allies that may not entirely heal after Obama leaves office in 2017. ...Israel is not content to wait for Washington to come to its senses. Israeli operatives have reportedly now turned to French officials to ensure that their interests in the region are defended. For the White House, Obama’s legacy achievement is more important than the alliance with Israel. Obama’s pursuit of a nuclear deal has also yielded to Tehran excessive deference from Washington. Iran is enjoying previously unknown freedom of action in the region, and the Islamic Republic has made the most of it. With pro-Iranian proxies operating freely in four Middle Eastern capitals, America’s traditional Sunni Arab allies are terrified, and they are working to

secure their futures in a post-American world. ...Far from making the world a safer place, the administration has sacrificed geopolitical stability in pursuit of an exhibit in the Obama presidential library. A brief survey of the upheaval that has resulted from [Obama's] headstrong approach to nuclear negotiations with Tehran suggests that the marginal benefits associated with a nuclear deal are not worth the costs." [73483]

At NYTimes.com David Brooks writes, "The United States is also seeing a rise in the number of anti-Semitic incidents. But this country remains an astonishingly non-anti-Semitic place. America's problem is the number of people who can't fathom what anti-Semitism is or who think Jews are being paranoid or excessively playing the victim. On college campuses, many young people have been raised in a climate of moral relativism and have no experience with those with virulent evil beliefs. They sometimes assume that if Israel is hated, then it must be because of its cruel and colonial policies in the West Bank. In the Obama administration, there are people who know that the Iranians are anti-Semitic, but they don't know what to do with that fact and put this mental derangement on a distant shelf. They negotiate with the Iranian leaders, as if anti-Semitism was some odd quirk, instead of what it is, a core element of their mental architecture." (Brooks claims the Obama administration doesn't know how to deal with Iran's anti-Semitism, neglecting to note the administration's own anti-Semitism. Further, Brooks wrongly calls Israel's West Bank policies "cruel and colonial." Israel captured the territory in the 1967 Six-Day War, which could have been avoided had it not been attacked. Texas won territory from Mexico in war as well, but that does not mean it "colonized" San Antonio and should be forced to give it back.) [73473, 73474]

CNSNews.com reports, "The average price of a pound of ground beef climbed to another record high in February, hitting \$4.238 per pound, according to data released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)." Additionally, "The seasonally adjusted electricity price index climbed to a new record of 213.009 in February, up from 212.290 in January and from 206.404 a year ago. The average price for a KWH of electricity—at 13.8 cents—was also the highest it has ever been in the month of February." [73446, 73447]

The Obama administration announces that about 10,000 U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan through 2015, but Obama still plans on a complete withdrawal by the end of 2016. [73450, 73486]

Obama tells reporters that Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's "conditions [with regard to a Palestinian state] were such that they would be impossible to meet anytime soon. So even if you accepted, I think, the corrective of Prime Minister Netanyahu in subsequent days, there still does not appear to be a prospect of a meaningful framework established that would lead to a Palestinian state even if there were a whole range of conditions and security requirements that might be phased in over a long period of time—which was always the presumption... What we can't do is pretend that there's a possibility of something that's not there. And we can't continue to premise our public diplomacy based on something that everybody knows is not going to happen at least in the next several years... We believe that two states is [sic; are] the best path forward for Israel's security, for Palestinian aspirations, and for regional stability. That's

our view, and that continues to be our view. And Prime Minister Netanyahu has a different approach. And so this can't be reduced to a matter of somehow let's all hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya.'" (In other words, "The Palestinians are never going to recognize Israel's right to exist, so let's just accept that and give them the territory they demand and let Israel figure out how to protect itself from increased rocket attacks and terrorist raids." Obama will then blame Israel for the attacks.) [73484]

Obama adds, "One last point about this because I've heard a lot of the commentary. There is a tendency I think in the reporting here to frame this somehow as a personal issue between myself and Prime Minister Netanyahu. I have a very businesslike relationship with the prime minister. The issue is not a matter of relations between leaders. The issue is a very clear substantive challenge. We believe that two states is the best path forward for Israel's security for Palestinian aspirations and for regional stability. That's our view. And Prime Minister Netanyahu has a different approach." (Obama is mistaken. Netanyahu is willing to accept a Palestinian state, but not on Palestinian terms. The Palestinians essentially want a "one-state solution," because they refuse to even accept the legitimacy of Israel.) [73460]

At WND.com Cheryl Chumley claims Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) is a natural born citizen eligible to serve as president. Chumley writes, "Section One, Article Two of the Constitution states 'no person except a natural born citizen, or citizen of the United States ...shall be eligible to the office of president.'" The requirement is actually in Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution, and it reads:

"No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

Chumley intentionally omitted the words, "at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution" as if they serve no purpose and are irrelevant. They are, of course, more than relevant. They are critical to the understanding of the requirement. Chumley is suggesting to her readers that one only need be a "citizen of the United States" in order to serve as president. That is incorrect. One must be a natural born citizen (born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents), *or* "a citizen at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution." The latter of the two requirements applied to people like George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson, none of whom were natural born citizens—because, at the time of their births, their parents could not have been citizens of a nation that did not yet exist. Chumley also writes, "Neal Katyal, former acting solicitor general in the Obama administration, agreed Cruz is eligible to seek the presidency"—as if the opinion of someone beholden to Obama (another ineligible person) should be taken at face value. Chumley's article, and many others, make it clear that "the fix is in." Media conservatives are determined to get the public to believe that Cruz is eligible, just as Obama's supporters were determined make sure his ineligibility would not stop him from being inaugurated. [73451, 73452]

Attorney Mario Apuzzo (*Kerchner v. Obama*) notes David Ramsay, “an American physician, patriot, and historian from South Carolina and a delegate from that state to the Continental Congress in 1782-1783 and 1785-1786. He was the Acting President of the United States in Congress Assembled. He was one of the American Revolution’s first major historians.” In a 1789 essay, Ramsay “described the original citizens that existed during the Founding and what it meant to acquire citizenship by birthright after the Founding. The Constitution itself shows that the Framers called the original citizens ‘Citizens of the United States’ and those that followed them ‘natural born Citizens.’ He said concerning the children born after the declaration of independence, ‘[c]itizenship is the inheritance of the children of those who have taken part in the late revolution; but this is confined exclusively to the children of those who were themselves citizens...’ He added that ‘citizenship by inheritance belongs to none but the children of those Americans, who, having survived the declaration of independence, acquired that adventitious character in their own right, and transmitted it to their offspring...’ He continued that citizenship ‘as a natural right, belongs to none but those who have been born of citizens since the 4th of July, 1776...’ Ramsay did not use the clause ‘natural born Citizen.’ Rather, he referred to citizenship as a birthright which he said was a natural right. But there is little doubt that how he defined birthright citizenship meant the same as ‘natural born Citizen,’ ‘native,’ and ‘indigenous,’ all terms that were then used interchangeably.” [73455, 73456]

“...The two-citizen-parent requirement would have followed from the common law that provided that a woman upon marriage took the citizenship of her husband. In other words, the Framers required both (1) birth on United States soil (or its equivalent) and (2) birth to two United States citizen parents as necessary conditions of being granted that special status which under our Constitution only the President and Commander in Chief of the Military (and also the Vice President under the Twelfth Amendment) must have at the time of his or her birth. Given the necessary conditions that must be satisfied to be granted the status, all ‘natural born Citizens’ are ‘Citizens of the United States’ but not all ‘Citizens of the United States’ are ‘natural born Citizens.’ It was only through both parents being citizens that the child was born with unity of citizenship and allegiance to the United States which the Framers required the President and Commander in Chief to have. Obama fails to meet this ‘natural born Citizen’ eligibility test because when he was born in 1961 (wherever that may be), he was not born to a United States citizen mother and father. At his birth, his mother was a United States citizen. But under the British Nationality Act 1948, his father, who was born in the British colony of Kenya, was born a Citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies (CUKC) which by descent made Obama himself a CUKC. Prior to Obama’s birth, Obama’s father neither intended to nor did he become a United States citizen. Being temporarily in the United States only for purpose of study and with the intent to return to Kenya, his father did not intend to nor did he even become a legal resident or immigrant to the United States.” [73455, 73456]

According to Politico.com, “Obama will name Shailagh Murray, a former Washington Post and Wall Street Journal reporter, to serve as his new senior adviser, and has tapped Jason Goldman, a Silicon Valley veteran, to become the White House’s first-ever chief digital officer. Murray replaces Dan Pfeiffer as a member of [Obama’s] core team of

advisers, and Goldman will take over and expand Pfeiffer's role overseeing digital outreach by heading up an amped-up Office of Digital Strategy [Internet propaganda]." [73485]

Michelle Obama appears on the television game show *Jeopardy* to push her Let's Move campaign. TheHill.com reports that her appearance "had fans on Twitter scratching their heads, wondering whether Michelle Obama was sporting a new, hairless look on hers." (With her hair pulled straight back, apparently tied and hidden behind her head, Mrs. Obama looks almost bald—prompting Twitter users to wonder whether all her many hairstyle changes are perhaps wigs.) [73453, 73489]

At BloombergView.com, Josh Rogin points out that Obama has yet to meet with Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, who was named head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in October 2014. Stoltenberg will be in Washington, D.C. for three days (March 24-26) and "requested a meeting with Obama well in advance of the visit, but never heard anything from the White House..." [73454, 73531]

The Senate rejects Obama's proposed budget by a vote of 1-98. Senator Tom Carper (D-MD) is the sole vote in favor of the budget. (Had Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) been present the vote would have been 1-99.) [73461, 73467]

TheBlaze.com reports, "The number two official at the Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday was accused of creating an appearance of 'favoritism and special access' in decisions on whether to grant visas to certain foreigners—including... one case pushed by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and his staff—according to a report released by the DHS Office of Inspector General. The OIG report said Deputy DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas took extraordinary steps in three cases to help these non-citizens win green cards, under a program that gives people access to these cards if they invest \$500,000 in the United States. That program hands out so-called EB-5 visas, but it has been under scrutiny for the last several months for possible abuse. Specifically, reports surfaced that the program was being used to get visas to foreigners who were not qualified, but couldn't get visas any other way." The reports states, "At the request of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Mr. Mayorkas intervened to allow expedited review of investor petitions involved in funding a Las Vegas hotel and casino, notwithstanding the career staff's original decision not to do so. The career staff noted that the purported urgency was of the applicant's own making and that the decision to expedite fell outside EB-5 program guidelines. Nevertheless, Mr. Mayorkas pressured staff to expedite the review. He also took the extraordinary step of requiring staff to brief Senator Reid's staff on a weekly basis for several months. ...It cited two other examples, one in Los Angeles, and one related to an investment in an electric car company for which now Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) was the board chairman. That same deal also had the involvement of Anthony Rodham, Hillary Clinton's brother. ...DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson defended Mayorkas as 'an exceptionally conscientious, honest and patriotic public official,' and indicated there would be no punishment." Remarkably, Obama promoted Mayorkas to his deputy position while he was under investigation. [73462, 73469, 73471, 73479, 73487, 73527, 73532, 73533]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) explains that he will enroll in ObamaCare because his wife Heidi will lose her employer-provided family health insurance when she takes a leave of absence to work on his presidential campaign. CNN's Dana Bash says to Cruz, "But Senator, for right now, the irony is just kind of unbelievable that you have made your name fighting against ObamaCare and now you're going to sign up getting your insurance through that very process: ObamaCare. Cruz replies, "I believe we should follow the text of every law, even laws I disagree with. It's one of the real differences—if you look at ... Obama and the lawlessness, if he disagrees with a law he simply refuses to follow it or claims the authority to unilaterally change [it]. What is problematic about ObamaCare is that it is killing millions of jobs in this country and has killed millions of jobs. It has forced millions of people into part-time work. It has caused millions of people to lose their insurance, to lose their doctors and to face skyrocketing insurance premiums. That is unacceptable." [73463]

On March 25 the U.S. Army announces it has charged Bowe Bergdahl with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy by endangering the safety of his military unit. According to Katie Pavlich at Townhall.com, "[T]he first charge of desertion carries a potential maximum penalty of dishonorable discharge, rank deduction, forfeiture of paid allowances and maximum confinement of five years. The second charge of misbehavior before the enemy carries a potential maximum penalty of reduction in rank, forfeiture of paid allowances, confinement for life." (Some might suspect that the timing of the Bergdahl story was intended to get Hillary Clinton's email scandal out of the news. That is, the Obama administration knew it had to eventually announce that Bergdahl would face a court martial proceeding, and chose a convenient date—perhaps after Obama's private meeting with Clinton on March 23.) [73409, 73490, 73491, 73525, 73566]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge reports, "At least three of the five Taliban leaders traded last year for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl have tried to plug back into their old terror networks, a government official familiar with the intelligence told Fox News, describing it as an attempt to 're-engage.' The new allegations come as Bergdahl now faces desertion charges, and as the one-year deal governing the former Guantanamo detainees' supervised release in the Gulf nation of Qatar is set to expire—at the end of May. The director of the Defense Intelligence Agency recently told Congress that, after that expiration, all his officers can do is warn the U.S. government if the men return to the battlefield." [73523, 73524]

IJRreview.com reminds readers of some of the Twitter messages of several leftists when Bergdahl was released by the Taliban: "Welcome home, Sergeant Bergdahl. Today we are elated about his return and reaffirm our commitment to recover the warriors still left behind" - Vice President Joe Biden. "Our hearts are filled with joy for the Bergdahl family" - National Security Advisor Susan Rice, "I predict many years from now, say 2014, wingers will be so far gone they'll mercilessly attack parents of returned POW" - Talking Points' Josh Marshall. "A Republican PR firm has been publicizing accounts that Bergdahl might have gone AWOL just to make [Obama] look bad" - Democrat Party hack Donna Brazile. After the Bergdahl exchange in mid-2014, Obama said, "I make

absolutely no apologies for making sure we get back a young man to his parents”—even though he knew at the time the soldier was suspected of desertion. “The American people understand this is somebody’s child and that we don’t condition whether or not we make the effort to get someone back.” (The U.S. soldiers killed trying to rescue Bergdahl were also “somebody’s child.”) [73501, 73522]

