

The Obama Timeline – Part II

The Doomed Presidency

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On October 1 Julia Pierson, head of the Secret Service, is forced to resign—only *hours* after White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells *Morning Joe's* Mika Brzezinski, “She’s more than qualified to do her job. She’s somebody who has a very difficult responsibility... What you saw her do yesterday was take responsibility for the shortcomings that are evident. [Obama] continues to have confidence in the ability of the leadership of the Secret Service to protect him and his family, and to implement the necessary reforms to strengthen that security.” Pierson states, “I think it’s in the best interest of the Secret Service and the American public if I step down. Congress has lost confidence in my ability to run the agency. The media has made it clear that this is what they expected. ...I’m disappointed that I didn’t have an opportunity to implement structural and operational changes in the agency. I had a vision for the future. It’s 31 years of service and a firm understanding of the organization. ...I felt this [resignation] was the noble thing to do...[in order to] take pressure off the organization.” (That pressure is, of course, more than warranted.) Obama selects retired Secret Service official Joseph Clancy to replace Pierson. (Leftist columnist Bruce Covert blames Pierson’s ouster on sexism: “Time and again, women are put in charge only when there’s a mess, and if they can’t engineer a quick cleanup, they’re shoved out the door.” Covert does not say how many armed ex-felons should be allowed in an elevator with Obama before the Secret Service director should lose her job.) [65364, 65415, 65416, 65455, 65456, 65511]

WashingtonPost.com reports that under Pierson’s watch, “the agency continued to suffer from systemic problems that went well beyond the embarrassment of the prostitution scandal. For instance, staffing short-ages have grown so severe that the agency has had to fly in field agents from across the country for two-week temporary details, paying their travel, hotel and per-diem costs. Pierson also rejected an internal study’s recommendations that the White House have a total of about 100 counter-surveillance officers to patrol the perimeter of the complex. She suggested cutting the recommended number by a third. And Pierson had agreed to shrink key units in the agency, including the number of officers from the uniformed division who guard the White House complex. In her 18 months in charge, Pierson also became the subject of derision among some lower-level agents for accommodating the White House staff’s wishes for less-cumbersome security over the warnings of her tactical teams. [Pierson also failed—if she even tried—to persuade Obama to skip the funeral of Nelson Mandela, despite warnings from others in the agency that he could not be adequately protected at the event.] In the spring, Pierson was irate at what she considered the excessive security measures her team had planned for the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, which Obama hosted this summer, demanding that it dismantle extra layers of fencing and reopen closed streets, according to two agency supervisors. Supervisors who had mapped out the security plan said they were taken aback when Pierson, who worked during high school at Walt Disney World as

a costumed character and park attendant, said: ‘We need to be more like Disney World. We need to be more friendly, inviting.’” (For the record, Disney World employees inspect bags of park visitors and do their best not to allow anyone to jump over a fence to avoid buying an admission ticket.) [65427, 65474, 65512]

At NationalReview.com Charles C. W. Cooke notes “An extraordinary item from Peter Baker in the *New York Times*: ‘...Obama must be touched by all the concern Republicans are showing him these days. As Congress examines security breaches at the White House, even opposition lawmakers who have spent the last six years fighting his every initiative have expressed deep worry for his security.’ ‘Even?’ Can it really be too difficult to recognize that citizens who strongly disagree with [Obama] don’t want him to be murdered? Is the moral imagination of the center-left truly so barren as to presume as a matter of course that vehement and caustic political opposition must, eventually, lead to execution? What, one wonders, does Peter Baker consider are the options for the politically active in a free republic: a) you support a president unconditionally or b) you want him dead? ...Of course we want [Obama] to be safe. Those who are surprised by this perhaps need to spend some more time with their ideological opponents, or—and this will be harder, I grant—spend a little more time examining what it is about their ideology that led them to conflate political opposition and violence in the first instance.” (There are, of course, many Americans who would like to see Obama jailed for treason or deported to Indonesia, but that is hardly the same as wishing harm to come to him or his family.) [65453]

A White House official denies a report that Obama planned to tell the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute that in 40 days he will announce his executive action on illegal immigrant amnesty. BuzzFeed.com is told that Obama’s “remarks to the CHCI gala do not include the ‘wait for 40 days’ reference. Whoever provided that information did not see the speech and is inaccurately describing [Obama’s] remarks.” (Townhall.com’s Guy Benson writes, “So a key element of the base will have to wait. They’ll get their way, of course, just not immediately. There are ordinary Americans to fool in the interim, and that takes priority.”) [65231, 65232]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters the federal government will not impose travel restrictions to and from West Africa despite the Ebola virus outbreak: “The reason for that is that it is not possible to transmit Ebola through the air. ...The only way that an individual can contract Ebola is by coming into contact with the bodily fluids of someone who is exhibiting symptoms. ...We’ve provided guidance to pilots, flight attendants and others who are responsible for staffing our transportation infrastructure to ensure that if they notice individuals who are exhibiting symptoms ...that the proper authorities are notified. In light of this incident [a man from Liberia with Ebola entered the United States and is being treated in Dallas], the administration has taken the step of re-circulating our guidance ...to make sure people are aware there is an important protocol that should be implemented. ...These are the experts, they have a keen understanding of how to prevent the spread of this disease. We can stop the spread of Ebola in its tracks. ...We are confident that the sophisticated medical infrastructure that exists here in the United States can prevent the wide spread of Ebola. ...We live in a

global world [sic], and what we're confident that we can do is to both protect the safety of the traveling public and ...protect the broader American public by rigorously applying the kind of medical protocols that are recommended by the Centers for Disease Control." [65269, 65270, 65354, 65440, 65452, 65475, 65476]

Earnest also avoids a question about Marine Sergeant Andrew Tahmooressi, responding, "My colleagues at the State Department are very focused on this issue, and so I'd refer you to them for their efforts to work with the Mexican government." Asked if Obama has telephoned the Mexican president, Earnest replies, "I don't believe it has [taken place], and that's because this is an issue that is being handled through the State Department and through the existing channels at the State Department." (That, of course, is why Tahmooressi is still in a Mexican jail. In a five minute telephone call Obama could say, "Release our Marine our you will not see a nickel of foreign aid ever again and we will start deporting Mexicans en masse.") [65463]

At Examiner.com, Robert Moon lists "Obama's top 30 most disrespectful insults to the military." They include: "Looking past all his civilian aides to order a Marine to hold an umbrella over his head like a butler for an entire speech at the Rose Garden, in violation of military regulations." "Skipping the funeral of the highest-ranking officer to be killed on foreign soil in over 40 years (Major-General Harold J. Greene), to play golf." "Ignoring a former Marine frivolously imprisoned in Mexico on trumped up weapons charges." "Imposing ludicrous rules of engagement on our troops that have needlessly gotten many soldiers killed." "Releasing five major terrorist leaders to appease the Taliban into releasing one America-hating deserter." [65566]

Breitbart.com reports that "...Obama, Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, and Secretary of State John Kerry are directly responsible for allowing Ebola into the United States, the Center for Immigration Studies Director of Policy Studies Jessica Vaughan told Breitbart News. Vaughan points to federal law—the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)—which she notes gives the administration 'broad authority' to bar non-citizens like Thomas Eric Duncan, the first Ebola patient allowed into the U.S., from entering the country. The administration took no steps pursuant to that federal law, however, to block people like him from potentially endangering Americans. 'They have broad authority to bar any non-citizen from entering the country,' she said in a phone interview with Breitbart News. 'But the INA does have a provision on the books already that bars people who have communicable diseases who [are] of public health significance. It gives the authority to HHS to create that list. The language says it's only people who have them who are barred.'" [65479, 65480]

Oklahoma's News9.com reports, "Police have made contact with a man who was the subject of an unauthorized entry at Moore High School last week. Police say the man, who has not yet been identified, is cooperating and there is no threat toward the high school. They first announced they were searching for the man on Wednesday. The incident was not reported to police until Sept. 26. Police held a press conference Wednesday afternoon regarding the incident. Police described the person as an Arab male

in his 40s with a thick Arabic accent. They say while he was on campus the man contacted two students and a teacher and asked ‘suspicious’ questions. According to Moore Police Sgt. Jeremy Lewis, who spoke during the press conference, the man was able to get inside of the school through an unlocked door at the entrance of the performing arts building. The entire incident only lasted approximately three or four minutes. Moore Police believe this incident has nothing to do with the attack at Vaughan Foods, which took place days later. Police say they cannot disclose what questions the man asked until they first make contact with him. However, multiple sources tell News 9 that the man was asking questions about how many police officers worked there on a normal basis and how close the nearest police department was.” [65361, 65362, 65443]

Oklahoma beheader Alton Nolen is released from a hospital and transferred to the county jail. According to NYDailyNews.com, “In his first court appearance, Nolen requested a Muslim to be named as his court-appointed lawyer.” [65421, 65422, 65425]

Examiner.com reports, “On Sept. 30, statistician and economist Dr. Jim Willie was a guest on the Caravan to Midnight radio show to talk about current financial, economic, and geo-political events. During his three hour interview, Dr. Willie stated that one of the purposes behind China’s creation of the new Shanghai gold exchange is to eventually take over global price controls for the monetary metal away from the Comex, and then force a global currency reset by raising the price of gold to its true or actual value. The way this will come about in the near future according to Dr. Willie, is that China will re-price gold to near or above twice the current price, which will have a devastating effect on derivatives and ongoing use of the Comex futures market to suppress gold prices, and protect the dollar. And based upon supply details for the Comex over the past two years, America’s primary gold exchange no longer settles their contracts through the delivery of physical gold, but instead settles in cash payments or through the hedging of gold using derivatives. Subsequently, once this failure to deliver takes place, then China, through the Shanghai gold exchange, will become the default market for price discovery, and at that point will re-adjust gold to its true value, instantly causing massive chaos in the fiat currency markets and leaving the world little alternative but to implement a complete currency reset. ...China is recognizing that physical gold is the ultimate catalyst to force an end to the domination of purely fiat finance, and that by revaluing gold to its rightful price will have the effect of both protecting their own currency, and wresting financial control away from the West and the system of dollar hegemony.” (In other words, China is tired of the world’s reliance on the inflated U.S. dollar as the world’s reserve currency, the Federal Reserve’s devaluation of the dollar via the expansion of the money supply, and the manipulation of the price of gold. China is acting to raise the price of gold closer to its market level, rather than the phony level that has been kept artificially low by the Federal Reserve banks. Note: *The Obama Timeline* owns gold and silver, as it expects the eventual collapse of the U.S. dollar—which is based not on gold or any real assets.) [65928, 65966]

Law enforcement officials tell *The Washington Post* that federal civil rights charges are unlikely to be brought against George Zimmerman, who shot and killed teenager Trayvon Martin in an apparent act of self-defense in 2012. (*The Obama Timeline* believes there

are several reasons the Obama administration might drop the issue. First, the Martin-Zimmerman story is “old news.” Second, the likelihood of a successful prosecution are low. Third, Obama can continue to rely on the racial unrest in Ferguson, Missouri to “gin up” the black vote on November 4.) [65507, 65508]

Reuters reports, “[The] Islamic State [ISIS] beheaded seven men and three women in a northern Kurdish area of Syria, a human rights monitoring group said on Wednesday, part of what it described as a campaign to frighten residents resisting the militant group’s advance.” [65423, 65424]

Although Obama blames faulty intelligence on his failure to anticipate the rise of ISIS, he has yet to match Charles Strozier, Professor of History and the founding Director of the John Jay College Center on Terrorism, who blames global warming for its appearance in the terrorist world. Strozier writes, “A historic drought afflicted the country [Syria] from 2006 through 2010, setting off a dire humanitarian crisis for millions of Syrians. Yet the four-year drought evoked little response from Bashar al-Assad’s government. ... When we fail to get the facts right about greenhouse gas emissions, we may unwittingly enable ISIS, Al Qaeda, Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and other extremist groups to flourish. As we consider our personal positions on climate change, it is important to understand all that is at stake in our interconnected world.” (Whether Obama will begin to use Strozier’s argument is not known.) [65388, 65389]

Despite nearly 300 air strikes on ISIS/ISIL targets, Admiral John Kirby tells reporters, “We still believe ISIL remains a very potent force. Yes, they’ve changed some of their tactics, there’s absolutely no question about that, in response to the pressure that we put them under, but that doesn’t make them less dangerous or less potent over time. Yes, they’re blending in more. Yes, they’re dispersing, and yes, they aren’t communicating quite as openly or as boldly as they once were. That’s a good thing, because if they aren’t operating as freely, then they aren’t as free to achieve their goals. That doesn’t mean ISIL doesn’t still pose a threat. It doesn’t mean they aren’t still trying and in some cases succeeding at taking and holding ground. No one said this would be easy or quick, and no one should be lulled into a false sense of security by accurate airstrikes. We will not, we cannot bomb them into obscurity.” [65409, 65428]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “U.S. officials are engaged in a high-stakes push to convince Sunni Muslim tribal leaders in Iraq to cooperate with Baghdad and Washington in the fight against Islamic State extremists, a strategy that sources say could take a year and highlights the need for fighters on the ground. A State Department official confirmed Wednesday that retired Marine Gen. John R. Allen, whom the Obama administration tapped to lead the international effort against the Islamic State in both Iraq and Syria, was en route to the region to begin pushing the strategy. The plan, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity, is to try and recreate the so-called ‘Sunni Awakening’ that saw Iraqi tribal militias take the fight to the Islamic State’s predecessor outfit, al Qaeda in Iraq (AQI), between 2005 and 2007.” [65414]

In the *Daily Mail*, former CNN program host Piers Morgan writes that Obama “this week committed professional suicide. Let me explain. There is a theory in politics that once a leader has fired 50 or more people from his or her administration, he or she is finished. The reason being that by creating so many enemies ‘outside the tent,’ the tent itself becomes too deluged with poisonous bile to avoid sinking into a quagmire of backstabbing ignominy. Obama went a lot further than firing 50 people. He managed to single-handedly alienate 200,000 employees in the American intelligence agencies by going on 60 Minutes and ruthlessly chucking them all under a bus over the rise of terror group ISIS. ...A more shameless, reprehensible display of buck-passing it would be hard to find from... And for what purpose? All that will happen now is that those maligned intelligence agencies will exact cold-blooded revenge on Obama by drip-feeding negative stories about him until he’s gone. It’s what they do.” (Whether Morgan has John F. Kennedy in mind is not known.) [65439, 65442, 65505, 65598]

“The truth is that Obama is the one who underestimated ISIS, plunging his head ostrich-like into the sand and hoping they would go away without having to do anything to actually make them go away. There were clear, unambiguous public warnings made nearly a year ago in front of the Foreign Affairs Committee that ISIS was on the march in Syria and Iraq. But perhaps Obama missed them. Hardly surprising when we discover yesterday that he has only attended 42.1 percent of his Presidential Daily intelligence briefings. No wonder the Secret Service gets complacent when The Boss exudes complacency from every pore. ...[R]efusing to intervene in conflicts like Syria has so far proved to be spectacularly self-defeating. Far from making America stronger, Obama has made the world’s greatest military power look weak. So weak that these Jihadist thugs think they can behead American citizens with impunity in glossy snuff movies. Imagine how emboldened they must have felt when Obama made his ‘heartfelt’ speech about journalist James Foley’s execution, and was then seen laughing and joking on the golf course SEVEN MINUTES later. ...It’s time he got off the damn golf course, got up to speed with his intelligence briefings and focused on wiping out ISIS. Before they wipe out more of the people he serves.” [65439, 65442, 65505, 65598]

A CNSNews.com reporter asks House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) if any executive order issued by Obama to grant amnesty to illegal immigrants in the United States would apply to Iraqis. Pelosi responds, “Well, we have many borders. We have the Canadian border, we have the southern border. We have people coming by land and sea. And we certainly have to protect the American people. That’s our first responsibility, to protect and defend. I don’t think it has anything to do with what [Obama] is going to do next on immigration. I think it has to do with what we are doing for our national security.” (In other words, “I am not about to answer that question.”) Meanwhile, Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) claims, “There’s not a border security issue.” There are just “family units” crossing the border” who “want to be reunited with our father, our mother, our brothers, our sisters.” [65460, 65461, 65627]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meets with Obama in the White House, and says, “As you know, ...Iran seeks a deal that would lift the tough sanctions that you worked so hard to put in place and leave it as a threshold nuclear power. I firmly hope

under your leadership that would not happen.” (In other words, “I don’t trust you to keep Iran from getting nuclear weapons.”) Obama, no doubt miffed by the remark, “gets even” by having press secretary Josh Earnest tell reporters that the administration opposes any new Jewish settlements in East Jerusalem. At Spectator.org Aaron Goldstein writes, “Obama’s behavior towards Netanyahu is cowardly. He couldn’t face him like a man. How could he? Bibi [Netanyahu] would have destroyed Obama in a discussion over settlements. Obama isn’t intelligent enough to be in the same room with Bibi.” [65544, 65545, 65546, 65587]

Jill Tahmooressi, the mother of the U.S. Marine held in Mexico for making a wrong turn and crossing the border with weapons in his vehicle, tells members of Congress that she has never received a telephone call from Obama about her son Andrew and has no idea if he has done anything to secure his release. Pete Hegseth, president of Concerned Veteran's for America, states, “The paradox before this committee, this Congress, and especially this White House, could not be more stark: this administration negotiated with the Taliban, and exchanged five terrorist killers with American blood on their hands, for the release of Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl, a soldier who deserted his unit on the front lines less than two months into his first tour of duty. Yet this administration has invested little-to-no effort negotiating the return, from a neighboring country, of a highly-decorated Marine with two combat tours? Sergeant Bergdahl cost American lives. Sergeant Tahmooressi saved them. Does this not matter? Will we not fight to bring him home? It is time to bring our Marine home, and give him the care he has earned.” [65413, 65444]

On *Special Report* columnist Charles Krauthammer observes, “I don’t think it’s a malaise sense in the country at all, I think it is a sense in the country that we have [an administration] that is falling apart, and it isn’t as if it all happened at once. [Obama] comes in with a great vision, expanding government, the government’s going to solve a lot of problems, and withdrawal at home, if you say nice things in Cairo, you say we want an outstretched hand, we’re going to eliminate all the blunders that the previous administration had made, things will get better abroad. Now, it takes years until the consequences of that are seen abroad in the vacuum that we created by Obama’s retreat, more aggressive, more wicked, in fact some of the worst people on earth have filled in in Libya, in Syria, in Iraq, Putin’s on the march in eastern Europe. Everybody senses America is not there, our allies are very worried about the kind of support they’re going to get. So that’s the consequence of the policy, and domestically the great idea of expansion of government and new entitlements and all this—this is a crisis of competence. The IRS, the VA, the Secret Service, all the institutions that in the past you would make a movie about, the Secret Service agent is the hero, the epidemiologist is the hero. All of these agencies that we have trust in, under this administration, are showing how badly government is run. You combine them and you get a sense that things are out of control.” [65438, 65496]

On *Hardball*, Chris Matthews comments, “Let’s get tough here. Is this the problem of a second term that presidents get lazy, intellectually lazy, and cut off from the country and they start picking deputies for jobs instead of looking for the best people? The lazy thing

to do is somebody leaves, you promote their deputy. This is, I think, part of the endemic problem of second terms. They don't go out and mix with people, find new people, new hotshots to fill these jobs. They just keep promoting the person whose turn it is and they're not as good as the person they picked the first time... And before you get me accusing [Obama] of being physically lazy, I think there is a social kind of laziness. Refusing to reach out and meet a lot new people and check a lot of possibilities. Don't just go with the next person in line. And I really think this second term cabinet is not up to the first term cabinet because they never are. And you know that... they just never are. Kennedy went out and met people like [Robert] McNamara and [Dean] Rusk and he went looking for them and he put them into the best slots he could. And he talked them into it, he recruited people he didn't even know [and] he recruited them. Presidents should go out and look for people. They should be practicing affirmative action all the time in leading or else they get atrophied into that little world of people like Valerie [Jarrett] and Mrs. Obama and you're just listening to the same voices all the time. I know it is a rigorous demand but it's a real one. Or else you're going to get smaller as your presidency goes on and therefore more vulnerable to surprises." [65433]

On *Hannity*, Mark Levin tells host Sean Hannity, "There's not a thing [Obama has] done well. And here's the problem, Sean. People who support big government, centralized government, liberalism—well, congratulations, you have it. And it's an absolute disaster. And here's what's remarkable to me. [Obama] doesn't go back and actually look at something, have some circumspection, [and] say, 'You know, we're going to fix ObamaCare. Let's pull back. Maybe we bit off more than we can chew.' [No,] It's full speed ahead, the foot on the gas pedal. Now it's going to be executive imperial fiat for [illegal immigrant] amnesty! He's looking for all these other areas where he can nationalize what shouldn't be nationalized, where he's undermining what shouldn't be undermined. It's just like one thing after another after another. ... This guy continues to be that community organizer, or disorganizer... sitting in the Oval Office, throwing political mud balls in every direction he possibly can. Have you noticed when he's happiest? He's happiest when he's campaigning, trashing Republicans, trashing conservatives, trashing capitalism, trashing the Constitution. That's right. He's never really happy doing the job he's supposed to do." [65462]

Of Obama's *60 Minutes* interview, Levin says, "It is my contention that [Obama] right now is in a full-blown cover-up [mode]. That's why he went to his favorite *60 Minutes* correspondent, Steve Kroft. That's why he blamed his intelligence agencies for this. This has nothing to do with the intelligence agencies. It has to do with the intelligence between his ears! And the fact of the matter is, he's not paying attention to his job. He's not attentive to what [he is] supposed to be attentive to because he's so busy revolutionizing our economy and our government and transforming it, he's not doing his job. ... It's time to hold him to account. The country's falling apart. It's unraveling. Everything you look at is a mess. It's time to pin him down on something. And this is life and death. This is war and peace. And by the way, while we're at it, Congress [should] declare war. Will [House Speaker] John Boehner and [Senate Minority Leader] Mitch McConnell draw up a declaration of war, or are we going to continue to allow [Obama] to conduct himself—and let me be very clear, and I don't mean to be provocative about this—he is now

fighting a political war. These pinpricks are not stopping ISIS. ISIS is about to conquer Baghdad. It's on the move on the Turkish border. It's more powerful this month than it was last month, despite our bombing raids. Obama has the military on a short leash. Now, let's let them off the leash. Let's declare war. And let's defeat them. This is World War III, and we need World War II tactics." [65462]

On October 2 Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) tells MSNBC he has been "a thorn in the side" of the White House. (The statement is total nonsense. Udall's voting records shows about 99 percent support for Obama's policies, but he knows he has to try to distance himself from the unpopular Obama if he expects to win reelection on November 4. In one poll his challenger, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO), leads 47-45 percent.) [65227]

At WashingtonTimes.com Pattie Curran, a "mother of two chronically ill children," writes of the tremendous increase in costs her family is facing because of ObamaCare: "My sons suffer from a rare bone-marrow failure syndrome called Shwachman-Diamond syndrome and have secondary mitochondrial disease that requires treatment with a broad range of expensive medications. We averaged \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year in billed out-of-pocket medical expenses before Obamacare became law. In 2013, we incurred just over \$27,000 in out-of-pocket medical expenses. ...Obama's signature piece of legislation has more than doubled our yearly medical costs. ...I publicly warned my own senator, Kay R. Hagan, North Carolina Democrat, about the impact the legislation would have on my children. Though she denied the truth of my claims at the time, almost everything I imagined would happen because of the law has come to fruition. ...[I]t started with higher premiums, deductibles, out-of-pocket maximums and co-pays. The co-pay for a medication that protects my youngest son's kidneys from damage had been \$131 for a three-month supply for five to six years before the law passed. In 2011, the medication suddenly more than doubled. We watched in horror as it skyrocketed to \$532 by the middle of 2013, while at the same time trying to get a medical-necessity exception." [66032]

"Obamacare not only made everything less affordable, it created more work for families and providers. We have witnessed a corresponding decrease in quality of care because of the extra administrative demands placed on physicians and their staff. During the past month, some of our sons' most important medications have been discontinued from coverage altogether. ...[Obama] and Mrs. Hagan repeatedly told us, 'if you like your plan, you can keep your plan.' We now know that is not true. My husband has a good job, but it doesn't pay nearly enough to cover all of the increased expenses. Yet he earns too much for us to qualify for relief programs from pharmaceutical companies because government regulations dictate who the private companies are allowed to help. ... Today we find ourselves deeply in debt and drowning in the paperwork of what has become a full-time fight to restore coverage of essential, lifesaving treatments for our sons. This year alone, we have been billed tens of thousands of dollars in health care costs out-of-pocket. Our credit cards are maxed out and our insurer, bound by rigid government rules, is unable to help us. Obamacare has been far from the salvation that was promised. For us, it has been nothing less than a nightmare of skyrocketing health care costs that threaten to bankrupt our family and keep our sons from receiving the lifesaving

treatments they need. ...These changes brought about by the law could have deadly consequences for my sons. Furthermore, if our family is dumped into the Obamacare exchanges, as we fear may happen, our children will lose access to the doctors who specialize in Shwachman-Diamond syndrome and mitochondrial disease. Mrs. Hagan's deciding vote on Obamacare has meant disaster for our family and for families like ours. One-size-fits-all government programs, like Obamacare, will always have unintended consequences that will bring devastation to many American families." [66032]

Judicial Watch sues the Department of Homeland Security for failing to comply with a Freedom of Information Act request for information about the 36,000 criminal illegal aliens released by the Obama administration into the United States. At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich reports, "In the lawsuit, Judicial Watch is seeking 'Any and all records of communications including, but not limited to, emails and memoranda, to or from personnel in the office of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (including its component offices, such as the Office of Public Affairs), from May 1 to May 15, 2014, concerning, regarding, or related to the report published by the Center for Immigrations Studies concerning the release of 36,000 criminal aliens.' The initial FOIA request came after a report from the Center for Immigration Studies showed tens-of-thousands of violent criminal aliens, including those with convictions of rape, murder, kidnapping, aggravated assault, drunk driving, vehicle theft and more, were set free." [65226]

A federal appeals court issues a stay, pending a full appeal, that will allow Texas to enforce legislation requiring abortion clinics meet hospital standards and obtain hospital admitting privileges for their abortionists. According to FoxNews.com, the law has effectively shut down more than 30 abortion mills in the state." [65492]

According to CNN.com, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case involving an Arkansas prison inmate, Gregory Holt (also known as Abdul Maalik Muhammad), who refuses to shave his beard. (Perhaps not surprisingly, the Obama administration supports the Muslim inmate, who is serving a life sentence for slitting his ex-girlfriend's throat and stabbing her in the chest. She survived the attack.) [65723, 65724]

According to a September 28-30 Fox News poll, 53 percent of likely voters support committing U.S. ground troops to the fight against ISIS if air strikes are not sufficient to defeat the terrorist group. Obama's approval/disapproval ratings in the poll are 39/53 percent. The numbers are 42/59 in an AP/GfK poll. According to an NBC/Wall Street Journal/Annenberg poll, 72 percent of Americans believe there will eventually be U.S. "boots on the ground" in Iraq and Syria. Only 20 percent believe Obama will keep his promise not to deploy troops. Seventy percent of U.S. troops polled believe combat troops should not be sent back to Iraq. Only 15 percent of service members approve of the way Obama is handling the job of commander in chief—down from 35 percent in 2009. [65228, 65229, 65250, 65262]

On economic issues, 43 percent of voters feel the economy is getting better and 43 percent feel it's getting worse. On a personal level, only 24 percent feel their family is better off than in 2008. By a 54 to 37 percent margin, voters wish ObamaCare had "never passed." Forty-seven percent of likely voters back the Republican candidate in their House district, while 40 percent back the Democrat. "Men back the GOP candidate, by 53 to 35 percent, while women are more likely to vote for the Democrat in their district by 45 to 41. Veterans and those currently serving in the military would back the Republican by 55 to 30 percent. Whites support the GOP candidate by 55 to 30 percent, while blacks, by 81 to 12 percent, and Hispanics, by 58 to 26 percent, back the Democrat. ...[T]he poll shows likely voters also give an edge to the GOP by a 47 to 43 percent margin in states with Senate races. The results are even more striking in the 14 Fox News Senate battleground states, where the Republican candidate is favored over the Democrat by 53 to 38 percent. ...Obama doesn't help candidates. Twenty-six percent of likely voters say expressing opposition to Obama is a reason behind their Senate vote, while 17 percent say their vote is to express support. Nearly 6 in 10, or 56 percent, say Obama is not a factor in their Senate vote." [65494]

Turkey's parliament votes 298-98 to authorize its military to join the fight against ISIS. [65228, 65230, 65337]

After his causing massive traffic delays with his motorcade, Obama addresses an audience at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. The thin-skinned Obama says, "While affordable health care might still be a threat to freedom on Fox News, it's working pretty well in the real world." He also (again) calls for more federal investment in energy and technology to create jobs, and claims that health insurance rates will fall in 2015 in some areas. (According to a Kaiser Foundation poll, 14 percent of Americans say ObamaCare has helped their families. But about 28 percent say ObamaCare has made things worse. Fifty-three percent of women disapprove of ObamaCare.) [65234, 65235, 65236, 65237, 65238, 65239, 65328, 65329, 65330, 65490, 65620]

Obama tells the Northwestern University audience, "I am not on the ballot this fall. Michelle's pretty happy about that. But make no mistake: these [my] policies are on the ballot. Every single one of them." (Whether it is wise for Obama to make such a statement remains to be seen. The more the November 4 election is about Obama and his policies, the more the results may be a disaster for the Democrat Party. In any event, Obama's remark will show up in Republican campaign ads.) [65331, 65491, 65531, 65574, 66182, 66183]

Campaigning in Michigan for U.S. Senate candidate Terri Lynn Land, Mitt Romney says, "It's time for [Obama] to apologize to America." [65548]

At LewRockwell.com Judge Andrew Napolitano writes, "ISIS captured Fallujah and Ramadi, two major cities in Iraq, eight months ago. Surely [Obama] knew about that when it happened. He receives an intelligence briefing every day; more often than not, he prefers a written briefing rather than one where he and his briefers can zero in on problem areas in a face-to-face conversation. Yet since the February takeover of the Iraqi

equivalent of Chicago and Los Angeles, [Obama] has told the American people that ISIS is junior varsity and he had no plans to address it, and he seemed not to care about it until ISIS went over his head, so to speak, and beheaded two innocent young Americans and posted grisly videos of their horrific murders on the Internet. If [Obama] now believes we should fight ISIS because it killed two Americans and boasted about it, he woefully misunderstands his job, which is to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, not every American everywhere on the planet. If he is convinced ISIS poses an imminent threat to the freedom of Americans and the security of our country, it is hard to believe that these two murders alone brought him to that conclusion. Does he genuinely believe that 25,000 ill-equipped fanatics 10,000 miles from here, with no navy or air force, could possibly be a clear and present danger to the U.S.? And if he does, when and how did he come to that belief if his intelligence team failed him? These questions are of profound relevance to the American people, because with each passing day, it appears that [Obama] is more indifferent to the facts around him and less competent at pulling the levers of government. Yet he is sending American troops into harm's way on an ill-defined long-term mission without congressional authorization as the Constitution requires." [65448]

"...This war we are now entering is unlawful because we have invaded Syria without a congressional declaration of war and without a legal or moral basis for doing so. It is morally wrong because ISIS is an imminent threat to the U.S. only in the minds of the members of Congress who love war, not in reality. And it is blind to recent history because it will become a more superior recruitment tool for ISIS than our original invasion of Iraq was for al-Qaida. The only reason al-Qaida and ISIS exist in Iraq is as resistance to the American invasion and occupation, an invasion that has materially detracted from the liberty and safety of the U.S. and the stability of the region. Yet, if [Director of National Intelligence James] Clapper and his spies so miserably failed to educate [Obama] about a threat he now claims is real, why do they still have their jobs? They have their jobs because if [Obama] fires them, they might freely speak the truth, and the truth is [Obamas] enemy. They have their jobs because [Obama] is so bad at performing his." [65448]

FoxNews.com reports, "Former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is lashing out at ...Obama's inner circle for failing to secure a 2011 deal to leave U.S. troops in Iraq, effectively accusing the White House of sabotaging the talks—in turn, opening the door for the region to become a haven for the Islamic State. Panetta, who served as CIA director and then Defense secretary during those negotiations, aired his complaints in his forthcoming memoir, 'Worthy Fights.' Excerpts on the Baghdad talks were published by Time. In them, Panetta explained that Iraqi leaders privately wanted some U.S. forces to stay behind after the formal 2011 withdrawal, though they would not say so publicly. The former secretary, though, said the U.S. had 'leverage' to strike a deal, and the Defense and State departments tried to do exactly that. 'But,' he wrote, '[Obama's] team at the White House pushed back, and the differences occasionally became heated. ...and those on our side viewed the White House as so eager to rid itself of Iraq that it was willing to withdraw rather than lock in arrangements that would preserve our influence and interests.' He said the negotiations with then-Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki went down

to the wire in December 2011, but the White House never stepped up. ‘To my frustration, the White House coordinated the negotiations but never really led them,’ Panetta charged. ‘Officials there seemed content to endorse an agreement if State and Defense could reach one, but without [Obama’s] active advocacy, al-Maliki was allowed to slip away.’” (The Defense Department wanted 40,000 troops left in Iraq, but was willing to accept 24,000. Obama offered only 5,000, knowing the Iraqi government would reject that offer. Eager to “end the war in Iraq,” Obama went against the advice of the Defense Department and the State Department. In the process, he ensured a new war would erupt in the future.) [65493, 65503, 65506, 65518]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “Sidwell Friends, the elite D.C. private school where the Obamas send their kids, is hiring a barista to ‘prepare smoothies and espresso drinks’ for children who are too rich to fail. The position, which pays [up to \$11.50 per hour], could be a great opportunity for a young person suffering under the failed Obama economy. Realistically, it will probably go to a former student who recently moved back in with his political consultant parents to pursue his dream of writing a *Catcher in the Rye* for the digital age. Candidates must possess excellent customer service skills and be able to lift at least 35 pounds. No relevant experience required, according to the job listing, but who honestly believes that? As if the Sidwell Friends parents and staff would consider anyone who can’t lovingly craft a perfect cappuccino foam dome—fluffy as a bunny tail—in under six seconds flat. The latte liberals of the D.C. elite would never settle for someone who has no relevant experience when it comes to making their coffee. Running the country, on the other hand...” [65240]

CNSNews.com reports, “9,862 aliens apprehended by agencies falling under the Department of Homeland Security in fiscal year 2013 came from 15 countries that are either state sponsors of terrorism, considered terrorist safe havens or have otherwise been associated with terrorism in recent years.” [65459]

Vice President Joe Biden states, “In a globalized world, threats as diverse as terrorism and pandemic disease cross borders at blinding speeds”—yet he does not want to restrict Muslim immigration into the United States or block air travel to and from Liberia or other nations suffering from the Ebola epidemic. (Americans are apparently being left to deal on their own with threats approaching them “at blinding speeds.”) [65268]

TruthRevolt.org reminds readers of an April 2, 2010 Politico article that reported, “The Obama administration has quietly dumped quarantine rules that would have required air passengers to submit more information to airlines and strengthened the government’s authority to detain travelers suspected of carrying disease. ...[L]ast August... the Obama administration had dusted off new quarantine regulations the Bush team rolled out in 2005. That plan met with harsh criticism from civil liberties advocates, who said the rules lacked safeguards for the rights of those who could be quarantined, from the travel industry, which said the policy would increase costs on airlines and cruise lines, and from some public health advocates, who said a heavy-handed approach would be ineffective at controlling disease. Despite the criticism, the Centers for Disease Control sent the regulations forward for formal approval in June 2009. ‘It’s important to public health to

move forward with the regulations,’ CDC spokeswoman Christine Pearson told me last summer. ‘We need to update our quarantine regulations, and this final rule is an important step.’ In January, [2010] however, the CDC quietly withdrew the rules from the approval process at the Office of Management and Budget.” [65467, 65468, 65469]

Dr. Gil Mobley, a microbiologist and emergency trauma physician from Springfield, Missouri, appears at Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in a full hazardous materials suit to bring attention to the Ebola virus. He tells the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, “If they’re [Centers for Disease Control officials are] not lying, they are grossly incompetent. For them to say last week that the likelihood of importing an Ebola case was extremely small was a real bad call. Once this disease consumes every third world country, as surely it will, because they lack the same basic infrastructure as Sierra Leone and Liberia, at that point, we will be importing clusters of Ebola on a daily basis. That will overwhelm any advanced country’s ability to contain the clusters in isolation and quarantine. That spells bad news. ...The only question [Atlanta airport employees] asked arriving passengers is if [sic; whether] they had tobacco or alcohol.” (Interestingly, the U.S. Department of Agriculture requires a 60 day quarantine for horses entering the United States that come from West Africa or other areas where African Horse Sickness has been reported during the last 12 months. Some might argue that the federal government seems to care more about protecting the safety of U.S. livestock than U.S. citizens.) [65472, 65473, 66952, 67010]

NBC reports that one of its freelance cameramen working in Liberia “has tested positive for Ebola and will be flown back to the U.S. for treatment.” [65497, 65500, 65525]

It is worth noting that World Health Organization media officer Glen Thomas (who has been described as an Ebola expert) was among the victims of the crash of Malaysia Airlines flight MH-17, on the border between Ukraine and Russia. [66730, 66731, 66732]

At WND.com Jerome Corsi reports, “In an article published in a scientific journal one month ago, an international team of scientists correctly predicted Ebola would reach the United States by the end of September, arguing a reduction in airline travel of as much as 80 percent would only delay the international spread of the disease by three to four weeks at most. The study, published in the scientific journal PLOS Currents: Outbreaks, used data supplied by the World Health Organization on the current Ebola outbreak in West Africa. On Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Control reported the first case of Ebola brought to the U.S. by an airline passenger. The study noted the near impossibility of completely ending air travel from Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, the three West African countries most affected by the disease. It pointed out that airlines that have discontinued flights continue to assist West African travelers by booking them on other airlines.” [65477, 65478]

At MSNBC.com Krystal Ball and Anne Thompson whine that Americans are not fully informed about the Ebola virus because the Senate Republicans and some Democrats have blocked Obama’s nominee for Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy. They write, “[T]hanks to NRA power and Senate cowardice, we are left with no surgeon general

during a time when, we not only have Ebola arriving on our shores, but are also dealing with the mysterious Enterovirus, which is infecting and contributing to the deaths of children in the U.S.” (Murthy’s anti-Second Amendment and pro-gun control activities are responsible for his being blocked. Nothing is stopping Obama from nominating someone who is less controversial—and who does not believe doctors should ask their patients if they own guns and then share that information with the government. Murthy, who has been a doctor for only a few years and has never even run a hospital department, co-founded Doctors for Obama in 2008, which has now morphed into Doctors for America. It is connected with the far left Center for American Progress.) [52888, 55596, 55602, 55603, 55604, 55605, 56155, 56156, 56466, 56472, 56473, 65509, 65510, 65586, 65623, 65836]

Blogger Ace of Spades posts a 2005 *New York Times* op-ed co-written by Obama and then-Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) in which they complain that George W. Bush was not doing enough to protect the public from the H5N1 avian flu pandemic. On the Senate floor in 2005 Obama also faulted Bush for doing little. HotAir.com’s Ed Morrissey notes that only 43 people died from H1N5 in 2005, and writes, “‘There’s been too much talk,’ then-Senator Obama intoned, ‘and not enough action.’ If that’s the standard Obama demanded of the White House in 2005, then ...Obama [today] has failed much more substantially in addressing the developing Ebola epidemic that has—unlike the avian flu—reached our shores.” [65513, 65514, 65519]

Derek Hunter writes at Townhall.com, “There is a ghost in the White House, a spirit disconnected from this world, whisking from room to room, past staff, uninterested in their conversations. Unfortunately for us, the ghost is [Obama]. Barack Obama loves...the perks, the privilege, the pomp and circumstance. It’s the job that bores him. ...Obama loves the campaign trail. He performs a substance-free partisan attack speech written by snarky young staffers better than any recent occupant of the Oval Office. But those speechwriters aren’t serious people. They’re smartasses better suited for Twitter, not the seat of power. As such, when it comes to serious issues of foreign policy, the speeches give us nothing but vacant platitudes when what we need is serious thoughtfulness. Ask yourself this: Have you heard Barack Obama deliver a serious, substantive foreign policy speech? Not a recap of what is already known, but a practical speech laying out principles, practical goals and the means by which to achieve them? Obama’s ‘ISIS strategy’ speech last month was devoid of anything, even inspiring words, beyond what anyone who’d read a couple of Associated Press stories on the subject could’ve written. ...The ghost in the Oval Office will occupy that space until January 2017, but his failures as a leader and disinterest in leadership will haunt this country long after he departs.” [65430]

Addressing a Congressional Hispanic Caucus dinner, Obama says, “I want to give a special thanks to two young men who rode over with me from the White House tonight. Luis and Victor are CHCI [Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute] interns and fellows. They are also dreamers, living and working in the country they call home, and making it a better place for all of us.” (That is, Luis and Victor are illegal immigrants who rode with Obama in his limousine. It is assumed they were unarmed. Whether they have

tuberculosis or the Ebola virus is not known. Arguably, Obama violated the law by knowingly aiding and abetting criminal aliens, a violation of his oath of office to uphold the laws of the United States. Some might argue that there were three illegal immigrants in the vehicle.) Obama promises to issue an amnesty executive order after the mid-term elections, and says, “Each of us is called on to stand proudly for the values we believe in, and the future we seek. All of us have a chance to reach out and pull this country that we call home a little closer to its founding ideas. That spirit is alive in America today, and with that spirit, no force on earth can stop us.” During his remarks, Obama is interrupted by an impatient illegal immigrant, Blanca Hernandez, who shouts, “We need relief now.” [65333, 65334, 65501, 65523, 65538, 65551]

At Investors.com a Michael Ramirez cartoon shows an interchange between two security officers on the roof of the White House. One asks, “How did the intruder get so far into the White House?” The other responds, “He hid behind the stacks of unread presidential daily briefings.” [65485, 65486]

Actor Steve Howey tweets, “People shouldn’t be so scared about this virus from Africa. He only has two more years of his presidency.” (After some quick criticism—and no doubt quite a few laughs—he deletes the tweet.) [65540]

Obama attends a \$50,000 per person Chicago fundraiser for arguably one of the nation’s worst governors, Pat Quinn—and talks about income inequality. (The *Chicago Tribune* reports, “The event is believed to be the first time Obama has raised money for an individual candidate this year ahead of the Nov. 4 mid-term elections. Previous [Obama] fundraising efforts have split the take among a group of candidates and national Democratic campaign organizations.”) [65581, 65582]

On October 3 Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, “In light of the first case of Ebola in the United States emerging earlier this week after Thomas Duncan traveled to and from the country of Liberia to attend a funeral (and then knowing he was infected, lied on a medical form before hopping on a flight back), many people are asking why flight bans or restrictions to Ebola stricken countries have not been put in place. On Wednesday [October 1], White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest essentially argued that because America has the ability to treat the disease, ...it is unnecessary to implement travel restrictions in order to prevent it from coming here. ...Now, CDC [Centers for Disease Control] Director Tom Frieden is doubling down on the Obama administration’s refusal to implement travel restrictions, arguing shutting down borders to Ebola stricken countries could make the situation worse and won’t necessarily stop the deadly disease from spreading. *What?* ‘I wish we could get to zero risk by sealing off the border. But we can’t. The only way we are going to get to zero risk in this country is by controlling it in Africa. Until that happens, Americans may come back with Ebola. Other people who have a right to return or a visa to enter may come back. People will go to third countries and come from there. Sealing them off—first off won’t work. Second off, it will backfire. Because if we can’t get help in there, then we’re not going to be able to stop the outbreak and ultimately we will end up at higher risk, not lower risk,’ he said.” [65327, 65354, 65405]

“First,” continues Pavlich, “nobody is arguing flights carrying medical personnel should be banned in and out of West Africa. People who argue for flight restrictions are referring to flights that allow anyone from the U.S. to get on a plane and head to Liberia or other countries and then returning after filling out a less than effective medical screening form. The man with the case of Ebola in Dallas isn’t a medical worker, he went over to attend a funeral and after helping a woman sick with the disease and came back to the U.S. anyway. Second, France, England and a slew of Africa countries have either restricted travel or sealed off borders to prevent the disease from spreading. So how exactly is the CDC screening for Ebola before people leave West Africa for the U.S.? What preventative measures are being taken? [Frieden said,] ‘We are doing very good temperature screening. That is where it is going to be the most efficient. That is where they have a few hundred people leaving. We’re using approved devices, trained staff checking every person who is leaving each of the three countries to see if they have a fever. [If you] screen people here, instead of a few hundred it would be a few hundred thousand, it would be inaccurate. And this is the way that we think we’re going to be most effective at keeping people who are having a fever from getting on planes.’ There’s just one huge problem with that. People can have Ebola and not show symptoms for days, just as the man in Dallas did. ...And finally, while the CDC says the other passengers on the same planes as Duncan were at no risk of catching the disease because he wasn’t showing symptoms, the agency and airline are frantically trying to track down all of the passengers who were on those planes... for some reason.” [65327, 65354, 65405, 65445]

At PrepperCentral.com, Mike Adams raises 10 points about Ebola that suggest the government is not serious about preventing the spread of Ebola in the United States: “#1) Obama refuses to halt air travelers from infected countries from entering the United States... #2) Texas family is quarantined in a home that still hasn’t been cleaned or decontaminated... #3) The CDC continues to lie about modes of transmission for the Ebola virus... #4) The FDA is openly threatening sellers of natural remedies that might be useful for slowing or stopping Ebola... #5) People entering U.S. customs are not asked where they’ve been... #6) The U.S. government knew about the outbreak in advance, but didn’t warn the public... #7) Even during a global pandemic outbreak, the U.S. government refuses to secure the southern U.S. border... #8) The government’s official advice of ‘don’t panic, don’t prepare’ ensures a greater pandemic emergency during any outbreak... #9) The U.S. watched and waited, doing nothing during the original window of opportunity for halting Ebola six months ago... #10) The U.S. government has held the patent on Ebola since 2010...” [65359, 65445]

KNUS radio’s Peter Boyles interviews Freedom Friday’s Carl Gallups and Mike Zullo, the lead investigator in Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s Cold Case Posse investigation of Obama’s forged birth certificate. According to ThePostEmail.com’s Sharon Rondeau, Zullo states, “At some point, I’m hoping in the very near future” new information about the forgery. “This document should never have been proffered...” Zullo says the birth certificate released by Obama is “absolutely” a forgery. (Zullo also kindly describes the work of *The Obama Timeline* as “phenomenal,” and says “I’ve used [Don Fredrick’s] work in our investigation.”) [65541, 65542, 65601]

The official unemployment rate falls to 5.9 percent—mostly because of Americans dropping out of the workforce entirely, rather than finding jobs. (About 248,000 people found jobs, but about 315,000 dropped out of the workforce.) The labor force participation rate falls to 62.7 percent, the lowest it has been since February 1978. (Only 62.7 percent of working age Americans are actually working.) About 92.5 million Americans are not working, while about 146.6 million have jobs, and about 9.2 million are looking for work. A record 55.5 million women age 16 and older are not in the labor force. The unemployment rate is 11.8 percent, rather than 5.9 percent, if one counts workers who accepted part-time employment because they could not find full-time jobs. [65332, 65338, 65522, 65524, 65537]

