

The Obama Timeline – Part II

The Doomed Presidency

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On November 1 DailyCaller.com reports, “Two women from the Dominican Republic [state] that Democratic New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez paid them for sex earlier this year. In interviews, the two women said they met Menendez around Easter at Casa de Campo, an expensive 7,000 acre resort in the Dominican Republic. They claimed Menendez agreed to pay them \$500 for sex acts, but in the end they each received only \$100. ...It is known that Sen. Menendez has been a regular visitor to the Dominican Republic. On at least one occasion, according to a news account, Menendez has been a guest at the Casa de Campo home of a friend and campaign donor named Salomon Melgen, an ophthalmologist and owner of an eye clinic in Florida.” (Whether the last-minute revelation could cost Menendez the election on November 6 is unknown; he has a double-digit lead over his Republican challenger, Joe Kyrillos.) [39548, 39549, 39550, 39556, 39558, 39592, 39802, 40005]

According to Gawker.com, a former neighbor who used to live in the Washington, D.C. apartment under Menendez’s, “...he would bring home a different young, attractive lady almost every night, put on a little jazz, and f**k loudly until 3 a.m. ‘We lived below him. ...It was outrageous. When it started, we thought it was a one-time thing. But it went on for months—hours and hours of headbanging sex.’ When the Senate was in session, the former neighbor said, Menendez would usually stay at the DC apartment on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings—on weekends, Mondays, and Fridays, he would go back to his New Jersey home. Of those three weeknights, the neighbor said, Menendez usually spent at least two with a constantly rotating gallery of attractive, young, and loud women. ...Without fail, the neighbor said, these women would leave Menendez’s apartment at 3 a.m. and get in a cab. ‘My wife would be up because of the noise, and she’d watch them out the window,’ the neighbor said. ‘They were always in like four-inch heels, and it was definitely a different one every time. Different women on back-to-back nights. These were very young, very attractive women.’” (Menendez appears on CNN’s State of the Union on November 11. Good Democrat that she is, host Candy Crowley fails to ask him even one question about the prostitution scandal.) [39592, 39802, 40005]

An NBC/WSJ/Marist poll shows Obama leading Mitt Romney in Iowa 50–44. The poll’s D/R/I is 34/31/34. (Turnout in the 2010 mid-term elections in Iowa was 31/35/34.) In Wisconsin, the poll shows Obama leading Romney 49–46. The D/R/I is 34/29/35. (In the recall election for Governor Scott Walker, the turnout was 34/35/31.) Obama leads in New Hampshire, 49–47, with a 27/26/47 D/R/I. In a University of Iowa poll of likely voters, Romney leads Obama 45–44. (In all the polls Obama’s support among independent voters is way off his 2008 numbers.) [39553, 39554, 39555]

Obama leads Romney 49–46 in a Public Policy Polling survey in Virginia—but the D/R/I is an absurd 43/36/22. (The 2008 turnout in Virginia was 39/33/27.) HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey writes, “If an incumbent Obama can’t get to 50% in a poll where 43% of the respondents are Democrats in a state where the federal government provides as much of the economy as it does in Virginia, I’d say Obama won’t win the state on Tuesday.” [39559]

At TheBlaze.com Charles C. Johnson speculates that Obama was admitted into Occidental College in Los Angeles as the result of its affirmative action program because he reportedly had less than stellar grades at Punahou School in Honolulu. At the time Obama entered Occidental, the school was setting aside about 33 percent of its financial aid for “Black and Chicano students, who comprise[d] 10.2% of the student body.” According to Johnson, “Associate Dean of Students Yolanda Garcia suggested that the college had been race-norming, or adjusting scores on standardized test to have separate curves for different racial groups.” [39568]

MoneyNews.com reports, “The number of planned layoffs by U.S. firms jumped 41.1 percent in October to the highest level in five months, although the number includes more than 10,000 jobs in U.S.-owned auto plants in Europe, a report said on Thursday. Employers announced 47,724 planned job cuts last month, up from September’s 33,816, according to the report from consultants Challenger, Gray & Christmas. It was the highest level since May.” [39569]

The Ulsterman Report receives a message from the Wall Street insider: “Thought you would be very interested to hear of this. It appears this [Obama aide Valerie] Jarrett creature is quite confident of a victory, and has every intention of making those who opposed her, and her boy, of paying dearly for their seeming crimes against them. As Election Day is nearly upon us, more and more are willing to speak outside the inner circle. Such is the case with this message received by me this morning from a source who has been working for us via Chicago for several months now. Their campaign appears increasingly confident, I assume, due to the now adoring media coverage of their boy’s little march with the commoners following this week’s storm. It has been a revolting display by some in our media has it not? Here then is the most recent report I received from our Chicago source. I first passed it along to our mutual friend with no response, so now I pass it along to you in the hopes you deem it worthy to publish as its sharing will serve a related purpose with another I hope to secure a favor from in the very near future. And if you have any concerns regarding the source—don’t. They are being thoroughly protected despite their understandable trepidation. As you have been. And while our friend was clearly upset yesterday with how the storm altered our immediate strategies that were to have concluded this final week of the campaign, I prefer to believe all is in God’s hands, and if that was to be, then so be it. My efforts remain undiminished, if not my strength. I hope you share my belief and determination in that regard. That said, there has been movement favoring Obama over the last few days. Such is the reality that we must now deal with and plan accordingly. [Neither] Crying nor profanity will assist in successfully navigating that reality.” [39570]

“A rep from Jarrett office was in today. She gave us a finish line pep talk and then afterwards, heard her saying how Jarrett is very excited about a 2nd term agenda and a big part of that agenda is to punish everyone who opposed them during the first term and the campaign. Strange that everything was ‘Ms. Jarrett wants this, and Ms. Jarrett is looking forward to that.’ You hardly heard Obama’s name mentioned by her which I guess reinforces what people are saying. Valerie Jarrett really is the power in the White House. I know that when her representative showed up it was like royalty was visiting. All the big dogs were lined up to meet her and acting real friendly and they gave us a heads up an hour before and told us we better ‘put on a good show’ while she was here. The part that really stuck out to me was when I overheard the rep say that Jarrett told them, ‘After we win this election, it’s our turn. Payback time. Everyone not with us is against us and they better be ready because we don’t forget. The ones who helped us will be rewarded, the ones who opposed us will get what they deserve. There is going to be hell to pay. Congress won’t be a problem for us this time. No election to worry about after this is over and we have two judges ready to go.’ She was talking directly to about three of them. Sr. staff. And she wasn’t trying to be quiet about it at all. And they were all listening and shaking their heads and smiling while she said it. Pretty creepy.” [39570]

“Why are they so confident about winning next week? We aren’t getting any numbers in the office that has any of us knowing Obama will win. It will be close. Jarrett and her people seem so confident. Why is that? Do you have any information on why she is so confident? I’m worried. Benghazi was supposed to play big this weekend. That is what everybody here was bracing for last week. You could really tell the staffers were freaking out. Now nobody is talking about it. Like it was never a concern. Like it never even happened. Don’t you have people to help with that? What happened? You said it was going to be a game changer. I told some others it would be and now I’m kind of hanging out there. Not the only one around here who got a real bad vibe after the Alex thing. Help! Need some good news after today!” (By “the Alex thing” the insider may be referring to the July 2012 death of 29-year-old campaign worker, Alex Okrent. Okrent collapsed in the Chicago campaign office and was later pronounced dead at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, Okrent “had traveled around the country and to the political heights with Obama since volunteering for his U.S. Senate primary race in 2004, but was eyeing this fall’s presidential election as the end.” Okrent’s mother, Lynn Pollak, is a leader of the anti-Israel organization, Jewish Voice for Peace. She is also linked to the Chicago Movement for Palestinian Rights, an affiliate of the terrorist-supporting CAIR. Both Alex Okrent and his sister Abigail Okrent appear on the “Jewish Self-Hating and/or Israel Threatening” (SHIT) List. Abigail Okrent is a member of Jewish Voice for Peace. The results of Okrent’s autopsy were reportedly “inconclusive”—which prompted Internet rumors that he “may have known something.”) [34396, 34397, 34398, 34399, 39570]

In New York City’s Staten Island, borough president James Molinaro tells reporters, “You know, I went to a shelter Monday night after the storm. People were coming in with no socks, with no shoes. They were in desperate need. Their housing was destroyed. They were crying. Where was the Red Cross? Isn’t that their function? They collect millions of dollars. Whenever there’s a drive in Staten Island, we give openly and honestly. Where

are they? Where are they? I was at the South Shore yesterday, people were buried in their homes. There the dogs are trying to find bodies. The people there, the neighbors who had no electricity, were making soup. Making soup. It's very emotional because the lack of a response. The lack of a response. They're supposed to be here. ... They should be on the front lines fighting, and helping the people." State Senator Andy Lanza says, "It is as the borough president, Jim Molinaro, said, it's disgusting, it really is. ... We're talking about getting water out of the tunnel [in time for the New York City Marathon]. Let's get the water out of the tunnel *tomorrow*, let's get the people out of the water *today*. There've been thousands of people who have been displaced. There are people who are cold, who are hungry, who are without a place to go, and looking for warmth. There are people still trapped. Yet we're talking about marathons and tunnels. I walked on the rooftop of a house yesterday, I stepped on it because the debris that surrounded it was level with the rooftop. That's what happened here on Staten Island." [39571, 39607, 39622, 39639]

Congressman Michael Grimm adds, "I think this is an example of what infuriates people here on Staten Island. Like Senator Lanza just said, we have people, people still in water. Families displaced, families wondering where their grandparents are. Are they at a shelter? Are they at a hospital? Or are they gone? That's what we should be focusing on. I think it would be very misguided to have this marathon. I think that the people of Staten Island will see this, unfortunately... as another shot against them, that the City Hall is more worried about getting everything running again for Manhattan and making everything look like it's back to normal. We're not back to normal and we're not going to be back to normal for a long time." (It is almost unimaginable that New York City would not cancel the marathon race. With thousands of New Yorkers without power and looting going on in parts of the city, police officers will be used for crowd and traffic control during the race. Food trucks and generators will be available for the marathon—while residents of Staten Island remain hungry and cold. It will be surprising if the outrage is not deafening.) [39571, 39607, 39622]

Citing global warming concerns in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg endorses Obama for reelection. (HotAir.com comments, "Yeah, how is it that a guy who's willing to let climate-change policy determine his vote for president chose to leave the country's most populous city underprepared for weather disasters? Whether global warming contributed to Sandy or not, an AGW [Anthropogenic global warming] true believer in a position of power should have had special concerns about flooding and protecting infrastructure. To preach it and not act is as silly as a guy running for reelection on his terrorist ass-kicking credentials refusing to consult his counterterror team during a terrorist attack.") [39587, 39626, 39628]

Newsmax.com reports, "With the presidential election expected to hinge on Ohio, the state's former secretary of state, GOP stalwart Kenneth Blackwell, is warning that a little-known change in the Buckeye State's absentee-ballot process could lead to a 'nightmare scenario.' And that scenario could force the entire country to wait 10 days after the election to find out who will be the next president of the United States. ... For the first time in the key swing state's history, Blackwell says, virtually all Ohio voters this year were mailed an application for an absentee ballot. In previous elections, most Ohio voters

had to request an application for an absentee ballot to receive one. The concern is that thousands of Ohio voters may complete the absentee-ballot application and receive an absentee ballot, but not bother to complete and mail in the ballot. Anyone who is sent an absentee ballot—including those who do not complete it and mail it in—and later shows up at the polls on Election Day to cast their ballot in person will be instructed to instead complete a provisional ballot. And under Ohio election law, provisional ballots cannot be opened until 10 days after an election....As of Oct. 26, Ohio election officials had mailed out 1.3 [million] absentee ballots. Of those absentee ballots, 950,000 had been completed and mailed back in. That leaves some 350,000 absentee ballots that had been requested and sent to voters, but had not yet been received. Ohio voters who requested an absentee ballot, but did not complete it and mail it back in, will not be allowed to vote normally. Explains Blackwell: ‘So they go to the polls and say, ‘I want my ballot.’ And [poll workers] say, ‘Oh, we see you applied for an absentee ballot.’ The voter says, ‘Oh, I changed my mind.’ And they say, ‘That’s well and good, but we have to guarantee that you don’t vote twice. You have to fill out a provisional ballot.’” [39574]

In the California ballot challenge lawsuit *Judd v. Obama*, an attorney for Occidental College claims that Obama’s school records no longer exist. Attorney Orly Taitz charges that the judge is “clearly under marching orders” to defend Obama. [39614]

In attorney Taitz’s Indiana ballot challenge lawsuit, Judge Sherry Reid—who previously refused to vacate the trial after a motion by the defense—changes her mind, retroactively vacates the trial, and rules that all testimony be stricken (including that of witnesses who declared Obama’s birth certificate to be a forgery). Taitz has so far been denied a transcript. (Some might draw the conclusion that someone “got to” the judge.) [38875, 38876, 39615, 39739, 40082]

Taitz is also threatened by Obama attorney Scott J. Tepper with a demand for an apology to Obama for “defaming” him. Tepper demands that Taitz drop her lawsuits against Obama and the Democrat Party of Mississippi and pay \$25,000. (Tepper’s threats will not get far. It is almost impossible to win a defamation lawsuit when the individual alleged to have been defamed is a public figure and an elected official. If a defamation lawsuit were possible, Mitt Romney could sue Obama and his campaign for calling him a tax cheat and a felon. Additionally, Taitz would be allowed to defend herself in a defamation lawsuit. She can therefore present evidence to defend her charge that Obama’s birth certificate is a forgery—and Obama’s attorneys certainly want to avoid that.)

The CBS affiliate in New York City reports, “Con Edison said Thursday that it expects to ‘restore the vast majority of customers who lost power by the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11. The remaining customer restorations could take an additional week more.’” Long lines for gas form in New York and New Jersey at the service stations that have electrical power and can pump the fuel. FoxNews.com reports, “In New Jersey, where lines at the few stations that were able to pump fuel stretched for miles, state troopers were deployed at all gas stations along the NJ Turnpike and Garden State Parkway as the region endures its fourth full day with massive power outages. Officials say [Hurricane] Sandy-driven

closures at refineries, the inability of tankers to dock and most of all, outages that prevent pumps from drawing fuel from underground tanks at stations have fewer than half of stations in the region pumping.” [39575, 39585, 39586, 39602, 39603, 39604, 39605, 39606]

Obama campaigns at Austin Straubel International Airport in Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin. He says, “Here’s the thing, Wisconsin, after four years... you know me by now. You may not agree with every decision I have made. You may be frustrated at the pace of change. But you know what I believe. You know where I stand.” (At the Republican National Convention on September 2, 2004 George W. Bush said, “In the last four years, you and I have come to know each other. Even when we don’t agree, at least you know what I believe and where I stand.”) Obama also says, “Al-Qaeda is on the run”—which would be news to the friends and families of the four Americans killed in Benghazi on September 11. [39577, 39579, 39609]]

Romney campaigns in Roanoke, Virginia. He states, “I know [Obama’s] been trying to figure out some way to suggest he’s got some new ideas because with all these people out of work, with three million more women in poverty today than when he took office, with 15 more million people on food stamps than when he took office, he’s got to find something to suggest it’s gonna be better over the next four years. And so he came up with an idea last week, which is he’s gonna create the Department of Business. I don’t think adding a new chair in his cabinet will help add millions of jobs on Main Street. We don’t need a secretary of business to understand business. We need a president who understands business, and I do. ... This isn’t a time for small measures. This is a time for greatness. This is a time for big change, for real change. And that’s why, just as your next senator [George Allen] said, this is a time where from day one he’s gonna make changes. I’m gonna make real changes. I’m going to get this economy going. From day one, we’re making changes.” [39577, 39581, 39582, 39583]

Michelle Obama campaigns in Daytona, Florida. According to WOFL Local reporter Mike Synan, the crowd chants, “Hail Obama!” A nine-year-old boy named Brandon tells a reporter he needs Obama to win “Because if Mitt Romney win [sic], we’ll be going back to the crop fields. We’ll be picking crops. ... I want [Obama] to change the world like he did. He’s gonna change the world.” (The media, of course, eagerly broadcasts the brainwashed child’s statement to help convince voters that Republicans are racists.) [39584, 39590, 39644]

CBSNews.com reports that “...during the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Mission in Benghazi, the Obama Administration did not convene its top interagency counterterrorism resource: the Counterterrorism Security Group, (CSG). ‘The CSG is the one group that’s supposed to know what resources every agency has. They know of multiple options and have the ability to coordinate counterterrorism assets across all the agencies,’ a high-ranking government official told CBS News. ‘They were not allowed to do their job. They were not called upon.’” The source states, “The response process was isolated at the most senior level. My fellow counterterrorism professionals and I (were) not consulted.” [39588, 39627, 39656]

Mitt Romney leads Obama 50–47 in a TCJ Research Wisconsin poll of likely voters. The survey’s D/R/I is 34/34/32. Romney leads among independents 55–41. [39589]

In Rasmussen polls, Romney and Obama are tied 49–49 in Wisconsin; Romney leads 49–48 in Iowa. [39631]

The Obama administration attempts to buy the votes of young adults by changing the rules for the repayment of student loans. According to DailyCaller.com, “The Department of Education adopted a new ‘pay-as-you-earn’ loan repayment plan Thursday, just five days before the Nov. 6 election. The plan, which will cost taxpayers \$2.1 billion over the next decade, is designed to ease the financial burden of student loan borrowers. ...In addition, the new ‘pay-as-you-earn’ scheme makes the existing ‘income-based repayment plan’ applicable to more people with student loans. Under both the pay-as-you-earn and income-based plans, payments are calculated to accommodate the income of each borrower. Any debt remaining after 20 years will be negated for students who stick out financial difficulty under the pay-as-you-earn plan. Previously, under the income-based repayment plan, it had taken 25 years to cancel remaining debt.” (Borrowers would be able to pay less per month on their loans, and after 20 years all remaining debt would be forgiven—and picked up by the taxpayers.) [39612]

The Heritage Foundation reports that the Obama administration has “noticeably slowed its rulemaking in recent months” because of the election. “A variety of major rules have been parked in prolonged ‘review’ by the White House, while the regulatory agenda required by statute has failed to materialize—twice. This flouting of the law is disturbing enough, but it’s made worse by the mounting regulatory uncertainty that has ensued.” The 1980 Regulatory Flexibility Act “calls for release every April and October of a summary of all rules likely to have a ‘significant economic impact’ on a substantial number of small firms. Subsequent executive orders extended the requirements to all regulations under development or review by some 60 departments, agencies, and commissions. ...Obama has ignored both the April 2012 and October 2012 agenda deadlines. ...The Administration has postponed action of late on some of its most ambitious regulations. For example, stricter standards on ozone emissions have been shelved until 2013. The original proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency would cost \$90 billion or more annually and, potentially, jeopardize millions of jobs. Also on hold are various regulations to control power plant emissions of so-called greenhouse gases that would dramatically increase energy costs, as well as the designation of coal ash as a ‘hazardous substance’—estimated to cost \$79 billion to \$110 billion and thousands of jobs in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Missouri and Ohio. There is ample reason to believe that this recent ‘draw-back’ of rulemaking portends a regulatory tsunami in the coming year. ...[A] whopping 78 percent of the 151 regulations awaiting review have been pending at the office for more than 90 days—thus exceeding the maximum time allotted under executive order.” Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) says, “...Obama is refusing to comply with the law that requires him to publish forthcoming regulations because he doesn’t want the American public to know the terrible cost of the regulatory barrage he plans to unleash in a second term. So instead of being honest with the

American people about what's in store if he wins, he's been trying to hide the fact that he intends to move forward with a slew of rules that will destroy hundreds of thousands of jobs and dramatically raise the cost of energy on American families." [39617, 39691, 39747]

Spectator.org reports, "Former Sen. Fred Thompson today said he was 'totally disgusted' by the Obama administration's handling of the Libya terrorist attack, saying that U.S. officials failed to act 'while our people were being systematically slaughtered' at the Benghazi consulate. Speaking at an event sponsored by the free-market group Americans for Prosperity, the former Republican senator from Tennessee invoked his experience nearly 40 years ago as a Watergate investigator, saying that Congress must 'get to the bottom of' the administration's failures in the Sept. 11 incident that left Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans dead in Libya. 'This is probably the biggest cover-up in American history—and you're talking to an expert in cover-ups,' Thompson said." [39593]

The Ulsterman Report interviews the White House insider, and asks, "Did you read the latest update from [the Wall Street insider]?" The White House insider replies, "What he said was—it doesn't really concern me. Don't care what they think in Chicago now. Don't care what that b-tch [Valerie] Jarrett is thinking. She don't know about this stuff either. She has been wrong way more than right. She's just... if she said that stuff... hell to pay, whatever it was. Hell, that could have been a leak-down test. See who was talking. Where the air's comin' out. That dumb f-ck might have just compromised our source by telling you to publish. And you should have asked me about it before you did. Not blaming you here... you're just following his lead. But it wasn't smart." Ulsterman asks, "How about the numbers? We going to lose this thing next week?" Insider: "The vote? Maybe. Not likely. But maybe. There's always maybe. These sneaky f-cks know how to pad the numbers. We been running the absentee scam for a long time now. Sure they got that ready to go. ...Oh, hell... just... you get enough people to go out and get an absentee ballot, then have them show up at the polls too. Simple. I've got a feeling all this early voting push... it's tied into that. On a bigger scale than I've seen. Back in '92... we took at least four counties that way [for Bill Clinton]. Big counties. Most of it gets flagged... but you still get about 10 or sometimes 20% of those through." [39594]

"Sh-t son... we all did [cheated]. Both sides. Here and there, yeah. It's part of it. But these Obama boys... they took it to a whole other level. Votes, donations, deals—it's a lot more [Vladimir] Putin than it is Clinton. Pay to play... Big Labor... this country never seen it at this level. And it shouldn't have to, but they got the Senate. Had it locked up. Another firewall for all of them. Everything...every investigation, everything... it died in the Senate. Obama didn't even have to get involved. ...I will say this though... Romney... the Romney campaign. They are about as clean as I've seen. And I ain't sayin' that just because... you know. It's the truth. Which is a good thing in a way, but in another way it worries me. Got an ulcer the size of my fist, swear to God... I'd feel better if they played a little more dirty on that end of things. Just for some peace of mind. It's usually not the candidate who is the campaign crook. It's... it's the rest of us. We do the down and dirty, right? But Romney... he's made it clear the campaign isn't to go there.

...But that don't mean... a politician don't win with respect. That's what the Old Man [Wall Street insider] don't understand. He should know... he was a mean son-of-a-bitch... you don't know that part of him, 20 odd years ago... sh*t, he walked it, man. Now... he's so damn polite! Trying to buy his way in [to Heaven] I suppose... can't blame him for that. But he knows better—this political stuff... that update he sent you... he don't know nothin' about how this all works. A campaign. The internals. The messaging. Buying up the good air time before they do. The leaks. The promises. You got to give to get in this work... and let me tell you, it IS work." [39594]

The insider notes "...the Benghazi thing... it's the real deal. I'm talking criminal here. At least administratively. It's a cover-up. And they know it. Obama, some of them on the Hill... they know it. They have to. All the signs... it's being buried right now... under that f-cking storm. But that's not what's got me so pissed there now... it's bastards who promise something and then don't deliver. That sh-t drives me f-cking nuts. I just don't... how people go and do that... not when the stakes are this high. We're all bastards... but we love our country, right? That's where we draw the f-cking line, right? ...But apparently not." Ulsterman asks, "Who broke their promise? I assume they were going to do something on Benghazi." The insider responds, "Hell yes they were... four of them. Three Rs... one D... well... a sorta D. [That is, three Republicans and possibly independent Joe Lieberman of Connecticut.] They would be doing a press conference right about now. They promised. Told House leadership they were gonna do it. ...The main one. Mr. TV... they were Senate. All four. Senators. And f-cking liars. But..." [The White House insider wonders if the Wall Street insider pulled back somewhat and not everything that he could have done.] "He's done us a hell of a lot of good... I ain't sayin' he hasn't done that... but this Benghazi thing... somethin' ain't right here. How those Senators... they just shut it down. Used the storm as an excuse. Not a whole lot of people knew about the press conference [that was never held]. But the Old Man did..." [39594]

Ulsterman and the insider return to the subject of the election. Ulsterman: "You said before... you said Obama only had 7 states locked up. That was it." Insider: "Yes I did... I'd put that number about 8 now. He's gained a little ground. Just a bit." Ulsterman: "You also said Romney landslide." Insider: "Sure... and I'll keep on that... if they don't steal it. Remember, I also told you the only way they win this thing is if they steal it... and that does have me very concerned." Ulsterman: "What happens right after the election? If Obama loses?" Insider: "Riots." Ulsterman: "And if Obama wins?" insider: "Riots. ...[But] one will be temporary... the other... if Obama wins... it all becomes permanent. The country is done—at least as anything we will recognize. And I ain't gonna see that happen without a fight. And frankly... I say we win this thing next week. And you should be a part of that. Don't... I told you to walk away. I don't mean that... you need to see this thing through. We all do. ...Look, we are all feeling the pressure now. But thing is... as pissed as I was yesterday... I still say the voters are gonna do right by all of us next week. And I ain't never been wrong on that. Never. And then... and then you go write that book and put my ugly mug on the cover. ...You hold tight now. Take care. The governor... he's got this. I may be a cheater... but I ain't a liar. The governor... Governor Romney, is gonna win this thing. Next week... just hang on." [39594]

Joining the list of the many business executives supporting Mitt Romney are Charles Schwab, Cisco CEO John Chambers, Bernie Marcus, the co-founder of Home Depot, and Intel CEO Paul Otellini—a member of Obama’s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness. Another job council member to support Romney is Jeff Immelt, CEO of General Electric. (Some might argue that if Obama had listened to the advice of his jobs council he might not be fighting for his political life.) [39629, 39630]

While some residents in New York and New Jersey remain without power because of Hurricane Sandy, Obama campaigns in Wisconsin, Colorado, and Las Vegas. [39642, 39643]

The Las Vegas Journal-Review endorses Mitt Romney for president, brutalizing Obama in its editorial: “The Obama administration sat by doing nothing for seven hours that night [in Benghazi], ignoring calls to dispatch help from our bases in Italy, less than two hours away. It has spent the past seven weeks stretching the story out, engaging in misdirection and deception involving supposed indigenous outrage over an obscure anti-Muslim video, confident that with the aid of a docile press corps this infamous climax to four years of misguided foreign policy can be swept under the rug, at least until after Tuesday’s election. ...Not only did the White House do nothing, there are now reports that a counterterrorism team ready to launch a rescue mission was ordered to stand down. The official explanation for the inadequate security? This administration didn’t want to ‘offend the sensibilities’ of the new radical Islamic regime which American and British arms had so recently helped install in Libya. The official explanation for why Obama administration officials watched the attack unfold for seven hours, refusing repeated requests to send the air support and relief forces that sat less than two hours away in Italy? Silence. ...This administration is an embarrassment on foreign policy and incompetent at best on the economy—though a more careful analysis shows what can only be a perverse and willful attempt to destroy our prosperity. ...[Obama] now claims he’s in favor of oil development and pipelines, taking credit for increased oil production on private lands where he’s powerless to block it, after he halted the Keystone XL Pipeline and oversaw a 50 percent reduction in oil leases on public lands. These behaviors go far beyond ‘spin.’ They amount to a pack of lies. To return to office a narcissistic amateur who seeks to ride this nation's economy and international esteem to oblivion, like Slim Pickens riding the nuclear bomb to its target at the end of the movie ‘Dr. Strangelove,’ would be disastrous. Candidate Obama said if he couldn’t fix the economy in four years, his would be a one-term presidency. Mitt Romney is moral, capable and responsible man. Just this once, it’s time to hold Barack Obama to his word. Maybe we can all do something about that, come Tuesday.” [39598, 39599, 39600, 39611, 39620]

Kareem Dale, associate director for the White House Office of Public Engagement and special assistant for disability policy, delivers a pep talk to Obama for America phone bank volunteers at Democrat National Committee headquarters. According to TheBlaze.com, Dale states that “people with disabilities are going to be absolutely killed under Mitt Romney’s plan. ...I’m one of those 47 percent. Many of you all are one of those 47 percent. And I’ll be damned if were going to let somebody who does not care

about me or other people like me get into office. It's not gonna happen." (Assuming Dale pays income taxes on his White House salary, he is certainly not one of the "47 percent" who do not.) Dale tells the workers, "Let's win this motherfu**er." [39635]

At GretaWire, Greta Van Susteren notes a *Washington Post* story by David Ignatius that relays a Benghazi timeline from the CIA. "In reading the CIA provided timeline," writes Van Susteren, "I came across a curious passage: '...The first idea is to go to a Benghazi hospital to recover Stevens, who they [CIA reinforcements] rightly suspect is already dead. But the hospital is surrounded by the al-Qaeda-linked Ansar al-Sharia militia that mounted the consulate attack...' Surrounded by the al Qaeda linked Ansar al Sharia militia that mounted the consular attack? I don't know if that information (underlined above) was put together in the weeks after the attack—or if known at or about the time of the attack or even within days of the attack. If the foregoing underlined information was known by the CIA at or about the time of the attack, then ...Obama was really off the charts when he again repeated, 13 days later, on Sept.24 on David Letterman the video story." [39596]

On November 2 the Department of Labor reports that 171,000 jobs were added in October. The unemployment rate rises from 7.8 to 7.9 percent. (The unemployment rate was 7.8 percent when Obama entered the Oval Office. The \$830 billion stimulus legislation was supposed to reduce the unemployment rate to 5.2 percent by October 2012.) The unemployment rate for blacks rises from 13.4 to 14.3 percent; for Hispanics, the rate increases from 9.9 to 10.0 percent. The unemployment rate for government workers falls to 4.2 percent (down from 4.3 percent in September, 5.1 percent in August, and 5.7 percent in July) As of October 2012 there are about 24,000 more federal workers than in January 2009. Additionally, 9,000 mining jobs were lost in October. [39597, 39608, 39610, 39616, 39621, 39623, 39632, 39748]

Mitt Romney comments on the job report: "Today's increase in the unemployment rate is a sad reminder that the economy is at a virtual standstill. The jobless rate is higher than it was when ...Obama took office, and there are still 23 million Americans struggling for work. On Tuesday, America will make a choice between stagnation and prosperity. For four years, ...Obama's policies have crushed America's middle class. For four years, ...Obama has told us that things are getting better and that we're making progress. For too many American families, those words ring hollow. We can do better. We can have real economic growth, create millions of good-paying jobs, and give middle-class families the security and opportunity they deserve. When I'm president, I'm going to make real changes that lead to a real recovery, so that the next four years are better than the last." [39610, 39652]

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) states, "Today's job numbers make one thing clear: ...Obama's policies are moving our economy forward, creating more jobs than expected in October and more than 5 million over the past 32 months." (Reid conveniently neglected to include the job losses of the first 13 months of Obama's regime.) [39621]

At FoxNews.com Jennifer Griffin reports, “Senior counterterrorism officials felt cut out of the loop the night of the attack on the Benghazi consulate, according to emails that were shared with Fox News by military sources who are familiar with discussions of how to respond the night of the Sept. 11 attack. Top State Department officials decided not to send an interagency rapid response unit designed to respond to terrorist attacks known as a FEST team, a Foreign Emergency Support Team. This team from the State Department and CIA has a military Joint Special Operations Command element to it and has been routinely deployed to assist in investigations—for instance, after the USS Cole bombing and the bombings at the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. ... ‘The response process was isolated at the most senior level,’ according to one intelligence source. ‘Counterterrorism professionals were not consulted and a decision was taken to send the FBI on its own without the enablers that would have allowed its agents to gain access to the site in Benghazi in a timely manner.’ The FBI team did not get on the ground in Benghazi for several weeks after the attack and at that point any ‘evidence’ had been rifled through by looters and journalists.” [39657]

At Breitbart.com Tony Lee writes, “As more information comes to the light about the Obama administration's Benghazi cover-up, a former Navy SEAL officer who once took a military detachment to Libya suggests ... Obama was either AWOL—essentially an ‘empty chair’—or deliberately denied Americans under siege in Benghazi the aid they needed by not authorizing ‘cross-border authority,’ without which rescue operations could have taken place. Matt Bracken, the former SEAL, writes ‘only the president can give the order for our military to cross a nation’s border without that nation’s permission.’ He notes that Obama granted ‘cross-border authority’ [CBA] for Americans to enter Pakistani airspace to take out Osama bin Laden but, ‘in order to prevent a military rescue in Benghazi,’ all Obama had to do was not grant the authority and any rescue missions would not have been able to go forward without the CBA. As soon as terrorists attacked the U.S. consulate in Libya, dozens of headquarters—including AFRICOM and EUROCOM—are notified so they can begin their planning for rescue operations, but, as Bracken writes, ‘there is one thing they can’t do without explicit orders from the president: cross an international border on a hostile mission.’” [39694]

DailyCaller.com reports that a “successful Silicon Valley entrepreneur and a Columbia alumnus who maintains good ties with the university” learned that Obama’s grade point average was a lowly 2.6 at the school. “In 2004, after Obama’s successful speech at that year’s Democratic convention, a Columbia University official told him Barack Obama’s GPA, he explained... ‘This person told me that he [Obama] was a pre-law, poli-sci major, had a lot of incompletes, and as best could be determined after sorting through the incompletes, had a GPA of 2.6,’ said the businessman, a former Marine Corps combat veteran.” [39613]

Politico reports, “From August 27 through October 21, 71 percent of MSNBC’s coverage of Mitt Romney this year was negative, far outperforming Fox News’s negative coverage of ... Obama, which came in at 46 percent, according to a new survey by the Pew Research Center’s Project for Excellence in Journalism. The negative-to-positive ratio on MSNBC was roughly 23-to-1; the negative-to-positive ratio on Fox News was 8-to-1.

Those findings are part of PEJ's larger survey on the tone of news coverage of the 2012 presidential campaign. Both Obama and Romney received more negative than positive coverage, according to the survey. In the Aug. 27–Oct. 21 period, 19 percent of stories about Obama were favorable in tone while 30 percent were unfavorable. Fifteen percent of the stories about Romney were favorable, while 38 percent were unfavorable. Romney received more negative press prior to the Oct. 3 debate (and following the infamous '47 percent' video), Obama received more negative coverage after the Oct. 3 debate." [39618, 39619]

Attorney Orly Taitz and presidential candidate Dr. Laura Roth file a petition with the Supreme Court of California to stay the certification of the election on the basis of "one and a half million invalid voter registrations in the state of California" and "Evidence show[ing] that one of the leading candidates for the U.S. Presidency, Barack Obama, is not qualified for office, as he is a citizen of Indonesia and is using a forged birth certificate, forged Selective Service Certificate and a Social Security number which was never assigned to him as a proof of his identity and eligibility to the U.S. Presidency." [39704]

Mitt Romney and Obama are tied 48–48 in Rasmussen's Daily Presidential Tracking Poll. Romney leads 50–47 in Colorado. [39633, 39634]

In a TCJ Research poll in Florida, Romney leads Obama 52–46. [39673]

Mitt Romney, campaigning in West Allis, Wisconsin, receives the endorsement of legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr. [39636, 39647]

Obama campaigns in Springfield, Ohio. (The Hilliard, Ohio crowd is estimated at 2,800. Obama's final Ohio appearance in 2008 drew 80,000.) The motorcade passes signs that reads, "We won't stand down! Tell us the truth about Benghazi," "Benghazi cover-up," "Worse than Watergate," "You let them die," and "What are you hiding?" Obama tells his audience, "Voting's the best revenge." (Dr. Andrew G. Hodges, author of *The Obama Confession: Secret Fear, Secret Fury*, later tells WND.com, "[Obama] had to take us back to roots of his rage—the revenge anger—that secretly drives him. His powerful unconscious message was, 'In case you missed it I am one angry person and have repeatedly directed it at America.' It showed up in his debate comments (his angry facial expression/body language, his disrespectful overly aggressive attacks on Romney). It showed up in his recent U.N. speech (September 25, 2012) where he reminded us of how he secretly hated America and again unconsciously confessed to attacking our core foundations—particularly our Constitution—as an illegal president. ...His below the surface unconscious 'revenge' is a Titanic size mass of 'untrammled fury,' the exact description of his rage he presents at the very beginning of his autobiographical 'Dreams from My Father.' ...Exactly like his angry absent father who destroyed Obama's foundation, he repeats the deed, reenacts his trauma by his attempt to tear down the presidency.") [39637, 39638, 39650, 39651, 39656, 39684, 39685, 39692, 39693, 39793]

Obama political strategist David Axelrod tells reporters, “I’ve known [Obama] for 20 years. We’ve worked closely for 10 years. I’ve never seen him more exhilarated than he is right now. He believes in what he’s doing. He believes in what he’s fighting for. You can see in the speech that he’s delivering that he, that this is coming from his loins. ...I just wanted to say loins. I wanted to see if I could get loins in the story.” [39671, 39672]

Michelle Obama campaigns at two all-black colleges in Virginia. (Rush Limbaugh asks, “The weekend before the election, what in the world is the first lady doing at all black colleges? Shouldn’t that sort have been sewn up by now? So when you see that, folks, when you see something like that, you think, ‘Well, they’ve gotta go out there and fire up the base. They don’t even have that.’ Their enthusiasm just isn’t quite there.”) [39650]

Joe Biden tells a campaign audience, “I tell you what, there’s never been a day in the last four years I’ve been proud to be his vice president—not one single day.” [39640, 39649, 39659]

At the University of Florida, Sandra Fluke campaigns for Obama—speaking to a “crowd” of about 40 students. [39641]

The Ulsterman Report again hears from the White House insider, who states, “My work is all but done, so now just like you and a whole lot of others, I’m going into watch and wait mode. That said, here’s how I see Tuesday’s vote playing out based on a combination of first person knowledge of the ground game, a hell of a lot of experience, and just plain old gut feeling. You asked for a breakdown of my thoughts, so here it is. Going to focus on the swing states and a surprise win for the governor [Romney] I told you about before.” [39648]

The insider covers key states, like Virginia: “We got 13 electorals [electoral votes] up for grabs to get the night rolling. Romney takes it by about 60–70 thousand votes. [Governor Bob] McDonnell has done some very solid work for us in the state and that has been a big advantage. [39648]

Pennsylvania: “Some major trending for the governor right now that is being totally under-reported by the media. Some counties looking like they will be upwards of 70% Romney. Numbers will be played tight via media reports during early hours of election night, but watch for a call by around 8:30 or so for the governor. And that my friend, is when the entire liberal establishment really starts to do the backside pucker. The campaign is leaving off Nevada in favor of Pennsylvania this weekend. Much bigger prize. Romney by upwards of 200 thousand votes. Something a lot of the pundits and pollsters are leaving out on the coverage of Pennsylvania is Governor [Tom] Corbett. He’s been a major player in that state’s power structure for some time, and was a very popular Attorney General there before winning election as governor in 2010. He knows how to defeat Democrats, been doing it for the last couple decades. Beat his Dem opponent in 2010 by almost 10 points. Great ground game and that will pay dividends for us on Tuesday.” [39648]

North Carolina: “Romney. Early call.” [39648]

Florida: “Romney wins this by about 100,000 votes. The Jewish and Cuban votes are putting him well over the top here. Florida is always a big win for the one who gets it, and this time it’s the governor’s.” [39648]

Wisconsin: “Like McDonnell in Virginia, [Governor Scott] Walker has really helped with the ground game structure in Wisconsin. Incredible work due largely to that structure already being in place for the recent recall vote. Huge pick-up for the governor. The beginning of the ‘turn out the lights’ moment for the Obama campaign. Romney by 30,000 votes which is a huge reversal from 2008. Something interesting has been happening in Wisconsin the last couple years. Major shift toward conservatism.” [39648]

Iowa: “Romney is going to sneak this one out by maybe 5–10 thousand votes. Very tight race. Good news is, we don’t need the state. A pick-up here is a bonus.” [39648]

Colorado: “By now the country will have a very good idea we have elected a new president. Romney will take Colorado by upwards of a 100,000 votes. Maybe a bit more. Like Wisconsin, a big shift away from the 2008 Obama numbers.” [39648]

Oregon: “This is my ‘you gotta be crazy, call but I mentioned it to you before and I’m sticking to it. The most recent poll out there had Obama up six. That poll was a small sample though, and half that sample came from residents of Portland. The real deal is this, the state is basically split between the two candidates and has a huge percentage of undecideds who in the end will break for the governor. A late night shocker that will give the governor the ability to call this a mandate election.” (In August 2011 *The Obama Timeline* suggested that Oregon was moving away from Obama.) [39648]

The insider continues, “Now you probably see I haven’t mentioned Ohio. A couple reasons. Don’t trust the voting out there. I know things can be rigged there more than other states with very few exceptions (Nevada). That’s just the facts. The Romney team has done a good job of trying to stay ahead of that possibility so I’m hoping for the best but my gut says prepare for the worst. Good news is that Ohio is shaping up to be a state we won’t need if my Pennsylvania prediction holds up. If the governor takes Pennsylvania and Ohio, we got our electoral landslide. My numbers right now, with all the data I’ve compiled, all my experience, and that gut feeling I told you about, has the governor circling about 300 electorals on Tuesday with the chance for a bit more than that if trending really pops for us in the final 48 like we saw happen for Reagan back in ’80. Now try and enjoy the weekend. Actually, I’ll end with this and I really mean it here. Know I’ve said it already but want to repeat it. If Barack Obama is re-elected on Tuesday they stole it. There is no way my straight up numbers are that off. They will have stolen this election. Buried votes, multiple counts, all of that will have been done and to such a degree they risk exposure. But they might be willing to risk it. Ok, that probably doesn’t leave you in the right frame of mind to enjoy your weekend but wanted to say it again. Don’t underestimate the Romney team here though. They have been notified multiple times about this stuff and have the resources to make that kind of stealing much more

difficult than previous elections. So while it's a concern, it's not something I'm losing sleep over. Not that I sleep much anyways these days. How about by around 10:00 on Tuesday the drinks are on me? I'm more sure than not you'll be in the mood for some celebration. That's my call." [39648]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Michael Barone's election day predictions mirror those of the White House insider, with the exception of Oregon. [39663, 39677]

At DailyCaller.com Republican media consultant Michael J. Hudome predicts that Mitt Romney will win Pennsylvania, and the election: "Despite all the hype, it's going to be a short election night. The Keystone State is the key reason. Pennsylvania will go for Governor Mitt Romney. Reasonable prognosticators—and even the MSNBC crowd—will realize once the results are in from Pennsylvania that the other three time zones won't matter." [39679]

The New York City marathon is canceled after public outrage over the diversion of resources that would have been required for the event. (It did not take long for New Yorkers to mockingly call the marathon "the race through the ruins.") [39664]

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) says, "Mitt Romney's fantasy that Senate Democrats will work with him to pass his 'severely conservative' agenda is laughable. In fact, Mitt Romney's Tea Party agenda has already been rejected in the Senate. In the past few months, we have voted down many of the major policies that Mitt Romney has run on, from the Ryan plan to end Medicare as we know it, to the Blunt Amendment to deny women access to contraception, to more tax giveaways for millionaires and billionaires, to a draconian spending plan that would gut critical services for seniors and the most vulnerable Americans. Mitt Romney has demonstrated that he lacks the courage to stand up to the Tea Party, kowtowing to their demands time and again. There is nothing in Mitt Romney's record to suggest he would act any differently as president. As governor of Massachusetts, he had a terrible relationship with Democrats, cordoning himself off behind a velvet rope instead of reaching out to build relationships. And in the near-decade that Mitt Romney has spent running for president, both his words and his actions have shown that pleasing the far right is more important to him than working across the aisle. Senate Democrats are committed to defending the middle class, and we will do everything in our power to defend them against Mitt Romney's Tea Party agenda." Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus responds, "While Senator Reid might want to continue Washington politics as usual, I'm confident that there are many Democrats who value balancing the budget, reducing burdensome regulations, investing in U.S. energy resources and will be willing to work with Governor Romney to help grow our stagnant economy." [39660, 39661, 39662]

The American Red Cross runs a one-minute television ad featuring Obama calling for disaster-relief donations for the organization. At Townhall.com Ron Meyer, of American Majority Action, writes, "The ad sounds harmless, but giving [Obama] free, positive airtime this close to the election can and will affect this race—especially when [Obama] snuck in some campaign language. ... But the specific language isn't the problem. It's the

paid-for airtime—which might as well be an endorsement—for ...Obama. Red Cross is one of the most respected 501(c)3 charities in the nation, and implied support from them would help any candidate this close to an election. Under IRS rules, charities must not appear to help any candidates for office, but this ad seemingly crosses that line.” (American Red Cross is less respected than it has been in the past, as people learn of the exorbitant salary paid its CEO and the high ratio of overhead to distributed benefits. The Salvation Army and various veterans organizations have a much higher percentage of donated dollars going to needy Americans.) [39676]

In Etna, Ohio, CNN reporter Jim Acosta attempts to film a report while Senator Ron Portman (R-OH) addresses a pro-Romney crowd. According to RedAlertPolitics.com, “After Acosta rudely taped several takes of himself talking about Ohio voters, several crowd members near the camera stand began shouting, ‘Benghazi!’ When [Acosta’s] talking became so loud that no one in the vicinity could hear what Portman was saying, almost everyone surrounding the camera stand joined in, telling him to either stop talking or start talking about Benghazi. ‘We have reported on it extensively!’ Acosta yelled back at the Romney supporters. ‘No you haven’t!’ an older man yelled back at him. After being hounded by the group Acosta, who looked put off, relented and left the stand entirely.” [39669]

Breitbart.com reports, “From September to October, Pew [polls] found that Romney scored a 15-point gain on foreign policy issues. Romney’s foreign policy surge has been so dramatic that on Wednesday the *New York Times* sought to slow his momentum by blurring ...Obama’s and Mr. Romney’s positions in an article titled ‘Two Candidates, One Foreign Policy.’” [39690]