At NYTimes.com author Max Boot, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, describes Obama’s “new doctrine” as “Downgrade ties to Israel and the Saudis while letting Iran fill the vacuum left by U.S. retreat.” Boot notes that Obama “withdrew U.S. forces from Iraq in 2011 and is preparing to leave Afghanistan by the end of 2016, even while keeping a few more troops there this year and next than originally planned. ... The Obama administration keeps largely silent about Iran’s power grab in Iraq, Syria and Yemen, even going so far now as to assist Iranian forces in Tikrit, while attempting to negotiate a nuclear deal with Tehran that would allow it to maintain thousands of centrifuges. ... Mr. Obama berates Benjamin Netanyahu for allegedly ‘racist’ campaign rhetoric, refuses to accept his apologies, and says the U.S. may now ‘re-assess options,’ code words for allowing the United Nations to recognize a Palestinian state over Israeli objections. Taken together, these facts suggest that Mr. Obama is attempting to pull off the most fundamental realignment of U.S. foreign policy in a generation. [Obama] is pulling America back from the leading military role it has played in the Middle East since 1979, the year the Iranian hostage crisis began and the Soviets invaded Afghanistan. He is trying to transform Iran from an enemy to a friend. He is diminishing the alliance with Israel, to lows not seen since the 1960s. Call it the Obama Doctrine: The U.S. puts down the burden, and Iran picks up the slack.” [73571, 73572]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “A new survey by the Society of Human Resource Management released Tuesday found about 14 percent of businesses have reduced part-time hours and another 6 percent plan to do so. Employers are reducing hours to avoid Obamacare’s employer mandate, which requires companies to provide health insurance to all workers that work 30 or more hours a week. In addition, 5 percent of companies already reduced or plan to reduce the total number of employees. ... This year the law’s employer mandate went into effect for organizations with 100 or more full-time employees, requiring those companies to provide health insurance for 70 percent of their employees. That figure goes up to 95 percent in 2016 and all employees beyond that date. The small business part of the mandate, which affects business with 50-99 full-time employees, goes into effect in 2016.” [73502]

TheHill.com reports, “Republicans seeking to repeal the estate tax have rolled out the endorsements of black business advocates who argue the tax is especially painful for minority entrepreneurs. Harry Alford of the National Black Chamber of Commerce and Robert Johnson, the founder of Black Entertainment Television (BET), separately argued in recent days that the estate tax is an especially bitter pill for minority business owners, many of whom only started getting successful in the last half-century or so. ‘Full repeal of the estate tax would allow African Americans to pass the full fruits of their business success to the next generation and thereby laying the foundation for a permanent minority ownership class that can contribute to the economic growth and development of the

United States economy,' Johnson, whose worth has been estimated at more than half a billion dollars, wrote to the House Ways and Means Committee last week. Alford added in an op-ed for The Hill that black business owners are far more wary of the estate tax than entrepreneurs in general, making the case that what opponents dub the 'death tax' puts pressure on minority-owned companies to sell at a discount price. 'It's a legacy-killer,' Alford added in an interview with The Hill." (The estate tax often forces heirs to sell family farms and businesses when the elderly owner dies. The tax destroys tens of thousands of jobs, while generating only about \$3 billion per year in tax revenue.) [73508]

A group called "HRC [Hillary Rodham Clinton] Super Volunteers" warns that it will "be watching, reading, listening and protesting coded sexism" in media stories about Clinton. "Trigger words" include "polarizing, calculating, disingenuous, insincere, ambitious, inevitable, entitled, overconfident, secretive, represents the past, out of touch," and "will do anything to win." (That is, the group wants no criticism of Clinton whatsoever. This *Timeline* will not be alone in refusing to comply with the absurd demand. In fact, other than "inevitable," all of those descriptions apply to Clinton.) [73494, 73495, 73520, 73540]

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel—Obama's former White House chief of staff—discusses the naming of schools and airports: "We have to, in some way, whether it's ...Obama or in the other case, Dr. [Arthur] Brazier [a deceased black civic leader], acknowledge people who have done significant things. We have an airport, two of them, named after, you know, Midway Airport, O'Hare Airport [sic]. These are people who have been transformative in the city of Chicago. But we have airports named after battleships." (As a Chicagoan, Emanuel should know that neither airport is named after a battleship. O'Hare International Airport is named after World War II Navy pilot Edward "Butch" O'Hare—as signs at the airport remind travelers. Chicago Midway International Airport is named after the critical 1942 Battle of Midway.) ChicagoTribune.com reports, "Later, Emanuel spokeswoman Kelley Quinn said the mayor has no plans to rename either airport. The mayor gave his answer in acknowledging he erred in seeking to name a North Side high school after [Obama], when Obama got his start in politics on the South Side." (Jonathan Wells tweets, "'If you like your departure time, you can keep your departure time.' The jokes would pretty much write themselves.") [73675, 73676, 73677, 73678]

By a vote of 228-199 the House of Representatives approves the Republican-backed \$3.8 trillion fiscal 2016 budget resolution. [73528, 73548]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest suggests to reporters that a nuclear deal with Iran will not even be in writing. Asked by ABC's Jonathan Karl if Obama would settle for an oral agreement, Earnest responds, "Well, Jon, when [Obama] was asked to talk about our ongoing efforts to reach a diplomatic political agreement with the Iranians before the end of March, [he] made reference to the fact that we would see and that we, meaning the American people and Congress, would be able to take a close look at the terms of that agreement. Now, the terms of that agreement are going to be—it's a

political agreement, right, so they're making certain commitments to do certain things. The details of those commitments are extraordinarily important and there will be a process for hammering out those details. But [Obama] was clear that the kinds of commitments that we seek from the Iranians are the kinds of things that we would be able to show to members of Congress and show publicly to share with our allies, including Israel, about what kind of commitments Iran has made. So I don't want to prejudge the process here at all, or to prejudge sort of the outcome of the talks because there's the chance that a deal is not reached. But we certainly would want and expect that if a deal is completed, it will include tangible, specific commitments that have been made by the Iranians." [73411, 73476]

Karl presses, "This would have to be a written agreement and it would have to be an agreement that is signed by both sides?" Earnest replies, "Well, again, Jon, we're going to seek very tangible commitments from the Iranians, and [Obama] made a commitment to sharing those tangible commitments with members of Congress and with our allies." Karl: "I'm just trying to understand what tangible means." Earnest: "And what I'm saying is that you can—that as we move through this process of negotiating with the Iranians and our P5+1 partners, we hope to be able to elicit tangible commitments that the Iranians have made that we can then share with our P5+1 partners, with our allies, and with the United States Congress, all of whom have a legitimate claim to understand exactly what kind of commitments Iran has made in this process, if they make them." (In other words, "Don't hold your breath for a signature from the ayatollah.") [73411, 73476]

Karl also confronts Earnest on the "complete chaos" in Yemen. Earnest replies that a "successful counterterrorism strategy is one that will build up the capacity of the central government to have local fighters on the ground to have local fighters take the fight to extremists in their own country," and that the administration's strategy is a "template that has succeeded in mitigating the threat in Yemen and Somalia." Karl responds, "That's astounding. You're saying you still see Yemen as a model? Building up a central government, which has now collapsed? A president who has apparently fled the country? You know, Saudi troops massing on one border, the Iranians supporting the rebels? You consider this a model for counterterrorism?" The collapse of Yemen is such a "success" for the Obama administration that intelligence files were taken by Iranian-backed fighters after U.S. officials fled the country. Newsmax.com notes, "The theft of the files deals a significant blow to intelligence activities in the region. The L.A. Times reports the program had been implemented to track down and kill operatives from Al-Qaida. A facet of the terror group, Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), is based in Yemen and is considered by the U.S. to be the most dangerous branch of the group. When Houthi forces recently gained control of Yemen's National Security Bureau office, it became clear the identities of local agents working for the Americans were uncovered, the L.A. Times reports. ...Saudi Arabia is growing nervous at the chaos taking over its neighboring country and is now moving military equipment to the border it shares with Yemen." [73511, 73512, 73563]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The Department of Veterans Affairs confirmed Wednesday that it paid a senior manager \$288,000 in 'relocation payments' when it

reassigned her from Washington last year to become director of the agency's problem-riddled Philadelphia office. The chairman of the House Veterans Affairs committee called the payment to Philadelphia Director Diana Rubens 'outrageous.'" Congressman Jeff Miller (R-FL) responds, "The government shouldn't be in the business of doling out hundreds of thousands in cash to extremely well-compensated executives just to move less than three hours down the road. For VA to pay such an outrageous amount in relocation expenses at a time when the department is continually telling Congress and taxpayers it needs more money raises questions about VA's commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency and true reform." [73413, 73538]

Determined to bring even more foreigners into the United States, Obama acts to expand the definition of "specialized knowledge" to allow the approval of additional L-1B work visas. WashingtonExaminer.com explains, "Companies transferring foreign workers to the U.S. have to make the case to an 'adjudicator' from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. It's not a terribly tough job; the definition of 'specialized knowledge' was already pretty loose. In 2006, the Department of Homeland Security inspector general investigated L-1Bs and found that 'the program allows for the transfer of workers with 'specialized knowledge,' but the term is so broadly defined that adjudicators believe they have little choice but to approve almost all petitions.' Standards were tightened somewhat after the study, but now Obama wants to loosen them again. Also, under Obama's new rules, Citizenship and Immigration Services adjudicators will not be able to consider whether or not there are American workers available to do the job when determining whether to grant an L-1B visa. 'A petitioner is not required to demonstrate the lack of readily available workers to perform the relevant duties in the United States,' according to Obama's proposal." [73416]

USAToday.com reports, "The White House Correspondents' Association recently made adjustments to the briefing seating chart, promoting some news organizations and instituting seat-sharing arrangements for others. ...Last month, the White House Correspondents' Association board made some changes to seating and work space assignments after months of negotiation and review. Among the changes: *The Hill*, a Capitol Hill newspaper, moves up one row to the fourth row. Justin Sink, a former Hill reporter who now works for Bloomberg, was a frequent questioner at daily briefings. The *New York Daily News* moves back a row. Newcomers BuzzFeed and Al Jazeera get partial seats through seat-sharing arrangements with Scripps-Howard News Service and the *Chicago Sun-Times*, respectively." [73418, 73419]

New White House communications director Jen Psaki (formerly the State Department spokesperson) tell *The Kelly File's* Megyn Kelly, the release of five top Taliban commanders from the detainee center at Guantanamo in exchange for Bergdahl was "absolutely worth it. ...We have a commitment to our men and women serving in our military, defending our national security everyday that we're going to do everything we can to bring them home if we can and that's what we did in this case. We look at Sergeant Bergdahl as someone who served his country as many men and women have." (Of course, the exchange of five Taliban commanders for Bergdahl was never about

anything but Obama's desire to close the detainee center at Guantanamo. The more terrorists he can release, the closer he is to that goal.) [73410, 73509, 73514, 73577]

On March 26 *Fortune* magazine publishes its annual list of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders. The top five are Apple CEO Tim Cook, president of the European Central Bank Mario Draghi, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pope Francis, and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (Obama does not make the list.) [74544, 74545, 74546, 74547]

The *Boston Herald* cover reads, "5 terrorists freed...for a deserter? Nice job, Barack." Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer tweets, "If [Obama] is willing to give up 5 terrorists for one deserter, think about what he's willing to give Iran for selling out Israel." [73414]

ABC reports, "The FBI has arrested two men—one of them a current member of the Illinois National Guard—for allegedly trying to join ISIS, the brutal terrorist group wreaking havoc in Syria and Iraq, authorities said. Army National Guard Specialist Hasan Edmonds, 22, was arrested at Chicago Midway International Airport as he was trying to fly to Egypt, according to authorities. His cousin, Jonas Edmonds, 29, was arrested at his home. Both men are from Aurora, Illinois, and will be appearing in federal court later today." [73574, 73575, 73611, 73615]

The Phnom Penh Post reports, "Prime Minister Hun Sen took aim at Michelle Obama yesterday, accusing the US first lady of making false promises, while suggesting her visit last weekend was more about hopeful rhetoric rather than implementing concrete improvements in the country's education sector. During a speech at the National Institute of Education, Hun Sen told the US Embassy and USAID to make good on alleged scholarship promises and front some actual cash if they want to truly make an impact on education reform in Cambodia. The prime minister was referring to Obama's visit to the country on Saturday, in which she met with 10 female students in Siem Reap to push the White House's 'Let Girls Learn' initiative. 'Her [Obama's] mission is very good, but I suggest the United States should help completely and not play like this,' he said. 'It is just playing around—it is not good. What if she chose 300 students? It would be death. I don't have that money to give.' ...Hun Sen said that he provided each student \$1,500 per year to go toward their four years at university, but mentioned he was under the impression the US was going to foot the bill for the girls' education. Now, he said, the Cambodian Ministry of Education was left to pay for them. 'I thought the United States would give scholarships to those students until they complete university, but that's not [the case],' Hun Sen said. 'I had strongly hoped [that was the situation], but she just came here to choose people and then [left] it to the Ministry of Education.'" [73712, 73713, 73714, 73732, 73733]

FreeBeacon.com later reports, "Hotel accommodations for... Michelle Obama's two-day trip to Cambodia required 85 rooms and cost taxpayers \$242,500, according to a government contract released Friday. ...The trip required 85 single rooms, five office suites, five sleeping suites, and one conference room for 14 nights. Mrs. Obama herself only stayed in Cambodia for two days, leaving on March 22. ...Mrs. Obama spent 21

minutes talking with a group of 10 female students at Hun Sen Bakorn High School, according to a White House transcript on March 21.” [73712, 73713, 73714, 73732, 73733]

Leftists are outraged after Indiana Governor Mike Pence signs into law religious freedom legislation—which essentially mirrors legislation in 19 other states and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act [RFRA] of 1993, which passed the Senate by a vote of 97-3 and which Bill Clinton signed into law. At IndyStar.com Daniel O. Conkle writes, “The bill would establish a general legal standard, the ‘compelling interest’ test, for evaluating laws and governmental practices that impose substantial burdens on the exercise of religion. ...The proposed Indiana RFRA would provide valuable guidance to Indiana courts, directing them to balance religious freedom against competing interests under the same legal standard that applies throughout most of the land. It is anything but a ‘license to discriminate,’ and it should not be mischaracterized or dismissed on that basis.” Such legislation does *not* mean a business owner can claim, “It is against my religion to pay the minimum wage” or a driver can claim, “My religion does not believe in traffic lights.” DailySignal.com explains that these laws merely “place the onus on the government to justify its actions in burdening the free exercise of religion.” (Some might wonder why “religious freedom” laws are necessary when the U.S. Constitution already has a First Amendment that protects religious rights. Instead of demanding new laws, aggrieved citizens should demand that existing laws be enforced.) [73616, 73617, 73618, 73619, 73620, 73640, 73655, 73659, 73666, 73667, 73668, 73669, 73679, 73695, 73720, 73727, 73728, 73730, 73745, 73759, 73760, 73773]