Dr. Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Economic Policy and associate editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, notes, “The payroll jobs report lists 35,300 new jobs in retail trade. How is this possible when J.C. Penny’s, Macy’s, Sears, and the dollar store chains are in trouble and closing stores, and shopping centers are renting space by the day or hour? At a time when there is a surfeit of office buildings and only 500 new jobs in ‘heavy and civil engineering construction,’ the jobs report says 6,000 new jobs have been created in ‘architectural and engineering services.’ What work are these architects and engineers doing? The 4,900 computer systems jobs, if they exist, are likely short-term contracts from 6 to 18 months. Those who have the jobs are not employees but ‘independent contractors.’ The payroll jobs report gives an unusually high number—81,000—of ‘professional and business services’ jobs of which 60,000 are ‘administrative and waste services,’ primarily ‘temporary help services.’ ‘Health care and social assistance’ accounts for 22,700 of the new jobs, of which 63 percent consist of ‘ambulatory health care services.’ ‘Performing arts and spectator sports’ gave the economy 7,200 jobs, and 20,400 Americans found employment as waitresses and bartenders.” [65594]

“...We are looking at the workforce of a third world country with the vast bulk of the jobs in low-pay domestic service jobs. People working these part-time and independent contractor jobs cannot form a household or obtain a mortgage. ...[T]hese jobs are filled by those aged 55 and over who take the low paying jobs in order to supplement meager retirement incomes. The baby boomers are the only part of the US labor force whose participation rate is rising. Of the claimed new jobs in September, 230,000 or 93 percent were jobs filled by those 55 and older. Employment of Americans of prime working age (25-54) declined by 10,000 jobs in September from the August level. As the US labor force continues its transition from first world to third world, real median family income will continue to decline. Ladders of upward mobility will continue to be dismantled, and income and wealth will continue to concentrate in the pockets of the One Percent. America is truly a country run for the few.” [65594]

At Millennium Steel Service in Princeton, Indiana, Obama plays up the good economic news and ignores the bad. During a question and answer period, Obama is asked by the plant’s general manager, “We are seeing almost a double-digit increase in health-care costs every year. Do you think that trend is going to go down, and what can we do to

control that trend?” Obama responds, “The question is whether you guys are shopping effectively enough, because it turns out that this year and in fact over the course of the last four years, premiums have gone up at the slowest rate in 50 years. ...[T]he issue now is what can we do to make sure that you at Millennium are shopping and seeing more competition, Because the problem with the health-care market is there are different pockets in different parts of the country. What we are doing is to make sure there is more competition, driving down costs when it comes to both businesses who are trying to buy health care for their employees, but also folks who do not get health care on the job and are having to buy it on the end that is part of what the affordable care act is all about. ...I am going to make sure—are you in charge of buying health care? You are? What I’m going to do is make sure you that you talk to some of our health-care market folks. I bet we can get you a better deal. All right? We will see if we can save you a little money.” (In other words, “Don’t believe reality, believe me instead!”) [65407, 65574]

Gallup reports, “Registered voters are more likely to view their choice of candidate in this year’s midterm elections as a message of opposition (32%) rather than support (20%) for ...Obama. That 12-percentage-point margin is similar to what Gallup measured for Obama in 2010 and George W. Bush in 2006, years in which their parties performed poorly in the midterm elections.” [65521]

In Louisiana, Democrat-turned-Republican State Senator Elbert Guillory blasts Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) in an ad that criticizes her for not even living in the state, let alone caring about residents of the state. Guillory, who is black, calls on other blacks to stop their practice of automatically voting for Democrats. Guillory says, “While you scrounge together food stamps to buy Kool-Aid, she sips champagne at cocktail parties. While you dig through the couch looking for gas money, she flies around in private jets funded by taxpayer dollars. But Mary Landrieu knows she doesn’t have to do anything for our community, because no matter what she does, 95 percent of us [who are black] will line up and vote for her every single time.” [65539, 66375, 66958]

Attorney General Eric Holder continues to refuse to comply with a court order to present by October 1 an index of Operation Fast and Furious documents he is withholding. The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee considers new contempt of Congress charges against Holder. A House legal filing states, “Should the Court determine that the Attorney General has violated that Order, the Court should impose on the Attorney General an appropriate penalty to coerce his compliance with the August 20 Order, including an escalating daily monetary fine against Eric H. Holder Jr., to be paid by Mr. Holder out of his personal assets, converting to incarceration if the payment of daily monetary fines does not produce compliance within a reasonable period of time.” (House Republicans would like to see the documents before Holder leaves office. The Obama administration hopes to stall the release of any documents until after Obama leaves office.) [65353, 65516, 65583]

ISIS releases a video that reportedly shows the beheading of British captive Alan Henning. ISIS also displays captive American aid worker Peter Kassig, a former Army Ranger. (The fact that Henning worked for a Muslim charity did not save him. The fact

that Kassig changed his name to Abdul-Rahman when he converted to Islam probably will not save him either.) Obama states, “Standing together with our U.K. friends and allies, we will work to bring the perpetrators of Alan’s murder—as well as the murders of Jim Foley, Steven Sotloff and David Haines—to justice.” (Obama treats the beheadings as individual criminal acts, rather than war crimes by a violent enemy. The beheaders should not be arrested and tried in a courtroom, they should be annihilated on the battlefield—with thousands of their fellow jihadists. Obama should be looking for a General Patton, not a CSI evidence team.) [65365, 65429, 65530, 65533, 65534, 65535, 65549, 65558, 65559, 65561, 65562, 65571, 65573, 65602, 65716]

CNN’s Jake Tapper reports that a patient who had traveled to Nigeria and displayed possible Ebola symptoms is in isolation at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. [65396, 65397, 65515, 65517, 65520]

The White House holds a press conference to stress to Americans that they should not have irrational fears about the Ebola virus. Meanwhile, NBCNews.com reports, “The Dallas hospital that mistakenly sent home a man who had Ebola says flawed software and not human error caused doctors to miss the diagnosis. Health officials and local residents have been asking how the hospital could have missed what would have appeared to be an obvious potential case of Ebola: a Liberian citizen who said he recently traveled from Liberia, with fever and abdominal pain.” [65390, 65391, 65392, 65393, 65394]

At the end of the press conference, C-SPAN cameras catch an exchange between CBS reporter Major Garrett and two other journalists. Garrett, talking to an unidentified man (Fox News reporter Wendell Goler?) and a woman (an NBC reporter?), says, “We’re screwed. We’re just—I’m feeling flu-ish [like I have the flu].” Garrett then puts his arm around the man and jokes, “Just so you know... so I’m gonna give you a big kiss.” The man pulls back and says, “No, no, no, no, no, I don’t want your kiss.” The woman says, “If this DC test comes back positive... [unintelligible].” (It is assumed she is referring to the traveler to Nigeria who is in a Washington, D.C. hospital with possible Ebola symptoms.) [65665, 65806, 66196]

Twitchy.com posts Twitter messages from Shaun King, “a self-described activist, Ferguson, Mo., mainstay and now DailyKos writer, [who] purports that military commanders are preparing for war against protesters in Ferguson and St. Louis very soon.” King claims he was told by “a young man in the military in Missouri... said that his unit, in a meeting with military commanders, was told they needed to prepare for riots in Ferguson & St. Louis very soon. ...He said that the commanders, very specifically communicated that they did not expect [Ferguson police officer] Darren Wilson to be indicted [for the killing of Michael Brown] & it could come by Oct 15. ...The young man also communicated that they had been doing early morning drills to prepare for riots on how to shut them down quickly.” (Whether the story is nonsense or has some truth to it is not known.) [65395]

At ValleyCentral.com Action 4 News’ Nadia Galindo reports, “The Center[s] for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued a level three warning for US citizens to avoid

traveling to West African countries experiencing an outbreak of Ebola. Immigrants from West African countries have entered the US illegally, according to Chris Cabrera with the National Border Patrol Council. 'Not too long ago we did catch some people, I believe, from Liberia,' he said. During the 2013 fiscal year, statistics from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website show Border Patrol agents apprehended 112 immigrants from Guinea, 231 from Liberia and 145 immigrants from Sierra Leone, which are the three countries currently experiencing the most cases of Ebola. 'Our main concern like it's always been is the health and safety of our agents,' Cabrera said. He worries agents are not properly protected in the event they come across an immigrant with the Ebola virus. 'Our agents are trained, however, they are not medical professionals,' he said. If an immigrant with the virus does make it past agents, he worries they could possibly pass the contagious virus to other immigrants while in a stash house like they saw recently during a scabies outbreak." [65432]

CNN.com reports, "Days before he became the first person diagnosed with Ebola on American soil, Thomas Eric Duncan answered 'no' to questions about whether he had cared for a patient with the deadly virus. Before leaving Liberia, Duncan also answered no to a question about whether he had touched the body of someone who died in an area affected by the disease, said Binyah Kesselly, board chairman of the Liberia Airport Authority. Witnesses say Duncan had been helping Ebola patients in Liberia. Liberian community leader Tugbeh Chieh Tugbeh said Duncan was caring for an Ebola-infected patient at a residence in Paynesville City, just outside Monrovia. ...Duncan is in serious condition at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital. So far, no one who had contact with Duncan has shown any indication of having contracted Ebola, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins told reporters Thursday. ...This was Duncan's first time in the United States, Smallwood said. The Liberian national was visiting his son and his son's mother in Dallas, Smallwood said. ...Health officials are reaching out to as many as 100 people who may have had contact with Duncan, a spokeswoman with the Texas Department of State Health Services said Thursday. These are people who are still being questioned because they may have crossed paths with the patient either at the hospital, at his apartment complex or in the community." (Some might ask why an unemployed man from Liberia was given a visa to travel to the United States in the first place. Besides Liberia being a hotbed of Ebola, the Center for Immigration Studies notes that Liberians have the fifth highest visa overstay rate of all visitors to the United States. That is, they are likely to remain in the country illegally.) [65449, 65450, 65502]

According to Reuters, "...Duncan, in his mid-40s, helped transport a pregnant woman suffering from Ebola to a hospital in Liberia, where she was turned away for lack of space. Duncan helped bring the woman back to her family's home and carried her into the house, where she later died, the newspaper reported. Four days later Duncan left for the United States, the [New York] Times said, citing the woman's parents and neighbors. ...Two days after he was sent home from a Dallas hospital, the man who is the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the United States was seen vomiting on the ground outside an apartment complex as he was bundled into an ambulance. ...'His whole family was screaming. He got outside and he was throwing up all over the place,' resident Mesud Osmanovic, 21, said on Wednesday, describing the chaotic scene before the man

was admitted to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital on Sunday where he is in serious condition.” (Obama insists the chances of an Ebola outbreak in the United States are “extremely low,” and claims, “we have world-class facilities and professionals ready to respond. And we have effective surveillance mechanisms in place.”) [65450, 65451, 65502]

At NationalReview.com John Fund writes, “On Capitol Hill, members of both parties are more and more mystified at Obama’s apparent disengagement from parts of his job. Months before he dropped the ball on ISIS, he failed to keep himself properly apprised of the problems with Obamacare’s website. [Advisor Valerie] Jarrett appears to exercise such extraordinary influence that in some quarters on Capitol Hill she is known as ‘Rasputin,’ a reference to the mystical monk who held sway over Russia’s Czar Nicholas as he increasingly lost touch with reality during World War I. [*The Obama Timeline* has often referred to Jarrett as ‘Valsputin.’] No one suggests that Jarrett is solely responsible for the administration’s slow response to the crises, contradictory communication, and labored political calculation that have become its hallmarks. But many do think that she has failed to encourage [Obama] to bring in new people with fresh ideas. So how has she survived? Not only has she been close to the first couple for nearly a quarter-century, but she clearly makes [Obama] feel even better about himself than he would anyway.” Fund notes a *Chicago Sun-Times* column by Michael Sneed in which she wondered why, with a shortage of Secret Service agents to protect Obama, Jarrett has 24x7 protection for the agency: “Is this expense justifiable or is it an abuse of power?” (*The Obama Timeline* believes Jarrett is one of Obama’s sources of drugs and that her responsibilities include monitoring his use of them; that is why she even accompanies him on vacations and practically lives in the White House.) [65503]

LastResistance.com reports, “California Governor Jerry Brown has signed AB 1014, the legislation allowing ‘temporary’ confiscation of firearms via ‘Gun Violence Restraining Orders’ from persons ‘determined by the courts to be a threat to themselves or others.’ ...The new law allows families to petition a court for the seizure of guns from a family member, and then empowers police to confiscate firearms from that family member. ...Understand what this law will allow people to do. It will allow disgruntled family members to petition the court to take guns away from another family member if they say they believe that family member is a threat to himself or others. It’s not hard to imagine a liberal California family with a conservative convert in their midst who seems ‘mentally ill’ to them, and who also happens to be a gun-owner. The law of course can be used as it’s intended by well-meaning people, but rest assured, it will be misused by people with an ax to grind against conservative gun-owners.” [65526]

North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un has reportedly not been seen in public for 26 days, leading people to wonder if there has been a coup. MarketWatch.com reports that his younger sister, Kim Yo-Jong, “has taken over the running of the country and is making all the important decisions in her brother’s absence, according to a think tank in Seoul formed by North Korean defectors. The North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity reported Wednesday that Kim Yo-Jong convened a meeting of Workers’ Party officials in early September and secured their support for her to act as regent while her brother is

hospitalized. All party officials have been commanded to continue faithfully carrying out Kim Jong-Un's orders and the military has been put on high alert, the NKIS said. The North Korean government last week publicly admitted that Kim Jong-Un is unwell although it did not elaborate on his health issues." Some claim that the government's Organization and Guidance Department stopped taking orders from Kim Jong-Un in 2013 and has secretly taken control of the country. (On October 14 the dictator appears in public, walking with a cane. It is later reported by South Korea's spy agency that the North Korean dictator had ankle surgery to remove a cyst.) [65527, 65528, 65532, 65567, 65568, 66128, 66254, 67034]

According to WND.com, Larry Klayman, founder of Judicial Watch, is calling for Obama to be deported. "The petition was sent to Thomas Homan of Enforcement Removal Operations at the Department of Homeland Security, Thomas Winkowksi of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Sarah Kendall of the Office of Fraud Detection and National Security at DHS. Klayman explained it is based 'on the grounds that he has falsified various birth and other documents with regard to obtaining a U.S. passport and other privileges as an alleged American citizen.' 'It is clear, based on a mountain of evidence as set forth in and attached to the petition, that [Obama] and his agents have falsified documents, such as his birth certificate and Social Security number, to qualify for the privileges of American citizenship such that his citizenship, which is based on false pretenses, must be nullified,' Klayman said. 'As set forth in the petition, this includes but is not limited to the fraudulent production of a computer-generated facsimile of an official state of Hawaiian birth certificate. Even if a legitimate birth certificate exists, Obama's repeated use of a clearly forged birth certificate is still a crime and in violation of the law,' he said." Klayman's assumption is that Obama became Barry Soetoro and an Indonesian citizen upon adoption by Lolo Soetoro in the 1960s. It is believed by many that Obama never relinquished that citizenship and possibly used an Indonesian passport for travel and to register as a foreign student at Occidental College and Columbia University. [65529, 65588]

In a letter to former Vice President Al Gore, Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer and others at the Qatar Awareness Campaign Coalition point out Gore's lucrative past businesses dealings with Qatar, a major sponsor of terrorism, and ask him to denounce its government. [65536]

Breitbart.com reports, "Over 3,500 passengers from Ebola affected nations have been allowed to enter the U.S. without any special screening since January 1, 2014, according to a leaked internal intelligence report from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Intelligence and Liaison exclusively obtained by Breitbart Texas. In addition, the individuals entered into at least 18 heavily populated U.S. cities across the nation. ... The U.S. federal agent who leaked the report to Breitbart Texas did so and spoke on the condition of anonymity. The agent said, 'This internal report, coupled with the current Ebola case in Dallas, reveals that our government is not only allowing individuals from Ebola-stricken nations to enter the U.S. with only the basic screening they give to passengers from any foreign nation, but the claims of the issue being properly addressed in the West African countries are untrue.' 'The CBP is taking no action to screen

individuals entering the U.S. from Ebola-stricken nations. We are doing nothing. All we are doing is asking authorities in nations with Ebola to stick a thermometer in the mouths of people boarding planes. That does nothing to keep Americans safe from Ebola,' the agent said." [65554, 65555]

At AmericanThinker.com Jack Cashill, author of, *You Lie! The Evasions, Omissions, Fabrications, Frauds and Outright Falsehoods of Barack Obama*, warns, "If there is a serious Ebola outbreak in America, the one thing that citizens will demand is the truth. At this stage, even if Obama is inclined to tell it, no one, alas, will be able to recognize it." [65616]

In Houston, a "Not in My Name" rally of Muslims opposed to ISIS attracts about 10 people. [65563, 65564, 65565]

On CNN, Anderson Cooper interviews David Quammen, the author of *Ebola: The Natural and Human History of a Deadly Virus*. Cooper asks, "There are those who say that there should not be flights accepted from Liberia to the United States or even flights that have connected through Europe. That's not even really possible. First of all, I don't think there are many flights that directly connect from Monrovia to the US. Most of them are connecting flights. It's virtually impossible, sir, in real time, to track somebody, I would think. Am I right about this?" Quammen responds, "You can't isolate neighborhoods. You can't isolate nations. It doesn't work. And people talk about, well, we shouldn't allow any flights in from Liberia. I mean, we in America, how dare we turn our backs on Liberia, given the fact that this is a country that was founded in the 1820s, 1830s because of American slavery? We have a responsibility to stay connected with them and help them see this through." (Quammen may as well have said, "We need white Americans to die in at least the same numbers as Liberian blacks." Rush Limbaugh later comments, "It's our fault, see? If it hadn't been for us and our evil ways back at the country's founding, why, there might not even be an Ebola wiping out people in Africa! So we [Americans] have a responsibility, a shared responsibility. It's our fault. We can't turn our backs, no. We can't isolate, no. That would be unfair, blah, blah, blah. ... And I get the impression when I listen to these guys, like the David Quammen guy, we haven't even begun to pay a price yet for our original sin. Do you get that feeling? It astounds me." Author Jack Cashill writes, "It is this, the logic of multiculturalism, that has dictated the White House response to the Ebola crisis. That logic, however, doesn't fly with ordinary citizens. So the administration is forced to argue its case in any which way it can.") [66203, 66522, 66523]

On October 4 Obama plays golf at Andrews Air Force Base. [65553]

Obama is roundly booed by fans at a Michigan State football game when his image appears in a public service announcement. [65740, 65741, 65742]

The vice chairman of North Korea's National Defense Commission, Hwang Pyong So, makes a surprise visit to South Korea and meets with officials in Incheon. [65568]

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tells reporters, “Though we might wish we can seal ourselves off from the world [because of the Ebola virus], there are Americans who have the right of return and many other people that have the right to enter this country. We’re not going to be able to get to zero risk no matter what we do unless we control the outbreak in West Africa. In terms of the entry process, we really need to be clear that we don’t inadvertently increase the risk to people in this country by making it harder for us to respond to the needs in those countries, by making it harder to get assistance in and therefore those outbreaks would become worse, go on longer, and paradoxically, something that we did to try and protect ourselves might actually increase our risk.” (Frieden is suggesting that Americans do not even want aid workers traveling to Africa. That is absurd. Americans want a *reasonable* travel ban, not a *complete* travel ban. Although they may not want non-citizens from West Africa entering the United States, they are not demanding that U.S. citizens be prohibited from returning home. One fear is that West Africans exposed to the Ebola virus, knowing they would receive better treatment at an American hospital than at home, will do their best to enter the United States. Americans will not only end up footing the bill for the treatment, they will be at greater risk of infection. Although Americans may be more likely to be struck by lightning than killed by Ebola, the government cannot prevent lightning strikes. It can, however, limit air traffic from West Africa.) [65464, 65634]

It is worth noting that federal legislation already provides for travel bans. Section 1182(f) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act states, “Whenever the President finds that the entry of any aliens or of any class of aliens into the United States would be detrimental to the interests of the United States, he may by proclamation, and for such period as he shall deem necessary, suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants, or impose on the entry of aliens any restrictions he may deem to be appropriate.” (Congress need not pass any new law to ban travel from Ebola-infected countries; Obama can do that any time he wishes. That he has chosen not to do so suggests he would not be eager to sign legislation that calls for even stricter rules.) [66928]

Global warming notwithstanding, light snow falls in Chicago. (In 1944 and 1928 snow fell in the city as early as September 25; October 4 is now in third place.) [65488, 65489]

Newsmax.com reports, “First lady Michelle Obama is still a popular figure on the speech circuit, but she hasn’t been active much on the campaign trail this election season, and the reason may be her last name. ‘She’s awesome, but it just brings in the name Obama,’ a Democratic strategist, who declined to be identified discussing the first lady, told The New York Times.” There is also speculation that Mrs. Obama is shunning Democrats who have not adequately supported her healthy-eating campaign—especially those from “potato-growing states.” According to DailyCaller.com, “Michelle Obama was... especially furious after nearly a dozen Democrats from states where potatoes are a commercial crop joined Republican lawmakers in opposing a decision by the Obama administration to ban white potatoes from the list of foods which recipients of Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program assistance can purchase with federal funds.” [65550, 65590]

KFOR.com NewsChannel 4 reports, “Today, an official from Washington D.C. flew in to Oklahoma to present a special thank you to the Muslim congregation [of the Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City, the mosque attended by beheader Alton Nolen]. He read a message from ...Obama, extending warm greetings from the American people during the Muslim holiday. ‘Your service is a powerful example of the powerful roots of the Abrahamic faiths and how our communities can come together with shared peace with dignity and a sense of justice,’ ...Obama said. ... Now, with the recent praise, Oklahoma Muslims have been reassured that they are apart [sic; a part] of the American society.” At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “This is how it goes in America today: a Muslim screaming what were reported as ‘Islamic phrases’ beheads one woman and is in the process of beheading another before he is stopped. The beheader’s Facebook page shows his allegiance to the Islamic State, Osama bin Laden, the Taliban, etc. A former member of his mosque comes forward with information about how the mosque teaches jihad and Islamic supremacism. And then what happens? An investigation of the mosque? The imam questioned as to whether he knew the beheader, and the beheader’s phone and email records checked for contact with mosque leaders? An examination of the teachings of the mosque to see if the beheader was incited to violence by what he heard there? No. A White House official flies to Oklahoma City to read a thank-you letter from Obama to the mosque, so as to ‘reassure’ Muslims in Oklahoma. Who is reassuring American non-Muslims that this case is being adequately investigated and properly classified as an act of jihad terrorism? No one, of course.” [65595, 65596, 65597, 65599, 65613, 65615, 65651, 65652, 65672, 66209]

ClashDaily.com writes, “Lest we forget what we’ve found out about the activities of this mosque in the aftermath of the Oklahoma beheading, here’s a quick reminder: The mosque was the same one attended by the ‘20th hijacker’ on 9/11. The mosque has ties to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a known Hamas front group. A man who attended the mosque confirmed that its teachings were consistent with radical Islam, including waging jihad against non-believers. The mosque had been under the direction of Imam Suhaib Webb, who has ties to former Al Qaeda leader al-Awlaki and now leads the mosque that had been attended by the Boston bombers.” Despite that evidence of radicalism, Obama felt obligated to tell the mosque, “Your service is a powerful example of the powerful roots of the Abrahamic faiths and how our communities can come together with shared peace with dignity and a sense of justice.” [65653]

The Associated Press reports, “U.S. Vice President Joe Biden apologized Saturday to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was angry over comments in which Biden said Erdogan had admitted that Turkey had made mistakes by allowing foreign fighters to cross into Syria. Erdogan denied ever saying that and told reporters in Istanbul before Biden’s apology that he ‘will be history for me if he has indeed used such expressions.’ Biden spoke with Erdogan by phone on Saturday, the White House said. ‘The vice president apologized for any implication that Turkey or other allies and partners in the region had intentionally supplied or facilitated the growth of ISIL or other violent extremists in Syria,’ the White House said, referring to an acronym for the Islamic State group.” White House press secretary Josh Earnest later commends Biden for “having

enough character to admit when he's made a mistake." (Biden's apology is unnecessary. Regardless of what Erdogan may have said, Turkey has, in fact, been a conduit for terrorists, and both Qatar and Turkey have financed ISIS—either directly or via oil smuggling.) Biden also apologizes to the United Arab Emirates. Meanwhile, Turkey—where, Pamela Geller notes, "Hitler's *Mein Kampf* has been a number one bestseller... for over a decade—has awarded a university professor a grant to study the possibility of building concentration camps and gas chambers to annihilate Jews." That professor, Ali Ihsan Goker, has tweeted, "Treblinka will be ready soon. Constructing the railway to transport jews [sic] at the moment." (Biden, and Erdogan's pal Obama, have no comment.) [65569, 65570, 65575, 65576, 65593, 65605, 65606, 65610, 65642]

Creeping Sharia provides a web translation of a report from Belgium: "The security services have discovered that the last few months at least ten potential Syrian jihadists had a job in the baggage handling at the airport of Zaventem. Some were even in possession of a badge which they were allowed to come. Aircraft until shortly 'After analysis, we decided that a dozen of these servants no longer met the safety requirements,' it sounds to the airport. 'It was then decided to withdraw. Their badge.' Some of them are also effective left for Syria. At least one employee was arrested after his return to Brussels. The question is how that candidate jihadists get up on the tarmac of airports." (Poor translation notwithstanding, readers might be alarmed to learn that radical Islamists handle luggage at a major European airport.) [65608, 65609]

BBC.com reports that the Pakistani Taliban have "expressed their support" for ISIS terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In a message to ISIS, Taliban leader Maulana Fazlullah states, "We are proud of your conquests against the enemies. We are with you in good and bad times. In these troubled days, we call on you to be patient and stay united as your enemies are now united against you. Forget rivalries." [65787]

BizPacReview.com reports, "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials were called to Newark Liberty International Airport Saturday after a passenger believed to be from Liberia showed signs of possible Ebola symptoms. The passenger was reportedly vomiting as the flight landed in New Jersey and was immediately taken to University Hospital in Newark for further evaluation, according to ABC News. A CDC Hazmat crew, fully dressed in protective gear, removed the passenger and his daughter from United Airlines flight 998 arriving from Brussels, ABC reported. The remaining passengers were quarantined, but have since been allowed to leave after the passenger in question was reportedly determined noncontagious [sic; non-contagious]." [65585]

On *Justice With Jeanine*, Judge Jeanine Pirro slams the Obama administration for its fumbling of the Ebola situation. She says, "No one—and I mean no one—should be allowed to enter the United States from any west African nation ravaged by Ebola. And any American citizen who goes there and wants to come home needs to be quarantined for 21 days until we figure out what we're doing. ... You [in the Obama administration] don't want us to panic? How about, I don't want us to die. Tell us the truth for once!" [65584]

Saturday Night Live ridicules Obama's September 28 appearance on *60 Minutes*. [65617]

On October 5 TPNN.com posts a new Air Force recruiting commercial, which features audio clips of Ronald Reagan, John F. Kennedy, George W. Bush, and Bill Clinton, and notes, "[T]here's one very recent commander-in-chief who's not in this new 30-second commercial. Can you guess which one? This apparent omission could be intentional or not. Or, it could be a slight. Or, perhaps, the Air Force couldn't find anything moving [that Obama] has said about the military, in this case the Air Force. Which do you think it is?" [65547]

Al Arabiya reports, "A Syrian Kurdish female combatant, who appeared on a BBC report in September, shot herself with a last bullet during fighting with militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) last week, according to media reports. Ceylan Ozalp, 19, was reportedly surrounded by ISIS fighters near the Syrian Kurdish city of Kobane [or Kobani] also known as Ain al-Arab. After she run [sic; ran] out of ammunition Ozalp said 'goodbye' over the radio and spent her last bullet on killing herself. ...Like Ozalp, many Syrian Kurdish women have joined the Syrian Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG), an offshoot of the guerrilla group, the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Pictures of these Syrian Kurdish female combatants carrying their Kalashnikovs, or those of their Kurdish Iraqi counterparts—the Peshmergettes—stand out as a striking anomaly in the region's often male-dominated conflicts." (Pamela Geller writes, "She knew. She knew what these devout Muslims do to non-Muslim girls. This woman is a heroine. True courage.") [65603, 65604, 65860]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The Islamic State holds just about the same number of towns in Iraq today as it did two months ago, when the U.S. began a bombing campaign to whittle down the terrorist army and support Iraqi ground troops trying to retake territory. More troubling, analysts say, is that the Islamic State, also known by the acronyms ISIS and ISIL, is ramping up what appear to be operations designed to one day invade Baghdad. Its objective is to take the international airport and begin conquering the capital, section by section. The Islamic State is continuing its urban attacks with car bombs, some of which have been detonated by foreign suicide bombers. The Pentagon is not openly confident that the Iraqi Security Forces will hold Baghdad. A spokesman has declined to predict that the sprawling city will stay in government control. The 2-month-old air campaign can be viewed in two ways. On one hand, the U.S. coalition strikes have slowed and, in some cases, stopped the Islamic State's advances. On the other hand, they have done little to achieve the ultimate goal of breaking the terrorists' grip on Mosul, Tal Afar, Fallujah and more than 10 other towns in northern and western Iraq." [65611, 65612, 65655]

Face the Nation broadcasts an interview with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that leaves out criticism of Obama that is included in CBSNews.com version of the interview. In the broadcast version, Netanyahu says his relationship with Obama is "quite good. We had a conversation, I don't want to say like an old married couple, but [Obama] said that he's had more meetings with me than with any other foreign leader. I think you get to a point of mutual respect, you cut to the chase very quickly. You talk about the real

things, openly, as is befitting of real allies. I think we have a relationship of mutual respect, and mutual appreciation.” TruthRevolt.org notes, “But on CBSNews.com, the clip that did not air showed sharp criticisms from both leaders. Host Bob Schieffer pointed out that after a meeting last week between Netanyahu and Obama, the White House released a statement saying if Israel ‘goes forward with new settlements in East Jerusalem, [they will] risk the condemnation of even [their] closest allies.’ A ‘baffled’ Netanyahu responded: ‘Well first of all, I had a very good meeting with [Obama] and I was baffled by this statement because it doesn’t really reflect American values. What we are being criticized for is that some Jewish residents of Jerusalem bought apartments legally from Arabs in a predominately Arab neighborhood and this is seen as a terrible thing.’ Netanyahu explains that ‘thousands of Arabs’ do the same thing, buying up apartments in West Jerusalem. ‘Nobody says you can’t do that,’ Netanyahu said. He went on to liken this to someone in America saying Jews aren’t allowed to buy apartments in a certain area. ‘There would be an uproar,’ he said. Reiterating that he was ‘baffled’ by the White House’s statement, Netanyahu said: ‘It’s against the American values and it doesn’t bode well for peace.’” [65587, 65630, 65654]

Also on *Face the Nation*, host Bob Schieffer says to Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD), “You know, there are these reports—and I know you’re aware of them—in the black community that a lot of African-Americans are worried that [Obama] is not being [properly] protected [by the Secret Service] because he’s an African-American and that this wouldn’t be the case if he were white.” Cummings (who is black) replies, “Eighty-five percent of all the African-Americans that come to me mention what you just said, and I don’t agree with it. Let me tell you why. We have information that this goes all the way back to the Bush administration—a lot of the [Secret Service] problems that we’re talking about now. It’s just that they’re coming to light.” (Some might believe that Cummings approached Schieffer before the program to make sure that he asked the question, which gave him an opportunity to both rile up black voters and blame Bush with one response.) [65618]

On *Meet the Press*, Obama’s former campaign guru David Axelrod says “it was a mistake” for Obama to say in a speech at Northwestern University that his policies are on the ballot even if his name is not. [65331, 65491, 65531, 65574, 65589]

Also on *Meet the Press*, MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough observes, “Right now a lot of Americans are seeing what happened [with the Ebola patient] in Dallas and looking at the laundry list, with what happened Secret Service, with the IRS, with the VA, with ISIS being a JV team, so when any member of the government says, ‘Relax, everything’s gonna be okay,’ Americans don’t believe that.” [65991]

Meet the Press host Chuck Todd interviews former Senator Jim Webb (D-VA), a possible 2016 presidential candidate. (NBC apparently cares little about conflicts of interest. Todd’s wife worked for Webb’s 2006 Senate campaign. Todd himself worked for Senator Tom Harkin’s (D-IA) 1992 campaign.) [65624]

Newsmax.com notes that because of absurd federal regulations, “federal agencies are not permitted to carry over surplus funds from one fiscal year to the next. So as the year’s end approaches, the agencies go on a wild spending spree to use up any unspent funds before they are forfeited to the Treasury.” As a result, before fiscal year 2014 ended in September 30, 2014, the IRS spent \$2.41 million on “toner products.” The Department of Homeland Security bought two pianos, for \$15,198. The U.S. embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, “nearly \$25,000 for 50-inch LED HD televisions.” “The Pentagon alone spent about \$5.5 billion on the last day of the fiscal year, and Defense Department officials even sent an email urging employees to spend as much as they could, according to the Fiscal Times.” [65592]

TheGuardian.com reports, “US-led air strikes in northern Syria have failed to interrupt the advance of Islamic State (Isis) fighters closing in on a key city on the Turkish border, raising questions about the western strategy for defeating the jihadi movement. Almost two weeks after the Pentagon extended its aerial campaign from Iraq to neighbouring Syria in an attempt to take on Isis militants in their desert strongholds, Kurdish fighters said the bombing campaign was having little impact in driving them back. Isis units have edged to within two kilometres of the centre of Kobani, according to Kurds fighting a rearguard action inside the city. The jihadis, who this weekend generated further outrage with the murder of the British hostage Alan Henning, are simply too numerous to be cowed by the air assault by US fighter jets, the Kurds say. ‘Air strikes alone are really not enough to defeat Isis in Kobani,’ said Idris Nassan, a senior spokesman for the Kurdish fighters desperately trying to defend the important strategic redoubt from the advancing militants. ‘They are besieging the city on three sides, and fighter jets simply cannot hit each and every Isis fighter on the ground.’” [65648, 65713, 65714, 65720]

At Global Economic Trend Analyst Mike Shedlock comments, “What’s Next? Most likely the US will drop more and more bombs, with 20% of the bombs finding the right targets, 40% the wrong targets, and the remaining 40% doing nothing. This will be labeled as a ‘success.’ However, many so-called moderates will get fed up with US action and join ISIS. Then, after another beheading or two, Obama will send in more ground troops and weapons, but purportedly only for training and aiding moderates who will take the weapons and training in directions contrary to the stated intentions.” [65649]

ThePostEmail.com editor Sharon Rondeau is informed by a volunteer with WheresObamasBirthCertificate.com that a staffer in Congressman Glenn Thompson’s (R-PA) office was “receptive” to information he faxed to the congressman that outlined evidence from the Cold Case Posse showing that Obama’s birth certificate is a forgery. (Information from Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s posse, assembled into a “Sheriff’s Kit,” has been provided to a variety of congressmen, journalists, Donald Trump, and others. Convincing as the evidence is, no one seems willing to be the first person to step forward to act against Obama. At some point, however, the information will be made public and more than a few people may then suddenly jump forward to lead the parade.) [65621]

Breitbart.com reports, “An all-time high of nearly 62 million U.S. residents—or about one in five people—now speak a language other than English while at home, a new report from the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) found. The study, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, found 44 percent of those who don’t speak English primarily at home—a total of about 27.2 million—were born in the United States. CIS’s research director Steven Camarota, the co-author of the report, said that this means the U.S.’s current immigration system is failing to properly assimilate people from foreign countries, and those assimilation problems are carrying over into future generations. Camarota said that can be attributed to all-time high levels of legal immigration with over a million people a year admitted into the U.S. legally, and a new ‘tolerance’ in Washington for the continued surge of illegal immigration. ...The report found there were seven foreign languages other than English that more than a million people speak predominantly inside their homes, Spanish being the most prominent at 38.4 million. Chinese is second with 3 million people in America speaking it as the primary language inside their homes; national Philippines language Tagalog is third, with 1.6 million; Vietnamese fourth, with 1.4 million; French, fifth with 1.3 million; and Korean and Arabic are tied for sixth with 1.1 million each.” [65626]

On *60 Minutes*, FBI Director James Comey says there are “a dozen or so” Americans fighting with the terrorists in Syria, and admits, “Ultimately, an American citizen, unless their passport’s [sic; his or her passport is] revoked, is entitled to come back. So, someone who’s fought with ISIL, with [an] American passport wants to come back, we will track them very carefully.” (There are several problems with Comey’s statement. First, the State Department can revoke a passport. On the *Kelly File*, Megyn Kelly points out that a passport can even be revoked for falling behind on child support payments. Even if the passport of a U.S. citizen fighting for ISIS is not revoked, Judge Andrew Napolitano has noted, “Federal law prohibits any person from providing material assistance to a terrorist organization, even if the organization fails to use the assistance, and even if the use of it produces no measurable harm.” According to Napolitano, “federal statute makes it a crime, punishable by 10 years in jail, up to life in prison, for materially aiding a terrorist organization.” If Comey knows who the American ISIS fighters are, he can request an arrest warrant and have them apprehended the moment they again set foot on U.S. soil. He does not need to “track them” as they wander freely throughout the United States. Napolitano to Kelly explains that American ISIS fighters cannot be charged with treason because the U.S. Constitution defines treason as giving aid and comfort to the nation’s enemies, but ISIS is not a designated enemy because Congress has not declared war against that organization.) [59704, 59889, 63086, 63087, 63109, 63134, 63229, 65572, 65577, 65635, 65640, 65641, 65660, 65661, 65785, 65866, 65867]

On October 6 Mike Rawlings, the Democrat mayor of Dallas, tells WFAA News 8, “We’re all rooting for this guy [Ebola patient Thomas Duncan]. He’s our citizen now.” (No, he is a Liberian citizen who lied about his contact with an Ebola patient in order to enter the United States illegally. One can readily assume that, knowing he was at risk, Duncan preferred getting free health care in the United States to inferior care in Liberia.

Duncan is also reportedly in critical condition. If he dies, some might wonder whether his death would be kept a secret until after the November 4 elections.) [65578]

The U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear a case about gay marriage. [65579, 65580, 65703]

The Seventh U.S. District Circuit Court of Appeals upholds Wisconsin's photo ID law for voting. StarTribune.com reports, "State elections officials are preparing for the photo ID law to be in effect for the Nov. 4 election, even as opponents continue their legal fight. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Advancement Project asked the U.S. Supreme Court last week to take emergency action and block the law." (The Supreme Court has already ruled that Indiana's similar law is constitutional.) "Wisconsin's law requires people to show certain government-issued photo ID at the polls to vote. Anyone who doesn't have the proper ID on Election Day can cast a provisional ballot, and they would then have until 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election to present the required ID to have the vote counted." (Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder, who oppose photo ID for voting, will not be pleased—but Obama cannot issue an executive order forcing a state to ignore its own laws.) [65686, 65687, 65689]

IBTTimes.co.uk reports, "A prominent Nigerian reverend has revealed Islamist terror group Boko Haram destroyed over 180 churches in the West African country following its capture of towns and villages in the north-eastern states of Borno and Adamawa. Reverend Gideon Obasogie, the director of Catholic Social Communication of Maiduguri Diocese in Borno State, said the group's seizure of territory in both states has seen 185 churches torched and over 190,000 people displaced by their insurgency." (Obama has no comment on the destruction of 185 Christian churches by radical Islamists, yet most would assume that the destruction of 185 mosques would get his attention and prompt action.) [65710, 65711, 65717]

IsraelNationalNews.com reports that the terrorist group Ansar al-Sharia "has declared authority during the last several days over the coastal city of Darna, Libya. ...Libya has been embroiled in an ongoing civil war since the fall of dictator Muammar Ghaddafi in 2011. More recently, several terrorist organizations affiliated with the Ansar al-Sharia movement—and, by proxy, ISIS—launched a campaign against the Libyan government in Tripoli on July 13. Thousands have died in the clashes." Pamela Geller calls the rise of radical jihadists in Libya "More of the poison fruit of Obama's pro-jihad foreign policy. What was Obama's objective in the overthrow of Qaddafi? Or Mubarak, for that matter? It's no coincidence that the result was the same." (If Obama had *wanted* radical Islam to take hold he could not have done a better job. He worked to oust U.S. ally Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, paving the way for radical Muslim Brotherhood thug Mohammed Morsi to win the presidency. Luckily, the Egyptian people rose up in protest and removed Morsi from power. Obama's military actions in Libya led to the removal and killing of Gaddafi. The result is jihadists increasingly taking control of Libyan cities. In Iraq, Obama's failure to leave U.S. troops in place to police the shaky government and keep the Iraqi Army in line led to the rise of ISIS. Some might argue that Obama is incompetent. Others might argue that Obama wants leaders in the region replaced by

radical Islamists. Still others might argue that Obama is both incompetent and intentionally acting against the interests of the United States.) [65951, 65952]

After a White House meeting about the Ebola virus, Obama states, “I know that the American people are concerned about the possibility of an Ebola outbreak, and Ebola is a very serious disease. And the ability of people who are infected who could carry that across borders is something that we have to take extremely seriously. At the same time, it is important for Americans to know the facts. And that is because of the measures that we’ve put in place as well as our world-class health system and the nature of the Ebola virus itself, which is difficult to transmit, the chances of an Ebola outbreak in the United States is extremely low. . . .But let’s keep in mind that as we speak, there are children on the streets dying of this disease, thousands of them. And so obviously my first job is to make sure that we’re taking care of the American people, but we have a larger role than that. We also have an obligation to make sure that those children and their families are safe as well because ultimately the best thing we can do for our public health is also to extend the kind of empathy, compassion and effort so that folks in those countries as well can be rid of this disease. . . .[T]he good news is, is that it’s not an airborne disease. . . . We know what has to be done and we’ve got the medical infrastructure to do it. But this is an extraordinarily virulent disease when you don’t follow the protocols. We’re also going to be working on protocols to do additional passenger screening, both at the source and here in the United States. All of these things make me confident that here in the United States, at least, the chances of an outbreak, of an epidemic here are extraordinarily low.” [65607, 65638, 65692]

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the U.S. National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, tells *The Canadian Press*, “It is conceivable that this [Ebola] epidemic will not turn around even if we pour resources into it. It may just keep going and going and it might require a vaccine. As the epidemic gets more and more formidable and in some cases out of control it is quite conceivable, if not likely, that we may need to deploy the vaccine to the entire country to be able to shut the epidemic down. That is clearly a possibility.” According to ModernHealthCare.com, on October 26 “Sierra Leone reported 121 deaths. That is more deaths in a single day than recorded in most Ebola outbreaks from start to finish. The World Health Organization says to date about 7,500 people are known to have been infected with the virus, and more than 3,400 have died.” (While 3,400 deaths might be considered alarming, more than 50 million people were killed worldwide during the 1918-1920 flu epidemic. As destructive as the Ebola virus may be, far more Africans are killed each year by HIV/AIDS, malaria, starvation, tuberculosis, and diarrhea.) GlobalResearch.ca observes, “The article did not specify which country in particular Dr. Fauci—whose institute just so happens to be currently working on an experimental Ebola—vaccine (the first to begin human clinical trials) with Big Pharma giant GlaxoSmithKline—was referring to. Was he talking specifically about Sierra Leone? Liberia? Guinea? Any place where Ebola has taken hold? The entire continent of Africa? Other countries, should it break out there including Spain or America?” [66409, 67311, 67312, 67313, 67314]

TheHill.com reports, “Democrats are starting to play the blame game as they face the possibility of losing the Senate in November. Tempers are running high a month out from Election Day, with polls showing Democratic candidates trailing in the crucial battleground states that will decide whether control of Congress flips to Republicans. The behind-the-scenes tension broke into the open last week when former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) questioned Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid’s (D-NV) decision not to endorse Democrat Rick Weiland in South Dakota’s Senate race. Pro-immigrant advocacy groups, meanwhile, are saying Democrats should not blame them if Latino voters don’t turn up to the polls on Election Day. They say ...Obama made a tactical blunder by postponing an executive order easing deportations. And grassroots organizers are grumbling about Alison Lundergan Grimes’s bid to take down Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), arguing her campaign has been disorganized.” (Grimes has not been helped by undercover video from Project Veritas showing Democrat operatives saying she is lying about her support for the coal industry only to get elected.) “...One of the Senate’s most vulnerable incumbents, Sen. Mark Pryor (D-AR) recently said he wants to replace Reid by electing Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) as majority leader. He made the comments at a fundraiser, according to audio obtained by *The Washington Free Beacon*. Pryor said the ‘best thing that could happen’ to the Senate would be if McConnell ‘gets beat and Harry Reid gets replaced.’” (Pryor should be careful. It is possible that McConnell could lose but the GOP could still win the Senate—and Reid would be replaced by a Republican majority leader.) [65625, 65636, 65650, 65685]

TheHill.com also reports, “House Democratic strategists are frustrated that key outside groups are putting their money into the fight for the Senate, leaving House campaigns starved for cash. Spending on House races by organized labor as well as groups representing women and environmental organizations dropped by \$18 million compared to the last cycle, the groups said. Democrats are worried their lost seats in the House could be in the double digits, making it that much harder to take back the chamber in 2016, a presidential election year when the party hopes turnout will be better. ‘There’s no question it’s going to be a tough year for House Democrats but it’s going to be a lot worse if outside groups stay on the sidelines,’ said one Democratic strategist. ...The biggest drop-off is in labor. The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) spent \$8.3 million in 2012 to help House Democrats, but has only spent \$181,500 in independent expenditures on House races this year. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (Afscome) also pitched in \$6.3 million two years ago, but has only spent \$612,000 to help House candidates so far in this cycle.” [65633]

In an interview with *USA Today’s* Susan Page, former Defense Secretary and CIA Director Leon Panetta says, “I think we’re looking at kind of a 30-year war” with radical Islamists. He also says Obama’s withdrawal of all troops from Iraq in 2011 “created a vacuum in terms of the ability of that country to better protect itself, and it’s out of that vacuum that ISIS began to breed.” (It is worth noting that Panetta’s criticism of Obama, in this interview, in his new book, and elsewhere, is not so much intended as a criticism of Obama but a defense of Hillary Clinton. By stating that the Defense Department and the State Department opposed Obama’s decisions, Panetta is essentially saying, “Obama

was wrong but Hillary was right.” Panetta is, of course, a longtime pal of the Clintons and served in Bill Clinton’s administration. No one should expect Panetta to suggest that both Obama and Hillary Clinton were wrong.) Panetta also says that Obama “relies on the logic of a law professor rather than the passion of a leader... [He] avoids the battle, complains, and misses opportunities.” [65629, 65681, 65696]

Panetta says Hillary Clinton would make a “great” president: “One thing about the Clintons is, they want to get it done. When it comes to being president of the United States, it’s one thing to talk a good game. It’s another thing to deliver, to make things happen. ... We are at a point where I think the jury is still out [on Obama]. For the first four years, and the time I spent there, I thought he was a strong leader on security issues. ... But these last two years I think he kind of lost his way. You know, it’s been a mixed message, a little ambivalence in trying to approach these issues and try to clarify what the role of this country is all about. He may have found himself again with regards to this ISIS crisis. I hope that’s the case. And if he’s willing to roll up his sleeves and engage with Congress in taking on some of these other issues, as I said I think he can establish a very strong legacy... I think these next 2 1/2 years will tell us an awful lot about what history has to say about the Obama administration.” [65629, 65681]