On *Hannity*, Charles Krauthammer says, “Obama, in my mind, is the luckiest politician that I’ve ever seen. Part of his rise, in the Senate races, there’s a long history of that, sort of the unusual things happening that paved the way for him. Here he is, I’d go back to Monday of this week—Romney’s on a roll, he’s increasing slightly every day, his lead, in the national polls, catching up in the swing states, and then [Hurricane] Sandy hits. First of all, it freezes the race. Second of all, it monopolizes the news so nothing else comes out. And, inevitably, you get to play commander in chief, you get to be in the [White House] situation room—of course, he wasn’t on Libya but that’s another issue—and then, of course, he gets to stand out there with the governor of New Jersey, a Republican, so he can now play bipartisan, where he’s run the most partisan administration probably in the last 50 years. So he gets all of those images that are transmitted, priceless stuff, that you couldn’t possibly get in advertising, and then there’s a subliminal thing—which is [that] in a disaster the party of government has the upper hand. If there’s anything that we need government for, it’s war, national emergencies, domestic and foreign. So it gives this aura, ‘Well, government, you know, perhaps it’s the thing we need.’ And then... the first three days of a disaster, that’s the solidarity phase. That’s the phase when everybody’s looking really good. And then he takes off, and of course now is the pain phase. This is inevitable. There’s a huge disaster, the government *cannot* do everything it promises. But the question is, will this be local coverage, which I suspect it will, and will the national media fly off to Vegas with [Obama], which I think they’re gonna do? ...The national

media are so invested in this guy, they are gonna do everything they can to drag him over the finish line and if they have to ignore this they will ignore it the way they've ignored Benghazi. Now, you can't ignore it completely, but it's not gonna get the blanket coverage that the feel-good stuff got last week." Krauthammer's election prediction: "Romney, very close, but he'll win the popular [vote] by I think about half a point, electoral college probably [by] a very narrow margin." [39674]

An estimated 30,000 supporters attend a Romney-Ryan campaign rally in West Chester, Ohio. Entertainment includes Kid Rock. In attendance: Senator John McCain (R-AZ), former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, Texas Governor Rick Perry, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Senator John Thune (R-SD), Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), former Minnesota senator Norm Coleman, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus, Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT), former Alabama congressman Artur Davis, Olympic champion speed skater Derek Parra, Olympic champion figure skater Scott Hamilton; and champion golfer Jack Nicklaus. Giuliani says, "[Obama] has been a disaster. ...He doesn't want a second term, he wants a second chance because he screwed it up the first time," and "When Romney is elected, we'll have a Vice President that actually can remember what state he's in." Romney tells the crowd, "I'm not just going to take office on January 20. I'm going to take responsibility for that office as well." "Today ...[Obama] asked his supporters to vote for revenge—for revenge. Instead, I ask the American people to vote for love of country." (On MSNBC, Alex Wagner and Chris Matthews suggest that Romney's response to Obama's revenge comment is racist.) [39601, 39665, 39666, 39667, 39670, 39675, 39680, 39688, 39689, 39745, 39749, 39777]

On his HBO program *Real Time*, Bill Maher says, "So I would just like to say for anyone thinking about voting for Mitt Romney, if that's who you are, if you're thinking about voting for—I'd like to make this one plea: black people know who you are and they will come after you." [39678]

On November 3 Mitt Romney is endorsed by Gigi Georges—a former aide to both Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton. Georges states, "For most of my life, I've been an active Democrat. I am proud to have worked for President Bill Clinton and then-Senator Hillary Clinton, and, during that time, I saw firsthand what can be accomplished by strong, bipartisan leadership. I know what it means to work across the aisle on issues that are important to the American people. And that's why I am supporting Mitt Romney. Governor Romney has a plan to restore the prosperity this country deserves and expects. He will work with people of good will no matter what their party, and he will pursue the policies that are in the best interest of our country, no matter who proposes them. That's what ...Obama promised to do four years ago. But like so many of his promises, bipartisan cooperation is just another one he has broken. We can't have four more years of failed policies and two parties that can't work together. We need the change Mitt Romney is offering." BredRed.com notes, "For people in New York politics, Georges, who now lives in Boston, is a familiar name and face—she was also the executive

director of the state Democracy Party when Clinton was in office.” [39681, 39698, 39709, 39714]

Breitbart.com reports that the Obama administration waited until November 2—four days after the storm hit—for FEMA “to solicit bids for vendors to provide bottled water for distribution to Hurricane Sandy victims... sending out a solicitation request for 2.3 million gallons of bottled water at the FedBizOpps.gov website. ...Breitbart News spoke with contracting officer Annette Wright, who said that the winning vendor would be required to deliver the 2.3 million gallons of bottled water to an East Farmingdale, New York distribution center that was listed in the solicitation request by Monday, November 5th. Ms. Wright was unable to say when or how the water would be delivered from the distribution center to needy Hurricane Sandy victims in New Jersey, Staten Island, Long Island, and other boroughs of New York City. Vendors ‘are currently being evaluated,’ she said, and when the vendors are announced, they will provide information on how local distribution will occur.” [39682]

Mitt Romney campaigns in Pennsylvania. [39683]

Public Policy Polling shows Obama ahead of Romney 49–48... but had to shift its weighting from D+6 to D+7 to put him ahead. An NBC/WJS/Marist poll shows Obama leading Romney 51–45 in Ohio, but uses a D/R/I of 38/29/32 that laughably assumes an even greater Democrat turnout for Obama in the state than there was in 2008. (HotAir.com remarks, “This poll isn’t worth spending any more time analyzing.”) [39686, 39687]

Cleveland.com reports, “Legendary performer Stevie Wonder this morning expressed his love for Cleveland during a get-out-the-vote rally at Cleveland State University. His love went largely unrequited. Fewer than 200 people showed up to watch Wonder perform a handful of his hits at the early voting event in support of ...Obama. ...Obama for America Ohio, which hosted the rally, informed its nearly 34,000 followers on Twitter about the event...” (Whether Wonder may have been told the crowd was much larger is not known.) [39695, 39696]

A crowd of only 4,000 greets Obama for a rally in Mentor, Ohio—slightly less than John McCain’s audience days before the 2008 election. [39697]

A “National Dance for Obama Day” get-out-the-vote event in New York City attracts about one dozen dancers—and a few amused onlookers. [39724]

At a campaign stop in Virginia where both Bill Clinton and Obama appear, *The Washington Examiner’s* Charles Spiering reports a “steady stream of cold people trotting towards the exit in the middle of Obama’s speech.” [39733]

Obama tells reporters, “There is nothing more important than us getting this right. And we’re going to spend as much time, effort and energy as necessary to make sure all the

people of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut know that the entire country is behind them in this difficult recovery effort.” (He then refuses to take questions.) [39700]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Nearly 500 former military admirals and generals are poised to endorse Mitt Romney, the *Washington Free Beacon* has learned. The group will post a full page ad in the *Washington Times* on Monday [November 5]. The advertisement will have the headline, ‘We, the undersigned, proudly support Governor Mitt Romney as our nation’s next President and Commander-in-Chief,’ followed by the names of the former military commanders. A spokesman for the group emphasized its independence from the official campaign. The Romney campaign has not sanctioned this ad buy, a spokesman said, and the members of the group are paying the fee themselves.” [39701, 39756, 39759]

Mitt Romney leads Obama 46–45 percent in a Minnesota poll by NMB Research. Romney leads 49–36 among independents. Pollster Glen Bolger states, “Minnesota is very much a battleground state due the low minority population of the state and ...Obama’s problems with white voters. Romney has a good chance to pull off one of the biggest upsets of the election cycle in this state.” [39702, 39703]

The liberal *New York Daily News*, which endorsed Obama in 2008, endorses Mitt Romney for president in 2012. “Four years ago, the Daily News endorsed Obama, seeing a historic figure whose intelligence, political skills and empathy with common folk positioned him to build on the small practical experience he would bring to the world’s toughest job. We valued Obama’s pledge to govern with bold pragmatism and bipartisanship. The hopes of those days went unfulfilled. Aching slow job creation has left the U.S. with 4.3 million fewer positions than provided incomes to Americans in 2007. Half the new jobs have been part-time, lower-wage slots, a trend that has ruinously sped a hollowing of the middle class. The official unemployment rate stands at 7.9%, marking only the second month below 8% after 43 months above that level. Worse, add people who are working part-time because they have no better choice and the rate leaps to almost 15%. Still worse, add 8 million people who have given up looking for employment and the number who are out of jobs or who are cobbling together hours to scrape by hits some 23 million people. Only America’s social safety net, record deficits and the Federal Reserve’s unprecedented low-interest policies have kept the label Great Depression II on the shelf. ...The regrettable truth is that Obama built a record of miscalculations and missed opportunities. ...Offering a rosy vision of a country already on the rise, Obama argues that he would lead a resurgence by staying the course. He posits that spending in areas such as education and clean energy would be beneficial, and he sees raising taxes on high-income earners as key to ‘balanced’ deficit reduction. Each on its own is attractive, but the whole comes up short. The presidential imperative of the times is to energize the economy and get deficits under control to empower the working and middle classes to again enjoy the fruits of an ascendant America. So The News is compelled to stand with Romney.” [39708]

The liberal Long Island newspaper *Newsday* endorses Romney, writing, “Had Barack Obama done the job of president with the same passion and vision he displayed in

seeking it, he would likely deserve another term. He did not. Against this we must weigh Mitt Romney, an imperfect candidate but one who has a special track record too. From his creation of a vast personal fortune to his successful stewardship of the threatened Salt Lake City Olympics to his governing of Massachusetts, Romney's life is a tale of success after success, many of them achieved in difficult circumstances. Romney's potential to put America back to work earns him our endorsement. ...Although he was elected in a time of economic turmoil, Ronald Reagan's greatest achievement wasn't his tax plan or his economic theories. His success came from emotional leadership, the ability to bring us together and reignite our confidence in the virtues and future of the nation. This is what FDR did. It is this that Barack Obama has failed to do. Elected with a significant mandate and his party briefly in control of both houses of the Congress, Obama squandered the support of the nation. *Newsday* endorses Romney." [39720, 39721]

New Hampshire's *Union Leader* endorses Mitt Romney for president: "...Obama has spent the last four years trying to borrow and spend the nation's way out of a crisis that was caused by excessive borrowing and spending. He claims that the only way out is to spend more. He says he will pay for it by raising taxes on the rich. But the tax hikes he proposes raise only a tiny fraction of the spending he already has budgeted. Obama's 2013 budget would produce a stunning and reckless \$25 trillion in federal debt by 2022—according to the White House's own projections! Only Mitt Romney offers a way out of this destructive cycle. Unlike both George W. Bush and Barack Obama, Romney would combine real pro-growth tax reform with real and responsible spending cuts. ...Unlike Obama, Romney understands that the American economy thrives on freedom. The United States did not become the most affluent nation in the history of the world because we built roads and bridges. Every developed nation has those. It was because we were the most free. Only in America did the government leave the people alone to do as they please as long as they did not infringe upon the rights of others. That freedom unleashed the ingenuity that created America's astounding prosperity. Obama has failed because he believes that American prosperity is created at the direction of a powerful central government. He has spent four years restricting freedom and enlarging the power of the state. Romney would restore our prosperity by reversing the debt-fueled state growth ruinously pursued by the previous two Presidents. Economic data show that Americans have spent the last four years increasing their savings and reducing their debt. [Obama] has done the opposite. Mitt Romney proposes recovering from the recession in the same way American households have—by budgeting responsibly and planning for a future in which we are again prosperous and free of the burden of crushing debt. Only Mitt Romney offers us this course. For the sake of our country and our children, we must take it." [39712]

At Terrible Truth, Martha Trowbridge suggests that photographs from the Democrat National Convention reveal "...physical trauma to [Michelle Obama's] left clavicle, left scapula, and possibly to her neck, left shoulder and center back." Trowbridge notes what looks like a "deeply furrowed, vertical wound on her left scapula [shoulder blade] and what appears to be swelling surrounding it." [39705]

NewsBusters.org reports that New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg “has snubbed Borough President [Marty] Markowitz’s impassioned plea to bring the National Guard to Hurricane Sandy-scarred Brooklyn—arguing that approving the ...request would be a waste of federal manpower and turn the borough into a police state. ‘We don’t need it,’ Mayor Bloomberg said on Wednesday during a press update on the city’s ongoing Hurricane Sandy cleanup. ‘The NYPD is the only people we want on the street with guns.’” (The anti-gun Bloomberg is apparently giving looters a green light.) [39737, 39738, 39755]

On November 4 Detroit’s Fox 2 News reports that a poll conducted by Foster McCollum White Baydoun shows Mitt Romney and Obama tied 46–46 in Michigan. (The D/R/I is 44/35/21. It also assumes a ridiculous 17.5 turnout of black voters, who made up only 12 percent of the Michigan vote in 2008.) [39706, 39707, 39736]

On *Meet the Press*, NBC’s Savannah Guthrie says, “When you have a race this tight, a thing like a Hurricane can move the needle. In the last three or four weeks of the campaign, I don’t think [Obama] had been going out of his way to appeal to independents whatsoever. Here was a moment, handed to him seemingly from above, where he could look like that strong, independent, steady-in-the-storm—very appealing to middle-of-the-road voters and, I might add, unmarried women voters who are going to be very key in this election.” (Why Obama’s 90-minute tour of storm damage in New Jersey would be particularly meaningful to “unmarried women voters” is not explained.) Host David Gregory plugs the National Geographic Channel’s airing of a pro-Obama movie about the killing of Osama bin Laden. [39722]

On ABC’s *This Week*, columnist George Will predicts a Romney landslide, with 321 electoral votes to Obama’s 217. “I’m projecting Minnesota to go for Romney. Now, that’s the only state that’s voted democratic in nine consecutive elections, but this year, there’s a marriage amendment on the ballot that will bring out the evangelicals and I think [that] could make the difference.” [39726]

CNBC stock analyst Jim Cramer predicts an Obama landslide, with 440 electoral votes for Obama to Romney’s 98. [39761]

On CNN’s *State of the Union*, Candy Crowley, interviewing Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), says, “You have in Ohio a jobless rate that is better than the nationwide jobless rate, and you have an auto bailout that [Obama] put in place that’s highly popular. What is it in this state that makes you think that President Romney, uh, sorry, Governor Romney can overcome those particular statistics and the feel of the voters?” Portman replies, “I like your Freudian slip on President Romney. That sounded good.” [39731]

In Pennsylvania, Obama and Romney are tied 47–47, according to a poll conducted by Susquehanna Polling & Research. (The poll’s D/R/I weighting is 44/37/19, which is similar to the 2008 turnout.) [39711, 39713, 39736]

Romney leads Obama 52–43 in a Rasmussen poll in Indiana. Romney leads 53–43 in Montana. (Why Rasmussen wasted time and money polling in Indiana and Montana is not known.) [39715, 39716]

Obama leads 50–48 in an Ohio poll conducted for the *Columbia Dispatch*. (The poll has a D+4 weighting.) [39718]

Romney and Obama are tied 47–47 in New Hampshire’s WMUR Granite State Poll. [39725]

Nationally, Obama and Romney are tied 49–49 in Rasmussen’s daily poll. [39717]

Obama campaigns in New Hampshire, Florida, Ohio and Colorado. Mitt Romney campaigns in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio, and Virginia. (An estimated 30,000 attend Romney’s Pennsylvania rally.) [39710, 39742, 39746]

Douglas L. Wilder, a Democrat and former governor of Virginia—who also happens to be black—declines to endorse Obama. (Although he does not officially endorse Romney, in his Reuters article Wilder calls him “a credible candidate that many Virginians tell me they would feel fairly comfortable with in the Oval Office.”) [39719, 39760]

Madison’s liberal *Wisconsin State Journal* endorses Mitt Romney. “This is not an easy endorsement to make. We endorsed Obama for change last time around. Now we’re endorsing change again: Mitt Romney.” [39723]

In New York, Long Island’s *Jewish Star* endorses Mitt Romney. The editorial states, “This may seem a bit crass but there is no other way to put it. Any Jew who believes in the State of Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish State but votes for Barack Obama on November 6th, is committing Jew-i-cide because his election will lead to many unnecessary deaths in Israel, they way his actions Libya has lead to four unnecessary deaths in Benghazi. Obama’s bad positions on Israel and terrorism during his first term will only worsen in a second when he would no longer need financial support from major Jewish donors and electoral support from Jewish voters. Just like he told Russian President Medvedev, Obama will have more flexibility in a second term.” [39732]

Breitbart.com reports, “Two immigrants who are not citizens—and thus not eligible to vote—have accused a Nevada Culinary Union of registering them to vote and then threatening them with deportation if they did not go to the polls. Even worse, the immigrants say there are more like them who are illicitly registered and may be casting ballots in one of the most critical swing states in the 2012 election due to Nevada’s lax voter identification laws that do not require voters to provide photo IDs or prove citizenship.” [39727]

TheBlaze.com posts video and audio recording of Reverend Jeremiah Wright’s “Audacity to Hope” sermon that influenced Obama. [39763]

Examiner.com reports, “[T]he GOP has closed the huge gap in absentee ballot requests used by early voters that favored the Democrats and [Obama] in 2008, setting up what one state analyst said could be a Mitt Romney blowout on Election Day. While in 2008, 33 percent of the 1,158,301 absentee ballots went to Democrats and just 19 percent to registered Republicans, a 14-point gap, this year 29 percent are being requested by Democrats and 24 percent by Republicans, a five-point gap.” Republicans are usually heavy voters on election day, while Democrats are typically early voters. In 2008 John McCain made up more than two-thirds of the 14-point gap on election day, losing the state by four points. Therefore, Mitt Romney does not even have to do as well as McCain on election day to defeat Obama in Ohio. On *Fox News Sunday*, Chris Wallace brings the figures to the attention of Obama campaign strategist David Axelrod: the combination of reduced Democrat absentee and early voting and increased Republican voting gives Obama about 263,000 fewer votes than he had in 2008. Axelrod remarks, “Well, I’ll tell you what, Chris, we’ll know in two days what the... what... what the... who is... who is, uh, bluffing and who is not bluffing.” [39728, 39734]

WND.com reports, “Documents obtained by former Muslim Brotherhood member Walid Shoebat reportedly demonstrate the Obama administration is to blame for the deaths of Americans in the Benghazi consulate attack because it effectively empowered the Islamic terrorist organization al-Qaida to take over governance of Libya. Shoebat reports a group of anti-al-Qaida Libyans in exile have come into possession of some highly classified documents that, in their view, ‘will bring the Obama Administration down.’ ‘Obama gift-wrapped Libya, handed it over to al-Qaida,’ the group asserts, ‘and we can prove it.’ The group has already provided the copy of a letter that, as WND reported, suggests the Obama administration approved assigning a member of al-Qaida to handle security at the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli. ‘The rest [of the documents],’ Shoebat’s sources say, ‘will be provided when Mitt Romney is in office. His election is our only hope for humanity.’” [39729]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports that the Environmental Protection Agency is planning on imposing major anti-coal regulations at the end of November—after the election but before the next president takes office. According to Conn Carroll, “More than 50 EPA staff are now crashing to finish greenhouse gas emission standards that would essentially ban all construction of new coal-fired power plants. Never before have so many EPA resources been devoted to a single regulation. The independent and non-partisan Manhattan Institute estimates that the EPA’s greenhouse gas coal regulation will cost the U.S. economy \$700 billion. The rush is a major sign of panic by environmentalists inside the Obama administration. If Obama wins, the EPA would have another four full years to implement their anti-fossil fuel agenda. But if Romney wins, regulators will have a very narrow window to enact a select few costly regulations that would then be very hard for a President Romney to undo.” [39730, 39754]

The Illinois Republican Party reports that early and absentee ballot votes counts are down 57 percent from 2008—from 564,666 to 241,296. Party chairman Pat Brady tells *WeeklyStandard.com*, “Chicago is the heart and soul of the Democratic Party. You can’t

get much more solid blue than Chicago and of course it's [Obama's] home base—literally. If voter participation in [his] home base is down 57 percent from four years ago, [Obama] is in serious trouble nationally.” [39735]

At WND.com Major General Patrick Brady (retired) writes, “In response to the horrible abandonment of dying Americans in Benghazi, Defense Secretary Panetta said: ‘(The) basic principle is that you don’t deploy forces into harm’s way without knowing what’s going on; without having some real-time information about what’s taking place.’ On its face, that is a remarkable, indeed incomprehensible, change from America’s doctrine in past wars. By that standard, there would have been no Normandy or Inchon. In fact, I can’t think of a war we fought in which we didn’t go into harm’s way without real-time information or to save lives—something [Obama] refused to do in Benghazi. ...[Obama] has a dearth of understanding of our military and military matters. We hear he is uncomfortable in the presence of ranking military and seldom meets with them. He is not a person who can make decisions, and he takes an extraordinary amount of time to do so, leading to such unseemly labels for a commander in chief as ‘ditherer in chief.’ ...Obama may have set records for voting ‘present’ on important issues. He cowers from crisis decisions. He is a politician who thinks only in terms of votes and his image. Although I was a psychology major back in the day (I’d love to hear a professional analyze risk and Obama), I won’t try to define his insides, but I believe he is risk-averse—fearful of risk—and that is the basis of the Obama-Panetta doctrine. ...And Obama’s terror of risk contributed to the massacre of Americans by terrorists in Benghazi. We hear that [he] did not even convene the Counterterrorism Security Group while the Benghazi terrorist massacre was visually and verbally available in real time. That is like ignoring FEMA during Hurricane Sandy. But once you bring in a group labeled anti-terrorist, you have to acknowledge terror exists, something [Obama] is loath to do. My veteran friends are horrified by the Obama-Panetta doctrine. At least 359 retired flag officers support Mitt Romney—only five that I know of support Obama. Some 150 former prisoners of war also support Romney; I know of none who support Obama. America needs to listen to these veterans. They understand leadership. They know how to deal with risk in war. They would not want this man with them in combat or crisis. They never left a needy comrade behind. Obama did.” [39740]

On November 5 Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson comments on the final national poll by CNN/ORC, which resulted in a 49–49 tie—and used an absurd D+11 weighting to keep Obama from falling behind. (The survey’s D/R/I is an unsupportable 41/30/29.) Benson writes, “This [poll] assumes Democrats will improve upon their extraordinary 2008 turnout by four percentage points. There’s a word for this. It’s ‘ludicrous.’ CNN’s previous national poll gave Obama a three-point lead, so it suggests the GOP nominee is gaining steam. In light of the mind-blowing sample, how is the race even close, let alone tied?” Among independents Romney leads Obama 59–37 in the poll, which certainly suggests a Romney victory—unless Republicans decide to stay home on election day. (Clearly, *if* Democrat turnout is greater than in 2008 and 11 points greater than Republican turnout Mitt Romney will lose. But that 11-point assumption is inconsistent with his huge advantage among independents. If Romney wins independents by 10+ points, he will be elected. Additionally, according to an October Rasmussen

poll, 39 percent of the electorate consider themselves Republicans while only 33 percent label themselves Democrats—yet the CNN/ORC poll believes 41 percent of election day turnout will be Democrat and only 30 percent Republican, even though virtually every poll shows greater voter enthusiasm among Republicans.) The CNN/ORC poll *also* shows that one percent of Republicans surveyed plan on voting for Obama, while five percent of Democrats plan on voting for Romney. If Romney picks up a strong majority of the independents and five percent of the Democrat votes, he will defeat Obama. In a USA Today poll, Obama and Romney are tied 48–48. [39742, 39743, 39744, 39751, 39753, 39769, 39770, 39823]

Obama and Mitt Romney are tied 49–49 in a Rasmussen poll in Ohio. A University of Cincinnati Ohio poll shows Obama leading 50–48. [39752]

Nationally, Romney leads Obama 49–48 in Rasmussen’s daily poll. [39762]

Romney leads Obama 49–48 in Gallup’s final poll. [39765, 39778]

Obama leads Romney 51–45 in an NBC/WJS/Marist poll of likely voters in Ohio. The D/R/I is an unlikely 38/29/32. [39758]

While 1.9 million customers remain without electrical power in New York, New Jersey, and other northeastern states as a result of Hurricane Sandy, and as many as 40,000 people are homeless, Obama campaigns with Jay-Z and Bruce Springsteen. [39750, 39757]

Mediaite.com reports that while performing his song “99 Problems” for Obama’s Ohio event, rapper Jay-Z inserted the name “Mitt” in place of the lyric “bitch.” [39783]

In Columbus, Ohio Obama addresses a rally in Columbus, Ohio. Despite entertainment by Jay-Z and Bruce Springsteen and free tickets, Nationwide Arena is only about half-full. [39784, 39785, 39786, 39878]

Jay-Z and Bruce Springsteen also join Obama in Madison, Wisconsin and entertain a crowd of 18,000—far less than the 70,000–80,000 a John Kerry/Springsteen event drew in the closing days of the 2004 campaign. (Springsteen can easily attract more than 18,000 fans to concerts for which they have to pay.) Obama tells his supporters, “We tried our ideas. They worked. The economy grew. We created jobs. Deficits went down. We tried their ideas. They didn’t work. The economy didn’t grow, not as many jobs, and the deficit went up. But here’s the thing. Governor Romney’s a very talented salesman, and in this campaign he’s tried as hard as he can to repackaging the same old bad ideas and make ‘em out to be new ideas and try to convince you that he’s all about change.” (Even Obama’s most fervent supporters might not believe his deficit-reduction lie.) [39764, 39772]

Michelle Obama campaigns in North Carolina. [39771]

At WeeklyStandard.com Fred Barnes predicts a Romney victory based on voter enthusiasm, a strong Republican get-out-the-vote effort or “ground game,” a likely advantage with undecided voters, economic issues that concern voters, and strong voting blocs (senior citizens, married voters, weekly church attendees, white evangelicals, gun owner householders, suburban voters, Catholics, and middle class voters). [39766]

According to TheBlaze.com, a “very solid source” in Chicago has told author Brad Thor “...that the Obama campaign may be planning to preemptively announce victory in the presidential election based on early voting numbers in an attempt to ‘demoralize Mitt Romney supporters.’ ...Thor says the Obama campaign is looking to make it appear to voters that they have ‘this thing sewed up and are less than 24 hours to victory,’ according to his source. ... ‘They are so invested in Obama,’ Thor said of the media. ‘I don’t see how any truth loving person could look to the mainstream media ever again. This election should be the final nail in the coffin with the mainstream media.’” [39767]

In *The Wall Street Journal* Peggy Noonan predicts a Romney win and writes, “Something old is roaring back. One of the Romney campaign’s surrogates, who appeared at a rally with him the other night, spoke of the intensity and joy of the crowd ‘I worked the rope line, people wouldn’t let go of my hand.’ It startled him. A former political figure who’s been in Ohio told me this morning something is moving with evangelicals, other church-going Protestants and religious Catholics. He said what’s happening with them is quiet, unreported and spreading: They really want Romney now, they’ll go out and vote, the election has taken on a new importance to them. There is no denying the Republicans have the passion now, the enthusiasm. The Democrats do not. Independents are breaking for Romney. And there’s the thing about the yard signs. In Florida a few weeks ago I saw Romney signs, not Obama ones. From Ohio I hear the same. From tony Northwest Washington, D.C., I hear the same. Is it possible this whole thing is playing out before our eyes and we’re not really noticing because we’re too busy looking at data on paper instead of what’s in front of us? Maybe that’s the real distortion of the polls this year: They left us discounting the world around us. And there is Obama, out there seeming tired and wan, showing up through sheer self discipline. ...Of all people, Obama would know if he is in trouble. ...He read the field perfectly in 2008. He would know if he’s losing now, and it would explain his joylessness on the stump. He is out there doing what he has to to fight the fight. But he’s still trying to fire up the base when he ought to be wooing the center and speaking their calm centrist talk. His crowds haven’t been big. His people have struggled to fill various venues. ... ‘Voting’s the best revenge’—revenge against who, and for what? This is not a man who feels himself on the verge of a grand victory. His campaign doesn’t seem president-sized. It is small and sad and lost, driven by formidable will and zero joy. I suspect both Romney and Obama have a sense of what’s coming, and it’s part of why Romney looks so peaceful and Obama so roiled.” [39768]

On Fox News, former New York City mayor Rudi Giuliani says, “The response [to Hurricane Sandy] since the time [Obama] got all this praise and credit and press ops has

been abysmal. FEMA is as much a failure now as at the time of Katrina. ...It's quite obvious they didn't pre-plan for water, they didn't pre-plan for the generators, they didn't pre-plan for the gasoline. ...[Obama] getting all this credit so early, maybe the first day or two he was paying attention, but the minute he got his credit, the minute he got his pat on his back, we had the same situation as we had in Benghazi. He loses focus. He goes back to being campaigner-in-chief rather than commander-in-chief." [39773]

A clothing store in Des Moines, Iowa plans for an Obama rally by placing a sign in the window that reads, "Secret Service: We do not consent to our store being searched. It's not that there's anything illegal in here, we just employ several Columbian prostitutes and don't want to tempt you guys." According to Yahoo News, "The Obama campaign was not amused. A store clerk [said] that the sign went up Monday morning, and Obama staffers have asked for its removal. The store is refusing." [39774]

Massive crowds greet Mitt Romney in Lynchburg and Fairfax, Virginia. The Fairfax event is moved to a larger venue. [39775]

In Sterling, Virginia Joe Biden attracts a crowd of about 800. [39776]

DenverPost.com reports the party breakdown of early voters in Colorado: Republicans, 624,788; Democrats, 590,417; and unaffiliated voters, 474,437. [39779, 39780]

In a conference call to supporters, Obama's deputy campaign manager Stephanie Cutter says, "My warning, we need to stay calm for much of the day [on November 6]. We've already banked a pretty big portion of our vote [with early voting]. Keep calm and tweet on. So, no matter what you hear tomorrow about turnout in Republican counties or exit polls, particularly early in the day, please remember and remind your readers that, because of early votes, we're where we need to be to win....I don't think there's going to be official exits until the end of the day, but if things leak out that aren't validated or weighted, please stay calm." [39781, 39805, 39822, 39824]

Breitbart.com reports that shredded Republican voter registration forms have been found behind an office of the purportedly "non-partisan" Community Voters Project office in Philadelphia. [39782]

Bill Clinton addresses a crowd in Philadelphia and asks, "[W]ho wants a president who will knowingly, repeatedly tell you something he knows is not true?" (Although Clinton is ostensibly talking about Mitt Romney, at DailyCaller.com Jim Treacher writes, "Okay, Bill Clinton isn't under any illusions here. He knows everybody thinks he's a liar, and he knows they're right. Not to say that he cares, or has a conscience about it, or anything as silly as that. But he knows the Lewinsky mess (pardon the expression) overshadowed everything else he did as president, and he knows that's what everybody is thinking when they hear him call Romney a liar. ...This is just another in a long line of Bill Clinton 'gaffes' that are anything but. Every pat on the back hides a stiletto. Every shot at Romney is designed to ricochet right back. The old goat knows exactly what he's saying.

He knows exactly who it hurts. Bill Clinton wants Obama to lose. And he's so good at this, he can throw himself under the bus without ever letting go of the wheel." Treacher's assumption is that Clinton believes the economy will continue to be bad regardless of who is elected, and Hillary Clinton's path to the presidency in 2016 will be easier if the voters are angry with Romney, rather than Obama.) [39800, 39801]

Romney addresses a full house at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, New Hampshire. [39791]

At his final rally in Iowa, Obama reportedly sheds a tear or two as he thanks his supporters. [39791]

The Ulsterman Report hears from the Wall Street insider, who writes, "So now we wait for the great moment—Election Day. What a journey these past few months have been for me. The battles with the FED [Federal Reserve], [Christine] Lagarde and her increasingly dangerous IMF [International Monetary Fund], the fools of Europe, George [Soros] and his silly posturing, it all now comes down to the American people and their votes for the future of this incredibly gifted and blessed country. Do we return to the traditional and time-tested values of a free market, personal choice and responsibility, and opportunity for all, or do we instead continue down the path of the more recent Obama years that has government taking more while giving less, and the uniqueness of America fading away into simply another member of the progressive socialists globalization agenda? I say the people of the United States choose freedom tomorrow, not oppression. They choose Mitt Romney, not Barack Obama. And once that choice has been made I promise you this, we shall all begin to enjoy an era of economic growth and prosperity not seen in a generation. All of us both great and small will be included in this new and much needed Romney economy. It will be prosperity and opportunity combined with necessary responsible management that has been missing for far too long now. The beginnings of 2013 will see job creation no longer failing to even keep up with the needs of a growing population, but rather multiplying into hundreds of thousands of new jobs each month throughout that year. Regulations shall be lessened to ensure those who wish to participate in the challenge and risk of the American Small Business Dream finally have a real opportunity to do so. The banking industry will provide much of the platform capital for these opportunities, and it will be the people who then shall build upon that platform, as we all embrace that great blessing of opportunity that has always made America the greatest of nations. And when success comes to those who take up the challenge of that opportunity, they will be allowed to keep more of what they created, and will then in turn reinvest in that success, thus creating yet more jobs and more opportunities for all." [39792]

"It is, at its essence, a simple thing. Give people of motivation opportunity, then stand out of their way and let them live that dream and make it into reality. Remove the excessive burdens of government, taxation, regulation, and bring forth the entrepreneurial spirit that will unleash a massive surge in job growth and economic prosperity. This I promise you my friend. All of you. The titans of industry and finance are aligning, hopeful that tomorrow the beginnings of the restoration of America's greatness and economic dignity

are to begin anew. Just as was done in the initial months of Ronald Reagan's first term, so too will it be done in the beginnings of Mitt Romney's term. The chains of Big Government oppression, if not yet completely broken, will be loosened, and America's economic greatness will return to its rightful place once again, and then we will look to once again sharing those ideals with the rest of the Free World as we once did before losing our way and ultimately neglecting the great principles of Americanism that brought about electing The Man Calling Himself Obama in 2008. My heart tells me We the People will not make that mistake again tomorrow. God Willing." [39792]

On *Special Report*, Fox News senior political analyst Brit Hume says, "My sense about all this is—it's fairly simple. We're looking at a national race, which is, for all intents and purposes, tied. We are looking at a set of state polls in the battleground states that suggest that ...Obama is leading, he's leading in most of these polls. And most reporters would look at that and say, 'Well, if that's the case, it looks like ...Obama is gonna win.' And that's what a lot of people think. That's kind of the conventional wisdom. However, a number of those polls have a remarkably large number of Democrats in the sample—more Democrats, in some cases, than turned out by percentage on Election Day four years ago, which was a very big year for the Democrats. They don't expect to have as big a year [in 2012]. So, those polls are troubling. Now, it would be unprecedented for this many polls reflecting a similar outcome to be wrong, which is why I think people are reluctant to draw that conclusion. But there's something wrong here." [39799]

On November 6, election day, there are reports that Democrat election judges are removing court-appointed Republican inspectors from polling places in Philadelphia. Additionally, black-uniformed members of the New Black Panther Party appear again to intimidate voters. At one polling place in Philadelphia the wall has a huge picture of Obama with the words "hope" and "change." (According to FoxNews.com, "Pennsylvania election law states 'no person within a polling place may electioneer or solicit votes for any political party, political body, or candidate, nor may any unauthorized written or printed materials be posted within the polling place.'" A judge orders the Obama picture covered.) [39788, 39789, 39790, 39794, 39803, 39808, 39810, 39811, 39812, 39816, 39820, 39821, 39826]

A polling place in Newark, New Jersey illegally displays an Obama poster. [39831]

In Florida, numerous Republican election judges with proper credentials are turned away from polling places because their names "are not on the list." [39809, 39810]

In the 37th precinct of Chicago's 4th ward—where Obama votes—an election judge wears an Obama baseball cap and is witnessed giving out two ballots to one voter. (Both the cap and the double ballot are, of course, illegal.) [39807]

Obama spends the day in Chicago playing basketball—leaving others to worry about the continued suffering from Hurricane Sandy in New York and New Jersey. [39804]

Romney visits campaign offices in Cleveland and Pittsburgh—where a massive crowd welcomes him at the airport.. [39806, 39830]

Joe Biden also makes a campaign trip to Cleveland.

According to the *Daily Mail's* Toby Harnden, “Mitt Romney is ahead by a single percentage point in Ohio—the swing state that could well decide the election—according to internal polling data provided to MailOnline by a Republican party source. Internal campaign polling completed on Sunday night by campaign pollster Neil Newhouse has Romney three points up in New Hampshire, two points up in Iowa and dead level in Wisconsin. Most startlingly, the figures show Romney and Obama deadlocked in Pennsylvania.” [39795, 39796]

In tiny Dixville Notch, New Hampshire, the town's 10 registered voters produce a 5–5 tie between Mitt Romney and Obama. (In 2008, Obama beat John McCain by 9 votes.) [39797, 39798]

Twitchy.com reports increased death threats against Romney on Twitter. [39813]

In Detroit, a properly credentialed Republican election observer is chased from a polling place by a man threatening him with a gun. The Detroit police do not respond to the 9-1-1 call. [39815, 39817]

Poll workers in Washington, D.C.—which does not require photo ID for voting—are given a photograph of Attorney General Eric Holder in case someone tries to vote using his name. (Twitchy.com reports instances of people not being allowed to vote because the polling place records showed they had already voted—even though they had not.) [39818, 39819]

At HotAir.com Ed Morrissey reports that the volume of early voting in Ohio is down about four percent in counties won by Obama in 2008 and John Kerry in 2004, while vote counts are up 14 percent in counties won by John McCain in 2008 and George W. Bush in 2004. GatewayPundit.com reports that “...turnout is up in GOP Geauga County, Ohio where McCain won with 57% of the vote and down in Athens County, the home of Ohio University and where Obama won with 67% in 2008. Early vote in Geauga? 125% of 2008. Athens? Down 10% from 2008.” [39825, 39829]

In Colorado, Mitt Romney leads Obama among early voters, 688,303 to 653,450. [39827, 39828]

Foreign election officials observing the U.S. election process are amazed that in most states voters do not need photo identification and can easily cheat by voting several times under different names. [39833]

On Fox News, Bill O'Reilly observes, "The white establishment is now the minority. "And the voters, many of them, feel that the economic system is stacked against them and they want stuff. You are going to see a tremendous Hispanic vote for ...Obama. Overwhelming black vote for ...Obama. And women will probably break ...Obama's way. People feel that they are entitled to things and which candidate, between the two, is going to give them things? The demographics are changing. It's not a traditional America anymore." [39876]

As the evening progresses, Romney's leads evaporate. Obama wins reelection with 303 electoral votes to Romney's 206—with Florida votes still undecided. Obama wins the key states where the Romney team thought he had a chance: Ohio, Virginia, Colorado, Iowa, and New Hampshire. Obama tells his re-enthused supporters, "While our journey has been long, we have picked ourselves up, we have fought our way back and we know in our hearts that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come. ...Our economy is recovering. A decade of war is ending. Our long campaign is now over. And whether I earned your vote or not, I have listened to you, and I have learned from you... Tonight, you voted for action, not politics as usual. You elected us to focus on your jobs, not ours." Obama mentions working to grant citizenship to illegal immigrants, homosexual rights, and actions to address "the destructive power of a warming planet." (In other words, his second term will also follow a leftist agenda.) Mitt Romney says, "Like so many of you, Paul [Ryan] and I have left everything on the field, we have given our all to this campaign. I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead this country in a different direction. But the nation chose another leader." [39832, 39834, 39837, 39841, 39843, 39849, 39857, 39860, 39861, 39862]

Based on CNN exit polling, Obama wins the female vote 54–44. Romney wins the male vote 53–45. [39842]

Obama wins the age 18–29 vote 67–30 percent—with young Americans apparently believing free birth control is more important than finding a job. (They may also be hoping that Obama will find a way to forgive their \$1 trillion in student loan debt). [39848]

Obama wins the age 18–29 voters 60–37 (down from 66–32 in 2008), and the 30–44 voters 52–45. Romney wins the 45–64 vote 51–47 and the 65+ vote 56–44. Obama wins the unmarried voters 62–35. Romney wins the married voters 56–42. Obama wins the Hispanic vote 71–27. It is worth noting that although Obama won the age 18–29 vote, that statistic includes youth of all races. Romney actually won the age 18–29 *white* voters, 51–44. Obama won the 18–29 Hispanic vote by 51 points, and the 18–29 black vote by 83 points. There is, therefore, no "age gap." There is a "race gap." [39885, 39942, 40415]

Obama wins about 69 percent of the Jewish vote, down from 78 percent in 2008. [40002]

Despite the terrible economy, 39 percent of the voters believe the economy is getting better. Obama wins that group 88–9. Only 30 percent think the economy is getting worse.

Romney wins that group 90–9. Of the 29 percent who believe the economy is “staying the same,” Romney wins 57–40. (Obama clearly benefits from the media’s downplaying and underreporting of the bad economy.) [39885]

Romney’s hopes of winning Pennsylvania are crushed by the heavy turnout in Philadelphia, where Democrat registrations outnumber Republicans by almost seven to one. In West Philadelphia’s Fourth Ward, Obama beats Romney by a vote of 9,955 to 55. (Whether Democrat election judges kicking Republican election watchers out of the polling place had an impact on the results is not known.) [39888, 39917, 39970]

Obama loses every state that requires photo identification for voting. [39893]

The Republicans maintain a strong majority in the House of Representatives. The Democrats retain control of the Senate. Strangely, millions of voters complained that they wanted change—and they voted to retain the same people in the White House, the House, and the Senate. Forty-six percent of the elected House Republicans are from Southern states, while 29.4 percent of elected House Democrats are from only two states: California (38 members) and new York (21 members). [40378]

Those who predicted a Romney victory erred by assuming turnout among blacks, Hispanics, and young voters would be much lower than in 2008. In fact, those groups vote in strong numbers and give Obama the margin of victory—even though he garners more than five million fewer total votes than in 2008. (The year 2008 may, therefore, not be an aberration. Large black, Hispanic, and youth turnouts may make it very difficult for Republicans to win elections, because the conservative “pull yourself up by your own bootstraps” message does not appeal to the voters who depend heavily on government subsidies.)

Obama’s victory comes partly from his decision to spend millions of dollars on ads attacking Romney during the primaries and before he became the official GOP nominee—a period in which Romney was prohibited by election laws from running rebuttal ads. That allowed Obama to portray Romney as a “tax cheat,” a “felon,” an “elite millionaire who cares nothing about others,” and responsible for the cancer death of a steelworker’s wife. By the time Romney started running his own ads, Obama had already defined him for millions of voters. Romney’s attacks on Obama’s economic record certainly helped him recover, but were too little, too late. Many will criticize the Romney campaign for not getting tough on Obama over Benghazi during the last few weeks of the campaign—where Obama was vulnerable but shielded by the media’s lack of coverage over the issue. Romney was also hurt by horrendous remarks about abortion and rape by Senate candidates in Missouri and Indiana. Although their views do not correspond with Romney’s, a fair number of voters likely believed that they did. Additionally, Romney’s proposal to cut income taxes was likely a hard sell for many voters who worry about the huge deficits but are unable to understand that cutting taxes actually results in higher tax revenue as a result of increased economic activity. They fail to understand that while raising taxes on the wealthy can subsidize those who are not working, getting those

people who are not working back to work not only reduces welfare costs it increases tax revenue.