Pence later notes (on the March 29 broadcast of ABC’s *This Week*) that then-State Senator Obama voted for the same legislation in Illinois. The outrage over the law is absurd. IowaHawkBlog mocks the leftists with a tweet: “Don’t let a nuclear-armed Iran distract us from America’s #1 threat – Indiana bakeries.” Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel tries to lure Indiana businesses to Chicago, encouraging them to “look next door to an economy that is moving forward into the 21st century.” WashingtonTimes.com notes that Emanuel “failed to point out that the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act became law in July 1998.” (On March 30 Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy signs a ridiculous executive order banning state employee business travel to Indiana—apparently unaware that his own state has a Religious Freedom Restoration Act dating back to 1993 and which, according to The Federalist.com, is even more restrictive than Indiana’s.) New York Governor Andrew Cuomo tweets, “Today I banned non-essential state travel to Indiana.” (Cuomo does not explain why he had been wasting state tax dollars on non-essential state travel.) [73616, 73617, 73618, 73619, 73620, 73640, 73655, 73659, 73666, 73667, 73668, 73669, 73679, 73695, 73703, 73704, 73720, 73727, 73728, 73730, 73745, 73759, 73760, 73773]

For the record, the Indiana law merely states, “A governmental entity may substantially burden a person’s exercise of religion only if the governmental entity demonstrates that application of the burden to the person: (1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.” The federal legislation, which Bill Clinton signed into law in

1993, reads, “Government may substantially burden a person’s exercise of religion only if it demonstrates that application of the burden to the person (1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.” (If Indiana Governor Mike Pence is a racist, homophobic bigot, then Bill Clinton must be one as well.) [73774]

Disgraced former congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) is released from jail and enters a half-way house, after serving time for misusing campaign funds. Jackson’s wife Sandi has been sentenced to one year in prison for filing false tax returns. Robert Blagojevich, brother of the imprisoned former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich, asks why Jackson was not also convicted for trying to “buy” Obama’s U.S. Senate seat. NBCChicago.com writes, “[I]t was Robert Blagojevich, when working as a campaign fundraiser for his governor brother, who had been party to conversations where a group of Indian businessmen offered big money—as much as \$6 million in campaign contributions—if Rod Blagojevich made Jesse Jackson Jr. a senator. Because he had access to trial discovery in the case, Robert Blagojevich said he read the FBI reports, known as 302s, of interviews with everyone, including Jackson himself. He said from reading those reports, it was clear to him that Jackson was behind the campaign overture. ‘I strongly believe that,’ he said. ‘No doubt about it.’ If that was the case, the question, of course, is why Jackson was never charged. It’s a question Blagojevich said he would like answers to as well, especially now that the former congressman is leaving prison, while the ex-governor remains behind bars.” [73604, 73605]

The Obama administration, desperate to get a nuclear deal no matter what the consequences, reportedly will allow Iran to operate centrifuges at its fortified underground facilities. Iran continues to demand that all sanctions be lifted immediately and refuses to agree to unannounced, “snap inspections of its nuclear facilities. It is essentially unwilling to offer any meaningful concessions—a not unreasonable negotiating stance for Iran, considering it knows that Obama seems willing to agree to almost anything. [73408, 73412, 73420, 73434, 73481]

HotAir.com comments, “UN snap inspections in Iran have an interesting history. The mullahs decided to allow them in November 2003, ‘coincidentally’ just eight months after the U.S. dropped the hammer on their old pal Saddam next door in Iraq. By 2006, with Iraq in chaos, Iran felt secure enough again to cancel the inspections and resume enrichment. That kicked off the great nuke kabuki between western powers and Iran that’s left us on the doorstep of a major agreement today. But snap inspections remain a sticking point: There were reports in late 2013 that Iran had agreed to let the inspections resume, which Tehran quickly denied. ... Today they’ve added a new flourish that snap inspections would be illegal. Presumably this is all a negotiating tactic aimed at squeezing the chump Obama for extra concessions. Having insisted on snap inspections for so long, the U.S. can’t give up its demand now; even O’s not willing to look like that big of a sucker to nail down his glorious Iran rapprochement (I think). I take it Iran’s judged, correctly, that the White House has taken so much abuse already from Republicans and Israel for chasing this deal that they feel they’ve passed the point of no return and have to come up with something to make it all worthwhile. In which case, why

not be stubborn about inspections until Obama coughs up a little extra something for them on sanctions relief? He'll do it if they ask. The only way this deal dies now is if Iran walks away from the table. The U.S. never will. That's the essence of weakness in negotiations." [73481]

Adam Kredo reports at FreeBeacon.com, "The Obama administration is giving in to Iranian demands about the scope of its nuclear program as negotiators work to finalize a framework agreement in the coming days, according to sources familiar with the administration's position in the negotiations. U.S. negotiators are said to have given up ground on demands that Iran be forced to disclose the full range of its nuclear activities at the outset of a nuclear deal, a concession experts say would gut the verification the Obama administration has vowed would stand as the crux of a deal with Iran. ... Concern from sources familiar with U.S. concessions in the talks comes amid reports that Iran could be permitted to continue running nuclear centrifuges at an underground site once suspected of housing illicit activities. This type of concession would allow Iran to continue work related to its nuclear weapons program, even under the eye of international inspectors. If Iran removes inspectors—as it has in the past—it would be left with a nuclear infrastructure immune from a strike by Western forces. 'Once again, in the face of Iran's intransigence, the U.S. is leading an effort to cave even more toward Iran—this time by whitewashing Tehran's decades of lying about nuclear weapons work and current lack of cooperation with the [International Atomic Energy Agency],' said one Western source briefed on the talks but who was not permitted to speak on record." [73549]

With the support of the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Morocco, Sudan and Qatar, Saudi Arabia launches air strikes ("Operation Storm of Resolve") against Iran-backed Houthi fighters in Yemen. (The U.S. military is not participating in the strikes, but is providing the Saudis with intelligence information.) According to NBCNews.com, the Saudis have "mobilized 150,000 troops and some 100 fighter jets to rout Iran-linked fighters that have taken over swathes of neighboring Yemen..." According to Reuters, "Four Egyptian naval vessels have crossed the Suez Canal en route to Yemen to secure the Gulf of Aden..." Meanwhile, the White House issues a statement "strongly condemning" the Houthis actions, while the U.S. military uses air strikes to help the Iranians oust ISIS fighters from Tikrit, Iraq. (The situation is as laughable as it is absurd. On the one hand the Obama administration is helping Saudi Arabia fight Iranians in Yemen, and on the other it is helping Iran fight ISIS.) [73507, 73516, 73517, 73518, 73519, 73529, 73530, 73603]

YnetNews.com observes, "The Gulf States know by now not to rely on the Obama administration: Washington is engrossed up to its neck in fine tuning the nuclear deal with Iran; and as far as the US administration is concerned, Yemen can go ahead and sink deeper into a bloody conflict. Last week, after the attacks at the mosques in Sana'a that killed 137 people, the United States withdrew its 125 advisers who had been living in Yemen for years as 'training instructors,' but were actually involved in gathering intelligence on irregular movements in the Gulf. ... 'The ayatollahs of Iran seek to take control of the Strait of Bab el-Mandeb so they can determine who can cross the Red Sea to the Suez Canal,' says Dr. Yasser bin Hilal, a political science lecturer at the University

of Sana'a, who traveled to Washington in an attempt to shake up the administration and the intelligence agencies. 'If they are successful, it will also affect the movement of ships sailing with goods from the Far East to the port of Ashdod in Israel. Try to picture the nightmare scenario—fighters in the uniforms of the [Iranian] Revolutionary Guards directing maritime traffic, boarding cargo ships, checking the cargoes and crew, and blocking passage to anything that doesn't serve their interests.'" [73603]

In an interview with attorney Howard Iken of the law firm Ayo & Iken, George Zimmerman discusses the Trayvon Martin incident. He says, "In [an earlier interview] I thought I thought we were very constrained in what I could and couldn't say because of the Department of Justice investigation that was held above my head. I feel that now is the perfect time to speak my mind without fear of retaliation by [Obama], the attorney general [Eric Holder], the federal government, etc. ...[T]he federal government, the FBI under the Department of Justice and Eric Holder, they had gone to Sanford [and] interviewed in particular a Sanford [police] sergeant who stated in very clear terms that he did not care whether it was legal or not [but] I should be prosecuted because of the fear of a civil unrest in the city of Sanford. [Although] the Department of Justice did not investigate further to see if my civil rights were violated, they opened an investigation and reopened it to see if I had violated his [Martin's] civil rights. And again they had various numerous examples of bounties placed on my head, credible threats placed against myself and my family, ...from whom they know to be domestic terrorists and [Obama] and the attorney general and the federal government declined to do anything about it." [73424, 73425, 73430, 73439, 73488]

Zimmerman, whose mother is Hispanic and whose father is not, states, "I was tremendously disappointed and let down by the Hispanic Congressional Caucus. They aligned themselves with the Black Congressional Caucus and did everything that they could to in essence throw me under the bus. They identified with the Black Congressional Caucus and viewing me as a white racist and a, doing something negligent or racist and without even knowing anything about my character. ...Unfortunately after even after Jay Carney, his press secretary stated in the White House briefing that the White House will not interject in a local law enforcement matter and at most a state criminal matter, ...Obama held his Rose Garden speech stating, 'If I had a son he would look like Trayvon.' To me that was clearly a dereliction of duty, pitting Americans against each other solely based on race. He took what should have been a clear-cut self-defense matter and still to this day on the anniversary of [the] incident he held a ceremony at the White House inviting the Martin-Fulton family and stating that they should take the day to reflect upon the fact that all children's lives matter. Unfortunately for [Obama] I'm also my parent's child and my life matters as well. And for him to make incendiary comments as he did and direct the Department of Justice to pursue a baseless prosecution he by far overstretched, overreached, even broke the law in certain aspects to where you have an innocent American being prosecuted by the federal government which should never happen. ...Instead of rushing to judgment, making racially charged comments and pitting American against American, I believe that he should of [sic; have] taken the higher road, given his position and said, been an example, been a leader... and say let's not rush to judgment. ...I'm sure he would want that same luxury afforded to him if he was accused

of something, and asked for calm, asked for peace. Ask for the Martin-Fulton family and their attorneys not to incite violence and ask for calm from the entire community.” [73424, 73425, 73430, 73439, 73488]

According to TheBlaze.com, “The Pentagon recently declassified a 1987 top-secret report revealing previously unknown details about Israel’s nuclear capability, a move that is being perceived in Israel as Obama administration payback for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s speech to Congress earlier this month. ...Feeding the questions about the Obama administration’s motivation in releasing the document is that its authors had also researched the nuclear capabilities of European NATO allies, but only their findings on Israel were declassified.” (Obama’s scheme is obvious: He wants to blunt the reality that he is letting Iran get nuclear weapons with a “fairness” argument: “Well, doesn’t Israel have nukes?”) Pamela Geller comments, “Obama is sick, sick with Jew-hatred—unbalanced, unhinged, a danger to this country, our allies, the world. Israel’s nuclear program, whatever it may be, is purely existential insurance. If they have a nuclear weapon, they have had it for fifty years and have never used it, despite the decades-long Muslim wars against the Jews. Obama is hellbent on providing a nuclear weapons program to Iran. To what end? Why? What will they do with their nukes over the next 50 years? And why would Obama target the Jewish state and undermine its security at such a time? He is irrational and evil. Israel has shared its secrets with the US for decades. They never imagined a jihadist in the White House. I documented and warned of it all in my 2009 Obama book [*The Post-American Presidency: The Obama Administration’s War on America*] and was widely derided, of course. I was right.”) [73534, 73535, 73562]

According to a CBS News poll, 29 percent of Americans say their opinion of Hillary Clinton has worsened because of her email controversy. “More generally, [only] 26 percent of Americans now have a favorable view of Hillary Clinton, while 37 percent view her unfavorably; another third are undecided or don’t have an opinion of her. As Clinton weighs a presidential bid, her favorable views are 12 points lower than they were in the fall of 2013, just months after leaving her position as secretary of state. Her unfavorable views have ticked up slightly, but the percentage that is undecided about her has risen eight points. ...When asked to evaluate Hillary Clinton on some key characteristics, the public gives Clinton her most negative marks on honesty. Fewer than half—42 percent—say she is honest and trustworthy, while more—47 percent—don’t think she is.” [73493, 73494, 73585, 73586, 73693]

The Senate votes 100-0 to reimpose sanctions on Iran if it cheats on the nuclear deal that may soon be completed. [73609, 73762]

On March 27 the Senate votes 52-46 to approve its fiscal year 2016 budget resolution. (All Democrats vote no, along with Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Ted Cruz (R-TX).) Although the Senate budget is similar to the House budget, the differences mean a House-Senate conference committee must come up with a “blended” version. (Not surprisingly, conservatives complain that the budget spends too much, while Democrats complain that it spends too little. The GOP proposal allegedly ends up with a \$3 billion

surplus after the tenth year, while Obama's proposal ends up with a \$600 billion deficit. Obama's proposal, which was soundly rejected by the Senate, also called for \$2 trillion in tax increases.) [73545, 73548]

It is worth noting that the Republicans can use the conference committee to include a repeal of ObamaCare in the combined budget—and the reconciliation process would mean only 51 votes would be needed to pass that resolution in the Senate. (That is, the GOP would use the same process the Democrats used to pass ObamaCare without the need for 60 votes.) At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey points out, “There's not much that Barack Obama can do about it, either. Budget resolutions don't become law; they just act as a framework for the appropriations bills that come later, and which Obama does have the ability to block [via a veto]. The real fights on the budget will come this summer, as those appropriations bills work their way through a similar process. Still, it's the first time in six years that Congress has done its job at all, let alone on time. The return to regular order may end up being the best argument Republicans make for continued control of Congressional leadership for the 2016 election.” (Obama's problem, of course, is that the appropriations bills finally sent to him for his signature will spend far less than he would like to spend. He will have no ability to force Congress to spend more money. All he can do is veto the bills—and then risk be accused of “shutting down the government.”) [73548]