At WashingtonPost.com, Dana Milbank whines that “this level of disloyalty” to Obama by Leon Panetta, Robert Gates, Hillary Clinton, Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, and others “is stunning, even though it is softened with praise for Obama’s intellect. ... The lack of message discipline is puzzling, because Obama rewards and promotes loyalists. But he’s a cerebral leader, and he may lack the personal attachments that make aides want to charge the hill for him. ... Whatever causes Obama’s difficulty inspiring loyalty, his failure is delighting conservatives and Republicans.” (At PJMedia.com Stephen Kruiser writes, “...Milbank’s childlike devotion is the only thing that is stunning here. Somebody might want to run some concussion tests on the guy. The saddest part of this little tantrum, for both Milbank and ...Obama? Milbank says that [Obama’s] most ‘loyal mouthpiece’ right now is Crazy Joe the Wonder Veep [Joe Biden].”) [65693, 65694, 65695, 65753]

NBCChicago.com reports, “A 19-year-old man from southwest suburban Bolingbrook was arrested Saturday at [Chicago’s] O’Hare International Airport for allegedly attempting to travel overseas to support terrorism. The man, identified as Mohammed Hamzah Khan, was charged Monday with attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization operating inside Iraq and Syria. Khan was arrested without incident on his way to Vienna and then Istanbul to allegedly fight for ISIS, prosecutors said.” In a letter left for his parents, Khan stated, “My dear parents, there are a number of reasons I will be going to the blessed land of Shaam [Syria] and leaving my home. Western societies are getting more immoral day by day. I do not want my children to be exposed to filth like this. ... I extend an invitation, to my family, to join me in the Islamic State. We are the lions of war. My nation, the dawn has emerged. ... PLEASE MAKE SURE NOT TO TELL THE AUTHORITIES. ... Your loving son.” [65631, 65656, 65657, 65662, 65663, 65664, 65712]

Campaigning for Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR), Bill Clinton says, “They [Republicans] are really running against [Obama], aren’t they? They see these polls, [Obama] is unpopular in Arkansas and, yeah, the economy is coming back but nobody believes it yet because you don’t feel it. ...They want you to make this a protest vote. They’re saying, ‘You may like these guys [Democrat Senate candidates], but hey, you know what you gotta do, you gotta vote against [Obama]. After all, it’s your last shot.’ It’s a pretty good scam, isn’t it? Vote your heart. Don’t vote for what they tell you you have to be against. Vote for what you know you should be for.” Clinton also claims, “Financial crises take an average of 10 years to get over. We just crossed over and we’re now creating more jobs above where we were before the crash. Six years, four years ahead of the global average for 150 years we’re doing better than that. I don’t expect anybody to vote on it or be happy because middle-class incomes haven’t risen, the average family is making less adjusted for inflation than they were the day I left office. But I am telling you the truth, we are coming back.” (Clinton here displays his talent for criticizing someone while making people think he is paying him a compliment. Obama would probably prefer that Clinton say nothing.) [65697, 65701, 65752]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “A large explosion near a suspected nuclear site in Iran has reportedly killed two people and prompted speculation of sabotage at a military site long suspected of housing Tehran’s clandestine nuclear activities, according Iran’s Defense Industries Organization (DIO), which operates under the country’s Ministry of Defense. One explosion rocked a production plant late Sunday night in east Tehran, near the Parchin nuclear site, according to Farsi language reports in Iran’s semi-official Fars News Agency.” [65632, 65677, 65678, 65926, 66255]

D. W. Ulsterman hears from a Washington, D. C. insider, who reports, “No fewer than three different sources with similar stories now circulating the halls and offices of the Capitol Building. There was a recent altercation between [Obama] and Valerie Jarrett that actually lasted several days and ended up with Jarrett ‘shredding’ [Obama] from behind closed doors for what I’m told was up to ten minutes of uninterrupted ‘rage.’ Staff were scrambling to stay out of the way of both of them. I’m told Jarrett’s mood turned bad shortly after a meeting/conversation/communication she had with someone associated with the IMF [International Monetary Fund]. This was a week or so ago according to one source, but another said it was actually in early August. The White House Senior Adviser wanted a ‘face to face’ with IMF Director Christine Lagarde but Lagarde has been ignoring the request and it’s well known around here that Valerie Jarrett is not used to having people blow her off. When Jarrett finally had someone associated with the IMF cornered, she was told Director Lagarde was too busy but that they would ‘be in touch.’ This dismissal had Valerie Jarrett grumbling to her own staff for days, so much so that she then reached out to complain to Senator [Chuck] Schumer [D-NY] to ask if there was something they could do to ‘push along that investigation.’ This in turn caused Schumer to share the conversation with some on his own staff, going so far as to complain about the Obama White with the following: ‘They’ve all gone batsh*t crazy over there.’ (NOTE: I don’t know what ‘that investigation’ is in reference to, but will attempt to find out. – UM) I wasn’t aware before of a grudge between Jarrett and Lagarde but apparently it exists and is getting meaner by the day.” [65639]

Ulsterman's insider continues, "I have heard rumors the White House is attempting to coordinate a barrage of positive economic reports throughout 2015 to bolster what White House aides simply refer to as 'the legacy.' I assume this is [Obama's] longer-term legacy. The better it is viewed and received, the greater his influence and post-presidency income stream will be. As it stands now, I've been told anything less than \$100 million in earnings by 2018 would be viewed as a disappointment, and both Michelle and Jarrett are very keen to see they meet that goal. It was concern for that legacy that was the alleged source of disagreement between [Obama] and Valerie Jarrett that led to the blow up between the two, and it began during plans for a dinner outing the senior adviser coordinated between Mr. Obama and the First Lady. [Obama] was unhappy about the arranged meal, wanting to 'just be alone' but Jarrett demanded the photo op and reminded him how much more popular his wife was with the American public than he was. She's apparently been reminding him of that a lot lately. There have been rumors for some time about trouble between [Obama] and First Lady. In fact, it's probably been one of the most consistent whispers to come out of the White House by staff for the last few years, with more and more saying the First Couple are basically living separate lives and the marriage is more a business arrangement than an actual marriage and almost every public appearance of the president and First Lady together is coordinated directly by Valerie Jarrett herself because she sees the image of the marriage as the one thing the public will never turn against. Keeping a lid on the First Lady's constant dissatisfaction with her husband is apparently becoming a full time job all by itself though." [65639]

"So [Obama] reluctantly agrees to the arranged public meal, but he's letting others around him know he's not happy about it. Sometime during the outing, Jarrett shares her frustrations about Lagarde. [Obama] ignores her concerns. This probably had Jarrett stewing because now she's being brushed off by not only Lagarde and her staff, but by the man Jarrett feels she personally created to sit in the Oval Office... Two days later, Jarrett walks into the Oval Office and informs everyone but [Obama] to get out. Whatever discussion between the two then was apparently civil enough that it wasn't overheard by anyone outside the office, but the results of the talk clearly didn't meet with Jarrett's approval as she left there visibly upset and returned to her own second floor office. Now this is all happening around the time of Holder's resignation, the ISIS troubles, including military leaders openly challenging them, and all kinds of incoming data regarding the November elections that has the administration on edge. The final straw for [Obama] though was when he was informed a Democrat senator up for re-election had staff indicate to them their campaign did not 'require' [that Obama] attend an already scheduled campaign stop with the senator. [Obama] had been looking forward to getting out of the White House, personally likes the company of this particular senator, and was apparently 'deeply hurt and disappointed' at basically being told to please stay away. This led to the bigger confrontation between [Obama] and Valerie Jarrett and it began in the hallway outside the Oval Office. Mr. Obama was on his way up to see Jarrett, and Jarrett in turn had already made her way back down to the first floor to see [him]." [65639]

“The shouting started in the hallway and then continued inside the Cabinet Room. [Obama] entered with Jarrett and three other staff. Minutes later the staff exited, leaving Mr. Obama and Valerie Jarrett alone. After some loudly spoken words from [Obama], the only thing overheard was Jarrett’s shouting, and it continued for some time, possibly as long as ten minutes. The descriptions of this altercation that came back to me and others included the words ‘rage’ and ‘shredding.’ Valerie Jarrett emerged from the closed Cabinet Room and without saying a word to anyone gathered, disappeared down the hallway with her own staff in tow. When [Obama’s] personal assistant entered the Cabinet Room he closed the door behind him and was said to have remained inside with [Obama] for ‘several minutes.’ When the two men emerged, [Obama] ‘gave everyone a thin smile and then returned to the Oval Office where he remained mostly by himself for the rest of the day.’ Interestingly, the following day saw [Obama] in a much better mood, laughing and joking with staff, including Valerie Jarrett who he gave a big hug to during an early afternoon meeting. Looks like Senator Schumer was right.” [65639]

Author and journalist Jason Mattera encounters former IRS official Lois Lerner while she walks her dogs and asks her, “How does it feel to be targeted? You don’t like it, do you?” “You didn’t hesitate to target conservatives, but you’re hesitating to speak. Why?” “Any idea where those missing emails are?” Lerner does not respond as Mattera continues with his questions, and even rings a neighbor’s doorbell to ask to be allowed in. The neighbors refuse. [65674, 65675, 65676, 65691, 65705]

According to *The Times* of London, “Two British jihadists are understood to have been among scores of militant prisoners handed back to Islamic State by Turkey in return for the release of diplomats held by the group. British counter-terrorism officers are investigating Shabazz Suleman, 18, a grammar school pupil, and Hisham Folkard, 26. They are thought to be among as many as 180 fighters traded with Isis as part of a deal to secure the release of Turkish consular staff. The diplomats, including 46 Turkish citizens and three local Iraqi staff, were captured five months ago when Isis stormed the Iraqi city of Mosul.” (Pamela Geller observes, “This kind of action just makes for more kidnappings. The jihadis know they can always get their imprisoned comrades freed by kidnapping infidels and trading them back. And credit must be given here to Obama’s best friend among world leaders, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.”) [65658, 65659]

HotAir.com posts a now-deleted Facebook entry by Naomi Wolf, a former Al Gore advisor. She wrote, “Two of the [ISIS] hostages just happened to go from long careers into the military to...sudden humanitarian work? ([The] same was true of the latest British hostage.) Where are they getting all these folks from? If someone is abducted there is a record with Amnesty and with Reporters without Borders. Can someone please confirm that these organizations have any record of this person having been abducted? The NYT yesterday ran a depressingly sloppy editorial claiming that all the ISIS beheading videos and atrocity videos must be real because “there are so many of them on Youtube.” THAT’s journalism??? They also called ISIS “evil” many times—which is not language of a news analysis, it is a theological category for some faiths and a Global War on Terror talking point... this may all be true but it takes five people to stage an event

like this—two to be ‘parents’—two to pose for the cameras... one in a ninja outfit... and one to contact the media that does not bother checking who ANY of these other four people are...” (Wolf’s implication is that the beheadings were staged by the CIA in order to gin up American support for another war in the Middle East. The problem with that theory is that Obama has had no interest in engaging in war with Muslims, and would certainly have never ordered the CIA to come up with a scheme to start one. Of course, one could argue that the CIA acted without Obama’s knowledge or approval, and that Obama is nothing more than an amateur golfer who delivers speeches, while the military-industrial complex President Eisenhower warned about in his farewell address of January 17, 1961 is actually running things. That is, the CIA, the Pentagon, the arms manufacturers, and other “powers that be” decided it was necessary to go to war, even if it took staged beheadings to force the public and Obama into doing so.) [65682, 65683, 65684]

Meanwhile, Roger L. Simon writes at PJMedia.com, “Increasingly, I am thinking that Barack Obama does not know the difference between good and evil. Now I realize implying that someone can’t make that distinction, really the difference between right and wrong, is a harsh condemnation indeed, but I think it is something that should be examined in Obama’s case since it would explain many of [his] extraordinary missteps... Those missteps are only escalating at the present moment as evil stalks the globe at an ever rising pace. In fact, before looking very far backwards, consider this: Would the United States today be doing anything at all about the Islamic State—now for the first time waving its black flag above Kobane [or Kobani] on the Turkish-Syrian border, on the brink of a massacre of its Kurdish population, while still besieging Baghdad—had ISIS not bothered to behead publicly a few Westerners? Let’s be honest—not a chance with [Obama], although 99.9 percent of the horrific activities of the Islamic State had nothing to do with the beheading of a handful of Americans and Brits. ...It was not until the American public was aroused by the beheadings of the Westerners that Obama did much of anything—and even that was, and still is, as little as possible. Evil does not interest him, especially if it has nothing to do with votes. Evil does not even exist for him. Only fairness. If only those ISIS people could be ‘fair’—hence his dopey remarks about what people do or do not do in the 21st century, as opposed, I suppose, to the bloodthirsty 20th.” [65690, 65720, 65751, 65763, 65765]

“...At the same time as [the Islamist State] is rampaging, Obama’s equally morality-challenged crew at the State Department is busy criticizing (what else?) Israel, yet again for Jewish construction and apartment purchase in Jerusalem Arab neighborhoods. (At least this time it wasn’t for murdering civilians, one of the more hypocritical accusations of recent years, considering who made it.) Netanyahu, a man with a moral center a tad larger than Obama’s, struck back on CBS’ *Face the Nation* but (surprise, surprise) the court eunuchs at CBS removed the Israeli PM’s criticism from the broadcast. ...At its basis, the problem is cultural relativism, the tawdry mother philosophy of political correctness that suffused the academy when Obama was going to school and still does. Under CR, all cultures are equal, ours and the Islamic State. We are imperialist to think otherwise. Morality is a thing of the distant past, some artifact of St. Anselm or Maimonides. Not cool, even if it protects us from murdering each other. ...Good and evil

are difficult concepts for everybody, especially we products of the modernist educational system. But we ignore them at our peril. Otherwise, we really are at Midnight [in the Garden of Good and Evil].” [65690]

Examiner.com reports, “Dozens of Libyan police officers and soldiers attempting to repel a terrorist attack on Benghazi’s airport were killed and at least 100 were wounded as Islamists bombed and clashed in the war-torn city on Friday, according to the United Nations which is threatening sanctions against both sides in the conflict. At least five others were also killed in a separate attack by Islamists on a security post east of Benghazi. Despite ...Obama’s and his heir apparent Hillary Clinton’s claims of U.S. success in Libya, the people of that chaotic nation aren’t any closer to achieving a better life for their families and a bright future for their children after three years since the feared Muammar Gaddafi was overthrown, according to a statement by United Nations official, Bernardino Leon, who is assigned to Libya. About 39 Libyan police officers and military soldiers were killed by two cars containing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the eastern part of Benghazi. The Libyan government has failed to stop the fierce combat between rivals who include members of the radical Muslim al-Qaida affiliate, Ansar al-Sharia, all of whom originally joined forces to topple and kill Col. Muammar Gaddafi dictatorship in 2011 with the help of the United States, according to George Wexler, a former police advisor and trainer in the Middle East.” [65647]

At ThePostEmail.com Sharon Rondeau reports that the office of Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) has not responded to her questions about Cruz’s citizenship. Rondeau writes, “Cruz may seek the presidency in 2016, but questions remain as to whether or not he can be considered a “natural born citizen,” as is required by Article II of the U.S. Constitution...” (Historically, the term “natural born citizen” means born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents. That was the argument made against Republican presidential candidate Charles Evans Hughes in 1916.) Cruz was born in Canada to a Cuban father and an American mother. He was considered both a citizen of Canada and a citizen of the United States. However, he can arguably only be considered a generic U.S. citizen, rather than a “natural born citizen,” and is therefore not eligible to serve as president. (Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Senator Rick Santorum, South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) are, like Cruz, not natural born citizens and cannot legally serve as president or vice president. Of course, Obama also cannot legally serve—for the same reason—but that did not prevent him from being elected. The political parties and the mainstream media simply chose to ignore the historical meaning of the term “natural born citizen” so that Obama could run. As much as Democrats may in 2016 like to challenge Cruz, Rubio, Jindal Haley, or Santorum on legal grounds, they cannot do so without also admitting that Obama is ineligible.) [65644, 65645, 65646]

WantChinaTimes.com reports, “China’s DWL002 passive-detection system is capable of directing Chinese air defense systems against enemy stealth fighters, Vassily Kashin, a senior research fellow from the Moscow-based Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies, told the Voice of Russia on Oct. 1. China has devoted huge resources to develop radar systems with the capability to intercept aircraft like the US F-22 and F-35 stealth fighters. The DWL002 was revealed to the public for the first time at the Ninth

China International Defence Electronics Exhibition in Beijing in May. The system has a range of 500 kilometers and can detect, locate and track air, sea and ground radiation. The Global Times, a tabloid published under the auspices of the Communist Party mouthpiece People's Daily reported that the DWL002 will be used for air defense and coastal surveillance in complex electromagnetic environments. The passive radar can track all types of aircraft through low-frequency radio waves without pilots knowing they are being observed or targeted. Kashin said moreover that the DWL002 may have been deployed to frontline units already." [65930]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer comments on Obama's statement that the mid-term elections are, in fact, about his policies: "Can you imagine if you're a Democratic candidate running in a tight race, and your one great theme is 'I'm not Obama.' And you're trying to make the race a local race. Republicans of course are trying to nationalize it because of the unpopularity of Obama, and he comes out and he makes this statement. Alison Grimes, in Kentucky, has been saying over and over 'I'm not Obama,' and now of course he says this election is about my policies. This is the worst thing that could have happened to them when they are trying to hold on. ... In 2010, which was, as Obama said, a 'shellacking' for Democrats, there was an eight point advantage for sending a message against Obama over sending a message in support, and now it's a 12 point advantage. This is a very bad environment. It's bad enough that Obama's presence would hurt these candidates. He never shows up in any of these states because no candidate wants him there, but now he's imposed himself with that statement in his speech. I can only attribute it to a matter of pride on his part. It makes no political sense." [65670]

On *On the Record*, retired Army General Bob Scales, noting that the campaign against ISIS still does not have a name (such as "Operation Desert Storm"), tells Greta Van Susteren, "If you don't give it a name, that means that, in the eyes of the administration, it doesn't deserve even enough credit to have a title. That's, to me, astounding. The people who I talked to at the Pentagon, the military I talk to, will tell me, time and time again, that really [Obama] doesn't want to do this. He doesn't want to prosecute a campaign. Heck, he hasn't even named the campaign yet, Greta. So, I mean, what sort of lack of resolve does that demonstrate? ... Look, ask a young soldier where you served. They don't say Iraq or Afghanistan. They served in OIF [Operation Iraqi Freedom] or OEF [Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan] or, 'I served in Just Cause [1989 Panama invasion]' or 'I served in Desert Storm [first Persian Gulf War].' This is all part of the American military ethos. And the idea of serving a campaign and serving a military leader, to have an unnamed, nameless campaign going on for two and a half months, says a lot about the resolve or, for that matter, the interest of this administration in beating ISIS. I just don't see the enthusiasm, Greta." [65688]

Piers Morgan, a former CNN host and once-strong supporter of Obama, appears on *Hannity* and comments on Obama's blaming the intelligence agencies for his failure to deal with ISIS: "Why [Obama] would say 'they' about his own intelligence services and not 'we,' why he would want people to think this has nothing to do with me. And when I look at the spread of ISIS through the Middle East, a lot of it comes back, it seems to me,

to Obama's foreign policy strategy of, 'I like to lead from behind. America should go away from being the global policeman, to being the leader from behind.' America shouldn't be leading *anything* from behind. American is, at its best, a great super power. And when it's at its best, whether it's dealing with Ebola at a humanitarian level or ISIS on a terrorism, foreign policy level, America has to be confident, bold, and strong, and decisive. ...ISIS clearly is an Islamic fundamentalist organization, it's a terror group, and when they start beheading American and British citizens in these gruesome, snuff movies that they are making, and releasing them to the world, taunting these countries, it's not good enough to simply say, 'Yeah I'm really upset about this beheading' and then seven minutes later as Obama did go to a golf course and be seen goofing around on the first tee. That really hit home to me. ...Obviously, it was such terrible imagery to me, and I'm, basically, have always been reasonably supportive of him. What the hell's it doing to groups like ISIS and others intent on causing America and Britain serious harm? It seems to me of lethargy and complacency [sic]." [65666, 65669, 65671]

Obama attends a \$10,000 per plate fundraiser. (According to CBS' Mark Knoller, it is the first of seven fundraisers Obama plans to attend during the week.) Obama whines that Democrats have a "congenital disease" that prevents them from voting in mid-term elections. He also says, "On the education front, we've seen the high school dropout rate go down, college enrollment rate go up, reading scores and math scores going up." (CSMonitor.com reports, "American high school seniors showed no improvement in their math and reading abilities in four years, according to the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), often known as the nation's 'report card.' Adding to the discouraging news, achievement gaps between demographic groups have not lessened. And while the 12th-grade math scores are at least slightly higher than they were in 2005 (the earliest scores available for math, due to changes in the test), the reading scores are actually lower than they were in 1992, when the reading score trend line begins." HotAir.com adds, "The dropout rate is going down (thankfully) but it's been doing that steadily for about the last twenty years. It's good news to be sure, but there is hardly any evidence that this is some new result of any hot off the press Obama administration initiatives.") [65614, 65679, 65680, 65744]

On October 7 Newsmax.com reports, "New York City's Waldorf Astoria hotel is set to become the biggest prize yet for buyers from China who have been pouring money into U.S. real estate as they seek stable investments outside their country. Beijing's Anbang Insurance Group Co. agreed to pay \$1.95 billion for the 1,232-room tower on Park Avenue, an Art Deco landmark and one of Manhattan's signature properties. That would be the highest price for a single existing hotel in the country, and the most paid for a standing U.S. building by a Chinese buyer..." [65643]

Breitbart.com reports, "The cause of climate alarmism has been struck another near-fatal blow by a new study from a NASA research team at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. Using a combination of satellite observations and direct measurements taken by a network of 3,000 floating Argo temperature probes, the NASA team set out to calculate temperature changes and thermal expansion in the deep ocean (below 1.24 miles). What they have found is that the deep ocean has not warmed

measurably since at least 2005. This unfortunate discovery represents a major problem for the climate alarmists because the ‘missing heat’ supposedly hiding in the deep oceans has long been their favoured explanation as to why there has been no measured ‘global warming’ for the last 18 years.” (According to a Gallup poll, Americans place climate change last among 13 issues to be considered when voting in the mid-term elections on November 4.) [66256, 66257, 66441]

On Glenn Beck’s radio program, author and talk show host Mark Levin criticizes Jesse Jackson for going to Dallas to insert himself into the Ebola issue: “If Jesse Jackson really was a serious peace activist, or love activist, or whatever activist he is—it’s easy to stand with people who are complaining. How about standing with people who are actually sick? Put on one of those uniforms. Put on one of those hazmat outfits. Stay with those folks. What’s he complaining about?” Beck asks, “Can you think of a reason, an honest reason, that we have not banned the flights from West Africa yet? Why we’re not stopping this?” Levin: “No. I think this is absolute insanity. Well, it’s obviously Obama. The reasons are obvious, because he doesn’t want to appear to be conducting himself in a way that discriminates against that continent. ...But this Jesse Jackson thing is really annoying me. If Jesse Jackson was really a civil rights leader, he would be marching on the White House. He would march on [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid’s office about high unemployment against minorities in this country, about what centralized government and socialism does the minority communities. He’s such a complete fraud and hack, but he won’t do those things. He’s trying to take advantage of what could be a catastrophe at some point. And he knows full well the reason for this. This guy flew into the Dallas airport. He stayed in that particular apartment. This guy Duncan is responsible for where all these things happened. Nobody else. I mean, seriously—if he had flown to Minneapolis and went to the north country and decided to settle in there, we’d have a whole completely different situation going on. But these people live and drink and breathe racism. It’s a real sickness as far as I’m concerned.” [65992, 66283]

According to David Ignatius at WashingtonPost.com, “there are signs” Obama is “looking to make some personnel changes after the November congressional elections. ...Obama’s current team can’t be faulted for disloyalty. And if they all stay on board for the last two years, that would at least delay publication of their autobiographies. But loyalty aside, Obama appears to be interested in a talent infusion that would add depth and expertise; a model was his recent appointment of retired Gen. John Allen as special envoy for Iraq and Syria. More such top-level hires may be coming in an effort to widen the administration’s bandwidth. ...Obama’s foreign-policy team needs help. National security adviser Susan Rice still suffers from unfair attacks over the Benghazi affair. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel was similarly tarnished by a rough confirmation hearing. Secretary of State John Kerry has been a tireless advocate for Obama’s policies, but there’s inevitable tension between a strong secretary and a centralizing White House. CIA Director John Brennan is an experienced Arabist who can frame Middle East strategy, but he was wounded by an unfortunate fight with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), chairman of the intelligence committee. ...A final key aide is senior adviser Valerie Jarrett, whose role in policy decisions is mysterious but clearly important. Her status as ‘first friend’ may be reassuring for Obama but can fuzz lines of authority.” (*The Obama*

Timeline would argue that General Allen may have “depth and experience” but for reasons noted in the September 2014 *Timeline* chapter, he has his own “baggage.” The attacks on Rice have certainly not been “unfair” and she deserved more. Hagel is a squishy “yes man,” Kerry is a “tireless advocate” of flawed policies, Brennan is likely a closet Muslim, and Jarrett is the one person Obama cannot fire because he relies on her to make decisions for him. It will make little difference if Obama fires several key people, as he is likely not going to listen to their replacements either.) [65814]

Members of the United Mine Workers labor union hold a rally in Washington, D.C. to protest Environmental Protection Agency regulations that are destroying their industry and their jobs. CNSNews.com asks protesters, “If you could tell...Obama anything about these regulations today, what would you say?” One responds, “Don’t even mention his name. He’s the one stirring up a lot of the problems we’re having now with these coal-fired plants.” Another says, “I wish [Obama] could walk a day in our shoes, let him come down to the mines and talk to us but I wish he could get down on our level and see what it’s doing to the coal industry, cause it’s sure—he and the EPA industry are sure ruining it.” Still another says, “We worked hard for this country, and I think we deserve an equal share in the planning of what goes on in this company and coal is the vital part of this country and that’s what we’re concerned about—our jobs, our healthcare. And the EPA and Obama has [sic; have] no right trying to take that away from us. This will destroy quite a bit of the economy in the United States and in West Virginia.” [65823]

According to HollywoodReporter.com, “Perhaps unbeknownst to her, former IRS official Lois Lerner will be making her film debut on Oct. 14 in a documentary where she’s one of the villains. The film is called *Unfair: Exposing the IRS*, and it will screen in 674 theaters nationwide, though for one night only, courtesy of Fathom Events, a company that brings sports, concerts, speeches and other alternative entertainment to movie screens. The movie is about alleged abuse at the IRS, the agency responsible for collecting taxes in the U.S. Looming large is a scandal revealed last year wherein Republican and some Democratic lawmakers accused Lerner, at the time the director of the exempt organizations unit of the IRS, of delaying the applications of conservative groups seeking tax-free status from 2010-2013.” [65824, 65825]

At the National Defense University, Marine Corps General John F. Kelly says, “By the end of the year, there’s [sic; there are] supposed to be 1.4 million people infected with Ebola and 62 percent of them dying, according to the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention]. That’s horrific. And there is no way we can keep Ebola in West Africa.” Kelly warns that if the disease reaches places like Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, or El Salvador, “If it breaks out [there], it’s literally, ‘Katie bar the door,’ and there will be mass migration into the United States. They will run away from Ebola, or if they suspect they are infected, they will try to get to the United States for treatment.” [65758, 65759, 65760, 66053]

The Independent reports, “The spread of Ebola across Europe is ‘quite unavoidable,’ the World Health Organisation has warned as four people were in hospital after a Spanish nurse became the first person known to have contracted the virus outside Africa.

...Meanwhile, a Norwegian doctor infected with Ebola while working in Sierra Leone has arrived in Norway for treatment. Officials said she was in an isolation ward at Oslo University Hospital.” [65929]

While many Americans worry about the spread of the Ebola virus, at CanadaFreePress.com Arnold Ahlert warns about the current outbreak of Enterovirus D68 (or EV-D68), “which is killing and paralyzing American children—is directly related to the Obama administration’s decision to allow 66,000 illegal alien children and their families virtually unfettered entry into America. ...As [Sharyl] Attkisson reveals, ‘at least 538 people in 43 states and the District of Columbia have become ill with EV-D68. Most of them are children and some developed limb paralysis.’ And she suspects the number is higher than that because ‘some state health officials are not testing every suspected case.’” (EV-D68 was first identified in the United States in 1962, in California. Although the CDC told WND.com, “There is no evidence that unaccompanied children brought EV-D68 into the United States; we are not aware of any of these children testing positive for the virus,” the virus was not common until 2014.) [65761, 66226]

Despite Obama’s claim that Ebola cannot be spread while riding in a bus, Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy signs an order giving the state’s Commissioner of the Department of Public Health the power to quarantine individuals who may have been exposed to or infected with the Ebola virus. [66020, 66021]

The Honolulu city council drops plans to rename a popular beach after Obama. According to HawaiiNewsNow.com, “...Councilman Stanley Chang and Council Chairman Ernie Martin decided to withdraw the proposal after hearing from the public. ...The beach [Sandy Beach Park] is a popular for bodysurfing on Oahu’s east side. It was a favorite for [Obama] as he grew up. He bodysurfed there while on vacation during his 2008 campaign. Martin says in a statement that he heard historic and cultural sensitivity concerns from the community about the name change.” (NewsBusted’s Jodi Miller quips, “[I]nstead, they will name an *unpopular* beach after him.”) [65709, 66376, 66516]

ISIS graffiti appears in Washington, D.C., with “Allahu Akbar written in Arabic, followed by “ISIS.” [65718, 65719, 65725]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “A British medical student suspected of plotting with Islamic State announced ‘I smell war’ just hours before he was arrested. Tarik Hassane, 21, known to friends as ‘The Surgeon’, was being questioned last night over allegations he wanted to bring terror to the streets of Britain. He was Tasered by armed police who stormed a relative’s flat where he was sleeping after flying into the country. The devout Muslim, studying in Sudan, is suspected of travelling to Syria and conspiring with the brutal terror group. Three of his friends, all aged 20 or 21, were also held by Scotland Yard counter-terrorism officers. Magistrates have granted police an extra five days to question four men arrested on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack on the UK, the Met said this morning. ...Hassane was arrested on Tuesday on the Princess Alice Estate, West London, where two of the July 21 bombers were found nine years ago.” [65861]

At the State Department, spokeswoman Jen Psaki is asked by the AP's Matt Lee, "Jen, you said that [Obama] had laid out a clear and comprehensive strategy for dealing with this. Is it not at all distressing to the Administration that this clear and comprehensive strategy thus far has seen ISIL make gains rather than driving—than retreat?" Psaki replies, "Well, in fact, I would disagree with that, Matt. There have been certainly gains made by the Iraqi Security Forces in Iraq. I can go through some of those for you if that would be useful. We've said from the beginning and [Obama] has said from the beginning that this would be a, an—would not be overnight, that this would be a long-term effort. And certainly, I outlined, as I just outlined, there are some strategy objectives that we're focused on. We've gone after refineries. We're going after strategic locations. And let me just tick through these and then we can go to your next question. Sorry. Some of our successes we've seen on the ground by the Iraqi Security Forces. One moment." As she struggles to find examples of successes in her notes, Lee asks, "Does that mean there aren't any?" She responds, "That does not at all mean that, Matt. There have been—the Iraqi Security Forces have pushed back and regained territory, and I just wanted to list through those. But I'll find them before we end the briefing." [65776]

The Associated Press reports, "Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to eliminate health insurance coverage for some of its part-time U.S. employees in a move aimed at controlling rising health care costs of the nation's largest private employer. Wal-Mart told The Associated Press that starting Jan. 1, it will no longer offer health insurance to employees who work less than an average of 30 hours a week. The move affects 30,000 employees, or about 5 percent of Wal-Mart's total part-time workforce, but comes after the company already had scaled back the number of part-time workers who were eligible for health insurance coverage since 2011." According to DailyCaller.com, "The massive company employs 1.4 million people for both full- and part-time work. Of that, 1.2 million workers and family members take part in the company's health care plan. Wal-Mart expects to pay \$500 million more on health benefits this year just due to the growth of health care costs—already \$170 million higher than its February estimate of \$330 million. ...Wal-Mart is upping employees' share of premiums for all full-time workers. The company will take out of enrolled workers' paychecks for a basic health plan will rise to \$21.90 per pay period beginning Jan. 1, up from \$18.40. ...Wal-Mart is also cutting the percentage of out-of-pocket costs the company covers for full-time workers that use health reimbursement accounts and health savings accounts. Next year, the company will pay 75 percent of out-of-pocket costs after employees meet their deductibles, down from 80 percent this year. ...Target, Home Depot, and notably, Trader Joe's created waves last year for dropping their health care coverage for part-time workers as well." [65667, 65704]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, "The producer of a new movie that criticizes Obamacare has reportedly become the latest prominent conservative slapped with an IRS audit. Logan Clements, producer of 'Sick and Sicker: ObamaCare Canadian Style,' announced via press release Tuesday that he is being audited for the first time ever. 'I had never been audited before I made this movie,' he says in a YouTube video. 'There seems to be a pattern here.' The news comes one month after the conservative Breitbart News announced that it, too, was being audited and that the action was probably politically

motivated. Mr. Clements' movie makes the case that Obamacare will eventually lead to socialized medicine like Canada." [65715, 65750]

DailyCaller.com posts a 1975 photograph of Obama with his mother at their home in Honolulu. Hanging on the wall behind them is a Hawksbill sea turtle, which was listed as an endangered species in 1970. [65737, 65738]

CNN's Richard Roth reports via Twitter, "Syria has 4 chemical weapons facilities that it did not previously disclose to the United Nations." (Whether that counts as four small crossings of Obama's "red line" or just one huge crossing is not clear.) [65668]

BizPacReview.com reports, "CNN Senior Medical correspondent Elizabeth Cohen experienced first-hand the dangerously sloppy screening procedures the U.S. government has implemented for travelers who could be entering the country carrying the Ebola virus. Cohen and two colleagues recently flew back to the U.S. from Liberia and told the security officers at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport that they had been exposed to the virus. Cohen told HLN's Robin Meade the officer half-heartedly warned her to monitor herself for symptoms, but never checked her for any. Her fellow travelers, she said, didn't even get the cursory warning. The team was 'shocked and pretty horrified by the lack of training at US airports,' Cohen said." [65673]

Breitbart.com reports, "A new survey released by CNBC reports just 24% of Americans are confident in [Obama's] economic leadership. Support for Obama's economic leadership, moreover, is 15 points lower than it was in August 2010, just a few months before the GOP wave swept through Congress. ...The CNBC survey did find Americans slightly more optimistic about the economic outlook. That optimism is graded on a very steep curve, however. The number of Americans rating the economy as 'fair' or 'poor' dropped 5 points, to 79%. Those rating the economy 'excellent' or 'good' rose 3 points, up to only 18%." (The article is accompanied by a photograph of Obama in which he resembles Frank Marshall Davis, his communist mentor during his high school years. That Obama seems to look more like Davis as he ages reinforces the theory that Davis was Obama's father, rather than the drunken Kenyan socialist, Barack Hussein Obama, Sr.) [65749]

Obama's claims of an economic recovery notwithstanding, for 35 months in a row at least 46 million Americans have been on food stamps. CNSNews.com notes, "In fiscal year 1969, the average monthly participation in the SNAP program was 2,878,000. In fiscal year 2013, it was 47,636,000, an increase of 44,758,000 or 1,555 percent. In 1969, the national population stood at 202,676,946, meaning the 2,878,000 persons on food stamps represented 1.4 percent of the population. In 2013, the national population stood at 316,128,839, meaning the 47,636,000 average persons participating in SNAP represented 15.1 percent of the population. In 2013, one in five American households, or 20 percent, participated in the SNAP program. In 2013, there were 23,052,396 households that participated in the SNAP program, which was 20 percent of the 115,013,000 population." [65764]

On *The Real Story*, *Telegraph* defense editor Con Coughlin tells Gretchen Carlson that London police have arrested four men involved in a terrorist plot to behead innocent people on city streets. “This is an ISIS plot,” says Coughlin. “This is the first ISIS plot we’ve had on the streets of London.” (Meanwhile, British authorities continue to ban Pamela Geller and Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer from speaking in England about the dangers of radical Islamists because it is not “conducive to the public good.” Warning about the risks of being beheaded on a London street is no permitted.) [65721, 65722, 65786]

On *On the Record*, Congressman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) states, “At least 10 ISIS fighters have been caught coming across the Mexican border into Texas. ...They caught them at the border. Therefore, we know that ISIS is coming across the border. If they catch five or 10 of them, then you know that there are going to be dozens more that did not get caught by the border patrol. But that’s how you know. ...That’s where we’re at risk here, it’s from ISIS and radical Islamists coming across the border. ...[T]hey don’t have a navy, they don’t have an air force, they don’t have nuclear weapons. The only way that Americans are going to be harmed by radical Islam is by having an open southern border. [Joint Chiefs of Staff] Chairman [Martin] Dempsey said the exact same thing. He said that’s where the major threat is here... that’s how these guys are going to infiltrate... the U.S. and harm Americans.” (The Department of Homeland Security later responds, “The suggestion that individuals who have ties to ISIL have been apprehended at the Southwest border is categorically false, and not supported by any credible intelligence or the facts on the ground. DHS continues to have no credible intelligence to suggest terrorist organizations are actively plotting to cross the southwest border.”) [65733, 65734, 65736, 65745, 65780, 65783, 65784, 65788]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, host Bill O’Reilly grills former Defense Secretary and CIA Director Leona Panetta, who provides an incredibly weak defense of Obama—if it can even be called a defense. Panetta states that withdrawing all troops from Iraq at the end of 2011 was a mistake and that Obama was advised not to do so. He also says he knew immediately that the attack on the U.S. facility in Benghazi on September 11, 2012 was the work of terrorists and not an impromptu demonstration prompted by a Youtube video. (Obama will not be pleased. Hillary Clinton probably will.) [65735, 65743, 65748, 65755, 65762, 65768, 65769, 65801]

On *Hannity*, Pat Buchanan comments on the Ebola situation: “You know, the post-World War II generation, the greatest generation, had common sense. What we are seeing now is an utter absence of common sense when people talking about, look, you know, we’ve got to open the doors to people who are good people; but they’re carrying a deadly disease that’s comparable to the bubonic plague. ...And the least thing we can do, from what we know now, is to have folks quarantined for days before they come back to this country from places like that, and shut down the airline travel where everybody can get on to an airliner. This isn’t done out of hatred of Liberia. No country’s ever been more generous to Africa than the United States. ...Look, the first duty of a government, any government, is to protect the lives and safety and health of its people. Why in heaven’s name wouldn’t you want to protect our country from what, unhappily, is happening over

there? ...Our first duty is to our families. It's to one another. Sean, when I was a kid, we had nine children in the Buchanan family, two parents. We were regularly quarantined for measles, mumps, scarlet fever, and things like that, and chicken pox. It wasn't because they disliked Catholic families, large families. It was to protect the community." [65767]

Hours after sending an email to supporters asking for donations and complaining that Republicans are in the "pocket of billionaires," Obama heads to three fundraisers (numbers 54, 55, and 56 for the year) in New York and Connecticut. (The \$32,400 per plate Connecticut event is held at the home of millionaire Rich Richman.) [65637, 65698, 65699, 65700, 65701, 65770, 65810, 66040]

On October 8 Liberian Ebola patient Eric Duncan, age 42, dies at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital. (On October 7 relatives visited Duncan at the hospital, viewing him via cameras. Race hustler Jesse Jackson accompanied them to the hospital. Salon.com's Joan Walsh blames Texas Governor Rick Perry for Duncan's death: "More than 1.5 million Texans, with a median income of \$833, are going uninsured because Perry rejected [the expansion of] Medicaid funding [under ObamaCare]." Of course, Duncan could not have been covered by Medicaid because he was not a U.S. citizen. Walsh quotes Democrat Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price: "The real elephant in the room is, the man was black, he had no insurance, and therefore he was basically turned away." (Duncan was also a Liberian who lied to gain entry into the United States, and ultimately received hundreds of thousands of dollars in free medical care before he died—something Walsh and Price apparently believe is not worth noting.) Jackson's presence may be explained by the fact that Duncan's family is reportedly considering filing a wrongful death lawsuit against the hospital. (Some might argue that the family should be awarded the exact amount of Duncan's hospital bill, and then be required to pay that bill.) [65707, 65708, 65739, 65766, 65841, 65842, 65848, 65922, 65923, 66283]

WFAA.com reports, "Crews transported a patient exhibiting 'signs and symptoms of Ebola' from a Frisco CareNow to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. 'Right now, there are more questions than answers about this case,' said Wendell Watson, a spokesman with the hospital. The patient was identified as Sgt. Michael Monning, a deputy who accompanied county health officials Zachary Thompson and Christopher Perkins into the apartment where Thomas Eric Duncan stayed in Dallas. The deputy was ordered to go inside the unit with officials to get a quarantine order signed. No one who went inside the unit that day wore protective gear." [65729, 65730, 65771, 65772, 65807]

Michelle Malkin reports, "A Dallas hospital's bizarre bungle of the first U.S. case of Ebola leaves me wondering: Is someone covering up for a crony billionaire Obama donor and her controversy-plagued, taxpayer-subsidized electronic medical records [EMR] company? Last week, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital revealed in a statement that a procedural flaw in its online health records system led to potentially deadly miscommunication between nurses and doctors. The facility sent Ebola victim Thomas Duncan home despite showing signs of the disease—only to admit him with worse

symptoms three days later. ...The very specific communications flaw in the medical records software—which apparently had prevented some staff from accessing Duncan's travel history from Liberia—suddenly disappeared. What really happened? Here's what I can tell you for sure: Texas Health contracts with Epic Systems for its electronic medical records system—and the Dallas hospital isn't the only client that has complained about its costly information-sharing flaws and interoperability failures. Epic was founded by billionaire Judy Faulkner, a top Obama donor whose company is the dominant EMR player in the U.S. health care market. As I reported last year, Epic employees donated nearly \$1 million to political parties and candidates between 1995 and 2012—82 percent of it to Democrats. The company's Top 10 PAC recipients are all Democratic or leftwing outfits, from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (nearly \$230,000) to the DNC Services Corporation (nearly \$175,000) and the America's Families First Action Fund super-PAC (\$150,000). Faulkner, an influential Obama campaign finance bundler, served as an adviser to David Blumenthal. He's the White House health information technology guru in charge of dispensing the federal electronic medical records subsidies that Faulkner pushed ...Obama to adopt. Faulkner also served on the same committee Blumenthal chaired. Cozy arrangement, that. ...The president-elect of the American Medical Association, Dr. Steven Stack, told Modern Healthcare magazine earlier this month that Epic's software architecture 'often leaves out key information and corrupts data in transit.' Yikes. Imagine if some of that key data had to do with an Ebola carrier's travel history. Oh, wait." [65726]

FoxNews.com reports, "The U.S. military mission to combat Ebola in West Africa is facing questions about the serious health risks American troops will encounter in heading to the epicenter of the deadly outbreak. According to officials, a small group of trained military medical technicians on the ground will not be required to make direct contact with patients infected with the Ebola virus. However, they will have to handle infected blood samples, which Pentagon officials acknowledged Tuesday could be just as dangerous, if not more. Already, three mobile-testing labs, staffed by three or four technicians each, have been deployed in Liberia as part of Operation United Assistance, the U.S. military's effort to combat the Ebola virus. Four more labs have been requested. Pentagon officials say the service members on these small teams are the only individuals who will be intentionally handling any raw material that could be infected." [65727, 65728, 66061, 66062]

As if it is not bad enough that Obama is placing U.S. 3,000 troops at risk by sending them to Ebola-infected West Africa, about 700 of them will be from the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Some might wonder why Obama would want to place some of America's best soldiers in harm's way. According to ArmyTimes.com, "The U.S. military mission will include building 17 100-bed hospital facilities and a health care facility for infected physicians and health care workers." Some might argue that U.S. dollars could be used to hire locals to build those hospitals. Pamela Geller writes, "The emasculation of the military is most certainly part of Obama's legacy, as are his lethal rules of engagement (lethal for our boys and girls, not the enemy). Now this. Obama is sending our finest, most elite soldiers to 'fight Ebola' in countries where the disease is rampant. He's intentionally purging these warriors for least resistance when the

inevitable happens. He won't restrict air flights to these disease-ridden countries, but he'll send these warriors to West Africa.” (U.S. Africa Command General David Rodriguez says the U.S. troops “don't need the whole [hazardous materials] suit—as such—because they're not going to be in contact with any of the people.”) [65727, 65728, 66061, 66062, 66414, 66415]

Politico reports, “Enhanced Ebola-related screening for passengers entering the United States from West Africa will start Saturday at JFK International Airport in New York and begin next week at four other major U.S. airports, including Washington Dulles. The extra steps are ‘really just belt-and-suspenders,’ ...Obama said Wednesday in a conference call with state and local officials. ‘It's an added layer of protection on top of the procedures already in place at several airports.’ Even without these steps, the risks of an Ebola outbreak in the U.S. were ‘extremely low,’ Obama said. ‘In recent months, thousands of travelers arrived here from West Africa, and so far, only one case of Ebola has been diagnosed in the United States.’” [65731]

OregonLive.com reports that Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) learned a few months ago that when he signed up for coverage on the state's ObamaCare web site, he was enrolled in the Medicaid program for poor Americans. (U.S. senator are paid \$174,000 per year.) [65803, 65804]

According to the Associated Press, Obama administration officials have stated that—conveniently for Democrats seeking reelection on November 4—“HealthCare.gov won't display premiums for 2015 until the second week of November. Open enrollment season runs Nov. 15 through Feb. 15. Coverage can start as early as Jan. 1.” Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN) states, “The administration will know exactly what health insurance plans cost on November 3, and they should release that information to the public on that day so families can start to plan.” (The 2013 enrollment period began October 1. The six-week delay in 2014 is obviously meant to insulate voters from bad ObamaCare news until after the November 4 elections.) [65873, 65874, 65882, 66210]

At the White House, Michelle Obama hosts a “Fashion Education Workshop.” She tells a young designers, “Risks, failure, is a part of being great. So embrace that, don't fear it. And the most important thing you've got to do is work and work and work and work and work and work. That's it. It's hard work—sorry—years and even decades before you can achieve your goals. Just take Sara Blakely, for example. After she graduated from college, Sara worked at Disney World, buckling in people into their seats for the rides—dag [damn], Sara. Sara did that for a while, and then she went on to sell fax machines for an office supply company. And then she got this idea, and she took a risk—she devoted her entire savings, \$5,000, to start her own company. She spent two years planning and researching her new business ideas in the nights while she was still selling fax machines. She pitched her idea to factories and mills, asking them to help her make the product a reality, and of course, she was turned down again and again and again. But finally, a manager at a factory liked her idea, and today, 14 years later, Sara's idea, Spanx [an elastic undergarment intended to make heavy women look thinner], is a multibillion-

dollar company with products selling in more than 50 countries. And we all wear them with pride.” [65887, 65888, 65889]