Outside the White House, a group of college students celebrates Obama's victory by chanting, "Karl Marx! Karl Marx! Karl Max!" and "Socialism!" Asked why they supported Obama, they cite socialism, free "fucking Obama phones," and "fucking abortion." [39908, 39909]

MSNBC's Chris Matthews says, "I am so proud of the country. To reelect [Obama] and overcoming—not because of the partisanship or even the policies. Here's an African-American guy with an unusual background—part immigrant background, part African-American background—with all this assault on him from day one. From [Senator] Mitch McConnell, from the clowns out there that will never be elected, never will be to anything. And the way he took it, as someone said, with coolness and charm and dignity and took it and took it and kept moving forward and doing his job. And the American people, and I know we look at these percentage, 40% of white vote. Fine. That's about right among Democrats in the last couple cycles, three cycles or four. Good work for them. Good work for him. A good day for America. I'm so glad we had that storm last week because I think the storm was one of those things. No, politically I should say. Not in terms of hurting people. The storm brought in possibilities for good politics." [39840, 39884]

On Fox News, Charles Krauthammer comments, "I think the real story here is that Obama won, but he's got no mandate. He won by going very small, very negative, and we are left as a country exactly where we started, but a little bit worse off. The Republicans are in control of the House, probably a little bit stronger. They are not going to budge. There's no way after holding out on Obama for two years they're going to cave in, and Obama doesn't have anywhere really to go. He governed very large in the first two years. ... What will he do [now]? I think he will go back to who he is. People have said he should be a [Bill] Clinton and compromise, have a successful second term. But he is not instinctively a moderate. I think he is a man of the left, and he will try to push his agenda through with what he thinks is a mandate. And I think we are going to be exactly where we were a year ago with the debt ceiling argument next year. And the problem is that the country will slide right through a second term because I don't see give on either side, particularly [with Obama], with a very weak mandate for a second term. ... Romney was the only one remotely presidential, and he was the logical candidate. But think of those who didn't run. There's of course, Paul Ryan who I think will be a leader in the party. You have a whole rising young generation—[Senator] Kelly Ayotte, you've got [Governor] Bobby Jindal, [Governor] Nikki Haley, [Senator] Ted Cruz, the new senator from Texas, [Senator] Marco Rubio, this whole generation who just a year or two short in their careers from running this time are all going to be in the fray next time. And I think they are the future. And all the soul-searching about what ideology we are going to pursue is going to come from them. And I think it will be a fairly Reaganite and conservative one. I think the future of the party is quite bright." [39844]

At WashingtonTimes.com James S. Robbins writes, “America is experiencing a hardening of ideological categories. Republicans are becoming more conservative and Democrats more liberal. Crossover voting is practically nonexistent. Partisans vote their tickets, leaving the shrinking center to decide the race. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, former chief of staff of the Obama White House, said the election would be decided in ‘five states and 500 precincts,’ and it may have been even fewer. The rest of the country was essentially irrelevant and is divided between relieved winners and losers nursing a grudge. ...The fractured government is the product of a divided society. The United States is populated by groups of people who may as well be living in different countries. They have separate histories, cultures and visions for the future. They are two distinct nationalities, divided by mutual distrust and joined by mammoth public debt. ...A successful president must master the art of the deal. All of the hard issues that were shunted off until after the election—budget sequestration, taxes and the debt limit—will come due soon. The executive and legislative branches must work together to stave off the approaching fiscal train wreck. This will require a degree of leadership the country hasn’t seen in many years. A president who believes his mandate is to find ways around Congress is tragically mistaken. A White House that closes itself off from legitimate criticism has conceded its own impotence. A head of state who thinks it is his prerogative to impose his will by executive order will only divide the country further. America has chosen a leader; it remains to be seen if he can and will truly lead.” [39835]

Tea Party Patriots National Coordinator Jenny Beth Martin states, “What we got was a weak moderate candidate, hand-picked by the Beltway elites and country-club establishment wing of the Republican Party. The presidential loss is unequivocally on them. ...[The tea party movement is] “not going away. ...[We] will turn our attention back to Congress, to fight the battles that lie ahead including balancing the budget, repealing Obamacare, cutting the debt, holding the line on the debt ceiling, and the many other issues that will arise to threaten America. With the catastrophic loss of the Republican elite’s hand-picked candidate—the tea party is the last best hope America has to restore America’s founding principles.” [39845]

By a vote of 66–34 Montana voters approve Referendum 22, the Montana Health Care Freedom Act, which prohibits the state and federal government from requiring the purchase of health insurance or imposing any penalty, tax, fee or fine on those who do not. According to the Tenth Amendment Center, Montana is the third state to nullify ObamaCare’s insurance requirement. (Such legislation sets the stage for future Supreme Court battles over ObamaCare, with the challenges based on the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” [39864]

On Chicago’s State Street, one black supporter celebrating Obama’s victory says, “It really mean [sic] to me, no more Israel. ...Iran, I tell you the truth, ...they thought Mitt Romney’s gonna go to war with motherfuckin’ Iran, and they felt, the motherfucker, uh, what’s his name? No... Nanu? [Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu]... he felt the motherfucker was goin’ to war with Iran, he felt Obama wanna go... wanna... wanna go ,

go with that shit though. Obama fell back, like, man, fuck that shit. Kill the motherfuckers [Jews].” [39867, 39868]

On November 7, with the election over, ABC’s Elizabeth Vargas can safely bring up the issue of Benghazi on *Good Morning America*. She says, “In the meantime, the Libya issue has been overhanging this election. Allegations of a, quote, massive cover-up, by Senator John McCain about this administration’s, really, refusal to really put to rest this issue before voting day.” Martha Raddatz responds, “They didn’t want to talk about it. Everybody tried to pin them down on that. They did not want to talk about it. I think a lot of those questions will probably get cleared up with an investigation that’s now going on. And there will probably be hearings, as well.” (“Everybody” certainly does not include the mainstream media—which did its best to avoid the controversy because it would hurt Obama’s reelection chances. The investigation is being performed by the Obama administration itself, which means it will either assign no blame to anyone or find a low-level scapegoat.) [39863]

In Bedford, Virginia a jewelry stores closes for the day and places a sign in the window that reads, “Closed to mourn the loss of the America that our forefathers endowed to us.” Another sign says the store will reopen the next day to “continue the fight against a president who seeks my demise.” [39877, 39892]

The Ulsterman Report hears from the White House insider: “I’m going over the #s. State by state. County by county. Had all of that lined up a week ago and it was looking so good for us. Last night not adding up. A major shift in the final hours or some serious anomalies in the actual vote counts. Voter turn out was depressed for both sides. All prior evidence states otherwise. How is that possible? Don’t know. At this point not worth discussing because I don’t have an answer for you so don’t ask. This is f-cking Venezuela we got here. Is what it is for now though. Shut up. Move on. You want me to say I was wrong? Fine. I was wrong. But I said they could steal it. And that is what might have happened. But to pull that off in so many states, would mean they got help. Talking from both sides here. Get it? Republicans. And that is scary. If we are that far gone, what the hell are we to do about that? We need a major reset in America if that is the case. We don’t f-cking deserve America anymore. When those Senators dropped Benghazi I got real worried real fast. It felt like a deal had been made. And the CBS bullsh-t [hiding Obama’s unaired *60 Minutes* statements]. Talk about a media scandal of epic f-cking proportions. But nobody is pushing it. Like I told you. They buried it. Both sides. Gone. I’ll say it again. BOTH SIDES. Get it? I know localized fraud. But a multiple state millions of votes level of fraud? To pull that off would be incredibly risky and would require help from the apparent opposition side. And I don’t really want to go there right now. Too scary.” [39836, 39971]

“Another thing. They will use this to further divide the conservatives. Stir them up. Get the finger pointing at an all time high. Divide them up even more. Easy pickings then. You might be getting [a] taste of that already. Keep your head up. Won’t sugar coat the real issue here though. America is in big f-cking trouble here. [Valerie] Jarrett said they have two [Supreme Court] judges ready and waiting. They want to own the Court.

Congress really does become moot at that point. More than it already is. Hell, if elections are moot, why not the Court too? Give me 24 more to digest all of this. I'm waiting for feedback from others. Sure they are just as stunned as me. Virginia? That was +3 for us. Easy. When that got jammed up last night I knew something was up. And everybody was saying 'What is going on?' Everybody. I'm hearing something like 8 million fewer votes [for Obama]. And we don't win with those #s? That means no Republican pick ups? How is that possible? Don't know. Doesn't make any sense. There is no previous election to hold 2012 up against in comparison. I have never experienced an election night roll out like what happened last night. Never. Give me 24. Maybe we shut this down. Permanent or temporary I don't know yet. I'll echo the Old Man [the Wall Street insider]. I'm sorry too. Really believed we had this one." [39386]

"To give you a taste of what I'm doing now I'll share this with you. I'm using a Florida outcome in a specific district to try and wrap my head around all of this. Three counties. Martin, St. Lucie, and Palm Beach. Martin is controlled by Republicans and the turnout #s match what all our national trending showed. Big enthusiasm for the Republican candidate. Republican vote dominated Martin County. St. Lucie and Palm Beach are the real tests and is where the #s really start to signal something is wrong. St. Lucie leans Democrat. Palm Beach is Dem dominated. St. Lucie showed marginally less votes for Democrats % wise. Republicans enjoyed some cross-over which is what all the national models were indicating. In Palm Beach County which is Dem. dominated, voter turnout was even more depressed than prior elections, especially for the Democrats. But the Democrats won the district. The Republicans lost. Basically, the Democrat-dominated counties seem to be where some very odd #s came back. And if this is the model they utilized last night, they had to have done it in multiple counties for every swing state. That kind of coordination would be huge. And it would need the help of operatives from the other side. So I'm sitting here trying to figure out if the #s represent real voter outcome, which means almost all our internals were way the f-ck off, or how they pulled off fraud. That will take time. It won't matter for this election, but it will make us better prepared for the next one. Either way, I got to focus and make calls, and try to figure this sh-t out. Or not." (Note that in Ohio there are several counties where the number of registered voters exceeds the number of residents old enough to vote. In Wood County the ratio is 109 registered for every 100 eligible. Earlier in the year, Obama's Justice Department blocked the state from taking action to remove ineligible voters from the registration lists. Judicial Watch has filed a lawsuit against Attorney General Eric Holder. HumanEvents.com reports, "Nationwide, the Pew Center for the States estimates about 24 million ineligible voter registrations, including 'more than 1.8 million dead people listed as voters; about 2.75 million with voter registrations in more than one state; and about 12 million voter records with incorrect addresses, meaning either the voters moved or errors in the information make it unlikely any mailings can reach them.'") [39836, 39880, 39983]

Sarah Palin writes, "America, don't lose heart. This election is not an 'Obama mandate,' nor is it a rejection of conservatism. Unanswered ads ...running in blue collar swing states defined Romney early on, and the Obama media also piled on with the narrative that Romney would harm the middle class. (As I personally have witnessed, once a bell is

rung by a biased media, it's impossible to un-ring it.) Ironically, it's Obama's socialist policies that will destroy America's working class as he outsources opportunities. Hang in there, America. Fight for what is right. Don't look to government or any politician to solve your problems. Government can't make you happy, healthy, wealthy or wise. Obama is a master at reading the right 'soaring' words fed into his teleprompter, but actions speak louder than words. So, hold tight to 2 Corinthians 4:8 because we're in for a wild ride. We must survive. United. One nation under God. 'We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted but not forsaken, struck down, but not destroyed.' – 2 Corinthians 4:8-9." [39838, 39839]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunges 312.95 points. (Some of the decline is likely the result of investors selling stocks so they can pay 2012-level capital gains taxes, rather than the higher rates to be imposed in 2013.)

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) holds a press conference to announce he plans to change Senate rules to limit the power of the minority (that is, the Republicans). [39846, 39847, 39853]

House Speaker John Boehner is far more accommodating than Reid, and states, "If there's a mandate in yesterday's [election] results it's a mandate for us to find a way to work together on the solutions to the challenges that we all face as a nation. ... Mr. [Obama], this is your moment. We're ready to be led not as Democrats or Republicans, but as Americans. We want you to lead not as a liberal or a conservative, but as the president of the United States of America. We want you to succeed. Let's challenge ourselves to find the common ground that has eluded us." [39859]

The Environmental Defense Fund demands that Obama make "global climate change" a top priority. [39850]

Ben Stein writes, "It is nonsense to say that this election is in any way a repudiation of the GOP or principles of conservatism. Facing a totally united front of the mainstream media, the beautiful people, the unions, the black block vote, the incredibly, unbelievably powerful gay and lesbian forces, in the media, all of whom have as much right to campaign as anyone else... but still facing all of that, and facing an incredibly skillful incumbent in office, the Romney-Ryan campaign got almost exactly as many votes as the Obama-Biden campaign. That is, with every wind of modern political culture against them, Romney and Ryan drew forth endorsement of conservative principles on a truly virtuoso scale." [39851]

Danny Danon, a member of the Israeli Knesset (parliament), states, "Obama's victory demonstrates that the state of Israel must take care of its own interests. We cannot rely on anyone but ourselves. Obama has hurt the United States by his naïve leadership in foreign policy, which prefers the Arab world over the Western world, along with Israel. The state of Israel will not capitulate before Obama." Danon is not alone in believing that Obama will push Israel even harder in a second term to make concessions to the Palestinians. Another Israeli official states, "Obama is not good for Israel and we're concerned that he

will try to pressure Israel into making concessions because of his chilly relationship with [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu.” Netanyahu reluctantly makes an official statement congratulating Obama on his election victory. [39852, 39882, 39883]

Rush Limbaugh explains the Obama victory: “Now, everybody is jumping on Romney’s chain today, getting in his chili. Look, he may have not been the most optimal candidate, but he’s a fine man. He would have been great for this country. Mitt Romney and his family would have been the essence of exactly what this country needs. But what was Romney’s recipe? Romney’s recipe was the old standby: American route to success, hard work. That gets sneered at. I’m sorry. In a country of children where the option is Santa Claus or work, what wins? And say what you want, but Romney did offer a vision of traditional America. In his way, he put forth a great vision of traditional America, and it was rejected. It was rejected in favor of a guy who thinks that those who are working aren’t doing enough to help those who aren’t. And that resonated.” [39854]

Democrats waste no time calling for higher taxes. Congressman Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) states, “It’s very clear from the exit polling that a majority of Americans recognize that we need to share responsibility for reducing the deficit. That means asking higher-income earners to contribute more to reducing the deficit.” Van Hollen makes it clear that Obama and his fellow Democrats will be quick to blame Republicans for the “fiscal cliff” if they don’t agree to raise taxes. [39855, 39856, 39866]

Obama wastes no time advancing his gun control agenda, announcing support for new United Nations efforts to regulate arms trade. Although the administration argues the eventual treaty will not impact gun ownership of U.S. citizens, many observers do not believe that claim. (One draft calls for each signatory nation to keep records on “end users”—gun purchasers—for a minimum of 10 years.) Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes that the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) “calls for international reporting measures that would require countries to trace and keep track of weapons sold and transferred. Not only would this consume a massive amount of government resources, it would also be intrusive. Many Second Amendment advocates regard the creation of a nationwide database of lawful gun owners and a catalog of every firearm they own as an ominous expansion of government power. The most vocal supporters of the treaty in the United States are gun control organizations such as the Brady Campaign and the Joyce Foundation (the anti-gun organization that once counted Obama as a member).” [39879, 39907, 40363]

Cristina Jimenez, director of an Hispanic organization called “United We Dream,” calls on Obama to quickly push for amnesty for all illegal immigrants. [39911]

According to ExposeObama.com “A lawsuit seeking the return of \$43 trillion (with a ‘t’) and an audit of all the TARP programs by an independent receiver has been filed against senior members of the Obama Administration and the New York group known as the ‘Banksters.’ The Wall Street Journal’s MarketWatch is reporting that the Spire Law Group, LLP has moved its mass tort action into the federal court in Brooklyn, New York. In this District Court lawsuit (Case No. 12-cv-04269-JBW-RML), the Spire Law Group,

LLP is acting on the behalf of homeowners across the country seeking to halt all foreclosures nationwide until the return of the \$43 trillion. The independent audit the lawsuit is seeking of the TARP Program stems from a report by the former Inspector General of the bailout program, Neil Barofsky, who is countering the claims made by ...Obama both publicly and privately to Congress that the money has been paid back. Mr. Barofsky asserts that none of the money advanced by the Treasury has ever been paid back by the recipients of the program. ...The lawsuit alleges that the Obama Administration actively borrowed money from these 'Banksters' to fund his political campaign in this 2012 Election and has not pursued any criminal charges against them. The lawsuit also claims multiple violations of the United States Patriot Act, along with the Policy of Embargo Against Iran and Countries Hostile to the Foreign Policy of the United States, and the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and other State and Federal laws by the Obama Administration." [39858]

In Las Vegas, a business owner lays off 22 of his 114 employees as a result of Obama's reelection. He tells KXNT's Kevin Wall, "I've done my share of educating my employees. I never tell them which way to vote. I believe in the free system we have, I believe in the right to choose who they want to be president, but I did explain as a business owner that I have always put my employees first. I always made sure that when I went without a paycheck that I made sure they were paid. And I explained that I always put them first and unfortunately I'm at a point where I'm being forced to have to worry about me and my family now and a business that I built from just me to 114 employees. I explained to them a month ago that if Obama gets in office that the regulations for Obamacare are gonna hurt our business, and I'm gonna have to make provisions to make sure I have enough money to cover the payroll taxes, the additional health care I'm gonna have to do, and I explained that to them and I said you do what you feel like in your heart you need to do, but I'm just letting you know as a warning this is things I have to think of as a business owner. Well unfortunately, and most of my employees are Hispanic—I'm not gonna go into what kind of company I have, but I have mostly Hispanic employees—well unfortunately we know what happened and I can't wait around anymore, I have to be proactive. I had to lay off 22 people today to make sure that my business is gonna thrive and I'm gonna be around for years to come. I have to build up that nest egg now for the taxes and regulations that are coming my way. Elections do have consequences, but so do choices. A choice you make every day has consequences and you know what, I've always put my employees first, but unfortunately today I have to put me and my family first, and you watch what's gonna happen. I'm just one guy with 114 employees—well, was 114 employees—watch what happens in the next six months. The Dow alone lost 314 points today. There's a tsunami coming and if you didn't think this election had consequences, just wait." [39874]

AtlasShrugs.com reports, "Prosecutors in a Muslim 'terrorist' trial in Portland are asking the court that they be allowed to use the words jihad and martyrdom to characterize Mohamed Mohamud's jihad. I kid you not. This is not The Onion. Mind you, the jihadi on trial for plotting to detonate a car bomb near a 2010 Portland Christmas tree-lighting ceremony where 25,000 people had gathered (mostly families—women and children) used the terms 'terrorism' and 'jihad' himself when speaking with undercover agents. So

Muslims slaughter in the cause of jihad, but the kaffir is not allowed to speak of it. It's as if the prosecutors have to ask permission of the court so as not to... blaspheme under the sharia. Seriously, this is sharia adherence in an American court." (Defense attorneys argued that those words would "blur and dilute the specific elements of the offense and distort the facts of the case.") [39869, 39870]

At RealClearPolitics.com Sean Trende suggests that Romney lost the election because millions of white voters stayed home on election day. Based on exit polls, Trende claims the white vote in 2012, about 91.6 million, falls well short of the 98.6 million votes cast in 2008. The black vote was up slightly, from 16.3 million to 16.6 million, while the Hispanic vote increased from about 5.9 million in 2008 to 6.4 million in 2012. Trende writes, "My sense is these voters were unhappy with Obama. But his negative ad campaign relentlessly emphasizing Romney's wealth and tenure at Bain Capital may have turned them off to the Republican nominee as well. The Romney campaign exacerbated this through the challenger's failure to articulate a clear, positive agenda to address these voters' fears, and self-inflicted wounds like the '47 percent' gaffe. Given a choice between two unpalatable options, these voters simply stayed home." [39871, 39872]

Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) observes, "Mitt Romney is a good man, with a good family. But let's be honest: Republicans nominated the most liberal Republican nominee in history. Here was a guy who actually passed a health-care program in Massachusetts similar to what ...Obama passed, which the voters obviously don't like. Here was a guy who waffled on the life position over his career, and here's a guy who some people had doubts about whether he was really strong on and committed to opposing tax increases and limiting spending. So in hindsight, you look at that, and it's like: Here is a guy who is the most liberal Republican nominee in history. And that has an impact on motivating people to come out and vote. So I think it hurt us in the long run." (*The Obama Timeline* concurs. Running a "liberal-lite" against a hard-core liberal is an exercise in futility. A conservative who is able to ardently and articulately explain the ideology can defeat a liberal—but the Republican establishment, still gun shy after Barry Goldwater's loss in 1964, generally opposes those candidates.) [39889]

Boeing announces it will reduce management positions by 30 percent from their 2010 levels. Hawker Beechcraft announces it will cut 400 jobs. [39878, 39900, 39901]

John Schnatter, founder and CEO of Papa John's pizza chain, says the implementation of ObamaCare will increase the cost of doing business and may result in reduced hours for his employees. (Leftists respond by calling the company racist and urging a boycott. the result will likely be increased business for the pizza chain, from Americans who understand economic reality.) [39902, 39969, 40014, 40018, 40019, 40020, 40070, 40071]

FreedomWorks.org lists some upcoming job cuts resulting from ObamaCare and the reelection of Obama: "Welch Allyn, a company that manufactures medical diagnostic equipment in central New York, announced in September that they would be laying off

275 employees...” partly because of ObamaCare’s new medical device tax. In December, Stryker, another medical device manufacturer, will close a facility in Orchard Park, New York and eliminate 96 jobs in the process. Boston Scientific CEO Ray Elliott announces the elimination of between 1,200 and 1,400 jobs. Medtronic, which cut 500 jobs in mid-2012, will slash another 500 in 2013. Other planned layoffs: Smith & Nephew, 770 layoffs; Abbott Labs, 700 layoffs; Covidien, 595 layoffs; Kinetic Concepts, 427 layoffs; St. Jude Medical, 300 layoffs; Hill Rom, 200 layoffs. Dana Holding Corporation, a global auto parts manufacturer, warns of potential layoffs because of the cost of complying with ObamaCare. Darden Restaurants (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse) may reduce employee hours because of ObamaCare. Jancoa Janitorial Services may reduce full-time workers to part-time status. Kroger is reportedly planning to reduce working hours for thousands of employees to 28 hours or less. (Because of ObamaCare, many small businesses plan to reduce the number of employees, reduce the number of working hours, or shut down. To avoid getting “firebombed” by Obama supporters, however, they will not be as public about their actions as the large corporations.) [39903, 39904, 40069]

The Ulsterman Report hears from the White House insider, who writes, “Here is a brief summary of just how well Mitt Romney did in shifting voters toward him in 2012 versus what took place in 2008: Barack Obama netted FEWER Democrat votes in 2012 than were cast in 2008 by 3% points. Mitt Romney earned MORE Republican votes in 2012 than were cast in 2008 by 3% points. Barack Obama earned FEWER Black votes in 2012 than he did in 2008. Mitt Romney by the way, earned MORE Black votes in 2012 than were cast for the Republican in 2008. Mitt Romney earned MORE votes from both married men and married women than were cast for Republicans in 2008, while also improving support among non-married men and woman by 2% from 2008 as well. Mitt Romney earned MORE votes among liberals, moderates, and conservatives than were cast for the Republican candidate in 2008—in fact, this improvement was by a full 7% over 2008—a very significant improvement. Mitt Romney earned more votes from Protestants, Catholics, and Jews than the Republican nominee received in 2008, including a 9-point improvement among Jewish voters alone. The two top issues according to voters were the economy and the budget. Mitt Romney earned A 38 POINT ADVANTAGE OVER BARACK OBAMA on the top two issues of the election—and yet Romney was somehow defeated. Lastly, regarding the following three personal trait issues—strong leader, shares my values, and has a vision for the future—Mitt Romney DOMINATED Barack Obama among 2012 voters by 45 points. And lost the election. ...It is stunning, some might even say inconceivable, that a candidate improves in such categories as overall votes among Whites AND minorities, is ranked far ahead of their opponent in both the top two concerns among voters, as well as the three most important personal trait issues—and still loses the election. That is exactly what happened last night. Somehow, some way...that is what happened to Mitt Romney—and to all who supported him. [There was a] dramatic shift in Republicans’ favor in 2012 vs. 2008. A shift that resulted in a confounding loss that remains dubious at best...” (The data represents information gathered from exit polls. Exit polls are not as accurate as most polls, but nevertheless provide a good portrait of the electorate. It is worth noting, of course, that fraudulent votes are not represented in exit polls. If a voting machine is “pre-

set” with Obama at 500 votes and Romney at zero before the first person is allowed to vote, those 500 “voters” are never polled.) [39886, 39887]

Take-no-prisoners conservative Ann Barnhardt tells her readers, “Now do you understand why I had precious little to say about the ‘election?’ The results of this election were determined in 2008, including the faux-opposition candidate. You people who have spent the last several months breathlessly agonizing over this, analyzing fake polls and deluding yourselves into believing that this was somehow a legitimate operation are just sad. You’re like the people in Iraq who supported the opposition candidate to Saddam Hussein for all of those years. Yes, Saddam Hussein held ‘elections.’ Regularly. That is what happened here yesterday. We had a Saddam Hussein ‘election.’ This can all be summed up in one simple sentence that I have been screaming from the rooftops ever since November of 2008: These people are NEVER going to walk away. The Republic was overthrown in a neo-Stalinist putsch four years ago. Stalinists don’t walk away. Ever. Stalinists don’t hold elections—they put on shows to delude the masses, which they consider to be vermin, into believing that they still have some say and some degree of freedom. And when even that gets tiresome for them, they start slaughtering people. By the tens of millions. Note that all of the so-called pundits on the so-called ‘right’ are avoiding the issue of massive voter fraud. They’re all just spewing the same nonsense as ever: ‘The fight has just begun! This is when the real hard work begins! Yay! We’ll show ’em in 2016! Yay!’ Meanwhile, here in the land of reality, my inbox is filling with emails from people who are just now realizing that they are probably going to die an unnatural death, and probably within the next several years. ...So, what to do now? I have several action items for you. These are all re-hash, but I’ll put them together and re-post them because maybe, just maybe, you people are actually ready to listen and do something.” [39948]

Barnhardt suggests a “tax strike,” with as many Americans as possible changing the number of exemption on their W-4 forms at their place of employment to 9 or more, in order to deny the government tax revenue—and then do not file any more 1040 tax returns. “If you are self-employed, stop paying quarterlies and DO NOT FILE next April. [House Speaker John] Boehner rolled over this morning and announced that the ‘Republicans’ are gung-ho to raise taxes. They can only raise taxes on you if you pay taxes. Don’t pay. DO NOT FILE. ...There is exactly ONE non-violent remedy left to you, and that is a tax strike. If you do not do this, you are guaranteeing, and I mean 1000% guaranteeing, that there will be a massive hot war and genocide in the United States within the next decade. Go find a good teenaged boy. Look into his eyes, and then understand that if we do not starve the Putsch Regime in Washington, that boy will almost certainly die in the war.” Next, Barnhardt advises to engage in a media strike—with Americans canceling cable and satellite television and not watching television. Next, she suggests a financial market strike: “Get out, get out, get out. Close every brokerage account without exception. ...Pull your bank accounts down to the bare minimum. Buy gold and silver. Keep some Federal Reserve Notes on hand. Pay off debt and hold clear title to as much as you possibly can. Start liquidating your stuff now if, like me, you are going to eventually lose your home, which should actually be in play for almost everyone except the very wealthy who don’t need to generate any income (and thus pay no taxes)

to survive and simply live off of their existing wealth. Anyone who generates income and declares a tax strike should start preparing now to have their home and the contents of their home seized. Thus, get rid of everything now so that there is nothing for them to seize.” Barnhardt further advises that everyone cancel health insurance policies and “Find cash-only doctors (general practitioners)... and establish a relationship with them now. Once you find a cash-only G.P., get a list of cash-only surgeons and surgery centers. (Barnhardt understands that the system is doomed to collapse, with increasing numbers of parasites living off decreasing numbers of producers. She is therefore suggesting that Americans speed the collapse by refusing to cooperate with the fraud. Starve the government of tax income and learn to live “off the grid” as much as possible. Do not become a parasite, but do your best to insure that your production serves only you and your family and no one else.) [39948]

On November 8, at a speaking engagement at the University of Baltimore, Attorney General Eric Holder implies he may not remain in the Obama administration for the second term. (If Holder leaves, *The Obama Timeline* believes Obama may attempt to replace him with Tony West, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department of Justice’s Civil Division. West was a major fundraiser for Obama in California and a member of the “GITMO 9”—a group of attorneys who represented terrorists held at the detainee center at Guantanamo. West also represented John Walker Lindh, the “American Taliban” captured in Afghanistan in 2001, and helped him avoid a death sentence. West was also the lead attorney in the Obama administration’s lawsuit against Arizona’s legislation against illegal immigrants.) If Hillary Clinton resigns from her position as Secretary of State, Senator John Kerry (D-MA) may replace her. It has long been known that he covets the position. U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice probably also wants the job, but her five appearances on September 16 in which she lied about the cause of the terrorist attack in Benghazi probably means the Senate would be reluctant to approve her if she is nominated by Obama. Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton speculates that Obama will replace National Security Advisor Tom Donilon with Rice. ([28420, 28481, 28482, 28483, 28484, 39873, 39881, 39891, 39906]

Author and CEO of Euro Pacific Precious Metals, Peter Schiff, warns that the Federal reserve’s Open Market Committee “has decided to push infinity a little bit further. The latest move involves the rolling over of long-term Treasuries purchased as part of Operation Twist, thereby more than doubling QE3 to a monthly influx of \$85 billion in phony money starting in December. I call it ‘QE3 Plus’—now with more inflation! In case you’ve lost track of all the different ways the Fed has connived to distort the economy, here’s a refresher on Operation Twist: the Fed sells Treasury notes with maturity dates of three years or less, and uses the cash to buy long-term Treasury bonds. This ‘twisting’ of its portfolio is supposed to bring down long-term interest rates to make the US economy appear stronger and inflation appear lower than is actually the case. The Fed claims operation twist is inflation-neutral as the size of its balance sheet remains constant. However, the process continues to send false signals to market participants, who can now borrow more cheaply to fund long-term projects for which there is no legitimate support. I said it last year when Operation Twist was announced, and I’ll continue to say it: low interests rates are part of the problem, not the solution.” (The

Federal Reserve had already committed to buying \$40 billion per month in new government debt—because no one else is willing to finance it. Operation Twist kicks that up another notch, with \$85 billion in money being “created” every month via bookkeeping entries.) [39875]

Schiff continues, “The Fed cannot keep printing indefinitely without consumer prices going wild. In many ways, this has already begun. Take a look at the gas pump or the cost of a hamburger. ...I suggested before QE3 was announced that a new round of stimulus might be [Federal Reserve chairman Ben] Bernanke’s way of securing his job, but recent speculation is that he may step down when his current term as Fed Chairman expires. Perhaps he is cleverer than I thought. He’ll be leaving a brick on the accelerator of an economy careening towards a fiscal cliff, and bailing before it goes over the edge. Whoever takes his place will have to pick up the pieces and accept the blame for the crisis that Bernanke and his predecessor inflamed.” (*The Obama Timeline* has long predicted that massive inflation is on the way. It has not yet occurred because businesses and banks are still sitting on record amounts of new cash—several trillion dollars. If and when the economy recovers, those businesses and banks will begin to spend and lend that cash. *That* is when prices will increase dramatically, as more cash in the private sector chases after the unexpanded amount of goods and services. It is not a matter of *if*, it is a matter *when*. Mitt Romney may soon be happy he was not elected, because Americans will blame whoever is in the White House when a loaf of bread costs \$8.00. For decades, of course, Americans have been suffering from inflation, at levels that have been destructive but not devastating enough to cause a revolution. That may soon change.) [39875]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 121 points.

UtahAmerican Energy Incorporated lays off 102 miners. Robert Murray, CEO of parent company Murray Energy, says the actions is a result of Obama’s “war on coal” and states, “There is nowhere to sell our coal, and when we can, the market prices are far lower. Without markets, there can be no coal mines and no coal jobs.” (Coming EPA regulations will make coal production even more expensive. That will result in the closure of more coal operations, as power companies switch to natural gas. That will continue until the Obama administration begins a war on natural gas.) [39914, 39925, 39939, 40083]

TheBlaze.com posts a list of business closings and layoffs: Energizer “expects to shed about 1,500 employees.” “Exide Technologies ...will be idling its lead-recycling operations in Laureldale and laying off 150 workers, effective no later than March 31.” “Westinghouse Anniston... has reduced its workforce by another 50 employees.” “Research in Motion Ltd., the maker of BlackBerry smart phones, laid off about 200 people at its U.S. headquarters in Irving on [November 7].” “The Providence Journal Co. laid off 23 full-time workers ...as part of a cost-cutting effort...” “CVPH Medical Center has handed pink slips to 17 employees.” U.S. Cellular is cutting 980 jobs, 640 of them in the Chicago area. “Vestas Wind Systems A/S (VWS) is ...reducing headcount by 3,000...” “Husqvarna AB (HUSQB), the world’s biggest maker of powered garden tools,

plans to cut about 600...” “Bristol-Myers Squibb is following up its lackluster third-quarter results with almost 480 layoffs...” “Trumbull printer- and scanning-equipment provider Oce North America, Inc. will lay off 135 workers in three Connecticut communities...” “United Blood Services Gulf South region, the non-profit blood service provider for much of south Louisiana and Mississippi, will lay off approximately 10 percent of its workforce...” (As a result of ObamaCare, many insurance companies will layoff underwriters. Because ObamaCare’s “guaranteed issue” requirement essentially forces insurers to provide coverage to everyone at the same cost *regardless of risk*, the companies no longer have a need for underwriters to calculate risk.) [39990, 40083, 40084]

Scottie Hughes, news director for the Tea Party News Network (TPNN), states, “We’ve had Bob Dole, we’ve had [Gerald] Ford, we had [John] McCain, and now we did [Mitt] Romney, and they lost... because those guys do not necessarily reflect what I think the majority of conservatives, probably the majority of Americans, truly believe. Unfortunately, time and time again the establishment Republican Party continually keeps putting these candidates [forward], saying, ‘This is who we need to support.’ And most of the time those are usually not the folks who represent true conservative Republican values.” TPNN editor Todd Cefaratti, states, “The Tea Party has not yet begun to fight. It’s time for a wholesale reassessment of the D.C. establishment politicians and party grandees who have no commitment or courage to reduce the size of government.” [39890]

Peter Morrison, treasurer of the Hardin County (Texas) Republican Party, comments on the reelection of Obama: “Like the remainder of [General Robert E.] Lee’s army after Gettysburg, it is our duty to keep fighting to the bitter end, in hopes that Providence might shine upon our cause before it is too late. We must contest every single inch of ground and delay the baby-murdering, tax-raising socialists at every opportunity. But in due time, the maggots will have eaten every morsel of flesh off of the rotting corpse of the Republic, and therein lies our opportunity. ‘They’ re-elected Obama last night. He is their President. And we must admit to ourselves at some point, it is now their country. Just as Scotland is currently contemplating her own independence from Great Britain, it is time for the more conservative constituent parts of this country to consider whether this sacred union is really quite so sacred anymore. ...In this respect, Texas can lead the way. Texas was once its own country, and many Texans already think in nationalist terms about their state. We need to do everything possible to encourage a long-term shift in thinking on this issue. Why should Vermont and Texas live under the same government? Let each go her own way in peace, sign a free trade agreement among the states and we can avoid this gut-wrenching spectacle every four years.” [40055, 40056]

FoxNews.com reports, “Iran fired on an unarmed U.S. drone last week as it was hovering in international airspace, the Pentagon announced Thursday. Spokesman George Little said the incident, which marks the first time the Iranians have fired on a U.S. drone, occurred Nov. 1 at 4:50 a.m. ET. He said the unarmed, unmanned drone was conducting ‘routine surveillance’ over the Persian Gulf when it was ‘intercepted’ by Iran. He said the MQ1 Predator drone, which was not hit, was not in Iranian airspace. ...Little stressed that

the drone was flying 16 nautical miles off the coast of Kuwait in international waters, and never entered the 12-mile limit that would constitute Iranian territory.” (It can be assumed that reporting of the incident was intentionally delayed until after the election. The fact that the drone was fired on but not hit says something about the ineptness of Iranian fighter pilots: the drones fly at an incredibly slow speed.) [39895, 39897, 39905, 39919]

Mark Basseley Youssef, the producer of the anti-Islam movie the Obama administration improperly used as an explanation for the terrorist attack in Benghazi that killed four Americans, is sentenced to one year in jail for a parole violation. [39896]

Richard Viguerie, chairman of ConservativeHQ.com, comments, “[Mitt] Romney took good conservative positions. The problem is, he did not follow through. Phyllis Schlafly says the Republican platform adopted in Tampa this past August was probably the most conservative platform ever. And I think that’s probably true, but Romney did not run on the platform, and the Republican Party did not run on the platform. ... The idea that conservatives need to abandon our principles and move [to the political] left is nonsense. The way that we win elections and not just appeal to the base but to the American people is when we make the campaign about our issues, our views our values. Republicans never win national elections unless we nationalize the elections and present to the voters two dramatically different worldviews—a worldview of a big, all-encompassing, powerful government versus a small government, individual responsibility, traditional values, lower taxes [and a] balanced budget. ... [Obama] was just hanging on by his fingernails. Most people expected he would lose his re-election, and he won a strong victory. The leadership of the party, including [Reince] Priebus at the Republican National Committee, [House] Speaker [John] Boehner and [Senate Minority] Leader Mitch McConnell and all the others, including John Cornyn of the Senate campaign committee, they all need to resign and bring some new leaders in there. I don’t expect that they will do this... They’ve been complicit in growing government—Boehner, Mitch McConnell and a lot of other Republican leaders. Today’s Republican Party is not yesterday’s Republican Party, and they just can’t continue to grow government and hold on to the levers of power they have at this time.” [39898]

Obama’s slim victory will not force Republicans to cave in on taxes. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) tells Breitbart News, “One issue I’ve never been conflicted about is taxes. I wasn’t sent to Washington to raise anybody’s taxes to pay for more wasteful spending and this election doesn’t change my principles. This election was a disappointment, without doubt, but let’s be clear about something: the House is still run by Republicans, and Republicans still maintain a robust minority in the Senate. I know some people out there think Tuesday’s results mean Republicans in Washington are now going to roll over and agree to Democrat demands that we hike tax rates before the end of the year. I’m here to tell them there is no truth to that notion whatsoever.” [39899, 39912]

The *Gloom, Boom, and Doom Report*’s Marc Faber tells the Fox Business Network, “Technically the [stock] market was weak already for a couple of months and we are in a downtrend and Mr. Obama’s economic policies are obviously not very good for an

economic expansion, and I think businesses—small-business men and even medium-sized businesses—will be very reluctant to hire people given ObamaCare. I think what people are also concerned about are increases in capital gains taxes, so they are selling shares ahead of the implementation of these taxes. ...[Obama] is not good for business and so stocks are selling off because the stock market is expecting a hard time for corporate profits and essentially economic weakness, which is reflected in a strong bond market and weak stock market. I think from the peak, the market will drop at least 20 percent. I think we will revisit the lows of June, the 1,266 on the S&P.” [39910, 40021]

Former White House advisor Dennis Ross tells DailyCaller.com that Obama though about the issue of a nuclear Iran “very carefully; the debate was between prevention and containment; he made a very conscious decision for prevention. And I think once he made that decision, he also understood that has implications. If diplomacy fails, it leads you down the path towards the use of force. Do I think he would act on it? I think that absolutely he would act on it.” (More important than what Ross thinks, of course, is what Iran thinks—and Iran may not believe Obama would be willing to use military force to stop it from gaining nuclear weapons.) [39913]

On the Fox Business Network, Zane Tankel, chairman and CEO of Apple-Metro, discusses the impact of ObamaCare on the cost of running his 40 Applebee’s restaurants. “We’ve calculated it will [cost] some millions of dollars across our system. So what does that say—that says we won’t build more restaurants. We won’t hire more people.” Tankel says that one option he is considering is reducing employee hours—because he is not required by ObamaCare to provide insurance if his employees work fewer than 30 hours per week. Jimmy John Liautaud, founder of Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches chain, is also considering reducing workers’ hours. Liautaud says, “We have to do that. There’s no other way we can survive it, because we think it will cost us 50 cents a sandwich. That’s just the actual cost. If you have 40 or 50 employees at a restaurant, and the penalty is \$2,000, and you’re going to pay \$80,000 or \$100,000 penalty, there goes the profit in your restaurant.” (The initial penalty for not providing insurance for full-time employees is \$2,000 per worker per year—or about \$1.00 per hour per worker. As costly as that is, it is cheaper than providing insurance. Those workers who do not receive employer-paid health insurance must buy their own policy—or be fined by the IRS under the ObamaCare individual mandate.) [39935, 40018]

ToThePointNews.com alleges that Obama stole the election via vote fraud. “Dave in Florida” writes, “First of all, Obama received 10 million less votes than he did in 2008. The part that is unbelievable is that Romney received 3 million less votes than McCain. At the end of the day, Obama won in the 4 critical swing states by [a total] 500,000 votes. But it is worse than that. We can look at who voted. By examining the number of Independents and their preference shift among actual voters, we know that 5 million Independents changed their votes from Obama to Romney. So Romney started the day 2.5 million votes ahead of where McCain was in 2008. They didn’t show up at the polls, or their votes were not counted. We know now that no subgroup of the coalition decided to sit out. So the current attempts to blame the Social Conservatives are stupid. All of our groups showed up to vote at the rates they did in 2008. *For this to be true, over 10% of*

Republicans needed to decide not to vote this year, who did vote in 2008. Does that make any sense? In fact, it is even worse, we know for a fact that heavy GOP counties were swamped all day. We watched all day as, e.g., Pasco County Florida was showing huge increases in GOP voters over the 2008 numbers. In Virginia, with 69% of the precincts in, Romney held a 6% lead. Yet once a small number of counties reported, that lead disappeared. If the vote drop off occurred, it occurred in a very small number of counties. It was not visible nationwide.” [39920, 39985, 39986, 39987, 39988, 40000, 40081]

“...I am going to start by looking at a few key counties in Florida. What I want to see is the voter registration numbers by party, and then compare them to the actual votes received. Theoretically, if this were to be done for all counties in Florida, we could see where the fraud occurred. Comparing the votes Romney received to the strike lists would show that in specific counties Romney received something like 50% of the Republican vote (picking a number out of the air) while we know that nationwide he received 95% of the Republican vote. To really get to the answer, we would need to get the registration books, which might be possible through Freedom of Information act. Those show who actually voted, by name, and their party. The media will not pursue this. This will take citizen journalists working in every state.” [39920]

The State Department says it will allow lawmakers to examine some documents related to the attack on Benghazi—under the condition that they may examine them only through November 9 and in-person in Washington, D.C. (That essentially means no one will be allowed to see the documents, because Congressmen and Senators are at home in their districts for the election break. With Obama playing hardball, Republican House members will have to issue subpoenas to obtain the documents. Senate Democrats will probably not bother and be content to ignore the issue.) [39932, 39933]

On November 9 CIA Director David Petraeus resigns. He states, “Yesterday afternoon, I went to the White House and asked [Obama] to be allowed, for personal reasons, to resign from my position as [Director of the] CIA. After being married for over 37 years, I showed extremely poor judgment by engaging in an extramarital affair. Such behavior is unacceptable, both as a husband and as the leader of an organization such as ours.” (Deputy CIA director Mike Morrell will temporarily fill the position. Some speculate that the position will ultimately go to former California Congresswoman Jane Harman, who once chaired the House Intelligence Committee.) At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield writes, “If Petraeus had stood by Obama over Benghazi all the way, and taken the fall, then the affair would not have mattered. This is Valerie Jarrett delivering a first dose of payback and neutering the threat of a Petraeus presidential run ...in 2016. ...This is Godfather politics, but then again this isn’t America or Washington DC anymore. It’s Chicago boss politics. And with foreign wars off the table and national security a dead issue, the borrowed credibility that Petraeus gave to the Troika of Obama, Jarrett and [Hillary] Clinton is no longer needed anymore. The left took a while to get Petraeus since their ‘General Betrayus’ days, but they got him in the end.” (The affair was allegedly discovered by FBI intercepts of Petraeus’ emails—which prompts the question, “Who has the authority to order spying on the nation’s CIA director?” It must be assumed that only Obama has that power, which then prompts the question, “Why did

Obama order that action?") [39918, 39926, 39936, 39937, 39940, 39943, 39945, 39950, 39963, 40398]

The Ulsterman Report comments on the Petraeus action: "This may prove even more important than the initial reports suggest. Is Director David Petraeus a fatality of Chicago politics—made to remain silent prior to the election and now left to act as the administration's sacrifice to Congressional investigators in the wake of the Benghazi scandal? Or is the former military general preparing to unleash facts that will lead directly back to the Obama White House and [Obama] himself regarding what really happened on September 11th of this year when four Americans—including a U.S. ambassador, were killed during a coordinated terrorist attack against an American consulate? Keep your eyes and ears open folks. The timing of this announcement, including Barack Obama quickly heading out of the country [for a trip to Asia], suggests a very volatile situation for the Obama administration. UPDATE: Reports now circulating that Petraeus' scheduled testimony next week before Congress regarding the Benghazi Massacre has been cancelled. That makes absolutely no sense. Will Congress simply subpoena Petraeus and force his testimony regardless? More importantly—why WOULDN'T Congress do just that? And would the former general participate, or would he plead the 5th? Or perhaps the Obama White House would initiate sweeping Executive Privilege as they did with Fast and Furious and dare Congressional leaders to try and force [Obama's] hand. He so far has successfully buried the Fast and Furious investigation—why not Benghazi as well? At this point, obviously far more questions than answers. What seems clear for now is the resignation of a CIA Director for an affair that some are suggesting took place over a year ago. And since when do administration officials resign over alleged marital affairs? Didn't Bill Clinton break that moral barrier down some 15 years ago? And all of this coming after an election in which many are going back to the results and indicating the numbers just don't add up..." [39934]

Rasmussen reports, "...68% of Likely U.S. Voters now say global warming is at least a somewhat serious problem, including 38% who think it's Very Serious. Thirty percent (30%) don't see global warming as a serious problem, with 12% who think it's Not At All Serious." (Much of the increase may be the result of the mainstream media's shoddy reporting of Hurricane Sandy and absurd claims that the storm was the direct result of "global warming." Obama may find it easier to implement additional job-killing "climate change" regulations if Americans continue to be fed weather propaganda.) [39915]

Obama's positive job performance rating increases to 51 percent in the Rasmussen poll, up from 47 percent on October 28. (Meanwhile, power remains out in parts of New York and New Jersey, 11 days after Hurricane Sandy.) [39916, 39929, 39930]

ABC's Jake Tapper asks White House press secretary Jay Carney, "[Obama] hasn't given a press conference since June. Do you plan on changing that or is that how it's going to be in the second term?" Carney says that Obama will "be taking your questions in the near future." [40010]

CNSNews.com reports, “A record 70.4 million people were enrolled in the Medicaid health care program for the poor in fiscal year 2011... That That figure equals about 22 percent of the population, which means there was one person on Medicaid for every 5 Americans in 2011.” [39921]

At AmericanThinker.com Stella Paul notes new job cuts: “Teco Coal officials announce layoffs. Momentive Inc plans temporary layoffs for 150. Wilkes-Barre officials to announce mandatory layoffs. 600 layoffs at Groupon. More layoffs announced at Aniston Weapons Incinerator. Murray Energy confirms 150 layoffs at 3 subsidiaries. 130 laid off in Minnesota dairy plant closure. Stanford brake plant to lay off 75. Turbocare, Oce to lay off more than 220 workers. ATI plans to lay off 172 workers in North Richland Hills. SpaceX claims its first victims as Rocketdyne lays off 100. Providence Journal lays off 23 full-time employees. CVPH lays off 17. New Energy lays off 40 employees. 102 Utah miners laid off because of ‘war on coal,’ company says. US Cellular drops Chicago, cuts 640 jobs. Career Education to cut 900 jobs, close 23 campuses. Vestas to cut 3,000 more jobs. First Energy to cut 400 jobs by 2016. Mine owner blames Obama for layoffs (54 fired last night). Canceled program costs 115 jobs at Ohio air base. AMD trims Austin workforce—400 jobs slashed. 100 workers lose jobs as Caterpillar closes plant in Minnesota. Exide to lay off 150 workers. TE Connectivity to close Guilford plant, lay off 620. More Layoffs for Major Wind Company (3,000 jobs cut). Cigna to lay off 1,300 workers worldwide. Ameridose to lay off hundreds of workers.” [39922, 39923]

House Republicans quickly learn they will get no cooperation from Obama on economic issues, with the White House announcing that he will veto any legislation that extends the Bush tax rates for families that earn \$250,000 or more. Obama states, “I’ve invited leaders of both parties to the White House next week so we can start to build consensus around the challenges that we can only solve together. And I also intend to bring in business and labor and civic leaders from all across the country here to Washington to get their ideas and input as well. Our top priority has to be jobs and growth.” (Why jobs and growth have not been his priority for the last four years is not explained.) “I’m open to compromise. I’m open to new ideas. But I refuse to accept any approach that isn’t balanced. I’m not gonna ask students and seniors and middle-class families to pay down the entire deficit while people like me making over \$250,000 aren’t asked to pay a dime more in taxes. I’m not gonna do that.” (Obama is “open to compromise” but the only action he will accept is higher taxes on those who earn \$250,000 or more—who already pay more than 40 percent of all income taxes.) [39924, 39931, 39938, 39941, 39953, 39967, 40112]