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announces he will not seek reelection in 2016, and suggests that he be replaced as leader by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY). Reid, who on more than one occasion has been named to Judicial Watch's “Ten Most Wanted Corrupt Politicians” list, barely received 50 percent of the vote in 2010, despite facing weak opponent Sharon Angle. The likely 2016 GOP candidate for Reid's Senate seat will be Nevada's popular governor, Brian Sandoval. (Some suggest that Reid's severe eye and facial injuries were not from a January 1, 2015 mishap on exercise equipment, but from a severe beating by mobsters who wanted to either “send him a message” or punish him for not holding up his side of a bargain. One report claims Reid was injured in a fight with his brother, Larry Reid, on New Year's Eve.) [73470, 73492, 73521, 73547, 73554, 73684, 73685, 73880, 73912, 73913, 73914, 73915, 73940, 73972]

Former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova tells Breitbart News there is enough evidence to launch a criminal investigation of Reid. “Here's the issue,” says diGenova. “Because his son was involved representing the SLS Casino and Hotel that sought the expedited EB-5 visa processing from the Department of Homeland Security, and because Harry Reid intervened personally, there is obviously the appearance of impropriety here. The Senate Ethics Committee, if it examines this independently, would see this as an instance of Reid ‘bringing reproach upon the Senate.’ But there is also the issue of criminal conduct. This requires further investigation. There is no doubt in my mind that an independent Department of Justice or an independent U.S. Attorney would open a preliminary criminal investigation into Harry Reid's intervention into the expediting of EB-5 visas and would in addition convene a grand jury. I would open a grand jury on this in a New York minute. ...Harry Reid's intervention in the issuance of EB-5 visas raises very serious red flags of criminal conspiracy.” [73557]

Singer and songwriter John Ondrasik tweets, “Lawyers, If Congress subpoenaed my computer and I [like Hillary Clinton] intentionally wiped it, what would happen to me? Serious question.” [73632, 73633]

At NYPost.com former White House and United Nations official Linda Chavez writes, “[T]he inevitability of a Clinton presidency is far from secure. For one thing, many people don’t trust her. ... Clinton also seems tired. As a woman who is the same age as Clinton, I can understand it. I travel a great deal—about 100,000 miles a year—but nothing like Clinton will when she runs. Sixteen-hour days are one thing when you’re in your 40s and another as you approach 70. And, let’s face it, women may hold a gender advantage with the public on some personal attributes, but age isn’t one of them. Clinton will be 69 in 2016—the same age as Ronald Reagan was in 1980 when he ran and won in a landslide. But age was kinder to Reagan, as it often is to men. Reagan managed to convey energy and vigor by riding horseback and chopping wood in his leisure time and engaging with voters and debating on the campaign trail. Clinton doesn’t seem to have that same gift. Sure, it’s not fair that women are judged more harshly on age—but it probably matters in an election, even if few people are willing to say so. ... But it’s important to remember that in 2008, her nomination seemed pretty inevitable, too, until a little-known first-term senator decided to launch a challenge. We all know how that ended. ... It is far too early to know what will happen once the race for president begins. But I, for one, am not betting that Hillary Clinton will be the Democratic nominee.” [73693]

At Townhall.com Conn Carroll writes, “Sometime next week, perhaps as early as Tuesday, ... Obama will most likely announce that his administration has reached a political agreement with Ayatollah Khamenei’s regime on nuclear weapons. The deal may not be signed, it may not have any real specifics, but Obama will hail it as the only way to stop a war with Iran and delay them from getting a bomb. Whatever the contours of the ‘agreement’ Obama announces next week, it will look far weaker than it was supposed to look just months ago. Over the past week alone, U.S. negotiators reportedly have conceded to Iran: 1) the need for a written agreement; 2) the ability of Iran to use nuclear centrifuges underground; and 3) the need for Iran to disclose the full range of its current nuclear capabilities. ... The only reason Khamenei’s regime is negotiating with Obama at all is because they want the world’s economic sanctions on Iran lifted. In return for lifting those sanctions, Iran is supposed to give up its ambitions for a nuclear weapon. That’s the basic outline of the deal: Iran gets the sanctions lifted and Obama gets [a phony promise to] an end to their nuclear weapons program. ... Since both Obama and Iran want sanctions on Iran to be lifted, Obama has no way to force any real concessions from Iran on nuclear issues. His threat to continue the current sanctions, or enact new ones, are hollow. Everyone knows he wants the sanctions lifted anyway. Why should Iran concede anything? That’s why they are not.” [73496]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The United States is considering letting Tehran run hundreds of centrifuges at a once-secret, fortified underground bunker in exchange for limits on centrifuge work and research and development at other sites, officials have told

The Associated Press. The trade-off would allow Iran to run several hundred of the devices at its Fordo facility, although the Iranians would not be allowed to do work that could lead to an atomic bomb and the site would be subject to international inspections, according to Western officials familiar with details of negotiations now underway. In return, Iran would be required to scale back the number of centrifuges it runs at its Natanz facility and accept other restrictions on nuclear-related work. ...Experts say the compromise for Fordo could still be problematic. They note it would allow Iran to keep intact technology that could be quickly repurposed for uranium enrichment at a sensitive facility that the U.S. and its allies originally wanted stripped of all such machines—centrifuges that can spin uranium gas into uses ranging from reactor fuel to weapons-grade material.” Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) says the Obama administration is negotiating “any deal for a deal’s sake. An undue amount of trust and faith is being placed in a negotiating partner that has spent decades deceiving the international community.” [73550]

At Morning Jolt, *National Review*’s Jim Geraghty writes, “The current plan is that we’re going let Iran enrich uranium from a fortified underground bunker. If this is the compromise, what did we talk them down from? Letting them build a nuclear facility in Manhattan to save on shipping costs?”

An unnamed State Department official says, “The truth is, you can dwell on Yemen, or you can recognize that we’re one agreement away from a game-changing, legacy-setting nuclear accord on Iran that tackles what every one agrees is the biggest threat to the region.” HotAir.com responds, “You can be an eeyore and mope over the fact that Syria’s a pile of rubble, Yemen and Libya are headed for Mad-Max-style anarchy, Iraq is now divided between Shiite death squads and a Wahhabist Fourth Reich, and the region as a whole is on the brink of all-out sectarian war backed by Saudi Arabia and Iran. Or you can put on a happy face and pretend that this piece-of-sh*t Iran deal, which is going to end up making all of the conflicts I just mentioned worse, is some sort of new Treaty of Westphalia. One minor difference between this deal and that deal, though: Westphalia was actually written down.” British Foreign Minister Philip Hammond tells reporters, “We envisage being able to deliver a narrative. Whether that is written down or not, I don’t think is the crucial issue. ...The challenge is: as soon as you write anything down, you’ve got to write everything down.” (The “deal” with Iran will apparently be nothing more than an undocumented “narrative.”) [73700]

The Independent reports, “Saudi Arabia will not rule out building or acquiring nuclear weapons, the country’s ambassador to the United States has indicated. Asked whether Saudi Arabia would ever build nuclear weapons in an interview with US news channel CNN, Adel Al-Jubeir said the subject was ‘not something we would discuss publicly.’ Pressed later on the issue he said: ‘This is not something that I can comment on, nor would I comment on.’ The ambassador’s reticence to rule out a military nuclear programme may reignite concerns that the autocratic monarchy has its eye on a nuclear arsenal.” [73691, 73692]

Al-Shabaab terrorists detonate bombs and shoot innocent people at the Makka Al Mukarama Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia. At least 24 are killed. [73497, 73612, 73613]

CNN reports that deserter Bowe Bergdahl “was planning to report what he believed to be problems with ‘order and discipline’ in his unit, a senior defense official tells CNN.” (That the Obama administration expects anyone to accept this ridiculous story shows how gullible they believe the American people to be. No one will believe that Bergdahl was a “hero” who left his post to report “order and discipline” problems with his fellow soldiers—especially when he had first shipped home all of his personal belongings and left his weapon behind when he left his base in Afghanistan.) [73498, 73499, 73500]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC), chairman of the Select Committee on Benghazi, states, “After seeking and receiving a two week extension from the Committee, Secretary Clinton failed to provide a single new document to the subpoena issued by the Committee and refused to provide her private server to the Inspector General for the State Department or any other independent arbiter for analysis. We learned today, from her attorney [David Kendall], Secretary Clinton unilaterally decided to wipe her server clean and permanently delete all emails from her personal server. While it is not clear precisely when Secretary Clinton decided to permanently delete all emails from her server, it appears she made the decision after October 28, 2014, when the Department of State for the first time asked the Secretary to return her public record to the Department. Not only was the Secretary the sole arbiter of what was a public record, she also summarily decided to delete all emails from her server ensuring no one could check behind her analysis in the public interest. In light of the Secretary’s unprecedented email arrangement with herself and her decision nearly two years after she left office to permanently delete all emails and because the equities at stake involve not only those of the Select Committee and Congress more broadly, but also those of the American people and their right to the full record of her tenure as secretary of State, we will work with the leadership of the House of Representatives as the Committee considers next steps. But it is clear Congress will need to speak with the former Secretary about her email arrangement and the decision to permanently delete those emails.” (Kendall, a long-time Clinton attorney, represented Bill Clinton during the Whitewater Development Company controversy and his impeachment trial. It was Kendall who suggested that Clinton claim, “I did not have sex with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky,” with the argument that oral sex is not sex.) [73539, 73560, 73589, 73590, 73596, 73597, 73598, 73599, 73600, 73601]

By deleting records that were the property of the government and which had been requested under the Freedom of Information Act, Clinton committed obstruction of justice. The Department of Justice should direct a prosecutor to bring the evidence before a grand jury to determine if there should be an indictment. But, of course, that will not happen because neither Attorney General Eric Holder or his possible successor, Loretta Lynch, would scuttle the political career of the expected 2016 Democrat presidential candidate. (If the administration chose to prosecute Clinton, she would immediately release a mountain of anti-Obama information and documents she has been maintaining—just in case she were to need it.)

CNSNews.com reports, “The U.S economy slowed in the fourth quarter of 2014 as real gross domestic product (GDP) expanded at an annual rate of 2.2 percent, according to the ‘third’ estimate released by the Commerce Department and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).” [73555]

At CanadaFreePress.com Judi McLeod writes, “The full-scale social engineering of ...Barack Hussein Obama in the elections of countries where he has no business being seeks to install radical Islamists to power. Even though it’s a provable deadly blueprint that’s putting the West at great risk, no one is calling him on it. Obama’s been on the trail of replacing Christian leaders with Islamic ones before he [entered the White House], starting with Kenya where he actively campaigned to elect Islamic defender Raila Odinga in 2007. ...Millions revolted in Egypt when Obama’s so called Arab Spring led to the election of Muslim Brotherhood big gun Mohamed Morsi, and the subsequent election of Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been the largest setback, next to Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s landslide victory to date. No one paid Obama and his Marxist minions any attention when they backed Aassane Quattara against Christian challenger Laurent Gbagbo in the Ivory Coast election back in 2011. Obama congratulated Quattara on his election ‘victory’ even though his troops slaughtered 1,000 Christians in a post-election bloodbath, warning Gbagbo to give up power. Now it’s been revealed that Obama is obstructing the battle against Boko Haram to promote David Axelrod’s Nigerian Muslim client, retired Gen. Muhammad Buhair in tomorrow’s [March 28] Nigerian election. ...Like Laurent Gbagbo in the western Ivory Coast, Goodluck Jonathan happens to be Christian.” [73561, 73567, 73568]

“There is no doubt that Obama’s Arab Spring is heading humanity toward nuclear winter. Western experts should be taking a look at how Obama gets away with it. It’s the cunning cabal who do his dirty work providing cover for him by slick diversions. ...Then there’s Obama cunning cabal member, National Security Advisor Susan Rice who announced the death of Nigerian literary icon Chinua Achebe on Monday morning—two years after his actual death—in order to link to an online video of Obama speaking directly to the Nigerian public calling for free and fair elections this Saturday. ...Machiavelli couldn’t have done any better than Michelle Obama and Susan Rice at the ready to launch diversionary publicity stunts that takes the spotlight off Obama when he needs it most. Problem is that while Michelle Obama and Susan Rice were running away with the social network’s mega publicity, in diversionary tactics keeping his work in the dark, Barack Hussein Obama was working to replace foreign Christian leaders with fully-fledged Caliphate-seeking Islamists.” (McLeod could also have included Libya, where Obama’s eagerness to oust Moammar Gaddafi resulted in the nation being overrun by Islamist terrorists. If Obama had sought that result he couldn’t have done a better job.) [73561, 73567, 73568]

At TimesofIsrael.com Avi Issacharoff writes, “As Iran hailed ‘massive progress’ toward a deal on its nuclear program, an Israeli official described the terms of the looming agreement as ‘incomprehensibly’ bad and rejected the Obama administration’s contention that it would keep the regime a year away from accumulating enough fissile material for a bomb. Estimating that a framework deal would indeed be signed soon, and that a full

agreement would follow in June, the official lamented the US-led negotiators' apparent readiness to remove sanctions without Iran being required to halt its global terrorist activities, and listed a host of areas in which Tehran was working against American, Israeli and moderate Arab interests without being made to pay a price." (Pamela Geller comments, "We are under siege—it's a coup. The Muhammadan in the White House is fully operational.") [73569, 73570]

Adam Kredo reports at FreeBeacon.com, "Efforts by the Obama administration to stem criticism of its diplomacy with Iran have included threats to nations involved in the talks, including U.S. allies, according to Western sources familiar with White House efforts to quell fears it will permit Iran to retain aspects of its nuclear weapons program. A series of conversations between top American and French officials, including between ... Obama and French President Francois Hollande, have seen Americans engage in behavior described as bullying by sources who spoke to the *Washington Free Beacon*. The disagreement over France's cautious position in regard to Iran threatens to erode U.S. relations with Paris, sources said. Tension between Washington and Paris comes amid frustration by other U.S. allies, such as Saudi Arabia and Israel. The White House responded to this criticism by engaging in public campaigns analysts worry will endanger American interests. Western policy analysts who spoke to the *Free Beacon*, including some with close ties to the French political establishment, were dismayed over what they saw as the White House's willingness to sacrifice its relationship with Paris as talks with Iran reach their final stages. A recent phone call between Obama and Hollande was reported as tense as the leaders disagreed over the White House's accommodation of Iranian red lines. ... One source in Europe close to the ongoing diplomacy said the United States has begun to adopt a 'harsh' stance toward its allies in Paris." At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer asks, "Why is Obama so avid to have this deal that he will make disastrous concessions to the Iranians and throw U.S. allies under the bus to get it? Does he really, really want Iran to have nuclear weapons? Is this really all about enabling Iran to destroy Israel?" [73581, 73582, 73607]