FreeBeacon.com reports, “The U.S. State Department endorsed on Wednesday a controversial anti-terror handbook published by Canada’s Muslim community that refers to jihad as ‘noble’ and urges law enforcement to avoid using terms such as ‘Islamic extremism.’ The handbook, published earlier this month by two Canadian Muslim community organizations, was so controversial that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) flatly rejected the manual and ordered its officers not to use it. Yet the State Department’s official anti-terrorism Twitter feed, called Think Again Turn Away, appeared to endorse the controversial handbook on Twitter and linked to a positive article about it. ...The handbook, titled United Against Terrorism, has become a contentious issue for the RCMP since its release. Several sections of the guide instruct Muslim community members not to cooperate with police while others claim jihad ‘is a noble concept.’ The RCMP ultimately decided to reject the book, citing its ‘adversarial tone.’” State Department spokeswoman Carolyn Glassman says, “[We were] simply sharing information about a new product related to counterterrorism. Our reposting does not connote an endorsement.” The manual states, “Do not refer to terrorists as ‘jihadis.’ This only emboldens them and gives them a legitimate status in the eyes of the vulnerable. Terrorism is not jihad. Jihad is a noble concept in Islam.” (Pamela Geller notes, “This booklet is a product of the National Council of Canadian Muslims, which is Hamas-CAIR in Canada.”) [66214, 66215, 66216, 66217, 66218, 66219]

JudicialWatch.org reports, “Islamic terrorists have entered the United States through the Mexican border and Homeland Security sources tell Judicial Watch that four have been apprehended in the last 36 hours by federal authorities and the Texas Department of Public Safety in McAllen and Pharr. JW confirmed this after California Congressman Duncan Hunter [R-CA], a former Marine Corp Major and member of the House Armed Services Committee, disclosed on national television that at least ten Islamic State of Iraq and Greater Syria (ISIS) fighters have been caught crossing the Mexican border into Texas. The veteran lawmaker got the astounding intel straight from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Homeland Security agency responsible for guarding the 1,933-mile southern border.” [65732, 65733, 65736]

Leftist radio host Alan Colmes interviews Judicial Watch and Freedom Watch founder Larry Klayman about his effort to get Obama deported as an illegal alien. According to ThePostEmail.com, “Colmes claimed that the two ‘birth certificates’ released on the internet bearing Obama’s purported name have been ‘adjudicated.’ Klayman corrected Colmes, explaining that no court has ever ‘adjudicated’ the authenticity of the proffered documents.” (The courts used “standing” or other technical issues to dismiss lawsuits and thereby avoid the discovery phase to subpoena documents.) “Colmes argued that Obama’s purported ‘American mother’ would have ‘made him an American [sic; U.S.] citizen.’” (Colmes is confusing the term “citizen” with “natural; born citizen.” They do not mean the same thing.) “Klayman then argued that the term ‘natural born citizen’ comes from ‘The Law of Nations,’ written by Emerich de Vattel, and describes a person born to two U.S. citizen parents and a birth on U.S. soil.” [65853]

At the Pentagon, Rear Admiral John Kirby tells reporters, “They [ISIS fighters] try to grab ground and territory where they can, where they believe it’s important. Now, I don’t know what importance they attach to Kobani. ... [I]t’s easy to get fixated on one town, but I think it’s really important for you and for the American people to take a couple of steps back here and look at the larger regional context within, within which this fight is being made. And the longer-term strategic objectives that we and our coalition members are trying to apply here. We are not going to be able—you know, it’s interesting. I mean, we’re being asked about why we’re not or why we won’t or why we can’t save Kobani. And we’re not being asked those same questions about towns inside Iraq. ... But we’re not—we know that this is going to be a long struggle. We know that ISIL is going to continue to grab ground. And there are going to continue to be villages and towns and cities that they take. We all have to recognize that reality. So when we get up here and we say it’s going to be a long struggle and it’s going to be difficult, and when we get up here and say airpower, military power alone, let’s take airpower off the table for a minute, isn’t going to be enough to fix it, we really mean it. And so we all need to prepare ourselves for the reality that other towns and villages, and perhaps Kobani, will be taken by ISIL. They have made no bones about the fact that that... that this is their goal, to govern, to have space and territory that belongs to them. So we just have to recognize that.” (Kirby doesn’t know why ISIS attaches importance to Kobani, and then admits its goal is to capture as much territory as possible. He is also incorrect when he says no one is asking questions about other towns and cities captured by ISIS. His main point is, however, that airpower alone will not defeat ISIS and without troops on the ground there may be no stopping the rise of the Islamic State—even if Obama refuses to admit that. Some might argue, of course, that Obama has no problem with the rise of an Islamic State.) [65777, 65781, 65782, 65826]

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson tells CNN’s Wolf Blitzer that about 150 people per day travel to the United States from the African nations most affected by the Ebola virus. “When somebody travels from one of those three West African countries, even through a transit point [in Europe], we know where they’re coming from. So we’re able to track this. And we know that on average it’s about 150 passengers a day. ... The protocol is, first of all, our Customs personnel are very skilled at examining people, assessing people for a variety of reasons. And we’re asking passengers to fill out a declaration about what symptoms do you have [sic]? Are you feeling ill? Where have you been for the last 21 days and where will you be for the next few days? [The personnel are “so good” that they did nothing to stop Ebola-infected Thomas Eric Duncan from entering the country.] And, through a non-contact thermometer, we’re going to be taking the temperatures of every passenger that [sic; who] comes from one of the three affected countries.” CNSNews.com observes, “Given the 21-day incubation period for Ebola and the 150 people coming in each day, that means that at any given time there could be 21 x 150 people in the U.S. who could be asymptotically incubating Ebola, and who are free to wander around the country. That is 3,150 people who at any moment could become symptomatic anywhere in the country and start exposing people.” [65820, 65821]

Obama apparently no longer gives MSNBC's Chris Matthews a "tingle" up his leg, as he comments on *Andrea Mitchell Reports*, "Why doesn't [Obama] say, instead of pandering to the Hispanic vote and liberals, why doesn't he just say 'You know what, I'm willing to strike a compromise. We need to get tough on illegal immigrants?' ...The fact is, [Obama] has the opportunity to put it together, but he needs to stop playing politics, stop running for office, stop playing the ethnic groups, and say, 'Look, I've only got two years left. I have to get something done.'" [65775]

In an interview with the Dallas/Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*, former President Jimmy Carter criticizes Obama's use of drones to kill Americans: "I really object to the killing of people, particularly Americans overseas who haven't been brought to justice and put on trial. We've killed four Americans overseas with American drones. To me that violates our Constitution and human rights." Asked to define Obama's Middle East policy, Carter responds, "It changes from time to time. I noticed that two of his secretaries of defense, after they got out of office, were very critical of the lack of positive action on the part of [Obama]." Of the rise of ISIS, Carter says, "First of all, we waited too long [to act]. We let the Islamic state build up its money, capability and strength and weapons while it was still in Syria. Then when [ISIS] moved into Iraq, the Sunni Muslims didn't object to their being there and about a third of the territory in Iraq was abandoned. ...If we keep on working in Iraq and have some ground troops to follow up when we do our bombing, there is a possibility of success. You have to have somebody on the ground to direct our missiles and to be sure you have the right target. Then you have to have somebody to move in and be willing to fight ISIS after the strikes." [65808, 65809]

TheHill.com reports, "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) told a federal court that it may have lost the text messages at the center of a lawsuit by a libertarian think tank. The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) sued the EPA last year in federal court to compel the release of text messages to and from Administrator Gina McCarthy and her predecessor under the Freedom of Information Act. In the Tuesday filing to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Justice Department lawyers representing the EPA said the agency will soon file a notice that it may have misplaced records that it was legally required to retain." [65746, 65747, 65774]

According to Breitbart.com, "A new report from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) finds that the Antarctic ice cap has exceeded 20 million square kilometers, a freeze that hasn't been seen since 1979 when the agency began to compile records. 'Sea ice surrounding Antarctica reached a new record high extent this year, covering more of the southern oceans than it has since scientists began a long-term satellite record to map sea ice extent in the late 1970s,' the NASA website reported on October 7." [65868]

According to a CBS News poll, 40 percent of Americans approve of Obama's handling of the ISIS situation, while 51 percent disapprove. [65754]

In the Los Angeles area bumper stickers that read “EBOLA” start appearing—with the letter “O” replaced by the Obama campaign’s blue arch and red and white roadway. [65756, 65757]

NBCNewYork.com reports, “A federal U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent who works on the front lines at Newark International Airport says customs officers at the tri-state hub lack appropriate training and equipment to handle potential Ebola cases. ‘They are assuring the public everything is being done, but it is not,’ the agent told NBC 4 New York, adding there are currently no doctors or CDC personnel assigned to the airport for when flights with passengers from West Africa arrive. The agent’s statements come as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced new screening and security measures would be implemented this weekend at the five airports, including Newark, that account for 95 percent of travelers from Ebola-ridden countries. The agent expressed concern such measures had yet to be implemented. The agent says confusion reigned there Saturday when a passenger believed to be Liberian on an arriving flight was vomiting.” [65901]

CNSNews.com reports, “Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton says he has ‘no doubt’ that a Sept. 23 federal court order requiring the Department of Justice (DOJ) to turn over an index of documents relating to the [Operation] Fast and Furious scandal by October 22 prompted the resignation of Attorney General Eric Holder two days later.” Fitton says, “There’s no doubt the writing was on the wall between Fast and Furious and the IRS scandal circling around the Justice Department. He did not want to be a person of interest in Washington discussions when more information about Fast and Furious came out... and the Washington way is that [when] bad things happen, [people] get out of Dodge and hope everyone forgets. ...This is a battle that puts Holder in contempt of Congress, first time an attorney general’s ever been put in contempt of Congress, saw Nixonian assertions of executive privilege by Barack Obama, and a hapless Congress in the face of all this lawlessness. ...If you were a private citizen and you allowed a gun to go ‘walk’ out of your home knowing, with the plan that it be used, with the idea and hope that it be used in a crime and show up at a crime scene, you’d be in jail. But in Washington you get lauded as a civil rights hero as you retire.” [65822]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “As nearly two dozen Secret Service agents and members of the military were punished or fired following a 2012 prostitution scandal in Colombia, Obama administration officials repeatedly denied that anyone from the White House was involved. But new details drawn from government documents and interviews show that senior White House aides were given information at the time suggesting that a prostitute was an overnight guest in the hotel room of [an Obama] advance-team member—yet that information was never thoroughly investigated or publicly acknowledged. The information that the Secret Service shared with the White House included hotel records and firsthand accounts—the same types of evidence the agency and military relied on to determine who in their ranks was involved.” David Nieland, lead investigator on the Colombia case for the DHS inspector general’s office, told Senate staffers, “We were directed at the time... to delay the report of the investigation until after the 2012 election.” Nieland says he was told “to withhold and alter certain information in the report of

investigation because it was potentially embarrassing to the administration.” [65773, 65790, 65791, 65792, 65793, 65802, 65816, 65872, 65903]

Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich explains, “White House presidential advance team member and volunteer Jonathan Dach officially registered a prostitute as an overnight guest in his hotel room,” and “White House aides knew about Dach’s actions and interfered with an Inspector General investigation of the incident. ...To make matters worse Dach wasn’t fired after exploiting women [even though Secret Service agents who did the same thing as Dach were fired], he was hired as a policy advisor for the State Department’s *Office of Global Women’s Issues*. (Also as a side note, Dach’s daddy [Leslie Dach, who Jonah Goldberg notes is a former Walmart lobbyist who also worked with Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” campaign] was a big Obama campaign donor.) White House press secretary Josh Earnest calls the story old news because it happened in 2012. (The *activity* may have occurred in 2012, but the *cover-up* was not reported then and is a valid October 2014 story.) *National Journal*’s political editor Josh Kraushaar tweets, “[My] First instinct is to trust what the WH is saying, but they’ve squandered a lot of that trust lately.” (Many might think a journalist’s job is to be skeptical of everything until further corroborated, and that he should not rely on “first instincts.”) HuffingtonPost.com’s Jennifer Bendery tweets, “[It is] Amazing to me WH would go so far to cover up a volunteer staffer hiring a hooker... b/c of fear of election fallout?” (After six years of covering Obama, some might think the media should have already figured out that the White House is far from the “most transparent” in history.) [65773, 65790, 65791, 65792, 65793, 65802, 65816, 65837, 65872, 65903, 66040]

On October 9 Congressman Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) appears on *Fox & Friends* to denounce the White House cover-up of the prostitution scandal. He states, “There are evidentiary hotel records, there are investigators that went down and looked at this. *The Washington Post*’s Carol Leonnig has done a fabulous job investigating this. Our committee, the Oversight Committee, are [sic; is] diving deep into this issue, and the White House needs to come clean. There’s a White House staffer who was very involved in this. Remember there were nearly two dozen Secret Service and military personnel who were either fired or reprimanded. But the concern is when it came to the White House and the White House taking care of its own personnel, [there was] a totally different standard, and perhaps some misdirection and some cover-up to make sure that story never saw the light of day before the 2012 election.” [65838, 65903]

On April 23, 2012 White House press secretary Jay Carney told reporters there were “no specific, credible allegations of misconduct by anyone on the White House advance team or the White House staff. Nevertheless, out of due diligence, the White House Counsel’s office has conducted a review...[and] came to the conclusion that there’s no indication that any member of the White House advance team engaged in any improper conduct or behavior.” (Carney’s weasel word is “improper.” He knew that because prostitution is not illegal in certain areas of Columbia, he could argue that no one engaged in “improper” misconduct.) The alleged 2012 White House “investigation” involved White House counsel White House counsel Kathryn Ruemmler, who apparently decided there was no indication of wrongdoing—simply because the advance team’s Jonathan Dach told her

there wasn't. He was rewarded with a State Department job. Ruemmler was rewarded by being placed on the short list of names being considered to succeed Attorney General Eric Holder. But with the release of the *Post* article, she will likely be removed from the list—to keep her from being grilled at a confirmation hearing. The leak of information to the *Post* no doubt came from the Secret Service itself, in retaliation for attacks on the agency over recent security mishaps. Obama has apparently not learned that if the Secret Service, FBI, or CIA are attacked, they will find a way to retaliate.) [65838, 65903]

On *Morning Joe*, Joe Scarborough says, “Democratic senators, senior Democratic senators, [are] trashing Barack Obama, up and down, when the [media camera] red light's not on. [The] red light comes on, they're muted. [The] only difference between Leon Panetta and about 80 percent of Democrats in Washington, that [sic; who] I've talked to, is Leon Panetta's actually saying it while the camera light's on.” *Time* magazine's Mark Halperin says, “...What Panetta's saying is what you're hearing, not just from Washington Democrats, but Hollywood Democrats—[Obama's] going out to do a fundraiser tonight—I am struck, I talked to... prominent people in Hollywood, almost all of them, strong supporters of [Obama], feel disappointed for one reason or another.” Halperin adds that Panetta has “held back on what he really thinks.” [65845, 65846, 65847]

U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzalez Ramos, an Obama appointee, blocks Texas' photo ID voting law. TheBlaze.com reports, “Republican Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's office said it would appeal. ‘The State of Texas will immediately appeal and will urge the Fifth Circuit to resolve this matter quickly to avoid voter confusion in the upcoming election,’ said Lauren Bean, a spokeswoman for Abbott's office. ...Nineteen states have laws requiring voters to show identification at the polls. Courts across the country have knocked down challenges—including at the U.S. Supreme Court—but the Texas case attracted unusual attention from U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder. ...The office of Abbott, who is favored to win the race to replace [Rick] Perry as governor, said minorities and whites alike supported the law in public opinion polls. It also pointed to other states, such as Georgia and Indiana, where the similar measures have been upheld.” [65881]

The St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* reports, “Another police-involved fatal shooting of a teenager, this time in south St. Louis not far from the Missouri Botanical Garden, led to hours of protests overnight Wednesday and into Thursday morning as an angry crowd gathered quickly when news spread across social media. St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said the officer was off-duty, working a secondary job for a private security company, when he fatally shot an 18-year-old male Wednesday night. Police say the teen had opened fire on the officer. The officer was unhurt. Relatives of the dead teen who came to the scene identified him as Vonderrit Myers Jr., 18. They disputed the police version. They say he didn't have a weapon.” (Myers' relatives neglect to mention to reporters that he was wearing an ankle bracelet monitor and was out on bail after a gun violation conviction.) [65812, 65815, 66051, 66052, 66152]

NBC chief foreign correspondent comments on a comment by Secretary of State John Kerry that the Syrian city of Kobani is not a strategic priority: “The situation in Kobani, from the global perspective, [it] might not be the most important city in the world, there other key cities in Syria. But it has become an important symbol. It is highly visible, and perhaps Secretary Kerry is being a little bit tone deaf to the importance that Kobani has taken on here in this country [Turkey], on social media, there are cities are being attacked by ISIS, but nobody can see them. Everyone can see Kobani, people are watching the city fall almost in real time and they are watching Turkish troops sitting 200 yards away doing nothing. Turkish tanks have their cannons pointed at Kobani and they’re not firing. American airplanes, until very recently, haven’t been doing very much. Now, there does seem to be something changing despite Secretary Kerry’s statements that, well, Kobani’s not that important. Clearly the message is sinking in because as you [Andrea Mitchell] mentioned, in the last 48 hours there have been 23 air strikes around Kobani. That’s more air strikes than there have been around Kobani in the last three weeks. So, he might be saying it’s not that important, but I think the U.S. is getting the message that this is a very visible and symbolic target that has a lot of people, particularly in Turkey, incredibly upset. About 21 people have been killed in riots here over the last couple of days because of Kobani. And that domestic unrest in Turkey is not over yet. Maybe it’s not the only city in Syria that is under attack by ISIS, but it certainly has an over-weighted importance because of its visibility.” (Turkish President Recip Tayyip Erdogan is doing nothing to save Kobani from ISIS because its residents are primarily Kurds. Erdogan himself probably would not mind the establishment of a powerful Islamic Caliphate—as long as he gets to be the caliph. It is worth recalling that the United States failed to act when Saddam Hussein slaughtered Kurds and Shi’ites in northern Iraq after the Gulf War. The Kurds therefore have more than a few reasons to believe Obama will not come to their rescue.) [65778, 65781, 65782, 65826, 65983]

The jihadists do not plan to limit their caliphate to the Middle East. *Their goal is the worldwide domination of Islam.* A May 22, 1991 document from the Muslim Brotherhood describes the “General Strategic Goal for the Group In North America.” It reads, in part, “Understanding the role of the Muslim Brother in North America: The process of settlement is a ‘civilization-Jihadist Process’ with all the word means. The Ikhwan [brothers] must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand Jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and God’s religion is made victorious over all other religions. Without this level of understanding, we are not up to this challenge and have not prepared ourselves for Jihad yet. It is a Muslim’s duty to perform Jihad and work wherever he is and wherever he lands until the final hour comes, and there is no escape from that destiny...” (For many Muslims, the goal of emigrating to the United States is not to become Americans; it is to establish a beachhead in America, build mosques, spread Islam, have as many babies as possible, win elections via their increased numbers, force the acceptance of Shari’ah law, and be ready for the day when the word comes down to take over the United States.) [65927]

Charles Krauthammer writes at NationalReview.com, “No one can match Stalin for merciless cynicism, but President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey is offering a determined echo by ordering Turkish tanks massed on the Syrian border, within sight of the besieged Syrian town of Kobani, to sit and do nothing. ... Because Turkey has its own Kurdish problem—battling a Kurdish insurgency on and off for decades—Erdogan appears to prefer letting the Islamic State destroy the Kurdish enclave on the Syrian side of the border rather than lift a finger to save it. Perhaps later he will move in to occupy the rubble. Moreover, Erdogan entertains a larger vision: making Turkey the hegemonic power over the Sunni Arabs, as in Ottoman times. The Islamic State is too radical and uncontrollable to be an ally in that mission. But it is Sunni. And it fights Shiites, Alawites, and Kurds. Erdogan’s main regional adversary is the Shiite-dominated rule of Syria’s Bashar Assad. Erdogan demands that the U.S. take the fight to Assad before Turkey will join the fight against the Islamic State. It took Vice President Biden to accidentally blurt out the truth when he accused our alleged allies in the region of playing a double game—supporting the jihadists in Syria and Iraq, then joining the U.S.-led coalition against them. His abject apologies to the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey notwithstanding, Biden was right.” [65859]

“The vaunted coalition that ... Obama touts remains mostly fictional. Yes, it puts a Sunni face on the war. Which is important for show. But everyone knows that in real terms the operation remains almost exclusively American. As designed, the outer limit of its objective is to roll back the Islamic State in Iraq and contain it in Syria. It is doing neither. Despite State Department happy talk about advances in Iraq, our side is suffering serious reverses near Baghdad and throughout Anbar province, which is reportedly near collapse. Baghdad itself is ripe for infiltration for a Tet-like offensive aimed at demoralizing both Iraq and the U.S. As for Syria, what is Obama doing? First, he gives the enemy twelve days of warning about impending air attacks. We end up hitting empty buildings and evacuated training camps. ... [W]hat have we done to relieve Kobani? About twenty airstrikes in a little more than ten days, says CENTCOM. That’s barely two a day. On the day after the Islamic State entered Kobani, we launched five airstrikes. Result? We hit three vehicles, one artillery piece, and one military ‘unit.’ And damaged a tank. This, against perhaps 9,000 heavily armed Islamic State fighters. If this were not so tragic, it would be farcical. ... Obama has committed the U.S. to war on the Islamic State. To then allow within a month an allied enclave to be overrun—and perhaps annihilated—would be a major blow. Guerrilla war is a test of wills. Obama’s actual objectives—rollback in Iraq, containment in Syria—are not unreasonable. But they require commitment and determination. In other words, will. You can’t just make one speech declaring war, then disappear and go fundraising. The indecisiveness and ambivalence so devastatingly described by both of Obama’s previous secretaries of defense, Leon Panetta and Bob Gates, are already beginning to characterize the Syria campaign. The Iraqis can see it. The Kurds can feel it. The jihadists are counting on it.” [65859]

At JPost.com Alan Dershowitz writes, “Once again Turkey has proved to be America’s, and NATO’s, least reliable ‘ally.’ When the United States and NATO asked Turkey to help prevent a humanitarian disaster in Kobani, near its border, Turkey once again sat on its hands. The reason is obvious. The leaders of Turkey would like to see as many Kurds

as possible massacred. ...As one Kurd aptly put it: 'They don't want to help what they say is their enemy. That is why it is in Turkey's favor that Kobani falls to ISIS.' ...But it is Turkey's adamant refusal to satisfy its obligations as a NATO partner that has infuriated the Obama administration and American allies. This is the way one senior official in the Obama administration put it: 'There's growing angst about Turkey dragging its feet to act to prevent a massacre, less than a mile from its border. After all the fulminating about Syria's humanitarian catastrophe, they're inventing reasons not to act to avoid another catastrophe. This isn't how a NATO ally acts when hell is unfolding a stone's throw from their border.' ... If [Turkish President Recep Tayyip] Erdogan seems like a poor-man's Vladimir Putin, it is because the Turkish autocrat has tried to model himself on the Russian autocrat. Both have become immensely popular at home by their take-no-prisoners, confrontational approach to foreign policy. They don't give a damn what the world thinks of them or their tactics, while they hypocritically lecture other nations for not complying with standards and rules that they defy." [65995]

On CNN, Erin Burnett asks guest Dr. Alexander van Tulleken if the government is holding secret supplies of the experimental Ebola medicine Z-Mapp for Obama. Van Tulleken doubts that is the case. [65779]

CNSNews.com reports, "Speaking in a video message to residents of West African countries currently experiencing outbreaks of Ebola, ...Obama dispensed advice on how residents can avoid the disease, including: 'You cannot get it through casual contact like sitting next to someone on a bus.' At the same time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising Americans who travel to the Ebola-stricken nations to 'avoid public transportation.'" (Obama does not explain why the Ebola virus cannot be spread on a bus but can be spread on an airplane—because he is wrong. Even the CDC web site states, "Unlike respiratory illnesses like measles or chickenpox, which can be transmitted by virus particles that remain suspended in the air after an infected person coughs or sneezes, Ebola is transmitted by direct contact with body fluids of a person who has symptoms of Ebola disease. Although coughing and sneezing are not common symptoms of Ebola, *if a symptomatic patient with Ebola coughs or sneezes on someone, and saliva or mucus come into contact with that person's eyes, nose or mouth, these fluids may transmit the disease*" [emphasis added].") The site also states, "Ebola is killed with hospital-grade disinfectants (such as household bleach). Ebola on dried surfaces such as doorknobs and countertops can survive for several hours; however, virus in body fluids (such as blood) can survive up to several days at room temperature.") [65894, 65897, 66364, 66365]

At FoxNews.com CDC director Tom Frieden argues against a travel ban to protect the United States from Ebola carriers. Frieden writes, "A travel ban is not the right answer. It's simply not feasible to build a wall—virtual or real—around a community, city, or country. A travel ban would essentially quarantine the more than 22 million people that make up the combined populations of Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. When a wildfire breaks out we don't fence it off. We go in to extinguish it before one of the random sparks sets off another outbreak somewhere else." (Frieden is, of course, not only incorrect—he is ignorant. When a wildfire breaks out, a *firebreak* is created—areas of land are cleared

around the fire so that it has no fuel to burn when it approaches. Frieden has apparently never heard of firebreaks, moats, drawbridges, or even Ellis Island.) Frieden continues, “We don’t want to isolate parts of the world, or people who aren’t sick, because that’s going to drive patients with Ebola underground, making it infinitely more difficult to address the outbreak.” (Frieden does not explain why an Ebola patient in Liberia would go “underground” simply because he cannot fly to the United States. Why would he not seek treatment in Liberia?) [66288]

“It could even cause these countries to stop working with the international community as they refuse to report cases because they fear the consequences of a border closing.” (That is absurd. Why would a quarantined country ignore outside help and allow its citizens to die?) “Stopping planes from flying from West Africa would severely limit the ability of Americans to return to the United States or of people with dual citizenship to get home, wherever that may be.” (Yes, and that is the point: to make it difficult for people in Ebola-infested nations to travel to other countries and spread the virus. After a 21-day quarantine they could be allowed to travel.) “In addition to not stopping the spread of Ebola, isolating countries will make it harder to respond to Ebola, creating an even greater humanitarian and health care emergency.” (That is also absurd. No country would be totally isolated. Aid and assistance and medical workers would still be allowed into the country to treat patients and work to stop the spread of the virus, but anyone who goes in would be carefully monitored before they are allowed to go out.) “Importantly, isolating countries won’t keep Ebola contained and away from American shores. Paradoxically, it will increase the risk that Ebola will spread in those countries and to other countries, and that we will have more patients who develop Ebola in the U.S.” (It is ridiculous to claim that restricting travel to and from a nation like Liberia would “increase the risk” that Ebola would spread out of Liberia. Such a statement defies logic.) [66288]

“People will move between countries, even when governments restrict travel and trade. And that kind of travel becomes almost impossible to track.” (It is correct that travel restrictions would not provide a 100 percent guarantee that no one from Liberia could enter the United States. But not enacting a travel ban would certainly guarantee that people from Liberia will enter the United States.) “Isolating communities also increases people’s distrust of government, making them less likely to cooperate to help stop the spread of Ebola.” (Why would a quarantine make people distrust government? It should be evidence that the nation is taking action to protect non-inflicted people.) “Isolating communities and regions within countries will also backfire. Restricting travel or trade to and from a community makes the disease spread more rapidly in the isolated area, eventually putting the rest of the country at even greater risk.” (Frieden is essentially arguing that it is better to have the virus spread than be limited to some areas.) “To provide relief to West Africa, borders must remain open and commercial flights must continue.” (Commercial flights can be banned, while charter flights can still be allowed to permit aid, supplies, and medical workers to enter nations like Liberia.) “There is no more effective way to protect the United States against additional Ebola cases than to address this outbreak at the source in West Africa.” (But there is no reason dealing with the outbreak in Africa cannot also be accompanied with travel restrictions.) [66288]

“What works most effectively for quelling disease outbreaks like Ebola is not quarantining huge populations.” (In fact, quarantining those infected populations is perfectly logical. That is why, for centuries, lepers were kept isolated from the rest of the general populations.) “What works is focusing on and isolating the sick and those in direct contact with them as they are at highest risk of infection.” (Frieden apparently does not understand the meaning of the word “isolating,” as that is precisely what travel restrictions would accomplish.) “Americans can be reassured we are taking measures to protect citizens here.” (Allowing people to travel from Ebola-stricken nations to the United States would seem not to reassure anyone.) “Today, all outbound passengers from Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone are screened for Ebola symptoms before they board an airplane.” (The passengers have their temperatures taken and they are asked if they have been exposed to Ebola. Those steps will hardly prevent a person with the Ebola virus from entering the United States.) “Travelers from those countries will be escorted to an area of the airport set aside for screening. There they will be observed for signs of illness, asked a series of health and exposure questions, and given information on Ebola and information on monitoring themselves for symptoms for 21 days. Their temperature will be checked, and if there’s any concern about their health, they’ll be referred to the local public health authority for further evaluation or monitoring.” (“Take their temperature, trust that they do not lie on a questionnaire, and have them monitor themselves for 21 days” hardly seems like the way to protect Americans.) [66288]

Interestingly, although Frieden opposes a travel ban to protect Americans from a killer West African virus, he has no problem telling Americans how to conduct their personal lives. Between 2002 and 2009 Frieden served as commissioner of New York City’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, where he ran anti-smoking campaigns, supported the 2009 62-cents-per-pack cigarette tax, distributed more than 36 million “official” New York City condoms, adopted regulations to eliminate trans fats in restaurants, required chain restaurants to post calorie contents, and promoted various other “we know better than you” campaigns. (Frieden apparently believes he knows how to keep Americans from killing themselves, yet does not want to stop Liberians from flying into the United States to kill them.) [66523, 66524]

Also at FoxNews.com Dr. Keith Ablow suggests why Obama has chosen not to impose travel restrictions on West Africa: “...Obama is very sensitive to being defined in any way by the borders of this country. I think he sees himself as a citizen of the world and sees Americans as having infected others with our deadly economic policies for a long time, thereby inflicting untold suffering on developing nations. To now lead the way to America insulating itself from a scourge sweeping the very countries he seems to think we have preyed upon could, of course, strike him (if only unconsciously) as profoundly unfair. I believe [Obama] may literally believe we should suffer along with less fortunate nations. And if he does, that is a very dangerous psychological stance from which to confront Ebola. Let me say this plainly, as a psychiatrist who has studied [Obama] only from a distance: In order for ...Obama to keep thinking of himself as the leader of the world—and not just the free world—it may be that our boundaries must remain porous,

allowing illegal immigrants and, potentially, even diseases to flow through them.”
[65997, 65998]

Ablow’s theory is quite logical. Obama has already demonstrated that he does not believe in American exceptionalism. He considers the United States just one of 190 other nations, and perhaps no better than any of them. In fact, he dislikes the United States for what he sees as its “imperialist” actions around the world, just as he hates Great Britain for having established colonies and protectorates during its “empire” days—never mind the fact that without such expansion the people of Africa might still not have shoes, law, or books. In Obama’s worldview, Great Britain did not bring civilization to India and Africa, it brought death and destruction. That is why, on his first day in the White House, Obama exploded in anger and ordered the removal of a bust of Winston Churchill. To Obama, Churchill did not represent a nation’s courageous battle against the Nazis, he represented a nation that subjugated the black man. To Obama, the United States is not a beacon of hope for all who long for liberty, it is a nation that imported slaves from Africa and has yet to be properly punished for its actions. He therefore does not care if Americans die from the Ebola virus. He believes they “have it coming.”

Secretary of State John Kerry addresses an audience at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and says, “And for those people who still stand in the way, for those people who even still today want to try to question whether or not their science is effective or not, I’d just ask you, ask a simple question: ‘If we’re wrong about this [global warming] future, what’s the worst that could happen to us for making these choices? The worst that could happen to us is we create a whole lot of new jobs, we kick our economies into gear, we have healthier people, healthier children because we have cleaner air, we live up to our environmental responsibility, we become truly energy independent, and our security is stronger and greater and sustainable as a result. That’s the worst that happens to us. What happens if they’re wrong? If they’re wrong—catastrophe. Life as you know it on earth ends. Seven degrees increase Fahrenheit, and we can’t sustain crops, water, life under those circumstances.” (Kerry is wrong on both points. If the Kerry supporters impose the global warming taxes and regulations they desire, the standard of living of almost all Americans will decline substantially because the cost of goods and services will dramatically increase. If the earth’s average temperature does in fact increase by a degree or two over the next century, the result will be increased crop yields and an improved ability to feed the world. Kerry’s warnings are valid *only* if the average temperature increases *substantially*, and there is no evidence that such a change will occur.) [65895]

WHO in Iowa reports that the state’s insurance commissioner has approved 2015 premium increases averaging 14.5 percent for Blue Cross Blue Shield customers and 11.9 percent for Wellmark health plans. [65794, 65795]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Web users will face billions of dollars in new taxes if Congress allows a ban on Internet taxes to expire in December. The Internet Tax Freedom Act prevents state and local governments from taxing Internet use, and has been reauthorized every three years since 1998. If it is not reauthorized in December, consumers and businesses could face \$14.7 billion in new taxes, according to a new American Action

Forum report. Extension of the ban has wide support in Congress, but this time it could be linked to a much more controversial bill, the Marketplace Fairness Act, that would allow states to collect a sales tax on Internet goods sold in the state by companies located online or outside of the state. The tax would be a welcome source of revenue for cash-strapped governors, and supporters say it would take away the unfair advantage online companies currently hold over companies with physical locations. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid [D-NV] told *The Hill* he'll do 'whatever it takes' to pass the Marketplace Fairness Act this year." [65907]

According to a CBS poll, Republicans have a 49 to 43 percent lead on the "generic" Congressional ballot. Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson notes, "It's historically rare for Republicans to have *any* advantage on this indicator, so what explains their substantial edge here? How about a 30 point lead among independents, and an eight-point enthusiasm gap." On the issue of terrorism, 53 percent of those polled say Republicans will do a better job, versus 32 percent who say Democrats would. On the economy, the GOP advantage is 49-40. On foreign policy, the edge is 49-38. Only 29 percent believe the economy is improving. (CBS makes no mention of its own poll's results on its evening news broadcast.) [65796, 65797, 65805, 65813]

With less than a month to election day, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) fires her campaign manager—a clear sign she expects to lose (and a sign that she will probably unload some nasty ads against her opponent). [65798, 65817]

A Fox News poll shows Republican candidates for the U.S. Senate up by 4 in Alaska, up by 7 in Arkansas, up by 6 in Colorado, up by 5 in Kansas, and up by 4 in Kentucky. (Obama's approval rating is 36 percent or lower in each of those states.) [65796]

Democrat Senate candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes refuses to tell the editorial board of the *Louisville Courier-Journal* whether she voted for Obama in 2008 or 2012—despite the fact that she was a delegate in the Kentucky delegation at the Democrat National Convention in 2012. In her desperate attempt to distance herself from Obama, Grimes (whose father, Gerald Lundergan, donated \$46,000 to the Obama campaign in 2012) expects Kentuckians to believe that she never voted for him. She says, "You know, this election isn't about [Obama]." (Obama himself, of course, has said that the election was about his policies.) NBC's Chuck Todd later asks, "[C]an Kentuckians expect her to cast a tough vote on anything? Is she ever going to answer a tough question on anything? You want to be a U.S. Senator? If you can't say—if you can't find a way to stand behind your party's president, you can disagree with him but can't answer that basic question [then you] come across looking ridiculous. I think she disqualified herself." (Not surprisingly, Todd's "disqualified herself" remark finds its way into a campaign ad for her opponent, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY).) [65839, 65876, 65892, 65897, 66055, 66056, 66057, 66073, 66199, 66284]

In the Gallup poll, Obama's approval/disapproval rating falls to 40/55 percent. [659811]

Obama heads to California for three days of fundraising. One event is held at the home of the almost-universally disliked actress Gwyneth Paltrow. (Whether her children Apple and Moses each paid \$15,000 to attend is not known.) Actor/comedian Albert Brooks tweets, “The people attending the Obama function at Gwyneth Paltrow’s house are going to be consciously uncoupled with their money.” (In March 2014, Paltrow described her separation from her husband of 10 years as a “conscious uncoupling.”) CBS News’ Mark Knoller points out that Obama has made 25 trips to California since entering the White House, and 20 of those trips were for fundraising. Not surprisingly, Obama’s motorcade disrupts traffic in the Los Angeles area, and in Paltrow’s neighborhood in Brentwood. At the Paltrow event, the wealthy actress—net worth: an estimated \$140 million—gushes over Obama: “You’re so handsome that I can’t speak properly.” She also praises Obama’s equal pay agenda because the issue is important to her “as a working mother.” She also says, “It would be wonderful if we were able to give this man [Obama] all of the power that he needs to pass the things that he needs to pass.” (Paltrow does not suggest whether his title should be king or fuhrer.) Morning Jolt’s Jim Geraghty comments on Paltrow: “There is a hardened cocoon of entitlement, self-absorption, and self-pity around many of our national elites.” [65799, 65800, 65827, 65829, 65875, 65880, 65884, 65896, 65932, 65967, 66022]

NYTimes.com later reports on the Paltrow event: “Traffic stood still, children were stranded at school, residents could not leave their own driveways. That’s not the way life is supposed to be lived in Mandeville Canyon. In a post on the Nextdoor Mandeville Canyon website, a private social network for area residents, Bret Lewis said that the neighborhood did not need people like Ms. Paltrow ‘who pay no heed to the concerns of their neighbors.’ He went on to solicit support for having Ms. Paltrow kicked out of Mandeville Canyon. ‘She belongs in the movie theaters, and ...Obama can entertain in the Staples Center,’ he said. ...‘I have a crying child on a soccer field!’ one woman yelled as she passed by. (She was one of the few residents who were [sic; was] allowed to drive through.) Mr. Lewis, in his post, said his family ended up in a restaurant ‘with a bunch of other displaced residents.’ ‘My 13-year-old daughter broke into tears, was unable to do her homework,’ he said. ‘We finally got home at 9:00 and my daughter was up late studying, ultimately ill-prepared for her exams.’” [65921, 65940, 66022]

Politico reports, “Acting on a 6-3 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court has blocked Wisconsin from implementing a new voter ID law in next month’s election. The high court released an order late Thursday that revived a permanent injunction a federal court judge imposed in April, barring enforcement of the 2011 law on the grounds that it discriminated against minorities by forcing many of them to get new identification. The justices who joined in the order... did not offer a rationale for their decision, which will remain in effect until the court either rules on the merits of the case or refuses to hear it.” (On October 6 the Seventh U.S. District Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Wisconsin’s photo ID law. The Supreme Court had previously ruled that Indiana’s similar law was constitutional. The decision to block Wisconsin’s law is related to timing, with Justices believing it is too close to election day to implement the new law. That is, the law may survive a future appeals process and be implemented for future elections.) [65686, 65687, 65689, 65818, 65898, 65911]

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security tells an audience the border is secure, but “in the absence of facts, the American public is susceptible to claims that we have an open, porous border, through which unaccompanied minors and members of terrorist organizations such as ISIL may pass.” According to CNSNews.com, he then admits that “in May, 10,580 unaccompanied children crossed the Southwest border; 10,622 crossed in June, 5,501 in July, 3,141 in August, and 2,424 in September,” and that 68,434 illegal immigrant minors crossed the border in fiscal year 2014. (Johnson apparently does not know the meaning of the word “secure.”) [65893]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The amount of coal-fired power capacity slated to shut down due to federal environmental regulations has more than doubled since 2011, according to a report from the free-market Institute for Energy Research. New Environmental Protection Agency rules to limit carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, along with past rules requiring power plants to install costly upgrades or shut down, will force 72.7 gigawatts of power capacity to shutter across 37 states in the coming years. This figure includes power capacity already taken offline as a result of the rules. In 2011, IER predicted EPA rules would only shutter 29 gigawatts of power—meaning EPA rules have put an additional 44.4 gigawatts of electrical generating capacity in jeopardy in just three years. A whopping 94 percent of these retiring plants are coal-fired. ...IER’s analysis shows that EPA rules are shuttering enough power generating capacity to 44.7 millions homes, enough to power every home in every state west of the Mississippi except for Texas. Federal and state regulators have worried that so many shutdowns will imperil the electrical grid’s reliability.” IER President Thomas Pyle states, “These shutdowns will send electricity prices through the roof—inflicting the most harm on the elderly, the poor, those on fixed incomes, businesses, families, schools, and hospitals. These shutdowns also threaten the reliability of our grid and will cost thousands of Americans their jobs.” [65843]

D. W. Ulsterman writes, “It appears hundreds of thousands more, perhaps even millions, of Americans will receive health plan cancellation notices in the coming weeks due to their plans being deemed ‘non-compliant’ by the federal government working under the new Obamacare law. That is going to be a lot of angry voters right before the November elections... The state of Virginia alone is facing a quarter million cancellations, with eleven more states across the nation being forced to eliminate non-compliant plans as well. Compliance often comes down to plans that don’t cover the vast array of services as the Obamacare requires, like birth control for women who can no longer get pregnant, or pap smears for men who lack the basic plumbing to ‘pap.’ This ‘one size fits all’ approach is causing the cost of healthcare to skyrocket in the United States, and now with more affordable and individually chosen plans being banned, these costs will continue to rise exponentially. The loss of a family’s health plan means many of those same family’s [sic; families] will lose their choice of doctor as well. This runs counter to an oft-repeated promise by Barack Obama exemplified in this quote from 2009: ‘If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. Period. If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan. Period. No one will take it away. No matter what.’” [65819]

At CBSNews.com Mark Knoller writes, “From the way the White House vehemently refuses to disclose information on the costs of presidential political travel and calculations on reimbursing the government, you might think they were state secrets. As ...Obama embarks Thursday on a three-day Democratic fundraising trip to California, the White House again refuses an umpteenth request from CBS News for the political travel information. ...[R]epeated requests are turned down for a breakdown of the costs and an explanation and specific examples of how the White House calculates how much is paid by taxpayers and how much must be reimbursed to the government by the Democratic National Committee or others. There’s absolutely nothing in the information related to national security. It wouldn’t do ISIS a bit of good if it got hold of the information. Very simply, the White House doesn’t want to disclose the material because it might be embarrassing and would draw lots of criticism, which Mr. Obama can do without.” (Bill Clinton and George W. Bush were not generous about disclosing such information either, but neither of them repeatedly promised to have “the most transparent administration in history.”) [65890, 65891, 66019]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “Two teenage asylum seekers from Guatemala have escaped a detention center in Illinois and carjacked a 91-year-old Navy veteran. The incident has prompted the federal government to order a security review at all 139 shelters across the country that house illegal immigrant minors... The boys, age 16 and 17, were able to walk away unchallenged from Maryville Academy in Des Plaines, Illinois, outside Chicago, on Wednesday morning and carjack two victims before they were arrested more than 225 miles away outside Iowa City, Iowa, according to authorities. Police say they targeted an elderly man in Moline, Illinois, who was picking up his prescription at Walmart. They threatened him with violence, forced him out of his car and then sped off with his Buick LeSabre.” [65924, 65925]

WorldTribune.com reports, “Israel has concluded that Hamas, aided by Iran and Syria, was perfecting underground warfare using tunneling technology developed by North Korea. ... Israeli analyst Jonathan Halevi, a senior intelligence officer, said Hamas did not require a massive tunnel network to harm Israel. He said as few as 20 tunnels would enable Hamas to send 1,000 fighters into the Jewish state, where they could attack nearby civilian communities. ...The report said [the Obama-supported] then-Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi enabled Hamas to greatly enhance its military in 2012 and 2013. Missiles and munitions were said to have moved through Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula and the tunnel network to the Gaza Strip. The report said Hamas received components to ‘construct plants and manufacture missiles.’” [65835]

SkyNews.com reports, “Canada says 80 citizens and immigrants who recently returned from war zones including Iraq and Syria are suspected of having links to ‘terrorism’ groups. The suspects were planning ‘terrorist activity’ on Canadian soil and are accused of working with the Islamic State organisation in Iraq and Syria, where a US-led coalition is launching air strikes against the jihadists. ...They are now under investigation by the Royal Mounted Canadian Police...” [65862, 65863]

Meanwhile, Breitbart.com reports, “An entire French family has packed up and left for Syria, where they are likely to take part in the fighting on the side of the Sunni Islamist opposition forces. ...The 11-strong family reportedly consists of a man, his two sisters, and their mother. Additionally, the spouses of the aforementioned individuals, including their children, are on their way to the jihad in Syria. Even a baby is said to be within the mix. France’s *Nice-Matin* newspaper interviewed a 27-year-old woman by the name of Andrea, who said she left for Syria with her four and six-year-old sons. Andrea reportedly told her parents of her journey: ‘All his well. I am in a superb region.’ She then revealed to a friend that her religion was the chief motivation for the journey. ‘I was not going to go, but before Allah I could not stand back,’ declared Andrea.” [65864, 65865]

Dick Morris, former political strategist for Bill Clinton, writes, “Leon Panetta, Bill Clinton’s former Chief of Staff who was appointed with Hillary’s blessing, has written a book with one clear motive: To bolster Hillary’s narrative that the failures of the foreign policy that she designed were simply not her fault. Everything was Obama’s fault, not Hillary’s and, of course, not Panetta’s. In the former Secretary of State’s book *Hard Choices*, she criticized Obama’s lack of strategic vision saying ‘not doing stupid stuff’ is not an overarching foreign policy organizing principle. Now Panetta echoes this criticism in his own book, *Worthy Fights*, describing [Obama as someone] who ‘avoids the battle, complains and misses opportunities.’ ...According to Panetta, the White House ‘seemed content to endorse an agreement if State and Defense could reach one’ to keep our troops in Iraq. But, Panetta points out that without Obama’s personal involvement, it became impossible to convince Iraqi Prime Minister al-Maliki to reverse his position and agree to let a garrison of American troops remain. And Obama did not make the effort to persuade him. ...A Clintonista above all, [Panetta] legitimized Hillary’s efforts to distance herself from [Obama] on foreign policy without having to attack him herself. Now the negative points for disloyalty will accrue to Panetta not to Hillary. ...As our involvement in Iraq and Syria escalates into a full blown war—as it must now that our airstrikes are failing to do the job—the blame game will grow with it. Panetta’s comments are an attempt to swat the blame away from Hillary Clinton. He will get his reward [from the Clintons]. Just wait.” [65834, 65934]

ThePoliticalInsider.com writes, “‘Whitewater’ is a term that younger Americans probably don’t remember. And Hillary Clinton was counting on it staying that way. But for watchers of the Clinton White House, it was a property investment scandal dating back to the first days of Bill’s first term in office. And now, it’s back and setting former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s White House dreams on fire. The Clinton library is going to be releasing documents, which include the once sealed Whitewater files. They will be included in a new book by Robert Fiske, the former U.S. attorney who was the first independent counsel in charge of the Whitewater investigation, who is ready to blow the lid off of the Clinton’s shady financial dealings which led them on the path to their extraordinary wealth. Fiske rightly holds a grudge, because he was so tough on the Clintons that they found a way to wrongly accuse him of a coverup. He was subsequently replaced by Kenneth Starr, who is now the Dean of Pepperdine’s law school. ...Supporters of Hillary Clinton have the impossible task of defending her against

countless numbers of high-profile scandals. No normal person would have been able to arrange for the investment in Whitewater properties located in the Ozark Mountains, nor get away with taking massive (and illegal) tax write-offs from the losses later assumed. It was a criminal enterprise, and their business partner, developer Jim McDougal, died while serving his sentence for his part in these Clinton-orchestrated crimes.” [65937, 65938]

Catherine Herridge reports at FoxNews.com, “Convicted Fort Hood shooter Nidal Hasan has written to Pope Francis espousing ‘jihad,’ in his latest correspondence aligning himself with radical Islam. Despite efforts by the Defense Department to label the 2009 massacre as ‘workplace violence,’ Hasan has described himself several times, and again in the new letter, using the acronym ‘SoA,’ or ‘Soldier of Allah.’ Hasan directed his attorney John Galligan to mail the undated, six-page, hand-written letter to the pope. A copy of the letter—titled, ‘A Warning To Pope Francis, Members Of The Vatican, And Other Religious Leaders Around the World’—was provided by the attorney to Fox News.” [65869, 65870]