“I was encouraged,” continues Obama, “to hear Speaker [John] Boehner agree that tax revenue has to be part of this equation. So I look forward to hearing his ideas when I see him next week. Let’s extend the middle-class tax cuts right now. Let’s do that right now.” (Obama is misrepresenting Boehner’s statement. He did not agree to higher tax rates. He suggested closing some loopholes and restructuring the tax code.) “On Tuesday [the voters] said loud and clear that they won’t tolerate dysfunction. They won’t tolerate politicians who view compromise as a dirty word. Not when so many Americans are still out of work. Not when so many families and small business owners are still struggling to

pay the bills. What the American people are looking for is cooperation, they're looking for consensus." (Arguably, the voters *did* endorse continued dysfunction by reinstating a Republican House and a Democrat Senate. If they wanted immediate tax hikes and bigger government they would have elected more House Democrats. In fact, one election day exit poll question asked, "Should taxes be raised to help cut the budget deficit?"—and 63 percent responded, "No." By "cooperation" and "consensus" Obama of course means that Republicans should give him whatever he wants.) After his self-serving statements, Obama refuses to take questions from reporters. [39924, 39931, 39938, 39941, 39953, 39967]

Obama also says, "[W]e can't just cut our way to prosperity. If we're serious about reducing the deficit, we have to combine spending cuts with revenue. And that means asking the wealthiest Americans to pay a little more in taxes. ... That's how we can reduce the deficit while still making the investments we need to build a strong middle class and a strong economy. That's the only way we can still afford to train our workers or help our kids pay for college or make sure that good jobs in clean energy or high-tech manufacturing don't end up in countries like China. Now, already, I've put forward a detailed plan that allows us to make these investments while reducing our deficit by \$4 trillion over the next decade. I want to be clear: I'm not wedded to every detail of my plan. I'm open to compromise. I'm open to new ideas. I'm committed to solving our fiscal challenges." (Obama is wrong. The simple truth is that the nation not only can, it *must* "cut its way to prosperity." It can never achieve prosperity without spending cuts—yet all the legislators are willing to do is slightly reduce the rate of spending increases. They are *not* suggesting net spending cuts. Additionally, Obama cannot spend money twice. He demands higher taxes to reduce the deficit, yet also wants to spend that same additional tax revenue on "investments" like education and training. lastly, Obama's "detailed plan" is nothing more than his budget proposal—that received *zero* votes in the Senate and will not reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion.) [40105]

TheHill.com reports, "The Interior Department on Friday issued a final plan to close 1.6 million acres of federal land in the West originally slated for oil shale development. ... Interior's Bureau of Land Management cited environmental concerns for the proposed changes. Among other things, it excised lands with 'wilderness characteristics' and areas that conflicted with sage grouse habitats." Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY), chairman of House Energy and Commerce's subcommittee on Energy and Power, responds, "This proposal will place further limitations on the exploration and development of our country's natural resources and is yet another example of how this administration continues to stand in the way of North American energy independence." (Voters perhaps did not realize on November 6 that they would be sacrificing energy independence for the sake of more space for the sage grouse.) [39927]

Asked if he will run for president in 2016, Joe Biden tells CBS, "There's plenty of time to think about 2016. We've got to get this economy working. If three years from now the economy is not working, it's not going to be worth doing much." (In other words, if the economy is still in terrible shape, Biden won't bother running because he knows he will lose. Even if the economy turns around, however, the gaffe-prone Biden's chances of

winning the Democrat nomination in 2016 are close to zero. He turns age 70 on November 20, 2012, and has had several surgeries for brain aneurisms.) [39957, 39958]

At JewishWorldReview.com Arnold Ahlert writes, “I have a suggestion for the Republicans, one they won't hear from anyone else: give Barry and Company everything they want, without an iota of resistance. Let 'em raise taxes and the debt ceiling, gut the military, and run up trillions of dollars of additional deficits and debt. Then stand back, and let an utterly corrupt media chronicle the demise—without being able to pin an *ounce* of the ensuing socialist catastrophe on an ‘obstructionist’ GOP. ...Radical? Compared to what? Watching [Obama] get re-elected, despite four major scandals, the worst recovery on record, and the explosion of entitlements—all of which was blamed on the aforementioned Republican obstructionism? Being blamed for everything that *will* go wrong from 2012 to 2016, completely irrespective of reality or the truth? It's time to get real: the only thing Republicans can do is *delay* the inevitable. Why bother? The sooner progressives and the media bring America to its knees, the sooner the people who know better can put the nation back on its feet. ...Any attempt to meet Democrats ‘half-way’ is a fool's errand. There is no split-the-difference, get along to go along, compromise that can be reached between tyranny and freedom. With respect to the rule of law and the Constitution, you're either in or you're out. A nation is either solvent or bankrupt. It is either exceptional or ordinary. The American majority voted for tyranny, bankruptcy and mediocrity. Give the people what they want—until they can't stand it anymore.” [39928]

Reports of vote fraud spread on the Internet—although the mainstream media will ignore most of the stories. At FrontPagemag.com Daniel Greenfield reports that Obama managed to win *100 percent* of 21 voting districts in Cleveland, Ohio. Additionally, he somehow “won the majority of Wood County's 108% of registered voters. That's not a typo. In 2012, 106,258 people in Wood County are registered to vote out of an eligible 98,213. ...Half the Democratic ground game is voter turnout. The other half is voter fraud. Voter ID would make an impact on this game, but that would be just like the return of Segregation or something.” (Wood County has 7,000 more registered voters than there are residents of voting age.) In more than 50 precincts on Cuyahoga County, Ohio, Romney received only two, one, or zero votes. [39944, 40022, 40041, 40042, 40043]

Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) tells Bloomberg Television, “We're so far gone. We're over the cliff. We cannot get enough people in Congress in the next 5–10 years who will do wise things. ...The people in the Midwest voted against [Mitt Romney, saying], ‘Oh, we have to be taken care of!’ So that vote was sort of like what we are laughing at in Greece. People do not want anything cut. They want all the bailouts to come. They want the Fed to keep printing the money. And they don't believe that we've gone off the cliff or are close to going off the cliff. They think we can patch it over, that we can somehow come up with some magic solution. But you can't have a budgetary solution if you don't change what the role of government should be. As long as you think we have to police the world and run this welfare state, all we are going to argue about is who will get the loot.” [39946]

Breitbart.com reports, “Speculation is running rampant that Attorney General Eric Holder will step down from the Obama administration—and now, ...Obama is meeting with Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, widely considered a possible Holder successor. More broadly, Patrick is considered a possible future Democratic presidential candidate. Obama is scheduled to have dinner with Patrick tonight. Patrick is one of the most stridently liberal politicians in America. He has vetoed a ban on using EBT [food stamp] cards to buy pornography, tattoos, jewelry, guns, and bail money. Seriously.” [39947]

In New York, Christopher Earl Strunk files a legal petition with the court against all 29 of the state’s electoral college members, charging that they should “be held liable as accessories to felonies” in Obama’s usurpation of the office of the presidency by virtue of his not being a natural born citizen. (As noted many times in this Timeline, a natural born citizen is a person born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. Because Obama’s father was not a U.S. citizen, he is not eligible to serve as president—even though the issue has conveniently been ignored by the mainstream media, the politicians, and the courts for more than five years.) [39949]

With Obama’s reelection, federal employees predictably begin pushing for a pay raise. [39959]

On Fox News, Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Peters (retired) comments on the resignation of CIA director David Petraeus: “Well, the timing is just too perfect for the Obama administration. Just as the administration claimed it was ‘purely coincidence’ that our Benghazi consulate was attacked on the anniversary of September 11th, now it’s purely coincidence that this affair, extra-marital affair, surfaces right after the election, not before, but right after, but before the intelligence chiefs go to Capitol Hill to get grilled. As an old intelligence analyst, Neil [Cavuto], the way I read this—and I could be totally wrong, this is my interpretation—is that the administration was unhappy with Petraeus not playing ball 100 percent on their party-line [Benghazi] story. I think he was getting cold feet about testifying under oath on their party-line story. And I suspect that these tough Chicago guys knew about this affair for a while, held it in their back pocket until they needed to play the card. Now, I don’t like conspiracy theories, I may be totally wrong, but the timing of this, again, right after the election and right before Petraeus is supposed to get grilled on Capitol Hill, it really smells.” [39955]

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton refuses to agree to testify about Benghazi before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on November 15. [39960]

Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) tells the Fox News Channel’s Greta Van Susteren, “The fact that [CIA director David Petraeus has] resigned and had an affair has nothing to do with whether he will be subpoenaed to Congress. I hope we don’t have to subpoena a four star general and a former CIA director. I would hope he would come voluntarily but if he won’t he will be subpoenaed. And none of what happened today is an offense to a subpoena... He’s either a witness in our case in chief or he’s gonna be a rebuttal witness if [U.N. ambassador] Susan Rice and others blame him for their failure of intelligence

and failure of information. But there is no way we can get to the bottom of Benghazi without David Petraeus.” [39961]

According to Newsmax.com, “FBI agents on the [Petraeus] case were aware that ...a decision had been made to hold off on forcing him out until after the election and were outraged. ‘The decision was made to delay the resignation apparently to avoid potential embarrassment to [Obama] before the election,’ an FBI source says. ‘To leave him in such a sensitive position where he was vulnerable to potential blackmail for months compromised our security and is inexcusable.’” [39964, 39965, 39966]

On November 10 Obama, who has stated he will not rest until every American who wants a job has one, plays golf. (Some residents of New York and New Jersey remain without power as a result of the October 29 storm.) Since entering the White house Obama has played 105 rounds of golf. Only once did he play with a Republican (House Speaker John Boehner). [39962, 39975]

WatchDogWire.com reports on the massive vote fraud in St. Lucie County, Florida, where all but one of its precincts had a voter turnout of 113 percent. One polling place had a turnout of 158.85 percent. For the entire county, 247,713 votes were cast—*yet the county has only 175,554 registered voters*. Congressman Allen West (R-FL), who allegedly lost his bid for reelection, has demanded a recount. (On September 4, RedState.com reported that 10 counties in Colorado have “a total registration ranging between 104 to 140 percent of the respective populations.” Gilpin County, for example, has 4,909 registered voters yet only 4,494 residents old enough to vote. Hinsdale County has 830 registered voters with only 664 eligible.) [39951, 39952, 39954, 39968, 40042]

At CanadaFreePress.com investigator Doug Hagmann reports, “According to two well-vetted sources with intimate knowledge of the CIA operations and events in Benghazi, the resignation of CIA Director David Petraeus is directly related to the testimony he was expected to provide before a closed-door hearing next week before the Senate Intelligence Committee. Sources close to the controversy, citing the need for anonymity due to their positions, stated that ...Obama was aware of the CIA director’s indiscretions ‘long before’ the November 6, 2012 elections, and knew about the FBI’s investigative findings weeks before the election, but ‘erected a firewall’ to prevent any disclosure before November 6th. ...A second intelligence source stated that ‘the announcement [of Petraeus’ resignation] was carefully timed. It was announced in a Friday afternoon news dump three days after the election, and days before the Senate Intelligence Committee was to hear his testimony, despite [Obama] having knowledge of these events weeks ago. Friday’s announcement served two purposes; it kept controversy from emerging before the election, while allowing the administration to buy time regarding testimony by a federal official about CIA’s involvement in Benghazi.’ ...Both intelligence sources interviewed for this report agree that there is an exceptional cover-up campaign taking place. ‘All roads lead to Benghazi, and this cover-up is exponentially bigger than anything we’ve seen in Watergate and the Iran-Contra Affair combined. The American people are being lied to at every turn, and the Obama administration has become emboldened by the election results and a disinterested media.’” (Because Obama had

known for months that Petraeus was having an affair and did nothing, he was leaving the CIA director exposed to blackmail or extortion. In essence, Obama was risking national security for political purposes. That is not only an impeachable offense, it is treason.) [39956]

On November 11 *The Jerusalem Post* reports that the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) has fired warning shots into Syria after a Syrian shell struck the Golan Heights. “Israel says further attacks from Syria will ‘elicit a vigorous response’ from IDF, sends letter to UN warning Syrians to avoid spillover; Incident marks first time IDF has fired at Syria since 1973 Yom Kippur War.” Meanwhile, Hamas terrorists fired more than 60 rockets into southern Israel on November 10. The mainstream media ignores the story—but reports the Israeli retaliation that allegedly resulted in the death of one Muslim teenager. (At AtlasShrugs.com Pamela Geller comments, “Watch the world spin out of control under a weak and feckless American president. These next four years will be the hardest of your life.”) [39972, 39978, 39979]

Like Obama, Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) states she is not about to compromise on the nation’s fiscal issues. On ABC’s *This Week*, she closely follows the Obama script and states, “We can’t accept an unfair deal that piles on the middle class and tell them they have to support it. We have to make sure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share.” (The wealthiest Americans already pay their fair share, of course, and Congressional Republicans have not proposed raising taxes on the middle class.) “So if the Republicans will not agree with that, we will reach a point at the end of this year where all the tax cuts expire and we’ll start over next year. And whatever we do will be a tax cut for whatever package we put together. That may be the way to get past this. Look, no one wants to go off the fiscal cliff. But a fair deal is absolutely critical here.” (The Democrats apparently have decided to refuse to extend the Bush tax rates and let them all expire at the end of the year, blaming Republicans for holding middle-class American “hostage.” They will then demand tax cuts for families that earn less than \$250,000 per year and dare the Republicans not to agree.) One area where the federal government could save tax dollars is by eliminating “official portraits” commissioned for high-level officials. *The Washington Times* reports, “The Environmental Protection Agency spent nearly \$40,000 on a portrait of Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, while a painting of Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley will cost \$41,200, according to federal purchasing records. The price tag for a 3-by-4-foot oil portrait of Agriculture Department Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack: \$22,500. All told, the government has paid out at least \$180,000 for official portraits since last year...” (Whether Senator Murray has an official portrait is not known.) [39977, 39980, 40336, 40427]

On *Face the Nation* Senator Lindsey Graham (R-C) states, “[A]t the end of the day the one thing that has to happen in my view is we have to get to the bottom of Benghazi. I hate what happened to General Petraeus for his family and the families of those involved. But we have four dead Americans in Benghazi. We have a national security failure long in the making. I don’t see how in the world you can find out what happened in Benghazi before during and after the attack if General Petraeus doesn’t testify. So, from my point of view, it is absolutely essential that he give testimony before the Congress so we can

figure out Benghazi. And from the Congress's point of view, instead of doing this in a stove pipe way, you have got the Department of Defense that needs to explain themselves, the intelligence community, God knows the State Department needs to answer for their behavior regarding Benghazi. I would suggest that we have a joint select committee of House and Senate members and we do this together—not have three different committees going off in three different directions—so we can get to the bottom of it like we did in Watergate and Iran Contra. I think that would be smart for the Congress to combine resources.” [40008]

Congressman Peter King (R-NY) tells Fox News, “My strong recommendation is General [David] Petraeus has to testify. We can't find out what happened in Benghazi unless David Petraeus testifies. He was at the center of it all. He is an absolutely essential witness.” On CNN's *State of the Union*, King says, “First of all, I'm wondering—excuse me, how a—something about emails went to the level of the FBI, how the FBI could have been investigating it this long, and yet, you know, General Petraeus was involved—or Director Petraeus was involved. To me, if it was the FBI the director had the obligation to tell [Obama] or the National Security Council at the earliest state. So it seems this has been going on for several months and, yet, now it appears that they're saying that the FBI didn't realize until election day that General Petraeus was involved. It just doesn't add up, that you have this type of investigation. The FBI investigating emails, the emails leading to the CIA director, and it taking four months to find out that the CIA director was involved. So, I have real questions about this. I think a timeline has to be looked at and analyzed to see what happened. ...I think the FBI has to come forward and tell exactly when they began the investigation, why it reached that level, when they first realized that General Petraeus might be involved, and at the time they did realize he was involved, did they go to the White House, did they go to the National Security Council? Because obviously this was a matter involving a potential compromise of security, and [Obama] should have been told about it at the earliest state. That's really all I'm saying. How the FBI got involved? How long it was going on? Did they get a court order? Was it a federal court order for this email surveillance? You know, what was contained in that order? When did they realize that it possibly involved the CIA director?” [39982, 39998, 40011]

On *Fox News Sunday* Senator Dianne Feinstein, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, says the committee will investigate why it had not been told of the FBI investigation of CIA director David Petraeus' extramarital affair. “[T]his something they—that could have had an effect on national security. I think we should have been told. There is a way to do it. And that is, just to inform the chair and the vice chairman of both committees [Senate and House intelligence committees].” [39973, 39991, 39992, 39998, 39999, 40007, 40009]

Twitchy.com posts some of the Twitter messages of business owners who say they will cut back on employees hours and limit new hiring: “Printing a not hiring sign for my small business today.” “We won't be hiring anyone to work over 30 hours anymore either.” “Because of Obamacare I won't hire more than 49 employees or let any of them go full time. Neither will any other employer.” “I am a small business owner for 23 years

and Obamacare will kill my business. I'm not hiring and I will reduce hours." "I am a small business owner—and no I am not hiring. Raise my taxes, I'll be firing. Don't like it? Start your own damn business." "What it means 2 me as a small business owner who hears my taxes r going up, I won't b hiring anyone, or buy new equipment." "Layoffs keep piling up! My husband's co won't be hiring anyone new & r battenning down the hatches." "How many companies do you think will do layoffs before the end of the year. I won't be hiring anyone like I was hoping." "I'm far from 'rich' but I own a small business & you're right, I won't be hiring. We're reducing staff & leaving Illinois." [39974]

Congressman John Fleming (R-LA) tells DailyCaller.com he has been warning his constituents to "not extend yourselves in debt, make sure that you pay off things, don't get into debt with credit cards, stay as liquid as possible. Don't take risk, and don't get into debt. You need to stay less vulnerable economically over the next two to four years, in hopes that the economy will sort itself out, and that Washington will get its act together. ...I think always, when you have a candidate promising free stuff, and another promising less stuff or nothing, the one who promises more is always going to have the advantage. The problem is that we've been doing that for about five decades, and it's getting us into serious trouble. ...[T]he American people chose to continue down that road, despite the fact that we have other countries ahead of us, like Greece, that are suffering massively. It looks like we're going to have to go through the same or similar pain [as Greece] to get real reforms. ...[W]hat's going to happen is there's going to be a day of reckoning that gets into a serious situation where we have to make tough choices." [39976]

According to Examiner.com, citizens in 15 states "have petitioned the Obama Administration for withdrawal [secession] from the United States of America in order to create its own government. States following this action include: Louisiana, Texas, Montana, North Dakota, Indiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Colorado, Oregon and New York. These States have requested that the Obama Administration grant a peaceful withdrawal from the United States. These citizen generated petitions were filed just days after the 2012 Presidential election. Louisiana was the first State to file a petition a day after the election by a Michael E. from Slidell, Louisiana. Texas was the next State to follow by a Micah H. from Arlington, Texas. The government allows one month from the day the petition is submitted to obtain 25,000 signatures in order for the Obama administration to consider the request." ("Consider the request" means nothing more that providing a response—which will no doubt be, "Don't waste our time." But the fact that individuals have started such petitions at a White House web site may be an indication of growing citizen unrest.) [39981, 40003, 40004, 40017, 40023, 40027, 40028, 40029, 40030, 40040, 40073, 40090, 40145]

By November 12 there are secession petitions from residents of 19 states. The Texas petition gains 25,000 signatures by the end of that day. The web site has a "loophole" that will enable Obama to ignore the petition: "To avoid the appearance of improper influence, the White House may decline to address certain procurement, law

enforcement, adjudicatory, or similar matters properly within the jurisdiction of federal departments or agencies, federal courts, or state and local government in its response to a petition.” (Individuals cannot “secede,” but they can gain citizenship in another country and then renounce their U.S. citizenship. For a state to secede from the United States, it would have to hold a state secession convention—and then hope the federal government does not intervene with armed troops to force the residents to remain behind an “Obama Curtain.” The U.S. Constitution does not prohibit—or even mention—secession, and the Tenth Amendment gives to the states and the people all rights not specifically granted to the federal government. Accordingly, the federal government has no *legal* basis for preventing a state from seceding. The Declaration of Independence, of course, recognizes the right of secession. On March 20, 1861, U.S. Senator James A. Bayard of Maryland offered a resolution to avoid bloodshed. It stated, “Resolved by the Senate of the United States, That the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, has full power and authority to accept the declaration of the seceding States that they constitute hereafter an alien people, and to negotiate and conclude a treaty with ‘the Confederate States of America’ acknowledging their independence as a separate nation; and that humanity and the principle avowed in the Declaration of Independence that the only just hosts of government is ‘the consent of the governed,’ alike require that the otherwise inevitable alternative of civil war, with all its evils and devastation, should be thus avoided.” Had Abraham Lincoln and a majority of Congress heeded Bayard’s advice, 600,000 lives could have been saved.) [39981, 40003, 40004, 40017, 40023, 40027, 40028, 40029, 40030, 40040, 40073, 40090, 40145, 40205]

On Fox News, chief Washington correspondent for Newsmax Ronald Kessler, comments, “There are several cover-ups going on here. One is the claim that ...Obama was not informed about what was going on with the FBI investigation of [David] Petraeus until after the election. ...Simply look at the facts. Is there any way in the world that the FBI launching an investigation on the CIA Director would not tell [Obama]? ...If they didn’t tell [Obama], that would be a scandal. The second cover-up is the claim... that the FBI was told by the White House to hold off on doing anything until after the election. I was told about this by sources in early October, and told that FBI agents were outraged about this and that Petraeus would not be asked to resign until after the election. ...The third cover-up is all this misinformation you see in the press about what happened. I happen to know that some of that comes from lies [about] Petraeus or even Petraeus himself, who is in touch with people in the press...” (It is worth noting that Petraeus has referred to Israel as a “liability” in the Middle East. there may therefore be two parties interested in going after Petraeus: Obama and Israel.) Attorney General Eric Holder has reportedly known about the Petraeus affair for months. It is impossible for any reasonable person to believe that Obama was unaware of the situation. (It is clear that the FBI knew about the affair for some months; Holder knew; and Obama knew. It was kept secret so as not to cost Obama any votes on election day. When Petraeus refused to play along with the Benghazi cover-up and declared it was not the CIA that ordered the “stand down,” the blame for the four American deaths shifted to Obama. Obama survived that through election day because the mainstream media chose to protect him, but Obama and aide Valerie Jarrett then sought revenge on Petraeus. His admitting to the affair eliminated the Obama-Jarrett blackmail. Obama has only managed to buy time. At some point Petraeus

will testify before Congress—and Obama will be implicated in the stand-down order and the cover-up.) [39984, 40001, 40006, 40024, 40048]

PunditPress.com posts an audio recording of a Democrat election official in Philadelphia refusing to permit Republican poll-watchers from monitoring the election. Republican inspector: “These guys have a court order. They have to be able to sit here.” Democrat inspector: “They not sitting here [sic]. They can sit in here, but they not sitting at this board. They not running this [sic]. I’m running this.” Republican inspector: Well, they’re the minority inspectors, ma’am.” Democrat inspector: “I don’t care. I don’t care.” Republican inspector: “That’s what the law says.” Democrat inspector: “I don’t care what the law says. I say! I’m not turning them away, [but] they’re not sitting here at this board.” Republican inspector: “I’m going to call the legal division.” Democrat inspector: “I don’t care, call ’em.” [39989]

The Telegraph reports, “Gun sales in America are soaring in the wake of ...Obama’s re-election with weapons retailers reporting AK-47s flying off shelves ‘like hotcakes.’ Owners of guns have been stocking up because they are concerned about a potential tightening of regulations on assault weapons in [Obama’s] second term. In October the number of background checks on people applying to buy guns, an indicator of future sales, increased by 18.4 per cent. There was a similar jump when ...Obama was first elected in 2008. A total of 12.7 million background checks were carried out that year, up from 11.2 million the year before, and the number has been rising since then.” [40032]

Obama telephones Mahmoud Abbas, head of the Palestinian Authority, to ask that he not demand recognition of statehood from the United Nations. Abbas declines. (Obama placed himself in a bind by suggesting to the Palestinians that he would be more willing to work with them and against Israel in a second term. Abbas is now taking him up on that offer. If Abbas pursues statehood and the anti-Israel United Nations acts on the issue, the United States will be forced to vote one way or the other. If it votes for Palestinian statehood, Obama will anger American Jews and Israel. If it votes against Abbas, Obama will anger Muslims worldwide. The Palestinian move is expected on November 29, the 65th anniversary of the United Nations resolution partitioning the land that later became Israel, on May 14, 1948.) [40053, 40054]

On November 12 *The Kansas City Star* reports that a record 47.1 million Americans received food stamp benefits in August. “Participation was up 0.9 percent from July and 2.9 percent higher than a year earlier, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said. The total topped 47 million for the first time and has been above 46 million since September 2011. Monthly spending on food stamps reached \$6.28 billion, also a record and 2.5 percent more than a year earlier. August was the most-recent month for which statistics are available.” (It is worth noting that the Obama administration intentionally delayed the reporting of the food stamp data until after the election—because an increasing number of people dependent on the program means the economy is getting worse, not better.) [40012, 40107]

According to Philly.com, Mitt Romney received zero votes in 59 of Philadelphia's voting divisions, for a combined vote total of 19,605 to 0. (The areas are black neighborhoods in north and west Philadelphia.) [40013, 40038]

On MSNBC's *Andrea Mitchell Reports*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) claims that CIA director David Petraeus went to Libya after the terrorist attack of September 11 and accuses the Obama administration of keeping the trip secret from the Senate Intelligence Committee she chairs. "I believe that Director Petraeus made a trip to the region, shortly before this became public. I believe that there is a trip report. We have asked to see the trip report. One person tells me he has read it, and then we tried to get it and they tell me it hasn't been done. That's unacceptable. We are entitled to this trip report, and if we have to go to the floor of the Senate on a subpoena, we will do just that. ...I have no doubt now that we will need to talk with David Petraeus. And we will likely do that in closed session. But it will be done, one way or the other." [40015, 40044, 40049, 40060, 40068, 40169]

House Democrats call for unemployment benefits to be extended for 2.1 million Americans set to lose them at the end of 2012. (They do not offer a way to pay for those benefits.) [40016]

In Texas, state representative David Longview introduces the Texas Travel Freedom Act (House Bill 80). According to Michael Boldin at LewRockwell.com, Texas Representative David Simpson has "pre-filed a bill to stop aggressive TSA groping in the Lone Star State. The Texas Travel Freedom Act, House Bill 80, would make it a criminal act to intentionally touch 'the anus, breast, buttocks, or sexual organ of the other person, including touching through clothing,' without probable cause in the process of determining whether to grant someone access to a public venue or means of public transportation. The act also provides additional protection for minors. A public servant acting under color of his office or employment commits an offense if he... removes a child younger than 18 years of age from the physical custody or control of a parent or guardian of the child or a person standing in the stead of a parent or guardian of the child. If passed, the law would prevent TSA agents from carrying out the most intrusive pat-down searches at airports across Texas." (Texas attempted to pass a similar law in 2011 and in response the Obama administration threatened to prohibit all airline flights to and from the state. The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst angered Texans by backing down and forcing the bill's withdrawal.) [20989, 20990, 20991, 21019, 21033, 21053, 21076, 21077, 21110, 21112, 40091, 40092]

The Minneapolis *Star Tribune* reports, "Hostess Brands Inc. is permanently closing three bakeries following a nationwide strike by its bakers union. The maker of Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder Bread said Monday that the strike has prevented it from producing and delivering products, and it is closing bakeries in Seattle, St. Louis and Cincinnati."

The facilities employ 627 workers. Hostess, based in Irving, Texas, operates 36 bakeries nationwide and has about 18,300 employees. It warned earlier this month that the strike, by about 30 percent of its workforce, could lead to bakery closures. ...Hostess has argued that workers must make concessions as it tries to improve its financial position. The privately-held food maker filed for Chapter 11 protection in January, its second trip through bankruptcy court in less than a decade. Hostess cited increasing pension and medical costs for employees as one of the drivers behind its latest filing.” (At FoxBusiness.com Elizabeth MacDonald notes, “The details are ugly when you see what was going on behind the scenes at Hostess. It reportedly was dealing with 372 separate collective-bargaining contracts, 80 separate health and benefits plans, and 40 different pension plans. Union rules said no Hostess delivery trucks could have both bread and snacks on board, despite the fact the goods were going to the same stores. Drivers were not allowed to load the snacks onto their trucks, certain workers could only load snacks not bread, and vice versa.” Absurd union rules like that do nothing but reduce worker productivity and increase the cost of doing business.) [40025, 40062, 40063, 40440]

According to WND.com, “Up to 10 percent of the ballots cast at a polling station in Pennsylvania reverted to a default, which gave Barack Obama a vote no matter who the voter had selected, according to a poll watcher who was a witness to the proceedings. The incident took place in the state where officials claimed Obama got a total of 19,605 votes in 59 voting divisions to zero for Mitt Romney and not far from the 100 precincts in Ohio where Obama got 99 percent of the vote, a feat not even achieved by third-world dictators, according to Market Daily News. ...It was in Upper Macungie Township, near Allentown, Pa., where an auditor, Robert Ashcroft, was dispatched by Republicans to monitor the vote on Election Day. He said the software he observed would ‘change the selection back to default—to Obama.’ He said that happened in about 5 percent to 10 percent of the votes.” [40026]

CNSNews.com reports that stores in Naples, Italy now sell figurines of Obama wearing a gold crown—for Christmas nativity displays. [40065]

At InfoWars.com Jon Rappoport writes, “It’s absurd to think the FBI just found out about CIA Director Petraeus’ affair with Paula Broadwell, his biographer. The timing is too convenient. The FBI knew about the affair some time ago and, under strict orders, kept their mouths shut until just after Election Day. If they hadn’t, the scandal would have blown up during Obama’s campaign run. During the period the FBI knew about Petraeus’ affair, they also knew he was completely vulnerable to blackmail. In FBI and CIA circles, to have done nothing about it is considered treasonous. Putting a gag on these FBI people had to been done by the White House. ...Petraeus’ initial statements to Congress, behind closed doors on September 14, led legislators to believe that absurd film trailer was the cause of the ‘uprising’ at the house where Stevens was attacked and killed. Was the General’s ridiculous declaration made under orders from the White House, who had the blackmail goods on him? Then, finally, on October 26th, Petraeus, perhaps fed up at how he was being used by the White House to provide cover for [Obama], stated: ‘No one at any level in the CIA told anybody not to help those in need [in Benghazi]. Claims to the contrary are simply inaccurate.’ In this whole scenario, we would be looking at a

potential case of double blackmail. First by the White House, who knew of the affair sometime ago, and second, by whoever might have wrung CIA and military secrets out of Petraeus because they knew about his affair with Broadwell. ...In Afghanistan, Petraeus was Obama's choice to replace Stanley McChrystal, the general who blew his career during a Rolling Stone interview in which his men took pot shots at [Obama]. It is quite fair to ask whether Petraeus served as Obama's man in Afghanistan under the unspoken but implied threat that, if there were any kerfuffles, any deviations, any criticisms of the White House Afghan policy, Petraeus' affair would become public knowledge. Despite claims by a friend that the affair with Broadwell began after Petraeus assumed leadership of the CIA, there is a strong possibility it started earlier, when Broadwell was 'embedded' with the general in Afghanistan." [40031]

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta tells reporters, "With regards to Benghazi... I think it's been pointed out we moved very quickly to deploy the forces that we thought were important to deal with the threats in the region. We deployed those forces as quickly as we could, but the problem with Benghazi itself was that the events there were happening on a rapid pace and that attack was largely over by the time we could respond. ...The fundamental fact is this—that in order for us to be able to move quickly, we have to have some advanced notice that something is going to happen and, in this case, we didn't have that. When we were informed, the attack was already happening. And to be able to, you know, to respond quickly while an attack was going on just made it very difficult to be able to move as quickly as we would have wanted." (The attack in Benghazi started roughly seven hours before the last two Americans were killed. It is absurd to believe that military assistance could not have been provided by then. Panetta apparently expects "some advanced notice" from terrorists before he will take action. On Twitter, former Senator Fred Thompson writes, "Leon... September 11 was on the calendar all year.") [40064]

The latest Washington rumor has Senator John Kerry replacing Leon Panetta as Secretary of Defense and Obama's incompetent U.N. ambassador Susan Rice replacing Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. [40050, 40051, 40059]

A "repeal Obamacare" petition is added to the WhiteHouse.gov petition list. Within 48 hours it has more than 20,000 signatures. The petition reads, "Please repeal Obamacare, it is destroying jobs in this country and is already taxing businesses into closing. If you care even a little about the middle class as you so adamantly said you did during your reelection campaign, than you will repeal it so the middle class can get back to work." [40085]

The FBI raids the Charlotte, North Carolina home of Paula Broadwell, who had an affair with General David Petraeus. (The raid is possibly meant to frighten Petraeus so that he will fear what will happen if he testifies about Benghazi at a Congressional committee and tells what Obama knew and when he knew it. Because the truth would damage Obama, Obama has no choice but to intimidate Petraeus. Obama's message is: "See what we are doing to Broadwell? Well, that is *nothing* compared to what we will do if you tell the truth about Obama's Benghazi lies.") [40039, 40052, 40100]

On November 13, just one week after the election and with the nation in desperate need of jobs, Obama meets with labor leaders and leftists who supported his reelection and whose demands are the antithesis of job creation: Lee Saunders, AFSCME; Dennis Van Roekel, NEA; Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO; Neera Tanden, Center for American Progress; John Podesta, Center for American Progress; Bob Greenstein, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities; Laura Burton Capps, Common Purpose Project; Max Richtman, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; Justin Ruben, MoveOn; Deepak Bhargava, Center for Community Change. (The meeting is closed door, with no media allowed.) After the meeting—to the surprise of no one—labor leaders state they support Obama’s demand for higher taxes on families that earn \$250,000 or more per year. Tanden says that Obama is “standing firm on taxes, on the issue of raising taxes on the wealthiest Americans.” (Obama’s concept of “bipartisanship” is to be totally unwilling to compromise while expecting the Republicans to give in.) Tanden also says that Obama discussed “going around the country to communicate to people what the choice is here. He feels very strongly that it will be a continuation of what the election was all about.” (Rather than remain in the White House and lead, he wants to fly around the country to push his leftist agenda by continuing to pit groups of Americans against each other.) [40034, 40035, 40046, 40066, 40173]

Senators and Congressmen return to Washington, D.C. for the post-election lame-duck session. They will meet for a mere 16 days before adjourning for the Christmas holiday. [40045]

The Associated Press reports that a survey of 2,029 owners of small businesses by the National Federation of Independent Business shows no cause for economic optimism. Only four percent of those surveyed plan to do any hiring, and only three percent expect their sales to increase over the next six months or so. (The survey was conducted shortly before the election.) [40033]

In the Rasmussen daily poll, “55% of Likely Voters at least somewhat approve of ...Obama’s job performance. Forty-four percent (44%) at least somewhat disapprove.” [40036]

Obama refuses to accept a telephone call from Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki congratulating him on his reelection. (Maliki heads the country’s Shia-led government; Obama’s sympathies lie with the Sunni Muslims.) According to DailyCaller.com, “Obama welcomed congratulatory phone calls from the elected Islamist, semi-theocratic leaders of Egypt and Turkey, and from the autocrats in charge of Qatar and Saudi Arabia, all of whom opposed the U.S. campaign to remove Iraq’s dictator [Saddam Hussein].” [40095]

A spokesman for Texas Governor Rick Perry responds to the petition on a White House web site calling for his state to secede from the union: “Governor Perry believes in the greatness of our Union and nothing should be done to change it. But he also shares the frustrations many Americans have with our federal government.” (The petitions will , of

course, result in no action. But they are a shot across the bow of the ship of state that many citizens are concerned about the federal government's trampling of individual rights and Obama's disregard for the U.S. Constitution. A serious attempt by a state to secede will likely not occur until the economy gets much worse; a collapse of the dollar could trigger one or more states to act.) Leftists respond to the secession petitions with one of their own demanding that supporters of secession be stripped of their U.S. citizenship and "deported." (By November 13 conservatives in 47 states—all but Vermont, Maine, and Washington—have started secession petitions on the White House web site.) [40037, 40067, 40073, 40074]

WashingtonGuardian.com reports, "As much as 18 percent of the nation's coal-fired power units could be headed to retirement because of the cost to upgrade to current pollution controls, according to an analysis the Union of Concerned Scientists plans to release Tuesday. The study, which the authors called a 'stress test,' found that 59 gigawatts of capacity, comprised of 353 generating units in 31 states, compare unfavorably to natural gas and renewables if the cost of pollution equipment is considered. Of that total, as much as 40 percent are already more expensive to run than cleaner alternatives, they found." [40047]

NYPost.com reports that Obama has asked Attorney General Eric Holder to remain through his second term. (More than a few observers might argue that Obama has no choice but to keep Holder—because he "knows where the bodies are buried" and would have a difficult time finding someone as corrupt to replace him and do his "dirty work.") [40057, 40058, 40106]

Paul Krantz, the father of Paula Broadwell, tells the *New York Daily News*, "This [David Petraeus controversy] is about something else entirely, and the truth will come out. There is a lot more that is going to come out. You wait and see. There's a lot more here than meets the eye. ...I stand by my daughter. She is an exceptional person." [40061]

NBCUniversal announces it is laying off 450 employees. [40072, 40080]

According to *The Washington Post*, Obama's opening "offer" in the budget talks with Republicans will include a whopping \$1.6 trillion in tax increases over 10 years—enough to destroy what little strength there is in the economy and cause the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs. Obama's proposal also claim \$1 trillion in savings from the wind-down of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Ending the wars does *not* result in additional revenue. It merely results in the need for less borrowing and does *not* provide the government with any more money to spend.) Obama also wants \$340 billion in cuts in health care spending, and his \$1.6 trillion in tax hikes is *in addition* to coming Obamacare tax increases. (Some assume that Obama's \$1.6 trillion is possible only if he hopes to reinstate the Alternative Minimum Tax on January 1, 2013. USNews.com notes, "The AMT was created to eliminate deduction loopholes the wealthy could use to pay less in taxes. But over the years and because of inflation, incomes levels have grown to include more and more Americans. In the past, Congress has put in place short-term legislative fixes that have prevented more Americans from becoming eligible for the

AMT. However, nothing has been done this year.” By not re-implementing the AMT “fix,” tens of millions of Americans would be hit with substantial additional income taxes, yet Obama could claim he did not raise anyone’s tax *rate*. In general, families with incomes of \$75,000 or more would be hit with the AMT. BusinessInsider.com writes, “The AMT is a disaster. It will force 60m [60 million] people to confront a very complicated new set of tax forms... It will be retroactive. It will cause 30m [30 million] people fits when they realize they will have to pay out of pocket or get a much smaller refund for 2012.”) [40075, 40076, 40240, 40241, 40390]

At Breitbart.com Joel B. Pollak writes that the \$1.6 trillion demand “...is twice as high as a deal Obama scuttled last year, suggesting he may be prepared to let talks fail again. ...Obama’s actual offer, however, indicates that he is spoiling for a fight. He clearly hopes to use his re-election to assert greater leverage within the talks—though [House Speaker John] Boehner’s Republicans, too, were returned to power by the same electorate. [Obama’s] goal is not merely to reach a compromise at a higher number than the \$800 billion deal that fell through last time; rather, his aim is to force Republicans to agree to the higher tax rates necessary to reach that number. ...Obama is also interested in creating impressions. He huddled with his most radical allies at the White House today—including MoveOn.org—to reassure them that he would fight hard for Republican concessions. Today’s \$1.6 trillion offer may be part of that display. Alternatively, Obama may have chosen the number so that the halfway mark between this offer and Boehner’s last from 2011 would be \$1.2 trillion—exactly what Obama demanded last year. But knowing that Boehner cannot accept tax hikes and remain in charge of the House, \$1.6 trillion seems less like a serious opening gambit and more like the highest possible demand that would be guaranteed to prevent a deal without seeming entirely unreasonable. Obama may prefer to go over the fiscal cliff, which would raise taxes by default and cut defense spending and entitlements with both parties sharing the blame. That’s what \$1.6 trillion buys today.” [40075, 40076, 40129]

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, “Think about it: the amount of revenue for which [Obama and his fellow Democrats are] prepared to push us over the fiscal cliff wouldn’t fund the government for a week. So why in the world would we want to do it? What’s the point? To make people feel good about whacking somebody else? That’s not what we were sent here to do. That’s certainly not what the people of Kentucky sent me here to do. That’s not how you set economic policy—because it makes you feel good. You set economic policy because you think it will lead to investment here in America, create jobs, and give more people an opportunity to lift up themselves up, boosting middle-class incomes now and ensuring security for the future. ...Some on the other side have said we should just go off the cliff, and just hope for the best. I don’t think that’s what the American people had in mind when they went to the polls last week. I think what they had in mind is that we put the staring contests of the past two years behind us, and work it out. The best way forward, the way that will lead to jobs and growth, a smaller deficit, and fewer political fights, is to keep everybody’s tax rates right where they are for now, figure out a way to avoid the automatic defense cuts scheduled to hit at the end of the year without cutting a penny less than we promised, and committing to the kind of comprehensive tax and entitlement reform next year that we all claim to

want. A simpler tax code that lowers rates and clears out certain deductions and special interest loopholes would trigger economic growth, create jobs, and result in more revenue without raising anyone's rates. We know this because we've seen it before. It works." [40208]

At the daily White House press briefing ABC's Jonathan Karl presses press secretary Jay Carney on the Petraeus investigation cover-up: "Jay, this investigation has been going on for months. How is it that the White House didn't have any idea of this until the day after the election, and Congress a few days later." Carney replies, "Well, I would refer you to the FBI. They have, as I understand it, protocols in place for when they notify the legislative and executive branches of investigations. And it's simply a fact that the White House was not aware of the situation regarding General Petraeus until Wednesday and the situation regarding General Allen until Friday." Karl asks, "But you do you understand how people would find this utterly bizarre? The day after election? And the anger that you are hearing on Capitol Hill that this was going on... at least the timing, the appearance." [40077]

CBS reports that election officials in Broward County, Florida have "found" 963 ballots that were not counted after the November 6 election. [40078]

Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee tells *Newsmax*, "There are some things in Benghazi that the White House has covered up. That much is a pretty absolute certainty. They were dishonest with the American people. They flat-out lied to us about what happened. They knew they were lying to us. And they've been covering it up. That we know and we'll stick with that until we find out what the White House did know. But it's a tragedy to see a great soldier, a soldier's soldier like David Petraeus, see the end of his career something less than sterling. Here was a person who, when many American were thinking about whether they were going to go to Universal Studios or Disney World and have a big time, he was literally dodging bullets for the rest of us." On budget negotiations, Huckabee says, "It's not pleasant and a lot of Republicans say, 'No, we absolutely draw a line in the sand.' But you know what? At the end of the day there are millions of American families who are going to be facing a \$3,500 tax hit right in the gut on January 1, and I don't want the Republican Party to be solely or even partially responsible for a family making \$35,000 or \$40,000 a year getting hit with somewhere between eight and 10 percent of their total income because everybody was drawing a line in the sand. We need to think that we may give something up but not everything. The better thing is to propose something that doesn't raise tax rates. For example, if you limit deductions for top earners to \$50,000 a year, studies show that brings in \$789 billion in 10 years. That's more money than you would get by raising the tax rates. So Republicans could put that on the table. But they can't go into this with an attitude of all or nothing, now or never, because you get nothing and you get it forever." [40079]

Ria Novosti reports that Obama plans to visit Russia. No date for the trip has been confirmed. [40127, 40128]

On CNBC's Squawk Box, the *Gloom, Boom and Doom* report publisher Marc Faber states, "The market is going down because corporate profits will begin to disappoint, the global economy will hardly grow next year or even contract, and that is the reason why stocks, from the highs of September of 1,470 on the S&P, will drop at least 20 percent, in my view. There will be pain and there will be very substantial pain. The question is do we take less pain now through austerity or risk a complete collapse of society in five to 10 years' time? In a democracy, they're not going to take the pain, they're going to kick down the problems [down the road] and they're going to get bigger and bigger. In the Western world, including Japan, the problem we have is one of too much debt and that debt now will have to be somewhere, somehow repaid or it will slow down economic growth. I think we lived beyond our means from 1980 to 2007, and now it's payback period." [40087, 40088, 40089]

White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters Obama knew nothing about the affair CIA director David Petraeus was having until after the election—which means either that Carney is lying for Obama, or the administration is incompetent. (For the CIA director to be involved in an affair that could make him susceptible to blackmail is a matter of national security. That no one would have informed Obama is almost impossible to believe. Even if Obama and Attorney general Eric Holder did not know, Russia and Israeli probably did—as their intelligence agencies certainly know how to hack Gmail accounts. It is almost certain that both Obama and Holder knew and chose to use the information against Petraeus, rather than put the interests of the nation first. According to Fox News, "...White House Counterterrorism adviser John Brennan reportedly was aware that there was a relationship [between Petraeus and Paula Broadwell] as early as the summer of 2011." It is beyond the realm of believability that Obama was not informed.) Carney responds to many questions about Petraeus by referring reporters to the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the Defense Department—knowing full well they will not get answers from that agency. Strangely, Carney says Obama "does not believe that reducing deficits and debt are values unto themselves. He believes that they are part of an approach that is driven by his number-one priority, which is economic growth and job creation." (In other words, Obama thinks a massive national debt and annual deficits are just fine.) "And one of the reasons why you need to have balance [tax hikes] in the approach you take," says Carney, "is to ensure that you can continue to do the things that help the economy grow—that invest in education, that lead to people being hired to work on building our infrastructure, that ensure that we're having investments in innovation and aspects of the economy that will be so important in the 21st century. Because if you don't, you've lost sense of your overall purpose here, which is a vibrant American economy that enables Americans to find work, work that enables them to live a good life and send their kids to school and take care of their parents." (That is, Obama has no intention of using additional tax revenue to reduce the deficit. He plans on spending it on student loans and paying back labor unions with taxpayer-funded projects.) [40104, 40108, 40109, 40110, 40111, 40150]