Asked if there will be an agreement by the March 31 deadline, Secretary of State John Kerry crosses his fingers and replies in Arabic, "Inshallah" ["Allah willing"]. (Kerry obviously knows little about Iran. Its citizens primarily speak Persian—not Arabic.) [73632]

The Telegraph reports, "A close media aide to Hassan Rouhani, the Iranian president, has sought political asylum in Switzerland after travelling to Lausanne to cover the nuclear talks between Tehran and the West. Amir Hossein Motaghi, who managed public relations for Mr Rouhani during his 2013 election campaign, was said by Iranian news agencies to have quit his job at the Iran Student Correspondents Association (ISCA). He then appeared on an opposition television channel based in London to say he no longer saw any 'sense' in his profession as a journalist as he could only write what he was told. 'There are a number of people attending on the Iranian side at the negotiations who are said to be journalists reporting on the negotiations,' he told Irane Farda television. 'But they are not journalists and their main job is to make sure that all the news fed back to Iran goes through their channels. My conscience would not allow me to carry out my

profession in this manner any more.’ ...In his television interview, Mr. Motaghi also gave succour [succor] to western critics of the proposed nuclear deal, which has seen the White House pursue a more conciliatory line with Tehran than some of America’s European allies in the negotiating team, comprising the five permanent members of the UN security council and Germany. ‘The US negotiating team are mainly there to speak on Iran’s behalf with other members of the 5+1 countries and convince them of a deal,’ he said.” [73638, 73639, 73652, 73670]

NBC’s chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel comments on Saudi Arabia’s air strikes against Iran-backed forces in Yemen, and suggestions that as many as 150,000 Saudi ground troops may enter the fight. Engel states, “I know several people in the U.S. military who were taken by surprise by this [Saudi action in Yemen]. Senior officials who would have been expected to know that there was going to be an operation in Yemen, they didn’t. They were finding out about it almost in real time. And they believe, and some U.S. members of Congress believe, that the reason Saudi Arabia and other states didn’t tell the U.S. that it was going to launch this war against Shi’ite backed, or Iranian-backed rebels in Yemen, is because Saudi Arabia and other countries simply don’t trust the United States anymore, don’t trust this administration—[they] think the administration is working to befriend Iran to try and make a [nuclear] deal in Switzerland, and therefore didn’t think that the intelligence frankly would be secure. I think that is a situation that is quite troubling for US foreign policy, where traditional allies—like Saudi Arabia, like Egypt, like the United Arab Emirates—don’t know if the U.S. is reliable at this stage to hold onto this information when it comes to Iran.” (Engel is being cautious with his statements. But it is not that the Saudis do not trust the United States; they do not trust Obama.) [73579, 73580, 73637]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi reports, “The Bill, Hillary, and Chelsea Clinton Foundation accepted \$30,000 between April 2005 and March 2006 and another contribution of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in 2008 from the New York-based Alavi Foundation. U.S. government prosecutors have identified the foundation as an arm of the Iranian government. For her 2008 presidential campaign, Clinton hired Hassan Nemazee as her national campaign finance director, who was known for his efforts to normalize relations with the theocratic Iranian regime. In 2010, Nemazee pleaded guilty to running a Ponzi scheme in which he obtained \$292 million in fraudulent loans.” As noted previously in this *Timeline*, in September 2009 Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gave a speech at Obama’s alma mater, Columbia University. Columbia received \$100,000 from Alavi shortly after Ahmadinejad was scheduled to speak there. Rutgers University retains a professor, Hooshang Amirahmadi, who calls the terrorist groups Hamas and Hizbullah legitimate political organizations. An American Enterprise Institute Iran expert, Michael Rubin, stated, “This is all about Iran laundering their policies through academe. And the ivory tower is prostituting itself for money.” [6160, 6163, 6481, 7161, 73584]

In November 2009 the U.S. government acted to seize four U.S. mosques and a New York City office building (the Piaget building) owned by the Alavi Foundation. The foundation has purportedly been funneling millions of dollars in rental income to Iran’s Bank Melli—which has been financing that nation’s nuclear program. According to

Forbes.com, the Alavi Foundation donated at least \$25,000 to the Clinton Foundation on December 19, 2008—the same day the Alavi Foundation’s president, Farshid Jahedi, was indicted “on a charge of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying documents required to be produced under a grand jury subpoena concerning the Alavi Foundation’s relationship with Bank Melli Iran and the ownership of a Manhattan office building.” Noted Forbes.com, “Although the Alavi contribution to Clinton is legal, it is malodorous.” [6160, 6163, 6481, 7161, 73584]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer comments on the decision of Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to not seek reelection in 2016: “Harry, we hardly knew you, and what we did know, we didn’t like. Now I know you’re not supposed to dance on the graves of the newly-dead, but this is only a political death so those rules don’t apply and I will be unrestrained. I’m not against the fact that he was a partisan with sharp elbows and all that, but I do think he was a disgrace to his own institution because he emasculated it in the name of protecting [Obama] and trying to re-elect Democrats. He didn’t succeed because he essentially shut down the Senate as soon as Republicans took the House in 2010. He failed as a partisan because nine senators of his party lost re-election, but he succeeded in protecting [Obama] from having to exercise the veto—and in order to achieve that he killed his own institution.” [73602, 73608]

In Boston, police officer John Moynihan is shot in the face by career criminal Angelo West. NYDailyNews.com reports that West “emptied his revolver at cops during a routine traffic stop in the city’s Roxbury neighborhood... West, who was packing a .357 Magnum handgun, was shot dead on the scene, officials said. ... Moynihan, a former Army Ranger who served in Iraq, was taken to Boston Medical Center, where he is in a medically induced coma with a bullet still lodged behind his right ear.” Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke tweets, “The War on Police continues unabated. Obama, [Eric] Holder, [Bill] de Blasio gave it license.” [73627, 73629, 73630, 73636]

On his *Freedom Friday* radio program, Carl Gallups says, “very soon, it’s going to be outed that Barack Obama was not born on American soil. ... Nobody knows where this man comes from, at least publicly; there *are* people who know.” ThePostEmail.com’s Sharon Rondeau writes that Gallups is “presumably referring to the Maricopa County, AZ Cold Case Posse’s more than three-year criminal probe into Obama’s [forged] long-form birth certificate and Selective Service registration form.” [73644]

On the eve of national elections in Nigeria, Boko Haram terrorists behead 23 people and set fire to homes in the village of Buratai. [73649, 73650, 73653]

On March 28 D. W. Ulsterman reports, “While what is likely the worst/most dangerous diplomatic agreement forged between the United States and the world’s leading state sponsor of terrorism is being reportedly finalized, ... Obama left the White House early for a two day all boys golfing trip to Florida. According to press reports, [Obama] and his intimate entourage of golfing buddies were ordering drinks even before they were inside Air Force One before 9:30 in the morning. I don’t have a problem with someone enjoying a drink or three, but to have the supposed Leader of the Free World getting his drink on

when most people's work days have just started is troubling to say the least. Clearly the chaos in the Middle East is of little concern to Mr. Obama who won't let his job... get in the way of his drink-fueled golf outings with the boys. The fact this ineptitude is all on the taxpayers' dime makes it that much more distasteful." [73591]

WhiteHouseDossier.com's Keith Koffler provides the report from the press pool: "On a sunny and beautiful, if chilly morning, [Obama] left the White House residence at 9:30am, wearing a light blue button-up shirt with no tie, a navy blazer and khaki slacks. He waved to the pool but didn't respond to your pooler's shouted question about the new Indiana religious freedom law. [Obama] got into Marine One... The helicopter was wheels-up to Joint Base Andrews at 9:34am. Handing over now to the travel pool... Marine One touched down at Joint Base Andrews at 9:41 a.m. POTUS [Obama] bounded down the steps at 9:45. We're headed for warmer climes. Up the AF1 [Air Force One] steps moments later. You can tell this is a non-work trip (because) someone forward of the press cabin ordered 3 beers at 9:26 am." ("Forward of the press cabin" is the front of Air Force One, where Obama and his guests are seated.) [73592]

Koffler adds, "This is beyond appearances, symbolism, optics, and so forth. This is a genuine statement about the care, attention and seriousness being given the Iran nuclear issue, perhaps the gravest problem confronting the United States and, indeed, the world. It is not possible to completely compartmentalize your life. When you are on vacation, there is a different attitude that takes hold, one that doesn't want to be bothered with too many details or critical issues. It is not merely disgraceful that [Obama] is on [another] golf junket this weekend. It's frightening. If Ayatollah Khamenei is out playing golf or shuffleboard or competing in a backgammon tournament or whatever the Hell they do over there for recreation, I'd be very surprised. This deadline for a nuclear deal has been scheduled for many months. This is no surprise. Neither, sad to say, is Obama's choice of priorities." [73592]

Obama and his pals then play golf at the exclusive Floridian National Golf Club in Palm City, along the St. Lucie River. WashingtonExaminer.com reports, "In its latest attempt to shut down media coverage, the White House Saturday dismissed reporters to their Florida hotel [15 miles away] by declaring a news 'lid' even though ...Obama was just beginning his golf game—but the press pool voted to stay [in a maintenance shed]. ...The trip will cost taxpayers \$843,508 in airfare alone." (Obama's golf partners include former basketball player Alonzo Mourning, former football player and sportscaster Ahmad Rashad—a Muslim who has dated Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett—and Cyrus Walker, a cousin of Jarrett.) [73513, 73587, 73588, 73626, 73628, 73635]

D. W. Ulsterman reports on Obama's March 23 meeting with Hillary Clinton: "Concern for the administration's well-being was apparently enough to force [Valerie] Jarrett to agree to the meeting between [Obama], current National Security Adviser, Susan Rice, and Hillary Clinton. Valerie Jarrett despises the Clintons, and the feeling between them is definitely mutual. The... meeting took just over an hour. Mrs. Clinton was accompanied by her longtime assistant Huma Abadin [sic; Abedin] but it is believed Abadin [Abedin] waited just outside the presidential study adjacent to the Oval Office where the meeting is

said to have taken place. ...One of the subjects broached by Mrs. Clinton is said to be her demand [that Senate Minority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV] not remain a member of the Senate after 2016. This claim comes from Hill staffers with knowledge of rumors linking Reid's recent announcement to retire with the Clinton Machine's desire he do so. Reid was willing to ignore the Clinton's demand. He was apparently not willing to ignore that same demand when it came directly from Valerie Jarrett's office, indicating Jarrett and Clinton made an agreement to ensure this happened. What each might be paying the other to push out the current Senate Minority Leader is unknown, but it is likely significant. (Reid has been a much closer ally to the Obama White House than the Clintons. His likely Senate Minority Leader replacement, Chuck Schumer, is very close to both Bill and Hillary Clinton.) [73606]

“Word reached the office of [Congressman] Trey Gowdy [R-SC] that his name was front and center during the secret White House meeting between Clinton, Jarrett, Rice, and Obama. ([That] would also indicate ‘they’ wanted him to know he has a proverbial target on his back.) That knowledge is said to have initiated a preemptive media strike against Hillary Clinton with the South Carolina congressman’s public statement that the former Obama Secretary of State ‘wiped’ her server clean, thus implicating her in an effort to destroy potential evidence pertinent to the investigation. Congressman Gowdy’s statement was even more aggressive than first intended, hinting he would be seeking felony obstruction of justice charges against Hillary Clinton... ‘Rumor ripples’ are now circulating on the Hill that Susan Rice has been given the green light by Jarrett/Obama to use her position as National Security Adviser to initiate a counter-attack to Gowdy’s accusations. It is assumed Hillary Clinton signed off on this effort as well so long as she is insulated from any resulting implications.” [73606]

“Congressman Gowdy is said to have found himself with a surprising ally in his pending public relations war with the Obama administration and the Clinton Machine—longtime Senator Diane Feinstein [D-CA]. Interestingly Feinstein’s long held just under the surface animosity toward the Obama White House is said to be focused almost entirely on Valerie Jarrett and not [Obama]. (An old debt yet unpaid, perhaps?) Feinstein is also said to be remaining loyal to the Clintons, so if such an alliance with Congressman Gowdy does exist, it must be particularly complicated and wary one held together by the two powerful politicians’ shared animosity/fear toward de facto President Valerie Jarrett. Staffers from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [R-KY] are said to have repeatedly warned Congressman Gowdy he will not be party to a ‘senseless and silly witch hunt’ regarding the ongoing investigations into Hillary Clinton. Still other rumors suggest McConnell has put enormous pressure upon Republican House Speaker John Boehner to ‘keep a leash’ on Gowdy. It seems likely McConnell fears the retribution Susan Rice’s efforts against Congressman Gowdy could inflict damage upon the Republican party as a whole as the country heads toward the 2016 election cycle.” (In other words, McConnell is a coward and is willing to allow the Clinton corruption to continue.) [73606]

“Interestingly, (for those who know his often perpetually passive approach to politics) longtime Republican Senator Lindsey Graham [R-SC] is among those few in the senate

who has reached out to offer support to Congressman Gowdy's office. Some have suggested this is more a matter of Graham fearing Gowdy running for his senate seat, while others maintain the support is genuine in the two men's shared desire to see the truth about Benghazi and other Clinton-related scandals revealed to the public. (And likely related to the above information, a few months ago Senator Graham did indicate he would like to see Gowdy on the Supreme Court.) The secret White House meeting between Clinton, Jarrett, Rice, and Obama is alleged to have been orchestrated by current White House Director of Communications (meaning she answers directly to Valerie Jarrett) Jennifer Palmieri. Palmieri was former head of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, the George Soros-sponsored political action wing of Center for American Progress—the very group Hillary Clinton was said to be meeting with prior to her 'unscheduled' White House meeting in the afternoon of March 23rd. Palmieri has announced her intent to take a senior position within the Hillary Clinton 2016 campaign thus making her the likely primary link between the Soros political influence machine and the Clinton Machine. Her involvement appears to signal a shift in interest by Soros back to the Clintons, likely giving the Clintons some much needed leverage against the power and influence of Valerie Jarrett." [73606]