According to *The Telegraph*, “Fighters from the Islamic State have proudly posted photos of a child who they claim is the youngest person to die while fighting on their side. The 10-year-old boy is named by the Islamists as Abu Ubaidah. A Twitter account run by Isil sympathisers said on October 9 that he was killed, alongside his father, by an American air strike two weeks ago.” [65871]

On *Special Report*, Judge Andrew Napolitano comments on the Secret Service prostitution scandal: “I see a serious legal issue here. Here’s the legal issue: the government is permitted legally to lie to us. Jay Carney, Josh Earnest, whoever’s speaking for [Obama], may lawfully lie. We of course can be prosecuted if we lie to the government. But [although the government can lie to us,] the government can’t lawfully lie to itself. So if somebody from the administration lied in an official inquiry to an investigator from the Congress, and we know there was an official inquiry, *that* is a felony. So the cover-up to the Congress, Rep. Chaffetz is right to be upset. They were lied to, and somebody can be prosecuted for that. ... Well, one wonders why he [the Inspector General who investigated the issue] left his job. Was he ordered to be silent? Did he know he was being frustrated? Was he aware of the lying? Did he participate in the lying? Somebody lied to somebody in a criminal way. That’s pretty clear.” [65883]

In a debate with his GOP challenger, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO), Senator Mark Udall is booed by the audience when he plays his tired “Republican war on women” card. (Udall is known as Mark Uterus for his reliance on the tactic.) Udall is also booed when he relies on “climate change” scare tactics. Gardner says both Obama and Udall are “five letter words.” Gardner asks Udall if he supports over the counter (OTC) sales of contraceptives. Udall refuses to answer the question. (Townhall.com notes, “Cory Gardner favors OTC birth control. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists favors OTC birth control. Two-thirds of the American people, and a huge majority of women, favor OTC birth control. ... Udall’s masters at Planned Parenthood have come out hard against OTC birth control because they stand to lose a lot of business

from the competition—plus, they'd prefer to keep this bogus political issue alive as a means of slamming Republicans and scaring women.”) Gardner leads Udall 43-37 percent in a Fox News poll; Udall leads among Hispanics, women, and poor Coloradoans. (On October 10 the *Denver Post* endorses Gardner, saying Congress “needs fresh leadership.”) [65828, 65840, 65877, 65878, 65879]

The author of *The Obama Timeline* is interviewed by BirtherReport.com's WOBC radio. During the interview, researcher Ellen Field calls in to note a 2008 Fox News story called “Character and Conduct” in which Bill Hemmer interviewed Jim Tranquada, Director of Communications at Occidental College. Briefly shown in the background of the report is the image of a postcard or envelope with rubber-stamped words that appear to state, “CARDED ON CONDITION THAT THE HOLDER REMAINS IN _____ NOT LONGER THAN _____ STAY.” In *Taitz v. Obama*, attorney Orly Taitz notes that item as evidence that Obama registered as a foreign student, and writes, “According to Laurie Hattaway, employee of the HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation), after Obama transferred from Occidental College to Columbia University, he received financial aid as a foreign student, citizen of Indonesia, which shows Obama most probably attended Occidental College as a foreign student and Occidental was covering [up] this fact in order to aid and abet defendant Obama in illegally gaining U.S. presidency. ...Further, when Taitz called Hattaway for a follow up, she was told that currently [the] FBI is investigating Hattaway due to her release of Obama's Indonesian citizenship information. ...On 09.16.2013 Taitz received a sworn declaration... from yet another whistle-blower, researcher, debt collector and skip trace investigator Albert Hendershot, disclosing that he was visited by the FBI after he released information showing that Barack Obama is using a Connecticut Social Security number... In his declaration... Hendershot states that he was thrown to the ground, handcuffed and threatened with arrest unless he gives FBI ‘consent’ to search his computers and unless he gives the FBI the pass-code to his computers.” [65849, 65850, 65854, 65855, 65856, 65857, 65858, 65909, 65912, 65913]

According to Taitz's lawsuit, Hattaway “personally reviewed the microfilm of Barack Obama's financial aid [records] and it shows that he received financial aid as a foreign student, citizen of Indonesia. ...[Hattaway] advised Taitz that the policy of the HESC is not to destroy records and microfilm is contained in the safe of the corporation. She further advised Taitz that several employees of the HESC made copies of the microfilm, in case the management decides to destroy the evidence. She came forward, as she is concerned about fraud being committed and the fact that as a citizen of Indonesia Obama was not eligible to be the president of the United States.” [65849, 65850, 65854, 65855, 65856, 65857, 65858, 65909, 65912, 65913]

At FrontPageMag.com Raymond Ibrahim notes Obama's statement, “Now, it will take time to eradicate a cancer like ISIL” and writes, “First, we know by ‘cancer’ he is not referring to Islamic ideology—since he does not acknowledge that Islam has anything to do with violence and even banned knowledge of Islamic ideology from being studied by law enforcement and national security communities. Were he referring to Islamic ideology, the need for ‘time’ would of course be legitimate, to say the least. No, the cancer he is referring to is the very real, tangible, and temporal Islamic State, which

exists in time and space. But this prompts the following question: Why did it take the United States military three weeks to overthrow the very real and tangible regime of Saddam Hussein in 2003 whereas ‘it will take time’—years, according to most military analysts—for the U.S. to defeat the Islamic State? ... The reason it will take years is because Obama refuses to strike the Islamic State decisively and effectively, specifically by sending in U.S. ground forces—the very forces that were responsible for keeping the Islamic jihadis at bay; the forces he withdrew leading to the rise of the Islamic State; and the forces that he refuses to utilize again, even though they are necessary to decisively crush the ‘caliphate.’” [65917, 65918]

“Obama’s ‘it will take time’ assertion prompts the following prediction: U.S. airstrikes on Islamic State targets will continue to be just enough to pacify those calling for action against the caliphate (‘we’re doing what we can’). The official narrative will be that the Islamic State is gradually being weakened, that victory is a matter of time (remember, ‘It will take time’). ... [T]he mainstream media will return to more familiar, more Kardashian headlines; we will hear about the occasional victory against IS—this or that leader killed or captured—even as the administration continues to exploit the conflict in a way to attack neighboring Syrian leader Bashar Assad (with the inevitable result that more jihadis will once again fill the vacuum created by his departure, as they did in post-Arab-Spring Libya). Then, just as they ‘suddenly’ appeared in Iraq, we will ‘suddenly’ again hear—probably first from IS itself—that the Islamic State has made some major comeback, winning over some new piece of territory, as the caliphate continues to grow and get stronger. In this context, Obama’s call for ‘time’ appears to be less about a true need and more about getting Americans to forget about the Islamic State, at least until he is out of office.” [65917, 65918]

Protestors in St. Louis, Missouri block traffic, pound on cars, break windows, vandalize homes, burn American flags, throw knives at police officers, assault a reporter, and chant, “Who do you want?” “Darren Wilson!” “How do you want him?” “Dead!” (Darren Wilson is the police officer who shot robbery suspect Michael Brown.) Obama and Eric Holder have no comment. [65830, 65831, 65832, 65833, 65844, 65886]

On October 10 the State Department issues a warning: “The Department of State is updating the Worldwide Caution to provide information on the continuing threat of terrorist actions and violence against U.S. citizens and interests throughout the world. U.S. citizens are reminded to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. ... U.S. citizens are reminded of the potential for terrorists to attack public transportation systems and other tourist infrastructure. Extremists have targeted and attempted attacks on subway and rail systems, aviation, and maritime services.” [65961, 65962, 65963]

TheDailyBeast.com reports, “Within the U.S. Air Force, there’s mounting frustration that the air campaign against ISIS in Syria and Iraq is moving far more slowly than expected. Instead of a fast-moving operation with hundreds of sorties flown in a single day—the kind favored by many in the air service—American warplanes are hitting small numbers of targets after a painstaking and cumbersome process. [Rather than several hundred

bombing runs per day, there have been only a few hundred over several weeks.] The single biggest problem, current and former Air Force officers say, is the so-called kill-chain of properly identifying and making sure the right target is being attacked. At the moment, that process is very complicated and painfully slow. ‘The kill-chain is very convoluted,’ one combat-experienced Air Force A-10 Warthog pilot told The Daily Beast. ‘Nobody really has the control in the tactical environment.’ A major reason why: the lack of U.S. ground forces to direct American air power against ISIS positions. Air power, when it is applied in an area where the enemy is blended in with the civilian population, works best when there are troops on the ground who are able to call in strikes. From the sky, it can be hard to tell friend from foe. And by themselves, the GPS coordinates used to guide bombs aren’t nearly precise enough; landscape and weather can throw the coordinates off by as much as 500 feet. The planes need additional information from the guys on the ground. The only other option is to use laser-guided bombs, but even then the target has to be correctly indentified beforehand.” (Some argue that Obama simply has no desire to fight ISIS. He is doing *something* in an effort to appease those who are calling for action, but he is doing *as little as possible* to appease the far left voters who do not want the United States to do anything. His real motives may not be seen until after the November 4 elections.) [66041, 66042, 66043, 66044]

Obama designates the San Gabriel Mountains a national monument. (The action makes Obama’s trip “official business,” which enables him to have the taxpayers cover the cost of his fundraising trip to California.) [65851, 65852, 66212]

At a campaign event for Iowa Democrat U.S. Senate candidate Bruce Braley, Michelle Obama claims he is a Marine Corps veteran, even though he is not. (His opponent, Joni Ernst, is a veteran—and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Iowa National Guard.) Mrs. Obama also incorrectly refers to him—*seven times*—as Bruce Bailey. (The mainstream media later comes to her defense, with NBC’s Willie Geist saying, “But now he’s getting a lot of name recognition. Maybe it was like evil genius move, who knows?” Politico’s Hadas Gold writes, “Everyone’s talking about the mispronunciation of Braley/Bailey... but now a lot more people know his name. On purpose?” Bloomberg Politics’ Dave Weigel suggests that she “cleverly botched Bruce Braley’s name in order to allow him to distance himself” from Barack Obama.) [66035, 66036, 66037]

Ed and Paula Kassig, the parents of ISIS hostage Peter Kassig—who now calls himself Abdul-Rahman Kassig—attend an Islamic service at the Islamic Society of North America in Plainfield, Indiana. (Pamela Geller writes, “This. is. so. painful. The parents of ISIS hostage Abdul-Rahman Kassig attended an Islamic service today to pray for their only son after militants named him as the next beheading victim. Maybe if they kill a Jew, they will endear themselves to these savages. The Kassigs’ submission to the very ideology that their son is held under is gruesome.” Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer writes, “Ed and Paula Kassig’s grief and fear are understandable, and it is likewise understandable that they would be driven to desperate measures. And while the Muslims they stood with made statements deploring the kidnapping and threatening of their son, who has converted to Islam in captivity, nonetheless the captors of their son pray the same prayers and have the same religious culture. If their son had been taken hostage by

Nazis in 1942 would they be appearing at German-American Bund events wearing Nazi regalia?") [66005, 66006, 66009]

The Nobel Peace Prize is awarded to two people who actually deserve it: Malala Yousafzai, a Muslim Pakistani teenage advocate for female education, and children's rights activist Kailash Satyarthi, of India, a Hindu. According to WashingtonPost.com, "Malala Yousafzai, who at 17 became the youngest Nobel laureate, won the prize exactly two years and one day after she was nearly killed by a bullet to the head during a Taliban assassination attempt in her native Swat Valley. She was targeted for her outspoken advocacy of female education—a cause she has championed relentlessly ever since, in spite of further threats." Kailash Satyarthi "has spent decades crusading against child slavery." [65885, 65899]

Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson writes, "Public health and policy officials believe a big part of their job is preventing panic: Panic breeds behavior that can spread infectious disease. So when some of these health professionals begin speaking in alarming terms, there is reason to stand up and take note. ... 'Failures in leadership have allowed a preventable disease to spin out of control,' write Lawrence Gostin and Eric Friedman in the current issue of the medical journal *Lancet*. Gostin, a Georgetown Law professor, is Director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law & Human Rights. Friedman is Project Leader for the Joint Action and Learning Initiative on National and Global Responsibilities for Health. If nothing changes, public health officials estimate there will be 1.4 million Ebola cases worldwide by January. There are no current projections as to how many of those might be in the U.S. U.S. officials have repeatedly stated that we 'will' have more Ebola cases here. How do they know? 'It's inevitable,' one official told me. He asked not to be quoted by name. An open letter to European governments on behalf of 44 signatories declares the Ebola epidemic 'has now spiraled utterly out of control.' ... The Dallas Ebola case was mishandled nearly every step of the way with health officials displaying a 'learn-as-we-go' mentality. A 'glitch' at the hospital was blamed for sending the infected patient back home where he came into contact with others. And there was a shocking lack of preparedness in disposing of the patient's infectious waste. 'They blew it,' one official told me. Another official acknowledged that such examples of incompetence make it more difficult to convince the American public that their health is in good hands." [65977]

In the Gallup poll, Obama's approval/disapproval ratings fall to 39/56 percent. [65900]

GotNews.com reports, "A Muslim media darling during the Ferguson [Missouri] protests is a convicted child molester, GotNews.com has learned. Mustafa Hussein is a volunteer for ArgusRadio, a popular activist website that live streams the St. Louis race riots and Ferguson protests. He's continuing to cause trouble now, like staging a protest at the St. Louis Cardinals game. Hussein a.k.a. Theodore Barrett was previously convicted of child molestation in Iowa. His victim was under the age of 13. ... He has been the subject of fawning, gushing profiles by NPR, Washington Post, Huffington Post, MSNBC, Bloomberg, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch." [65988, 65989]

At a memorial service for James Brady, former press secretary for Ronald Reagan who was wounded in the attack on Reagan's life in March 1981, Vice President Joe Biden says, "What we need is another Jim Brady, who has the skill and the ability to convince those who are afraid [to pass gun control legislation], who walk the halls of Congress, to step up and do what they know is right. One will come along. It will happen. I pray [to] God it is sooner rather than later." (In other words, Biden wants another prominent victim to be used as a prop in a campaign for gun control legislation.) [65941, 65942, 65943, 65944]

D. W. Ulsterman writes, "He has long been on the receiving end of jokes regarding his penchant for foot in mouth, but of late it appears the gaffes and resulting public perception have pushed Joe Biden into the realization he will never be President of the United States, and that behind the manufactured toothy grin is a man coming to the uncomfortably painful terms of his own political mortality. ...Apparently a recent culmination of the Vice President's frustrations followed a skit earlier this week on the late night talk program the Jimmy Kimmel Show that posed the question to people in Los Angeles, 'Who is Joe Biden?' The studio audience, and the millions watching, laughed as one person after the next indicated no idea who Joe Biden was. The next morning members of the Vice President's staff were sending the video to one another, laughing at the ignorance of the respondents. The one apparently not laughing was Joe Biden himself. 'This isn't funny, man. Six years, right? Six f*cking years and they don't know who I am?' ...It is no secret Joe Biden gave up a senior position in the United States Senate in the hopes of using the Vice Presidency to catapult him into the Oval Office in 2016. This scenario was said to have been promised to him as far back as late 2007. In 2007 though, Joe Biden was sixty-five years old, an age when becoming president remains possible. In 2016, he would be seventy-four years of age, long in the tooth even by presidential age standards." [65902]

"...Following the 2012 Election though, Biden's role within the Obama White House has been increasingly marginalized to the point members of [Obama's] staff are now openly dismissive of the Vice President, often referring to him as 'the old guy'—a designation that is said to have originated from Barack Obama himself on the 2008 campaign trail. Senior Adviser Valerie Jarrett simply calls Joe Biden, 'that clown.' The relationship between the Vice President's office and the rest of the Obama/Jarrett West Wing has long been tenuous as best. Biden was used occasionally as a public relations stunt, most often to emphasize [Obama's] youth and vigor. A few months ago feelings between the two camps took a decided turn for the worst when word came back to both Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett of just how funny Joe Biden found the instantly infamous 'Obama workout video' to be. 'He's such a wimp. I can't believe they leaked this and thought it would make him look tough! Really, I won't say it in public, but the guy is a wimp! Michael Jackson could kick his ass! I'm not the old guy, he is! Really, just look at him!'" [65902]

"'Joe, you're too old and frankly, you have a real image problem. This administration hasn't done you any favors. It's time to call it a day. Just make some money, write a

book, and leave all this sh*t behind.’ That opinion came late last year from a longtime political bundler who has known Joe Biden since the two worked together on Biden’s aborted 1988 presidential campaign, and it was an opinion the Vice President has since repeated to several others, but with his own counter commentary added: ‘My day hasn’t come. No way, man. I’ve earned this! I’ve earned it!’ Joe Biden’s mood was much improved early yesterday when photos of him eating ice cream in a pair of aviator glasses went viral. ...It was just three days earlier though that, along with his anger over the Jimmy Kimmel skit, the Vice President was also dealing with having been ordered by Valerie Jarrett to correct the diplomatic faux pas of calling out Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and others for having aided some of the very terrorists the United States military finds itself dealing with now in the Middle East, comments that then received heavy media attention. ‘I told the truth. They know I’m right but she has to always have the last f*cking word on everything.’ The ‘she’ was most likely a reference to Valerie Jarrett, who is said to have been apoplectic over the Vice President’s condemnation of the Islamic states’ support of terrorist entities. The Vice President initially refused to make a public apology for the comments, but after several communications between his staff and Jarrett’s office, those apologies soon followed. ...A well placed congressional staffer described Vice President Biden’s mood with the following: ‘I’ve been told Biden is depressed, despondent, and very resentful of how he has been treated by key figures within the administration. The party is telling him he won’t have their support if he runs for president. He was promised this support years ago by the Obama team. The problem is, the Obama brand has become poison to Democrats and people like Valerie Jarrett have made it clear how little they regard the Vice President. He’s out there trying to help raise money for the 2014 midterms, hoping that will lead to some donations for his own 2016 campaign, but that isn’t going to happen. Biden is being used, laughed at, and then pushed aside, and he’s finally starting to realize that, and it’s got him very upset. For some reason, it seems he really thought he would some day be president. I can’t help but feel sorry for the guy.’” [65902]

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) again calls for an increase in the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour, saying it would “transform” the lives of 25 million Americans. (According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only about 1.5 million Americans were paid the minimum wage in 2013. Another 1.8 million were paid less than the minimum wage—but also generally received tip income that made up some, most of, or even more than the difference. A majority of minimum wage workers are teen-agers and young adults who still live with their parents. Additionally, of course, almost no one is paid the minimum wage for an extended period of time. It is a starting wage, and that wage increases as the worker develops more skills.) [65904, 65905, 65906]

At DailyCaller.com Joy Overbeck lists “The Three Scariest Things That Could Happen if Democrats Keep the Senate.” “Former Attorney General Eric Holder could become a Supreme Court Justice.” “Obamacare would not be repealed.” “Obama’s threat to legalize 5 to 11 million illegal immigrants won’t be stopped.” [65908]

Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) tells radio talk show host Hugh Hewitt, “I’m convinced that even [Obama’s closest advisor] Valerie Jarrett was involved” in the IRS plot to target

conservative non-profit groups. “I think this was White House-driven. I think all of the information at least that I saw leads to that, so we really have to finish this investigation. This is pretty serious business. This is egregious. We’re talking about First Amendment rights and freedom of speech.” (*The Obama Timeline* believes Jarrett was most certainly involved in the plot to have the IRS go after conservatives. Shortly before the November 2012 election she reportedly stated, “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.” Of course, if Jarrett was involved, so was Obama. That illegal abuse of power in the IRS operation warrants his removal from office, but even if Lois Lerner is eventually convicted of a crime, the likelihood is incredibly low that she or anyone else will throw Jarrett or Obama under the bus—even if doing so could mean avoiding prison time. The “faithful” will simply serve the prison time and expect a massive reward from Obama or his minions after it is over.) [65978, 65979, 65993]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) responds to the latest Obama move to close the terrorist detainee center at Guantanamo, calling it “dangerous” and an example of the administration’s “legacy of lawlessness.” According to FoxNews.com, a *Wall Street Journal* story said “the White House is ‘drafting options’ that would allow Obama to close the detention facility in Cuba by overriding congressional restrictions on bringing detainees into the U.S.” Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL) states, “As America battles ISIS in the Middle East, the last thing we should do is close a facility used to interrogate and house dangerous terrorists.” [65946]

The National Archives releases documents related to the Clinton presidency that will fuel more than a few media articles. According to MyWay.com, “The papers include lists of talking points, questions prepared for media interviews and efforts to defend the president against impeachment, part of 10,000 pages of records being released from the Clinton administration. The documents did not appear to reveal any new information that might affect a potential Hillary Clinton campaign. Many records involving Lewinsky are redacted... Elena Kagan, now [an Obama-appointed] Supreme Court justice, makes a cameo appearance. As a White House counsel, Kagan defended Bill Clinton in the lawsuit brought by ex-Arkansas state employee Paula Jones. Clinton’s testimony for the Jones lawsuit, in which he denied a sexual relationship with Lewinsky, led to his impeachment in 1998. The House approved two articles of impeachment against Clinton, but he was acquitted by the Senate. ...The documents touch on financier Marc Rich, who was indicted on fraud and other charges in 1983. He fled to Switzerland and was later pardoned on Clinton’s last day in office.” (Even before Obama was elected, some Democrats were mentioning Kagan as a possible Supreme Court Justice. It would not be out of the question to believe that she was given the job by Obama as a pay-off for her having defended Clinton.) [65910, 65933]

JihadWatch.org reports that Muslim gangs in Denmark are “so overloading police that they no longer investigate thefts of less than \$17,000 [100,000 kroner].” Additionally,

Danish soldiers are being advised not to wear their uniforms in public. The site also reports, “Sweden’s population is skyrocketing due to Muslim immigration, and the consequences are extreme: in just a single year—2013—illegal threats increased six percent, muggings 11 percent, burglaries 12 percent, and sexual assaults (not including the horrifying rape stats) increased seven percent. Including the estimated amount of unreported sexual crimes, Sweden has 75,000 sexual crimes yearly. Some calculations suggest that the risk for a Swedish woman to be raped during her lifetime is one out of four. The impact of Muslim immigration on the Swedish economy has been devastating: Immigration costs every living human being in Sweden 26,000 kr. yearly (3,600 USD)...” [65914, 65915, 65919]

JihadWatch.org also reports that some 500 Muslims in Denmark protested when they learned the government had pledged to support the coalition against ISIS, and notes, “You can only find this on the blogs, because no Danish media reported on the incident—probably because it would further improve the standing of the Danish Peoples Party, which has already risen to be the 2nd biggest party in polls.” [65916]

Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman writes at WND.com, “I am fashioning a lawsuit to force Obama to curtail travel and immigration from Liberia and the rest of West Africa until we know we can combat the deadly Ebola outbreak. And, immigration from all Muslim nations where terrorists have a beachhead must also be immediately stopped. These are not ordinary times. The nation is at war, not just with foreign and domestic enemies, such as the Muslim Americans who have joined the Islamic Jihad of ISIS and al-Qaida, but with [Obama], who was so ignorantly and tragically elected to rule over us.” [65935, 65936]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “A Muslim man from Uganda who went to terror training camps in England cannot be deported because it is against his human rights. Lawyers argued that 30-year-old YM, who cannot be named for legal reasons, has weak ties to his homeland and his removal would breach his rights to a family life despite committing serious criminal offences. The man, who has been convicted of aggravated burglary among other charges, won his appeal against immediate removal back to Uganda by three senior judges at The Court of Appeal today.” (Political correctness has run amok when Great Britain will not deport a Muslim from Uganda who was training for terrorism, but continues to prohibit Pamela Geller and Robert Spencer from speaking about the dangers of Islamist radicals.) [65953, 65954, 65957, 65958]

The Telegraph reports that “security services are monitoring ‘thousands’ of terrorist suspects in London, [Mayor] Boris Johnson has disclosed, suggesting the threat from Islamist extremists may be far greater than has previously been admitted. ... Speaking to The Telegraph, he said: ‘In London we’re very, very vigilant and very, very concerned. Every day—as you saw recently, we had to raise the threat level—every day the security services are involved in thousands of operations. There are probably in the low thousands of people that we are monitoring in London.’” (At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “Will no one on the Supine Isle ask [Prime Minister David] Cameron to look up from his bangers and mash and explain? Will no one belly up next to Boris Johnson at the

pub and ask him over a pint of ale exactly how this Islam That Has Nothing To Do With Islam got so very far out of hand? Will no one ring the BBC and ask the respected journos [journalists] why exactly it's bigoted to say that there should *not* be thousands of possible jihad terrorists in London? Will no one in the British intelligentsia pause to ponder the fact that thousands of child rapists preyed on British girls while authorities stood by and did nothing, cowering in fear that if they did do anything [leftists] would call them racists?") [65955, 65956]

Meanwhile, *The Wall Street Journal* reports, "German authorities are investigating more than 200 individuals accused of supporting Islamic extremism, the country's justice minister said in remarks published Saturday. 'There are by now legal proceedings against more than 200 suspects in connection to Islamic State,' Justice Minister Heiko Maas is quoted as saying by *Der Spiegel* magazine. A ministry spokesman confirmed the remarks. Not all of the suspects are in Germany, the spokesman said..." (Robert Spencer writes, "How very odd. There are 'thousands' of suspected jihadis in London alone, and over in Germany, 200 active investigations of Muslims in connection with the Islamic State. Whence this epidemic of misunderstanding of Islam? Can't Barack Obama and John Kerry and David Cameron and [U.K. Home Secretary] Theresa May do something about this? After all, it is so clear to them that the Islamic State and jihad terror have nothing to do with Islam—surely they will find it easy to convince all these Muslims from Britain and Germany of that fact, no?") [65965, 65964]

On October 11 the Internal Revenue Service shuts down its electronic filing and payment system for "maintenance" for three days—inconveniencing (and likely angering) the many Americans who must file quarterly, as well as those who filed an extension enabling them to delay the submission of their tax forms from April 15 to October 15. (At *Townhall.com* Doug Giles observes, "If the oddity of this is not clear; this is like Macy's closing down December 21-23 to prepare for next year's sales. It is as if these people [at the IRS] are not in the same business as tax preparers and have no idea what we do. ...A question I did not get answered [by the IRS] is why the shutting down for maintenance could not be done the weekend after October 15th. I can assure you not only would very few people be affected, it is possible no one would care at all. Two people may be shut down from making tax payments, but few if any tax returns would be filed over that weekend because all tax preparers would be taking the weekend off after the pressure cooker of the final days of tax season. That would be too logical and rational for the IRS to think their way through to a clear decision.") [66425]

Breitbart.com reports, "The NBC news crew that returned from Africa after one of its photographers contracted Ebola is reportedly under a mandatory quarantine now because Dr. Nancy Snyderman may have violated the self-imposed quarantine. On Thursday in Princeton, New Jersey, Snyderman, NBC's chief medical correspondent, was reportedly spotted by many people 'sitting in her car outside of the Peasant Grill in Hopewell Boro.' ...A day after Snyderman was spotted, 'New Jersey officials issued a mandatory quarantine order Friday night' for Snyderman and her NBC crew 'after they said a voluntary 21-day isolation agreement was violated.' State officials, 'citing privacy concerns,' would not tell the AP 'who violated the agreement and how the state learned

of a violation.” (Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, “It’s one thing for Liberian citizen Thomas Eric Duncan to carry around an Ebola-ridden woman, get on an airplane to Dallas, walk into a hospital with symptoms, and then walk out again. Such behavior can be attributed, at least in part, to ignorance. It’s another thing entirely for a highly educated medical professional to endanger those around her for some [soup]. But that’s the world of the media, where the proper response to the possibility of contracting Ebola is, ‘Don’t you know who I am?’ Double standards abound here; media members lather Americans into a frenzy over the threat of a disease that has, to date, claimed a grand total of one life in the United States. Then they go out for lunch in public after being told that they could be carrying the virus.”) *The Obama Timeline* believes that some action will eventually be taken against Snyderman by NBC, if only for public relations purposes. [65920, 66127, 66151, 66585, 66586]

Breitbart.com later reports that Snyderman’s actions cost a woman her job: “Apparently, the chef at Snyderman’s restaurant [that is, the restaurant Snyderman visited] has a sister named Vilma who works as a maid. Fearing Vilma might have contracted Ebola from her brother, two of her customers gave her the heave-ho. Snyderman, a fervent leftwing ObamaCare supporter frequently seen on MSNBC, has yet to take responsibility for her reckless and selfish behavior. Is someone who behaves so irresponsibly really the best NBC News can do for a high-profile medical correspondent? If Snyderman’s soup run while under quarantine isn’t a violation of her Hippocratic Oath to do no harm, then what is?” (It is worth noting that Snyderman is an Obama fan and ObamaCare cheerleader. After a July 2009 Obama press conference, Snyderman said, “I was rooting for [Obama] to hit a home run. ... We’re going to pay big time if we don’t get this [ObamaCare passed]. I don’t think we’re going to be a great world power.”) [3990, 66586]

Document experts Paul Irely and Doug Vogt present more evidence that the long-form birth certificate presented by Obama at WhiteHouse.gov is a forgery. Irely and Vogt review the document’s background on the green security paper, and note that the hash marks are the wrong size. [65939]

FoxNews.com reports, “Despite airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition, Islamic State militants are in a position to wreak havoc on Baghdad after making gains in nearby territories, adding to the sense of siege in the Iraqi capital. Yet some military experts believe that the terror group, who now control a large territory along the border of Iraq and Syria, won’t be able to defeat the forces now massed around the capital. However their new position does give them the ability to wreak terror in Iraq’s biggest city, with its suicide attacks and other assaults further eroding confidence in Iraq’s nascent federal government and its troops, whose soldiers already fled the Islamic State group’s initial lightning advance in June. ‘It’s not plausible at this point to envision ISIL taking control of Baghdad, but they can make Baghdad so miserable that it would threaten the legitimacy of the central government,’ Richard Brennan, an Iraq expert with RAND Corporation and former Department of Defense policymaker told The Associated Press.” [65945]

While many wonder why Turkey is not acting against ISIS, Pamela Geller posts a photograph obtained from retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North that shows a smiling Turkish soldier greeting an ISIS anti-aircraft unit at Kobani. Geller writes, “Obama said his ‘most trusted,’ ‘favorite ally’ in the world is Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan—the man responsible for throwing off the modern era of Atatürk and returning Turkey to the backward savage system of the oppression and subjugation of Islamic rule. ...Erdogan thinks of himself as a caliph, and is looking at Syria with imperial ambitions. President [Bashar al-] Assad of Syria said, ‘[Erdogan] personally thinks that he is the new sultan of the Ottomans and he can control the region as it was during the Ottoman Empire under a new umbrella. In his heart he thinks he is a caliph.’ ...Muslim fighters from Europe, Canada, the US, Australia, etc., are using the Turkey/Syria border to cross in order to fight for the Islamic State. ...Ankara may deny helping ISIS, but the evidence for this is overwhelming. ‘As we have the longest border with Syria,’ writes Orhan Kemal Cengiz, a Turkish newspaper columnist, ‘Turkey’s support was vital for the jihadists in getting in and out of the country.’ Indeed, the ISIS strongholds not coincidentally cluster close to Turkey’s frontiers. Kurds, academic experts and the Syrian opposition agree that Syrians, Turks (estimated to number 3,000), and foreign fighters (especially Saudis but also a fair number of Westerners) have crossed the Turkish-Syrian border at will, often to join ISIS. What Turkish journalist Kadri Gursel calls a ‘two-way jihadist highway,’ has no bothersome border checks and sometimes involves the active assistance of Turkish intelligence services.” [65950]

“...Actually, the Turks offered far more than an easy border crossing: they provided the bulk of ISIS’ funds, logistics, training and arms. Turkish residents near the Syrian border tell of Turkish ambulances going to Kurdish-ISIS battle zones and then evacuating ISIS casualties to Turkish hospitals. Indeed, a sensational photograph has surfaced showing ISIS commander Abu Muhammad in a hospital bed receiving treatment for battle wounds in Hatay State Hospital in April 2014. One Turkish opposition politician estimates that Turkey has paid \$800 million to ISIS for oil shipments. Another politician released information about active duty Turkish soldiers training ISIS members. Critics note that ...Erdogan, has met three times with someone, Yasin al-Qadi, who has close ties to ISIS and has funded it...” [65950]

The Guardian reports, “Iran’s deputy foreign minister reportedly said on Saturday that his country has exchanged messages with the US about the fight against Islamic State (Isis) militants in Syria and Iraq. Hossein Amir Abdollahian was quoted by Iranian media, in what would be a rare confirmation of Iran-US discussions over Isis, as saying Iran had warned Washington that Israel would be at risk should the US and its allies seek to topple the Syrian president, Bashar al-Assad, while fighting the extremist group.” (Aware of Obama’s intense hatred of Israel, Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer quips, “Did Obama respond, ‘What’s the catch?’”) [65959, 65960]

WashingtonPost.com reports that Moner Mohammad Abusalha, a Florida resident who blew himself up in a suicide attack in Syria on May 25, 2014, had returned to the United States from Syria in May 2013 and “went unmonitored” by U.S. authorities. “...Abusalha had made two trips to a conflict zone seen as the largest incubator of Islamist radicalism

since Afghanistan in the 1980s. Between those visits he wandered inside the United States for more than six months, U.S. officials said, attracting no attention from authorities after their brief telephone conversation with his mother [who said he was merely visiting relatives]. His movements went unmonitored despite a major push by U.S. security and intelligence agencies over the past two years to track the flow of foreign fighters into and out of Syria. ... 'It is extremely difficult for the FBI to identify individuals in the U.S. who have this kind of goal,' said George Piro, special agent in charge of the FBI's Miami field office, which led the Abusalha investigation. 'It requires a loved one or really close friend to note the changes. ... The family has to intervene.'" (In other words, Americans are not safe.) [66010, 66011]

In his weekly Internet/radio broadcast, Obama again calls for an increase in the minimum wage: "[O]ne of the simplest and fastest ways to start helping folks get ahead is by raising the minimum wage. Ask yourself: could you live on \$14,500 a year? That's what someone working full-time on the minimum wage makes. If they're raising kids, that's below the poverty line. And that's not right. A hard day's work deserves a fair day's pay. Right now, a worker on the federal minimum wage earns \$7.25 an hour. It's time to raise that to \$10.10 an hour. Raising the federal minimum wage to ten dollars and ten cents an hour, or ten-ten, would benefit 28 million American workers. 28 million. And these aren't just high schoolers on their first job. The average worker who would benefit is 35 years old. Most low-wage workers are women. And that extra money would help them pay the bills and provide for their families. It also means they'll have more money to spend at local businesses—which grows the economy for everyone." (There are only about 1.5 million American workers earning the minimum wage—a far cry from 28 million. Obama ignores the fact that increasing the minimum wage will take many workers not from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour, but from \$7.25 per hour to \$0.00 per hour—when they are fired because their services are not worth \$10.10 to the employer. A minimum wage increase is, however, a payback to Obama's labor union supporters, because many of their collective bargaining agreements call for automatic wage increases when the federal minimum wage goes up. Additionally, of course, increasing the minimum wage means increased income tax and Social Security tax revenues for the federal government—with most of it coming from workers who are decades away from receiving Social Security benefits.) [65904, 65905, 65906, 65984]

CNN's Don Lemon asks former White House press secretary Jay Carney, "Whether it is perception or reality, the midterms are coming up, and what does it do to Democrats who are really keeping [Obama] at, at arm's length right now? Does it, does it, what does this do for the Democratic Party, Jay?" Carney responds, "Well, I think that Democratic candidates, uh, you know, have to, sort of, thread this needle very carefully because, uh, it is true that when you have an unpopular president of your party you don't want to be associated with him, uh, you know, your opponents are probably running ads linking him to you and you want to keep your distance. Uh, but the fact is ... Obama, like incumbent[s] usually are, remains very popular with his base, uh, and with the base of the Democratic party. So in some states and some places those candidates have to be careful about going too far in distancing themselves. This is, look, it is not a good dynamic for Democrats out there. Their, their goal has to be, in this [election] cycle, to run local and

state races and not have it, have their races be nationalized, because if they're nationalized they're gonna [sic] be hurt by the overall, uh, perception of ...Obama right now. Uh, I think what we've seen in the polls so far is we haven't seen a national wave yet. There's still time for that to happen. There's no question it's gonna [sic] be, uh, a good year for Republicans and a bad year for Democrats. The question is, how good and how bad?" [65985]

British Prime Minister David Cameron tells an audience that ISIS has "nothing to do with the great religion of Islam, a religion of peace." (Although separated by an immense ocean, Cameron and Obama are nevertheless drinking the same water.) [66012]

On October 12 TheBlaze.com reports, "Seventeen protesters [still angry over the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri] were arrested in a convenience store parking after 'attempting to storm' the business and 'throwing rocks' at police early Sunday morning, St. Louis Police Chief Sam Dotson said." [66018, 66086]

CNN.com reports, "A health care worker at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas who had 'extensive contact' on 'multiple occasions' with Thomas Eric Duncan has tested positive for Ebola after a preliminary test, officials said Sunday. Confirmatory testing is being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control [CDC] and Prevention in Atlanta. Test results are expected to be announced later in the day. The patient is a nurse [Nina Pham], an official who is familiar with this case told CNN. She was involved in Duncan's second visit to the hospital, when he was admitted for treatment, and was wearing protective gear as prescribed by the CDC: gown, gloves, mask and shield, Texas Health Resources chief clinical officer Dan Varga said." CDC head Tom Frieden states, "At some point there was a breach in protocol." (He does not explain what the "breach" was. Some might argue that a breach of protocol would be something like Obama forcing the Dalai Lama to use the back door of the White House to exit, not the failure of a biohazard suit to protect its wearer.) [65947, 65948, 65949, 65968, 65974, 65975, 65976, 66097]

WCVB.com reports, "A man with Ebola-like symptoms was taken by ambulance to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston Sunday afternoon where he was being kept in isolation, though the hospital said it was unlikely he had the disease. A patient complaining of a headache and muscle aches went to Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Braintree Sunday afternoon. 'Out of an abundance of caution we immediately notified authorities and the patient was securely removed from the building and put into an ambulance...' Benjamin Kruskal, the chief of infectious disease for Harvard Vanguard, said in a written statement. Kruskal said the patient recently traveled to Liberia in West Africa. The ambulance was escorted by police to Beth Israel. The driver of the ambulance was wearing a mask and hazmat suit." The incident further emphasizes the need for travel restrictions from West Africa, even if the patient does *not* have the Ebola virus. (According to *Forbes* magazine, more than 5,000 Americans have already sought medical care in the mistaken belief that they have been infected by the Ebola virus.) Without travel restrictions, there will be countless incidents costing the nation tens of millions of dollars in actions taken merely "out of an abundance of

caution.” Similarly, since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks billions of man-hours and billions of dollars have been wasted in airport security lines “out of an abundance of caution.” Regrettably, “political correctness” has prevented the implementation of regulations that would more efficiently screen passengers and patients. [65990, 65991, 66058]

Obama has a brief telephone conversation with Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell to update him on the status of the Ebola virus situation. He then heads to Fort Belvoir for what Mark Knoller of CBS reports is his 200th round of golf since entering the White House. [65969, 65970, 65971, 65972, 65973, 65980, 65986, 66017]

At a conference in Cairo, Egypt, Secretary of State John Kerry pledges \$212 million in aid for the Palestinians in Gaza because they “need our help desperately—not tomorrow, not next week, but they need it now.” (Whether the funds will be diverted to building more terrorist tunnels into Israel is not reported. Gaza is governed by the terrorist group Hamas. Kerry does not explain how the U.S. taxpayer dollars will be kept out of the hands of terrorists.) Pamela Geller writes, “It’s outrageous. We are a bankrupt nation. The last thing we should be doing is aiding and abetting our enemies. This money will be used to buy weapons and further advance the jihad against the Jews.” Meanwhile, the terrorist-funding nation of Qatar—which owns London’s famous department store, Harrods—pledges \$1 billion to Gaza. Germany has pledged about \$63 million, Great Britain had promised \$32 million, and the United Arab Emirates has pledged \$200 million. (The population of Gaza is about 1.8 million.) [65981, 65982, 65996, 65999, 66000, 66001, 66002, 66007, 66008, 66082]

The Associated Press reports, “Turkey will let U.S. and coalition forces use its bases, including a key installation within 100 miles of the Syrian border, for operations against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq, American defense officials said Sunday. But progress in negotiations with Turkey—including Ankara’s agreement to train several thousand Syrian moderate rebels—may not be enough to stop the massacre of civilians in Syria’s border town of Kobani, where intense fighting continues. The Obama administration had been pressing Ankara to play a larger role against the extremists, who have taken control of large swaths of Syria and Iraq, including territory on Turkey’s border, and sent refugees fleeing into Turkey. U.S. officials confirmed Saturday that Ankara had agreed to train Syrian moderate forces on Turkish soil. A Turkish government official said Sunday that Turkey put the number at 4,000 opposition fighters and said they would be screened by Turkish intelligence. Also Sunday, officials confirmed that Turkey agreed to let U.S. and coalition fighter aircraft launch operations against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria from Turkish bases, including Incirlik Air Base in the south. U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, who has been traveling in South America, has said the U.S. wanted access to the Turkish bases.” (Turkey is willing to help train “moderate” Syrian rebels not because it wants them to fight ISIS, but because it wants them to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.) [65994, 66088]

Breitbart.com reports, “According to a report in the *San Antonio News Express* the US Army has completed but is refusing to release its investigation into the suspected

desertion of Army PFC Bowe Bergdahl who walked off his base in Afghanistan in 2009. ...Fox News is reporting however that the findings will be released to the public, but only after the November 4 midterm elections.” [66003, 66004, 66158, 66159, 66197]

A tax-exempt Democrat group called The Agenda Project releases a campaign ad blaming Republicans for the Ebola epidemic because they have allegedly cut spending for the Centers for Disease Control. In fact, the budget for the CDC has doubled since 2000, and the budget for the National Institutes of Health increased from \$28.03 billion in 2013 to \$29.31 billion in 2014—more than \$1 billion. For the current year, \$1.32 billion has been budgeted for biodefense and emerging infectious diseases—just behind the AIDS budget’s \$1.38 billion. It also received \$3 billion from ObamaCare’s “Prevention and Public Health Fund.” Obama himself cut \$72 million from the CDC’s Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Program in his proposed 2012 budget.