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) responds to Obama's demand for higher taxes: "When it comes to the great economic challenges of the moment, saying that you want a balanced approach is not a plan. Saying people need to pay their fair

share isn't a plan. The tedious repetition of poll-tested talking points is simply that. And the longer [Obama] uses them as a substitute for leadership, the more difficult it will be to solve our problems." [40118]

On *Special Report*, William Kristol says that former CIA director David Petraeus "...may have been under pressure... to go along with the [Obama] administration line on September 14th about the [anti-Islam] video, which he [Petraeus] knew was not true. Someone else told me that ...Petraeus ...said privately to one of the members of Congress... 'Do you want the official line or do you want the real truth?' So I think he knew that he was not telling the full truth. He is, on the other hand, the CIA director. They were involved in some pretty complicated things, perhaps, in Benghazi. To be fair to him, maybe he thought that national security required him not to fully spill the beans and to kind of go along with a line that was otherwise politically convenient for the administration." (The suggestion is that Petraeus knowingly lied to members of Congress at a closed-door session that the Benghazi attack was in response to a video—when he knew it was not.) [40102, 40103]

Also on *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer says, "I think the really shocking news today was that General Petraeus thought and hoped he could keep his job. He thought that it might and it would be kept secret, and that he could stay in his position. I think what that tells us is really important. It meant that he understood that the FBI obviously knew what was going on. He was hoping that those administration officials would not disclose what had happened, and therefore hoping that he would keep his job. And that meant that he understood that his job, his reputation, his legacy, his whole celebrated life was in the hands of the [Obama] administration, and he expected they would protect him by keeping it quiet. And that brings us to the ultimate issue, and that is his testimony on September 14. That's the thing that connects the two scandals, and that's the only thing that makes the sex scandal relevant. Otherwise it would be an exercise in sensationalism and voyeurism and nothing else. The reason it's important is here's a man who knows the administration holds his fate in its hands, and he gives testimony completely at variance with what the Secretary of Defense had said the day before, at variance with what he'd heard from his station chief in Tripoli, and with everything that we had heard. Was he influenced by the fact that he knew his fate was held by people within the administration at that time? ...But of course it was being held over Petraeus's head, and the sword was lowered on election day. You don't have to be a cynic to see that as the ultimate in cynicism. As long as they needed him to give the administration line... everybody was silent. And as soon as the election's over, as soon as he can be dispensed with, the sword drops and he's destroyed. I mean, can you imagine what it's like to be on that pressure and to think it didn't distort or at least in some way unconsciously influence his testimony? That's hard to believe." [40146, 40157]

Speaking at Maryville University, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice responds to a question about Benghazi: "When you have the ambassador walking out to talk to the Turkish chargé in the courtyard on 9-11, something doesn't seem quite right to me about the level of security preparations at the consulate... The regional security officer is the head diplomatic security officer in the consulate. This one had come back in July, he had

reportedly asked that some additional security be kept on the ground so something didn't get right in terms of decisions about security on the ground prior to the attack. The second big issue is what happened during the eight or nine hours [of the attack]. And there I think the proper place to understand that has to be the Congressional intelligence committees. There's a lot that has to be understood about what is the role of the CIA was in all of this. There's a lot that has to be understood about what role the Libyan militias actually were playing... It's a sad thing with David Petraeus who I know very well and admire. I think he will be called to testify because he did the investigation himself... And they have in the State Department something we did not have which is a real time feed of what was going on." [40201]

Jay Leno quips, "Well, both parties in Washington now agree that our country is headed towards a fiscal cliff. That's what they said. We're heading straight towards a fiscal cliff. The bad news: we just elected a guy whose campaign slogan was, 'Forward!'" [40132]

On November 14 Fox News reports that General David Petraeus has agreed to testify before the House and Senate intelligence committees. (Petraeus may lie, because he already lied to Congress on September 14 and he cannot afford to be inconsistent—and because lying is what government officials routinely do. If Petraeus tells the truth, he knows Obama will attempt to destroy him any way he can. Additionally, if Petraeus testifies against Obama, it may jeopardize his wife's job with the administration. Holly Petraeus is director for the Office of Servicemember Affairs at the Consumer Financial protection Bureau—and is paid \$187,605 per year.) [40086, 40093, 40098, 40116, 40126, 40131, 40141, 40142, 40143, 40144]

On *CBS This Morning* Senator John McCain (R-AZ) calls for a Watergate-style congressional committee to investigate the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi, Libya. McCain also says U.N. ambassador Susan Rice is "not qualified" to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. [40096, 40124]

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) tells CNN's Soledad O'Brien, "I think the Republicans have a decision today. They need to decide whether they're going to stay and protect the wealthiest Americans from participating in this challenge that we have, and if they do that, then we have no other choice but to go into next year when all the Bush tax cuts expire and start over. I don't want to do that. I don't think we should do that, but that's what they could force us to do." (In other words, Murray and her Democrat comrades are willing to "go over the fiscal cliff" if the Republicans do not agree to job-killing tax cuts on families that earn \$250,000 or more.) "...The alternative to that, is if they insist on their position, is even worse. Middle class families... are going to bear the entire burden of our fiscal challenges. Whether it's cuts to education, whether it's changes to Medicare and Social Security or whether it's they themselves having to pay additional taxes. What we're saying is it has to be fair. Everyone has to participate. And we can't continue to allow the Republicans to exclude one group of people, those making over \$250,000 a year from paying their fair share. That's what we're fighting for." (Those earning \$250,000 or more already pay more than their fair share of the income taxes—a fact

Murray and Obama consistently ignore as they fight their class warfare battle in the interests of getting more tax revenue to spend.) [40207]

According to DailyCaller.com, the state secession petitions at the White House web site have more than 675,000 signatures as of 6:00 a.m. on November 14. All 50 states are now represented. [40094]

Salon.com reports, “A group of Republican lawmakers in Wisconsin say that they would back a bill that would declare the Affordable Care Act illegal, and allow law enforcement to arrest any federal officials who try to implement it. The nine lawmakers were responding to a survey from the conservative advocacy group the Campaign For Liberty, and responded ‘yes’ to the question: ‘Will you support legislation to nullify ObamaCare and authorize state and local law enforcement to arrest federal officials attempting to implement the unconstitutional health care scheme known as ObamaCare?’” (Wisconsin has already decided it will not establish a state-run Obamacare insurance exchange.) [40245, 40246]

At a web seminar, Goldwater Institute attorney Twila Brase claims that the ObamaCare legislation contains language allowing almost everyone to exempt themselves from the legislation. The text reads: “No individual, company, business, nonprofit entity, or health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage shall be required to participate in any Federal health insurance program created under this Act (or any amendments made by this Act), or in any Federal health insurance program expanded by this Act (or any such amendment), and there shall be no penalty or fine imposed upon any such issuer for choosing not to participate in such programs.” (If one reads that language as “No individual... shall be required...” then no American can be forced to participate in ObamaCare. Others will claim that it means, “No... health insurance issuer... shall be required...” But the inclusion of the word “individual” then serves no purpose in the sentence.) [40392, 40393]

Israel responds to repeated rockets fired at its civilian population from Hamas terrorists in Gaza with a missile strike that kills a Hamas military commander, Ahmed Al-Jaabari. [40097, 40181]

The federal government’s deficit for October 2012—the first month of fiscal year 2013—is \$120 billion, or about \$380 for every man, woman, and child in the United States. (The October 2011 deficit was \$98 billion.) [40099]

HotAir.com notes that leftists are calling Paul Ryan racist merely for pointing out that Obama won the urban voters. [40101]

On Facebook, Sarah Palin asks, “Who is running our country? We’ve got a CIA Director sharing security info with his mistress using an unsecure gmail account. We’ve got the delusional Susan Rice blaming the death of an ambassador on a Youtube video. We’ve got Iran firing on one of our drones a week before the election. We’ve got the White

House either ignorant of or covering up all of this. Who is minding the store? Everywhere we look we see the rank incompetence or corruption of the people who are supposedly running our country and our major institutions. Let's hope that responsible reporters at Obama's press conference today ask the right questions Americans deserve answers to. [They do not.] Here's my question for [Obama]: As our nation's chief executive you claim to be unaware of the most important and tragic situations we're facing; so, as a former chief executive, I'd like to know how long it takes for your staff to tell you things like: 'Sir, your CIA Director is under investigation?'" [40125]

With the election over, Obama—his hair miraculously showing no sign of the gray it had the week before—finally holds a press conference to meet with the reporters he has been ducking for eight months. Like Michael Douglas defending Annette Bening in the movie *The American President*, a well-rehearsed Obama reacts dramatically and angrily to criticism of his U.N. ambassador, Susan Rice, stating, "If Senator [John] McCain and Senator [Lindsey] Graham want to go after someone, they should go after me. ...I don't think there's any debate in this country that when you have our Americans killed that's a problem. They won't get any debate from me on that. But when they go after the U.N. ambassador, apparently because they think she's an easy target, then they've got a problem with me. And should I choose, if I think that she would be the best person to serve America, then I will nominate her [for Secretary of State]." (Rice has not been criticized because she is an "easy target," but because she went on five talk shows on September 16 and lied about the cause of the terrorist attack in Benghazi. The "easy target" remark is intended to imply racism and gender discrimination—that the Republicans are criticizing Rice because she is a black woman.) Obama states, "As I said before, [Rice] made an appearance [on the September 16 talk shows] at the request of the White House in which she gave her best understanding of the intelligence that had been provided to her." (Obama is essentially saying, "Don't criticize Rice for lying about Benghazi; she is an idiot and was simply repeating the lies she was told.") Obama claims that Rice "...had nothing to do with Benghazi"—which prompts the question, "Why, then, did Obama send her out to the Sunday talk shows to spread the story that the attack was in response to a video?" (By defending Rice, Obama is also defending the invalid claim that the cause of the attack was anger over a video. Obama's "outrage" over the criticism of Rice is clearly rehearsed and planned. It is a certainty that he either assumed he would get a question about Rice to which he could "appropriately react," or his staff made sure to feed the question to the reporter in advance.) [40113, 40114, 40117, 40120, 40130, 40134, 40147, 40160, 40170, 40175, 40182, 40219, 40234]

As noted previously in this *Timeline*, during the Clinton administration Susan Rice worked with Richard Clark to persuade Clinton *not* to accept Sudan's offer to hand over Osama bin Laden to the United States. Former Clinton staffer Mansoor Ijaz stated that efforts to capture or kill Osama bin Laden were "overruled every single time by the State Department, by Susan Rice and her cronies, who were Hell-bent on destroying the Sudan." Rice and Clark also authored the controversial Presidential Decision Directive 25, which some argue was incredibly naïve and led to the 1993 Somalia fiasco—the "Blackhawk Down" incident—in which American troops were killed and dragged through the streets by an angry mob. Clinton's non-response to that incident allegedly led

Osama bin Laden and others to believe terrorist attacks would weaken the resolve of the American people and allow greater progress by the radical Islamists. Rice has been considered “wildly incompetent” by some Washington insiders, and one critic who has worked with her states, “She doesn’t know what she doesn’t know. And she doesn’t tolerate dissenters. To have her head the U.S. mission to the U.N. is a mind-boggling decision. It is frightening.” The anti-Semite Rice, wife of ABC news producer Ian Cameron, also encouraged Clinton to do nothing to stop the Rwanda genocide. [356, 360, 568, 569, 590, 628, 670, 831, 1377, 1679, 1680, 1681, 2197, 2505, 5476, 10556, 17282, 30277, 30315]

Obama comments about Hurricane Sandy: “When you talk to these folks [storm victims], you say to yourself, ‘Man, they deserve a better government than they’ve been getting. They deserve all of us here in Washington to be thinking every single day, how can I make things a little better for them?’ Which isn’t to say that everything we do is going to be perfect or that there aren’t just going to be some big tough challenges that we have to grapple with. But I do know that federal government can make a difference. We’re seeing it right now on the Jersey Coast and in New York. People are still going through a really tough time. The response hasn’t been perfect but it’s been aggressive and strong and fast and robust and a lot of people have been helped because of it. And that’s a pretty good metaphor for how I want the federal government to operate generally and I’m going to do everything I can to make sure it does.” (The storm response was arguably pathetic and incompetent—and arguably is an accurate metaphor for government in general. For Obama to claim the response was “strong and fast and robust” is ludicrous.) [40167]

At the press conference Obama also predictably blames former President Bush for the nation’s fiscal problems, again demands tax increases on the wealthy, and repeats his worn-out talking points: “Right now our economy is still recovering from a very deep and damaging crisis, so our top priority has to be jobs and growth. We’ve got to build on the progress that we’ve made. ... What I’m not going to do is to extend further a tax cut for folks who don’t need it, which would cost close to a trillion dollars and it’s very difficult to see how you make up that trillion dollars, if we’re serious about deficit reduction, just by closing loopholes and deductions.” (Obama’s Marxist ideology is revealed in his “folks who don’t need it” wording. Whether someone “needs” all the money he earned is *irrelevant*. Almost everyone in the United States is capable of surviving with less than they have. Even poor people on welfare don’t “need” free cell phones provided by the taxpayers. The relevant question—which no reporters asks, of course—is, “Shouldn’t people be entitled to keep most of what they earn?” Obama is following the communist line: “From each according to his abilities; to each according to his needs.”) “... I argued [during the campaign] for a balanced, responsible approach and part of that included making sure that the wealthiest Americans pay a little bit more. I think every voter out there understood that was an important debate and the majority of voters agreed with me. ... With respect to the tax rates, I just want to emphasize, I am open to new ideas. If the Republican counterparts or some Democrats have a great idea for us to raise revenue, maintain progressivity and the middle class isn’t hit, decreases the deficit, increases growth, I want to hear ideas from everybody. I believe this is solvable.” (Obama is generally asked softball questions that allow him to respond with the talking points of his

reelection campaign.) [40118, 40120, 40130]

Fox News reporter Ed Henry asks Obama, “I want to stay on Benghazi... I wanted to ask about the families of these four Americans who were killed. Sean Smith’s father Ray said he believes his son basically called 911 for help and they didn’t get it. And I know you’ve said you grieve for these four Americans, that it’s being investigated, but the families have been waiting for more than two months. So I would like to—for you to address the families, if you can. On 9/11, as commander in chief, did you issue any orders to try to protect their lives?” Obama replies, “Ed, you know, I’ll address the families not through the press. I’ll address the families directly, as I already have. Uh, and we will provide all the information, uh, that is available about what happened on that day. That’s what the investigation’s for.” (Obama does not need an investigation to determine what he himself did on September 11. Henry’s question, “Did you issue any orders to try to protect their lives” can be answered directly—but Obama chooses not to.) [40019, 40120]

Obama calls on *Chicago Tribune* reporter Christi Parsons, who congratulates him on his reelection victory and gushes, “I’ve never seen you lose!” (Parsons stops short of tossing Obama her panties and hotel room key. Whether anyone later tells her that Obama lost his 2000 primary election contest with Bobby Rush by a whopping 30 points is not known.) [40424]

At the conclusion of the cliché-laden press conference, Bloomberg reporter Hans Nichols yells out a question. Obama responds that “it would be a horrible precedent for me to answer your question just because you yelled it out.” (Afterward, the liberal media applauds Nichols for trying to get in another question. WhiteHouseDossier.com later reminds readers that when Neil Munro, a reporter for DailyCaller.com, shouted out a question to Obama at a previous event the media soundly chastised him. The difference, of course, is that DailyCaller.com is a conservative site that is not in the tank for Obama.) [40178]

After the press conference the stock market tanks—and closes down 185.23 points. [40135]

After Obama’s press conference—at which nothing new was learned about anything—Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) hold a press conference—with reporters determined to defend Obama and downplay the significance of Benghazi and four dead Americans. Graham says, “Mr. [Obama], don’t think for one minute I don’t hold you ultimately responsible for Benghazi. I think you failed as Commander in Chief before, during, and after the attack. We owe it to the American people and the victims of this attack to have full, fair hearings and accountability be assigned where appropriate. Given what I know now, I have no intention of promoting anyone who is up to their eyeballs in the Benghazi debacle.” McCain calls for a Select Committee to be appointed for an investigation, says Obama’s remarks, “did not comport with the facts on the ground,” and “We owe the American people and the families of the murdered Americans a full and complete explanation,

which for two months [Obama] has failed to deliver.” (More than a few observers may wonder why McCain and Graham waited until after the election to criticize Obama about Benghazi.) McCain states, “We will do everything in our power to block [Susan] Rice” if Obama chooses her to be his next Secretary of State. Graham says that Rice “is so disconnected from reality that I don’t trust her.” Ayotte adds, “You don’t end up on every single major Sunday show without affirmatively putting yourself out there of wanting to carry forward a message on behalf of the administration. I think that there’s a certain responsibility with the current position that she [Rice] has to ask proper questions about what we did and didn’t know at that point before she affirmatively puts herself out there on every major network to communicate to the American people.” [40117, 40121, 40122, 40123, 40133, 40158, 40161, 40166, 40168, 40203]

At FoxNews.com, Democrat analyst Kirsten Powers writes, “Don’t pick on the little lady. ...Obama bizarrely cast the U.N. Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, as some delicate flower the boys should stop picking on for her dissembling claims on five Sunday talk shows following the killing of four Americans in Benghazi. But, there is no damsel in distress and Obama’s paternalistic bravado in defense of a top administration official is going to come back to haunt him. ...It’s absurd and chauvinistic for Obama to talk about the woman he thinks should be Secretary of State of the United States as if she needs the big strong man to come to her defense because a couple of Senators are criticizing her. ...[Obama said] The U.N. Ambassador had *‘nothing to do with Benghazi.’* At this point, the White House press corps should have flown into a frenzy, demanding to know why a person who had nothing to do with Benghazi was put on five Sunday talk shows as... the face of Benghazi! ...No temper tantrum from the White House on the insult of being questioned about a terror attack against the U.S. abroad would be complete without their perennial favorite: the straw man. The conceit of Obama’s argument is that people are picking on a helpless girl—a lowly U.N. ambassador—because they are afraid of the big bad [Obama]. Oh, please.” (At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich later writes, “[Senators] McCain, Graham and Ayotte are engaging in the novel concept of judging someone by their actions and character, rather than by their skin color and lady parts. Liberals are constantly screaming about treating men and women equally, yet in this situation when Republicans (including Ayotte, who is a woman!) dare hold Rice accountable for the words that came out of her mouth, they cry sexism and racism.”) [40209, 40210]

The Ulsterman Report hears from a *Republican insider*—not to be confused with his White House insider, Wall Street insider, or military insider—who writes, “Won’t waste time going over the talking points garbage that Barack Obama is so good at delivering [at his press conference]. Only two real Benghazi/Petraeus questions that [Obama] spun. He knows the issue isn’t going away quite yet. I can confirm for you there are Republicans saying it’s time to ‘go long’ on this issue. But they really want someone affiliated with the administration to back up an investigation and I have no idea if they have that or not. Will try and get you an answer by tomorrow. You are completely right in your anger on how these guys walked back the [planned Republican] press conference two weeks ago. Shame on them. ...Hope your [White House] Insider is healing up from that experience. I know it would take me a while. The Benghazi issue is not going away any time soon. It

will be a battle between those of us who truly do want to ‘go long’ on it, those on the Republican side who are worried about political blowback, and then the Democrats and the White House who are really going all out to shut everything down. So while the issue deserved more than two questions at the PC [press conference] today, at least we got those two. There will be more to come I think. I can’t promise you this thing will really take hold, but we are working hard to give key Republicans the sense of security that they need to join in this particularly fight because it is one we can actually win.” [40115]

“Anyways,” continues the GOP insider, “here is an example of how the Republicans can pin down Obama on his bullcrap. When he goes out there and starts telling America how concerned he is about a potential tax hike on the middle class, Republicans need to come right back and say they will be happy to negotiate the extension of the Bush middle class tax cuts with the Democrats. Repeat that line phrase over and over again. **THE BUSH MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS.** That is what [Obama] is trying to do. Extend the Bush era middle class tax cuts. We did a study months ago and found that about 70% of respondents indicated President Bush gave the rich a tax break and actually raised taxes on the middle class and the poor. That is totally false of course. Just the opposite. Bush lowered taxes for **EVERYONE**. So much in fact that about half of Americans now pay no federal income tax after deductions. So if you could help get this out there, and hopefully all of your readers can help out as well. Tell everyone they know that Barack Obama wants to extend the Bush middle class tax cuts, because the truth is that is exactly what he is trying to do. Just a little thing like this can make a huge difference in public perception. ...Obama and the Democrats got a lot of mileage out of calling it the Bush tax cuts for the rich. Now they are trying to get even more mileage by saying they want to prevent a tax hike on the middle class. And I have heard it repeated many times that the White House is all in on the ‘holding the middle class hostage’ theme for as long as they can get away with it. It’s up to this new media to try and prevent them from doing that.” [40115]

At the White House, Obama meets with the CEOs of several large companies. [40136, 40213]

Congressman Louis Gohmert (R-TX), a member of the House Judiciary Committee, calls for an independent counsel to investigate Obama’s involvement in the Benghazi incidents and cover-up. Gohmert states, “We need to investigate the attorney general’s boss, [Obama], because people were killed and this White House has been dishonest. ...It has to be appointed by the Justice Department, but that’s why we’re demanding it be done. But the appropriate time is anytime there is a conflict of interest that would dictate a need for such. Then you look at the Department of Justice potentially investigating the intelligence agency without an independent council. That just never would work. We need an independent council to do that or oversight is not going to happen. ...[Obama] is involved in this whole thing. And you know there are all kinds of stories, and no truth is being presented from this White House as to what our ambassador was doing in Benghazi, when we knew it was a dangerous situation. We knew the embassy wasn’t there. There was inadequate security. He had met with the Turkish minister, official, there. What was going on? Was there a deal about arms? I mean, there are so many

stories, and this administration will not be forthcoming. We need to know what [Obama] knew, when he knew it. What the [Attorney General] knew, when he knew it. What the CIA knew, when they knew it. What the State Department knew and when they knew it. What was it that was so important that we get four Americans killed, including our ambassador, for the first ambassador in thirty-four years, thirty-three years to be killed. We need to know these things. ...But if they will not appoint an independent council so that we can get to the truth, then the next best thing would be to have a select committee. It would not be as powerful as if you have an independent council with that authority, because you can't prosecute, but if that ends up having to be the way we have to gather evidence then so be it. But that would be far better to have a real prosecutor doing that. It would be up to the Speaker [of the House] as to whether or not we would have a select committee, because let's face it something like that would not happen in the House without the speaker's agreement and we could use a little more leadership in that area. This is too important to this nation's standing in the world." (Attorney General Eric Holder will, of course, never appoint anyone to investigate Obama. Nor will the Democrat-controlled Senate agree to a bi-partisan committee.) [40165]

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) repeats Obama's call for tax increases, and laughably claims, "Social Security is not part of the problem, That's one of the myths the Republicans have tried to create. Social Security is sound for the next many years. But we want to make sure that in the outer years people are protected also, but it's not going to be part of the budget talks, as far as I'm concerned." (In 2010 the Social Security system began paying out more in benefits than it collected in taxes. That deficit inescapably contributes to the total deficit, and the system is not "sound for the next many years." It is already extraordinarily unsound.) [40159]

In Lebanon, *The Daily Star* reports, "Egypt's Islamist Freedom and Justice Party [FJP], formerly headed by President Mohamed Morsi, said on Wednesday Egypt would no longer stand by as Israel attacked Palestinians after air strikes killed a Hamas leader. The FJP, the political arm of the powerful Muslim Brotherhood movement, said Israeli air strikes that killed top militant Ahmed al-Jaabari in Gaza earlier on Wednesday required 'swift Arab and international action to stop the massacres.' The party, which fielded Morsi in a June election to replace toppled president Hosni Mubarak, said Israel 'must take into account the changes in the Arab region and especially Egypt.' Egypt 'will not allow the Palestinians to be subjected to Israeli aggression, as in the past,' the party statement said." (If Hamas terrorists would stop firing rockets into Israel, Israel would not retaliate. Obama has said nothing about the repeated attacks on Israel. During the campaign Obama claimed he "had Israel's back." With the campaign over, he will watch from the sidelines as his Muslim Brotherhood brethren attack the Jewish state. Some observers will no doubt believe that Hamas felt emboldened by Obama's reelection and is eagerly attacking Israel because it knows Obama will not take any action.) [40137, 40138]

According to new data from the Census Bureau, 49.7 million Americans were considered to be living below the poverty line in 2010. The Hispanic poverty rate is 28 percent. For

blacks, the poverty rate is 25.7 percent. For whites, the rate is 11 percent. California has the highest poverty rate—even worse than Mississippi. [40139, 40215]

Peter Schiff, president and chief global strategist of Euro Pacific Capital, is interviewed by SeekingAlpha.com. Schiff states, “Well, if Romney had won, we’d still have a lot of troubles. But it certainly would have been an improvement to have had Romney in office. But we still have a huge crisis coming, and I don’t think Romney being in office would have prevented that. But it would have given me a little bit more hope that we would come out of this a little bit better—that we might have tried more effective market-oriented solutions to these problems. ... the dollar was going to go down and gold was going to go up regardless. The re-election of Obama and the politics behind it just really shows the trouble America is in as a nation and as a society. The types of leaders we’re likely to elect, and the types of policies we’re likely to pursue are going to substantially undermine the economy. It’s almost like a self-perpetuating prophesy, because the more the government interferes in the economy, the more regulations we have; the more government spending we have, the more taxes we have—particularly on those with upper income—the worse the economy is going to get, the lower our living standard is going to go and the more good job opportunities are going to be diminished. And that’s very fertile ground for politicians to promise relief in the form of more government. And, more government creates the need for more government; because the more government we have, the more poverty we have. We’re in that spiral right now; this is how democracies die. We’re in a situation, voting-wise, where we have more people in the wagon than we have pulling it. The way you get elected is you promise to people who are riding in the wagon more free stuff, an easier ride; and you also promise to whip the people pulling the wagon a little harder and make them do a little bit more. And as you do that, there are always people pulling the wagon who decide they are tired of pulling the wagon, and they want to jump in with everyone else. So you get even more people looking for something from government and you have fewer people to pay the bills. And this is where we are—a disintegrating nation.” [40180]

Schiff continues, “Everybody is saying we have to avoid the fiscal cliff, but eventually we’re going to go over a much bigger fiscal cliff, because this one is really a pothole. In the current case, we’re talking about cuts in government spending which are trivial relative to the types of cuts we actually need to solve the problem. People are panicking because we might have small cuts in government spending. We actually need enormous cuts in government spending, the problem is we’re not getting them. And yes, there will be tax increases. It’s worse for the economy not to have the taxes, because if we don’t have the taxes, we’re still spending the money, so we’re just paying for it by creating inflation and going into debt. It’s the deficits that do more damage to the economy than the taxes. ...I think the best thing to do is cut government spending. But I do believe that if the government is going to spend a lot of money, you should pay for it with taxes because that will do less damage to the economy than paying for it with debt and inflation. But if you’re going to raise taxes, the tax hikes shouldn’t be higher marginal taxes on upper-income earners who are already overtaxed, because that might backfire on you and you might end up slowing the economy and end up getting even less tax revenue. If you do want to raise taxes, the best way to do it is through a consumption tax. If you’re

going to increase taxes, don't increase the marginal rate; just increase it on people who spend money, not on people who save and invest it." [40180]

"...You want to avoid the dollar; you want to avoid bonds; you want to be in precious metals; you want to be in resources; you want to invest abroad. But the problem with the Obama victory is that he's obviously the worse of the two candidates—the reason Obama was elected is because he's promising free stuff. The fact that we would re-elect Obama, despite the fact that the economy is bad and getting worse, just shows how hopeless the situation is as far as America ever doing the right thing. ...He's a socialist, and he doesn't believe in that. ...So no, I don't think we're going to get any solutions out of Obama; the question is, Can we survive another four years? I think he's going to leave office in a bigger economic crisis than when he came in. ...Will there be a crisis? Oh yes! We're going to have a currency crisis and/or a sovereign debt crisis during his term and it's 'going to hit the fan.'" Schiff argues that "...the Federal Reserve is going to be the only buyer for Treasuries [U.S. government debt]. But there will be a precipitous drop in the value of the dollar; prices are going to skyrocket for pretty much everything; and maybe the government will impose price controls on food products and energy, and everybody is going to be standing in long lines just to get the basic necessities of life. Take a look at Greece today. Look at all the government employees protesting. It will look like that, except not as civil. ...The government can't alleviate [the joblessness and the homelessness]; the government is the cause of it. The only thing the government can do to alleviate it is to get out of the way. But the more it's involved, the worse it's going to be. It's not a good thing that our currency is going to implode in value and that Americans are going to be impoverished. That's not a good thing, but it's a consequence of all the bad policies that have been pursued. It's time to pay the piper." [40180]

On Hugh Hewitt's radio program author Mark Steyn (*After America: Get Ready for Armageddon*), comments on the Obama press conference, saying it included "...the most stupid, ludicrous, embarrassing questions from the court eunuchs. The idiot from The New York Times asking a question on global warming? Some giggly little schoolgirl from Chicago wetting her knickers, saying she's watched Obama win every time? I mean, you're supposed to be grown men and women. You made fools of yourselves. He gives his first press conference in whatever it is—in one, two, three, twelve years—and you don't even think about extracting any meaningful information from him." (It was Obama's first press conference in eight months. The giggly Chicago reporter was also mistaken in saying she has watched Obama win every election. In fact, Obama was soundly defeated in the 2000 primary in which he challenged Bobby Rush for his Congressional seat.) [40214, 40424]

On *Special Report's* All-Star Panel, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on Obama's press conference: "...I would say it was [Obama's] usual show of indignation, which is his default response whenever he feels defensive or backed into a corner. 'You know, 'How dare you attack my U.N. ambassador?' And then he gives the strangest defense by saying she didn't have anything to do with the Benghazi affair. Well, then why the hell are you sending her out there [on five Sunday talk shows]? Why didn't

you send out the Secretary of State, or the CIA Director, or [Secretary of Defense Leon] Panetta or somebody who did know? And then he does play the sort of Lancelot defending the mistress in distress. You know, it made Mitt Romney and the binders with women look positively feminist in comparison, this kind of patronizing attack on the two male Senators who would dare attack the girl, which what was intended in his tone. This is all the usual—you know, if you attack his pride, he'll strike you on that. And it was clearly defensive, and it was also a stonewall. I mean, after all, what [Susan Rice] said was absolutely and completely misleading. Either inadvertently, in which case it's complete incompetence, or on purpose, in which case it's deception. Then he basically, he took the bait on that and said, 'Look, that wasn't her speaking, that was me speaking. If you want to pick on somebody, pick on me.' Well, how can anybody pick on him or even question him, if he hadn't had a press conference in eight months? You know, he clearly hasn't been out there. He's been hiding behind inquiries, behind investigations, and now behind Susan Rice. But now I think he's out there, and he is vulnerable on this. I think he may regret having said that." [40140, 40148, 40151]

On MSNBC's *Hardball*, host Chris Matthews and Congressman James Clyburn (D-SC) accuse Republicans of racism for criticizing U.N. ambassador Susan Rice. (From the viewpoint of leftists, all black politicians and civil servants are apparently immune to criticism because of their skin color—provided they are Democrats. It is Matthews and Clyburn, of course, who are the racists. Media leftists and Democrats will pound on the race drum for all it's worth if Obama nominates Rice to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. She will face a Senate confirmation hearing, and every tough question or criticism she faces from a Republican will be labeled a racist attack. In fact, CNN's Gloria Borger claims a top Democrat told her, "I could sell tickets to two old white guys beating up on a black woman." Borger and her "unnamed source" of course showed no reluctance to criticize Condoleezza Rice—a black woman—when she was Secretary of State.) [40179, 40185, 40354]

Senator John McCain (R-AZ) tells Greta van Susteren of Fox News, "What we need [for Benghazi] is what we had after Watergate, Iran-Contra, that we would then put together a select committee which would have jurisdiction over all the issues. That's the only way you're really going to address this terrible tragedy and debacle. ...[S]o many of these activities cross these different lines. CIA and ...Department of Defense were involved in the protection issues. State Department and CIA were involved in the questions about the security of the embassy and who attacked and under what circumstances, and of course, the warnings that came from the State Department, which then were apparently ignored. So the events also cross jurisdictions. It wasn't just a State Department incident and a Department of Defense incident. It was a—one that crosses all boundaries. So if you're ever going to get the complete picture, you're going to have to have one committee. ...I am sure [Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid] he will not want [an investigation]. I am sure there are senior committee members here in the Senate who won't want it because... it's in their—well, first of all, the Democrats don't want an investigation of this nature. Look, they've got so much to hide that it's—I mean, there are so many things that went wrong in this thing. This centipede has a lot of shoes that are still going to drop. But obviously, they're not going to want it. They didn't want a 9/11 commission, the Bush

people didn't, that [Senator] Joe Lieberman and I proposed. They [the Nixon administration] didn't want the Watergate committee. They [the Reagan administration] didn't want the Iran-contra committee. It's going to require the American public demanding it. ... Watergate was about a break-in. Iran-Contra was about shipment of arms, obviously. This is about the needless, tragic deaths of four brave Americans. It seems to me there's a—that the American people will demand it. And I hope those demands are heard by their representatives.” [40176]

Van Susteren asks McCain about Obama's complaint that he is “picking on” U.N. ambassador Susan Rice. McCain replies, “You know, it's interesting for [Obama] to say something that juvenile. I'm not picking on anyone. Again, as we just said, four Americans died! Is that picking on anybody when you want to place responsibility and find out what happened so that we can make sure it doesn't happen again? And you know, it's not a bad life being ambassador to the U.N. You have a nice suite in the Waldorf-Astoria and look pretty good. And so this—why they used her as their spokesperson on all the major networks that Sunday is still beyond me, but they did. And she... used talking points from the White House. So we're not picking on her. But we are holding her to some degree responsible. But have no doubt, we are holding [Obama] responsible. And he is responsible and he has not—he has given contrasting versions of events to the American people.” [40176]

On November 15 hearings begin in the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees on the September 11 terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya. According to Fox News, “Lawmakers on the House and Senate intelligence committees heard testimony... in private meetings with Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and Acting CIA Director Mike Morell. But... there were heated exchanges on the House side, particularly over the talking points that administration officials relied on in the days after the Sept. 11 strike. Fox News was told that neither Clapper nor Morell knew for sure who finalized that information. And they could not explain why they minimized the role of a regional Al Qaeda branch as well as the militant Ansar al-Sharia despite evidence of their involvement. Further, Fox News was told Morell was pushed to explain why, during a Sept. 14 briefing, Petraeus seemed wedded to the explanation that the attack was in response to an anti-Islam video. Morell apparently said he wasn't at that briefing and had nothing further to add.” [40153, 40156, 40196]

At PJMedia.com Richard Fernandez reports on the testimony of Clapper and Morell. “Redacted information from the legislative intelligence session during which the members were shown video footage of the Benghazi consulate assault led to ‘heated exchanges’ between the lawmakers and intelligence officials. ‘The film is a composite from a number of sources. It is real-time, it does begin from when the incident, before the incident started, and it goes through the incident and the exodus,’ [Senator Dianne] Feinstein [D-CA] told reporters.’ It appears that the lawmakers could not understand how the intelligence officials concluded that ‘the Mohammed video’ caused the attack. ‘Top intelligence officials struggled to explain to lawmakers Thursday why their initial talking

points after the Libya attack minimized the role of militant groups, putting pressure on former CIA Director David Petraeus to set the record straight in another round of closed-door hearings Friday.’ When pressed to identify who came up with the infamous ‘Mohammed video’ talking points, neither Clapper nor Morell could recall the person responsible. Their inability to recollect the provenance of talking points will doubtless mean the question will be put to David Petraeus when he comes before the committee. ...Additional reactions from lawmakers are now filtering out into the public. CNN reports that ‘‘real time’ video showed Ambassador [Stevens] being dragged from the consulate. A source familiar with the House committee hearing said the video included shots of Stevens being dragged out of the building.’’ Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) says, ‘‘What is clear is that this administration, including [Obama] himself, has intentionally misinformed—read that, lied—to the American people in the aftermath of this tragedy. The arrogance and dishonesty reflected in all of this is a little bit breathtaking.’’ [40233]

One day after Obama defends U.N. ambassador Susan Rice at his press conference, the administration conveniently leaks to CBS a copy of the alleged CIA ‘‘talking points’’ given to Rice in advance of her five Sunday talk show appearances on September 16. The talking points state: ‘‘The currently available information suggests that the demonstrations in Benghazi were spontaneously inspired by the protests at the US Embassy in Cairo and evolved into a direct assault against the US diplomatic post in Benghazi and subsequently its annex. There are indications that extremists participated in the violent demonstrations. This assessment may change as additional information is collected and analyzed and as currently available information continues to be evaluated. The investigation is on-going, and the US Government is working with Libyan authorities to bring to justice those responsible for the deaths of US citizens.’’ (The problem is that by September 16 the CIA most certainly knew that the attacks had nothing to do with a protest over a video and were planned by the Ansar al Sharia terrorist organization that is linked to al-Qaeda. The talking points given to Rice were therefore intentionally false.) The Media Research Center reports, ‘‘Representative Peter King stated that former CIA Director David Petraeus stated that he knew the Benghazi attack was terrorism and that the talking points given to Ambassador Susan Rice were different from the ones prepared by the CIA. Petraeus stated Rice’s talking points were edited to de-emphasize the possibility of terrorism.’’ (The Obama administration therefore leaked false talking points to CBS to cover up the truth. That should be grounds enough for impeachment.) [40226, 40227, 40228]

The government reports that 439,000 people filed for first-time unemployment benefits in the week ending November 10—up 78,000 from the prior week. (Ohio and Pennsylvania were among the biggest job losers, primarily in manufacturing, construction, and the auto industry.) Additionally, it is reported that retail sales fell 0.3 percent from September to October. [40149, 40155, 40162, 40164, 40183, 40184]

DailyCaller.com reports, ‘‘John Metz, a restaurant owner and executive in West Palm Beach, Fla., says he plans to charge his customers a five-percent surcharge and decrease

his employees' hours to offset the costs of Obamacare on his businesses." Metz states, "If I leave the prices the same, but, say on the menu that there is a five-percent surcharge for Obamacare, customers have two choices. They can either pay it, and tip 15 or 20 percent, or if they really feel so inclined, they can reduce the amount of tip they give to the server, who is the primary beneficiary of ObamaCare. Although it may sound terrible that I'm doing this, it's the only alternative. I've got to pass the cost on to the consumer. ...I think it's a terrible thing. It's ridiculous that the maximum hours we can give people is 28 hours a week instead of 40. It's going to force my employees to go out and get a second job. ...Obviously, I'd love to cover all our employees [with health] insurance. But to pay \$5,000 per employee would cost us \$175,000 per restaurant and unfortunately, most of our restaurants don't make \$175,000 a year. I can't afford it." (Metz owns the Hurricane Grill & Wings franchise and RREMC Restaurants, which oversees approximately 40 Denny's restaurants and several Dairy Queens.) [40152, 40154, 40171]

Fox News reports that in December Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will testify before Congress regarding Benghazi. [40163]

In a telephone call to key campaign donors, Mitt Romney offers some reasons as to why he was defeated by Obama on November 6: "[Obama's] campaign, if you will, focused on giving targeted groups a big gift," such as amnesty promises and free contraceptive coverage. "He made a big effort on small things," while the Romney campaign focused on "big issues for the whole country." According to ABC, Romney also told donors, "I spoke with President Clinton the day before yesterday, he called and spent 30 minutes chatting with me. He said a week out I thought you were going to win. And he said, but the hurricane happened, and it gave [Obama] a chance to be presidential, and to look bipartisan, and you know he got a little more momentum, and of course he also said that when he was watching Ann speak at the Republican convention, he decided he was tempted to join the Republican Party. So he may have just been effusive with generous comments as he chatted." (If Clinton told Romney the hurricane made a big difference in the election outcome he was only trying to be pleasant. The votes were simply not there for a Romney victory—and the Obama team made sure they had enough, regardless of how they had to get them.) [40172, 40197, 40225]

Jockeying for position for the 2016 GOP nomination, Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal calls Romney's "47 percent" comment "absolutely wrong. Two points on that: one, we have got to stop dividing the American voters. We need to go after 100 percent of the votes, not 53 percent. We need to go after every single vote. And, secondly, we need to continue to show how our policies help every voter out there achieve the American dream, which is to be in the middle class, which is to be able to give their children an opportunity to get a great education. So, I absolutely reject that notion." It doesn't represent where the party is headed. ...Governor Romney's an honorable person that needs to be thanked for his many years of public service, but his campaign was largely about his biography and his experience. Biography and experience is not enough to win an election. You have to have a vision." Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), also possibly seeking the 2016 nomination, says, "It's really hard to get people to listen to you ...if

they think you want to deport their grandmother. You can be for legal immigration. You don't have to be for amnesty, but you also have to realize that these people are human beings." (Rubio wrongly equates people who oppose illegal immigration with those who oppose legal immigration. By pushing "comprehensive immigration legislation," Rubio thinks Hispanic voters will flock to the Republican party. He is mistaken. Those who entered the United States illegally and survive by collecting welfare benefits will not vote to lose them simply because they are told they will not be deported.) Neither Jindal nor Rubio can legally serve as president or vice president because, like Obama, they are *not* natural born citizens. Although they were born in the United States, their parents were not U.S. citizens at the time of their births. They are U.S. citizens, but they are not natural born citizens—which requires birth to U.S. citizen parents. (Of course, Jindal and Rubio know the U.S. Constitution was ignored for Obama, and they assume they can also get away with ignoring the document.) [40192, 40193]

BredRed.com reports that rockets fired by Muslim terrorists have reached the suburbs of Tel Aviv in Israel, prompting air raid sirens in the city. "An explosion was heard by KleinOnline in Tel Aviv. An explosion could also be heard in the neighboring city of Bat Yam, according to residents there. ...Israeli defense sources confirm ...that one rocket landed in an open area between Jaffa and Bat Yam. Jaffa borders Tel Aviv. The Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad was quick to claim responsibility for what it said was missile fire at Tel Aviv. The organization has claimed it fired Fajr-5 missiles aimed at Tel Aviv. Earlier today, one rocket launched from the Gaza Strip landed in Rishon Letzion, some 7 miles south of Tel Aviv. ...Earlier today, three Israelis were killed by a direct rocket hit on their family home in the Gaza border town of Kiryat Malakhi. A four year old Israeli boy and an infant were moderately wounded in separate rocket attacks. More than 200 rockets have been fired from Gaza since Israel yesterday started what it calls Operation Pillar of Defense targeting the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza. ...Palestinian media is reporting Hamas's so-called military wing, the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades, is claiming responsibility for the Rishon Letzion rocketing." In preparation for additional expected terrorist attacks, the Israeli Defense Force calls up 30,000 reservists. (On November 16 Reuters reports, "Israeli ministers were on Friday asked to endorse the call-up of up to 75,000 reservists after Palestinian militants nearly hit Jerusalem with a rocket for the first time in decades and fired at Tel Aviv for a second day." It is worth noting that Hamas terrorists routinely place their missile launch sites near schools, playgrounds, hospitals, and mosques—so that when Israel retaliates it necessary causes collateral damage that the United Nations and the leftist media can use to condemn Israel. Hamas has even fired rockets from foreign press buildings—prompting Israel to warn members of the media to avoid being used as "human shields" by the terrorists. The Palestinians also stage injuries for the media, carrying "injured" people off on stretchers—only to have them get up and walk away after they are out of camera range. Additionally, several shameless news agencies have posted a photograph of a family "massacred" in Gaza by the Israelis in November—but the photograph is actually of an October incident in Syria. On CNN, a gullible Sara Sidner reports on a child in Gaza who was allegedly killed by the Israelis when, in fact, the child was killed by a rocket fired by Hamas that fell short of its Israeli target. Although Israel has thousands of bomb shelters for its citizens, Gaza has few—and they are intended for Hamas militants, *not* civilians.) [40174, 40190, 40198, 40204,

40206, 40263, 40269, 40294, 40295, 40345, 40346, 40349, 40355, 40371, 40396]

On the floor of the U.S. Senate, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) states that Obama and his administration “has either been guilty of colossal incompetence or been engaged in a cover-up, neither of which is acceptable to the American people. I speak as a friend of Christopher Stevens, I speak as a person who knows something about warfare, I speak as something of an authority—that this attack could have been prevented if the information on the ground had been taken into consideration. ... There clearly is a need [for a Watergate-style investigation] because there is a huge credibility gap among the American people because of the [contradictory statements about the attacks] beginning with [Obama]. What did [he] know? When did he know about it? And what did he do about it? ... He really does not have any idea of how serious this issue is. I’m a United States Senator. We have our responsibilities, we have our duties, and we are not picking on anyone here. ... Those talking points [for U.N. ambassador Susan Rice] did not come from the CIA, they came from the White House. Who at the White House gave her those talking points?” [40202]

White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters that Obama “will not sign under any circumstances an extension of tax cuts for the top two percent of American earners.” (Obama demands that the Republicans compromise, but he is unwilling to do so.) “It is simply unacceptable to go back to policies that failed that stuck the middle class with the bill in order to give very expensive tax cuts to the wealthiest... We can’t afford it.” (The Republicans are not proposing tax cuts for the wealthy. They are merely proposing that taxes not be increased, as Obama demands.) [40177]

Obama flies to New York City for a brief photo op so the media can make it appear as though he saved the city from the destruction of Hurricane Sandy. One young woman tells reporters, “We need help. He should have been here a long time ago.” Outside a boarded up church, Obama says, “We’ve got some work to do and I want you to know I’m here to do it. ... I said we are going to be here until the rebuilding is complete. And I meant it. So I’m going to come back today but I’m also going to be coming back in the future to make sure we have followed through on that commitment.” (Meanwhile, thousands of New Yorkers remain homeless and without power.) [40186, 40187]

Obama declares November 15 “America Recycles Day.” [40188, 40189]

Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) states, “Nearly four years after ... Obama was sworn in, he has not yet given us a realistic plan for dealing with the deficit and debt. I would think that now that [Obama] has been reelected ... he would feel flexibility to address this problem in a bipartisan way. If [Obama] is going to claim a mandate for governing, he at least needs to have a plan to address these problems. Unless [he] releases a plan, his posturing over the debt cannot be taken seriously and threatening to go over the cliff if he doesn’t get what he wants would be irresponsible and violates the oath of office. ... We cannot continue to put off structural changes to entitlements. We want to preserve Social Security and Medicare for our seniors. ... So far we’ve heard nothing from [Obama] on

how to fix our broken systems. ...I think we all have to realize the hand we've been dealt and not to look back and point the finger of blame, but this is the job we've volunteered for. Not kick the can down the road." [40224]

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) calls Obama demand for \$1.6 trillion in tax increases "a joke." The White House is "not serious about tackling the nation's fiscal problems. And if we're serious about helping middle-class Americans and helping this economy grow, their radical approach should be ignored. The other obstacle to success is a mindset that says [Obama] is somehow a bit player in this whole thing, that he's just a bystander sitting around waiting on other people to act. This is the mindset that thinks leadership consists in telling other people to 'work it out' while you continue to run a campaign to make sure they can't. It's ludicrous. The only way, the only way we're going to solve this present crisis, and get past the political stalemate, is for [Obama] to lead. ...It starts by showing that he's serious about success. And let's be clear: an opening bid of \$1.6 trillion in new tax hikes isn't serious. It's more than Simpson/Bowles or any other bipartisan commission has called for. It's been unanimously rejected in the House and Senate. It's twice as much as the White House seemed ready to agree to during last summer's debt ceiling talks, and looked at in the context of the spending cuts that are yet to be enacted from [Obama's] other proposals, it amounts to about 20 cents in cuts for every new dollar in tax hikes—in other words, no cuts at all. It's a joke." [40194]

On *The Five*, Greg Gutfeld comments, "So, responding to the Benghazi mess, ...Obama said Susan Rice had the best intel available. The best intel available? The White House caterer knew this was a terror attack before Obama and Rice did. Yes, [Obama] blames some of their actions on the fog of war, while claiming to be perfectly clear on others. This is the sort of excuse you get from the kid that broke mommy's vase. Only here it wasn't a vase. It was American lives. Obama knows; Obama doesn't know. Who knows? Certainly not us! And mommy ain't buying it, and she's getting impatient. Despite Obama's murky explanations and tough guy act at the lectern, the whole affair makes as much sense as a left-handed frying pan. Remember, Obama claims he called Benghazi terror the day after, yet Rice said it wasn't, which Obama says was his position! Which leads back to: Who said, 'Blame the video?' I guess we now know it was Obama, who ran with his foreign policy instincts honed from years of community organizing. In Chicago he also learned the value of phony outrage. ...Hmmm, what's going on here? Is [Obama] Ross to [Rice's] Rachel in a poignant episode of *Friends*? His rage over criticism of Benghazi far exceeds his rage over Benghazi. And to me it's kind of sexist. Obama casts himself as Rice's protector with a juvenile bravado that scared only the NPR correspondent. He's outraged that they're picking on her. What, he doesn't think she can take care of herself? Would he have offered the same protection to a male ambassador? See Benghazi." [40216]

Texas Instruments announces it is cutting 1,700 jobs. [40199]

ABC reports, "The end for Twinkies may just be hours away. Hostess Brands Inc., the maker of the iconic snack, announced on Wednesday [November 14] that it will liquidate

the entire company if not enough striking employees return to work by Thursday evening [November 15]. ‘We simply do not have the financial resources to survive an ongoing national strike,’ Hostess CEO Gregory Rayburn said in a statement Wednesday. ‘Therefore, if sufficient employees do not return to work by 5 p.m., EST, on Thursday to restore normal operations, we will be forced to immediately move to liquidate the entire company, which will result in the loss of nearly 18,000 jobs.’ The strikes began on Nov. 9, when the company imposed a contract that would cut workers’ wages by 8 percent. Hostess... has struggled in recent years with two bankruptcy filings. The company said it ‘has done everything in its power to pursue a reorganization of its business as a going concern, including spending the better part of 18 months negotiating with its key constituents to obtain a consensual agreement.’ ...If the strike continues, Hostess said it will file a motion on Friday to wind-down the company and sell all of its assets.” (The union employees are apparently unable to comprehend that businesses cannot continually operate at a loss—and perhaps think Obama will somehow bail them out. They will be mistaken. The more reasonable employees prefer to keep their jobs, despite the pay cut, but the Bakers Union has threatened them with a \$140 per day fine for crossing the picket line.) [40191, 40195]

Appearing on *On the Record*, former U.N. ambassador John Bolton tells Greta Van Susteren that because there has been “no retribution, no retaliation, no visible action by the United States against those who murdered four American citizens” killed in Benghazi, it sends a dangerous signal to the rest of the world. “Now, maybe there’s something the administration has in the works, one of the rare national security secrets they’ve been able to keep. But the signal in the Middle East and beyond is, you can kill Americans with impunity. And that is a lesson, once learned, it’s going to cause consequences that reverberate down the years. I think people are kidding themselves if they think this is a flash in the pan. ...There’s just too much involved here, and the administration’s passivity before, during and after the September the 11th attack, and frankly, the passivity that they’ve displayed once the Petraeus-Broadwell affair was uncovered, is just inexplicable. ...And until we fully understand, as a nation, what happened on September the 11th, we can’t possibly take adequate steps or formulate policies to protect Americans who might be at risk. I have never seen this as political. But the notion that you can passively wait for an internal State Department review board or passively wait for an investigation that the CIA director may be compromised to play out over weeks and months—it just doesn’t hold water. These are issues that effective leadership, real management in the executive branch, addresses immediately to prevent further tragedies or further loss of classified information.” [40231]

On November 16 Hostess Brands Inc. announces it is shutting down its operations, after 82 years in business. Chief Executive Gregory Rayburn states, “We deeply regret the necessity of today’s decision, but we don’t have the financial resources to weather an extended nationwide strike.” (The company has \$860 million in debt. The biggest source of its financial problems has been funding the pension funds of its union employees. Pension costs are about \$100 million per year.) According to *The Wall Street Journal*, “[T]he company will ‘promptly’ dismiss most of its 18,500 employees and focus on ‘selling its assets to the highest bidders.’ Hostess said it couldn’t survive without the

reductions and pension restrictions it sought from employees.” According to TheNewAmerican.com, “The striking line workers were paid healthy salaries, \$16 to \$18 per hour. In a low-profit, low-selling-price business such as baked goods (things that are basically commodities), those wages aren’t sustainable, especially considering that baking and distribution involve a lot of manpower. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean hourly wage for the designation of ‘bakeries and tortilla manufacturers’ was \$12.57 in 2011. Supposing that Hostess’ median wage was \$17, they were paying 35 percent more than the national average. Hostess was looking for wage concessions of only eight percent. Even after the cuts, Hostess still would have been paying their workers handsomely, 24 percent more than the industry norm. Mind you, this one-year cut would have been followed by guaranteed wage increases of three percent in each of the three years that followed, capped off by one percent in the fourth year. So, the pain would have been only temporary and cancelled out in just three years.”) [40200, 40232, 40242, 40264, 40276, 40358]

Texas and Ohio announce that they will not be setting up health insurance exchanges for ObamaCare. (November 16 had been the deadline for states to decide whether they would establish ObamaCare exchanges, but because many states have not said they will do so, the Obama administration extended the deadline—in order to allow more time to pressure the states with media attacks. As an example, the New Orleans Times-Picayune slams Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal for daring to defy Obama, writing, “With every decision Jindal makes, the message becomes clearer to hundreds of thousands of Louisiana residents who are uninsured: The state has no interest in helping you.” In other words, if a state does not agree to go broke by establishing an ObamaCare exchange, its Republican leaders are racist and do not care about poor black residents. The states are wise to avoid setting up the exchanges, however, because they will be accompanied by federal costs, rules, and regulations—most of which are not yet known.) According to Fox News, “A total of 20 states have now decided not to implement their own exchanges—which could also mean increased costs for the federal government.” (The federal government may set up the exchanges in those 20 states. More importantly, however, those 20 states will not be expanding their Medicaid populations—a forced expansion the Supreme Court ruled optional under ObamaCare.) [40210, 40235, 40237, 40238, 40267, 40321]

The Associated Press reports, “The Florida socialite who traded flirtatious emails with the top commander in Afghanistan also sent numerous emails to the mayor of Tampa, including one begging him to shoo away news reporters camped outside her waterfront mansion. ...Jill Kelley has been tied to the scandal that prompted the resignation of retired Gen. David Petraeus as CIA director. Petraeus admitted having an affair with his married biographer, Paula Broadwell. Federal officials say Broadwell sent emails to Kelley, perceiving her as a romantic rival. That FBI investigation uncovered emails between Kelley and Gen. John Allen during his time as head of Central Command in Tampa.” It is also revealed that Kelley visited the White House just two days before the Petraeus affair scandal broke—and had two visits before that. (Who Kelley met with and why she was granted White House access is not known.) The Obama-supporting Kelley also attempted to use her Petraeus connections to extort \$80 million from an energy

company in exchange for lobbying South Korea on a \$4 billion proposal, and a prominent Democrat fundraiser gave Kelley's twin sister, Natalie Khawam, a \$300,000 loan. [40212, 40249, 40252, 40286, 40300, 40301, 40351]

At *WeeklyStandard.com* Daniel Halper writes, "David Petraeus is going to tell members of Congress that he 'knew almost immediately after the September 11th attack, that the group Ansar al Sharia, the al Qaeda sympathizing group in Libya was responsible for the attacks,' CNN reports. In his closed door meeting on the Hill, '[Petraeus] will also say he had his own talking points separate from U.N. ambassador Susan Rice. [Hers] came from somewhere other in the administration than his direct talking points,' Barbara Starr of CNN reports, referencing a source close to Petraeus. The former CIA director will move to further himself from comments that didn't accurately characterize the terror attack that Rice made 5 days after on national television shows. 'When he looks at what Susan Rice said,' CNN reports, 'here is what Petraeus's take is, according to my source. Petraeus developed some talking points laying it all out. Those talking points as always were approved by the intelligence community. But then he sees Susan Rice make her statements and he sees input from other areas of the administration. Petraeus—it is believed—will tell the committee he is not certain where Susan Rice got all of her information.'" (If CNN's source is correct, Petraeus will refuse to provide cover for Obama.) [40217, 40218, 40220]

Meanwhile, *The Wall Street Journal* reports, "In David Petraeus's final days at the helm of the Central Intelligence Agency, his relations with chiefs of other U.S. agencies, including his boss, National Intelligence Director James Clapper, took a contentious turn. At issue was whether the CIA should break its silence about its role in Benghazi, Libya, to counter criticism that increasingly was being leveled at the agency and Mr. Petraeus, said senior officials involved in the discussions. Mr. Petraeus wanted his aides to push back hard and release their own timeline of the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi and a nearby CIA safe house, seeking to set the record straight and paint the CIA's role in a more favorable light. Mr. Clapper and agencies including the Pentagon objected, but Mr. Petraeus told his aides to proceed, said the senior officials. By all accounts, the driving force behind Mr. Petraeus's departure last Friday was the revelation about his extramarital affair with his biographer. But new details about Mr. Petraeus's last days at the CIA show the extent to which the Benghazi attacks created a climate of interagency finger-pointing. That undercut the retired four-star general's backing within the Obama administration as he struggled with the decision to resign." [40221, 40222]

David Petraeus spends about four hours in closed door hearings before the House and Senate intelligence committees. According to ABC, "Democratic senators who emerged from the hearing said Petraeus' testimony supported U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice." (That is in conflict with CNN's report.) Congressman Peter King (R-NY) later says what Petraeus stated "will all be classified other than it was clear it did not arise out of a demonstration, it was not spontaneous, and it was clear terrorist involvement. ...He was saying there were many streams of intelligence, but he also stated that he thought all

along he made it clear that there was significant terrorist involvement. And that is not my recollection of what he told us on September 14. ...The original talking points were much more specific about Al Qaeda involvement. And yet the final ones just said indications of extremists. ...To me the question right now is who changed those talking points and why. ...I'd say it was somebody in the administration had to have taken it out. That, to me, has to be pursued." If Petraeus and the CIA knew immediately that the attack in Benghazi was terrorism and not in response to a video, the White House and the State Department also knew it. Obama, Hillary Clinton, Susan Rice, and Jay Carney were therefore all lying when they claimed anti-video demonstrations were the cause. Under oath, Petraeus essentially called Obama a liar. [40223, 40229, 40233, 40236, 40244, 40250, 40257, 40258]

Congressman Joe Heck (R-NV) tells Fox news the alleged CIA "talking points" leaked to CBS that were supposedly relied on by Susan Rice "initially did state that al-Qaeda-affiliated groups were involved" in the Benghazi attack. "Well certainly the CIA and the intelligence community put together a talking points paper that, once it left the building of the CIA, went through a process of inter-agency coordination and ultimately wound up, we believe, in Ambassador Rice's hands to be used as a briefing tool for her [September 16 talk show] appearances. Now, we still don't know who briefed ambassador Rice and exactly what talking points she used and who edited them from the time they left the intelligence community 'til the time she made her appearances on the Sunday morning talk shows, and neither Director Petraeus nor any of the witnesses we had yesterday were able to answer that question. The initial talking points, which were put together in an unclassified format at the request of the House intelligence committee, initially did state that al-Qaeda affiliated groups were involved. However, by the time, we understand, that went through its editing process after it left Langley [CIA headquarters in Virginia], that reference was taken out." (The White House therefore apparently changed the talking points before they were given to Rice. She was therefore perhaps nothing more than a useful idiot, used to spread the cover story of an "angry anti-video mob run that got out of control." Obama was therefore intentionally misleading the public to hide the truth.) [40230, 40236, 40250, 40257, 40258]

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, states, "National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, FBI Director Robert Mueller, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey, U.N. Ambassador Susan Rice, and their subordinates in their respective chains of command who carried out their directives all should testify before Congress so the American people get the answers they deserve. While DNI Chief Clapper and General Petraeus came before our committee, their respective remarks are only an introduction—certainly not rising to a full investigation—regarding the attacks that transpired in Benghazi." The meeting with Petraeus, says, Bachmann, "underscores the need for a thorough investigation of what happened during the terrorist attack in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012. From beginning to end, the American people are still without knowledge of what happened on that tragic day. The hearings that we have held to this point have not produced answers to the questions that the victims' families and the American people deserve to have answered. ...We now

know there were numerous reports of a deteriorating situation with security in eastern Libya prior to the attack. With that knowledge, why were the repeated requests for additional security by the State Department employees at the Benghazi mission reportedly denied, leaving the protection of Ambassador Stevens placed primarily in the hands of local Libyan militia? We also need to address why U.N. Ambassador Rice was sent on Sunday television shows after the attack and stated that there was a ‘substantial security presence’ with Ambassador Stevens when that was clearly not the case.” [40266]

Bachmann continues, “...[W]hy did the White House consistently embrace the false narrative that the deadly attacks were a spontaneous event motivated by an anti-Islamic video? ...Obama in his remarks before the United Nations on September 25 stated six times that the anti-Islamic video was the motivating factor behind the attack. Why did [Obama] continue to give this false narrative on September 25—two weeks after the attack—when our government clearly knew that the video was not the primary motivation for the attacks? Today, the Obama administration is trying to change their narrative and have it both ways on their story regarding the terrorist attack in Benghazi. ...These important questions and many additional ones have yet to be answered. Ultimately, ...Obama is responsible for the actions of his national security team and it is incomprehensible that we have yet to hear what [he] knew, when he knew it, and the specific orders he gave his team.” (Bachmann is correct to want Donilon, Clinton, Panetta, Mueller, Dempsey, Rice, and others to testify. general Carter Ham and Joe Biden should be added to the list. Biden was meeting with Obama and Panetta at the time of the attack in Benghazi. Obama could be destroyed by Clinton’s testimony if she states that she requested additional security for the compound in Benghazi and it was denied.) [40266, 40277, 40278, 40292]

Pamela Geller writes at AtlasShrugs.com, “I don’t know what’s worse: the absolute criminal cover up of an act of war by an avowed enemy, by both the enemedia and the Obama administration, or the fact that the American people don’t care. If the American people cared, Obama would not have been reelected.” [40262]

The Ulsterman Report hears from the Republican insider, who comments on the testimony of David Petraeus: “The general opened up the... ‘can of worms’ this morning. We now have a four star general and CIA Director letting lawmakers know that there was [sic] serious alterations to the CIA summary of the Benghazi attack. All references to it being a terrorist attack were... they were removed from the original CIA document. Now I am left asking where is that original document. If that was provided by the general, and it’s being reviewed by the committee, then that committee has no choice but to go right back to the White House and ask...it’s the two questions everybody is already asking right now. I’ve been hearing it all morning and afternoon now. WHY was it changed? WHO changed it? ...Who could do that? Has to be high up. Administration. And whoever did that, how... who would do that without [Obama’s] stamp? Without his approval? Now I was... I heard from a staffer... they said it was the campaign. The campaign reviewed it and changed it and sent [Susan] Rice out onto the Sunday news shows. That sounds... well, it’s outrageous. But... it... all of the campaigning [Obama]

was doing... has been... he's been at it for over two years. The campaign has always been his priority. So... so maybe that's possible. Now that's not a minor point here. If national security... the death of an ambassador and three other Americans... now if that... so if there was a decision from the campaign, then... well... I'll say it. That could be cause for impeachment. [Obama] would be in violation of his oath. At least it's how I understand it." [40324]

"Don't use... don't latch onto that term. I'm not saying it's likely or even possible. I don't have all the specifics of exactly what went on in the hearing. I can tell you the place is buzzing. I can tell you there are staffers... [Congressman Peter] ...King's office... they are really getting pretty fired up on this. They needed Petraeus to give them something and apparently that's what the general did. Oh! And over at... [Senator John] McCain. He's fired up about this too. He did not like being called out by [Obama] the other day [for criticizing Susan Rice]. So maybe he's going to... you know the Senate... they always take so long and the Republicans up there... But ...and so maybe we are seeing some real momentum on this. The [Senator Dianne] Feinstein office has sent out feelers too. Staffers talking amongst themselves. This is all good news for those of us who want to see some real accountability for what happened, but... I want to stress again that... that you can't get your hopes up. These people... it's not that they don't care... It's just how it works. If someone gets spooked, or a deal can be made, that's what happens. I don't like it, but I have to work in reality and not how I wish things were. You get that? Here is... there is something you can do. Your readers can do... everyone you know of. If people want to possibly change the outcome... or the discussion... they have to use this new [Internet] media to do it. You have to understand that the Obama White House has hundreds of people... all they do is post and comment and try to push their version. They... what it is... it's a whole program to either direct the news coverage, or give media the excuse that they are just reporting on... or reflecting the public opinion. So what we need to do... We need to get ahead of this new media thing... all of us. Republicans. Conservatives... whatever. ...So everyone needs to go out there and post their comments. Make the media know we are... paying attention now. And so... they need to cover what... the stories that we are commenting on. Use basic economics on them. Just go all out and overwhelm the comments sections of these stories. Share the truth. And demand... demand more of the truth. And demand that they start... they need to ask this White House real questions now. Can you do that? Can they do that? Petraeus gave us an opportunity—now we need all of your help." [40324]

Politico and CNN reports that Virginia Moseley, producer of ABC's *Good Morning America*, has been named a CNN vice president and its Washington deputy bureau chief. (The media reports neglect to mention that Moseley's husband is Tom Nides, a deputy Secretary of State—or that both Moseley and Nides are friends of Obama and his wife Michelle. At ABC, Moseley works with Ben Sherwood, whose sister works at the White House. It was Moseley who hired former Bill Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos to work at ABC. ABC reporter Claire Shipman is married to White House press secretary Jay Carney. ABC News reporter Bianna Golodryga is married to former Obama budget director Peter Orszag. The mainstream media believes none of these connections are worth reporting, and argues with a straight face that their reporting is "objective.")

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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) refuses to agree to a select committee to investigate the Benghazi attacks, stating, “I refuse to allow the Senate to be used as a venue for baseless partisan attacks. ...The elections are over. It is time to put an end to the partisan politicization of national security and begin working together to strengthen our efforts to dismantle and destroy the terrorist networks that threaten us.” (Reid apparently does not care to find out what led to the deaths of four Americans in Libya or whether the attack could have been resisted.) 40274]

Apparently unconcerned about the “fiscal cliff” that will supposedly destroy the nation, the Senate adjourns until after Thanksgiving.

Although there were dozens of precincts in Philadelphia and Cleveland where Romney got zero votes and no one in the mainstream media thought that was worth investigating, CNN dispatched a reporter to King County, Texas—because Obama got only five votes there. [40239, 40320]

FoxNews.com reports that medical supply company Stryker “will cut 1,170 jobs, or five percent of its worldwide workforce. ...A ‘medical device excise tax’ included in [ObamaCare] imposes a 2.3 percent levy on medical device manufacturers and suppliers, which critics say will raise prices on everything from pacemakers to prosthetics to stents. Companies will be required to pay the tax regardless [of whether] they have a profit or loss for the year. The tax is estimated to cost the medical device industry \$20 billion. ...House Republicans tried to have the tax repealed, drafting a bill called the Protect Medical Innovation Act, but the Democrat-controlled Senate has blocked the measure.” (The tax is on gross income, not profits. That is, even if the company makes no profit it is still liable for the tax—which is an effective way to drive companies out of business.) [40243]

Attorney Orly Taitz reports on a five-hour hearing in a Mississippi court involving her lawsuit against Obama, Nancy Pelosi, “Obama for America,” Hawaiian officials, and others for identity fraud, forged birth certificate, stolen Social Security number, and RICO violations. Judge Henry Wingate shows little patience with Obama’s attorneys, admonishing them for calling witnesses “buffoons” for daring to declare Obama’s birth certificate a forgery. (Obama’s attorneys resent the submission of any evidence, of course.) Taitz plans to add the electoral college as a defendant and seek declaratory and injunctive relief to enjoin it from casting votes for Obama due to fraud and use of fraudulently obtained and forged IDs. The judge asks for additional documentation, including a list of individuals participating in the Obama cover-up who could be included as violators of the RICO racketeering statute. [40259, 40386, 40387]

Taitz also reports, “I got a call from a 4 star general, he called chief clerk Sutter at SCOTUS [Supreme Court of the United States] yet again. A number of generals are now

livid with SCOTUS flagrantly committing fraud and treason in manipulating dates and not letting me file Petition for certiorari review of the DC case of Obama using a stolen CT Social Security number 042-68-4425. This will end in a revolt.” [40260]

XP Technology files a lawsuit against the Department of Energy (DOE), claiming that “corruption and negligence” allowed favoritism in energy loan guarantees approved by the Obama administration. According to the lawsuit, “Investigations have shown that DOE officials intentionally stalled numerous applicants’ reviews in order to force them out of business and protect favored players. ...XP has received information demonstrating that the unprecedented number of failures in the DOE program relative to what DOE officials have claimed to be ‘the most expensive and extensive due diligence in history’ is explained by manipulated reviews, in the due diligence effort, on behalf of what the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) investigations found to be ‘favoritism’ in published investigation reports. A senate ethics investigation states, in published reports, that ‘negligence and mismanagement by DOE officials’ was a regular occurrence. ...After XP staff first reported the incidents, becoming ‘whistle-blowers,’ by reporting the evidence to GAO, Justice Department, The White House Press Office and The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, among others, they received threats and personal attacks. Over time, the volume of third party investigations, which have validated the charges of questionable acts by DOE staff have become voluminous.” [40247, 40350]

Tyndale House Publishers wins a victory in a lawsuit against ObamaCare, with a federal court temporarily stopping enforcement of Obama’s mandate that the company provide free contraceptives, abortifacients, and sterilization for its employees. According to LifeNews.com, “The Obama administration opposed the order, arguing that Tyndale House Publishers isn’t religious enough for an exemption from the mandate... [The company] is the world’s largest privately held Christian publisher of books, Bibles, and digital media and directs 96.5 percent of its profits to religious non-profit causes worldwide. ...The decision only applies to the company and does not stop the Obama HHS mandate nationwide against other religious groups, businesses, hospitals, or educational institutions.” [40248, 40307]

Obama meets with civil rights and leftist activists to discuss the “fiscal cliff.” Attendees include: Peter Berns (The Arc), Sister Simone Campbell (Network), Chad Griffin (Human Rights Campaign), Wade Henderson (Leadership Conference on Civil Rights), Deepa Iyer (National Council of Asian Pacific Americans), Ben Jealous (NAACP), Marc Morial (National Urban League), Janet Murguia (National Council of La Raza), Barry Rand (AARP), Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner (MomsRising.org), Al Sharpton (National Action Network), Aaron Smith (Young Invincibles), Rev. Jim Wallis (Sojourners). (None of the guests have any expertise in federal budget matters or tax policy. All are likely present to lobby for protection against budget cuts that will affect their organizations and constituents, and to insist that Obama raise taxes rather than cut spending.) [40251]

The Jerusalem Post reports, “Terrorists in the Sinai Peninsula launched rockets into Israel

Friday night. The rockets fell near an Israeli village on the southern border, causing some damage, but no injuries. ... Hamas took credit for the attack, claiming to have shot 'an improved Kassam,' which it called an M-75, towards Jerusalem. ... The cities of Be'ersheva, Ashdod, and Ashkelon, and southern towns came under repeated rocket attacks throughout the day. Homes were damaged in the attacks." Terrorists have launched more than 550 rockets against Israel since November 14 and at least three Israelis have been killed. [40253, 40254, 40255, 40256, 40261, 40265]

Outside Obama's campaign headquarters in Chicago, demonstrators gather to protest Israel's retaliation against Hamas. Breitbart.com identifies several of the group's leaders as members of various socialist and Marxist organizations. The demonstrators call on Obama to turn his back on Israel now that the election is over and he no longer needs to pander for Jewish votes. [40279]

On *Political Capital*, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner argues that the concept of the debt limit should be eliminated entirely, allowing the government to borrow as much money it wants whenever it wants. Geithner states, "Well, this is something only Congress can solve. Congress put it on itself. We've had 100 years of experience with it, and I think only once—last summer—did people decide to use it to threaten default on the American credit for the first time in history as a tool for political advantage. And that's not a tenable strategy." (In other words, Geithner is criticizing those members of Congress who believe the government should not spend more than it collects in tax revenue. If the debit limit mechanism were eliminated, the debt rating services would—or at least should—respond by lowering the U.S. government's credit rating. That would result in the need to pay higher interest rates on its \$16+ trillion in outstanding debt. It would also result in rising gold and silver prices.) [40303, 40586]

On November 17 WashingtonTimes.com reports, "A House committee has launched an investigation into whether EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson used an email alias to try to hide correspondence from open-government requests and her agency's own internal watchdog—something that Republican lawmakers said could run afoul of the law. The science committee has asked Ms. Jackson to turn over all information related to an email account under the name of 'Richard Windsor,' which is one of the aliases identified by a researcher looking into the EPA. The committee has also asked the White House's lawyer and EPA's inspector general to look into the matter and report back by the end of this month, saying that the secret email accounts could have been used to keep key information from official watchdogs as well as the public. EPA did not respond Friday." [40270]

Rachel Alexander writes at Townhall.com, "In a scandal looking more and more like [Operation] Fast and Furious, information is coming out revealing what may be the real reason why the Obama administration refused to provide military support to save Americans in Benghazi. Obama was terrified the public would find out that American weapons had been given to Libyan terrorists, who then used them against Americans in the attack. Glenn Beck reported that Glen Doherty, the former Navy Seal who was killed

alongside Ambassador Christopher Stevens, told ABC News that he was looking for weapons in Libya. Middle East expert Barry Rubin has said U.S. intelligence confirms that Ambassador Stevens was in Benghazi to negotiate for the return of an American weapons' system. Beck suspects that due to the lack of military security around Stevens, he was a CIA operative sent to bring back the wayward weapons, not just a diplomat. The terrorists may have even attacked the embassy in order to seize the American weapons stored there from the rebel-arming program. ...The cover-up is extremely hypocritical coming from the Democrats. The left was outraged over President Reagan secretly providing U.S. arms to the Contras in Nicaragua. The Iran-Contra hearings resulted in Reagan dismissing Oliver North from his position at the National Security Council. In contrast, there has been no fall guy losing their job over Benghazi, even though four Americans are dead. Instead, the opposite is occurring; guys like Petraeus are ousted in order to continue to protect the cover-up. The Obama administration will stop at nothing to protect those complicit in the cover-up. As a popular graphic now making the rounds on the Internet declares, 'If Obama would have defended our Ambassador like he did Susan Rice, four Americans would still be alive.'" [40268]

Al Arabiya News reports, "Israeli air strikes killed 10 Palestinians and destroyed the Hamas government building on Saturday as the Jewish state called up thousands more reservists for a possible ground war." The White House states that Israel "has the right to defend itself." [40271, 40272]

Examiner.com reports that Dr. Barbara Bellar was fired by MetroSouth Medical Center in Chicago—ostensibly for making anti-ObamaCare statements in a video. "The hospital has refused to comment on the firing, citing confidentiality in personnel matters. But when Bellar asked for a meeting with management, she states that the powers that be failed to give her a definitive answer as to why her contract was not renewed. ...Bellar further indicated that legal action against the hospital remains an option, although she has not yet made a decision about litigation." [40275]

On Air Force One, Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes tells reporters the White House did not edit the CIA talking points about Benghazi to remove references to a planned terrorist attack by al-Qaeda affiliate Ansar al-Shariah. Rhodes states, "The only edit that was made by the White House and also by the State Department was to change the word 'consulate' to the word 'diplomatic facility,' since the facility in Benghazi was not formally a consulate." (According to former CIA director David Petraeus, the agency's talking points were changed by the time they were given to U.N. ambassador Susan Rice. According to Rhodes, they were not changed by the White House. The issue therefore is which party is lying.) [40280, 40282, 40309]

In Pinetop, Arizona, a sign on the door of the Southwest Shooting Authority gun store reads, "If you voted for Obama, please turn around and leave! You have proven that you are not responsible enough to own a firearm!" [40281, 40283]

FireAndreaMitchell.com posts a partial list of many of the worker layoffs (at least

100,000) and business closings (at least 125) announced since Obama won reelection. [40306]

On November 18 the Israeli Defense Force reportedly kills terrorist Yehia Bia, the commander of the Hamas rocket units, with a missile attack on his home in Gaza City. *The Australian* reports, “The Israeli army said that 544 rockets had struck various parts of Israel since hostilities between the two sides intensified on [November 14]... Officials said an additional 302 rockets had been intercepted by Israel’s Iron Dome missile defence system and that more fell into the Mediterranean Sea as well as on Gaza itself.” [40284, 40285, 40304]

The New York Times reports that investors and businesses are doing their best to shift income from 2013 to 2012 to avoid coming increases in income taxes, capital gains taxes, and dividends taxes. “Take Steve Wynn, the casino magnate, who has been a vocal critic of higher tax rates. He and his fellow shareholders in Wynn Resorts, the company announced, will collect a special dividend of \$750 million on Tuesday, a payout timed to take advantage of current rates. Experts estimated that taking the payout this year instead of next could save Mr. Wynn, who owns a sizable stake in the company, more than \$20 million.” Kenneth K. Bezozo, a partner in the law firm Haynes and Boone, comments, “In my 30 years in practice, I’ve never seen such a flood of desire and action to transfer a business and cash out. We’re seeing a watershed event.” More than a few owners of small businesses will do their best to insure that their income remains below the \$250,000 threshold chosen by Obama as his tax target. (The result of these investor actions will be to provide the federal government with more tax revenue for 2012, but far less for 2013.) [40305]

Even Democrats want to know who edited the CIA talking points about Benghazi to enable U.N. ambassador to lie on five Sunday talk shows. On *Meet the Press*, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, states, “We gave the direction yesterday that this whole process is going to be checked out. We’re going to find out who made changes in the original statement. [But] Until we do, I really think it’s unwarranted to make accusations.” Congressman Mike Rogers (R-MI), Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, states, “I know the narrative was wrong and the intelligence was right. ... We’re going to get to the bottom of how that happened.” (Feinstein is less than thrilled when Rogers suggests Obama knew about Petraeus’ extramarital affair before the election.) [40287]

Also on *Meet the Press*, Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) calls Obama’s U.N. ambassador Susan Rice “politically compliant” and asks, “Why would [Obama] choose someone who had nothing to do with Benghazi to tell us about Benghazi? That’s kind of odd. She was the most politically compliant person they could find. I don’t know what she knew, but I know that the story she told was misleading. I think it’s very odd that the storyline they chose omitted al-Qaeda, which would help [Obama] enormously, and I don’t buy it. And I don’t [buy that] the intel community did a great job. I like [House Intelligence Committee Chairman] Mike Rogers and [California Senator] Dianne

Feinstein, but to say the intelligence community did a good job—what about the months before this attack? ...I blame [Obama] more than anybody else. Susan Rice is a bit player here. I blame [Obama] for making this a death trap. I blame [Obama] for not having assets available to help these people for eight hours.” [40303, 40314]

On ABC’s *This Week*, Democrat strategist Donna Brazile says that Obama “has a mandate. He said, he said he has a mandate to protect the middle class, to fight for the middle class. And I think what’s important, before we start talking about entitlements, which [Obama] has talked about before, is that the Republicans are now talking about revenue. The question is, what Republican Party will show up, the Republican Party that still believes the Romney-Ryan math adds up or the Republican Party that understands the reality now that 60 percent of the American people, at least on Election Day, voted to put revenues on the table? That is, that is the big question that we have to look at, as we look down the road. [Obama] is going to play the long game. He’s not going to play for a short-term deal.” Columnist George Will responds, “[Obama] denounced the House Republicans across this country as obstructionists. The country said, ‘We hear you,’ and they sent them back to continue being a brake on [Obama]. And almost every member of [House Speaker] John Boehner’s caucus won his or her seat by a much bigger margin than ...Obama won his renewed term.” (In other words, House Republicans have a greater “mandate” to block tax increases than Obama has to impose them.) “Look,” continues Will, “the arithmetic is simple. If you cap at \$25,000 the available [tax] deductions, you raise \$1.2 trillion [over 10 years]. That’s a lot of money. If you cap it at \$50,000, you raise about as much money as you would raise by letting the Bush tax rates expire. I don’t think that’s a problem.” (By limiting deductions that can be taken by the wealthy, significant revenue can be raised without increasing the tax rates that would destroy jobs and harm owners of small businesses.) “You showed the clip a moment ago of [Senator] Patty Murray [D-WA] saying, as a negotiating ploy, go off the [fiscal] cliff. Let me give you another theory. For 40 years, the Democratic Party’s activist base has had two goals: substantial tax increases and substantial defense cuts. Going off the cliff implements the Democratic Party’s agenda.” (Will is correct. Obama and the Congressional Democrats would be more than happy if there is no budget agreement with the Republicans, the Bush tax rates expire, and automatic spending cuts are imposed.) [40291]

On *Face the Nation*, Bob Schieffer asks Senator John McCain (R-AZ) why the Obama administration would be reluctant to say that the Benghazi attack was the work of terrorists. McCain responds, “...If you look at their narrative... ‘I got [Osama] bin Laden, al Qaeda’s on the run’...al Qaeda is not on the run. Al-Qaeda is making a strong comeback all over the Middle East. They’ve got terrorist training camps in Iraq, they’ve taken over a country, Mali, in North Africa, they’re all over Libya, so it may interfere with that narrative.” [40297, 40309]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) confirms that former CIA director David Petraeus said in a closed-door meeting that the agency and administration knew from the beginning that the attack in Benghazi was planned by terrorists and was

not an anti-video protest that got out of hand. With regard to the changes in the CIA talking points, Chambliss says, “Everybody [at the hearings from the intelligence community, from the CIA, the State Department, and the FBI] was asked, ‘Do you know who made these changes?’ and nobody knew. The only entity that that reviewed the talking points that was not there was the White House. ...Every member of the intelligence community says that references to al-Qaeda were removed by somebody, and they don’t know who, and references to attacks, versus demonstrations, were removed by somebody.” Senator Joseph Lieberman (I-CT) states, “In my opinion it was irresponsible to have our State Department personnel there [in Benghazi] with only three security guards. Either we should’ve given them the protection they deserved, or we should’ve closed that mission in Benghazi as the British government had done a short while before.” [40308]

On MSNBC, Mara Schiavocampo interviews Israeli ambassador to the United States Michael Oren and suggests the Jews should just get used to living with rocket attacks from Hamas terrorists: “Living under the threat of rocket attack is certainly a psychological trauma. But what would you say to those who argue that the rockets are essentially very ineffective, they rarely do damage and that the response from Israelis is disproportional to the threat they’re under?” Oren reminds the leftist anti-Semite that there have been more than 8,000 rockets fired at Israel from Gaza since 2009 and that no other nation would be as patient as Israel if it suffered such attacks. [40296]

Obama visits Thailand, Burma, and Cambodia. In Thailand he tells reporters, “Israel has every right to expect that it does not have missiles fired into its territory. If that can be accomplished without a ramping up of military activity in Gaza, that’s preferable, not just for the people of Gaza. It’s preferable for the Israelis because if Israeli troops are in Gaza they are much more at risk of incurring fatalities or being wounded.” (In other words, Israel has a right to defend itself, as long as it takes no action to defend itself,” and “It is acceptable for innocent Israelis to be killed in Hamas rocket attacks, but for the Israelis to go after Hamas is not acceptable.”) Meanwhile, Hamas has rejected Israeli truce proposals. (It is worth noting that when the rocket attacks begin and air raid sirens sound, Israelis head to bomb shelters. There are virtually no bomb shelters in Gaza, because leaders there use foreign aid to buy weapons. At TheCommentator.com, Nick Gray writes, “[N]ot only are bomb shelters scarce, ...street lamp-posts are also almost impossible to find. There is a reason for this: Hamas, which governs the Mediterranean coastal region, allows its terrorists to utilise them to make rockets to fire at innocent Southern Israel communities rather than provide light for its 1,500,000 residents.” [40288, 40293, 40296, 40312]

While in Thailand, Obama flirts with Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra. the Daily Mail reports, Obama and Shinawatra “could be seen laughing together and exchanging playful glances through a state dinner at the Government House in Bangkok on Sunday.” Obama then visits Burma, which he refers to as both Myanmar and Burma—depending on the audience. He mispronounces the name of human rights activist Aung San Suu Kyi (who considers the nation Burma), as well as mid-addressing President Thein Sein (who

considers the nation Myanmar). Obama awkwardly tries to plant a kiss on the cheek of a recoiling Aung San Suu Kyi, apparently totally unaware that public kissing in Asia is a rarity and frowned upon—despite his having grown up in Indonesia. Hillary Clinton falls asleep during Obama’s address in Burma. During his speech in Burma, Obama says, “Now, on the other hand, ...I cannot just impose my will on Congress—the Congress of the United States—even though sometimes I wish I could.” (That is, “What a shame that I can’t be a dictator.”) [40311, 40316, 40318, 40323, 40343, 40360, 40361, 40391]

Investors.com later comments on Obama’s trip: “In his tour of Burma, billed as an historic first visit since Burma’s 2007 move to democracy, it was clear he was in way over his head, even on small things. ...[H]e also undermined his supposed democracy mission, first by telling the Burmese leaders that he too wished he could govern without opposition, calling into question whether he himself believed in the representative government he was advocating. ...[The trip’s] emptiness of purpose left showy photo-ops in all three countries, with [Obama] flirting around with Thailand’s photogenic Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and visiting the Buddha statues, effectively trivializing Thailand as a tourist trap instead of a major trading partner and the U.S.’s oldest ally in Asia. ... Neither trade nor military matters were addressed substantively. Obama’s lecture to Thailand about its democracy needing ‘improvement’ was a fairly strong signal that he had no intention of restoring free-trade talks with the Thais, who lost their access to that a few years ago after a military coup that has since restored democracy. ...No substance, no influence. Nothing underlined this quite like the lack of crowds greeting Obama in all three nations. ...Obama, supposedly representing the greatest nation on earth, couldn’t draw so much as an Occupy-sized crowd. Nor did he draw respect. On his trip to Cambodia, a country he claimed didn’t deserve a visit due to its strongman government, first lady Bun Rany greeted Obama with a traditional ‘sampeah’ pressed-hands greeting reserved for servants, a little dig that was probably lost on him but not to Asians. So what is really Obama’s tour about? Apparently a get-out-of-town photo-op all about himself as a means of avoiding pressing problems back home. The Asians deserve better—and so do the Americans.” [40391]

Additionally, the Asian summit leads to an announcement of a 15-member “Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership”—that *excludes* the United States. *Asia Times* later reports that Obama “attended the summit to sell a US-based Trans-Pacific Partnership excluding China. He didn’t. The American led-partnership became a party to which no-one came. Instead, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, plus China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, will form a club and leave out the United States. As 3 billion Asians become prosperous, interest fades in the prospective contribution of 300 million Americans—especially when those Americans decline to take risks on new technologies. America’s great economic strength, namely its capacity to innovate, exists mainly in memory four years after the 2008 economic crisis.” The *Times* also observes, “It is symptomatic of the national condition of the United States that the worst humiliation ever suffered by it as a nation, and by [Obama], passed almost without comment...” [40622]

In Florida, Democrat Patrick Murphy claims victory over Congressman Allen West, despite West's legal challenges of the vote totals. (There are indications of substantial fraud throughout the district and in St. Lucie County. Nevertheless, West concedes on November 20.) [40289, 40290, 40319, 40347]

According to Fox News, "Attorney General Eric Holder will honor ...Obama's request to stay into the second term but will remain on the job only 'for about a year.' ...A senior administration official told Fox News that Obama does not want a mass exodus at the start of his second term, especially with his national security team going through major changes. And Secretary of State Hillary Clinton already has said she will leave soon." [40339, 40340, 40341]

DailyCaller.com reports that the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services maintains a web site, "WelcometoUSA.gov," that "...bills itself as the 'primary gateway for new immigrants to find basic information on how to settle in the United States'" and features "a prominent section for new immigrants about how to access government benefits. ...The DHS page offers links to government websites that explain how to access benefits including food stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Medicare, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the 'official website with information on all available federal benefit programs,' with a nonworking link to Benefits.gov." ("Welcome to the United States, and here is how you get free taxpayer-funded benefits.") [40298]

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) tells DailyCaller.com, "I think Barack Obama has nothing to lose from hitting the fiscal cliff, going off the fiscal cliff. I think he'll drive the hardest of bargains because he's happy to see the Bush tax brackets go up. He's happy to see the death tax go up to 55 percent. That fits his class envy. The payroll tax holiday, I don't think he believes in that—that was just his tool to be able to say, 'I cut taxes on the middle class.' So that goes back. None of those things trouble him. He doesn't want to reform the entitlement programs. He's happy enough to cut the Pentagon. So I don't know why Barack Obama would blink. And if he's willing to walk away from the table—and I think he is—if we're not willing to, then he'll get everything he's willing to fight for. That's just how it is. ...I thought that we made a mistake two years ago when we set the stage for the fiscal cliff. I voted against it, spoke against it." [40299]

On November 19 the Ulsterman Report interviews the Republican insider, who states, "There was baggage from previous statements [Mitt Romney] made, there was—heck, he was running against Barack Obama and the media—that's no easy task for anyone. Period. But that's what every Republican candidate will be up against, has been up against, for a while now. It's gotten worse though and 2012 was as bad as it's ever been. That last press conference? I said we were lucky to get those two questions on Benghazi—but all in all, what a joke, right? The established media—we can't count on them for anything. Nothing. There is no truth there... or very little of it. So little of it... that's why what you are doing, what others are doing... every small example adds up to a much bigger picture, right? I believe in this new media 100 percent. It is how we defeat

Democrats. But Republicans have to get with the program on this. They got to get up to speed.” Asked about vote fraud, the Republican insider responds, “You’re just giving me numbers—not proof of wrongdoing. Again, do those numbers make me suspicious? Sure. But do I have proof? No. So without that, it’s wasted energy. It’s the kind of wasted energy the Democrats want Republicans to engage in. Chase this... chase this conspiracy and that conspiracy... it’s distraction. While we are off doing that, they are winning elections. THAT is what I’m about here. Winning elections. Not running elections. WINNING elections. If we don’t win elections, we don’t... the country keeps going in the wrong direction. The direction of the Democratic Party. The direction of liberalism. Socialism. Marxism. Whatever you want to call it. Whatever label people want to put on it—to me it don’t [sic] really matter. I just know it’s the wrong way for America. Absolutely 100 percent the wrong way for America.” [40302]

“All we need to know is that [Obama won the White House again] and that’s not good. It’s not right. But... he got his second term. We can’t change that. What we can do is get things rolling for 2014 and then 2016. Because I will guarantee you this... the Democrats... they want 2014. They want 2016. They want 2018. They want 2020. They want this country... the ones in charge of the party right now... they want it all. And they scare me. Big time.... Your [White House] Insider called it right—[Obama is] not Democrat. Not the traditional version. But he is TODAY’S version of a Democrat. Ok? You need to understand that. This isn’t your daddy’s Democratic Party anymore. Then again, it isn’t the same Republican Party either. ...[Republicans have become] too liberal. Period. Republicans are... during the two Bush terms... Republicans spent more and expanded government more than anything Bill Clinton attempted with the exception of the short-lived stab at healthcare reform. Way beyond Clinton. Huge expansion of the federal government under the last Republican president. Obama has just taken the same ball and run with it a little further and a little faster than George W. Bush did. And his father was similar like that too... the Bush family... this is not a personal criticism but strictly a political one here—they embraced big government almost as much as any Democrat before them had.” [40302]