On *Justice with Judge Jeanine*, Jeanine Pirro asks, "Why are we sleeping with the enemy? Writing them love letters? Dining with them in Swiss palaces while they chant, 'Death to America?' While they dance with the devil as the main sponsor of terrorism and death around the world? Why are we so desperate to put a ring on Iran's finger? And engage them on the nuclear issue, all the while spurning our one loyal and true ally, Israel? Why? ... But even your [Obama's] most cynical critics can't figure out what possible benefit there is to engage in nuclear discussions with Iran. Do you really believe... that Iran is [operating] centrifuges only for scientific and medical reasons? ...Reports are this year that they [the Iranians] will have intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of carrying a nuclear warhead. Now I may be a cynic, but I don't believe they need an intercontinental ballistic missile to disperse Khamenei Care pamphlets to the public. ...Why, Mr. [Obama], would you insist on dancing with the devil? Why isn't our one true ally, Israel, or Egypt, on your dance card? ...This love story isn't going to end the way you think it is. It's time to break off the engagement." [73634]

Michelle Obama attends the annual "Black Girls Rock!" event at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. She tells the audience, "There is nothing more important than being serious about your education. That's why I am able to stand here tonight. ...I want every one of our black girls do to the same, and our black boys." According to the Associated Press, "highlights of the nearly four-hour event... will be shown Sunday, April 5, on BET." (At Takimag.com observes, "This year's 'Black Girls Rock!' event was filmed at that monumental testament to black achievement known as Newark, NJ.") [73648, 73674, 73978]

On March 29 Obama spends Palm Sunday on a golf course. (For the record, there are palm trees on the Florida golf course. Whether Obama also plans to play golf on Easter Sunday is not known.) His golf partners are Jim Crane, owner of the Houston Astros and the Floridian National Golf Club; Milton Carroll, who sits on the Halliburton board of

directors, and investor Glenn Hutchins, a partial owner of the Boston Celtics. (Obama does not forget the “little people” of Florida: his weekend golf outing causes massive traffic delays on the Florida Turnpike.) [73625, 73663, 73664, 73665, 73671, 73672, 73673, 73694]

Department of Labor economist Elizabeth Ashack tweets, “people in the red states vote for nazis to govern, and then call themselves Christian, it will not end well for them.” (She later deletes her message, after being hammered by Twitter users.) [73731]

Retired Lieutenant General Michael Flynn, the former head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, appears on *Fox News Sunday* and warns, “We have almost a complete breakdown of order in the Middle East.” He calls White House foreign policy in the Middle East “a policy of willful ignorance” with “incredible policy confusion,” says Iran is “clearly on the march,” and suggests the government “stop all engines on this nuclear deal.” (A deal will be made, no matter how bad it may be for Israel and the United States. Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry both desperately want a deal. Kerry wants a Nobel Peace Prize as a springboard to run for president in 2016, and Obama wants the destruction of Israel. They will announce an outline for a deal within a few days—while conveniently neglecting to tell Congress and the American people what secret “side deals” they have made with Iran in order to get the Ayatollahs to give their blessings. It may well turn out to be the greatest blunder of a U.S. administration in history. Israelis and Americans should be very afraid.) [73621, 73622, 73623, 73699]

On ABC’s *This Week*, former Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley—in a clear shot across the bows of Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush—says, “The presidency of the United States is not some crown to be passed between two families.” Later in the program, former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm defends Hillary Clinton, saying she “is comfortable enough to be able to withstand a primary [challenge] and Martin O’Malley—he’s a very nice guy and, and, you know, I was thinking that he might make a nice member of a President Clinton administration, so he’d better watch—but anyway [laughing]...” (Granholm is clearly groveling before Clinton, probably to win a position for herself in a Clinton administration—despite having been possibly the worst governor Michigan has ever experienced.) [73624, 73643, 73687, 73734, 73910]

Reuters reports, “Iran and six world powers tried to break an impasse in nuclear negotiations on Sunday, but officials cautioned that attempts to reach a preliminary deal by a deadline in two days could yet fall apart. The two sides explored compromises in areas including numbers of centrifuges used to enrich uranium that Iran could operate, and its nuclear enrichment work for medical research. But Israel, which feels especially threatened by the possibility of a nuclear-armed Iran, said details of a possible framework agreement emerging from the talks in Lausanne, Switzerland, were even worse than it feared. [Israel is not a party to the talks, despite the fact that Iran has repeatedly threatened to “wipe Israel of the map.”] Foreign ministers from the six countries will hold the first full meeting with Iran’s foreign minister on Monday morning [March 30]. ... The United States, Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China want more than a 10-year suspension of Iran’s most sensitive nuclear work. Tehran, which denies it is trying to

develop a nuclear weapons capability, is demanding an immediate end to international sanctions that are crippling its economy.” [73642]

At TheDailyBeast.com Michael Tomasky writes, “The White House seems to think a nuke deal with Iran will change everything. Let’s hope they’re trying to fool us, and not themselves. ...[A] deal will do nothing to alter Iran’s regional behavior. It will keep its power bases in Iraq, and it will continue to prop up Assad and Hezbollah and give assistance to the Houthis in Yemen because it will remain in Iran’s interest to do those things. So for Obama officials to go around saying ‘game-changer’ when there are really strong reasons to think it’s not risks making the administration look silly down the road when Iran’s behavior doesn’t change. ...[W]hat I hope is that Obama administration officials are, well, lying. That is, I hope they’re just saying this stuff about a new and improved Iran because they think it might help build public support for a deal. That’s not very appealing, but it’s better than the other possibility, which is that they actually believe this stuff.” Strangely, Tomasky writes that a deal will be meaningless yet argues, “A deal with an untrustworthy partner is a dissatisfying thing, but it’s better than war, even if the war doesn’t involve the United States directly (it might officially be between Iran and Israel).” But if the deal is meaningless and Iran cannot be trusted, why would it prevent a war? (This *Timeline* believes that Obama and many leftists *want* Iran to have nuclear weapons to use as leverage against Israel, naively believing that the Jewish state will cave in and grant concessions to the Palestinians, and that will magically lead to peace throughout the Middle East. Or they believe—and perhaps secretly hope—that Iran will annihilate Tel Aviv with a nuclear bomb, expel any Jews from the region who are not killed—and that will also magically lead to peace in the Middle East. Whether they are wrong or evil is not clear.) [73645]

The Wall Street Journal reports, “As negotiations with Iran on a nuclear deal come down to the wire, the White House is ramping up a yearlong campaign to persuade lawmakers and the public to support an agreement. In recent days, officials have tried to neutralize skeptical Democrats by arguing that opposing ...Obama would empower the new Republican majority, according to people familiar with the discussions.” HotAir.com comments, “How would it empower them going forward? [Senator Joe] Manchin, [Senator Claire] McCaskill, and the rest of the purple-state Dems who are up in 2018 know that the left will turn on them viciously for crushing Obama’s last best hope for a foreign-policy legacy. They’d spend the next three years trying to win liberals back by siding with Obama against the GOP on all but the toughest votes. Obama’s veto will still be there for the next 22 months; so will the filibuster, in all likelihood. The White House isn’t worried about Republicans being ‘empowered,’ he’s worried about being humiliated by a de facto vote of no confidence in his foreign policy if McConnell can put together a veto-proof majority on Iran. You would think that he’d focus on that argument in wooing Senate Dems, i.e. ‘If I lose on this, it’ll make me look like an even bigger joke abroad, which could be dangerous.’ In other words, he could argue that losing in Congress would empower, say, Vladimir Putin. Instead, he focuses on the GOP. That speaks volumes.” [73746, 73747, 73748]

Examiner.com reports, “Senate Republicans are again attempting to ascertain why former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s top assistant Huma Abedin was allowed to keep working at the State Department under a special, part-time status while also being employed at a politically-connected consulting firm... Questions also linger about Ms. Abedin’s alleged connection to the Muslim Brotherhood’s women’s auxiliary while having access to classified information and documents.” The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), “is following up on allegations that both women used a private Internet server and email accounts for State Department correspondence, even those that were considered confidential and classified.” [73646]

At WashingtonPost.com Jackson Diehl writes, “...Obama’s rhetorical assault on Benjamin Netanyahu last week was in part the product of pique. But it also set the stage for what could be another crockery-breaking bid by Obama for a foreign policy legacy, on a par with his opening to Cuba and would-be nuclear deal with Iran. By declaring Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations dead and blaming Netanyahu, Obama laid the predicate for a decision to go forward with a U.S.-backed U.N. Security Council resolution that would set the terms for a final peace settlement. ...Whether or not it accelerated Palestinian statehood (and most likely it wouldn’t), Obama’s initiative would set off an earthquake in U.S. foreign relations and for Israel’s standing in the world.” [73680]

On CNN, House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) says of his upcoming trip to Israel, “There are serious issues and activities going on in the Middle East, and I think it’s critically important for members of Congress to hear from foreign leaders, other governments, other parts of their government to get a real handle on the challenges that we face there. ...And, frankly, part of my goal in going to Israel is to continue to strengthen the relationship that we have between America and Israel. I think the animosity exhibited by our administration toward the prime minister of Israel is reprehensible, and I think that the pressure that they have put on him over the last four or five years have, frankly, pushed him to the point where he had to speak up. I don’t blame him at all for speaking up.” Boehner states that he invited Netanyahu to address Congress “to make sure that the American people heard and the Congress heard about the serious threat that Iran poses not only to the Middle East, but for the rest of the world, including the United States. [Obama] doesn’t want to talk about it. He doesn’t want to talk about the threat of radical Islam and the fact that he has no strategy to deal with it. And when you begin to see all these leaks that have—that probably came out of the White House in terms of what the Iranian deal was starting to shape up to be, there’s a lot of concern in Congress on a bipartisan basis. And I’m glad that he [Netanyahu] was here. And, frankly, the speech that he gave was the clearest speech I have heard in 25 years about the real threats that face our country. ...Frankly, we should have kept the [Iranian] sanctions in place, so that we could have gotten to a real agreement. And the sanctions are going to come [back], and they’re going to come quick [if Obama negotiates a terrible deal with Iran].” [73686]

In a *60 Minutes* interview, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (correctly) charges that Turkey is “logistically and militarily” supporting jihadists who travel to the region to join

ISIS. Assad calls Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a "Muslim Brotherhood fanatic who is "suffering from political megalomania." "This is not regular war [with ISIS]. It's not about capturing land and gaining land. It's about winning the hearts and minds of Syrians." (Erdogan, Obama's favorite foreign leader, is believed by many to want an Islamic caliphate—because he wants to be its caliph.) [73716, 73717]

On March 30 two men dressed as women try to drive through a security gate at the National Security Agency in Fort Meade. FoxNews.com reports, "After the gate was rammed around 9:30 local time, a guard reportedly got into an argument with the men and gunfire erupted. It is believed that the guard shot one or both of the men, sources told Fox News. The NSA later said in a statement that one of the two people in the car is dead. ...Fort Meade, located in Maryland, is home to around 11,000 military personnel and 29,000 civilian employees, according to its website." [73656, 73657, 73658, 73683]

At NationalReview.com Reihan Salam writes, "According to [Jackson] Diehl [at WashingtonPost.com], the Obama administration is getting ready to back a U.N. Security Council resolution that would, in his words, 'mandate the solution to the questions Israelis and Palestinians have been unable to agree upon for decades, such as the future status of Jerusalem.' Why does this matter? If Israel rejects peace terms imposed on it by outsiders, the effort to turn the Jewish homeland into a pariah state will gain enormous ground. This is a consequence that [Obama] must fully understand. ...If [Obama] chooses to pursue this dangerous course, let no American who values our alliance with Israel, or for that matter our national honor, ever forget it. ...I had a recent conversation with one of America's foremost strategic thinkers, and he made a compelling point about the dream of a two-state solution: far from putting an end to anti-Zionist hatred in the region, it would likely inflame it. The compromises the Palestinian leadership would have to make to establish a sovereign state in the West Bank and Gaza (on the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their ancestral homes, on territory, and much else) would prove fatal to its legitimacy. Moreover, to Palestinian nationalists, a truncated state that covers a fifth of Mandatory Palestine is not even close to an end goal. This new state will almost immediately be engulfed in a civil war, which would attract many of the Islamist fighters currently drawn to Iraq and Syria. Has Obama given this frighteningly realistic scenario any real thought? If he has, well, does he fret about it even slightly? I can attest to the fact that many Israelis, Benjamin Netanyahu very much included, think about it all the time." (Giving the Palestinians some of Israel will resolve nothing, because they want *all* of Israel and the expulsion—or death—of all Jews. An ill-advised compromise will merely give the Palestinians, Hamas, and Hizbullah territory that is closer to their Israeli targets.) [73681, 73682]

In Libya, al-Qaeda terrorist Abdelhakim Belhadj—who the Obama administration once naively considered a "freedom fighter"—is now considered to be leading ISIS in Libya. TheDailySheeple.com reports, "The information comes from an unnamed US intelligence official who has confirmed that Belhadj is supporting and coordinating the efforts of the ISIS training centers in eastern Libya around the city of Derna, an area long known as a hotbed of jihadi militancy. ...[S]ince 2011 the US and its NATO allies have... portrayed [Belhadj] as a man who courageously led his fellow freedom-lovers against the

‘tyrannical despot’ Gaddafi whose security forces at one time captured and imprisoned many members of the Libyan Islamic Fighting Group (LIFG), including Belhadj. Belhadj served the US cause in Libya so well that he can be seen receiving accolades from [the equally naive Senator] John McCain [R-AZ] who referred to Belhadj and his followers as heroes. He was initially rewarded after the fall of Gaddafi with the post of military commander of Tripoli, though he was forced to give way to a more politically palatable ‘transitional government’ which has since evaporated in that chaotic, war-ravaged country. ...The news about Belhadj and ISIS must not be seen in a vacuum. Rather, it should be still further proof that the notion of ‘moderates’ being supported by the US is an insult to the intelligence of political observers and the public at large.” [73767, 73768]

Obama attends the dedication of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in Boston. Obama says, “And since this is a joyous occasion, this is not the time for me to suggest a slew of new ideas for reform—although I do have some. Maybe I’ll just mention one: What if we carried ourselves more like Ted Kennedy? What if we worked to follow his example a little bit harder? To his hardened critics who saw him as nothing more than a partisan lightning rod that may sound foolish, but there are Republicans here today for a reason. They know who Ted Kennedy was. It’s not because they shared Ted’s ideology or his positions, but because they knew Ted as somebody who bridged the partisan divide over and over and over again, with genuine effort and affection, in an era when bipartisanship has become so very rare. They knew him as somebody who kept his word. They knew him as somebody who was willing to take a half a loaf, and endure the anger of his own supporters to get something done.” (The allegedly non-partisan Kennedy was partly responsible for sinking the nomination of Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork, with his outrageous lies on the floor of the Senate: “Robert Bork’s America is a land in which women would be forced into back-alley abortions, blacks would sit at segregated lunch counters, rogue police could break down citizens’ doors in midnight raids, schoolchildren could not be taught about evolution, writers and artists would be censored at the whim of government.”) [73688, 73705, 73718, 73719, 73721, 73796]