NationalReview.com’s Jim Geraghty asks, “Hey, could any of that \$1 billion spent on HealthCare.gov been spent on vaccine research?” One could also ask why Obama and Congress did not boost CDC funding in 2009 or 2010 when the Democrats were in complete control of spending. (Budget concerns notwithstanding, WashingtonTimes.com notes that the CDC has shelled out \$25 million in bonuses to officials since 2007, during which the agency’s personnel count increased by 23 percent.) [66013, 66014, 66015, 66023, 66072, 66083, 66085, 66140, 66162, 66164, 66202, 66245, 66246, 66273, 66285, 66312, 66340, 66346, 66347, 66348, 66349, 66350]

BizPacReview.com wonders if the \$1.5 million spent in 2013 to study why lesbians are more likely to be overweight than gay men could have been spent on Ebola research. TheFederalist.com notes “a \$702,558 grant for the study of the impact of televisions and gas generators on villages in Vietnam. \$175,587 to the University of Kentucky to study the impact of cocaine on the sex drive of Japanese quail. \$55,382 to study hookah smoking in Jordan. \$592,527 to study why chimpanzees throw objects.” Michelle Malkin reports that the CDC has also spent money on promoting mandatory motorcycle helmet laws, \$10 million “to study violent video games,” a “national action plan” “to prevent boo-boos and accidents on the nation’s playgrounds,” and studies to promote “social norming” in the nation’s schools and “‘safe, stable, nurturing relationships (SSNRs)’ in homes and schools.” (*The Washington Post* calls the Agenda Project ad “absurd” and “extreme,” giving it “four Pinocchios” for its falsehoods. It is worth noting that The Agenda Project was responsible for the 2012 campaign ad showing a man who looked like Congressman Paul Ryan pushing an elderly woman in a wheelchair off a cliff.) In 2011 the CDC posted an online novella called, *Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic*, which “demonstrates the importance of being prepared in an entertaining way that people of all ages will enjoy. Readers follow Todd, Julie, and their dog Max as a strange new disease begins spreading, turning ordinary people into zombies. Stick around to the end for a surprising twist that will drive home the importance of being prepared for any emergency. Included in the novel is a Preparedness Checklist so that readers can get their family, workplace, or school ready before disaster strikes.” [66013, 66014, 66015, 66023, 66072, 66083, 66085, 66140, 66162, 66164, 66202, 66245, 66246, 66273, 66285, 66312, 66340, 66346, 66347, 66348, 66349, 66350]

At Politico.com Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal writes, “In a paid speech last week, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton attempted to link spending restraints enacted by Congress—and signed into law by ...Obama—to the fight against Ebola. Secretary Clinton claimed that the spending reductions mandated under sequestration ‘are really beginning to hurt,’ citing the fight against Ebola: ‘The CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] is another example on the response to Ebola—they’re working heroically, but they don’t have the resources they used to have.’ Her argument, like those made by others, misses the point. In recent years, the CDC has received significant amounts of funding. Unfortunately, however, many of those funds have been diverted away from programs that can fight infectious diseases, and toward programs far afield from the CDC’s original purpose.” Jindal notes that CDC funds have been used for “bike lanes and farmer’s markets,” and while those projects “may represent worthwhile endeavors... to govern is to choose. Unfortunately, this administration seems intent on not choosing, instead trying to insinuate Washington into every nook and cranny of our lives. First, a federal government with nearly \$18 trillion in debt has no business spending money on non-essential priorities. Second, a government that attempts to do too much will likely excel at little. And the federal government has one duty above all: To protect the health, safety and well-being of its citizens.” [66024]

MSNBC’s Joy Reid claims, “so far, the only ‘spread of Ebola’ in the U.S. was caused by a private hospital in a red [Republican] state.” (The spread of Ebola was, in fact, caused by a man from Liberia who lied about his contact with an Ebola victim in order to obtain free medical care in the United States.) [66025]

On *This Week*, ABC’s Jim Avila pushes former San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro for the vice president spot in the 2016 Democrat ticket: “He’s just 77 days into his new job [as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development], but ever since his swearing in, so many Democrats have skipped ahead trying to figure out what’s next for the rising star? Could he be on a presidential ticket in 2016?” (As noted previously in this *Timeline*, Castro, whose mother detests the Battle of the Alamo and everything it stands for, and called the mission’s defenders “a bunch of drunks and crooks and slaveholding imperialists who conquered land that didn’t belong to them,” delivered the keynote address at the 2012 Democrat National Convention. Although he does not speak Spanish, Castro repeated “Que dios los bendiga” (“God bless you”) a few times during his address to give the impression that he does. CNN gushed that Castro “may be the next governor of Texas” or “the Hispanic Barack Obama”—but did not mention that the unaccomplished Castro has been an ineffective mayor. (Of course, when Obama delivered the keynote address in 2004 he was also unaccomplished.) According to DailyCaller.com, Castro pushed through a \$596 million bond program in 2012 to finance various projects to “transform San Antonio into a world class city by the year 2020.” With only 1.3 million residents, the program represents \$458 dollars for every man, woman, and child. Castro’s plans included “doubling public and private funding for the arts,” “reducing vehicle miles traveled per person by 10%,” “increasing population growth in center city neighborhoods and downtown” by 15%, “increasing the ratio of urban core housing to suburban development by 35%,” and, predictably, “green jobs.” Kevin Wolff, a Bexar County Commissioner, told the *New York Daily News*, “I see a serious lack of leadership at the

local level, like street drainage, safety and security, trash pickup. All of his concentration seems to be, ‘How can I shine a better light on myself from a national perspective?’” [36510, 36511, 36537, 36539, 36557, 36579, 66027]

On *Meet the Press*, NBC’s Middle East correspondent Richard Engel tells Chuck Todd, “There are enormous contradictions in the U.S. strategy that are becoming more apparent every day. Let’s start with Iraq. The Iraqi army is in no better shape now than it was when it collapsed. The new Iraqi government is not instilling confidence in the people. It is not instilling confidence in the armed forces. The U.S. spent years and years and billions of dollars to build the Iraqi army, only to watch it collapse and hand over so many of its weapons. So it is completely unrealistic to think that now, with a little bit of outside help and a lot of American good will, that the army is going to fundamentally change and the Iraqi government, which is really just a reshuffle of the same characters, is going to fundamentally change and suddenly inspire the Iraqi people to be behind it. On the other side in Syria, there are no allies on the ground. There are some Kurdish militias, but we’re not even fully backing them. We’re not consistently backing them.” [66028, 66031, 66048]

National Security Advisor Susan “it was a Youtube video!” Rice tells Todd that despite the likelihood that Kobani may fall to ISIS, there are no plans to change strategy: “This is [the] very early days of the strategy. [The] Strategy’s very clear. We’ll do what we can from the air. We will support the Iraqi security forces, the Kurds, and ultimately over time, the moderate opposition in Syria to be able to control territory and take the fight to ISIL. We’ll do our part from the air, uh, and in many other respects in terms of building up the capacity, uh, of the Iraqis and the Syrian opposition, the moderates. But we are not going to be in a ground war again in Iraq. It’s not what is required by, uh, the circumstances that we face and even if one were to take that step, which [Obama] has made clear we’re not gonna [sic; going to] do, it wouldn’t be sustainable. We’ve gotta [sic; got to] do this in a sustainable way.” [66028, 66031, 66048, 66079, 66089, 66171]

Rice also states that Turkey will allow the use of Incirlik air base for U.S. operations against ISIS. (The next day Turkey states there is no such commitment. If such a deal had been in the works, the incompetent Rice’s premature announcement may result in its failure.) Rice has also claimed that 60 nations are in the coalition to fight ISIS, but almost none are actually involved in military actions and some do not even know they are in the coalition. According to FoerignPolicy.com, “Last month, Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar said his government opposed terrorism, but expressed annoyance that his country was included in the U.S. government’s official list of anti-ISIS partners without being informed. ‘I am bothered by the fact that we have been placed on the list without the government’s knowledge,’ he said. ‘We will have to voice some sort of protest; it is not appropriate to consent to our country being placed anywhere without our knowledge and consensus.’ State Department officials did not respond to a question seeking comment on Slovenia.” (Apparently stating an opposition to terrorism is enough for Obama to count a nation as being in his coalition.) [66028, 66031, 66048, 66079, 66089, 66171]

On *Face the Nation*, the Centers for Disease Control's Thomas Frieden says, "We now consider all of the health care workers who cared for the index patient [Thomas Eric Duncan] potentially to have been exposed [to Ebola], and we'll be rostering [sic; making a list of] those individuals and determining which require active follow-up in addition to their self-monitoring. We know from many years of experience that it's possible to care for patients with Ebola safely without risk to health care workers, but we also know that ...even a single breach can result in contamination. ...And one of the areas that we look at closely are things like how you take off the gear that might be infected or contaminated. Another that we'll be looking at closely in, in the investigation is the, the interventions that were done to try desperately to keep the index patient alive. This included dialysis and intubation. These are two procedures which can result in the spread of infectious material. ...I think the fact that we don't know of a breach in protocol is concerning because, clearly, there was a breach in protocol. We have the ability to prevent the spread of Ebola by caring safely for patients." (After "many years of experience" the CDC can "care for patients... without risk" yet failed to do so in Duncan's case.) [66045]

Also on *Face the Nation*, Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, says, "There is a lot of talk about banning flights. I think we need to target more the individual themselves and look at the idea of potentially temporarily suspending the thirteen thousand visas that would be coming out of this region—allowing health care workers to go in, because they have to contain the threat—but then when it comes to the... original population out of West Africa leaving, I think until this gets under control, that's a measure that policymakers ought to be looking at. ...Now, [Ebola] is a virus that incubates for twenty-one days, so that still leaves the possibility that somebody could actually still get through [an airport screening] process." [66046]

On *Meet the Press*, infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci says a breach in hazardous suit protocol might occur if the worker is "fatigued, they've been working for a long time, and when they take it off, they do something inadvertent, like brushing their face or something like that. I don't know how it happened. The CDC's investigating it, but that's very likely what happened. An inadvertent breach." (Obama says no one should be afraid to ride on a crowded bus, but Fauci says brushing one's face may be enough to spread the virus.) Fauci also opposes a travel ban on flights from West Africa: "We can understand how people might come to that conclusion, but when you look at what happens when you isolate a country, you diminish greatly their ability to handle their own epidemic. If that happens, it very likely will spread to other African countries. And the best way to protect Americans is to completely suppress the epidemic in West Africa. If we do that, we wouldn't be talking about this today. So to isolate them, maybe with good intentions, actually can be counterproductive and make things worse." (Like the CDC's Frieden, Fauci is misstating the travel ban argument. No one is suggesting that doctors or health experts be prohibited from traveling to Liberia and other infected nations. They are suggesting that totally free travel to and from those nations be restricted. If Fauci and other experts support isolating individual patients, it is absurd to argue that stricken nations should not also be quarantined in some way.) [66045, 66047]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Republican establishment political strategist Karl Rove predicts the GOP will win U.S. Senate races in Montana, West Virginia, South Dakota, Alaska, Louisiana (in a likely December runoff election), Arkansas, Iowa, Colorado, and North Carolina, but lose in Kansas, Georgia, and Kentucky. (If Rove is correct, the Republicans will control the Senate with 51 seats to 49 for the Democrats/Independents. *The Obama Timeline* believes the GOP will win Kansas, Georgia, and Kentucky, and has a slight chance of winning New Hampshire.) [66026]

A spokeswoman for the National Nurses United union demands training and biohazard suits for all hospitals. The union's executive director, RoseAnn DeMoro, tells *The New York Times*, "I'm angry about this. We want the first line of defense to be the most prepared. Our hospitals are resisting us. The CDC doesn't say that we need hazmat suits. If this doesn't change dramatically, we will picket every hospital in this country if we have to." BizPacReview.com adds, "Particularly offensive, according to reports, were the remarks made Sunday by CDC Director Dr. Thomas Frieden on CBS' 'Face the Nation.' Frieden told the country that the nurse in Dallas who contracted the deadly disease from 'patient zero,' the first case of Ebola diagnosed in the U.S., did so due to a 'breach of protocol,' a claim that puts the responsibility on the nurse, according to one public health expert. 'I think that is just wrong,' Dr. Gavin Macgregor-Skinner, an expert on public health preparedness at Pennsylvania State University said. 'We haven't provided them with a national training program. We haven't provided them with the necessary experts that have actually worked in hospitals with Ebola.' Possibly the most disturbing news is that professionals and the CDC don't even agree on a clear plan for a possible large-scale outbreak." (While the government may not be saying that hazmat suits are necessary, the State Department reportedly placed an order for 160,000 of them in September. While the government may plan to send them to West Africa, there are nowhere near 160,000 doctors and nurses treating Ebola in the region. Some might assume that many of those 1670,000 suits are intended for use in the United States.) [66075, 66702]

At the *Daily Mail* Sam Greenhill reports on the violence perpetrated by ISIS fighters as they battle to take the city of Kobani (also often spelled Kobane): "Thirteen-year-old Dillyar cannot get the image of his cousin being beheaded out of his mind. The pair were fleeing Kobane and running down a street when Islamic State fighters blocked their exit. Dillyar managed to slip through their grasp but his cousin Mohammed, 20, was seized, and gave a blood-curdling scream as one of the black-clad maniacs drew out a knife. 'They pushed him to the ground and sawed his head off, shouting 'Allahu Akbar,' the schoolboy told me yesterday. 'I see it in my dreams every night and every morning I wake up and remember everything.' ...According to those who escaped, the jihadis' savagery is more hideous than anyone feared. Headless corpses litter the streets of the besieged Syrian border town, they say, and some of the mainly Kurdish townsfolk have had their eyes gouged out. Refugees who made it to Suruc, just across the border in Turkey, tell of witnessing appalling horrors in hushed tones, as if they can barely believe it themselves. ...Ahmed Bakki, a farmer from a village near Kobane, said his cousin, a 48-year-old father of seven, stayed behind when the rest of the family fled. 'We phoned my cousin and IS answered his phone. They said, 'We've got his head, and we're taking

it to Jarabulus (an IS stronghold).” He added: ‘An English teacher in our village tried to reason with them, but they just called him a kaffir (non-believer) and tied him to their car and dragged him away. We heard they beheaded him later.’ ...This ‘scorched earth’ policy is being waged by jihadis whose most brutal members seem to be Europeans. ‘They are Chechen, they are English, they are from all over Europe. We know because we can hear their accents,’ said Mr Bakki.” (Obama is letting Kobani fall and allowing its citizens to be slaughtered because, as Secretary of State John Kerry has stated, the city is “not a strategic priority.”) [65778, 65781, 65782, 65826, 65983, 66220]

The leftist Salon.com interviews someone named Greil Marcus, “a critic of music and culture,” who says, “[W]hen you look at the murder of Trayvon Martin, when you look at the murder of Michael Brown, when you look at those situations, it’s not unrelated to Obama being [in the White House], but it’s more the way in which the country has reframed itself or rewritten itself since his election, with all kinds of people saying to themselves, maybe never putting it into words, just feeling it, ‘There’s a fucking n—er in the White House? Well fuck you, n—er, whoever you are.’ And an inchoate loathing and hatred that seeks out its targets. I’m not a psychiatrist, I haven’t sat down and interviewed George Zimmerman or the cop who shot Michael Brown, I don’t know what their motives are, I don’t know what kind of people they are, what kind of childhood traumas they have experienced. But I don’t think it’s nuts that in a certain way, when that cop killed Michael Brown, and when George Zimmerman killed Trayvon Martin, they were killing Barack Obama.” [66029, 66030]

At a campaign rally for U.S. Senate candidate Joni Ernst in Iowa, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney jokes, “Obama went to the bank to cash a check, and he didn’t have his ID. And the teller said, ‘You’ve got to prove who you are.’ And [Obama] said, ‘How should I do that?’ ‘Well, [golfer] Phil Mickelson came in, He didn’t have his ID, but he set up a cup on the ground, took a golf ball, and putted it right into the cup so we knew it was Phil Mickelson and we cashed his check. And then [tennis pro] Andre Agassi came in, and he didn’t have his ID either. He put a little target on the wall, took out a tennis ball and a racket and hit it out at that target time and again and we knew that was Andre Agassi, so we cashed his check. And she [the teller] said, ‘Is there anything you can do to prove who you are?’ And he [Obama] said, ‘I don’t have a clue!’ And she said, ‘Do you want your money in small bills or large bills?’” (DailyCaller.com: “This joke is racist, because Obama is black, and it’s hate speech, because Democrats don’t like it. Oh, and Romney is good at business and stuff, so you should hate him because he earned his money instead of taxing you for it. Pass it on. You have your instructions.”) [66034, 66074]

At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon notes, “[W]e don’t know much—hardly anything about the bombing [against ISIS], who was hit, how much damage, collateral or otherwise, occurred. Have there been civilian casualties? How many? Compare this to a few weeks ago and the non-stop coverage of the Gaza War. Almost every day we had reports on the supposedly huge civilian toll from Israeli attacks coupled with admonishment from State Department *porte-paroles* [spokespersons] Jen Psaki and Marie Harf that Israel should restrain itself, implying, of course, that the Jewish state was being excessive in defending

itself against Hamas. Psaki, Harf and others repeatedly warned Israel that they were harming too many ‘innocent’ civilians even though those civilians had been put there as human shields by their terrorist adversaries. Death and wounded statistics provided by Hamas and then parroted by the UN were almost always accepted at face value by the mouth pieces of our government. Barack Obama gets no such treatment. Weeks into the bombing of ISIL, we know next to nothing. The reportage is vague at best. Some, like the left-wing UK *Independent*, say Obama’s strategy has been a fiasco. Who knows? ...It’s easier (safer) to attack the Jewish state, which is democratic and often wildly self-critical itself, than it is to be honest with totalitarian nations that are truly dangerous. And when you criticize Israel, to justify your behavior to yourself, you then have to make yourself believe something is genuinely wrong with it, just as wrong as the Middle Eastern countries that surround it where torture, misogyny and murder are commonplace. This is the process that goes on in our State Department and administration and has for a long time. It’s a kind of low-rent version of the old saying ‘Europe will never forgive the Jews for Auschwitz.’ Indeed something is wrong. We live in a world where Turkey, not Israel, is a member of NATO. How odd is that—the perpetrator of a [Armenian] genocide preferred over the victim of one? Now reports are coming out of Cairo on the Gaza donor conference. Qatar has pledged a billion dollars in reconstruction. Overall 5.4 billion has been pledged. Who will make sure it doesn’t go for more weapons and tunnel? The UN? The State Department? The beat goes on.” [66038, 66039]

Former Department of Justice attorney J. Christian Adams tells WND.com vote fraud not only exists, it is made easier by the fact that voter registration lists contain massive numbers of ineligible names: “We have millions of people on the voter rolls who are not eligible to vote, millions of people who are not actually valid registrations. Absolutely nothing is being done about that from the government’s perspective. Only private organizations have done anything about it. Eric Holder, of course, is the attorney general who could do something about it but does not. ...There are dead people. There are foreigners. There are non-citizens. There are people who are duplicate registrations. They registered in more than one state. Sometimes they even vote in more than one state. They just get put on the rolls. They aren’t verified. When states like Florida tried to do the citizenship verification, or states like Georgia, all these groups, including Eric Holder sprung up to sue them to try to stop them from checking to see if they were really citizens. So the states that do try to check for verification frequently find themselves on the bad end of a lawsuit. This is something the Justice Department seems perfectly comfortable with. The status quo is something the department is totally comfortable with. Why that is is not something I have an answer to. ...We don’t know how prevalent it is, but we know it does happen. That’s the big point. Do people cast ballots, who are not entitled to cast ballots? The answer to that question is unequivocally yes. The answer to that problem is to get the voting rolls cleaned up. ...Al Franken [D-MN] is in the United States Senate because of voter fraud. He won that contest by 312 votes, but there were 1,099 illegal votes cast by felons. Every single felon who was contacted by the Minnesota media said that he voted for Al Franken. So we have a senator in the U.S. Senate because of voter fraud, and guess what? That senator was the 60th vote for ObamaCare. So we actually have ObamaCare because of voter fraud.” (Minnesota felons were able to vote illegally because the state allows registration on the same day of the election. They

registered on election day and voted for Franken. By the time their votes were found to be invalid, Franken had already been declared the winner.) [66050]

At a fundraiser, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon blames Israel's "occupation" of Gaza for Hamas' attacks on the Jewish state. (Gaza is not "occupied." All Israelis left Gaza in 2005.) [66067, 66068]

On October 13 Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel takes time off from letting Kobani fall to ISIS to write, "The responsibility of the Department of Defense is the security of our country. That requires thinking ahead and planning for a wide range of contingencies. Among the future trends that will impact our national security is climate change. Rising global temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, climbing sea levels, and more extreme weather events will intensify the challenges of global instability, hunger, poverty, and conflict. They will likely lead to food and water shortages, pandemic disease, disputes over refugees and resources, and destruction by natural disasters in regions across the globe. ... Politics or ideology must not get in the way of sound planning. Our armed forces must prepare for a future with a wide spectrum of possible threats, weighing risks and probabilities to ensure that we will continue to keep our country secure. By taking a proactive, flexible approach to assessment, analysis, and adaptation, the Defense Department will keep pace with a changing climate, minimize its impacts on our missions, and continue to protect our national security." [66016, 66059, 66060, 66076]

To no one's surprise, the White House confirms that Obama will not name a successor to Attorney General Eric Holder until after the November 4 elections. (The assumption is that Obama will choose someone controversial who Republican Senate candidates can use as an argument against voting for rubber-stamp Senate Democrats.) [66168]

Thomas "we're stopping it in its tracks" Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control, responds to the spread of Ebola to a nurse who treated Thomas Eric Duncan: "We have to rethink how we address Ebola control, because even a single infection is unacceptable. ... We need to consider the possibility that there could be additional cases, particularly among the health-care workers who cared for [Thomas Eric Duncan] when he was so ill. We would not be surprised if we did see additional cases." [66077, 66078, 66081]

On *The Keiser Report*, actor Alec Baldwin says, "America is a country run by white, Christian men. It has been for 75, a hundred years." Comedian Russell Brand interrupts to say Obama "is a black Muslim." A stuttering Baldwin continues, "But that's now. ... And he's only [in the White House] because he ran against a woman for the nomination." [66054, 66193]

The *Mirror* reports, "Stricken Syrian town Kobane's [or Kobani's] war-battered streets are littered with beheaded corpses and under threat of being overrun by Islamic State fighters, according to terrified locals. Hopes had been growing that American warplanes would step up attacks on the extremist force by launching more sorties and taking off

from neighbouring Turkey. But today fleeing Kobane refugees, some of them teenagers, said they had witnessed beheadings and seen corpses with tongues and eyes cut out amid bloody fighting. Father of four Amin Fajar said: ‘I have seen tens, maybe hundreds, of bodies with their heads cut off. Others with just their hands or legs missing. I have seen faces with their eyes or tongues cut out—I can never forget that as long as I live. They put their heads on display to scare us all.’ (The Obama administration seems more than willing to accept such continuing atrocities in Kobani, as its air campaign has done little or nothing to slow the advance of ISIS.) [66063, 66064, 66167]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “Islamic State fighters on Monday seized control of an army base in western Iraq, the third to fall in three weeks, as Iraqi forces in the region appeared close to collapse despite U.S.-led airstrikes. Iraqi officials described the pullback from near Hit—a town in Anbar province about 115 miles west of Baghdad—as a ‘tactical retreat’” and said the army hauled away equipment and burned food supplies to deny the Islamic State provisions and firepower. The withdrawal came just hours after the U.S. Central Command said coalition forces had conducted airstrikes in the area.” (The many U.S. troops who fought valiantly to secure Anbar province will not be pleased to hear that Obama has rendered their efforts meaningless.) [66065, 66066]

Also at the *Post*, Eugene Robinson writes, “It’s not too soon to state the obvious: At this point, the war against the Islamic State can be seen only as failing. ... Intervention by the world’s mightiest military force has produced no shock and no awe. To be sure, U.S. and coalition airstrikes are inflicting some damage on Islamic State troops and equipment. But the bombing has done virtually nothing to alter the strategic balance of power—or to boost the fortunes of our ostensible allies on the ground, the ‘moderate’ Syrian rebels and the hapless Iraqi military. Why, then, are we fighting this war? ... The Obama administration responds that its strategy will take time to implement. In [Secretary of State John] Kerry’s words: ‘We expect, as we have said, there will be ups and downs.’ But patience is justified only if there is a reasonable expectation that the myriad political obstacles barring the path toward success can be overcome. I’m not sure whether [Obama] and his aides are guilty of optimism or self-delusion. The situation in Kobane is illustrative. The border town is well within range of Turkish artillery, which could easily devastate the Islamic State’s battle formations. Yet the Turks do not fire—nor do they allow Turkish Kurds to cross the border and aid their Syrian brethren. They have, however, allowed thousands of Islamist fighters to pass through Turkey on their way to join the fight to overthrow Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. ... In Iraq, the Islamic State will not be defeated as long as it has the support, or at least the acquiescence, of large segments of the nation’s Sunni minority. This will not change as long as Sunnis view the jihadist militants as a bulwark against the Shiite majority and its sectarian militias. Obama knew from the beginning that these—and other—problems in Iraq and Syria are essentially political and can’t be solved by military action alone. So tell me again: What, exactly, do we think our bombs are accomplishing?” [66079, 66080]

Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan may be a friend of Obama, but Turkey is not a friend of the United States in the fight against radical Islamists. While his troops silently

watch ISIS fighters attack Kurds, Erdogan delivers a speech in which he slams the West. [66116, 66117]

At Townhall.com Wayne Allyn Root writes, “Only a madman would gamble with our lives... our children’s lives... and the entire American economy. Why would ...Obama play ‘Russian Roulette’ with the future of our country? It’s a gamble no sane leader would take. The life and death issue is Ebola. [Obama] is more concerned with political correctness (and golf) than taking common sense precautions to prevent a deadly pandemic. Why does [Obama] not see his responsibility is to keep the odds as low as possible? There are three simple, common sense actions any President who cared about American citizens would take: #1) Ban all flights from the Ebola Zone and quarantine all travelers coming from any Ebola Zone. ... #2) Secure and seal the border—NOW. ...#3) Return all U.S. troops from the Ebola Zone. ...The cost of treating just one Ebola patient is beyond comprehension: special ambulances; isolation chambers; hazmat suits; weeks or months in the hospital; quarantines for every person that came into contact with the Ebola victim; decontamination teams for their homes; and even special handling of bodies for burial. We’re talking about millions of dollars per Ebola patient. Multiply that times thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, maybe even millions of victims. If Ebola gets loose in a crowded urban area, America’s economy will crumble. Then there’s the death of tourism and commerce. Restaurants, hotels, airlines, shopping centers, movie theatres, sporting events, tourism and entertainment of all kinds will be shut down. Sports seasons will be cancelled. Americans will be trapped in their homes, frightened to go outside. Commerce will grind to a halt. Jobs lost by the millions. The economic devastation will be unimaginable. America’s economy (already on the ropes) will be in ashes. The result could be total economic ruin.” [66070]

“Yet knowing all this, Obama does nothing. He refuses to secure the border. He sends our young military men and women into the death zone to face an invisible killer. He even purposely chooses to refuse to do something so simple and common sense as ban flights and quarantine travelers from the Ebola Zone. [Obama] is putting all of our lives, our families, our economic survival, at risk. He is gambling with our children, our jobs, the future survival of America. Yet none of this has to happen. Why take that gamble? Why risk economic suicide? Why not take all possible actions and precautions to limit the possibility of a widespread epidemic? Is Obama criminally insane? A madman? An ignorant, delusional fool? Or is he doing this purposely to overwhelm America’s economic system? Does it matter? By the way, as America’s first case of Ebola transmitted on U.S. soil was announced, where was Obama? Playing his 200th round of golf... Any American who isn’t blind can see something is very wrong. It’s time for patriots, political and military leaders to speak up. [Obama] is clearly reckless, irresponsible, incompetent or evil. Regardless of the reason, for the sake of our families, and our physical and economic survival, it’s time to remove Obama from office. *Now... before it’s too late. Before he gets us all killed.*” [66070]

The *Mirror* reports, “Four years of crucial files on child sex abuse [by Muslim gangs] in Rotherham [England] have gone missing from a council archive, it was revealed today. Professor Alexandra Jay, who wrote the bombshell report revealing 1,400 [non-Muslim]

young girls were abused [by Muslims] in the town over 15 years, said minutes from key meetings have disappeared. Rotherham Council was slammed in her report for ignoring the scandal and its leader and chief executive have both since resigned. ...Prof Jay's report revealed how a series of reports warning of widespread sexual abuse of vulnerable girls by gangs of Asian men were swept under the carpet by council chiefs." (The politically correct British press is even afraid to use the word "Muslim" in its story and instead calls the gang "Asian." The sexual abuse lasted for years because local officials were afraid to confront the Muslims. Just as the Brits are afraid to connect violence with Muslims, Obama is afraid to link terrorism with Islam.) [66113, 66114, 66115]

Dr. Doug Butzier, the Libertarian candidate for the U.S. Senate who was running against Republican Joni Ernst and Democrat Bruce Braley, is killed when the plane he was piloting crashed. [66049]

On October 14 the World Health Organization warns there could be as many as 10,000 new Ebola cases each week, and the death rate has increased to about 70 percent. [66090, 66169]

After a CDC conference call with various hospitals, Dr. Betsy McCaughey, CEO of Defend Your Healthcare, health care expert, and former Lieutenant Governor of New York, appeared on Fox News, where she is asked how difficult it will be to set up hospitals to care for Ebola patients. PJMedia.com's Bryan Preston writes, "McCaughey's answer is stunning. According to her, after the CDC outlined its preparation strategy, one hospital administrator responded, 'What you're telling us would bankrupt my hospital!' She said that that administrator represents a Southern California hospital. McCaughey noted that there was no word on the call of who would pay for hospitals to get themselves ready for Ebola patients. And then she added: 'Treating one Ebola patient requires, full time, 20 medical staff. Mostly ICU (intensive care unit) people. So that would wipe out an ICU in an average-sized hospital.' In the case of Texas Presbyterian, McCaughey says that the hospital cordoned off its ICU to care for Thomas Eric Duncan and sent the rest of its ICU patients to other area hospitals. She added that many communities will not have multiple hospitals to choose from, so one Ebola case could cripple ICUs in small towns. 'But the most important thing,' McCaughey said, 'is that doctors and nurses are not ready for the challenge of using this personal protective equipment even if you see them with the helmet, the respirator, the full suits, as the CDC said on the call today, even all that equipment is not enough to guarantee the safety of health care workers because it is so perilous to put it on and particularly to remove it once it's become contaminated.' McCaughey said many of those on the call were 'daunted by the expectations, the separate laboratory next to the isolated patients, all kinds of—all kinds of adjustments, where to put the waste. Many states won't even let you dispose of this waste from such a toxic disease.'" [66262, 66263]

At the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Dr. Michael Osterholm, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy, tells an audience that the current strain of Ebola is much worse than any that has been seen before: "It [is] much, much more severe." Osterholm says he was told by key

Ebola researcher Gary Kobinger, Head of Special Pathogens at Canada's health agency, "It is very worrisome to me." "Maybe this is a different virus," suggests Osterholm. "Maybe there is that possibility—if you do have that much virus in the lungs, maybe somebody might cough it up and maybe you might get a cycle. I'm not saying that here to scare people. Plan B: what the hell are we going to do if we suddenly see the potential for transmission that might be respiratory in nature? Do we have a plan? ...I don't know what that chance is but I want somebody thinking about it, and I want a plan." Dr. Peter Jahrling, chief scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, also warns there is a possibility that mutations of the Ebola virus are creating much more dangerous strains. On the other hand, Jahrling has stated in an interview with Vox.com, "My gut feeling is that Ebola is going to burn out in human populations. ...In this epidemic, it would appear that there have been multiple introductions. It's not all person to person transmission. It's coming from animals again and again [such as fruit bats and monkeys]. ...Now there are all these different strains. That could also mean the virus is more mutable. We can't yet say. I think it's unlikely that this thing is going to perpetuate in humans." [66465, 66466, 66467, 66613, 66873]

It is worth noting that although the Ebola virus has killed about 4,000 people in Africa, HIV/AIDS killed more than one million, diarrhea killed more than 600,000, and vehicle accidents have killed more than 200,000. [66467]

The Denver Post reports, "A documentary slamming Colorado liberals, and Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper, can be aired without disclosing its financiers, a federal appeals court [the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals] in Denver said Tuesday. Citizens United, the conservative group that won the federal landmark case about campaign finance disclosure in 2010, made the film in question, 'Rocky Mountain Heist.' Citizens United on Tuesday said the film 'explores the liberal takeover of once a reliable Red state.' The organization had argued its documentary should be considered part of the protected free press, such as print or TV news, which does not have to disclose its sources of income." [66071]

Political strategist Dick Morris writes, "Failing to persuade voters to support their discredited agenda, Democrats are now determined to use a false flag strategy to advance their plan to steal a Senate majority this November. Masquerading as independents in four key Senate races, Democratic candidates are embracing a wolf-in-sheep's-clothing tactic to fool voters into believing that they are not the party hack/Obama rubber stamps they truly are. By pretending that they are Independents, they can take power and help Obama implement his plan to create a single ruling party government in the U.S. ...Were these 'independent' Democrats true Independents, their presence in our national politics would be welcome. But they are not. If elected, they would each meekly cast their ballots for Harry Reid [D-NV] to be Majority Leader and form a tame part of his bloc that controls the Senate." As an example, Morris points to South Dakota, where "former Republican senator turned liberal Democrat Larry Pressler is running as an 'independent' against former Governor Mike Rounds, the Republican candidate. The latest polling puts him only two points behind Rounds. Having served three terms as a GOP senator, Pressler backed Obama in 2008 and 2012 and supports Obamacare. His strategy is either to win or to take enough votes away from Rounds to elect Rick Weiland, the overt

Democratic candidate. The South Dakota seat had been written off as a certain Republican pickup until Pressler implemented the false flag strategy.” [66264]

MEMRI.org reports that on October 12 “jihadi sources close with the Islamic State (IS) reported that American IS commander Abu Muhammad Al-Amriki was killed during the ongoing battles in the northern Syrian town of Ayn Al-Arab (Kobani), near the Turkish border.” According to the *Daily Mail*, al-Amriki reportedly lived in the United States for about 10 years, but “It is unclear whether he was a U.S. citizen.” [66417, 66418, 66419]

At TheFederalist.com, Mollie Hemingway notes that while many are complaining that the government should have allocated more money for dealing with health crises, “[N]obody has even discussed the fact that the federal government not ten years ago created and funded a brand new office in the Health and Human Services Department specifically to coordinate preparation for and response to public health threats like Ebola. The woman [Dr. Nicole Lurie] who heads that office, and reports directly to the HHS secretary, has been mysteriously invisible from the public handling of this threat. And she’s still on the job even though three years ago she was embroiled in a huge scandal of funneling a major stream of funding to a company with ties to a Democratic donor—and away from a company that was developing a treatment now being used on Ebola patients. Before the media swallow implausible claims of funding problems, perhaps they could be more skeptical of the idea that government is responsible for solving all of humanity’s problems. Barring that, perhaps the media could at least look at the roles that waste, fraud, mismanagement, and general incompetence play in the repeated failures to solve the problems the feds unrealistically claim they will address. In a world where a \$12.5 billion slush fund at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is used to fight the privatization of liquor stores, perhaps we should complain more about mission creep and Progressive faith in the habitually unrealized magic of increased government funding. ...[The] NIH is part of the Health and Human Services Department. Real spending at that agency has increased nine-fold since 1970 and now tops \$900 billion.” [66072, 66373]

Hemingway points out that “in 2004, Congress passed The Project Bioshield Act. The text of that legislation authorized up to \$5,593,000,000 in new spending by NIH for the purpose of purchasing vaccines that would be used in the event of a bioterrorist attack. A major part of the plan was to allow stockpiling and distribution of vaccines. Just two years later, Congress passed the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, which created a new assistant secretary for preparedness and response to oversee medical efforts and called for a National Health Security Strategy. The Act established Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority as the focal point within HHS for medical efforts to protect the American civilian population against naturally occurring threats to public health. It specifically says this authority was established to give ‘an integrated, systematic approach to the development and purchase of the necessary vaccines, drugs, therapies, and diagnostic tools for public health medical emergencies.’ Last year, Congress passed the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013 which keep the programs in effect for another five years. If you look at any of the information about these pieces of legislation or the office and authorities that were created, this brand new expansion of the federal government was sold to us specifically

as a means to fight public health threats like Ebola. That was the entire point of why the office and authorities were created.” [66072, 66373]

“...So, we have an office for public health threat preparedness and response. And one of HHS’ eight assistant secretaries is the assistant secretary for preparedness and response, whose job it is to ‘lead the nation in preventing, responding to and recovering from the adverse health effects of public health emergencies and disasters, ranging from hurricanes to bioterrorism.’ ...[T]he woman who heads that office, Dr. Nicole Lurie, explains that the responsibilities of her office are ‘to help our country prepare for, respond to and recover from public health threats.’ She says her major priority is to help the country prepare for emergencies and to ‘have the countermeasures—the medicines or vaccines that people might need to use in a public health emergency. So a large part of my office also is responsible for developing those countermeasures.’ ... So why has the top official for public health threats been sidelined in the midst of the Ebola crisis? Only the not-known-for-transparency Obama administration knows for sure. But maybe taxpayers and voters should force Congress to do a better job with its oversight rather than get away with the far easier passing of legislation that grants additional funds before finding out what we got for all that money we allocated to this task over the last decade. And then maybe taxpayers should begin to puzzle out whether their really bad return on tax investment dollars is related to some sort of inherent problem with the administrative state.” [66072, 66228, 66229, 66274, 66373]

On November 13, 2011 David Willman wrote of Lurie in the *Los Angeles Times*: “Over the last year, the Obama administration has aggressively pushed a \$433-million plan to buy an experimental smallpox drug, despite uncertainty over whether it is needed or will work. Senior officials have taken unusual steps to secure the contract for New York-based Siga Technologies Inc., whose controlling shareholder is billionaire Ronald O. Perelman, one of the world’s richest men and a longtime Democratic Party donor... When Siga complained that contracting specialists at the Department of Health and Human Services were resisting the company’s financial demands, senior officials replaced the government’s lead negotiator for the deal, interviews and documents show. When Siga was in danger of losing its grip on the contract a year ago, the officials blocked other firms from competing. Siga was awarded the final contract in May through a ‘sole-source’ procurement in which it was the only company asked to submit a proposal. The contract calls for Siga to deliver 1.7 million doses of the drug for the nation’s biodefense stockpile. The price of approximately \$255 per dose is well above what the government’s specialists had earlier said was reasonable, according to internal documents and interviews. ...Dr. Thomas M. Mack, an epidemiologist at USC’s Keck School of Medicine, battled smallpox outbreaks in Pakistan and has advised the Food and Drug Administration on the virus. He called the plan to stockpile Siga’s drug ‘a waste of time and a waste of money.’ The Obama administration official who has overseen the buying of Siga’s drug says she is trying to strengthen the nation’s preparedness. Dr. Nicole Lurie, a presidential appointee who heads biodefense planning at Health and Human Services, cited a 2004 finding by the Bush administration that there was a ‘material threat’ smallpox could be used as a biological weapon.” (Smallpox was essentially eradicated in 1978. Nevertheless, Lurie seemed to think it was acceptable to

award a \$2.8 billion contract to a company owned by a billionaire Democrat donor.) [66499, 66500]

Few Americans have heard of Lurie, let alone seen her on television for any discussion of Ebola. Obama has, instead, named Lisa Monaco his “point person” on the issue. Monaco, a lawyer who worked in Bill Clinton’s White House counsel office, is not a doctor, and serves as an assistant to Obama for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism. White House press secretary Josh Earnest describes Monaco’s job: “There are individuals who are directly responsible for their line of responsibility and you have an individual here at the White House [Monaco] responsible for coordinating the actions of those government agencies to make sure they are properly integrated.” [66072, 66228, 66229, 66274, 66373]

WeeklyStandard.com reports that the Congressional Budget Office, which once claimed “Obamacare would reduce deficits by \$109 billion over a decade” now says it will increase it “by more than \$100 billion.” [66084]

Six people are arrested on terrorist charge in Great Britain. [66122, 66123]

In Copenhagen, Denmark a man is threatened with beheading for having a “Stot vore soldaten” (“Support Our Troops”) bumper sticker on his car. [66124, 66125]

Pamela Geller warns that Obama may choose Department of Labor Secretary Tom Perez, an in-your-face radical leftist, to succeed Attorney General Eric Holder: “Longtime Atlas [AtlasShrugs.com] readers are very familiar with the Muslim Brotherhood lapdog Tom Perez. In yet another act of stunning subversion, Obama trolls the bottom of the uber-left political cesspool to fill his key cabinet positions, in order to impose his radical anti-freedom agenda on the nation. As Assistant Attorney General at the Justice Department, Tom Perez had a shameful record of pro-sharia initiatives and craven accommodation to Islamic supremacists at the DoJ. Perez has long sought to impose sharia blasphemy laws under the guise of hate speech laws into the US. He refused to answer questions whether DoJ would advance a proposal to criminalize speech against any religion. He refused to commit to the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on the Constitution that it would never advance a law criminalizing the right to criticize any religion. In a FOIA request I made to the DoJ on collusion between the Department of Justice and the Muslim Brotherhood groups, the documents I received show the DoJ operating as errand boy and de facto legal arm of Islamic supremacists in America. The servile demeanor of the Civil Rights Division officials and the demanding condescension of Muslim Brotherhood operatives is astonishing.” [66112]

“...My confidential source tells me that Thomas Perez, the Department of Justice official, ‘has been present at Muslim conventions both as a panelist and as a speaker. During a question and answer session, a Muslim audience member was hostile, and Perez literally cringed and promised that the DOJ would do better. He also asked that more Muslims join the DOJ—that he would look forward to working with them.’” (Perez has worked against photo ID voter legislation, traveled to Sanford, Florida to meet with the family of

Trayvon Martin, met with hardcore Islamists like the ISNA's Mohamed Magid, refused to say whether he supports laws prohibiting the criticizing of Islam, encouraged the hiring of people with psychiatric disorders and intellectual disabilities at the Department of Justice, and gave incomplete testimony in the New Black Panther Party case involving voter intimidation.) [31116, 31120, 34782, 34787, 35906, 35907, 41239, 41357, 41770, 41798, 41859, 41864, 43437, 43453, 43454, 43455, 43470, 43492, 43539, 66112, 66129]

According to InfoWars.com, "Turkish warplanes have bombed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) targets near the country's border with Iraq. The strikes highlight rising tensions in Turkey over Ankara's perceived unwillingness to aid besieged Kurdish fighters in the Syrian town of Kobani. The Turkish General Staff dispatched F-16 and F-4 jets to the southeastern village of Daglica in Hakkari province on Monday, the Turkish daily Hurriyet reports. The daily says the airstrikes caused 'heavy damage' to the PKK." (If the report is accurate, it is another indication that Turkey is not the friend many mistakenly believe it to be. Turkey has no intention of standing in the way of ISIS, as it wants ISIS to help oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and expand the Islamic State.) Pamela Geller writes, "Turkey has taken up arms against those fighting the Islamic State. Obama's 'most trusted' and 'most favorite' ally double-crossed the 'coalition' of the reluctant and the useless. Turkish Prime Minister [sic; now President] Recip Erdogan has been aiding the Islamic State for years. Turkey should be thrown out of NATO. Now." [66087, 66088, 66106]

For those who are skeptical of InfoWars.com as a source, IBTimes.co.uk reports, "Turkey has bombed suspected Kurdish rebel positions in southeast Turkey amid growing tensions over Ankara's alleged inaction in relation to the crisis in the Syrian Kurdish town of Kobani. In the first major airstrike against Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) militia since peace talks started two years ago, F-16 and F-4 jets fighter jets hit rebel targets in Diyarbakir province." Reuters also reports that Turkey has attacked Kurdish positions. (Obama's pal, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is not only *no* helping to defeat ISIS, he is striking the Kurds who *are* fighting ISIS.) [66107]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield writes, "I'm honestly not sure things can get any stranger. Nidal Hasan, the Fort Hood Jihadist, can only get FOX News to report his terror statements in support of ISIS because the rest of the media still keeps pretending that it was a case of workplace violence. Meanwhile ISIS is urging its supporters to kill people in its name and make sure that it gets the credit because it knows that the media will do its best to pass off the attacks as random violence. We're in a deeply strange place in which the people trying to kill us are also trying to get past the media's digital wall of denial about them. Imagine if Japan kept bombing America during WW2, only to have the media refuse to recognize that it was happening." (The ISIS magazine Dabiq urges fighters around the world, "It is very important that attacks take place in every country that has entered into the alliance against the Islamic State, especially the US, UK, France, Australia and Germany. Every Muslim should get out of his house, find a crusader, and kill him. It is important that the killing becomes attributed to patrons of the Islamic State who have obeyed its leadership ... otherwise, crusader media makes such attacks appear to be random killings.") [66108, 66109, 66110]

At PJMedia.com Patrick Poole warns of “5 Key Implications if Baghdad Falls to ISIS.” “(1) ISIS will not be claiming to be the Islamic State, they will BE the Islamic State.” (Obama can claim all he wants that the Islamic State is not Islamic, but millions of Muslims will believe otherwise. The *symbolic* impact of the fall of Baghdad would be enormous.) “(2) The Great Reconciliation between jihadist groups will begin.” (Terrorist groups of all stripes will consolidate with the Islamic State, and new terrorist recruits will be added by the tens of thousands. Several top Taliban leaders have already pledged their allegiance to ISIS and its leader, Abu Bakar al-Baghdadi.) “(3) What of U.S. personnel in Iraq?” (If ISIS gets near the international airport, its rockets can threaten any airplane in the area.) “(4) If ISIS captures Baghdad, it will be with weapons provided by the U.S. to the Iraqi army and ‘vetted moderate’ Syrian rebel groups” (As ISIS captures more Iraqi army bases, it captures even more U.S. weapons.) “(5) The fall of Baghdad will herald an unparalleled sectarian war in the Middle East and wide scale regional instability.” Poole observes, “The coming days and weeks in the fight for Baghdad are fraught with enormous implications for the U.S. And yet our ability to influence those events is rapidly waning.” (It is worth noting that al-Baghdadi was once a member of the Muslim Brotherhood—the same radical group that Obama considers “moderate.” JihadWatch.org notes, “But he was always ‘inclined to be a leader,’ so after he was released from prison (for his Brotherhood activities), he joined with the Islamic State, eventually rising to be its ‘caliph.’”) [66104, 66105, 66120, 66121, 66308]

At BusinessWeek.com David Lerman reports, “With questions growing about a plan that lacks effective ground forces, Obama and [his] top U.S. military officer [Army General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff] will meet with defense ministers from more than 20 allied countries to bolster support for a strategy that even former administration officials say is foundering. ...The towns of Hit and Kubaisa were captured last week and Haditha could fall within days, said Faleh al-Issawi, the deputy head of Anbar’s provincial council, in a phone interview. ‘This is a very, very serious threat,’ said James Jeffrey, a former U.S. ambassador to Iraq under Obama who is now at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. ‘Time isn’t on our side. We’re going to start losing coalition members.’ Jeffrey said the administration’s steadfast opposition to U.S. ground combat troops is making it harder to reassure allies of an American commitment to the battle. ‘Constantly whining about how we’re never going to put ground troops in there is simply not going over well,’ he said.” [66130, 66131]

Army Chief of Staff General Ray Odierno is asked about his level of confidence in the Iraqi army’s ability to defend Baghdad against ISIS. His less-than-inspiring response: “Somewhat.” “I believe the capability is there to defend Baghdad. ...But we’ll have to see what plays out over the coming days.” [66172, 66173]

According to GotNews.com, “An email sent out to the Alcon staff by its CEO reportedly said that the Ebola [victim] nurse’s [Nina Pham’s] boyfriend was admitted into [Texas Health Presbyterian] hospital with ‘Ebola-like symptoms.’ Gotnews.com has received word from two different Alcon employees, both of whom asked not to be identified.