“Sadly, it is true. Did Lyndon Johnson expand the size and scope of the federal government? Absolutely. But the facts lay it out—so did the Bush presidencies. Higher taxes with one, several wars, more entitlement programs, huge expansion of the foreign aid, the Department of Education, Homeland Security... don’t even get me started on the Patriot Act. You take a bunch of Democrats from say... 40 years ago and lay out the two most recent Bush terms... all of the spending and government expansion... I bet at least half of them would call him a communist president. ...First, it’s not harsh. It’s the truth. ...But you know what, right now, this conversation. THIS is what needs to be going on inside the party... between conservatives all over the country. This kind of conversation. We need to work this stuff out, come up with as united a vision as possible, and rock and roll in 2014 and beyond. ...people talking. People reading the truth. People thinking about what we agree on instead of always focusing on what we don’t agree on... we need to get an idea of the bigger picture here. Democrats have been dividing Republicans for a long time. That’s why we get these milktoast [sic; milquetoast] candidates for office—not just for president—I’m talking races all over the country. The media and the Democrats

have beaten down the people who speak out, so everybody else is scared to death that they might be next. We have Republicans who don't trust the voters to back them. They just don't. And... really... can't blame them for that. Not entirely, because we got a whole lot of so-called conservatives who are lazy, nasty, rude, and I apologize for the term... ass-holes. And that's the honest to God truth... seen it up close and way too personal way too many times. And you know what the media does with those kinds of people? They focus on them and use them to ridicule the party. And they've done a real good job of it. Real good." [40302]

The GOP insider continues, "Stop looking to politicians to solve your problems. That is partly... there were a lot of voters who I think assumed Romney would win. Or, heck, I'm not sure what some of them were thinking but I've gone over the numbers now... dug into those numbers. You can complain about voting fraud, maybe there was some of that—probably on some level, yes—but overall, the reason Mitt Romney lost was the Obama campaign did a better job than the Romney campaign... and the mainstream media. Your insider called it a long time ago during the primary race... when there was that question about abortion... or contraception... the ABC guy [George Stephanopoulos] kept repeating the question. That was what, last year, right? They went right out in the open there... total collusion with the Obama campaign. Period. Total collusion and they don't even bother to really hide it anymore. And it worked. The war on women, war on gays, war on immigrants, war on the poor... the fact is, for the Obama campaign, IT WORKED. ...I am working very hard to modernize how the party gets its message out to voters... but... it... we can't count on... go through the Mainstream Media for most of that... they will muddy the water there. They will confuse the message. So we use the alternative ...the alternative media. All of... blogs... message boards... all of it. It all adds up... millions of voters... millions of people who are talking and sharing ideas, and... if there was just a bit more organization... and if the Republicans respected the potential of how powerful this could all be... the Democrats know. They've owned it for... I'd say the last ten years. Owned the new media. Now it's our turn to get in there and turn the tables. ...And if we don't learn quickly how to change it up... how to get a message out there... how to not demand perfection from a candidate... or to follow every ridiculous controversy or rumor or tin foil hat conspiracy that just divides us up even more... we will lose. Republicans will lose. Conservatism will lose. America will lose. America... America will... it will be just like you said... going, going, GONE." [40302]

At his "We the People" blog, Jim Campbell points out, "According to Article II of 12th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, if 1/3rd of the states do not cast their votes in the Electoral College, then the matter falls onto the House of Representatives to choose the President. In other words, if we pressure Congressmen, State Party Officials, and groups such as Tea Party Patriots, Heritage Foundation, etc., to call on RED States to NOT have their Electors cast their vote, then the House of Reps CAN choose the next President!!!! ...WE do not elect the President. The Electoral College elects the President. But if enough of them do not cast their vote, then the responsibility falls onto the House of Representatives to choose the next President. If just 17 RED States agreed to NOT cast their votes in the electoral college, then it goes to the House. If pressured—they just might do it. We do NOT have to convince ANY democrats, at all. All we have to do is

convince 1/3 of the States to NOT cast their electoral college votes.” [40310, 40325]

Russia’s *Pravda* comments on the reelection of Obama: “Recently, Obama has been re-elected for a 2nd term by an illiterate society and he is ready to continue his lies of less taxes while he raises them. He gives speeches of peace and love in the world while he promotes wars as he did in Egypt, Libya and Syria. He plans his next war is with Iran as he fires or demotes his generals who get in the way. ... Well, any normal individual understands that as true but liberalism is a psychosis. O’bomber [Obama] even keeps the war going along the Mexican border with projects like ‘[Operation] fast and furious’ and there is still no sign of ending it. He is a Communist without question promoting the Communist Manifesto without calling it so. How shrewd he is in America. His cult of personality mesmerizes those who cannot go beyond their ignorance. They will continue to follow him like those fools who still praise Lenin and Stalin in Russia. Obama’s fools and Stalin’s fools share the same drink of illusion. ... President Vladimir Putin could never have imagined anyone so ignorant or so willing to destroy their people like Obama much less seeing millions vote for someone like Obama. They read history in America don’t they? Alas, the schools in the U.S. were conquered by the Communists long ago and history was revised thus paving the way for their Communist presidents. Obama has bailed out those businesses that voted for him and increased the debt to over 16 trillion with an ever increasing unemployment rate especially among blacks and other minorities. All the while promoting his agenda.” [40422]

The *Orlando Sentinel* reports, “For the first time in its nearly 100-year history, Orlando Health is reducing its workforce by up to 400 positions starting immediately, hospital officials announced this morning. The elimination of 300 to 400 jobs will occur in two phases, and represents a 2- to 3-percent decrease in the system’s 16,000 employees, said Orlando Health spokeswoman Kena Lewis. The reductions affect all departments and all eight of its hospitals, including Orlando Regional Medical Center and Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. ... The non-profit health network also will reduce positions through attrition of the workforce and by not filling any new positions, Lewis said. Other aspects of the cost restructuring include eliminating ‘admirable but not sustainable’ programs, streamlining some health-care delivery systems and supplies, and delaying capital spending. ... Such cost-cutting measures are happening across the country. On Wednesday Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in North Carolina announced it would cut 950 jobs by June. Last month, Louisiana State University announced it would cut more than \$150 million from its hospital system, and 1,495 positions across its seven hospitals.” [40315]

The *Chicago Tribune* reports, “Hostess Brands Inc. agreed in court on Monday to enter private mediation with its lenders and leaders of a striking union to try to avert the liquidation of the maker of Twinkies snack cakes and Wonder Bread.” (The talks later collapse, and with the approval of the bankruptcy court judge the company proceeds with liquidation plans.) [40317, 40358, 40374]

ResourcesWire.com interviews Bob Moriarty, founder and President of 321Gold.com,

who states, “I don’t think the election has anything to do with anything. I think the 800-pound gorilla in the room is the debt situation, and certainly the US is one of the worst. We’re an economy powered by debt, and it’s a fractional reserve system, so there’s always more debt than money. Sooner or later you have to pay the piper. This concept that you can somehow spend your way to prosperity is like trying to drink yourself sober. ...How can we have a recovery with a real debt of \$7 trillion dollars? I mean it’s going to blow sky high. I’m not saying this as doom and gloom or anything else. The real deficit of the US is \$7 trillion a year in an economy of \$14 trillion. That’s not sustainable. ...I don’t think there are that many serious people who believe that Keynesian economics works. I know the people in government do, but these guys are out of touch with reality. You can look at what is going on in Europe; they just came out with a report in Greece of 58% unemployment among the young people. That is an accident waiting to happen. ...Here is the solution that no one in government wants to discuss. Is the United States ever going to pay its debt? The answer to that is no, and so the solution is to default on the debt, accept the fact that a lot of people are going to get hurt and start over. That’s what Greece, Spain and Ireland need to do. Iceland did it, and they’re going like gangbusters now. It sounds like a horrible, cruel, cold thing to say, but when you can’t pay your debts, whether you’re an individual or a corporation or a country, you must default and start over again. But no government wants to do it because they want to keep their hands on the reins of power. There are going to be government officials in Greece hanging from telephone poles pretty soon. ...I believe to this day—and I’ll never change my mind on this—that we should have let the economy go into a depression in September/October of 2008. We should have let the banks collapse. ...The government is going to fail; the bond market is going to blow up; the banking system will blow up. Anyone who has had Economics 101 knows that. One day soon we’re going to have hyperinflation. The only question is whether the \$648 trillion in derivatives blows up first, and we go into a deflationary depression, or we become Weimar Germany. ...I think if you took the value of all the hard assets in the world—every stock, bond, house, car, boat, plane, everything in the world—I think you’d be around \$200 trillion. And we’ve got \$648 trillion in derivatives. That is clearly insane.” [40385]

Ninety-seven House Republicans send Obama a letter warning him not to nominate Susan Rice to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. The letter states, “Ambassador Rice is widely viewed to have either willfully or incompetently misled the American public on the Benghazi matter. We believe that making her the face of the U.S. foreign policy ...would greatly undermine your desire to improve U.S. relations with the world.” [40322, 40337]

Associated Press reporter Matthew Lee criticizes the Obama administration for accepting Turkey’s description of Israel as a “terrorist state” responsible for “the massacre of children in Gaza.” State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland tells reporters, “We are focused on an affirmative narrative of de-escalation on both sides. I am not going to get into ‘He said X and she said Y.’ I’m just not going to do it here.” Lee says, “And yet you won’t stick up for your ally Israel when the Turks, another one of your allies, say that they’re engaged in terrorism in Gaza?” Nuland: “We have been extremely clear about our concern for Israel’s security, about the fact that Israel has a right to self-defense, but I am

not going to go further than that today.” Lee: “Why can’t you say that you don’t agree with the Turks?” Nuland: “Because I’m not going to get into a public spitting match with allies on either side. We’re just not going to do that, okay?” Lee eventually gets Nuland to state, “We, of course, agree that rhetorical attacks against Israel are not helpful at this moment.” (Turkey’s Muslim prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan is a rabid hater of Israel. The administration’s reluctance to criticize Erdogan reflects the fact that he is the world leader to whom Obama is probably closest—despite Erdogan’s anti-Jew and anti-American stances.) [40344, 42529]

The Wall Street Journal reports, “U.S. companies are scaling back investment plans at the fastest pace since the recession, signaling more trouble for the economic recovery. Half of the nation’s 40 biggest publicly traded corporate spenders have announced plans to curtail capital expenditures this year or next... Corporate executives say they are slowing or delaying big projects to protect profits amid easing demand and rising uncertainty. Uncertainty around the U.S. elections and federal budget policies also appear among the factors driving the investment pullback since midyear. It is unclear whether Washington will avert the so-called fiscal cliff, tax increases and spending cuts scheduled to begin Jan. 2.” [40335, 40348]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer states, “I think what we achieved over the weekend, we finally have some clarity [over Benghazi]. There is one fact that is now generally accepted. Up until now there were all these kinds of charges... it’s actually three scandals: why was there no security before [the attack], what happened in the seven hours [of the attack], and why all the lies afterward. But now we have one fact that appears to be agreed upon by the Democrats and Republicans, and even appears now in the mainstream press as a fact. And that is that the intelligence community had given a report, an assessment, on the 14th [of September] that said it was a pre-planned attack. And when Susan Rice spoke on the 16th, it all of a sudden had become a riot out of control. There’s some dispute over what [David] Petraeus had said, but put that aside. That means that between the 14th and the 16th, between the intelligence assessment and the White House, something changed. Someone changed it. That seems to be agreed. So that’s now clarity, because it leads to a clear question: who changed it, why, what exactly was the nature of the change, and, the most suggestive and damning, was the change made to protect the administration line in a heated election that al-Qaeda was on its heels, which Obama was repeating at every stop in the campaign. So now we can all look at that and that’s the question. Dianne Feinstein, who’s the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and a Democrat said we have to get the answer to that. So the answer’s gonna be somewhere, it could be the White House, which would be extremely damaging. But now we have a focus on one issue we all agree upon and that’s a real achievement in the investigation.” (The administration claims “the White House” did not make the edits to the talking points, other than to change the term “consulate” to “diplomatic facility.” That may leave only one alternative: the Obama *campaign* edited the talking points—which is arguably worse.) [40326, 40327]

On November 20 CBSNews.com reports, “[T]he Office of the Director of National

Intelligence (DNI) cut specific references to ‘al Qaeda’ and ‘terrorism’ from the unclassified talking points given to Ambassador Susan Rice on the Benghazi consulate attack—with the agreement of the CIA and FBI. The White House or State Department did not make those changes. There has been considerable discussion about who made the changes to the talking points that Rice stuck to in her television appearances on Sept. 16, five days after the attack that killed American Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens, and three other U.S. nationals. Republicans have accused her of making misleading statements by referring to the assault as a ‘spontaneous’ demonstration by extremists. Some have suggested she used the terminology she did for political reasons. However, an intelligence source tells CBS News correspondent Margaret Brennan the links to al Qaeda were deemed too ‘tenuous’ to make public, because there was not strong confidence in the person providing the intelligence. CIA Director David Petraeus, however, told Congress he agreed to release the information—the reference to al Qaeda—in an early draft of the talking points, which were also distributed to select lawmakers. ‘The intelligence community assessed from the very beginning that what happened in Benghazi was a terrorist attack.’ DNI spokesman Shawn Turner tells CBS News. That information was shared at a classified level—which Rice, as a member of ...Obama’s cabinet, would have been privy to. An intelligence source says the talking points were passed from the CIA to the DNI, where the substantive edits were made, and then to FBI, which made more edits as part of ‘standard procedure.’ The head of the DNI is James Clapper, an Obama appointee. He ultimately did review the points, before they were given to Ambassador Rice and members of the House intelligence committee on Sept. 14. They were compiled the day before. Brennan says her source wouldn’t confirm who in the agency suggested the final edits which were signed off on by all intelligence agencies.” (The FBI edits point to Attorney General Eric Holder as the individual who may have ordered the changing of the official story. Clapper had previously told the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence he did *not* know who made the changes to the talking points. Regardless of who edited the document, it was done for the purpose of covering up the truth for the benefit of Obama.) [40329, 40330, 40338, 40353]

Clapper, the not very intelligent Director of National Intelligence, would, in fact, be a good candidate for Obama “fall guy” in the Benghazi fiasco. Before the Muslim Brotherhood came to power in Egypt, Clapper told the House Intelligence Committee, “The term ‘Muslim Brotherhood’ ...is an umbrella term for a variety of movements, in the case of Egypt, a very heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried Al Qaeda as a perversion of Islam. They have pursued social ends, a betterment of the political order in Egypt, et cetera. ...In other countries, there are also chapters or franchises of the Muslim Brotherhood, but there is no overarching agenda, particularly in pursuit of violence, at least internationally.” Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton called Clapper’s statement “...conceivably the single most foolish thing any senior American intelligence official has ever said.” Richard Engel, NBC’s chief foreign correspondent, said that Clapper’s comment about the Muslim Brotherhood “doesn’t make any sense from my knowledge of the organization and I’ve spent a lot of time with them. [His statement is] a complete misreading of the situation here in Egypt.” Frank Gaffney, founder and president of the Center for Security Policy, told Newsmax, “I think this is grounds for insisting upon

[Clapper's] resignation because, if that is the considered opinion of the top intelligence professional in the United States, clearly the United States government is being very badly misinformed about the seemingly eminent takeover of the Egyptian government by what I believe is as dangerous an organization as anyone on the planet." [17503, 17504, 17505, 17506, 17507, 17509, 17510, 17520, 17530, 17560]

On *The O'Reilly Factor*, Charles Krauthammer comments, "I'm not buying it [the Clapper story] because the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee says that a week ago, in classified testimony, that same Clapper said that they had no idea who changed the talking points. And now a week later he seems to discover that he did? That's kinda strange. ...I mean, I've seen amnesia in my day, in my clinical days, and that one is pretty quick—one week." (Krauthammer is a clinical psychiatrist as well as a syndicated columnist.) "Well, there are a lot of theories and all I know is that in the end the narrative spun by Susan Rice and continued by [Obama] afterwards, for days and days afterwards on Letterman and elsewhere, was that it was a riot out of control—because they didn't want the country to know that Obama's boast that al-Qaeda was on its heels was simply not true..." [40376]

As Secretary of State Hillary Clinton heads to Jerusalem for talks with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Egypt attempts to persuade the terrorist group Hamas to agree to a temporary cease fire. (Whether Hamas plans to stop firing rockets into Israel remains to be seen. The talk of a cease fire may be nothing more than a ploy to delay Israel's planned incursion into Gaza to take out rocket launch sites.) Meanwhile, according to a CNN poll, "57% of the public says Israel is justified in taking military action in Gaza against Hamas, with one in four saying the attacks are unjustified. ...Only four in ten Democrats think the Israeli actions in Gaza are justified, compared to 74% of Republicans and 59% of independents. Support for Israel's military action is 13 points higher among men than among women, and 15 points higher among older Americans than among younger Americans." (Apparently a large number of American women and youths believe Hamas terrorists should be allowed to kill women and children in Israel without retaliation.) [40331, 40333, 40334]

A Pew Research study of media coverage in the week before the election shows that MSNBC aired *not one* positive report about Mitt Romney, while *every* report about Obama cast him in a positive light—despite the fact that the Benghazi story should have exposed him to criticism. [40332]

CNSNews.com reports, "Federal disability insurance payments hit a record \$135 billion in fiscal 2012, which ended on Sept. 30. ...The number of workers taking disability also climbed to yet a new record of 8,805,353 in November, rising from the previous record of 8,803,335 in October. ...Given that the Bureau of Labor Statistics said there were 115,459,000 Americans working full-time in October, the 8,805,353 workers now collecting disability equal about 1 for each 13 full-time workers." (It is a certainty that many people collecting disability benefits are not, in fact, totally and permanently disabled. Many are individuals in their 50s or early 60s who lost their jobs due to the

failing economy, exhausted their unemployment benefits, and decided that a “bad back” or “depression” was the only remaining way to collect federal benefits. Over several decades, the government has grown far more generous in granting disability benefits. As many as half the recipients of the benefits claim to suffer from hard-to-disprove “mood disorders” or “muscoskeletal” complaints. At Townhall.com Michael Barone later notes, “Between 1996 and 2011, the private sector generated 8.8 million new jobs, and 4.1 million people entered the disability rolls. ...Between January 2010 and December 2011, there were 1,730,000 new jobs and 790,000 new people collecting disability.” A nation can not long prosper when one person goes on disability for every two who finds a job.) [40342, 40596]

CNET.com reports “A Senate proposal touted as protecting Americans’ e-mail privacy has been quietly rewritten, giving government agencies more surveillance power than they possess under current law. CNET has learned that Patrick Leahy, the influential Democratic chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, has dramatically reshaped his legislation in response to law enforcement concerns. A vote on his bill, which now authorizes warrantless access to Americans’ e-mail, is scheduled for next week. Leahy’s rewritten bill would allow more than 22 agencies—including the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Communications Commission—to access Americans’ e-mail, Google Docs files, Facebook wall posts, and Twitter direct messages without a search warrant. It also would give the FBI and Homeland Security more authority, in some circumstances, to gain full access to Internet accounts without notifying either the owner or a judge.” [40352]

On November 21 Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu confirms that Israel has agreed to a cease-fire agreement with Hamas—but terrorists first injure 15 Israelis in the bombing of a bus in Tel Aviv. Susan Rice condemns the bombing, calling it a “cowardly terrorist attack”—and does not blame it on a video. In Gaza, members of Hamas hand out candy to cheering Muslims celebrating the bus attack. (Within an hour of the cease fire Hamas launches 12 rockets into Israel. It is worth noting that Article Seven of the Hamas Charter states, “The time [of ‘Allah’s promise’] will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews (and kill them); until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! there is a Jew hiding behind me, come on and kill him!”) Many Israelis are disappointed by the cease fire, believing it will do nothing but give Hamas time to re-arm. Breitbart.com later reports, “A poll prior to the cease-fire indicated that 70% of Israelis opposed it, and wanted to fight to remove Hamas from Gaza altogether.” [40356, 40362, 40364, 40369, 40370, 40371, 40372, 40375, 40377, 40380, 40381, 40388, 40389, 40394, 40399, 40400, 40414]

Obama issues a memorandum calling on “...the National Insider Threat Policy and Minimum Standards for Executive Branch Insider Threat Programs (Minimum Standards) to provide direction and guidance to promote the development of effective insider threat programs within departments and agencies to deter, detect, and mitigate actions by employees who may represent a threat to national security. These threats encompass potential espionage, violent acts against the Government or the Nation, and

unauthorized disclosure of classified information, including the vast amounts of classified data available on interconnected United States Government computer networks and systems.” At CanadaFreePress.com Douglas Hagmann, founder and director of the Northeast Intelligence Network, later writes, “Much like all of Obama’s other directives, Executive Orders and findings, there is a disturbing level of ambiguity contained within this memorandum. . . . The key to understanding this memorandum is to understand that we are witnessing the greatest consolidation of power and control under the Executive branch of the government in recent U.S. history. This consolidation of power makes it possible for a select number of highly political ‘czars’ and appointed officials to observe, control and report on the activities of people within their various departments to the Executive branch. This process creates a closed system of surveillance that cannot be easily penetrated by other branches of our government. . . . Taken to its extreme, it gives Barack Hussein Obama the ability to redefine what constitutes a threat to the government, including treason. It’s no longer about the rule of law and one’s allegiance to the United States. It’s now about allegiance to the agenda of the Executive branch, assured by active surveillance of government employees by Obama’s hand-picked appointees.” (*The Obama Timeline* believes Obama is worried that as he attempts to increase his power he will encounter resistance from various patriots within the government and the U.S. military. He is therefore trying to establish legal avenues for him to deal with those threats. He can therefore act against resisters and claim he has the legal right to do so— by *his* defining what constitutes a threat.) [40419, 40573, 40574]

DailyCaller.com reports that Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-IL) “announced his resignation today in a letter to House Speaker John Boehner. . . . Jackson has been on medical leave in treatment for bipolar depression since June and is under investigation for misuse of campaign funds.” [40357, 40366, 40373]

Following a Thanksgiving tradition, Obama “pardons” a turkey at the White House— saying he was giving it “special dispensation” while mocking Catholics with a backward, left-handed sign of the cross. [40359, 40368]

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 410,000 Americans filed for first-time unemployment benefits in the week ending November 17; 40 states saw an increase in claims; nearly 25,000 were in California. [40365]

Rush Limbaugh gives his radio listeners his “fiscal cliff” prediction: “Not only are we not going to avoid the cliff; it is my contention, I say to you today, that the Obama agenda is to go off the cliff. He wants the cliff. And he wants it for two reasons: A, because of the genuine economic damage that it will do, and, B, for the politics of it. What happens? If we go over the fiscal cliff, what happens? Taxes go up. Simply by virtue of the expiration of the Bush tax rates. Taxes go up. They go up on everybody, not just the rich. And as is also a part of the fiscal cliff, defense spending gets cut, which Obama wants. If you don’t believe me, don’t forget that Obama has doubled his request for tax revenue from \$800 billion to \$1.6 trillion. That’s his opener in his negotiations with the Republicans to stop going over the fiscal cliff. I’m here to tell you. . . there will not be any entitlement cuts as

part of any cliff deal, because Obama does not want any. The Democrats do not want any. There will be no cuts in the entitlements. And the fact is, I don't think anybody in Congress wants any cuts in entitlements, either, if you get down to brass tacks. So what's gonna happen is this: We'll go over the cliff. We won't get a deal before we go over the cliff. The tax increases, by the time we have a new Congress sworn in, we're gonna have tax increases, and we're gonna have military cuts. This is going to happen, I fear.” [40367]

Limbaugh continues, “But what happens next is the politics. As part of a final deal, Obama... will submit a budget that has a significant tax cut for the middle class, and it will be the restoration of the Bush tax rates for the middle class only. And who will oppose that? Nobody. And who will get credit for cutting taxes? Obama. After he allows them to go up. But it will not be him [who gets the blame]. It will be the Republicans who refused to deal. Obama will stand fast protecting Social Security and Medicare and Medicaid. I'm telling you what will be reported. Obama is 'not gonna let the Republicans take this country off the cliff. I am not gonna sit by and let Medicare and Medicaid, health care for the poor and the elderly and Social Security, I'm not gonna let the Republicans cut it.' And when the defense cuts happen, 'we've gotta start somewhere, folks, in paring down our budget. And I've just gotten us out of two wars. We don't need to be spending as much on our military anymore. Remember, the Republicans can't stop this. The political will isn't there to stop it anyway. So taxes go up, defense gets cut, and here comes Barack Obama in the first three months of next year with tax cuts for the middle class and I wouldn't be surprised if he even suggests putting back some military spending, because the Republicans will not oppose [that] either. How can they? So we're gonna go off the cliff, Obama wants the cliff, he wants to go off the cliff. Look, he said this, he's telegraphed this. The cliff is the result of a budget deal, a debt deal limit that he was behind. All of this is what he wants. And after it happens and the pain hits, who proposes solutions to the pain? Obama. They will pass, he will get the credit for it, and there will be an agreement that supposedly is related to the cliff, and it'll happen after all of this takes place so that Obama gets credit for it.” [40367]

The White House refuses to release any photographs of administration officials during the September 11 terrorist attack in Benghazi. According to Breitbart.com, “CBS News requested the photos on October 31; the White House has routinely released photos showing members of the Obama administration in their hero poses during national security crises. That happened most famously with pictures of the Obama administration key players clustered into the White House situation room during the raid on Osama Bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. The White House told CBS to ask the White House Photo Office; that office then delayed for nearly three weeks. Finally, the Office said they wouldn't release any photos without the permission of the White House Press Office, which has been utterly unresponsive to this point.” [40379]

Breitbart.com reports, “Pennsylvania's Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC) is slashing the hours of 400 adjunct instructors, support staff, and part-time instructors to dodge paying for Obamacare. ...On Tuesday, CCAC employees were

notified that Obamacare defines full-time employees as those working 30 hours or more per week and that on Dec. 31 temporary part-time employees will be cut back to 25 hours. The move will save an estimated \$6 million.” CCAC spokesperson David Hoovler states, “While it is of course the college’s preference to provide coverage to these positions, there simply are not funds available to do so. Several years of cuts or largely flat funding from our government supporters have led to significant cost reductions by CCAC, leaving little room to trim the college’s budget further.” [40382]

On Fox News, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) says that James Clapper “...is the head of our national intelligence and he changes his mind within the course of 24 hours or so [about the CIA talking points on Benghazi]. How are you possibly going to have any confidence in what he says? ...If we could just start today and come up with one narrative on who knew what when, I’ll settle for that. ...It’s embarrassing that Mr. Clapper in the course of 24 hours can’t get his story straight—I mean, he’s not a summer intern, he’s the head of intelligence for our country! ...This administration is under investigation for leaking classified information when it benefits them—whether it’s the [Osama] bin Laden raid, whether it’s cyber-attacks in Iran—they are willing to leak information when it supports their narrative. They’re willing to withhold information when it doesn’t support their narrative. ...it’s not just what Susan Rice didn’t say, it’s what she did say. She may not have known it was al-Qaeda, but there’s no evidence it was a video. There’s no evidence it was spontaneous. So it’s not just what Susan Rice wasn’t told. It’s also what she affirmatively went out and told the American people which is demonstrably false.” Asked if Obama was “deliberately peddling a lie to the American people,” Gowdy responds, “...If we can get some reporters like you at [Obama’s] next press conference... instead of the ones I saw last week who have a crush on him, if we can get some people to actually ask him some tough questions... Instead of taking up with Susan Rice, here’s the deal I’ll make with [Obama]: ‘You can come in her place and testify before Congress and answer our questions.’” [40383]

The Ulsterman Report receives a message from the unnamed military insider: “Per Old Man [Wall Street insider], told to update you. Will comply with that request out of respect for him. Term ‘Watergate’ being used far more within media since last communication. Delivered. Clapper contradiction expected. **Desired result.** Note emphasis. Verifiable to WH developing. Secondary issue now emerging. Cannot promise result. Will promise intent. Issue to be refocused again following holiday.” (The message may mean that those who can pull some strings are seeing to it that references to the Benghazi cover-up being like Watergate are surfacing in the media, and that Clapper fell into a trap by changing his story on the CIA talking point editing, thus implicating the White House. Although few Republicans in Congress seem to have the courage to confront Obama, the same cannot be said of the military or the CIA. If the military and the CIA want to expose Obama, they may be able to do so.) [40384]

On November 22 the nation celebrates Thanksgiving. Breitbart.com notes that, for the fourth year in a row, Obama’s holiday message does not include any thanks to God—which is the point of Thanksgiving. Instead, he issues a partisan political statement: “But

most of all, it's a time to give thanks for each other, and for the incredible bounty we enjoy. That's especially important this year. As a nation, we've just emerged from a campaign season that was passionate, noisy, and vital to our democracy. But it also required us to make choices—and sometimes those choices led us to focus on what sets us apart instead of what ties us together; on what candidate we support instead of what country we belong to... We're also grateful that this country has always been home to Americans who see these blessings not simply as gifts to enjoy, but as opportunities to give back. Americans who believe we have a responsibility to look out for those less fortunate—to pull each other up and move forward together. As Americans, we are a bold, generous, big-hearted people. When our brothers and sisters are in need, we roll up our sleeves and get to work—not for the recognition or the reward, but because it's the right thing to do. Because there but for the grace of God go I. And because here in America, we rise or fall together, as one nation and one people.” (In other words, “I won, so shut up and pay more taxes so I can spend more money.”) [40395]

Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi issues controversial orders giving himself expanded powers. According to Newsmax.com, the constitutional amendments “placed him above judicial oversight and ordered the retrial of [former president] Hosni Mubarak for the killing of protesters in last year’s uprising. Mohammed Morsi also decreed immunity for the Islamist-dominated panel drafting a new constitution from any possible court decisions to dissolve it, a threat that had been hanging over the controversial assembly. Liberal and Christian members withdrew from the assembly during the past week to protest what they say is the hijacking of the process by Morsi’s allies, who they saw are trying to push through a document that will have an Islamist slant marginalizing women and minority Christians and infringing on personal liberties. Several courts have been looking into cases demanding the dissolution of the panel. The Egyptian leader also decreed that all decisions he has made since taking office in June and until a new constitution is adopted and a new parliament is elected—which is not expected before next spring—are not subject to appeal in court or by any other authority. He also barred any court from dissolving the Islamist-led upper house of parliament... The moves effectively remove any oversight on Morsi, the longtime Muslim Brotherhood figure...” (Morsi is effectively positioning himself to become a radical Islamist dictator—thanks in large part to Obama, who worked to oust Mubarak in 2011. Pro-reform leader Mohamed El Baradei comments, “Morsi today usurped all state powers and appointed himself Egypt’s new pharaoh. A major blow to the revolution that could have dire consequences.” The White House does not condemn Morsi’s power-grabbing action.) [40397, 40401, 40416, 40418, 40423, 40425, 40426]

On November 23 the Obama administration proposes at least 90 new regulations—in one day—making the total for the last 30 days 1,773, according to Erika Johnsen at HotAir.com. [40411, 40412, 40413, 40432]

FoxNews.com reports, “Thousands of opponents of Egypt’s Islamist president clashed with his supporters in cities across the country Friday, burning several offices of the Muslim Brotherhood, in the most violent and widespread protests since Mohammed

Morsi came to power, sparked by his move to grant himself sweeping powers. ... Critics of Morsi accused him of seizing dictatorial powers with his decrees a day earlier that make him immune to judicial oversight and give him authority to take any steps against 'threats to the revolution.' ... Protesters chanted, 'Leave, leave' and 'Morsi is Mubarak... Revolution everywhere.' 'We are in a state of revolution. He is crazy if he thinks he can go back to one-man rule,' one protester at Tahrir, Sara Khalil, said of Morsi. 'This decision shows how insecure and weak he is because he knows there is no consensus.'" (Laughably, the Obama administration warns that power in Egypt should "not be overly concentrated in the hands of any one person or institution." It should have thought of that before doing all it could to see that Hosni Mubarak was replaced by a radical Islamist.) [40402, 40405, 40423, 40426, 40430, 40431]

NYPPost.com reports, "Israeli troops fired Friday to push back Gaza crowds surging toward Israel's border fence with the Hamas-ruled territory, killing one Palestinian and wounding 19 in the first violence since a truce between Israel and Hamas took hold a day earlier." [40403, 40404]

Breitbart.com reports that the number of people on food stamps, 47,102,780, "exceeds the combined populations of: Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming." (The number of people on food stamps when Obama took office in January 2009 was 31.9 million. In 1969 it was 2.8 million.) "Last year, the food stamp program (officially known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP) cost taxpayers \$72 billion, more than double the \$30 billion spent four years ago." [40406, 40407]

Missouri joins the growing list of states refusing to expand their Medicaid programs as expected by the ObamaCare legislation. According to KansasCity.com, "The first six years of Medicaid expansion would cost Missouri \$431 million"—money the state does not have. State Representative Jay Barnes says, "The state of Missouri is not going to expand Medicaid in the fashion contemplated by ObamaCare. That's not happening." House Speaker Tim Jones states, "The state simply can't afford it. We have enough trouble paying for [Medicaid] as it is. I'm not sure how we can pay for more welfare expansion." (According to a study by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured, ObamaCare's changes to expand Medicaid and make it easier to qualify will cost the taxpayers an additional \$1 trillion over the next 10 years.) [40408, 40580]

AMuchBetterQuestion.com asks what is, in fact, a much better question: "Perhaps there is a better way to get to the bottom of what really was going on in Benghazi. And it all has to do with questions surrounding that damn movie. You know the one, *Desert Warrior* aka, *Innocence of Muslims* aka, *Innocence of Bin Laden* and aka *Real Life of Muhammad*. This is a movie of such poor acting, editing and sound quality that no one can stand to view the entire twelve minutes of the film trailer. But somebody in the White House knew about this movie and they were well placed enough to be able to amend the

intelligence reports and assign culpability to this film for the murder of our ambassador and three others. Who would know to do that? Who would know about a movie that had been viewed less than one hundred times on YouTube prior to it becoming a worldwide story? Why would the administration be so adamant about claiming absolutely nothing to do with this film, (Hilary in the rose garden, [Obama] at the UN, when literally no one knew it even existed prior to the White House revelation? These are just some of the pertinent questions which need to be asked.” [40518]

“The film’s producer Nakoula Basseley Nakoula who had recently been released from jail and who had been ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$794,701.00 for his bank fraud crime, managed to scrape together sufficient funds to pay actors, hire a director, rent studios, and schedule a premiere showing at the Vine theatre in Hollywood. Does that all seem just a bit odd? Wouldn’t any money he could scrape together immediately under court order have to be used to pay for his restitution? Of course if you wanted to interrogate Mr. Nakoula you would definitely have your work cut out for you. He is in jail, scooped up almost immediately after his name surfaced in the public and charged with probation violations. Now you would think that such a common crime as a probation violation would land someone in a county jail where access to him would be granted to attorneys, media and almost anyone else with constructive reason. You would think, but just try finding him in the California prison system. He might as well not exist. He obviously has answers and as such, will never be given the opportunity to be asked. Who with NDAA powers could facilitate such an arrangement so that this man never sees the light of day?” [40518]

“The deeper one goes into the genesis of this film the more convoluted the story becomes. The only point of clarity that seems to manifest itself is that the movie was never created to be a commercial success. It may have had a dual purpose in its creation, but it was the White House who knew about it and exploited it to obscure what was really going on in Libya and until we find out whom in the administration was responsible for all things surrounding this damn movie we will never know what they were trying to cover up.” [40518]

On November 24 Obama plays golf—for the 106th time in less than four years. [40409, 40410]

At NYPost.com Steve Gunn writes, “It’s extremely stupid to raise taxes on the investor class when we desperately need new business investment to jumpstart the economy. We can’t expect the wealthy to create new companies and new jobs if we’re taking away their gambling money in the form of taxes. ...Somehow Americans have gotten the mistaken idea that the wealthy actually pay fewer tax dollars than working people. They sometimes pay lower rates than working people, due to various types of deductions and loopholes. But a billionaire with a 12% tax rate is still paying a heck of lot more than a working person with a 20% rate. According to the Internal Revenue Service, the wealthiest 1% of Americans already pay about 40% of all personal income taxes, while the wealthiest 10% pay about 70%. Meanwhile, the 50% who make the least money only pay about 3% of

personal income taxes. I also wish we would get over the idea that raising taxes on anyone—wealthy or otherwise—will provide a long-term answer to our budget nightmare. ...The problem is deficit spending, and higher taxes will never put an end to that. More taxes just provide more money for our elected officials to waste. There is only one answer—the federal government has to curb its spending, once and for all. Our leaders have been acting like a bunch of irresponsible teenagers who have yet to learn how to manage money. They go on wild spending sprees, then keep coming back and ask for more of our dollars to keep the party going. This cycle will never end until we say “hell no” and force them to live within their means. Raising taxes on anybody—the rich, middle class or poor—will only perpetuate the problem. You can give the feds \$10 and they will spend \$20. You can give them \$100 million and they will spend \$500 million. That trend will continue until our national debt spirals completely out of control and our ability to borrow our way out of trouble is gone. That’s when the Republican Party will spring back to life. Republicans don’t have to start acting like Democrats to win back the confidence of the public. They just have to wait for the Democrats to spend us to the brink of disaster. ...For those Republicans who are wringing their hands and wondering what we can do to win a national election again, the message is to stay calm, maintain your principles, and wait for the chaos to begin.” [40451]

On November 25 Newsmax.com reports that the Obama administration was unsuccessful in blocking the release of Ali Musa Daqduq, a senior Hezbollah terrorist who was responsible for the brutal murder of five U.S. soldiers in Karbala in 2007: According to Newsmax, Vice President Joe Biden phoned Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki on November 13 “and urged him to hold ...Daqduq accountable for his purported crimes; the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Robert Beecroft, made a similar appeal that day. But the Iraqis released Daqduq two days later, saying Iraq had run out of legal options to hold him, and he is now in Lebanon...” (Iraq should not have had the terrorist in the first place. Daqduq reported to Iran and trained Iraqi terrorists to assassinate U.S. troops and was being held captive by U.S. troops. Congressional Republicans repeatedly asked Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to keep Daqduq under American control or transferred to the detainee camp at Guantanamo. Instead, the Obama administration turned him over to the Iraqis in December 2011. Iraq released Daqduq—a senior Hezbollah commander—to Lebanon. From there he will undoubtedly make his way to Iran for new orders.) [27360, 27430, 27510, 32372, 35357, 40415]

Newsmax.com also reports, “Some 188,380 criminal illegal immigrants were deported in fiscal 2011—and 86,699 of them, or 46 percent, had been deported earlier and had illegally returned to the United States.” The Center for Immigration Studies comments, “The high percentage of repeat deportees is due in part to the ease of re-entry to the United States for earlier deportees and the knowledge that if apprehended there is only a small chance that they will serve any prison time for illegal re-entry. ...The extent of our revolving door for deported criminal illegal immigrants points to failures in securing our nation’s borders. These failures do not bode well for our future ability to intercept known and unknown terrorists who try to gain access to our country.” [40415]

The Jerusalem Post reports, “Israeli intelligence satellites have spied the loading of rockets and other material in Iran believed to be destined for the Gaza Strip, the UK-based *Sunday Times* reported, citing Israeli officials. According to the report, Iran began preparing the weapons shipment around the same time Israel and Hamas negotiated a cease-fire late last week. The shipment is said to include Iranian-made Fajr-5 medium-range rockets, the same model that was fired toward Tel Aviv and Jerusalem during Operation Pillar of Defense, the *Sunday Times* reported.” At AtlasShrugs.com Pamela Geller observes, “This is the point of the hudna (cease fire), is it not? Regroup and rearm. More of Obama’s pro-jihad foreign policy. It’s as if Obama wants Israel backed into a corner—a point of no return.” [40420, 40421]

In northeast Spain, pro-secession voters capture two-thirds of the seats in parliament in Catalonia. In an attempt to downplay the rising secession movement, the Associated Press reports, “Independence Drive for Spain’s Catalonia Falters.” (At TheDailyBell.com, Ron Holland writes, “There is a reason the global elites and politicians are terrified of secession. All ‘sanctioned’ history lessons and political messages attempt to cover up the fact that most national and tax-jurisdictional boundaries are constantly changing, around the world. The elites want you to believe that all governments are permanent and hence, you, the citizen, have no alternatives. But take a look back at any map of Europe 25 years ago, 50 years ago and then each previous century and you’ll see the actual situation is far different.... The four independence parties still have to develop plans for a future referendum on secession that will likely be supported by a majority of the citizens of Catalonia. ...It looks like the productive, hard-working people of Catalonia are growing weary of funding the Spanish central government. I suggest that they will eventually gain their independence. The leaders of Spain would do well to consider their options of allowing a peaceful and friendly transition to independence lest they face the alternative, which could take down Spain and many other central governments across Europe.” [40481]

On *Meet the Press*, Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) calls for tax increases and says, “The key here is whether or not the Republicans will move away from the ideologically rigid position... that they will not go for additional revenue.” (Levin does not suggest that Obama and his fellow Democrats “move away from the[ir] ideologically rigid position” of opposing significant cuts in federal spending.) [40433]

On ABC’s *This Week*, Senator Dick “Eddie Haskell” Durbin (D-IL) falsely states, “Social Security does not add one penny to our debt, not a penny.” (Since 2010, the Social Security system has paid out more in benefits than it collected in tax revenues. The shortage forces the government to borrow money to pay the benefits. Durbin is lying.) [40454, 40477]

At the 2012 Soul Train Music Awards, actor Jamie Foxx tells the audience, “First of all, give an honor to God... and our Lord and Savior Barack Obama... Barack Obama... y’all stand up for him right now, you got it..” [40435]

On November 26 Obama's schedule contains only two tasks, according to WhiteHouseDossier.com: a daily briefing at 10:30 a.m. and a meeting with senior advisors at 11:00 a.m. (Valerie Jarrett's schedule is not reported.) [40417]

The U.S. Supreme Court orders the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to consider a lawsuit by Liberty University (*Liberty University v. Geithner*) that challenges Obamacare on the grounds of violating the school's First Amendment right to freedom of religion. [40428, 40429, 40434]

According to GoldSilver.com, "[T]he U.S. Mint intends to remove the penny and nickel coins from circulation beginning early in January 2013. The Mint currently spends about 4.8 cents per penny due to the rising costs of zinc and copper. A nickel valued at five cents now costs approximately 16.2 cents to make due to inflated nickel prices. ... In comparison, the dime and the quarter are much more practical forms of coin currency. The dime only costs about 9.2 cents to mint and the quarter checks in at 21.31 cents. However, due to continued inflation expected in 2013... the dime may be in jeopardy of extinction as well. The year 2011 marked the sixth consecutive year that pennies and nickels cost more to produce than they were worth in the market. In fact, the Mint posted a loss of \$187.7 million last year—more than triple the losses recorded associated with coin minting in 2010." Meanwhile, the Government Accountability Office suggests the dollar bill be replaced with a \$1 coin. Although each bill costs about \$.05 to produce and the coin would cost \$0.30, dollar bills wear out and are removed from circulation after about 4.7 years. [40557, 40558, 40559]

Although Americans reelected Obama, few believe the economy will improve simply because he will remain in the White House. According to a November 15–16 Rasmussen poll, 50 percent of independent voters and 74 percent of Republicans expect the economy to weaken over the next year. About 60 percent of Democrats anticipate improvement. Additionally, the "Consumer Confidence" level fell 13.4 points after the election, and a whopping 65 percent of Americans do not believe their children will have better lives than them. [40436, 40437]

FoxNews.com reports that Obama "has not spoken to" Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi "since his alarming power grab, a White House spokesman said Monday." White House press secretary Jay Carney tells reporters, "We call for calm and for all parties to work together to resolve their differences peacefully." Asked if Obama condemned Morsi's actions, Carney responds weakly, "We are concerned about it and have raised those concerns." [40438]

At the daily White House press briefing a reporter asks press secretary Jay Carney how Obama would deal with the messaging war on the fiscal cliff issue. Carney responds, "It would ruin the fun, if I gave you all the details now." [40444]

Carney also tell reporters that Obama "has made clear that he will not sign a bill that

extends the Bush-era tax cuts for those making more than \$250,000. He's made that clear. I've made that clear. Others have made it clear, and that is a firm position. But [Obama] has made clear, also, that he understands that compromise has to be part of this." (In other words, the Republicans must compromise, but the Democrats will not—and the media will make sure that any negotiations failure will be blamed on the Republicans.) Carney also falsely claims, "We should address the drivers of the deficit, and Social Security is not currently a driver of the deficit—that's an economic fact." (The Social Security system has run a deficit since 2010, and is therefore necessarily one of the drivers of the deficit. In 2011 the shortfall was \$48 billion. In 2012 it will be about \$50.7 billion. By 2015 the annual Social Security deficit will be about \$86.6 billion.) [40445, 40454, 40477]

Die Welt reports that Iran may be "on the verge of producing weapon-quality plutonium." [40468, 40469]

On November 27 InfoWars.com reports, "Black Friday gun sales hit an all time record high last week with demand for new firearms so overwhelming that it caused outages at the FBI background check center on two separate occasions. Fueled by fears that the Obama administration will go after gun rights during a lame duck term, the FBI reported 154,873 background check requests on Friday—a 20 per cent increase on last year's record total of 129,166 checks. The number of guns sold could actually be double or more that figure because only one background check is recorded per sale even if buyers purchase multiple firearms. ... Gun stores noted that first time gun owners and women represented a significant number of those purchasing firearms on Black Friday." According to PatriotPost.us, "...[T]he top 10 record gun sales days have occurred since ... Obama's election in 2008, and gun ownership has skyrocketed over the last four years. According to a worldwide survey conducted the year before Obama's election, though the United States had only 5% of the world's population, Americans owned 50% of the world's guns. ... The current estimate of legally and privately held guns in the U.S. is more than 250 million (the average gun-owning household having three guns)." [40439, 40517]

Donna Vanzant, the owner of a small business who was hugged by Obama in a photo-op after Hurricane Sandy, appears on *Fox & Friends* to state that the assistance her business was promised by Obama and the head of FEMA never materialized. Vanzant states, "I was very excited and felt warm by the embrace thinking this is really going to happen. I'm going to get the help I need because he promised that. And it's been almost a month now and I've gotten no help and gotten nothing but, 'No, you're not covered for this. No, you're not covered for that.' And it's because of the way the storm hit and the water rising that I'm not covered for any contents in the entire business. I expected, when I was introduced to the director of FEMA and [Obama] told him to get me immediate help, I thought I was getting help from FEMA itself. Not that I would have to go get a [6 percent] loan. And it's just greatly affected so many people." [40466, 40472, 40473, 40550, 40553, 40562]