Obama is, of course, giving advice he is not willing to take. Obama is possibly the most partisan Oval Office occupant in history, and has done his best to widen the partisan divide. Obama also says Kennedy’s “ideology was helping people.” “No one made the Senate come alive like Ted Kennedy.” “He was my friend. I owe him a lot.” “He knew suffering which made him alive to the suffering of others.” “And insofar as I can tell it was never ideology that compelled him.” (Despite the overwhelming temptation, this *Timeline* will refrain from sarcastic comments, although it is worth noting that no members of the Mary Jo Kopechne family attend the dedication ceremony. It is also worth noting that the Kennedy Institute was supposed to be paid for with private donations. Instead, according to the *Boston Herald*, taxpayers shelled out \$38 million. The institute’s mission, according to Senator Ed Markey (D-MA), is to help Americans “learn more about the Senate’s vital place in our democratic system and the historic leading role that the late Senator Kennedy played during his decades of outstanding service.” In other words, the taxpayers have been forced to pay \$38 million to spread pro-Kennedy propaganda. His family is apparently is too poor to do that on its own—yet will

charge \$16 for admission to the shrine to the hard-drinking womanizer.) [73688, 73705, 71718, 71719, 73721]

HotAir.com observes, “The fact that Obama feels comfortable offering Kennedy as a role model in terms as broad as this is a testament to just how completely he’s been absolved of his sins by America’s governing class for having the right politics. Even if you lay aside Chappaquiddick, even if you lay aside the ‘waitress sandwich’—although why would you?—you still run into, oh, say, things like this [Kennedy secretly asking the Soviets to intervene in the 1984 elections] which tend to undermine Teddy’s image as the great bipartisan bridge-builder. If [Senator] Tom Cotton ‘carried himself’ like Kennedy, he’d be sending secret communiqués to Vladimir Putin offering to arrange propaganda opportunities for him on American television ahead of the 2016 election.” [73688, 73689, 73690]

At the Kennedy event, Vice President Joe Biden says of the late senator, “He was an anchor to many of us in our personal lives...” (Mary Jo Kopecne is not available for comment.) [73744]

After the Kennedy event, at which he complained about “money and special interests” in politics, Obama heads to a Democrat National Committee fundraiser—where about 30 supporters will each shell out \$33,400. [73702]

The White House announces that in July Obama will travel to Kenya—the African nation which may or may not be his birthplace, and which may or may not be the home of his late father (depending on the identity of that father). [73697, 73698, 73710]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “...Obama said Monday he supports the recommendations of a military commission that would reduce the size of traditional military retirement pay by about 20 percent and offer a new defined-contribution benefit for troops who leave before 20 years of service. In a letter to congressional leaders, Mr. Obama said the proposals are ‘an important step forward in protecting the long-term viability of the all-volunteer force, improving quality-of-life for service members and their families, and ensuring the fiscal sustainability of the military compensation and retirement systems.’” [73706]

TheGuardian.com reports, “The personal details of world leaders at the last G20 summit were accidentally disclosed by the Australian immigration department, which did not consider it necessary to inform those world leaders of the privacy breach. The Guardian can reveal an employee of the agency inadvertently sent the passport numbers, visa details and other personal identifiers of all world leaders attending the summit to the organisers of the Asian Cup football tournament. ...Obama, the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, the German chancellor, Angela Merkel, the Chinese president, Xi Jinping, the Indian prime minister, Narendra Modi, the Japanese prime minister, Shinzo Abe, the Indonesian president, Joko Widodo, and the British prime minister, David Cameron, were among those who attended the Brisbane summit in November and whose details were exposed. ...In an email sent to the commissioner’s office, obtained under

Australia's freedom of information laws, the breach is attributed to an employee who mistakenly emailed a member of the local organising committee of the Asian Cup—held in Australia in January—with the personal information. 'The personal information which has been breached is the name, date of birth, title, position nationality, passport number, visa grant number and visa subclass held relating to 31 international leaders (i.e. prime ministers, presidents and their equivalents) attending the G20 leaders summit,' the officer wrote. 'The cause of the breach was human error. [Redacted] failed to check that the autofill function in Microsoft Outlook had entered the correct person's details into the email 'To' field. This led to the email being sent to the wrong person.'" [73707, 73708, 73709]

According to DailyCaller.com, "The U.S. economy produced \$1 trillion less in 2014 than ...Obama promised in his February 2010 financial plan. The missing \$1 trillion adds up to \$3,053 less for every American man, woman and child. It highlights the huge gap between Obama's promise that his progressive, big-government economic policies would jump-start the economy, and the hard reality of America's complex society and economy." [73711]

The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear a case involving students who were not allowed to wear American flag t-shirts on "Cinco de Mayo" day. At PJMedia.com Rick Moran writes, "The court's inaction let stand a lower court ruling that safety and security at the high school trumped free speech rights. In essence, the decision implies that Hispanic students are unable to control their anger when they see an American flag on a day honoring Mexicans' heritage, so others' free speech rights must be curtailed. ...It is the expectation of violence that is most disturbing. Gangs don't need an excuse to cause trouble and the idea that they would be more *likely* to pick fights if they saw an American flag being worn is ridiculous. Even if it were true, where are the authorities? If they're alert for trouble already, wouldn't they be able to head off altercations as they would during a normal school day? Note that when the principal banned the flag T-shirts there had been no violence against the students to that point in the school day. In fact, the principal had no reason to ban the shirts other than a desire to cover the school's behind if violence did break out. Students learned a valuable lesson in this incident: fear and freedom don't mix very well—and if you're going to indulge in the former, you can forget about enjoying the latter." [73737, 73738, 73743]

NYDailyNews.com reports, "Movie mogul Harvey Weinstein is accused of groping a 22-year-old Italian model he met at the red-carpet premiere of his Radio City 'New York Spring Spectacular.' The model told cops that the Oscar-winning Hollywood producer sexually abused her after coaxing her to his Manhattan office on the pretext of talking business, sources told the Daily News. The woman informed cops that Weinstein, a married 63-year-old father of five, groped her breasts and reached up her skirt around 6 p.m. Friday in his third-floor office at the Tribeca Film Center on Greenwich St., sources said. 'He asked if her breasts were real before touching them,' a police source said. 'She asked him to stop, and he put his hand up her skirt. He asked for a kiss; she responded 'No.'" Once the model left Weinstein's office, she called a friend and described what happened, another police source said. The friend took her to the 9th Precinct stationhouse

in the East Village, and officers there drove her to the 1st Precinct station in Tribeca to report the incident.” (Weinstein is a major Democrat Party campaign donor and host of many Obama fundraisers. Weinstein was involved in the movie, *Seal Team Six: The Raid on Usama bin Laden*, which was televised just two days before the November 2012 elections.) [14208, 14209, 14240, 14288, 14296, 23181, 23403, 23425, 30227, 34602, 34603, 35092, 35176, 35186, 35250, 38024, 38079, 42851, 44821, 73722, 73723, 73757]

On *On the Record*, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton says that Secretary of State John Kerry “will declare success in Geneva even if he has to do it on April Fool’s Day. I will bet on it.” [73729]

On March 31 62,000 Detroit residents face a deadline for paying delinquent property taxes. If not paid, their homes will be sold at a county auction. At PJMedia.com Stephen Kruiser writes, “The Democrats who drove Detroit off of the cliff for half a century probably planned on getting some grand scale federal assistance, much like New York received in the mid 1970s. A slightly more fiscally responsible approach was taken, however, and the city is far from being out of the woods. ...The glitch here is obvious: kicking these people out and taking over the properties for nonpayment doesn’t solve the revenue problem. Can the city really expect to quickly sell over 60,000 properties for back taxes in time to take care of budgetary needs? Is that Donald Trump at the door?” [73735, 73736]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest comments on the nuclear negotiations with Iran: “At this point our negotiators are still having constructive conversations and we haven’t reached the deadline yet,” but calls the March 31 deadline “arbitrary.” (No one should be surprised if the deadline is extended. Iran has no problem negotiating while it continues to develop nuclear weapons.) [73724, 73755]

Meanwhile, Mohammad Reza Naqdi, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard’s Basij Militia, says “erasing Israel off the map” is ‘non-negotiable.’” [73740, 73766]

At Newsmax.com Jim Meyers lists “14 reasons why Iran can never be trusted on a nuclear deal.” [73754]

Former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) writes on Facebook, “With his Iran deal, Barack Obama is for the 300 million souls of the United States what Andreas Lubitz was for the 150 souls on the German Wings flight—a deranged pilot flying his entire nation into the rocks. After the fact, among the smoldering remains of American cities, the shocked survivors will ask, why did he do it?” [73806, 73807]

At AmericanThinker.com, Ed Lasky outlines Obama’s efforts “to turn American against Israel.” Lasky writes that Obama “wants to fundamentally transform America’s feelings towards and support of Israel, one of our most reliable and key allies. He has been doing so in ways that should offend every American, because the methods he has used are contrary to our best and most honored traditions. ...His plan to pursue policies inimical to

the America-Israel relationship was clear from the earliest days of his presidency. In July, 2009, he had Jewish leaders at the White House, reportedly telling them that he sought to put ‘daylight’ between America and Israel. ...He chose as an early adviser Daniel Kurtzer, who had co-written a book advocating that the way to weaken and pressure Israel was to take steps to weaken its support among Americans. A similar course of action was seemingly advocated by Samantha Power, also a key foreign policy adviser during his campaign (she complained about criticism of Obama being all about ‘what was good for the Jews’) is and now America’s Ambassador to the United Nations. ...When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accepted an invitation to speak before a joint session of Congress, Barack Obama worked to ensure that many members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) would boycott the speech. Obama and company created a racial controversy over a petulant political spat. Obama is a master of manufacturing outrage. ...Barack Obama’s relationship with [the] J Street [lobby] shows his desire to conquer and divide the Jewish community and turn American Jews against Israel.” [73715]

“...Why [the] welcome of Al Sharpton, with a long history of anti-Semitism and with an American-style pogrom to his credit, to the White House as his point man on race? One of his favorite bloggers is Andrew Sullivan, who traffics in anti-Semitic tropes. Why call Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan among his closest friends among world leaders when Erdogan has been on a non-stop campaign to spread anti-Semitism throughout the region? ...Now that [Obama] is no longer on the ballot he has been shining a bright line on [policy differences with Israel] and focused his ire and anger not just on Netanyahu and not just on Israel but on American supporters of Israel. He has been portraying Israel in a way that he has not portrayed Putin’s Russia, the mullahs of Iran, and radical Islamic terrorists. Why the disparate treatment? His goal is to undermine support for Israel among Americans, and he intends to carry on not just until the end of his presidency but, taking a leaf from former President Jimmy Carter, will do so for many years after he leaves office as part of his Grand Plan to continue to fundamentally transform America and Americans’ views of Israel.” [71715]

Indiana Governor Mike Pence says, “Some of the national reporting [on his state’s religious freedom legislation] has been ridiculous,” but he nevertheless caves in and says “we will fix this and move forward.” (Luckily for Hillary Clinton, the absurd furor over the Indiana legislation means less coverage of her email scandal. According to Newsbusters.org, “From the morning of March 27 through the evening of March 30, the Big Three (ABC, CBS, NBC) networks spent only 10 minutes and 15 seconds to the admission by Clinton’s own attorney that her State Department e-mails were wiped from the server that had been subpoenaed by Congress, but they devoted a whopping 35 minutes and 1 second to coverage of the Indiana religious freedom law.”) [73725, 73726, 73739, 73742, 73749, 73750, 73778]

The Obama administration submits a “global warming” proposal to the United Nations that the White House claims would reduce “greenhouse gas” emissions by 26 percent by the year 2025. According to WashingtonTimes.com, the action “formalizes the proposal ahead of a historic UN climate-change conference scheduled for December in Paris. The

administration will pursue the emissions target through a host of controversial initiatives, including the so-called 'Clean Power Plan' that will dramatically limit pollution from coal-fired power plants. The Environmental Protection Agency says that proposal will reduce coal's share in U.S. electricity generation by about 10 percent over the next 15 years. ...Leading Republicans say they expect the White House to seek a congressional green light. But they're also stressing the plan, if submitted to Congress, will die on Capitol Hill." [73741, 73765, 73772]

Senator James Inhofe (R-OK), chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, states, "The Obama administration's pledge to the United Nations today will not see the light of day with the 114th Congress. When a treaty comes before the Senate, I fully expect for a majority of my colleagues to stand with the rest of Americans who want affordable energy and more economic opportunity, neither of which will be obtainable with [Obama's] current climate deal." (The proposal would lead to the loss of thousands of jobs in the coal industry, the closing of numerous power plants, and increased electricity rates.) Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, "Considering that two-thirds of the U.S. federal government hasn't even signed off on the Clean Power Plan and 13 states have already pledged to fight it, our international partners should proceed with caution before entering into a binding, unattainable deal." [73741, 73765, 73772]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest says anyone who denies that mankind is causing "global warming" should have no input on Obama's United Nations "climate change" proposal: "Well these are individuals whom, many of whom at least, deny the fact that climate change even exists, so I'm not sure they would be in the best position to decide whether or not a climate change agreement is one that is worth entering into. ...The fact is, the kind of agreement that [Obama] succeeded in striking with China, and is implementing here in the United States, is one that will have a positive impact on carbon pollution, will have a positive impact on trying to make the air safer for Americans here in our country, and will have a positive impact on our economy. That's why [Obama] is pursuing this so aggressively. We certainly would welcome any kind of support that we could get from Congress on that measure. ...I think it's hard to take seriously from some members of Congress who deny the fact that climate change exists, that they should have some opportunity to render judgment about a climate change agreement." (In other words, "We welcome the input of everyone—except those who do not agree with us.") [73808]

At the National Press Club, IRS commissioner John Koskinen claims the agency needs more money to operate because it cannot even handle 40 percent of the calls if gets from confused tax filers. Koskinen also claims the RS has caught up on its processing of applications for tax-exempt status from various organizations—a claim disputed by the American Center for Law and Justice, which tells CNSNews.com that two of its clients are still waiting for action, and the Albuquerque Tea Party has been waiting more than five years. [73751, 73792]