Alcon's U.S. headquarters are in Fort Worth, Texas. It is an ophthalmological pharmaceutical company." [66092, 66092, 66093, 66094, 66126]

DailyCaller.com reports that Obama "proposed to cut the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) funding in his fiscal year 2012 budget proposal. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is currently blasting out ads accusing Republicans of voting to cut CDC's Ebola-fighting capabilities in February 2011 by voting for a bill to cut \$60 billion from the federal budget, including from the CDC, in anticipation of the fiscal year 2012 budget battle. The House passed the bill on Feb. 19, 2011, but the bill never passed the Senate. But the Obama administration proposed to cut CDC funding, including for public health preparedness and response, in its very own budget proposal released the very same week as the House vote. Obama's original budget plan for fiscal year 2012 cut funding for a CDC public health emergency preparedness program by \$72 million. The proposed cuts would have taken money away from municipal and state health departments to hire health workers and monitor for public health hazards and disease outbreaks. ...Obama failed to pass his original budget plan, and Republican House budget plans also failed, leaving the United States government operating on continuing resolutions throughout that election year." [66095]

FoxNews.com reports, "The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked key parts of a 2013 law in Texas that had closed all but eight facilities providing abortions in America's second most-populous state. In an unsigned order, the justices sided with abortion rights advocates and health care providers in suspending an Oct. 2 ruling by a panel of the New Orleans-based U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that Texas could immediately apply a rule making abortion clinics statewide spend millions of dollars on hospital-level upgrades." [66096]

The New York Times reports on the many caches of chemical weapons found in Iraq between 2003 and 2011. (This would be the same *New York Times* that insisted the Bush administration's claims of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq were lies. Of course, what the *Times* is now reporting as "news" was well-known by millions of Americans whose new sources were not limited to the "mainstream media." Many of the chemical weapons were found in an area northwest of Baghdad—which is now controlled by ISIS.) [66098, 66156, 66157, 66163, 66176, 66186, 66260, 66307, 66362, 66363, 66391, 66930]

BizPacReview.com reports, "Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (D) said he could respond to a loss in the Gubernatorial race by commuting the sentence of convicted mass murderer Nathan Dunlap. ...Although Dunlap was given the death penalty for his crimes, Governor Hickenlooper granted him a 'temporary reprieve' when the date for his execution came up in 2013 to the outrage of the victims' families. He did this to avoid taking a firm position on the death penalty reported The National Journal. Hickenlooper indicated to a CNN reporter that he could take it further by granting the mass murderer full clemency if he were defeated by his pro-death penalty Republican opponent in November." [66153]

NYPost.com reports that Obama will not have time to visit the “Barack Obama Elementary School” in Hempstead, Long Island, even though he will be just minutes away at an upcoming fundraiser. The *Post* writes, “Students at the primarily Hispanic and black elementary school have been sending letters begging for an appearance by [Obama] ever since they campaigned in 2008 to have the name of the school changed from Ludlum Elementary School to Barack Obama Elementary School. The Hempstead Union Free School District board agreed in a unanimous vote to adopt the name change in November 2008, shortly after his election. School officials sent an official request for Obama to attend the renaming ceremony in 2009 and then again in 2012, when he was just a stone’s throw away at Hofstra University for the presidential election debate—but the students keep hearing ‘no’ from the White House.” [66198]

ThePostEmail.com reports that Judicial Watch founder Larry Klayman “has filed a lawsuit naming Obama, his Homeland Security and Health and Human Services Secretaries, and the respective directors of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Centers for Disease Control as defendants for allowing travelers from Ebola-infected countries into the United States.” [66099]

According to WashingtonsBlog.com, “Healthcare experts throughout the U.S. are strongly criticizing the Centers for Disease Control for its handling of Ebola. For example: Infectious disease experts say the CDC is blaming nurses for their exposure to Ebola when the CDC has given faulty instructions on how to handle Ebola patients. Many doctors say the CDC has given false reassurances and underplayed the severity of the disease. Public health experts also criticize the CDC’s statement that any hospital in the U.S. can handle Ebola patients. Experts also criticize the CDC for failing to encourage the buddy system for healthcare workers treating Ebola patients, and for including other common-sense protocols for containing infection. And nurses are calling the CDC hypocrites for saying that cloth masks and goggles are sufficient ...while CDC personnel wear respirators and full hazardous materials suits when visiting hospitals with Ebola patients.” [66101, 66102]

According to an ABC/Washington Post poll, 67 percent of Americans “say they would support restricting entry to the United States from countries struggling with Ebola. Another 91 percent would like to see stricter screening procedures at U.S. airports in response to the disease’s spread.” [66135, 66136]

According to the same poll, only 39 percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of the Democrat Party, while 51 percent have an unfavorable view—the worst such numbers for the party since 1984. (Although the Republican Party has a favorable rating of only 33 percent, the six percent difference between the parties has rarely been that low.) Among “likely voters,” the Democrat numbers are 38/56, while the GOP is slightly ahead at 39/54. The GOP bests the Democrats on the issues of immigration, the economy, foreign policy, terrorism, and ObamaCare. [66141]

CNSNews.com reports, “In the first two years since ...Michelle Obama launched her ‘Let’s Move’ campaign to fight childhood obesity in 2010, teenage obesity rates

increased, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From 2009-2010, 18.4 percent of children ages 12-19 were classified as obese, according to the CDC. Since then, from 2011-2012, one in five children ages 12-19 or 20.5 percent, were classified as obese, an increase of 11.4 percent. The CDC has been tracking these data since 1966-1970, and at that time only 4.6 percent of teens were classified as obese.” [66185]

Breitbart.com reports, “The highly respected Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota just advised the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) that ‘there is scientific and epidemiologic evidence that Ebola virus has the potential to be transmitted via infectious aerosol particles,’ including exhaled breath. CIDRAP is warning that surgical facemasks do not prevent transmission of Ebola, and healthcare professionals (HCP) must immediately be outfitted with full-hooded protective gear and powered air-purifying respirators. ... Although CIDRAP acknowledges that they were ‘first skeptical that Ebola virus could be an aerosol-transmissible disease,’ they are ‘now persuaded by a review of experimental and epidemiologic data that this might be an important feature of disease transmission, particularly in healthcare settings.’” (Obama will have to re-evaluate his “you can’t catch it on a bus” claim.) [66175, 66194]

Newsmax.com clarifies, “No virus that causes disease in humans has ever been known to mutate to change its mode of transmission. This means it is highly unlikely that Ebola has mutated to become airborne. It is, however, droplet-borne—and the distinction between the two is crucial. Doctors mean something different from the public when they talk about a disease being airborne. To them, it means that the disease-causing germs are so small they can live dry, floating in the air for extended periods, thus capable of traveling from person to person at a distance. When inhaled, airborne germs make their way deep into the lungs. Chickenpox, measles and tuberculosis are airborne diseases. Droplets of mucus and other secretions from the nose, mouth and respiratory tract transmit other diseases, including influenza and smallpox. When someone coughs, sneezes or, in the case of Ebola, vomits, he releases a spray of secretions into the air. This makes the infection droplet-borne. Some hospital procedures, like placing a breathing tube down a patient’s air passage to help him breathe, may do the same thing. Droplet-borne germs can travel in these secretions to infect someone a few feet away, often through the eyes, nose or mouth. This may not seem like an important difference, but it has a big impact on how easily a germ spreads. Airborne diseases are far more transmittable than droplet-borne ones.” (Additionally, according to WND.com, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases handbook, “USAMRID’s Medical Management of Biological Casualties Handbook,” states, “In several instances, secondary infections among contacts and medical personnel without direct body fluid exposure have been documented. These instances have prompted concern of a rare phenomenon of aerosol transmission of infection. ... Therefore, when VHF [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever] is suspected, additional infection control measures are indicated.”) [66194, 66213, 66225]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Federal prosecutors won an 18-count indictment against accused Benghazi attacker Ahmed Abu Khatalla on Tuesday, which charges him with

leading the assault that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya and makes him eligible for the death penalty. The indictment, handed up in federal district court in Washington, also puts the final nail in the administration's initial claim that the 2012 attack was a reaction to a video that mocked Islam. Instead, the indictment details Mr. Khatalla's orchestrated plans to attack the diplomatic compound, believing it to be a CIA outpost. 'On or before September 11, 2012, Khatalla informed others that there was an American facility in Benghazi posing as a diplomatic post, that he believed the facility was actually being used to collect intelligence, that he viewed U.S. intelligence actions in Benghazi as illegal and that he was, therefore, going to do something about this facility,' the indictment says. While that information had been made public in other settings, it marks the first time the government has detailed it in open court documents. ...The new indictment supersedes the one-count indictment the government unveiled in June after Mr. Khatalla was captured and brought to the U.S. He is now charged with being part of the conspiracy and taking part in the actual attack that killed four Americans, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens." [66161]

On MSNBC, Andrea Mitchell does her best to defend Wendy Davis, the Democrat candidate for governor in Texas, by referring to GOP candidate Greg Abbott as having a "supposed" disability. (Abbott has been in a wheelchair since a 1984 accident.) Mitchell asks, "Do you see this [Abbott's alleged hypocrisy] as the central issue of your campaign, rather than, for instance, the shutting down of the clinics throughout the state which have made it so difficult for women throughout Texas to go to planned Parenthood and get medically necessary abortions?" HotAir.com's Noah Rothman comments, "Okay, this might be the softest softball ever lobbed at a candidate in modern political history. Mitchell is practically begging Davis to get back on message. 'Remember why you're here in the first place?' The MSNBC host might as well have asked. 'Your unsuccessful filibuster in support of late-term abortions? Why don't you talk about that a bit and remind us why we supported you in the first place.' Davis, as bad candidates are wont to do, simply ignored this layup and went on to talk about something entirely unrelated. ...All aspiring politicians should... watch Davis's implosion carefully and study her missteps. When even your political allies in the press cannot save you from yourself, perhaps it is time to find another line of work.") [66134, 66166, 66259]

Entertainer Neil Young says, "I think we should impeach [Obama] for [not prohibiting] fracking." Young also believes the United States is worse than ISIS because of the size of the military's "carbon footprint." [66154]

A George Soros-backed group releases an ad featuring a black woman telling her son to wear a bulletproof vest to school. The ad mentions Trayvon Martin and states, "Every 28 hours an African-American is killed by a police officer, security guard or vigilante. No parent in America should have to put their child in a bulletproof vest. On November 4, you have a choice; Vest or Vote." (The "subtle" message is: "Vote for the Democrats, or Republicans will let white people shoot you.") [66155]

At PJMedia.com former terrorist prosecutor Andrew C. McCarthy warns of actions Obama is poised to take: "Close Guantanamo Bay and unlawfully transfer the remaining

149 jihadists detained there into the United States... Continue replenishing the enemy, even as the terrorist threat against the U.S. intensifies, by extraditing any Gitmo detainees not transferred to the U.S. to countries that will allow them to rejoin the jihad... Abandon today's half-hearted operations against ISIS and al-Qaeda once the midterm elections are over. Unilaterally and lawlessly decree an amnesty for millions of illegal aliens. Continue covertly transferring illegal aliens to cities and towns across the country, without notice to state officials, leaving local communities to deal with their housing, education, and healthcare, including any deadly infectious diseases they may spread. Continue admitting hundreds of aliens every week from West African nations plagued with epidemics of Ebola and other potentially deadly infectious diseases... Continue the march toward a deal that enables Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions. Continue failing to secure the border and to enforce immigration laws despite the heightened terrorist threat. Continue to enforce civil rights law in a racially discriminatory manner in violation of the Constitution. Continue to impose combat rules of engagement that endanger our troops in harm's way. Continue unilaterally and unlawfully rewriting the Obamacare statute, the federal drug laws, the federal immigration laws, and other congressional enactments that impede Obama's statist policy preferences. Continue stonewalling the public and Congress regarding the Benghazi Massacre, the IRS targeting of conservative groups, the Fast & Furious debacle, and other administration scandals." Noting that ISIS fighters are emboldened by Obama's pledge not to place "boots on the ground," Obama is similarly emboldened by a Congress he knows is afraid to impeach him: "[I]f you tell a rogue actor that you are not going to use the only powers available to you to stop him, you cannot be surprised when his behavior becomes ever more outrageous." [66184]

On October 15 Democrat Donny Deutsch says, "Right now we're stating at two ridiculously scary unknowns, of course, ISIS and Ebola. We're also starting at a poll, two-thirds of Americans say this country is going in the wrong direction. There is a psychological reason to go to Mitt Romney, and that is: 'Wow! We kind of made a mistake four years ago. ... We get to do a do-over. He was right about Syria, he was right about a lot of things. 'Oh, things can be okay, if I just get a do-over.'" (Of course, the voters do not get a "do-over.") Co-host Joe Scarborough interrupts, "Donny, you're dead right. There is a reason why Mitt Romney has come out of nowhere suddenly... [In the past] we only elected a certain kind of leader when the Soviets existed and we had to elect somebody with their finger on the bomb. You know who those types of people were? They were like Mitt Romney. We didn't give a damn whether somebody was exciting. We didn't give a damn whether they talked about hope, whether they talked about change. Whether they could play saxophone on Arsenio Hall. ... We need somebody like Romney, who's actually run something before, and isn't going to be marketed like a Pepsi or some snack food... We need competence. ... Americans yearn for competence, and Mitt Romney is competent." [66201]

Politico reports that Obama "is postponing a campaign trip to New Jersey and Connecticut to meet with advisers Wednesday afternoon to discuss the government's response to the Ebola outbreak, the White House said. Obama had been slated to visit Union, N.J., for a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee fundraiser before traveling to Bridgeport, Conn., for a campaign rally with Gov. Dannel Malloy." (By mid-

afternoon, CBS' Mark Knoller tweets, "WH says ...Obama will try to reschedule the DSCC fundraiser in NJ and the Dem rally in CT he was scheduled to attend today.") [66132, 66133, 66142, 66143]

After his meeting, Obama tells reporters, "We are taking this [Ebola] very seriously at the highest levels of government. And we are going to be able to manage this particular situation, but we have to look to the future." (What that means is anybody's guess. It might make more sense to look to the immediate past to learn from the mistakes made in treating and handling the first Ebola patient.)

Gary North writes at LewRockwell.com: "[Ebola] is not a one-time story. It is not the equivalent of the disappearance of the Malaysian airliner, which remained front-page news for weeks. Eventually, people decide it's not worth reading about. There is no new news. Not with Ebola. Ask yourself: Why will Ebola's spread in major cities, case by case, no longer capture the public's interest? This is a continuing story. It is a general story of interest that is confirmed daily: one story, many cases. There is no cure for Ebola. There is no vaccine. The death rate is 50%. [It is now considered to be 70 percent.] There is no way for the government to limit the spread of the disease. There is no way for the government to limit the spread of the news stories. The Internet has changed the balance between government's suppression of information and the public's access to it. The government cannot put a cork in this genie's bottle. There is a contest in the news media between boredom and widespread panic. It will end in one or the other. Which of these sell more newspapers? Forest fire stories or church bake sale stories? This is a forest fire story in perpetual summer. The hot winds are coming." [66100]

Yahoo News reports, "A second nurse who treated Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan has been diagnosed with the deadly disease a day after flying from Ohio to Texas, officials said. The nurse, identified by her family as Amber Joy Vinson, 29, reported a fever on Tuesday and was immediately isolated at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, officials said. [Vinson flew from Dallas to Cleveland to make some wedding arrangements, and then returned to Dallas.] Federal health officials said she is ill and will soon be transferred to a bio-containment unit at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Vinson was not experiencing symptoms at the time of her flight, but CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden said during a news conference that she 'should not have travelled' [sic; traveled] on her return flight to Texas after learning in Ohio that she was a potential infection risk. The CDC is now asking all 132 passengers on Frontier Airlines Flight 1143 from Cleveland to Dallas-Fort Worth which landed at 8:16 p.m. Monday to call 1-800-CDC-INFO." (One person who called the hotline reports a 236-minute wait.) [66103, 66132, 66150, 66160, 66165, 66177, 66181, 66235, 66252, 66261, 66289, 66352]

Fox4 reports via Twitter, "CDC officials confirm to FOX 4 they told Ebola patient Amber Vinson it was OK for her to fly Monday, even w/ a low grade fever." Despite Vinson having worked directly with Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan, she was told she could travel because her temperature was 99.5 degrees, and would not be considered "high risk" unless it reached 100.4 degrees. (The Frontier Airlines plane reportedly had five more flights before it was cleaned and returned to service.) [66180, 66234, 66242]

The Associated Press reports, “A Liberian Ebola patient was left in an open area of a Dallas emergency room for hours, and the nurses treating him worked for days without proper protective gear and faced constantly changing protocols, according to a statement released late Tuesday by the largest U.S. nurses’ union. Nurses were forced to use medical tape to secure openings in their flimsy garments, worried that their necks and heads were exposed as they cared for a patient with explosive diarrhea and projectile vomiting, said Deborah Burger of National Nurses United. ...RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of Nurses United, said the statement came from ‘several’ and ‘a few’ nurses, but she refused repeated inquiries to state how many. She said the organization had vetted the claims, and that the nurses cited were in a position to know what had occurred at the hospital. She refused to elaborate. Among the nurses’ allegations was that the Ebola patient’s lab samples were allowed to travel through the hospital’s pneumatic tubes, opening the possibility of contaminating the specimen delivery system. The nurses also alleged that hazardous waste was allowed to pile up to the ceiling. ...The nurses alleged that: [Ebola victim Thomas Eric] Duncan was kept in a non-isolated area of the emergency department for several hours, potentially exposing up to seven other patients to Ebola; Patients who may have been exposed to Duncan were kept in isolation only for a day before being moved to areas where there were other patients; Nurses treating Duncan were also caring for other patients in the hospital; Preparation for Ebola at the hospital amounted to little more than an optional seminar for staff; In the face of constantly shifting guidelines, nurses were allowed to follow whichever ones they chose.” [66137, 66138, 66146, 66174]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters travel restrictions to reduce the risk of the spread of the Ebola virus are still “not on the table.” Earnest, who has apparently never heard of private charter flights, claims, “Shutting down travel to that area of the world would prevent the expeditious flow of personnel and equipment into the region.” [66139, 66144, 66145]

“A senior military source” tells Fox News’ Bret Baier that the military actions against ISIS in Iraq and Syria will be called “Operation Inherent Resolve.” (The name is immediately ridiculed on Twitter and Facebook.) [66147, 66170, 66281, 66291]

As further proof that Turkey has non interest in degrading ISIS, let alone eliminating it, WND.com reports, “the jihadist group ISIS has opened a consulate in the Turkish capital, according to a Middle East expert who monitors jihadist activity in the region. The consulate in Ankara, apparently open with the tacit permission of the Turkish government, is issuing visas for those who want to join ISIS in its fight against the Syrian and Iraqi governments, the source said.” [66227]

WND.com also reports, “Middle East sources also tell WND that Bilal Erdogan, son of Turkey’s newly elected Islamic president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is working with Yassin al-Qadi, a Saudi businessman, who last year was linked to al-Qaida. He is on the U.S. Treasury Department’s Specially Designated Global Terrorist list. Qadi separately has denied any linkage to al-Qaida. Because of the designation, Qadi was supposed to be

banned by Turkey from entering the country. But last December there were reports he had entered the country multiple times without the need of a passport or visa and was escorted by Recep Tayyip Erdogan's protective detail, when Erdogan was the prime minister. The same sources add that Qadi now is in the ISIS leadership. They say Bilal, with his father's support, is pushing Turkish business prospects in ISIS-occupied territories of Syria and Iraq, subjecting all who haven't been killed to strict Islamic law, or Shariah. Requests to the Turkish Embassy in Washington and the State Department for comment regarding the allegation ISIS has opened a consulate in Ankara and Bilal Erdogan's relationship with Qadi went unanswered." (Turkey has not joined the coalition against ISIS. The Erdogan administration cannot be trusted. That Obama is quite friendly with President Erdogan suggests either that Obama is incredibly naive, or that he also cannot be trusted.) [66227]

At DailySignal.com investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson, who previously reported on an eyewitness who saw Hillary Clinton chief of staff Cheryl Mills sorting Benghazi-related documents into what they would and would not release to Congress, reports similar tales from longtime government employee Sonya Gilliam. Attkisson writes, "Gilliam, now retired, was responsible for Commerce Department responses to Freedom of Information Act [FOIA] requests during the Clinton administration. Back then, Mills was deputy White House counsel to President Clinton. At the time, multiple probes sought to determine whether the administration was fundraising illegally by selling seats on Commerce Department trade missions. Gilliam says she sat through countless task force meetings convened to respond to demands that began in 1994 for relevant records under FOIA requests and, later, from Congress, grand juries and news media. Prying key documents from the Clinton administration's political grip proved an often-impossible task, she says. ...Gilliam says the... document release by Commerce had to be 'coordinated' with the White House. 'I found many, many references that I have highlighted in those meetings that we had that said 'waiting on White House,' 'call Cheryl Mills,' 'Cheryl Mills has not responded yet,' 'Cheryl says no.'"" [66148]

"...Before the Clinton administration, Gilliam says, it had not been common practice to send non-White House documents to the White House for approval of their release. 'I was amazed and just really gobsmacked when I saw the White House involved to the extent it was,' Gilliam says. Two years into the investigations, on April 3, 1996, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 others were killed in a plane crash while on an official trade mission in Croatia. Brown recently had been served with a deposition notice regarding the alleged sale of trade mission seats. Evidence revealed a 'flurry of document shredding in the [Commerce] secretary's office' following his death. [There have been many claims that Brown was murdered, and that when his body was recovered at the crash site his head had a bullet wound. No autopsy was performed.] The document obstruction, which continued for years, is detailed in a 1998 federal court ruling. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth likened the behavior of Commerce Department officials to 'con artists' and 'hooligans.' He found that they 'wrongfully withheld documents, destroyed documents, and removed or allowed the removal of others, all with the apparent intention of thwarting the FOIA and [court] orders.'" (Attkisson goes on to list

many examples of documents that “went missing” during the Clinton, Bush, and Obama administrations.) [66148, 66149]

Obama claims, “I shook hands with, hugged, and kissed not the doctors but a couple of the nurses at Emory... I felt perfectly safe.” (Obama does not claim to have hugged or kissed anyone at the hospital in Dallas where Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan died. In any event, Joe Biden will no doubt be watching Obama closely for the next 21 days.) [66178, 66179, 66237, 66265]

Politico reports that Obama “has canceled his Thursday travel to Rhode Island and New York so that he can continue monitoring the U.S. response to Ebola, the White House said Wednesday night.”

A Youtube user posts information about an October 10 incident on Delta Airlines flight 7603 from San Francisco, California to Tampa, Florida. According to the video, a “man of African descent” who “did not speak English” who was “sweating,” “fidgeting,” and “very uncomfortable.” The man then vomited on several passengers. (Another report claims the flight number was 1760.) [66187, 66188, 66189, 66253, 66393]

The Fifth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals reinstates Texas’ photo voter ID law, overturning a lower judge’s ruling that the law is unconstitutional. (U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzalez Ramos, an Obama appointee, had blocked the law, claiming it constituted a “poll tax” by “Anglo” sponsors.) [65881, 66190]

In a debate with candidates for the U.S. Senate from Louisiana, the moderators asks them to rank Obama and Governor Bobby Jindal on a scale of one to 10. According to Townhall.com’s Cortney O’Brien, Dr. Bill Cassidy (R) gave Obama a zero and Jindal a seven. Retired Colonel Rob Maness, another Republican in the race, gave Obama a zero and Jindal a five. Incumbent Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) gave Jindal a three and Obama a “six to seven.” O’Brien writes, “I give the question a ten. Not only did it allow Cassidy and Maness to boldly challenge [Obama], it proved just how much Landrieu is willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. After all, she does vote with him 97 percent of the time.” [66191, 66195]

FoxNews.com reports, “Christians across the nation are mobilizing to defend a group of Houston pastors who were ordered by the city to turn over any sermons dealing with homosexuality, gender identity issues or Houston mayor. Their message is simple—Don’t Mess with Texas Preachers. Dave Welch, the executive director of the Texas Pastor Council, is one of the five ministers who received a subpoena. He said he will not be intimidated by Annise Parker, who is the city’s first openly lesbian mayor, nor will he comply with the city’s demands. ‘My answer to that is—bring it on,’ he said. Houston’s city attorney issued the subpoenas in a response to a lawsuit filed related to the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (H.E.R.O.), the city’s new non-discrimination ordinance, also known as the ‘Bathroom Bill.’ The new law, which has yet to take effect, would (among other things) allow men who identify as women to use the restrooms of their choice—and vice versa. Opponents launched a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot. However,

the city threw out the petitions claiming there were not enough legitimate signatures. Opponents then filed a lawsuit—which led the city to issue the subpoenas.” (Parker is retaliating against churches for their stand against gay marriage and her ordinance, and is attempting to intimidate them. Her actions are, of course, a violation of First Amendment rights. They are also inconsistent, as area mosques are far more critical of homosexuality than Christian churches, yet she has not issued subpoenas for mosques.) [66206, 66221, 66222, 66236, 66238, 66239, 66280, 67053]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, “Religious liberty is the very first protection in the Bill of Rights, the foundation of all our liberties. The city of Houston’s subpoenas demanding that pastors provide the government with copies of their sermons is both shocking and shameful. [Mayor Parker] should be ashamed. And we should all be proud to stand up and defend the pastors who are resisting these blatant attempts to suppress their First Amendment rights. For far too long, the federal government has led an assault against religious liberty, and now, sadly, my hometown of Houston is joining the fight. This is wrong. It’s unbecoming of Texans, and it’s un-American. The government has no business asking pastors to turn over their sermons. These subpoenas are a grotesque abuse of power, and the officials who approved them should be held accountable by the people.” [66236]

Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate in Georgia, Michelle Nunn, refuses to respond to a reporter who asks if she voted for Obama in 2008 and 2012. (Nunn—who has also refused to say whether she would have voted for ObamaCare had she been in Congress when it was passed—has a slight lead over Republican candidate David Perdue in some polls and is tied in another, partly because her father is former Senator Sam Nunn. Whether her refusal to say if she voted for Obama will hurt her in any way remains to be seen. Nunn also refuses to be interviewed with anyone from Fox News, and insisted that the network’s John Roberts be removed as a debate moderator—despite his many years at CNN and CBS before joining Fox.) [66269, 66270, 67344, 67361, 67375]

Ann Coulter writes, “It’s becoming increasingly clear this [Ebola crisis] is just another platform for Obama to demonstrate that we are citizens of the world. The entire Ebola issue is being discussed—by our government, not the United Nations—as if Liberians are indistinguishable from Americans, and U.S. taxpayers should be willing to pay whatever it takes to save them. Maybe we should give them the vote, too! If Ebola was concentrated in Finland and Norway—certainly Israel!—we’d have had a travel ban on Day One. ... Why, precisely, must we attack Ebola in Africa? Research on a cure doesn’t require cuddling victims in their huts. Scientists who discovered the AIDS cocktail didn’t spend their nights at Studio 54 in order to ‘fight the disease at its source.’ Until there’s a treatment, we can’t put out the disease there, or here. The only thing Americans will be doing in Liberia is changing the bedpans of victims, getting infected and bringing Ebola back to America. When there’s a vaccine, we can mail it. Naturally, Obama is sending troops from the 101st Airborne, the pride of our Army, to Liberia. Their general should resign in protest.” Obama administration officials explained their opposition to a travel ban, “saying that if West Africans can’t fly to America, ‘that would cause the disease to grow in that area and spill over into other countries.’ So instead of infecting people in

surrounding countries, our CDC wants them to come here and infect Americans. ...Quite obviously, the only way to protect Americans is to prevent Ebola from coming here in the first place. The problem isn't that Ebola will leap across oceans to infect Americans; it's that Obama doesn't want to protect Americans. At least he's only putting expendable Americans on the frontlines of the Ebola epidemic—doctors, nurses, members of the 101st Airborne.” [66192]

“At the moment, more than 13,000 West Africans have travel visas to come to the U.S. Having just seen an Ebola-infected Liberian get \$500,000 worth of free medical treatment in the U.S., the first thing any African who might have Ebola should do is get himself to America. Of all the reasons people have for coming here—welfare, drug-dealing, Medicare scams—‘I have Ebola and I’m going to die, otherwise’ is surely one of the strongest. The entire continent of Africa now knows that this is a country that will happily spend half a million dollars on treating someone who just arrived—and then berate itself for not doing enough. Thomas Eric Duncan’s family may be upset with his treatment, but they have to admit, the price was right. *Medical bill: \$0.00. Your next statement will arrive in 30 days.* And now we’re going to have to let in entire families with Ebola, because the important thing is—actually, I don’t know why. It’s some technical, scientific point about fences not working. Republicans—Americans—have got to demand [CDC director [Tom] Frieden’s resignation. If only we could demand Obama’s.” [66192]

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, “A temporary ban on travel to the United States from countries afflicted with the virus is something that [Obama] should absolutely consider, along with any other appropriate actions as doubts about the security of our air travel systems grow. It is also imperative we ensure that federal, state and local agencies, along with our public health infrastructure, are prepared, remain vigilant, and follow proper protocols to identify the virus and take appropriate measures for those who have been exposed to it. ...Our hearts go out to the healthcare workers who have contracted the Ebola virus here in the United States, as well as those who have been impacted by it around the globe. We pray for their speedy recovery, and we pray for those who are helping to treat and care for these individuals, including our medical experts and military personnel who are in West Africa to help stem this deadly disease. Concerns about the possibility of an outbreak of this sort prompted the House to provide more funding for the CDC than requested, and the tragic developments seen in recent weeks demonstrate that decision was a prudent one.” [66266]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The Centers for Disease Control told the incoming Obama administration in 2008 that it should establish 18 regional disease detection centers around the world to adequately safeguard the U.S. from emerging health threats like Ebola, according to an agency memo. But six years later, as the government struggles to contain the fallout from a deadly Ebola outbreak at home and abroad, the CDC still has only 10 centers—and none of them operates in the western Africa region hardest hit by the deadly virus. ‘The existing centers have already proven their effectiveness and impact on detecting and responding to outbreaks including avian influenza, aflatoxin poisoning, Rift Valley fever, Ebola and Marburg virus outbreaks,’ the

CDC said in its memo to the Obama transition team, which The Washington Times obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request. ...The CDC's plan outlined in the transition memo was based on the notion that the U.S. shouldn't wait for a disease to enter the country but rather monitor threats in hot spots overseas to try to help local public health authorities control outbreaks before then." [66268]

DailyCaller.com reports that Obama "is allowing 167,000 foreign criminals to live freely in the United States, even though their deportation hearings and appeals have been completed, according to an internal agency report. The data was revealed in a weekly report prepared by officers in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. The Sept. 22 report, titled 'Weekly Departures and Detention Report,' was leaked to the non-profit Center for Immigration Studies. 'This is ICE's own unfiltered record that provides a benchmark of immigration enforcement, and so anybody who views this document can see what is actually happening... not filtered by ICE's press office,' CIS Policy Director Jessica Vaughan told The Daily Caller. Obama's effort to reduce enforcement 'makes a joke of or immigration law, and it creates an incentive for people to come [illegally]... the surge of [136,000] Central Americans that we've seen over the last year is proof of that,' she said. In practice, '[Obama] can drive it down as far as he wants, as long as nobody tries to stop him,' she said. 'Unless Congress begins to insert itself, and insist that the funds ICE is receiving for immigration enforcement are used appropriately,' she added. The Sept. 20 report shows that officials have not deported 897,572 illegals who have been given a final deportation order by immigration courts. That 900,000 includes the 167,000 foreign criminals who have been ordered out of the country by courts, after their convictions for felony or misdemeanors." [66200]

The Dow Jones Industrial Average falls 173 points to 16,141. (It was 17,279 on September 19. Investors have lost perhaps as much as \$1 trillion during that period.) [66204, 66223]

Reuters reports, "Lockheed Martin Corp said on Wednesday it had made a technological breakthrough in developing a power source based on nuclear fusion, and the first reactors, small enough to fit on the back of a truck, could be ready for use in a decade. Tom McGuire, who heads the project, said he and a small team had been working on fusion energy at Lockheed's secretive Skunk Works for about four years, but were now going public to find potential partners in industry and government for their work. Initial work demonstrated the feasibility of building a 100-megawatt reactor measuring seven feet by 10 feet, which could fit on the back of a large truck, and is about 10 times smaller than current reactors, McGuire told reporters. ...Compact nuclear fusion would produce far less waste than coal-powered plants since it would use deuterium-tritium fuel, which can generate nearly 10 million times more energy than the same amount of fossil fuels, the company said." (One hundred megawatts could power between 80,000 and 100,000 homes. HotAir.com adds, "[E]ach reactor would require only 55 lbs. of fuel, most of which could come from sea water. That 55 lbs. would produce *10 million times* as much energy as 55 lbs. of fossil fuels. It would be perfectly clean too, with zero carbon emissions, which should make greens happy if they weren't so invested in endless scaremongering about nuclear power. Bottom line: It's a dessert topping and a floor wax.

But ...does it work? All of this is merely theoretical; Lockheed thinks/hopes/expects that it'll have a working model in 10 years, but is that true? Some scientists say... no.” [66267, 66278, 66279, 66353]

A Fox News poll “finds 58 percent of voters feel things in the world are ‘going to hell in a handbasket.’ That includes nearly half of Democrats (48 percent) and majorities of independents (61 percent) and Republicans (71 percent). ...Meanwhile, by a 61-36 percent margin, voters say they don’t feel hopeful about the direction of the country. That’s a reversal from 2012 when 57 percent felt hopeful. The shift is driven by a nearly 30-point drop among Democrats: 80 percent felt hopeful two years ago, while just 52 percent say the same now. In August 2012, Democrats were likely buoyed by Obama’s re-election campaign.” [66205]

At HotAir.com Mary Katherine Ham reports that journalists who cover the White House will (finally) distribute their own pool reports “to keep Obama from messing with them.” (Journalists covering Obama’s daily activities take turns writing summaries, which are then distributed by the White House press office to hundreds of reporters—which is why so many stories at numerous media outlets are essentially identical. The problem with the Obama White House is that it has censored many of the stories, striking out things it did not want reported. Most reporters apparently did not seem to mind, because they were all on Obama’s “hope and change” bandwagon. But after six years of such actions, some journalists have finally had enough and decided they will report what they want to report, and share their pool reports on their own. Needless to say, had the Bush White House engaged in such censorship the media would have raised a huge fuss from day one. But with Obama it took six years for journalists to realize they had become glorified stenographers more than reporters.) [66275]

CNSNews.com reports, “Inflation-adjusted federal tax revenues not only hit a record high in fiscal 2014, but marked the first time that tax revenues have ever topped \$3 trillion, according to the latest Monthly Treasury Statement. In fiscal year 2014, inflation-adjusted federal tax revenues hit a record \$3,020,848,000,000, but the federal government still ran a \$483,350,000,000 deficit during that time.” (In 2009, tax revenue was \$2.105 trillion. Spending was \$3.517 trillion—\$787 billion of which was from Obama’s “stimulus legislation.”) [66292, 66293]

Judicial Watch files a lawsuit charging that Congress illegally enrolled employees in ObamaCare though its “Small Business Exchange” even though, of course, Congress is certainly not a “small business.” WND.com reports, “The lawsuit cites applications filed with the exchange by the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Copies of the applications were obtained by Judicial Watch through a Freedom of Information Act request. They show the House and Senate claimed to have only 45 employees each. A box is checked on the forms next to the confirming statement, ‘I attest that I employ 50 or fewer full time equivalent employees.’ But Judicial Watch notes Congress employs upward of 20,000 people. ‘The applications also falsely state that the House and Senate are ‘local/state governments,’ Judicial Watch said. ...The exchange was given more than \$77 million in taxpayer money in 2013 and 2014. ...Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

said the documents his organization obtained show every member of Congress who has enrolled in Obamacare has obtained their insurance coverage and any taxpayer subsidies ‘through fraud.’” According to the lawsuit, “At least 12,359 members of Congress, congressional staffers, and their spouses and dependents obtained health insurance through the Small Business Exchange as of February 9, 2014. These 12,359 persons represent approximately 86 percent of the 14,289 persons enrolled in the Small Business Exchange between October 1, 2013 and September 9, 2014.” [66224]

D. W. Ulsterman reports: “According to sources on Capitol Hill, Valerie Jarrett received a scathing indictment from an individual responsible for raising millions of dollars for the Obama campaign in 2012 and 2008. This top political bundler went so far to threaten the earning power of the Obama brand after 2016—a threat that apparently had Jarrett jumping into action to try and salvage [Obama’s] quickly sinking public image, including the sudden cancelling of two already scheduled fundraising appearances. ‘This White House has an image problem and that problem starts and ends with you and [Obama], and these problems won’t go away after 2016. In fact as far as you making a living, it won’t be nearly as lucrative as you’re all hoping. Unless things change, I’ll personally see to that myself.’ [In other words, angry, wealthy Democrats will see to it that Obama and Jarrett do not get as many well-paid speaking engagements as they would like.] That kind of tough talk is not something Valerie Jarrett is accustomed to having directed at her, but it was apparently what was said not more than 48 hours ago by a man responsible for millions of dollars in donations for the Obama campaigns, as well as other notable Democratic Party causes, and one who also intends to see Hillary Clinton elected president in 2016. He also happens to be good friends with current and under attack DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Rumors of a widening divide between Schultz and the Obama White House, namely Valerie Jarrett, have been circulating in the media for the past several weeks. It is most likely the conversation was in fact shared by Congresswoman Schultz herself or a member of her staff. What we do know is that today the Obama White House announced the sudden cancellation of two scheduled fundraiser appearances by Barack Obama, though it is not clear if those cancellations are a direct result of the Jarrett/bundler phone conversation, the announcement of a second healthcare worker in the United States testing positive for EBOLA, or a combination of the two.” (*The Obama Timeline* believes the unnamed critic may be wealthy Florida trial lawyer and ambulance chaser John Morgan.) [66211]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA) says he was told by CDC director Tom Frieden he opposed a travel ban on West African nations because they have “fledgling economies” that could be harmed. (It is almost beyond belief that the Obama administration would place the economies of Liberia and other African countries *ahead of* the health and safety of U.S. citizens. It is unlikely that Frieden is imposing his own absurd view on the Obama administration; it is therefore clear that Frieden is following orders. That means Obama himself may care more about Liberia’s economy than the lives of Americans. He should be reminded that the U.S. economy is also at risk. As an example, *The Obama Timeline* is aware of families that have canceled trips to Universal Studios and Disney World in Florida because of concerns of the health risk associated with large crowds. If large numbers of American avoid crowded public places, such as

shopping malls, because of Ebola fears—*justified or not*—the U.S. economy could suffer greatly. At Townhall.com Wayne Allen Root reports that an event at which he was scheduled to speak “was cancelled, because so many attendees refused to travel to Dallas. Many who cancelled called it ‘the epicenter of Ebola in the United States.’ They were all frightened that Ebola could spread in Dallas like wildfire... One single case of Ebola in Las Vegas and tourism could suffer a dramatic decline or shutdown. The lobbies of mega resort casinos will instantly look like the days after 9-11, when you could roll a bowling ball through the main lobby of famous hotels like Bellagio, MGM Grand, Mirage and Venetian and hit no one. They were ghost towns in the aftermath of the World Trade Center terrorist attack and airline shutdown. They remained ghost towns for months after 9-11. Billions of dollars were lost. Ebola could make the economic damage of 9-11 look like ‘child’s play’ in Vegas... in Orlando... in Manhattan... in Hollywood... in any or perhaps every tourist center of America.” [66639]

On October 16 nurse Nina Pham, who was being treated for Ebola at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, is transferred to “a state-of-the-art National Institutes of Health facility in Bethesda, Md., for treatment,” reports USA Today.com. “Officials at the Dallas hospital said the decision was made in consultation with Pham and her family out of concern the Ebola crisis had left it overwhelmed and short of critical staff.” Hospital spokesman Wendell Watson states, “With so many of the medical professionals who normally staff our intensive care unit sidelined for the continuous monitoring, we felt it was in the best interest of the hospital’s employees, the nurses, the physicians, the community, to give the hospital an opportunity to prepare for ...for whatever comes next.” [66230]

CBS’s Charlie Kaye tweets, “Obama authorizes call-up of National Guard, [and Army] reserves if needed to address Ebola.” USA Today.com clarifies, “Obama notified Congress of his order Thursday. It reads: ‘I hereby determine that it is necessary to augment the active Armed Forces of the United States for the effective conduct of Operation United Assistance, which is providing support to civilian-led humanitarian assistance and consequence management support related to the Ebola virus disease outbreak in West Africa.’ The Pentagon said it had no immediate plans to send reservists or National Guard troops to Africa, saying that the order simply allows the military to begin planning for those forces in its overall response.” White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama “has laid out very clearly what the mission is. The Department of Defense has told [Obama] that it will require about 4,000 Department of Defense personnel to execute the mission [Obama] has directed them to execute. What I don’t know is the composition of that force.” [66231, 66232, 66233, 66243, 66244, 66250]

CDC head Tom Frieden testifies before a House subcommittee. Frieden tells the committee, “We’re open to ideas”—a remark that might not alleviate the fears of many Americans who worry more about the Obama administration’s competence than the Ebola virus. Apparently believing he knows something others do not, Frieden says, “Borders can be porous.” (Although Frieden is made to look like an uninformed fool by Republicans and Democrats alike, Politico comes to his defense with the Obama-

protecting headline, “CDC chief survives trial by fire on hill.”) [66241, 66251, 66295, 66296, 66357]

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, tells the House subcommittee that the doctors treating nurse Nina Pham will not be under travel restrictions: “According to the guidelines that the people who will be coming into contact with her will be physicians, nurses and others who will be in personal protective equipment, and therefore, they are not restricted [sic].” (Health officials are not sure how Pham became infected—which means they won’t know whether her doctors can also become infected. Yet the government is willing to allow them to travel without restrictions.) [66384]

Talk radio’s Michael Savage blasts the Obama administration over the Ebola situation, saying, “Listening to Obama, listening to Frieden, they don’t know Ebola from Shinola. Every day they change their tune. The military itself knows more about Ebola than they do.” Noting that most African nations have imposed travel bans because of Ebola, Savage says, “I suspect they are run by racists. And I think King Lear Obama should send [Attorney General] Eric Holder to Africa as he has to Ferguson, Missouri, to investigate and see if he can bring the FBI against Gambia, Nigeria. He should investigate Togo, Gabon, the Ivory Coast, Senegal, Rwanda, Chad, South Sudan, Namibia, Angola, South Africa, Botswana, Congo, Lesotho, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar.” (Savage’s point, of course, is that labeling as “racists” any Americans who want a travel ban is absurd because African nations themselves have imposed such bans.) [66309]

On CNN’s *New Day*, former White House press secretary Jay Carney says, “[W]henver there is a crisis like I think you have now with Ebola, whenever you have a situation like ISIS in that region of the world, the problem with Ukraine and you have these cascading problems all at once, which are very hard to control individually, let alone collectively, you get a White House and an administration that appears to be all out and under a lot of strain. But, you don’t get to choose the crisis you deal with... All of these things land on your doorstep. I think in the end this is not a political issue. It’s an issue that has to be handled. That’s why [Obama] has canceled travel. That’s why he’s focused, now that we have cases in the United States, on taking more direct action to protect the U.S. to make sure that this crisis is one that is principally overseas and not a U.S. crisis. But, there is no question in this environment it all washes back on the White House and that puts them in a bad light. ...I think substantive actions need to be taken, and they may involve flight restrictions, they may involve moving all patients to specific hospitals in the country that can handle Ebola, and I think those would be wise decisions to make.” [66276, 66277]

Out of an abundance of caution, several schools in Ohio and Texas are temporarily closed because relatives of some of the children had contact with nurse Amber Vinson. [66343]

As Hillary Clinton delivers a Democrat candidate-endorsing address at Oakland University, near Detroit, a man approaches conservatives protesting her appearance outside the event, licks his hand, and announces, “I just came from Texas. I have Ebola and now I’m going to give it to you. Without a public health system, we are going to have

the spread of Ebola. Libertarians don't want a public health system, so you're a fascist." According to DailyCaller.com, "After his stunt... he went back and stood in line to get into the Clinton rally. One of the students involved in the fracas, David Rowe, said [the man] grabbed his neck and actually licked his hand. Rowe has since filed charges with campus police." [66450]

Rush Limbaugh wonders if CDC head Tom Frieden "stepped in an amnesty trap." Limbaugh notes Frieden's Congressional testimony: "Right now, we know who's coming in. If we try to eliminate travel, the possibility that some will travel over land, will come from other places, and we don't know that they're coming in, will mean that we won't be able to do multiple things. We won't be able to check them for fever when they leave." the radio host then asks, "Do you know what he just said there? What did he say? You're nodding like you know what he said. Do you know what he did? He just threw amnesty overboard. He just threw amnesty under the bus. He just threw Obama's precious open borders under the bus. He says if we try to eliminate travel, then they're going to come here illegally—acknowledging there are others already doing that! ...Oh, no! He can't last [in his job] much longer. The Chamber of Commerce is having a conniption fit right now. [Amnesty-supporting Congressman] Louis Gutierrez [D-IL] is having a conniption fit right now! So his answer seems to be, 'If we don't let them come in on planes, they'll come by land over our porous border.'" [66366]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest apparently learns a new word, as he tells reporters, "I think this [effort against Ebola] also indicates a commitment on the part of this government at the direction of [Obama] to the kind of tenacious response... members of this administration have been tenacious ...you have seen so much tenacity ...what you're seeing is the kind of tenacious response that [Obama] expects ...the administration is mobilizing the kind of tenacious response that they deserve." (According to DailyCaller.com, Earnest used the word "tenacious" five times on October 15, six times on October 16, and at least four times on October 17. Earnest likely has a long way to go, however, before he can catch up to the use of "feckless" by Obama's critics.) [66377]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com, "Documents obtained through a lawsuit recently issued against the City of Phoenix by government watchdog Judicial Watch reveal a weapon from the Department of Justice's Operation Fast and Furious was used to injure two people in a 2013 gang-style assault on an apartment complex. When the incident occurred and during investigation afterward, police worked with federal law enforcement agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of Homeland Security, FBI and Drug Enforcement Agency in the case, raising suspicions the assault wasn't simply a typical, local gang shootout and prompted questions about the details of where the weapons that were used came from." Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton states, "Thanks to our lawsuit, Congress has been able to confirm what Judicial Watch already reported—that a Fast and Furious weapon was used in yet another violent crime that terrorized and injured residents of Phoenix. Our lawsuit against Phoenix exposed how the Obama cover-up of Fast and Furious is ongoing. Eric Holder's Department of Justice is a mess. It has endangered the public and is engaged in an ongoing cover-up of its insanely reckless Fast and Furious gun-running operation. Judicial Watch appreciates

the refreshing diligence of Senator Grassley and Congressman Issa in pursuing the truth about Fast and Furious.” [66240]

According to a Quinnipiac poll, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO) leads Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) 47-41 in the U.S. Senate contest. (Udall is perhaps not being helped by his own answers to questions. Asked by a reporter, “Is common core good or bad for Colorado students,” Udall responds, Yes.” Asked to name the three most influential books in his life, Udall responds, “*Profiles in Courage*.” After a pause, he says, “Let me think. We can play this over, right? Let me re-tape this.”) [66247, 66336, 66447, 66505, 66530, 66565]

At WashingtonPost.com Ed Rogers writes, “So far, here’s what we know we won’t know until after November 4: [Obama] will not sign—or even release the details of—his executive orders on immigration reform. We won’t get an answer about whether or not the White House will greenlight [sic; green light] the Keystone XL pipeline. Consumers will not be able to access information about the new 2015 Obamacare premiums (read: rate hikes) until November 15. And, Obama will not announce his nominee for attorney general. We also found out yesterday that although the investigation into Bowe Bergdahl’s disappearance in Afghanistan has been completed, the results will not be released until—you guessed it—after the midterm elections. And while we are at it, don’t we all think the White House is hiding something from us about Ebola right now? The White House assumes voters are stupid, ignorant and won’t notice. This administration is openly boasting about hiding the truth from voters until they are clear of the elections and the voters’ wrath. It is insulting. But as we know, in politics, gall pays off. This all begs the question of what a politically uninhibited Obama White House will look like starting Nov. 5. If this is what we know so far, can you imagine what will be revealed when the White House is no longer working to protect the Democratic Party? ...Anyway, the White House deferrals we are aware of today are probably just the tip of the iceberg. We don’t know for certain what will happen on Nov. 4, but once the election is over, we can be certain the administration will be revealing a lot of plans and decisions that will likely rile a lot of voters.” [66356]

At PJMedia.com Bridget Johnson writes, “A senior State Department official in Vienna told reporters that, after hours of talks on Wednesday, the hangup [sic; hang-up] keeping Iran and the P5+1 [the United States, Russia, China, United Kingdom, and France, plus Germany] from arriving at a nuclear deal remains ‘sort of everything.’” [66358]

Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate in West Virginia, Natalie Tennant, joins Kentucky and Georgia candidates Alison Lundergan Grimes and Michelle Nunn in refusing to say whether she voted for Obama. (Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) leads Grimes 52-44 in a Rasmussen poll.) [66359, 66392]

The American Center for Law and Justice reports, “Today, two more conservative groups received approval of their tax-exempt applications. Laurens County Tea Party of Laurens, South Carolina and Allen Area Patriots from Frisco, TX, both seeking 501(c)(4) status, were just approved [by the IRS]. Laurens County Tea Party and Allen Area Patriots both

applied for tax-exemption in July of 2010. It took the IRS more than four years to review their applications and approve these groups. Of our 41 clients, 28 have now been approved, and seven groups are still awaiting approval. One of these seven groups, Albuquerque Tea Party is less than two months away from ‘celebrating’ five years since they originally applied for tax-exemption. To date, they have still not been approved.” Congressman Jeff Duncan (R-SC) states, “The fact that it took the Administration FOUR YEARS to approve this group’s tax status is shameful.” [66248, 66249]

Reuters reports, “Billionaire investor Carl Icahn said on Thursday a stock market correction is ‘definitely coming’ and he is worried about the economy, as U.S. stocks tumbled on fresh worries about global growth. Icahn told CNBC in an interview that he still has a lot of money invested in the stock market and has taken measures to protect his portfolio. ‘I’ve been putting on quite a bit of hedges,’ Icahn said, adding that he was shorting the benchmark Standard & Poor’s 500 stock index, which was down 1.77 percent.” [66258]

At Townhall.com Ken Blackwell notes that the ObamaCare legislation allows for “biosimilars,” or “complex drugs which are medically equivalent versions of biologics (drugs derived from living organisms), and can treat deadly diseases ranging from Alzheimer’s, AIDS, and rheumatoid arthritis. Not only can biosimilars save lives, the competition they create for a heavily regulated and patented marketplace can help patients by lowering the price of their prescriptions by up to 40 percent. ...[I]t is up to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement the biosimilar approval process. But millions of dollars have been spent on a lobbying effort from Obama’s crony capitalist friends on K Street to protect the interests of biologic drug makers. Initially, they were given a 12-year data exclusivity clause in the Obamacare law. But now, they are fighting through a questionable grassroots campaign, with the goal of distracting the FDA. These special interests are demanding unnecessary distinct naming rules for the ingredients in generic drugs, even though Obamacare does not allow for it. Americans with life-threatening diseases do not deserve to suffer thanks to these complicated and underhanded tricks by those in the pockets of Big Pharma. America needs to allow for biosimilars to enter into this already enormous global marketplace. If America does not promote an environment that supports research and developments of these new treatments, other countries will pick up the slack. Countries like Brazil and South Korea are already recognized as leaders in this area, while America does not have a single biosimilar available to patients. And less expensive biosimilars have been available throughout Europe for nearly a decade.” [66313]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “The risk of a widespread outbreak of Ebola in the United States is exceedingly low. We don’t anticipate that’s going to happen. What we do anticipate is certainly possible—maybe even likely—is that some additional cases of Ebola will occur. It is possible, again, maybe even likely that there will be additional healthcare workers from this hospital in Dallas who treated Mr. Duncan who may have contracted the virus. So that’s why we are actively monitoring the health of other healthcare workers that came in contact with him. It certainly is possible that other individuals will travel to this country that don’t exhibit symptoms in transit but

after they arrive may have the virus. [That, of course, would be less likely if travel restrictions are imposed.] And we will make sure that we have the kind of response that's needed to, as [Obama] directed yesterday, to detect, isolate and treat those individuals in a way that protects the American public and protects healthcare workers who are rendering that medical assistance." [66297]