Reuters reports, “France said on Tuesday it would vote in favour of Palestinian non-member status at the United Nations, boosting Palestinian efforts to secure greater international recognition. Frustrated that their bid for full U.N. membership last year was thwarted by U.S. opposition in the U.N. Security Council, Palestinians have launched a watered-down bid for recognition as a non-member state, similar to the status the Vatican enjoys. The proposal, which is due to be put to the vote in the General Assembly at the end of the week, would implicitly recognize Palestinian statehood. It could also grant access to bodies such as the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where the Palestinians could file complaints against Israel.” *The Guardian* reports that Great Britain is also “prepared to back a key vote recognising Palestinian statehood at the United Nations if Mahmoud Abbas pledges not to pursue Israel for war crimes and to resume peace talks.” HotAir.com comments, “This ...demonstrates the ineptitude of the Obama administration in maintaining diplomatic unity. Did the White House not know that France and the UK were ready to grant this level of recognition before threatening to cut off aid to Abbas if he pursued it? Did they even try to get our two allies back to a united front that would force Abbas to deal directly with Israel? Regardless how one feels about the merits of Abbas’ application, this kind of disunity makes the US look impotent at a particularly bad time to have that appearance.” [40441, 40442, 40443]

Senators John McCain (R-AZ), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), and acting CIA Director Michael Morell have a closed-door, 90-minute meeting with Obama’s ambassador to the U.N., Susan Rice. Rice reluctantly admits that there never was an anti-video protest or demonstration that prompted the attack in Benghazi. USAToday.com reports that after the meeting the Senators “...said their concerns have only grown about misleading statements Rice made concerning the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya that left Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans dead.” McCain tells reporters, “The information she gave the American people was incorrect when she said that it was a spontaneous demonstration triggered by a hateful video. ...I’m significantly troubled by the answers we got and didn’t get. ...[Rice] told the American people things that were patently untrue... As I said at the time people don’t go to demonstrations with mortars and rocket propelled grenades.” Graham says, “The bottom line is that I’m more disturbed than I was before... about how four Americans died in Benghazi, Libya. ...The American people got bad information [from Rice] on 16 September, they got bad information from ...Obama days after. The question is, ‘should they have been giving the information at all?’ ...It’s unjustified to give the scenario as presented by Ambassador Rice and ...Obama three weeks before an election.” Ayotte states, “I’m more troubled today ...having met with the acting director of the CIA and ambassador Rice, because it’s certainly clear from the beginning that we knew that those with ties to al-Qaeda were involved in the attack... I have many more questions that have to be answered.” (That Rice was willing to meet with the Senators suggests that Obama does, in fact, want her to replace Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State and the administration is concerned about the questions that may be asked at her confirmation hearing.) [40446, 40447, 40456, 40458, 40459, 40467, 40471]

At the meeting, acting CIA Director Michael Morell tells the Senators that it was the FBI that changed the Benghazi talking points “to prevent compromising an ongoing criminal

investigation.” According to CBS News, a “CIA official” later “contacted [Senator Lindsey] Graham and stated that Morell ‘misspoke’ ...and that it was, in fact, the CIA, not the FBI, that deleted the al Qaeda references.” Graham states, “They were unable to give a reason as to why.” (Former CIA director David Petraeus had previously stated that the CIA did not make the edits to the talking points.) Meanwhile, the White House continues to claim there are no unanswered questions about Benghazi and that all the information has been provided. [40476]

Although the election is over, Obama still plans to continue campaigning—for tax increases. According to FoxNews.com, “Obama will reportedly hold his campaign-style event [on November 30] at a toymaker in Hatfield, Pa., dovetailing with his argument that if Congress does not accept his plan, Christmas sales will suffer and the economy could tumble.” (Obama will claim that if the Republicans do not agree to his demands for a tax increase they will be responsible for weak Christmas sales. Obama’s scheme is to create a crisis so he can use it for his own purposes.) Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, “The election is over” and time for Obama to present a serious proposal that “goes beyond the talking points of the campaign trail.” Former Congressman Bob Beauprez calls Obama’s proposed “spending cuts” a “fantasy ...based largely on the double counting of already programmed spending reductions from the 2011 debt-ceiling deal struck with the House GOP, accounting for money he wasn’t going to spend anyway fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan after 2014, and more than \$600 billion of supposed savings on interest expense on phantom debt that hasn’t even been created. As with ObamaCare, this is another lesson in Obama’s shell game accounting that is really just a contest of what is real and what is imaginary.” [40448, 40450, 40457]

At the White House, Obama meets with Mexico’s president-elect, Enrique Peña Nieto—who expresses approval of Obama’s immigration policies. [40463, 40470]

Obama quietly signs legislation exempting U.S. airlines from an illegal European carbon emissions tax. According to TheHill.com, “The White House had been under pressure from environmental groups to veto the bill. Those advocates want Obama to address climate change more forcefully in his second term, and said the emissions bill provided an opportunity to chart a new course.” [40464, 40465]

At ZeroHedge.com, Tyler Durden points out that “For every 1.65 employed persons in the private sector, 1 person receives welfare assistance [and] For every 1.25 employed persons in the private sector, 1 person receives welfare assistance or works for the government.” [40474]

Glenn Beck places a small figurine of Obama in a glass jar of beer and places it for sale on eBay for \$250,000. (Beck is mocking the artist who painted Obama on a cross, as well as the government-subsidized “artist” who placed a crucifix in a jar of urine and called it “Piss Christ.” Beck calls his creation “Obama in Pee Pee.”) Leftists who believe only conservatives and Christianity should be ridiculed are, of course, outraged. [40488,

40489, 40490, 40491]

On MSNBC Congressman Tom Price (R-GA) charges that Obama's "...plan to increase taxes on the upper two percent [of taxpayers] covers the spending by this federal government not for eight years, not for eight months, not for eight weeks but for eight days. Eight days only. It's not a real solution. I'm puzzled by an administration that seems to be more interested in raising tax rates than in gaining economic vitality." [40449]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports, "Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper personally intervened to pressure Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas to drop his bid for upgraded status at the United Nations. Harper, who had been in New York to accept an award and attend the opening of a new session of the United Nations at the end of September, had 'a short, brusque meeting with [Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud] Abbas,' the Globe and Mail newspaper reported. 'In a little room at the United Nations, Mr. Harper skipped most of the pleasantries in a 15-minute meeting, according to sources briefed on the session, and told Mr. Abbas he had come to deliver a message: 'If you keep doing what you're doing,' he said—referring to the Palestinian bid for upgraded status—'there will be consequences,' the newspaper reported.'" At AtlasShrugs.com Pamela Geller observes, "Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper continues to pick up the slack left by an absent American president who has abandoned freedom across the world. Nothing makes Obama look so small as a real leader." [40452, 40453]

Appearing on *On the Record*, former U.N. ambassador John Bolton tells Greta Van Susteren, "From Susan Rice's point of view this meeting [with Senators earlier in the day] was obviously a disaster, an opportunity to try and draw the sting out of the opposition that had been expressed by Senator McCain and the others, obviously went in the opposite direction when you have all three of the Senators who participated in the meeting coming out after and saying they had more questions now than they did before, this was a bad meeting, no doubt about it. And I think part of the problem here is the continued focus by the White House, by Susan Rice, by people looking at it, on these so-called "talking points" that somebody provided to her. I'll just put it this way, based on my own experience in government, 'Nobody who's truly competent reads talking points for any purpose.' If you're good enough to be a senior American official, you ought to be able to use your own words. ...[T]he notion that you can be a cabinet level official and be given talking points that you simply parrot without further question is mind-boggling." [40456]

On November 28 Michelle Malkin reports, "Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the White House released a big fat policy turkey: its final critical habitat rule for the endangered northern spotted owl. The Obama plan will lock up 9.6 million acres of land (mostly, but not all, federal) in Oregon, Washington and northern California. This is nearly double the acreage set aside by the Bush administration. Thousands of timber workers (along with untold thousands of related support jobs) will be threatened in the name of sparing a few

thousand spotted owls from extinction.” [40455]

Gallup reports, “For the first time in Gallup trends since 2000, a majority of Americans [54 percent] say it is not the federal government’s responsibility to make sure all Americans have healthcare coverage.” (Needless to say, the results of the poll conflict with the results of the election.) [40460, 40461, 40492]

Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) says she will block an Obama nomination of Susan Rice as Secretary of State until questions on Benghazi have been answered. [40462]

Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) meets with U.N. ambassador Susan Rice. Collins is not impressed, and tells reporters, “And what troubles me so much is that the Benghazi attacks echoes the attacks on those embassies in 1998 when Susan Rice was head of the African region for our State Department. ...She had to be aware of the general threat assessment and of the ambassadors’ request for more security.” Senator Bob Corker (R-TN) also meets with Rice, and later states, “I would just ask [Obama] to step back away from all the buzz around this, take a deep breath and decide who’s the best secretary of state for this country.” [40478, 40480]

Reporter Major Garrett asks White House press secretary Jay Carney if Obama is concerned about the changing talking points on Benghazi and whether they raise “core questions of competency.” Carney responds, “What [Obama] is worried about, Major, is what happened and why in Benghazi. He is not particularly concerned about whether the ambassador [Susan Rice] or I went out and talked about the fact that we believed extremists might have been responsible. And whether we named them as al-Qaeda or not does not have any—no, it certainly doesn’t have any bearing on what happened and who was responsible as that investigation was continuing on Benghazi.” (That is, Obama does not care that Rice and Carney misled the American people.) Carney also brazenly claims, “There are no unanswered questions about Ambassador [Susan] Rice’s appearance on the Sunday shows.” [40475, 40499]

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals issues an injunction temporarily blocking the administration from implementing ObamaCare’s contraception mandate. According to DailyCaller.com, “Missouri business owner Frank O’Brien, who employs 87 people at O’Brien Industrial Holdings, alleged in the lawsuit that led to the injunction that the mandate unconstitutionally infringes on his religious beliefs.” [40494, 40498]

Obama meets with key labor union leaders, and allegedly tells them he will hold firm on a demand for tax increases on the wealthy, will demand an increase on the debt ceiling, will not agree to entitlement reform, and is willing to “go over the fiscal cliff” to get what he wants. One attendee later says, “They [the White House negotiators] remain in the same place [as the labor unions]: They expect taxes to go up on the wealthy and to protect Medicare and Medicaid benefits. They feel confident that they don’t have to compromise.” (In other words, Obama’s “balanced approach” has always been a lie. He

simply wants higher taxes so he can spend more money.) [40502, 40503]

Obama calls on Congress to extend the Bush tax rates only for families earning less than \$250,000—and offers no hint of compromise on spending cuts or entitlement reform. (For Obama, it is all, “Give me more money to spend.”) Congressman Eric Cantor (R-VA) comments, “We have not seen any good-faith effort on the part of this administration to talk about the real problem that we’re trying to fix. This has to be a part of this agreement or else we just continue to dig the hole deeper, asking folks to allow us to kick the can down the road further. And that we don’t want to do.” [40496, 40510]

Arizona Governor Jan Brewer announces that her state will not create an ObamaCare insurance exchange. [40511]

FoxNews.com reports, “The Democratic chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence committee has commissioned a federal report to identify prison facilities in the U.S. that are suitable for housing Guantanamo detainees, a document exclusively reviewed by Fox News shows. In the internal document, the Government Accountability Office refers to ‘Source of Work: Ms. Dianne Feinstein, Chair, Select Committee on Intelligence, U.S. Senate’ and lists the ‘Gist of Work’ as an investigation into whether domestic facilities could house the approximately 170 detainees remaining at the controversial facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Two hours after Fox News’ inquiry about the report, Feinstein’s office posted the report online and released a statement confirming that the California senator thinks the Obama administration’s controversial plan to relocate detainees to the United States is a viable option.” (Obama apparently still plans to transfer the terrorists to a currently unused prison in Thomson, Illinois—for which the government paid \$165 million.) [37852, 37891, 38030, 38049, 38050, 38051, 39065, 40479, 40487, 40493, 40523]

Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) tells the Fox News Channel’s Bill Hemmer, “This [Benghazi fiasco] is going to go down as the biggest cover-up in history. They all knew it, they were all hoping it’d go away.” [40515]

The Egyptian Gazette reports, “A Cairo court on Wednesday sentenced to death seven Egyptian Christians tried in absentia for participating in an anti-Islam video that was released on the Internet in September and had prompted violent protests in many Muslim countries.” (Obama has no comment.) in Nigeria, Muslim jihadists slaughter 20 Christian women. (Obama has no comment.) In Syria, two suicide car bombers kill 34 in Christian suburbs of Damascus. (Obama has no comment.) [40482, 40483, 40484, 40485, 40486]

Mohamed Morsi, the new Egyptian president who is eagerly accumulating dictatorial powers, tells *Time* magazine, “...Obama has been very helpful, very helpful. And I can say really that his deeds coincide with his intentions.” [40508, 40509]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer states, “Look, Obama has never offered

anything in public about entitlement [reform]. He always says he wants a discussion. And now he says, after the Republicans give up their one issue on taxes, 'I'll discuss a bargain next year.' Of course he wants that, because that'll be at a time when the Republicans are defrocked, disrobed, and disarmed. They will have nothing to bargain with. ...Look, the Republicans started out... by offering a peace pipe, by saying we'll raise revenues, and they just had a punch in the nose this afternoon [with Obama's demand for the extension of the Bush tax rates only for those earning less than \$250,000 and a deferral of spending cut discussions until 2013]. Any Republican who buys this is a fool. The Republicans have stood for one thing consistently. It's held them together ideologically and, generally speaking, it's helped them electorally. They are the low-tax party. The other guys want to tax to match their reckless spending. If they give it up now in return for nothing, Obama wins and he wins big. Now, I understand why the Democrats are doing this. They imagine that the Republicans have no bargaining power today. I say, it's true that if Republicans resist, they'll take the blame. And that will help the Democrats in the Congress. But Obama is never running again. He doesn't care who gets the blame. ...He's a lame duck. He wants a successful second term. If it starts by going over the cliff, it starts with a second recession—two million unemployed, and a wrecked second term. That's the leverage that Republicans have over Obama. And they ought to use it and not cave in in the face of a demand that I think is utterly unacceptable." (Krauthammer is incorrect. Obama does not fear a recession. He would, in fact, use a recession to his advantage to increase the power of government. The Republicans have zero leverage over Obama. What Krauthammer and most people do not understand is that Obama does not want saving the economy to be his legacy. He wants the destruction of capitalism and the expansion of socialism to be his legacy.) [40495]

On November 29 DailyCaller.com reports that Obama's U.N. ambassador, Susan Rice, argued in a 1986 book "...for the aggressive inclusion of a black history curriculum in American schools, claiming that its omission had 'crippling effects' by 'providing a child with no more than... a white interpretation of reality.'" In *A Deferred History*, Rice wrote, "American history cannot be understood fully or evaluated critically without ample study of Black history." [40497]

According to the *Hawaii Reporter*, residents of the affected Oahu beachfront homes near Kaneohe Bay have been warned that they will face the usual restrictions and inconveniences of an Obama vacation sometime between December 17 and January 6. (Obama's concerns over a "fiscal cliff" are apparently not sufficient to prevent his plans for golf and shaved ice.) [40500, 40501, 40516]

At the daily press briefing White House press secretary Jay Carney is asked why Obama will be campaigning for tax increases in Pennsylvania on November 30 rather than meeting with Congressional leaders. Bloomberg's Julianna Goldman asks, "Wouldn't it send a signal to the American people and to markets to see [Obama] meeting here with Congressional leadership? That would be a signal that Washington can function." Carney replies, "The signal that Washington can function is the result. Only inside the beltway do people think that sitting in a room for a photo spray will solve necessarily problems. The

work has to be done and that work is being done.” Carney also states, “...[Obama] made [it] clear that he is not wedded to every detail of his plan. [He] has also made categorically and abundantly clear that he will not sign an extension of the Bush-era tax cuts for top earners. It’s bad economic policy and we cannot afford it. He will not sign that.” (There are no “details” to Obama’s plan, and there is virtually nothing on which he can compromise if tax increases are not negotiable.) [40504, 40505, 40545, 40546]

Mitt Romney has lunch with Obama at the White House. [40507, 40535, 40606]

FoxNews.com reports, “House Speaker John Boehner, clearly frustrated after a closed-door meeting with Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, said ...Obama’s money man offered no ‘specific’ plan for averting the looming end-of-year fiscal crisis, adding: ‘This is not a game. First, despite the claims that [Obama] supports a balanced approach, Democrats have yet to get serious about real spending cuts. And secondly, no substantive progress has been made in the talks between the White House and the House over the last two weeks. ...The economy is on the line and this is a moment for adult leadership. Campaign-style rallies and one-sided leaks to the press are not the way to get things done here in Washington.’” (Obama and his fellow Democrats have no intention of reaching a budget agreement. It serves their political purposes to have the talks fail. That will result in massive tax increases on January 1, more billions for them to waste, and an opportunity to blame Republicans for every problem that develops over the next four years. They do not care if the economy falters even more, as that will make even more people dependent on government for their livelihood—and create even more Democrat voters. It is not a reinvigorated economy Obama seeks; it is increased federal powers.) [40506, 40546]

The United Nations General Assembly votes to grant “Palestine” a non-member observer. (Although the Palestinians refuse to recognize Israel as a sovereign state, it expects the world to recognize a non-existent nation of Palestine.) The vote is 138–9, with 41 abstentions. Among those nations voting against the measure are the United States, Israel, and Canada. In his speech, the Palestinian Authority’s Mahmoud Abbas repeatedly condemns Israel and demands a return to its pre-1967 “Auschwitz” borders. (Jeffrey Goldberg notes, “The emissary of genocidal Sudan, whose leader is a wanted war criminal, introduced the Abbas resolution. What’s not to love about the UN?”) Israel responds by announcing it will withhold \$100 million per month in tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority. [40512, 40530, 40540, 40600]

On the floor of the U.S Senate, Senator Jeff Session (R-AL) states, “I rise today to express my reservations about the fiscal cliff negotiations that are currently underway. Over the last two years, Congress and [Obama] have held an endless series of secret negotiations. There have been gangs of six and eight, a super-committee of 12, talks at the Blair House and the White House. But the only thing these secret talks have produced is a government that skips from one crisis to the next. Everything has been tried but the open production of a 10-year budget plan as required by law and open discussions of the difficult choices. ...Obama campaigned on a tax increase of ‘only’ \$800 billion. But now

the White House is demanding \$1.6 trillion in new taxes. Don't the American people have a right to see these taxes and where they will fall? Shouldn't the President of the United States, the only person who represents everybody in the country, lay out his plan, or must that remain a secret too? Will it just be revealed to us on the eve of Christmas or eve of the new calendar year? We will be asked to vote for it, to ratify it like lemmings, I suppose. ...[Obama] is giving speeches calling for even more spending. On Tuesday, he gave a speech in which he said he wants to use the tax hikes to 'invest in training, education, science, and research.' Investment, of course, is just code for spending. Not once in the speech did he discuss entitlements, our \$16 trillion debt, or the economic catastrophe that could occur if we don't get off this unsustainable path. [Obama] will go out to the press and use all the buzz words—he says he's for a 'balanced plan,' and talks about a 'responsible path to deficit reduction.' But where are the cuts? What is the plan? It seems to me [Obama's] plan is to talk in general, to meet in secret, and then, under threat of panic, to force through some deal that maintains the status quo: more taxes, more spending, more debt."

"That's why the process needs to be taken out of the shadows. With public debate, people would learn facts that are now obscured. ...Meanwhile, as [Obama] demands more taxes, he refuses to do anything about government waste. Lavish conferences, duplicative programs, billions in refundable tax credits being mailed every year to illegal immigrants. No one is managing this government effectively. Why should the American people send one more dime in taxes to Washington when we won't reform and manage the money we are already getting from them? ...So I am concerned about the nature of these secret talks and the fact that the Senate is really not participating. News reports say that it is only the Speaker [of the House] and [Obama] who are negotiating. Apparently the Majority Leader of the Senate is not intimately involved, the Chairman of the Budget Committee is not involved, the Chairman of the Finance Committee is not involved. These are Democratic leaders in the Senate. Certainly Republican leaders are not involved. The Senate is a great institution, and we ought to be engaged. The engagement of the Senate would allow the American people to know what's happening. They are entitled to that. I believe we can do better. We must do better." [40513]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "The portfolio of embattled United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice includes investments of hundreds of thousands of dollars in several energy companies known for doing business with Iran, according to financial disclosure forms. ... Rice has the highest net worth of executive branch members, with a fortune estimated between \$24 to \$44 million, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. A *Free Beacon* analysis of Rice's portfolio shows thousands of dollars invested in at least three separate companies cited by lawmakers on Capitol Hill for doing business in Iran's oil and gas sector." (According to her financial disclosure forms, Rice also holds between \$300,000 and \$600,000 in stock in TransCanada Corp., which will earn significant profits if and when the State Department approves the \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline project.) [40514, 40582, 40583, 40584]

Fred Barnes writes at WeeklyStandard.com, "Mitch McConnell, the Senate Republican

leader, says he ‘burst into laughter’ Thursday when Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner outlined the administration proposal for averting the fiscal cliff. He wasn’t trying to embarrass Geithner, McConnell says, only responding candidly to his one-sided plan, explicit on tax increases, vague on spending cuts. Geithner’s visit to his office left McConnell discouraged about reaching a ‘balanced’ deal on tax hikes and spending reductions designed to prevent a shock to the economy in January. ‘Nothing good is happening’ in the negotiations, McConnell says, because of Obama’s insistence on tax rate hikes for the wealthy but unwillingness to embrace serious spending cuts. Geithner suggested \$1.6 trillion in tax increases, McConnell says, but showed ‘minimal or no interest’ in spending cuts. When congressional leaders went to the White House three days after the election, Obama talked of possible curbs on the explosive growth of food stamps and Social Security disability payments. But since Geithner didn’t mention them, those reductions appear to be off the table now, McConnell says.” (Simply allowing the Bush tax rates to expire for families earning at least \$250,000 and individuals earning at least \$200,000 will not generate anywhere near \$1.6 trillion in revenue over 10 years—which means the Obama administration has other tax increases in mind.) [40519, 40527, 40529, 40531, 40534, 40542, 40552]

According to *The New York Times*, Obama wants \$1.6 trillion in tax increases, based on higher income tax rates, higher capital gains taxes, higher dividends taxes, higher death taxes, and a total abolishment of the debt ceiling concept. (That is, Obama could spend whatever he wants whenever he wants through any existing program and Congress could not stop him unless it has enough votes to override a veto.) The \$1.6 trillion includes \$600 billion in undefined “new revenue.” Additionally, there are no proposals for entitlement reforms and no specific spending cuts. (In other words, “Give me \$1.6 trillion and then we’ll talk.”) Obama also wants \$50 billion in *new* “stimulus” spending. [40527, 40528, 40529, 40531, 40537, 40552, 40649, 40660]

Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) later discusses the Obama proposal with radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt. McConnell says the tax increases are “...all on the usual poll-tested, oil and gas, raise the estate tax, there’s hardly anything they missed. It is a massive, whopping punch right in the nose to the American economy. I can’t imagine the Democrats would support it. I mean, Max Baucus, the chairman of the Finance Committee, is certainly not going to support the estate tax proposal, Mary Landrieu, the Democrats from Louisiana, is not going to support the gas tax. Neither is Mark Begich of Alaska, completely unserious, and here we are witnessing [Obama] running around the country thinking the campaign is not over yet. And they’re presenting laughable suggestions from the Secretary of the Treasury. He ought to be embarrassed to be asked to go up here and do something like that. It’s a serious blow to his credibility.” [40543]

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments, “It’s not just a bad deal [offered by Obama]. This is really an insulting deal. What [Timothy] Geithner offered—Robert E. Lee was offered easier terms at Appomattox and he had lost a civil war. The Democrats have won [the White House] by three percent of the vote and they did not [win] the House. The Republicans won the House. So this is not exactly unconditional surrender

but that's what the administration is asking of the Republicans. ... There not only are no cuts in this [Obama proposal offered by Geithner], there's an increase in spending [of \$50 billion] with a new stimulus. ... This is almost unheard of. ... What to they expect? They obviously expect the Republicans will cave on everything? I think the Republicans ought to simply walk away. ... They are demanding that Republicans explain all the cuts that they want to make. We had that movie a year-and-a-half ago, where Paul Ryan presented a budget, a serious, real budget, with real cuts. Obama was supposed to give a speech in which he would respond with a counter-offer. And what did he do? He gave a speech—we had Ryan sitting in the front row—he called the Ryan proposal un-American, insulted him, offered nothing and ran on “Mediscare” in the next 18 months. And they expect the Republicans are going to do this again? The Republicans are going to walk on this and I think they have leverage. Yes, Congressional Democrats, it'll help them in the future if Republicans absorb the blame because we're going to have a recession, but Obama's not running again, unlike the Congressional Democrats. He's gonna have a recession, nine percent unemployment, two million more unemployed in a second term that's gonna be a ruin. That is not a good proposition...” (Krauthammer is correct only if Obama cares about avoiding a recession. Some might argue that he does not, and that a collapsed economy is the crisis he needs to further expand government power and control.) [40527, 40532]

At AmericanThinker.com Rick Moran writes, “There is serious doubt that Congress can get a [budget] deal done before the first of the year. That means that just about the time that tens of thousands are getting pink slips due to budget cuts, and millions will be seeing a smaller paycheck, [Obama] will be showing off his impressive pecs to reporters on some pristine [Hawaiian] beach owned by a rich guy who supported him. Good to know [Obama] cares so much about the little guy.” [40533]

According to CNSNews.com, “Conservative leader L. Brent Bozell III sent a letter to the Republican National Committee (RNC) this week stating that if Republicans in Congress agree to raise taxes as part of a deal to avert the ‘fiscal cliff,’ he will make it his mission to ensure that conservatives close their checkbooks to the GOP or to any member of Congress who backs a tax increase. ‘[I]f Republicans break their promise to the American people and vote for tax increases, the only thing going off the cliff will be the Grand Old Party itself,’ said Bozell in his letter to RNC Chairman Reince Preibus. ‘[I]t pains me to say this, but if the Republican Party breaks its word to the American people and goes along with President Obama with tax increases, it will have betrayed conservatives for the final time. I will make it my mission to ensure that every conservative donor to the Republican Party that I have worked with for the last three decades—and there are many and they have given tens of millions to Republican causes—gives not one penny more to the Republican Party or any Member of Congress that votes for tax increases,’ said Bozell, who is chairman of ForAmerica, a grassroots conservative group committed to traditional American principles.” [40544]

The Wall Street Journal's Kimberley A. Strassel writes, “The White House this week finally explained just how serious it is about averting a fiscal cliff that could throw the

country back into a recession. The answer: not serious at all. ... According to sources on Capitol Hill, the White House wants Republicans to pony up \$960 billion in immediate tax increases, which will come from hiking the top marginal rates and increasing capital gains and dividends taxes. That is just for starters. The administration also wants the GOP to surrender an additional \$600 billion in revenue via later tax reforms. [Obama's] team specified no amounts or details on spending cuts. Rather, the White House wants more spending: at least \$50 billion in new stimulus, an extension of unemployment insurance, a one-year deferral of the sequester, new money to refinance underwater mortgages, a Medicare-doctor fix... and a partridge in a pear tree. Oh, the White House also wants Congress to give ...Obama the authority to increase the debt limit, whenever he wants, as much as he wants. What do Republicans get in return? Next year, the White House will agree to talk to the GOP about cutting as much as \$400 billion from entitlement programs. Maybe. If Democrats get around to it. Which they won't—because they'll have everything they've wanted. ...[Obama's] offer is very much in keeping with his history of insisting that every negotiation consist of the other side giving him everything he wants. ...Within two days of the election, [House Speaker John] Boehner had offered an enormous compromise, committing the GOP to provide new tax revenue, through limits on deductions for the wealthy. ...Obama campaigned on making 'the rich' pay more—and that is exactly what Mr. Boehner agreed to give him. All that was left for the president to do was accept this peace offering, pair it with necessary spending cuts, and take credit for averting a crisis. ...Obama has instead spent the past weeks campaigning for tax-rate hikes. He wants the revenue, but collected only the way he chooses. And on the basis of that ideological insistence alone, the nation is much closer to a crisis.” [40549]

Strassel continues, “Talks that had been at a standstill may now crumble, thanks to the [Obama] proposal. [He] is boxing in the Republicans—offering them a deal they cannot accept, a deal they can't even be seen to be treating seriously. Mr. Boehner is legitimately interested in a bargain that will set the country on sounder footing. Yet the most immediate outcome of such an open slap from the White House will be to make even those Republicans who were willing to cut a deal harden their positions. Someone get the White House a copy of 'Negotiating Tactics for Dummies.' Then again, the most frightening aspect of the White House proposal is that it wasn't an error. Perhaps the proposal was thoroughly calculated. This suggests [Obama] doesn't care about the outcome of the cliff negotiations—[he] thinks that he wins politically no matter what. He's betting that either the GOP will be far more responsible than he is and do anything to avert a crisis, or that the cliff gives him the tax hikes his partisans are demanding. Win-win, save for the enormous pain to average families across the country. The Republicans will have to contemplate how to deal with such an unserious offer. But in presenting his demands, [Obama] has now made very clear that there is only one side that is working in good faith.” [40549]

AtlasShrugs.com's Pamela Geller reports, “We have passed the 20,000 mark—a gruesome milestone in the global jihad. There have been 20,008 deadly Islamic attacks since 911. This is the number cited in my islamorealsim ads. Those ads become obsolete as soon as they go up, as jihadists wage war daily across the world. Mind you, that's just

the number of [reported] attacks—the dead and injured are in the hundreds of thousands. ...According to The Religion of Peace.com the 20,000th recorded attack was the stabbing and dismemberment of a Jewish woman in her Iranian home by devout Muslims intent on expanding a mosque.” [40520]

The Associated Press reports, “Islamists approved a draft constitution for Egypt early Friday without the participation of liberal and Christian members, seeking to pre-empt a court ruling that could dissolve their panel with a rushed, marathon vote that further inflames the clash between the opposition and President Mohammed Morsi. ... The sudden rush to finish came as the latest twist in a week-long crisis pitting [Muslim] Brotherhood veteran Morsi and his Islamist supporters against a mostly secular and liberal opposition and the powerful judiciary. Voting had not been expected for another two months. But the assembly abruptly moved it up in order to pass the draft before Egypt’s Supreme Constitutional Court rules on Sunday on whether to dissolve the panel.” (Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood seem determined to impose Shari’ah law on Egyptians regardless of whether they approve.) Cairo University professor Dr. Mustapha Kamel Sayed observes, “As far as rights are concerned, the 1971 constitution was much better.” (The 1971 constitution had been in place until Obama helped force Hosni Mubarak out of power. Pamela Geller comments at Atlashrugs.com, “In other words, freedom, screw you. Thankyouverymuch, ...Obama. The jihadist Muslim Brotherhood party laughably calls itself the ‘Freedom and Justice Party.’ This is what totalitarians do. Savages use names and labels of the very thing they mean to destroy. Think of the violent fascists calling themselves the Antifa (anti-fascists). It would be funny if they weren’t so evil.”) [40521, 40522, 40538]

The Obama administration refuses to renew a lease held by a 100-year-old California business, destroying the lives of the owners of the Drakes Bay Oyster Company and putting 30 people out of work. HotAir.com explains that the company “...has been in a seven-year fight with the federal government and environmental groups over whether it’s 40-year lease would be renewed this week. The Lunny family, which owns the oyster farm, was among a group of families that sold their ranch lands to the National Parks Service in the 1970s to protect them from developers, with the understanding they would get 40-year-leases renewed in perpetuity. After buying and operating the oyster farm without incident— they were even featured as outstanding environmental stewards by the National Parks Service— the Lunnys learned in 2005 they were [falsely] accused of bringing environmental damage to an area the NPS and environmentalists were anxious to designate as the nation’s first federally recognized marine wilderness.” (The area was privately owned and sold to the government in exchange for the right to continue oyster farming in perpetuity. The Department of the Interior chose to abrogate the agreement— and has refused to comply with Freedom of Information Act requests to provide the environmental data on which its decision was based.) [40539, 40548, 40556]

The Senate votes 94–0 to amend the National Defense Authorization Act to impose additional sanctions on Iran. According to ForeignPolicy.com, “The new legislative language would blacklist Iran’s energy, port, shipping, and shipbuilding sectors, while

also placing new restrictions on Iran's ability to get insurance for all these industries. The legislation would also vastly expand U.S. support for human rights inside Iran and impose new sanctions on Iranians who divert humanitarian assistance from its intended purpose." Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) says, "The window is closing. The time for the waiting game is over. Yes, our sanctions are having a demonstrable effect on the Iranian economy, but Iran is still working just as hard to develop nuclear weapons." (The Ulsterman Report observes, "Looks like Iranian-born and Muslim Brotherhood-supporting Valerie Jarrett and Barack Obama lost this round. The ...article also pointed out that the very same sanctions that Obama was bragging about during the presidential debates with Mitt Romney as being 'the strongest sanctions against Iran in history, and it is crippling their economy' [sic] were actually sanctions the Obama administration OPPOSED at the time they were passed. So even when he loses, Barack Obama is allowed to claim victory because of a willingly inept media that did not even bother to point out that fact during the debates. And now, once again, Barack Obama is worried that sanctions might prove too harsh against the Iranian government and its business supporters—the same country he once described as 'tiny' and 'not a threat' to the United States.") [40554, 40555]

The Senate also approves another measure blocking Obama from transferring terrorists detained at Guantanamo to any facility within the United States. The vote is 54–41. (Obama will probably veto the measure—which is why some Democrats up for reelection in 2014 voted for it. They can get the prisoner transfer they support while claiming they did not support it.) [40572]

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) tells reporters that not only will Obama veto any budget bill that does not include tax increases on families that earn \$250,000 or more, he will also insist that an increase in the debt limit be part of the legislation. (The debt limit is not likely to be reached until February 2013.) [40569]

On *The Tonight Show*, Jay Leno says, "This week, CBS News became the first news organization besides Fox to ask ...Obama 'Who changed the Benghazi talking points?' See, this is very dangerous to the White House if journalists should suddenly start asking real questions." (HotAir.com observes, "Maybe it didn't get very many laughs because it's not a joke. The joke has been the lack of curiosity among the media class about the circumstances that led to their broadcasting a false narrative on their Sunday talk shows and printed in the media for days after the administration knew perfectly well that the sacking of the consulate was no spontaneous event.") [40536, 40551]

On November 30 Obama campaigns for tax increases at a toy factory in Hatfield, Pennsylvania, where he states, "I want to bring down our deficits in a balanced and responsible way. ...It's not that complicated. All of us are going to have to get out of our comfort zones to make that happen." (Obama wants \$1.6 trillion in tax increases over 10 years and at least \$50 billion in immediate spending increases.) Obama, who is holding the extension of the Bush tax rates hostage in order to get higher taxes, says, "I don't think it's appropriate for Republicans to hold middle class tax cuts hostage." (Obama is

falsely implying that he has proposed tax cuts for the middle class. Extending the existing rates is not a tax cut.) [40524, 40560]

A reporter asks White House press secretary Jay Carney, “One of the things Speaker [John] Boehner said this morning was that any increase in the debt limit would have to be matched by or exceeded by further spending cuts. That’s the same kind of rhetoric that we heard in 2011. Are you concerned that that is being used as leverage again in a way that could be damaging to the United States?” Carney responds, “That’s a good question, I was struck by that myself. I’d say two things about that: Asking that a political price be paid in order for Congress to do its job to ensure that the United States of America pays its bills and does not default for the first time in its history is deeply irresponsible. It was deeply irresponsible in the summer of 2011 and it would be deeply irresponsible if we were to see that kind of approach taken again. [Obama] absolutely expects Congress to do its job, and one of the jobs that Congress has is to make sure the United States government pays its bills as the greatest economy and the greatest country on earth—we pay our bills.” (Carney, and by extension Obama, is suggesting that “we pay our bills” by borrowing more money, and that cutting spending is “deeply irresponsible.”) Boehner states, “There is a stalemate. I’m rather determined to solve our debt problem. ... You can look at our budget in the past two years and there are plenty of specific proposals.” (During the 2012 primary debates, media leftists excoriated GOP candidates for opposing an offer of \$10 in spending cuts for each \$1 in new taxes. Obama’s proposed ratio in 2012 is zero-for-\$1.6 trillion.) [40525, 40526, 40541]

According to TriValleyCentral.com, “An explosive device was detonated Friday morning by the back door of the U.S. Social Security Administration office, shaking downtown Casa Grande [Arizona], but no one was injured. Federal agents, including those of the FBI, rushed to the scene. The FBI would not confirm whether anyone was in custody, but the Casa Grande Dispatch learned that a Coolidge resident, Abdullatif A. Aldosary, 47, was being questioned [and subsequently arrested]” (Possibly because the suspect is a Muslim from Iraq and not a Tea Party member, the mainstream media essentially ignores the story—neglects to mention the name or religion of the suspect when it does report the story. Pamela Geller asks at AtlasShrugs.com, “Where was CNN... When a bacon sandwich is 100 yards from a mosque, they issue a special report... and ...Obama takes to the airwaves to shake his boneless finger at us.”) Patrick Poole later reports at PJMedia.com that his FBI contact said “...**it is highly unlikely that Aldosary will be charged with any terrorism offense.** While they are internally treating it like a domestic terrorism investigation, including looking at if he had any help constructing the explosive device, **the FBI is saying very little and will prosecute this as a simple explosives and arson case because of ‘the political sensitivities involved.’**” (In other words, Obama can avoid having an act of terrorism occur during his watch simply by refusing to call it an act of terrorism—just as his administration has laughably labeled the Fort Hood terrorist attack a case of “workplace violence.”) The far-left web site Daily Kos eagerly stirs anger against conservatives, writing, “Assuming this is a bombing, and that the bombing was conducted by a right wing zealot opposed to big government (neither of which we know for sure), I think we are seeing the start of something that I have seen coming for awhile.” [40589, 40590, 40620, 40627]

The Associated Press reports, “The Obama administration is declining to criticize Egypt’s draft constitution despite spirited internal debate over whether the document adequately protects women, religious minorities and dissenting voices. State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland lamented the lack of consensus in Egypt’s constitution-writing process. She says how people in Egypt view the draft is most important.” (Many citizens of Egypt are frightened to death that their Obama-supported president, Mohammed Morsi, will be far worse than Hosni Mubarak, and that Morsi will not stop until he has imposed Shari’ah law on them.) But while Obama refuses to criticize Morsi’s thuggery, his administration is again excoriating Jews for daring to build apartments in their own country. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton calls plans for new settlements near East Jerusalem are not helpful and “set back the cause of a negotiated peace. We all need to work together to find a path forward in negotiations that can finally deliver on a two-state solution. That must remain our goal.” (From Obama’s perspective, an Egyptian constitution that restricts free speech and the rights of women is acceptable, but a new house in Israel is not.) [40568, 40591, 40592, 40593]

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton addresses the leftist Saban Forum on U.S.-Israel Relations. She states, “So, look, I’m not making excuses for the missed opportunities of the Israelis, or the lack of generosity, the lack of empathy that I think goes hand-in-hand with the suspicion. So, yes, there is more that the Israelis need to do to really demonstrate that they do understand the pain of an oppressed people in their minds, and they want to figure out, within the bounds of security and a Jewish democratic state, what can be accomplished.” (Clinton stops short of saying that European Jews should have showed generosity and empathy toward the Nazis.) At Breitbart.com Ben Shapiro comments, “Israel has handed over broad swaths of territory to the “dispossessed” Palestinians (a huge percentage of whom are Egyptian, Syrian, and Jordanian, or the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those who left Israel in 1948 and were purposefully not absorbed by the Arab world). Israel has legitimized terrorists like Yassar Arafat in a desperate attempt to broker peace. Israel has sacrificed its own security for twenty years attempting to come to some sort of solution. Israel has accepted the threat of rockets hitting its major cities. Israel has done the job of the anti-Semitic Palestinians by forcibly removing Jews from their homes in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, making those territories Judenrein. There is no occupation of the Gaza Strip – and it is now the dominion of Hamas. Israel has propped up the Palestinian Authority with weapons and cash and supplies – only to see the Palestinian Authority continue to back terrorism and indoctrination of children in anti-Semitism. Clinton’s language couldn’t be any more insulting. She endorses the cycle of violence nonsense that endangers the very existence of the Jewish State, and the only democratic and free state anywhere in the region. ...But this is how the Democratic Party now sees the Israel-Arab conflict. It’s Israel’s fault, even when the rockets rain down on Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. If only Israel would give a little more—a little more Jewish blood—then the Arabs would finally learn to love them.” Pamela Geller writes, “Hillary is demanding that Jews empathize with their annihilationists. Hillary wants Jews to ‘be generous’ with those obsessed with their extermination and the elimination of the tiny Jewish state. We have long known about Hillary’s obsession with the treacherous infiltrator Huma Abedin. Their closer than this

relationship has been the talk of the downtown NYC gay scene for years... It's time Hillary came up for air. She is embarrassing herself. It's no longer just clouding her judgment, it's making for sick, with dangerous demands..." [40587, 40588, 40603]

In *The Wall Street Journal*, Peggy Noonan notes Obama's lunch meeting with Mitt Romney and calls it "...a small thing but a brilliant move. It makes ...Obama look big, gracious. It implies the weakened, battered former GOP nominee is the leader of the Republican Party—and if the other party has to have a leader, the weakened, battered one is the one you want. Mr. Romney is not the leader of the party; he left no footprints in the sand. There is no such thing as Romneyism, no movement of which he's the standard-bearer. Nor is he a Washington figure with followers. Party leaders already view him as a kind of accident, the best of a bad 2012 lot, a hiccup. The bottom-line attitude of Republican political pros: *Look, this is a man who's lived a good life and would have been a heck of a lot better than Obama, and I backed him. But to be a successful Republican president now requires a kind of political genius, and he didn't have it and wasn't going to develop it. His flaws as a candidate would have been his flaws as president. We dodged a bullet.* ...To the extent the GOP has an elected face, it is that of [House] Speaker John Boehner. And he is precisely the man with whom ...Obama should be having friendly lunches. In fact, the meal with Mitt just may be a clever attempt to obscure the fact that [Obama] isn't really meeting with those with whom he's supposed to be thrashing out the fiscal cliff. ...The election is over, a new era begins—and it looks just like the old one. A crisis is declared. Confusion, frustration, and a more embittered process follow. This is... the Obama Way. Nothing has changed, even after a yearlong campaign that must, at times, have looked to him like a near-death experience. He still doesn't want to forestall jittery, gloom-laden headlines and make an early deal with the other guy. He wants to beat the other guy. ...[the Republicans are] weakened, they want this particular crisis to end, and they badly need to win entitlement reforms that would, in the end, buttress [Obama's] historical standing—and [yet Obama] isn't working with them every day and making a deal?" (Obama would rather destroy the economy than cooperate with the Republicans—because his goal is not making the nation better, it is making the nation weaker and the government stronger.) [40606]

The IRS releases 159 pages of new regulations dealing with new ObamaCare taxes, including the 3.8 percent surtax on capital gains and dividend income set to go into effect on January 1, 2013. According to Reuters, "the new regulations [also] include a 0.9 percent healthcare tax on wages for high-income individuals." [40644]

On The Victoria Taft Show, Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform, says, "We are about to have a Tea Party second wave that will dwarf the first wave and that is because while 'spend too much' brought the Tea Party into existence, we're about to walk into 'spend too much, regulate too much, and tax too much, all together. ...It's going to be a perfect storm of annoying government behavior, which is devastating to the economy, and I think the small business community which is particularly hit by Obama's tax increases are going to lead the fight." [40581, 40604]

CNSNews.com reports, "The federal government has now borrowed more money during

Barack Obama's [first term] than it did in the period lasting from the time President George Washington took the oath office until July 2, 2001, more than five months into the first term of President George W. Bush." (On July 2, 2001 the national debt was \$5,693,220,327,798.14. Since Obama entered the White House, borrowing has increased by \$5,696,206,400,691.90. By the end of his second term, Obama's borrowing total may very well exceed the \$10.626 trillion total debt in January 2009.) [40619]

On *The O'Reilly Factor*, host Bill O'Reilly asks, "What the heck is ...Obama doing? That is the subject of this evening's 'Talking Points Memo.' The worst thing that could happen to the USA is for a sitting president to pretty much ignore the best interest of the folks. ...Obama is doing something very strange right now, very strange—and you should know about it. He only won the election by 3.5 million votes out of more than 120 million cast. He knows we're a divided nation and he also knows millions of Americans don't believe he's looking out for them. He also knows that we have a budget situation that could send the country into bankruptcy. So it is on [Obama] to solve the problem. This week, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner offered [Obama's] plan. It would raise taxes for high-earning Americans by \$1.6 trillion over the next decade. That's on income, capital gains and dividends. But also limit deductions for those folks. But also return the estate tax to a whopping 45 percent for wealthy families. But on the spending front, there really isn't anything substantial on the table, nothing. [Obama] is basically saying 'I'm not going to cut much. And blank you if you don't like it.'" [40564]

O'Reilly continues, "Now, I don't think ...Obama expects the Republicans to cave. He wants them to oppose believing the American people will become angry at the GOP. It's a political strategy that is putting the entire country at risk. Many Republicans already said they will go along with some tax hikes. So why is [Obama] being so 'in your face' about this? He is doing the same thing with the Susan Rice situation. Earlier this week he said he thinks the U.N. Ambassador is doing a great job. Are you kidding me? Dr. Rice misled the entire world about the Libyan murders. Still won't explain how that happened. And that's a great job? It's very possible that ...Obama will nominate Susan Rice for the Secretary of State position that Hillary Clinton is vacating. That would obviously be another 'in your face' to the Republicans. So it doesn't seem like ...Obama wants to run the country efficiently. I guess I could be wrong; maybe he'll compromise in the end. But now we have a 'my way or the highway' situation. The problem with [Obama] is the highway passes through the Republican majority in the House of Representatives. And these people aren't going to okay more than a trillion dollars in tax hikes with no spending cuts or entitlement reform. It's not going to happen. And ...Obama knows it's not going to happen. So why are we playing this foolish game? The American people deserve better than this. We have huge financial problems in this country. Problems that every single one of us are going to be feeling if the U.S. dollar tanks come on, [Obama], put [out] something reasonable. Let's get off the politics. And that's the memo." [40564]