The Select Committee on Benghazi calls on former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to testify by the end of April. According to WashingtonTimes.com, “The interview would be behind closed doors, but would be part of the committee investigation’s record. A public hearing would follow eventually, once the select investigative committee has gathered all of the documents it believes it needs.” Committee chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) states, “We continue to believe Secretary Clinton’s email arrangement with herself is highly unusual, if not unprecedented. The decision to delete these records during the pendency of a congressional investigation only exacerbates our need to better understand what the secretary did, when she did it, and why she did it. While she has cited a variety of justifications for this arrangement, many questions and details about the arrangement remain unanswered.” (Gowdy is politely *asking* Clinton to appear before the committee in private—with her attorneys carefully monitoring her statements, no doubt. She will decline to do so. He should be *demanding* that she testify under oath at a public committee hearing, and issuing a subpoena for her email server. She will refuse to comply with those requests as well, hoping to drag out the legal process past November 2016. Gowdy’s delays are not serving justice; they are serving Clinton.) [73752, 73753, 73756]

Former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova tells Judicial Watch, “The evidence on the record at this point makes it very clear that impending proceedings [Hillary Clinton] took it upon herself, used her staff, and apparently with the advice of counsel Cheryl Mills, destroyed evidence. Nobody knows whether what she had was evidence until somebody looks at it. If she’s right and everything that she had that’s personal—and I’ll bet you the Clinton Foundation is considered [by her to be] personal—has been permanently deleted, she committed a crime, absolutely unequivocally committed a crime, and if there isn’t a Department of Justice preliminary inquiry, it’s a disgrace. The bottom line is simple. She destroyed history. She destroyed history with no supervision, with no accountability, with no transparency. She had no right to do that, and there should be a federal criminal investigation going on right now at the Department of Justice. It was a deliberate plan, legal strategy from the beginning of her tenure as Secretary of State. What if in fact the Department of State from day one was the one that put the server in Chappaqua? And I think they did, that they had known about this before they had ever told anybody about it. I believe that, and I believe that to be the case, but I don’t know it yet. Mrs. Clinton started her removal of documents at the inception of her secretariat.” [73794]

“She began with a purposeful action to conceal and eventually—according to her and her lawyer—delete information which is presumptively public record. She admits she destroyed more than 50 percent of everything that was on that server, and if anybody thinks that everything that’s official has been turned over, you’re living in a dream world. At a certain point, the information management people at the department know that she’s not using an official email account. They know that for a fact, because she doesn’t have one. It doesn’t take a lot for somebody to start asking questions, like, ‘Excuse me Madam Secretary, but just how are you communicating with people in the department, and where are those records?’ This is so staggering in the brazenness of evasion of legal duty by everybody at the State Department and especially the secretary. ...[I]t is simply staggering. It’s unbelievable, and with a straight face, she stands up at the U.N. and talks

about yoga lessons and laughs about it before a media group recently and makes a joke about her emails and of course the media in the audience laughs uproariously at this wonderful event. What she has done has undermined people's confidence in the ability to get valuable public records. Her records were valuable, whatever you may think of her, she was the Secretary of State. That's a pretty big job, and she took it upon herself to change history. She does not have the right or the authority to change history, and she did." [73794]

In "who would you vote for if the election were held today" Quinnipiac polls, Hillary Clinton trails Jeb Bush in Florida and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) in Pennsylvania. (Although November 2016 is a long way off, it is worth noting that it would be difficult for any candidate to win the presidency if he or she loses both Florida and Pennsylvania.) [73761, 73785, 73786, 73803, 73973]

Arkansas passes a religious freedom law. (Governor Asa Hutchinson later signs the legislation—after changes are made to make it more acceptable to leftists.) [73758, 73784, 73882]

Politico.com reports, "A feud between Sens. Dick Durbin [D-IL] and Chuck Schumer [D-NY] escalated further on Tuesday, with spokesmen for the two Democratic leaders offering sharply different on-the-record accounts of whether the two men reached a power-sharing deal. Durbin's office insists Schumer agreed last week to support him as the party's whip when current Minority Leader Harry Reid retires at the end of 2016. But Schumer's office is denying any such deal was struck. The confrontation illustrates a yawning trust gap between the two former roommates and their aides. Both sides agree that Durbin... said he would support Schumer... in his bid to replace Reid as the Democratic leader during an early morning conversation last Friday. The point of contention focuses on the second part of their conversation: whether Schumer agreed to keep Durbin on as the party's whip in 2017. ...Durbin has been the Democratic whip for 10 years, but Schumer is said to be open to elevating Sen. Patty Murray [D-WA] to the whip job when he takes over the Democratic caucus. Murray has declined to declare her intentions, but she hasn't ruled out the possibility that she might pursue the whip job." [73764]

The BBC reports, "Opposition candidate Muhammadu Buhari is on the verge of a historic victory over Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan, with most votes counted. Gen Buhari, a former military ruler, is ahead by almost three million votes, with results still to come from just three states. Analysts say it is hard to see how Mr Jonathan can overcome this lead. ...The candidate with the most votes will only avoid a run-off if they gain [sic; he gains] at least 25% of the votes in two-thirds of Nigeria's 36 states. Gen Buhari's campaign spokesman Garba Shehu told the BBC: 'We feel we have won because we have the numbers. We're in celebratory mood but we're not taking anything for granted because of the kind of government we have.'" (Jonathan is a Christian. Buhari, whose campaign has been aided by Obama political guru David Axelrod's' public relations firm AKPD Message and Media, is a Muslim who pledges to impose Shari'ah law on Nigeria.) Pamela Geller observes, "Rest assured, Obama will respond quite differently to

Buhari’s win then he did with Netanyahu.” (On the other hand, Buhari has pledged to fight Boko Haram and “rid this nation of terror and bring back peace.”) [73337, 73536, 73568, 73769, 73770, 73793, 73881]

In an interview with CNN, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) is asked if he regrets saying on the floor of the Senate in 2012 that Mitt Romney had not paid taxes in 12 years (which was an outright lie), Reid replies, “I don’t regret that at all. ...Romney didn’t win, did he?” (In other words, if it took my lies to help get Obama reelected, I’m proud to have lied.”) Asked by Fox News’ James Rosen to condemn Reid’s cavalier attitude about his lie, White House press secretary Josh Earnest says he will not do so “for something that’s three years old.” [73775, 73776, 73777, 73780, 73856, 73887]

DailyCaller.com reports, “A new study out of Germany casts further doubt on the so-called global warming ‘consensus’ by suggesting the atmosphere may be less sensitive to increases in carbon dioxide emissions than most scientists think. ... ‘Going forward we should expect less warming from future greenhouse gas emissions than climate models are projecting,’ write climate scientists Pat Michaels and Chip Knappenberger with the libertarian Cato Institute, adding that this study could be a ‘death blow’ to global warming hysteria.” [73780]

The Department of Energy announces a \$259 million loan to Alcoa, to help push the use of more aluminum in automobiles. NationalReview.com notes, “Of course, one might wonder why a company like Alcoa, which brought in \$23.9 billion in revenue last year, needs government (read: taxpayer) help. But it turns out Alcoa has major Obama administration ties. One of its top executives was a major Obama bundler; another was recruited by the administration as a counselor to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner; and the CEO serves on one of [Obama’s] committees and has also partnered with the Obama administration on a few manufacturing initiatives. Alcoa’s ‘green’ loan is supposed to fund the production of lightweight aluminum automotive bodies. Of course, the Department of Energy fails to note that aluminum is far more carbon-intensive to extract than iron—but that production occurs in Australia, far beyond the reach of U.S. regulations.” (Aluminum is lighter than steel and can therefore improve fuel economy by making cars lighter. *But* its use also makes cars more expensive, and the process of producing and refining aluminum is by no means energy efficient. The vehicle itself may be more efficient than one with little or no aluminum, but the process of making that vehicle is less efficient, more expensive, and not “green.” In any event, the taxpayers should not be forced to lend \$259 million to Alcoa.) [73788, 73789, 73790]

Investors Business Daily reports, “The Obama regime still insists that releasing the top command of our enemy was all about saving Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl. But several reports from 2012 reveal that it was secretly negotiating the Taliban Five’s release without [the exchange of] Bergdahl. Now that the Army has filed desertion charges against Bergdahl, the administration is under increasing pressure to justify the bad deal. Astoundingly, it’s sticking to its story that ...Obama only freed the high-risk Gitmo detainees to free a ‘POW.’ ...IBD has uncovered a series of credible reports from 2012—as well as a transcript of a candid press conference by then-Afghan President Hamid Karzai—that

show the White House originally wanted to give up the Taliban commanders under just one condition: that the Taliban open a political office in Qatar ‘to conduct peace negotiations.’ It was Qatar that ended up taking the prisoners. ...The original Taliban Five deal fell apart as Obama met stiff resistance from the U.S. intelligence community. And it proved too politically radioactive to sell to Congress. It was only after U.S. intelligence shot down his amnesty plan as too risky that Obama conjured up the Bergdahl swap. [The] Truth is, Obama used Bergdahl as a pretext for doing what he always sought to do—empty out Gitmo, national security be damned. The freed Taliban leaders were among the nearly 40 prisoners at Gitmo classified as ‘indefinite detainees’—too dangerous to release. To shutter the Cuban prison, Obama first had to whittle down that list, starting with the Taliban Five. ...Obama also had several chances to rescue Bergdahl on the ground, but he reportedly ignored them all. Why? He wanted a terrorist trade to help close down Gitmo. Don’t be fooled: This is what Bergdahl was all about.” [73799]

At PJMedia.com Bridget Johnson writes, “As CNN reports that France is threatening to walk away from the P5+1 talks, Iran’s Press TV is reporting that Iran has secured its demand of getting sanctions lifted when an agreement is signed. Over the past few weeks, various officials in Iran—including the senior nuclear negotiator, a supermajority of parliament, and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei—have said there will be no concessions from Tehran on sanctions and demanded all sanctions on the Islamic Republic be lifted before Iran signs a deal. Now, Hamid Baeidinejad, the director general for political and international security affairs at Iran’s Foreign Ministry and a senior member of the negotiating team, tells his home country’s media that they were successful. ... France has recently criticized the rush to a deadline as incentive to rush into a bad deal, and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius has insisted his country ‘wants an agreement, but a robust one that really guarantees that Iran can have access to civilian nuclear power, but not the atomic bomb.’” (The socialist government of France is talking tougher about Iran than is Obama.) [73781]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu responds to Iran’s statement that “erasing Israel off the map” is ‘non-negotiable.’” Netanyahu says in a speech to the Knesset (parliament), “The greatest threat to our security and our future was and remains Iran’s attempt to be armed with nuclear weapons. The agreement being formulated in Lausanne paves the way to that goal. We will do everything to protect our security and our future.” He warns that the agreement will “most likely leave Iran with underground facilities, the nuclear reactor in Arak, advanced centrifuges—all those things that were just a few months ago rightly presented to us as not essential to a peaceful nuclear programme.” [73740, 73766, 73828, 73831]

The editors at Observer.com write, “Barack Obama has been compared to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who concluded the ill-fated Munich Pact with Hitler in 1938. But Chamberlain acted out of a sincere belief that he was avoiding a greater evil. Chamberlain was not thinking of his place in history. He was thinking only of the Britain that he loved, a Britain that was all but disarmed, exhausted, and vulnerable. ...In sharp contrast, Mr. Obama is acting out of personal aggrandizement. He believes he is

replicating President Richard Nixon's historic opening of China. For Mr. Obama, the Iranian nuclear arms deal is about his place in history. Mr. Obama is dealing from a position of strength that he refuses to use. The sanctions have hurt Iran. Falling oil prices only add to Iran's vulnerability. Instead of using the sanctions to pursue his original promise that Iran would not get the bomb, Mr. Obama has moved the goal post. Iran would not get the bomb immediately. It would be permitted to enrich uranium well beyond the 5 percent need for generating nuclear energy and be left with a breakout capacity to create a bomb." [73849]

"...If Chamberlain possessed America's strength and was dealing with Iran's weakness, would he be negotiating as Mr. Obama is? Would he be more concerned about a Jew building an extra bedroom in Jerusalem than an Iranian building a bomb at Fordo? ...History has debated whether Chamberlain was the reckless appeaser that he is stereotyped as or the man who dealt from a position of extreme weakness against a foe he was unprepared to go to war against and who sacrificed part of Czechoslovakia to buy Britain time to rearm. Even Churchill, who filleted Chamberlain with his famous 'choice between war and dishonor and now will get both' zinger, understood that Chamberlain was acting in good faith and kept his vanquished predecessor in his War cabinet. ...But even Chamberlain would not have made the disastrous agreement that Mr. Obama seems so eager to conclude. Mr. Obama is an amateur who is enthralled with the sound of his own voice and is incapable of coming to grips with the consequences of his actions. He is surrounded by sycophants, second-rate intellectuals, and a media that remains compliant and uncritical in the face of repeated foreign policy disasters. As country after country in the world's most dangerous region fall into chaos—Libya and Yemen are essentially anarchic states, even as Syria and Iraq continue to devolve—Mr. Obama puzzlingly focuses much of his attention and rhetoric on Israel, childishly refusing to accept the mandate its people have given their prime minister in an election that, by the way, added three additional seats to the country's Arab minority." [73849]

"...The deal with Iran follows in the wake of these foreign policy disasters. Among our traditional Sunni allies in the region, it is seen as a betrayal not simply because it advances Iran's nuclear ambitions but also because it encourages Iran's support for the Houthi Shiite militia in Yemen and Iran's adventurism in Iraq. The lifting of sanctions means more resources for Iran to transfer to its meddling proxies like Lebanon's Hezbollah, the assassin of Lebanon's democratic aspirations. The nuclear deal gives Iran an unacceptable nuclear umbrella that will compel the Gulf State Sunnis to launch their own nuclear programs, setting off a disastrous proliferation in the region. The Iran deal is a march toward the nuclear abyss hand-in-hand with the world's largest exporter of terrorism—the patron of Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthi militias in Yemen, Shiite militias in Iraq, and operatives killing Jews in Argentina. Regrettably, a naïve, petulant ...Obama sees this as a crowning part of his legacy and nothing will stand in his way. ... We might call for Mr. Obama to find his inner Churchill and walk away from this tragedy, but we would be happy if he would simply find the character of the "real" Neville Chamberlain, who when dealing from a position of America's strength would never have signed a deal with the devil. Ultimately, this deal will come back to haunt Mr. Obama's legacy far more than Munich haunted Chamberlain's." [73849]