Obama states that he may need to appoint an Ebola "Czar." He tells reporters, "It may make sense for us to have one person ...so that after this initial surge of activity we can have a more regular process just to make sure we are crossing all the T's and dotting all the I's." He also repeats his opposition to a travel ban. (Saying "it may be appropriate" means, of course, that Obama has already picked someone. He does not explain why his Secretary of Health and Human Services is not up to the job of making sure T's are crossed and I's are dotted.) [66314]

Obama also says, "I want to make sure that everybody's clear about the issue. I don't have a philosophical objection necessarily to a travel ban if that is the thing that is going to keep the American people safe." (Of course, Obama does have a philosophical objection or he would have imposed one already.) "The problem is, in all the discussions I've had thus far with experts in the field, experts in infectious disease, is that a travel ban is less effective than the measures that we are currently instituting, that involve screening passengers who are coming from West Africa." (Obama's argument is invalid. That one response to Ebola may be more effective than another does not mean they cannot both be applied.) "If we institute a travel ban instead of the protocols that we've put in place now, history shows that there's a likelihood of increased avoidance." (This is another false argument. No one is suggesting that travel restrictions be used *instead of* all other protocols. They are not mutually exclusive.) "If they come back to me and they say there's some additional things we need to do, I assure you, we will do it." (In other words, Obama is setting the stage for his caving in and imposing travel restrictions because he sees the handwriting on the wall.) "But it's important in the circumstances, for us to look at the history of how these infectious diseases are best dealt with, and it's currently the judgment of all those involved that a flat-out travel ban is not the best way to go." (The argument defies both logic and history. Quarantines and travel bans have been used throughout history. Everyone knows, for example, that one does not send a child with infectious measles or chicken pox to school.) [66342, 66380]

The liberal *New York Daily News* cover shows Obama and the headline, "FOR GOD'S SAKE, GET A GRIP." (At PJMedia.com Ed Driscoll writes, "However the current story plays out, it's far too late for Obama himself to get a grip on Ebola; he was never an executive, merely a socialist true believer, failed community organizer, and good teleprompter reader decked out with expensive taxpayer-funded bespoke suits. But he spoke the same language as the MSM [mainstream media], and like them, he had a (D) after his name, and that's all that mattered. After November, it will be fascinating to watch the MSM similarly go all-in to aid Hillary, and act as if 2008 never happened, and pretend that they had no role to play whatsoever in electing [Obama, who is] about to go as deep into the memory hole as Woodrow Wilson, and for similar reasons. It isn't just

that the MSM got things so wrong, it's that they permanently shattered their credibility to make it happen. Don't let them forget what they'd like the world to forget.") [66282]

The *New York Daily News* editorial reads, in part, "[O]n Wednesday, after cancelling [sic; canceling] a congressional campaign trip to Connecticut, ...Obama said that the U.S. would become more aggressive in coordinating the national response to Ebola, including sending a CDC team to any hospital with a confirmed Ebola case. But, by stopping short of issuing mandatory protocols, [Obama] again fell back on the catch-as-catch-can system that produced such disastrous results in Dallas. He did so at the peril of health-care providers and the public—because trust that individual hospitals here, there and everywhere would perform superbly is decidedly misplaced. ...Neither Obama nor [the CDC's Tom] Frieden had the sense to issue directives with the firm, clear quality of standards sought by National Nurses United, representing thousands of nurses across the country. ...Obama and Frieden have left New York and the rest of the country far too much on their own." [66271]

The *Los Angeles Times* writes, "The United States does not remotely have an Ebola crisis, but it is beginning to have a crisis of confidence in the Obama administration's handling of the matter. ...Obama made the right move early on when he offered \$1 billion worth of aid to West Africa. Substantial aid is not only a necessary humanitarian response, but the smartest way to prevent a global health problem. Now the administration also must toughen up its response at home. That means required training for hospital staffs in recognizing and reacting to the disease, rules that ensure infected patients will be treated only in facilities equipped to handle the complicated protocols and mandatory quarantines of people exposed to the Ebola virus." [66272]

TheHill.com reports, "Hunter Biden, the son of Vice President Biden, was discharged from the Navy Reserve this year after testing positive for cocaine, *The Wall Street Journal* reports. The paper reports that after joining the Navy as an ensign in 2013, he reported for duty in Norfolk, Va. He was drug tested in June 2013 and the test was positive for cocaine, according to the paper's sources. Hunter Biden was discharged in February of this year." (Because of his advanced age—he was born in 1970—Biden required a waiver to join the Navy. The more cynical might believe that his brief career as a Naval public affairs officer was meant not to serve the country but to serve a political career: being a veteran looks good on your resume. Michelle Malkin observes, "Despite the disgraceful ejection from our military, Hunter's Connecticut law license won't be subject to automatic review. Because, well, *Biden*.") [66298, 66301, 66341, 66351, 66635]

The Islamic State (ISIS) releases another terrorist recruiting video. It features jihadists from Great Britain, France, and Germany who threaten to behead any ground troops who oppose them. [66305, 66306]

During a debate in Iowa between U.S. Senate candidates Joni Ernst (Republican) and Bruce Braley (Democrat), Ernst, an Iraq veteran and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Iowa National Guard, responds to a question about "boots on the ground." She says, "I will

remind you that I have served in Iraq. My boots were on that ground that is now held by ISIS, so when we make these decisions I take them very seriously. So before I would commit our sons and daughters, I would sort through those criteria, but we have to recognize that this is a threat that has been out there for years, and we have an administration that has refused to acknowledge that this is a group that is killing innocent civilians, Christians, and even Americans.” [66035, 66036, 66037, 66286, 66287, 66319, 66321]

Ernst also hammers Braley on ObamaCare: “You stated just a few years back that you would not change a thing about ObamaCare, and yet today you’re saying, ‘Yeah, we do need to make some changes to the bill.’ You said you read *every page* of this bill. You tabbed it. You highlighted it. So either you didn’t understand what was in the bill, or you were misleading Iowans, and I don’t know which one’s worse.” [66321]

During the debate Braley claims, “I have always stated, contrary to what [State] Senator Ernst said, that I oppose all late-term abortions that aren’t necessary to save the life or health of a mother.” (In fact, according to the *Weekly Standard*, “[I]n 2013, Congressman Braley voted against a bill that would have banned abortions later than 20 weeks after conception, with exceptions for the cases of rape, incest, and when a physical health issue endangered the life of the mother. Braley also cosponsored a new bill in 2013—the ‘Women’s Health Protection Act’—that would strike down almost all limits on abortion, including the 1989 Pennsylvania law used to convict the notorious murderer Kermit Gosnell... This bill that Braley supports is so extreme that even Colorado senator Mark Udall [D-CO] has declined to co-sponsor the Senate version of it.”) Obama and his fellow Democrats cannot afford to lose Iowa’s Senate seat to Ernst, but Ernst seems to have bested Braley in the debate—and she was already slightly ahead in the polls. (As of October 16, the mail-in, early ballot counts for Iowa Democrats in 2014 are ahead of their 2010 pace but lag *way* behind their 2012 numbers. Republican ballot counts for 2014 are less than their 2012 counts but are far *ahead* of their 2010 totals—when the GOP annihilated the Democrats.) [66321, 66322, 66370, 66371]

Newsmax.com reports, “Nearly every African nation has instituted travel bans on West African countries with significant Ebola outbreaks. Though the Obama administration has insisted travel bans are not necessary, even countries outside of Africa are beginning to start such travel bans, with Colombia and the Caribbean island of St. Lucia on Wednesday adding their names to a growing list of nearly 30 countries that block travelers from virus-stricken Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. African nations including Kenya, Zambia, and South Africa make up the bulk of the countries that have instituted some kind of ban, and now that countries on the other side of the Atlantic have begun imposing restrictions, calls for the U.S. to follow suit have intensified.” [66290]

NYPost.com reports, “A plane from Nigeria landed at JFK Airport Thursday with a male passenger aboard who had died during the flight after a fit of vomiting—and CDC officials conducted a ‘cursory’ exam before announcing there was no Ebola and turning the corpse over to Port Authority cops to remove, Rep. Peter King [R-NY] said on Thursday. The congressman was so alarmed by the incident—and by what he and

employees see as troubling Ebola vulnerabilities at JFK—that he fired off a letter to the federal Department of Homeland Security demanding more training and tougher protocols for handling possible cases there. The unnamed, 63-year-old passenger had boarded an Arik Air plane out of Lagos, Nigeria, on Wednesday night, a federal law enforcement source said.” (How the CDC was able to quickly determine for certain that the patient did not have the Ebola virus is not explained, although he reportedly complained of chest pains and may have had a heart attack.) [66294, 66361, 66367, 66368]

It is worth noting that Americans have good reason to question statements from the CDC. Obama once declared that “one in five women will be a victim of rape in their lifetime.” His absurd claim comes from a 2010 “National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey” conducted by the CDC. The survey claimed that in 2010 approximately 1.3 million women were raped and an additional 12.7 million women and men were victims of sexual violence. According to the American Enterprise Institute’s Christina Sommers, the Department of Justice’s annual crime survey, “which is the gold standard in crime research,” reported about 188,000 rapes and sexual assaults in 2010—a far cry from the 14 million claimed by the CDC. The CDC’s statistics came from “a poorly constructed telephone survey, with a low response rate, and a non-representative sample of respondents. No one interviewed was asked if they had been raped or sexually assaulted. Instead of such straightforward questions, the CDC determined whether the responses indicates sexual violation.” The survey asked if the contact ever had sex after someone “pressured you by telling you lies?” or because someone “made false promises about the future they knew were untrue?” or because someone “pressure[d] you by showing they were unhappy?” A “yes” answer to any of those questions was considered by the CDC to be proof of “sexual violence.” Obama used the one-in-five claim, absurd as it is, because he wanted female voters to be frightened enough to vote for a “nanny state” that will protect them. His goal is not to address the problem, his goal is to enlarge the state and the number of Democrat voters. Using flawed methodology allows the CDC to justify almost any claim it wants to make. If it is in the Obama administration’s best interests to claim that 20 percent of all women will be raped, it will find a way to justify that claim. Similarly, regardless of whether he wants to represent Ebola as a major crisis or a minor problem, he can be assured that the CDC will find a way to support is argument. [66640, 66641, 66753]

The satirical web site ThePeoplesCube.com “reports,” “...Obama issued an Executive Order today making November 4, 2014 a National Day of Quarantine for those Americans who are most at risk of contracting the Ebola virus. ‘You cannot get Ebola through casual contact like sitting next to someone on a bus,’ [Obama] said in a press conference shortly after signing the Executive Order. ‘However you can catch it while waiting in line to vote.’ The Executive Order only applies to registered Republicans who are currently less likely to be receiving government provided healthcare and are therefore more susceptible to catching Ebola. The quarantine will go into effect at midnight on November 3rd and will last until the polls close on November 4th. Republicans will be allowed to move freely throughout society so long as they do not come within 1000 feet of a polling booth. Many government agencies have been well armed over the past six years

and will be mobilized on election day to enforce the quarantine. Before leaving for a relaxing round of golf, [Obama] concluded his press conference by reassuring the American people that they will have a safe Election Day. ‘Although we have had our disagreements, I more than anyone want Republicans to survive. Perhaps not as a political party, but as the taxpayers of our great nation.’” [66300]

Dr. Jane Orient, director of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, says, “If you look at the precautions against secondhand smoke, they are absurd. The hazard from secondhand smoke, unless you’re just sensitive to it and it bothers you, are really nonexistent. And yet, we have all these ...expensive restrictions against these non-hazards—and a pathogenic, lethal organism [Ebola] that can infect you with one to 10 particles, we’re so cavalier about? This just really does not make sense.” Of the Congressional testimony by the CDC’s Tom Frieden, Orient tells NewsmaxTV’s Steve Malzberg, “Frieden evaded a lot of very important questions or pretended not to know. Certainly, he evaded, despite really intense questioning, whether the White House was telling him they were not going to do a ban, whether he was in communication with the White House or whether the CDC was going to recommend a restriction in travel. The CDC claims not to know how those two nurses [at a Dallas hospital] got infected, despite their protective gear, because if the nurses did not breach the protocol, there’s something wrong with the protocol.” [66344]

Real estate developer Donald Trump tweets, “I am starting to think that there is something seriously wrong with ...Obama’s mental health. Why won’t he stop the flights. Psycho!” Trump then tells Steve Malzberg, “There’s something wrong and nobody knows what it is but there’s something wrong. ...There’s [sic; there are] so many bad decisions. Can anybody be that incompetent? There’s something wrong, there’s something going on. I always [try to] understand the other side. [But] If you take a look at the whole thing about stopping the flights, I don’t understand that. I mean I don’t understand. How could you not... stop the flights? Even in Africa they’re not allowing the people from West Africa to come in... How can you allow people [in] that could be very, very sick, especially when you see what just one or two or three people have done in Dallas? I mean, it’s like bedlam. ...Every decision this country has made is wrong. Everything’s wrong. Everything is going wrong for the United States. When was the last time you heard something good about the United States? You don’t hear it. China just took over as the great economic power ...this was unthinkable. But when you think of what’s going on with Ebola, where we allow people that can be very, very sick and affect our entire population to be able to come into this country, there’s definitely something wrong. [Obama is] either incompetent, he’s very stubborn, or there’s something wrong.” [66345]

Trump also warns that the Ebola issue “could be bad for the [stock] market, there’s no question about it. It’s been very interesting the last week and a half, and it could certainly be a very bad thing for the market. We have people in charge of our country who make so many mistakes and such simple mistakes and things of common sense—so many different things.” Trump calls ObamaCare a “disaster, which by the way, will destroy our country. ObamaCare doesn’t really kick in big-league until 2016. That’s when you’ll

really see the effects, and the effects are already tremendous. So when we have the kind of mistakes and the kind of leadership that we have, you would almost think it [the stock market] has to go down.” [66360]

In Chula Vista, California, about 50 students are quarantined for four hours after a Southwestern College student who was ill claimed she was on the flight with an Ebola patient. The student later recants her story. WashingtonTimes.com reports, “It’s not clear why she told officials that she shared a flight with Amber Vinson, a second nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital who tested positive for Ebola. It’s also not clear if the student would be disciplined, San Diego 6 at the CW reported.” [66302]

At an event honoring the Muslim holiday Eid al-Adha, Secretary of State John Kerry says, “The extremism that we see, the radical exploitation of religion which is translated into violence, has no basis in any of the real religions. There’s nothing Islamic about what ISIL/Daesh stands for, or is doing to people. ... We’re living at a point in time where there are just more young people demanding what they see the rest of the world having than at any time in modern history. ... And that brings us to something like climate change, which is profoundly having an impact in various parts of the world, where droughts are occurring not at a 100-year level but at a 500-year level in places that they haven’t occurred, floods of massive proportions, diminishment of water for crops and agriculture at a time where we need to be talking about sustainable food. In many places we see the desert increasingly creeping into East Africa. We’re seeing herders and farmers pushed into deadly conflict as a result. We’re seeing the Himalayan glaciers receding, which will affect the water that is critical to rice and to other agriculture on both sides of the Himalayas. These are our challenges.” [66385, 66444]

Kerry also whines that Israel is the problem as well because the lack of peace between the Jewish state and the Palestinians “has something to do with humiliation and denial and absence of dignity...” (In Kerry’s view, radical Islamists have nothing to do with Islam. The jihadists are slicing off the heads of Christians, Kurds, and Jews and taking child brides and sex slaves because they are jealous of the wealth of the western world, because the Israelis build apartments in Jerusalem, and because “global warming” is apparently turning into deserts area that have been, well, deserts for as long as mankind lived there. Whether Kerry is merely regurgitating nonsense told him by Obama or Valerie Jarrett or he actually believes that nonsense is not clear, but in either case he is a dangerous person to have running the State Department.) Not surprisingly, Israeli officials are not happy with Kerry for blaming them for the rise of ISIS. Israel’s economic minister, Naftali Bennett, states, “Even when a British Muslim beheads a British Christian, there will always be those who blame the Jews.” Ayelet Shaked, a member of the Israeli Knesset, states, “To tie the Islamic State with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is something that shows a lack of understanding about what’s happening in the Middle East. It is not right that every conflict and every bloodshed should be tied to the State of Israel. I watched Kerry’s segment almost six times yesterday. Unfortunately, he said it.” (State Department spokesperson Marie Harf later denies that Kerry was linking the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with the rise of terrorism, even though it is abundantly clear that he was.) [66385, 66444]

On October 17 Obama names Ron Klain his “Ebola czar.” Klain, a lawyer and lobbyist, has zero background in medicine. He has served as Vice President Joe Biden’s chief of staff and Al Gore’s chief of staff, worked as a lawyer for a lobbying firm (that represented U.S. Airways, Airborne Express, and ImClone Systems—the company whose insider trading scandal put Martha Stewart in prison), and is currently president of investment firm Case Holdings. (Obama does not explain the duties of Dr. Nicole Lurie, who heads the government’s “Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority” and who has herself stated that the responsibilities of her office are “to help our country prepare for, respond to and recover from public health threats” and developing “countermeasures—the medicines or vaccines that people might need to use in a public health emergency.”) Clearly, the appointment of Klain—whose wife is an environmental activist and an assistant to the Secretary of Defense—is for political, not medical, purposes. His job will be to put out media fires by “spinning” Ebola-related stories that surface. (Once again, Obama places politics ahead of everything else—including the safety of Americans.) [1697, 1698, 1699, 4325, 4336, 4592, 4593, 5730, 5737, 7520, 8383, 8389, 8394, 66072, 66228, 66229, 66274, 66355, 66369, 66378, 66412, 66416, 66929]

It is worth noting that while working for Biden, Klain had his fingerprints on the Solyndra scandal. On August 17, 2009, an Obama scheduler was reportedly told, “Ron [Klain] said this morning that the POTUS definitely wants to do this”—with “this” being an Obama photo-op at Solyndra to brag about the \$535 million government loan to the “green” company. According to FoxNews.com, one Solyndra investor email read, “They about had an orgasm in Biden’s office when we mentioned Solyndra.” A Solyndra board member responded, “That’s awesome! Get us a [Department of Energy] loan.” DailyCaller.com writes that Klain “was one of the senior White House officials who advised that ...Obama should visit solar power company Solyndra... despite an auditor raising red flags about the company’s finances.” According to *The Washington Post*, Klain “dismissed auditor’s concerns about Solyndra’s solvency, reasoning that all innovative companies come with risk.” By the time Obama visited Solyndra in May 2010, White House officials, including Klain, knew the company was in trouble. Nevertheless, Klain emailed Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett, “It looks like it is OK to me...” Jarrett responded, “I’m comfortable if you’re comfortable.” (The auditors were right; Klain, who essentially signed off on the loan, was wrong—and the mistakes cost the taxpayers a fortune.) In 2008, Klain served as the main lawyer on the “Gore-Lieberman Recount Committee” that attempted to get recounts in selective counties Florida—those that would have favored Gore over Bush. In 2009 Klain oversaw the disbursement of \$787 billion in “stimulus funds”—which many would argue was a massive failure. Klain also served as Obama’s lead debate coach for the November 2012 campaign. Visitor logs show that Klain was at the White House for “debate prep” on September 11, 2012—the day of the terrorist attack in Benghazi. (Whether Obama was working with Klain on debate techniques or developing Benghazi talking points is not known.) [1697, 1698, 1699, 4325, 4336, 4592, 4593, 5730, 5737, 7520, 8383, 8389, 8394, 14998, 15020, 15023, 15060, 15115, 15128, 15219, 25227, 25228, 25231, 25250, 26387, 29431, 29443, 58367, 58368, 58369, 58370, 58371, 66328, 66329, 66330, 66331,

66332, 66333, 66334, 66335, 66378, 66412, 66416, 66929]

CNSNews.com reports that Klain “was paid \$80,000 to lobby Congress on behalf of a bill that would have shielded a roofing company from worker lawsuits, according to a 2008 article in Politico that detailed his lobbying career when he was selected as Biden’s chief of staff. Politico reporter Kenneth Vogel wrote that Klain lobbied on behalf of the Coalition for Asbestos Resolution, which was later discovered to be a front group for a roofing company called GAF Materials Corporation. GAF Materials faced, ‘...huge liabilities related to asbestos-exposure lawsuits,’ Vogel wrote... ‘Public Citizen called the push for the bill, which didn’t pass, ‘a classic example of how special interests in Washington use political contributions, high-powered lobbying and public relations firms and prestigious academics to work their will in Congress—and trample on the rights of workers and consumers in the process.’ ‘Klain’s career as a lobbyist, during which clients paid nearly \$700,000 for lobbying in which he participated, ended when he left his partnership at the law firm O’Melveny & Myers in 2005,’ Vogel wrote. He also lobbied for Fannie Mae, helping the mortgage giant to overcome ‘regulatory issues,’ as well as major airline and pharmaceutical companies. Klain ‘epitomizes the side of the influence industry that Obama decried during his campaign: big companies paying Beltway insiders lots of money to craft laws and rules that help them,’ Vogel noted.” [66493]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Klain (who misses the day’s Ebola meeting with Obama) “will ultimately however report to Ms. [Lisa] Monaco [a Homeland Security and Counterterrorism official] and to National Security Advisor Susan Rice in this effort.” (Klain knows nothing about health care or infectious diseases; nor does Monaco; nor does Rice. Monaco and Rice are involved with terrorism and national security, neither of which relate to health issues—unless someone is concerned about the use of Ebola as a weapon.) [66320, 66323]

Razor tweets, “Obama Appoints Former Chief of Staff to be Chief of Staph.” [66327]

At LewRockwell.com Robert Wenzel points out that *not one person from the Centers for Disease Control* was on hand at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital when Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan was being treated: “I’m talking no team on the ground in Dallas, no supervision of the nurses treating the patient. Nothing. This lack of response despite having these line items in its budget (2012 numbers): Quarantine... \$25,866,000; Healthcare-Associated Infections... \$11,750,000; Workplace Wellness... \$10,000,000; Surveillance, Epidemiology, and PH Informatics \$262,129,000; Personal Protective Technology \$16,791,000; State and Local Preparedness and Response Capability \$657,418,000; Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund Transfer... \$30,000,000. How much of these funds were used to monitor, consult, advice the nurses in Dallas who were treating a man with deadly Ebola? \$0.00.” [66303]

Also at LewRockwell.com, Pat Buchanan writes, “Growing up in Washington in the 1930s and ’40s, our home was, several times, put under quarantine. A poster would be

tacked on the door indicating the presence within of a contagious disease—measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever. None of us believed we were victims of some sort of invidious discrimination against large Catholic families. It was a given that public health authorities were trying to contain the spread of a disease threatening the health of children. ...In the 1930s, '40s and early '50s, there were outbreaks of polio in D.C. Swimming pools were shut down. The Greatest Generation possessed a common sense that seems lacking today. ...Where once we suffered from infantile paralysis, now we suffer from ideological paralysis. And there appears to be no Salk or Sabin vaccine to cure our condition. ...In dealing with contagious and deadly diseases, common sense says to err on the side of safety. Public safety must come before political correctness. Community and country come ahead of any obligation to the people of West Africa. Indeed, is not the first duty of the government of the United States to protect the lives, liberty and property of the citizens of the United States? ...As for U.S. aid workers in Africa, they are heroic. But before bringing these good and brave people home, we ought to be sure they are not bringing back with them the Ebola they have been fighting. If that means quarantining them for 21 days, so be it. If that means no commercial flights to the United States from the three most affected countries of West Africa, and no admission to the USA of any travelers whose visas show they have been in those countries in recent days, then it ought to be done. Else political correctness is going to end up killing a lot of us.” (Note: *The Obama Timeline* author had tuberculosis and polio in the 1950s and was quarantined from his three siblings and his school for an entire year. Whether that experience has clouded his judgment on the issue of quarantines is for the reader to decide.) [66304]

The New York Times writes, “Beneath the calming reassurance that ...Obama has repeatedly offered during the Ebola crisis, there is a deepening frustration, even anger, with how the government has handled key elements of the response. Those frustrations spilled over when Mr. Obama convened his top aides in the Cabinet room after canceling his [fundraising] schedule on Wednesday [October 15]. Medical officials were providing information that later turned out to be wrong. Guidance to local health teams was not adequate. It was unclear which Ebola patients belonged in which threat categories. ‘It’s not tight,’ a visibly angry Mr. Obama said of the response, according to people briefed on the meeting. He told aides they needed to get ahead of events and demanded a more hands-on approach, particularly from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ‘He was not satisfied with the response,’ a senior official said.” (Some might dispute the *Times*’ claim that Obama has portrayed a “calming reassurance.” Some might also suggest to Obama that the incompetent people who are disappointing him were appointed by him.) [66389, 66390]

CNSNews.com reports that, according to the National Institutes for Health, “five nurses are assigned to care for [Ebola patient Nina] Pham on each 12-hour shift. ‘On a given week, we estimate an ill patient of this type may have up to 20 nurses assigned in that week’s time,’ said Pham’s physician, Dr. Richard Davie, NIH director of special clinical studies. ‘We fully intend to have this patient walk out of this hospital, and we’ll do everything we possibly can to make that happen,’ NIH infectious disease specialist Dr. Anthony Fauci [said at a] news conference.” The taxpayers are footing the bill for

Pham's care—a cost which would have been avoided had Thomas Eric Duncan not been allowed into the United States. (According to the Department of Health and Human Services, there are about 2.8 million registered nurses in the United States. At a ratio of 20 nurses to each Ebola patient, 140,000 could be cared for—*if* there were also enough doctors, enough hospitals, and enough money to handle such an emergency, and if no other Americans were hospitalized for anything else! Realistically, of course, a few thousand Ebola patients would overwhelm the U.S. health care system, which is precisely what is happening in West Africa. That is also precisely why a travel ban should be imposed. A few dozen Ebola-carrying travelers—or Ebola-carrying terrorists—in the United States could quickly turn into a few thousand victims.) [66381, 66382, 66383]

Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) says the Centers for Disease Control is “giving us great guidance, but we've got to make sure the implementation is perfect.” (That “great guidance” includes claiming that one cannot get the Ebola virus in a crowded bus but people infected with Ebola should not fly, and imposing air travel restrictions would make the situation worse—apparently because Liberia has a “fledgling economy.”) [66311]

Hagan also jumps on the travel ban bandwagon, stating, “I have said for weeks that travel restrictions should be one part of a broad strategy to prevent Ebola from spreading in the U.S. and fighting it in Africa. I am calling on the administration to temporarily ban the travel of non-U.S. citizens from the affected countries in West Africa.” (Earlier in the week Hagan said, “That's not going to solve this problem. That's not going to contain the epidemic that we see happening in Africa.” Some might assume that Hagan, in a tight reelection race, may have noticed polls showing that Americans overwhelmingly favor travel restrictions to contain the Ebola virus.) [66326, 66427]

Senators from both political parties start lining up to call for temporary travel restrictions to help prevent the Ebola virus from spreading further in the United States. In a letter to Obama, nine Senators write, “We urge you to immediately cease issuing visas to persons of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea, and to consider expanding this ban to other countries that may not have standards in place to properly screen travelers entering the United States. We also urge you to more strongly use tools at your disposal to receive flight manifests ahead of time to screen and turn away passengers if they have traveled to or are coming from countries with an Ebola outbreak. At this point, you and your administration must consider all options to prevent the spread of the Ebola virus. Dismissing a travel ban or a moratorium on visa issuances sends a signal that you're not serious about containing the outbreak and preventing infections of individuals on U.S. soil. We implore you to immediately use your statutory authority under Section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act to suspend the entry of all aliens or any class of aliens as immigrants or nonimmigrants [sic; non-immigrants] who are detrimental to the interests of the United States.” [66315, 66316, 66354]

HotAir.com observes, “If [Obama] institutes the ban and it turns out—after a sufficient time to gather facts and examine the results—to have been unnecessary or less effective than desired, he will have inconvenienced some number of travelers. If he does not

institute the ban and that proves to be the wrong move in the form of screeners missing some signs, people lying about their condition, or simple bad luck, he may have dozens or hundreds of hospital beds filling up with people who have contracted a disease with a 70% mortality rate. When you look at it that way, the choice seems fairly obvious. If you go with the ban and you are wrong, you come forward some weeks or months later and issue an apology to those inconvenienced, saying you just did what you thought best to protect the nation. If having to say you were wrong just one time about a matter this serious is the worst thing to happen to you, you've had a pretty good day. The wrong call in the other direction will see you apologizing to the families of all the people who occupy the aforementioned beds. Is it really that tough of a call [sic; tough a call]?" [66354]

At Breitbart.com Sarah Rumpf reports, "As Ebola continued to ravage communities in West Africa this summer, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a division under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced 'immigration relief measures' for citizens of three countries affected by the deadly virus." Those "relief measures" *made it easier* for citizens of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone to remain in the United States. "In short, the USCIS has been waiving fees, expediting the immigration process, and allowing extensions of visas for anyone coming from the three designated Ebola-stricken countries, provided that they are in the United States. ...Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who died from Ebola earlier this month, had traveled to the United States after his visa was approved in August, the same month that USCIS announced the new relief measures. One of the concerns many have had about the Ebola crisis is the lure those in the affected countries would—quite understandably—feel toward the advanced sanitation standards and medical care available in American hospitals, similar to how open borders, social services, and in-state tuition have been criticized as creating 'magnets' for immigrants to illegally cross the U.S.-Mexican border. These specific USCIS policies do not apply to those who are not yet in the United States and are seeking a visa to leave Guinea, Liberia, or Sierra Leone, but the more generous rules that await them once they arrive likely create further incentives for them to attempt to travel here. According to the *Washington Post*, the number of visas issued to Liberians by the United States has spiked, with about 3,500 visitor visas granted to Liberians last year, and another 10,000 granted to people from Guinea and Sierra Leone during that same time period. The *Post* also reported that Liberians also have a very high rate of 'visa overstays,' the fifth highest after Cuba, Burundi, Eritrea and the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to immigration expert Jessica Vaughn with the Center for Immigration Studies. Vaughn has sharply criticized the Obama administration's immigration policies regarding Ebola, noting that Kenya and other African countries have closed their borders to any travelers from Ebola-afflicted areas." (Meanwhile, the U.S. government continues to process 100 or more travel visas per day from citizens of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone.) [66317, 66318, 66372, 66386]

The Carnival cruise line ship Magic is turned away from a port in Cozumel, Mexico because one of its passengers is a health worker who handled Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan's lab work. (The worker, who has not exhibited signs of the virus, was reportedly placed in quarantine on the ship.) [66324, 66325, 66338, 66339, 66352]

A judge in Broward County, Florida is forced to clear his courtroom after defendant Joseph Britton announces he has the Ebola virus. WSVN.com reports, “The inmate was ordered to stay in the room where hazmat crews entered to put him in full protective gear. Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said as soon as the judge made the decision to clear the courtroom, his team acted. ‘We contained his contact with anyone else, the hazmat team responded, and they went with their protocols and procedures working with the CDC, and they’re going to take him over to the hospital for examination.’ Britton was then taken to Broward Health Medical Center in a plastic-covered ambulance. He was later checked out of the hospital with no indication of actually being sick. Before the courtroom scare, police reported Britton was drunk at the time of the arrest and was screened at that time with no symptoms. He never had any contact with the virus. Israel said officials handled the situation well. ‘We don’t believe this inmate has Ebola, but we’ve taken what we feel is going to be a non-life-threatening situation and turned it into a training mission,’ Israel said.” [66401]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “Judicial Watch, the conservative public watchdog group, says in a shocking report that [Obama] is ‘actively formulating plans’ to admit Ebola-infected non-citizens just to be treated. ‘Specifically, the goal of the administration is to bring Ebola patients into the United States for treatment within the first days of diagnosis,’ said the group. Such a plan would likely cause a political outcry throughout the nation, on edge over the spread of the virus.” According to Judicial Watch, “The plans include special waivers of laws and regulations that ban the admission of non-citizens with a communicable disease as dangerous as Ebola,” and “[T]he Obama administration is keeping this plan secret from Congress. The source is concerned that the proposal is illegal; endangers the public health and welfare; and should require the approval of Congress.” (If Obama does, in fact, have such plans, he will obviously not act until after the November 4 elections. How he will justify such an action remains to be seen.) [66374, 66399, 66423]

Secretary of State John Kerry praises Cuba for sending “165 health care professionals” to West Africa to help with the Ebola crisis. (Humberto Fontova later writes at Townhall.com, “Does it occur to the top diplomat of the world’s most powerful-nation that a Stalinist regime his own State Department classifies as a Terror-Sponsor... might have more in mind than the welfare of African Ebola-sufferers? ...First off, the very dispatch of Cuban ‘health professionals’ to West Africa amounts to a form of human trafficking. Chances are they had no say in the matter. In case the ultra-educated (many Ivy-League) U.S. diplomatic corps have forgotten: those Cubans are the hapless subjects of a *totalitarian* regime. ...Reports recently smuggled out of Cuba indicate that these hapless ‘medical professionals’ dragooned to west Africa by the Castro regime are being warned they will not be allowed back into Cuba if they contract Ebola. Furthermore the Castro regime magnanimously takes out a health insurance policy on them through the World Health Organization—but names itself (the regime) the beneficiary instead of the hapless subject’s family! Can you *even begin* to imagine the international media uproar if, say, Israel tried pulling a similar stunt?!” (Castro seems to have an overabundance of doctors, enough to spread around the world. As an example, the Castro regime is paid

\$270 million per year from the Brazilian government to sponsor 4,500 Cuban doctors who treat patients in Brazil's underserved areas. Of course, the "treatment" includes communist propaganda, encouraged by Brazil's lesbian communist president, Dilma Rousseff, who was re-elected on October 26 despite her criminal record and terrorist past. She had the electoral advantage, of course, of voters who depend on the government outnumbering the voters who pay the taxes.) [67297, 67298, 67299]

GOPtheDailyDose.com reports, "On Thursday, James Cole, the top deputy at the Department of Justice and one of those under consideration as a replacement to the resigning Eric Holder, suddenly announced his resignation. The timing is more than slightly curious. It came immediately following the release and analysis of documents which show that two Americans were injured in 2013 by a weapon which was part of the DOJ's Mexican cartel armament scheme, [Operation] Fast and Furious. Judicial Watch forwarded [related] documents to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA), the chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. The documents show that two people were wounded in a Phoenix-area crime in which a weapon purchased by a Fast and Furious operative was used. On Thursday, Issa and Grassley notified Deputy Attorney General James Cole of the linkage between the weapon, their gun-running adventure and the two injured Americans. A short time later Cole announced his resignation..." [66400, 66411, 66451]

Attorney General Eric Holder says the federal government will not enforce federal laws relating to gay marriage. According to Examiner.com, "Besides not enforcing federal laws dealing with the issue of gay and lesbian marriages, Holder said that his Justice Department will make sure that all federal agencies will [grant] federally provide d or mandated marriage benefits on [sic; for] same-sex couples who are [married] or plan to marry as soon as possible. 'We will not delay in fulfilling our responsibility to afford every eligible couple, whether same-sex or opposite-sex, the full rights and responsibilities to which they are entitled. With their long-awaited unions, we are slowly drawing closer to full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans nationwide,' Attorney General Holder said in a video message sent out on Friday." [66413]

NYTimes.com reports, "The police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., two months ago has told investigators that he was pinned in his vehicle and in fear for his life as he struggled over his gun with Mr. Brown, according to government officials briefed on the federal civil rights investigation into the matter. The officer, Darren Wilson, has told the authorities that during the scuffle, Mr. Brown reached for the gun. It was fired twice in the car, according to forensics tests performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The first bullet struck Mr. Brown in the arm; the second bullet missed. The forensics tests showed Mr. Brown's blood on the gun, as well as on the interior door panel and on Officer Wilson's uniform. Officer Wilson told the authorities that Mr. Brown had punched and scratched him repeatedly, leaving swelling on his face and cuts on his neck. ...In September, Officer Wilson appeared for four hours before a St. Louis County grand jury, which was convened to determine whether there is probable cause that he committed a crime. Legal experts have said that his decision to testify was

surprising, given that it was not required by law. But the struggle in the car may prove to be a more influential piece of information for the grand jury, one that speaks to Officer Wilson's state of mind, his feeling of vulnerability and his sense of heightened alert when he killed Mr. Brown. Police officers typically have wide latitude to use lethal force if they reasonably believe that they are in imminent danger. The officials said that while the federal investigation was continuing, the evidence so far did not support civil rights charges against Officer Wilson. To press charges, the Justice Department would need to clear a high bar, proving that Officer Wilson willfully violated Mr. Brown's civil rights when he shot him." [66402, 66403]

NowTheEndBegins.com reports, "A few days ago ...Obama, in an interview he gave France's Canal+ TV Channel, said that the American people need to be better educated about Islam, since US could and should be regarded as a Muslim country. He said that the number of Muslims residing in the US makes it 'one of the biggest Muslim nations.'" (Obama has made this absurd claim in the past—and *The Obama Timeline* has commented on it in the past. Although Obama has made it a point several times to state that the United States is not a *Christian* nation, he is perfectly willing to state that it is a *Muslim* nation. The point of Obama's comment—other than to pander to Muslims—is not clear. Depending on the source, the number of Muslims in the United States is estimated to be between 1.8 and 8 million people; the 1.8 figure, from the Pew Research Center, is likely closer to the truth than 8, and would make American Muslims the 48th largest Muslim nation. It is worth noting that a substantial number of American Muslims are blacks who converted to Islam and pledged jihad while in prison. Obama's "largest Muslim countries" remark is like a white person trying to "talk ghetto," and is reminiscent of those who say, "I'm not racist... I have black friends too!" or "I have some native American blood in me.") [3024, 3049, 3105, 66397]

In a television interview, Sheik Kamal Khatib, deputy leader of the Islamic Movement in Israel, says, "I have said it before, and I say it again: Allah willing, Jerusalem will not be only the capital of the Palestinian state, but also the capital of the coming righteous Islamic caliphate... The Prophet Muhammad said that the Islamic caliphate would encompass the Earth. ...[T]he whole world will become subordinated to the Islamic caliphate one day." [66955]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer comments on Obama's new "Ebola czar": "I don't think he's going to make any difference one way or the other. It's a P.R. [public relations] move from beginning to end. It gives the appearance of motion; this is what Obama specializes in. You have a VA scandal, an IRS scandal, Secret Service scandal. You fire the guy at the top so you have the appearance of motion. Here you're putting a guy in who's supposedly going to coordinate—there's a quote in *The New York Times*, it's about what [Ron] Klain would do, and he said that his job is 'messaging.' So we have a virus on the loose that turns your organs into liquid, and the answer is to appoint a guy to do the messaging. This is like Obama saying, 'Oh, yes, there's a—all Hell is breaking loose all over the world but this is because of social media, Twitter, and Facebook, [and] all of us are more aware of it.' This isn't a *messaging* issue. The issue is, they have made the wrong decision. Even now the administration is late, but it will change, on the idea of

a ban for travel. They said today, 'It's now on the table.' It wasn't on the table up until now, and one more case [of Ebola] imported and there will be. So it's the rules, the protocols—this idea of ...self-quarantine? People have no idea what self-quarantine is or ought to be. They ought to be given absolute instructions from the CDC, and not have to decide, 'Am I allowed to go shopping in a grocery store or not?' [66310]

The Associated Press reports, "The Islamic State group is test flying, with the help of former Iraqi air force pilots, several fighter jets captured earlier from air bases belonging to the Syrian military, a Syrian activist group said Friday. The report by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights in Britain could not be independently confirmed, and U.S. official said they had no reports of Islamic State militants flying jets in support of their forces on the ground. ...The Observatory said the planes, seen flying over the Jarrah air base in the countryside of Aleppo province in eastern Syria this week, are believed to be MiG-21 and MiG-23 jets. Rami Abdurrahman, director of the Observatory, said the planes have been flying at a low altitude, 'apparently to avoid being detected by Syrian military radar in the area.' He described the flights as a 'moral victory' for the Islamic State group, saying 'the jets could not fly much further without being knocked down by the (international) coalition.'" [66421, 66422, 66426]

On October 18 the U.S. Supreme Court upholds Texas' photo ID law for voting and rules that it can be applied in the upcoming November 4 elections. The three dissenting Justices include Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who makes the absurd claim that the requirement "may prevent more than 600,000 registered Texas voters... from voting for lack of compliant identification." (Ginsburg does not explain how those 600,000 Texans managed to register to vote in the first place without presenting proof of identity.) Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder are no doubt concerned—not that blacks and Hispanics in Texas will not be able to vote, but that they will have no trouble voting and the claims of photo ID laws disenfranchising large numbers of people will be proven wrong. If there are no major problems in Texas (or North Carolina, where a photo ID law is also going into effect), the Democrats will look foolish if they continue to "cry wolf" where none is present. [66398, 66406, 66442, 66458]

The New York Times reports that a "confidential memo from a former pollster for ...Obama contained a blunt warning for Democrats. Written this month with an eye toward Election Day, it predicted 'crushing Democratic losses across the country' if the party did not do more to get black voters to the polls. 'African-American surge voters came out in force in 2008 and 2012, but they are not well positioned to do so again in 2014,' Cornell Belcher, the pollster, wrote in the memo, dated Oct. 1. 'In fact, over half aren't even sure when the midterm elections are taking place.' Mr. Belcher's assessment points to an urgent imperative for Democrats: To keep Republicans from taking control of the Senate, as many are predicting, they need black voters in at least four key states. Yet the one politician guaranteed to generate enthusiasm among African Americans is the same man many Democratic candidates want to avoid: Mr. Obama." [66681, 66682]

In his weekly Internet/radio address, Obama again says he opposes a travel ban to keep the Ebola virus out of the United States, saying, "We can't just cut ourselves off from

West Africa, where this disease is raging. Our medical experts tell us that the best way to stop this disease is to stop it at its source—before it spreads even wider and becomes even more difficult to contain. Trying to seal off an entire region of the world—if that were even possible—could actually make the situation worse. It would make it harder to move health workers and supplies back and forth. Experience shows that it could also cause people in the affected region to change their travel, to evade screening, and make the disease even harder to track.” (Of course, the United States most certainly *can* and arguably *should* cut itself off from West Africa. Allowing infected people to easily leave the region ensures that it will spread. To argue that a travel ban would encourage people to lie and “evade screening” ignores the fact that they will do that even if there is not travel ban. As proof there is Thomas Eric Duncan, who even without a travel ban lied to gain access to the United States. For Obama to argue that it would have done no good to make it more difficult to enter the United States is absurd.) Obama also claims, “Ebola is actually a difficult disease to catch,” a claim that is also absurd—considering how it has already spread in West Africa. “Before this is over,” says Obama, “we may see more isolated cases here in America, but we know how to wage this fight.” (The government has already demonstrated that it does *not* know how to “wage this fight.” Additionally, to state, “Before this is over” suggests a virus that has been killing people in Africa for decades will soon be eradicated is offering false hope. There is no known cure for Ebola and no indication that there will be anytime soon.) [66404]

The grammatically-challenged Obama also says he has “met and hugged some of the doctors and nurses who had treated Ebola patients, and I met with an Ebola patient who recovered right in the Oval Office, and I’m fine.” (One assumes he means he met in the Oval Office with someone who had recovered from Ebola, not that he met with someone whose recovery took place in the Oval Office.) [66479]

Asked by radio host Hugh Hewitt if he would serve as the nation’s Surgeon General if he were offered the job, Dr. Ben Carson replies, “No, no, because if I would, if I were going to serve in that position, I would have to serve under someone that I trusted.” [66405]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal tweets the “four stages” from the Obama “School of Management Crisis”: “Stage 1 of Obama Crisis Management: Don’t worry, I got this.” “Stage 2 of Obama Crisis Management: I’m so mad.” “Stage 3 of Obama Crisis Management: More money will fix it.” “Stage 4 of Obama Crisis Management: Republicans are obstructing.” [66337]

Former Congressman Allen West writes, “Ok, let me get this right, due to the failures of Dr. [Tom] Frieden, the Director of the CDC, Obama has decided that we don’t need to bring in someone with health care experience but someone [Ebola czar Ron Klain] with ‘strong management credentials?’ So, is this an admission that no one in the Obama administration is capable of managing this situation? This guy doesn’t have a smidgen of experience in health crisis operations or domestic security issues—he’s just another “mouthpiece.” And why is it that Mr. Klain will be reporting to the dubious Obama National Security Advisor Susan Rice? It seems to me this is more about Obama messaging and spin control rather than solving the situation and presenting viable

solutions and courses of action. And oh by the way, Klain was one of the geniuses who recommended the government invest in Solyndra. ...Excuse me, but what else does [sic; do] the head of the CDC, Dr. Frieden and the Secretary of HHS, Ms. [Sylvia] Burwell, have [to do] that is more important than developing protocols and procedures to contain any further spread of Ebola in America? So what are they being paid to do? Ms. Burwell is a cabinet member. This state of confusion in the Obama administration is why I stand by my assertion that US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) would be best to handle the domestic command and control of this Ebola situation in America—they have organizational structure and a very specified task, purpose and direction. ...Ron Klain is nothing more than a progressive socialist—i.e. Democrat—insider who can be trusted to deliver the Obama talking points. His leash will be rather short and held by Obama's most dedicated henchperson, Susan Rice. He possesses no expertise in this area other than he can just 'talk better.' It's typical of the Obama administration to fix a problem by bringing in someone else to talk about the problem—after all, the real problem to Obama is that the situation needs to be explained better to us—not resolved.” [66471]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Obamacare ‘bronze’ plan owners may be in for a shock next year. Investors predict the cheapest healthcare offering under the Affordable Care Act could jump nearly 14 percent in price. In an analysis of expected rates for the biggest 15 cities in the nation, including Washington, D.C., Investor’s Business Daily reported Friday that the cost for the plan could increase by an average of 13.9 percent for 40-year-old non-smokers earning 225 percent of the poverty level.” [66443]

At WeeklyStandard.com Jonathan V. Last provides “six reasons to panic” over Ebola. “As a rule,” writes Last, “one should not panic at whatever crisis has momentarily fixed the attention of cable news producers. But the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, which has migrated to both Europe and America, may be the exception that proves the rule. ... (1) Start with what we know, and don’t know, about the virus. ... Not everyone is convinced that this Ebola isn’t airborne. Last month, the University of Minnesota’s Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy published an article arguing that the current Ebola has ‘unclear modes of transmission’ and that ‘there is scientific and epidemiologic evidence that Ebola virus has the potential to be transmitted via infectious aerosol particles both near and at a distance from infected patients, which means that healthcare workers should be wearing respirators, not facemasks. ... And even if this Ebola isn’t airborne right now, it might become so in the future. Viruses mutate and evolve in the wild, and the population of infected Ebola carriers is now bigger than it has been at any point in history—meaning that the pool for potential mutations is larger than it has ever been.” [66379]

“... (2) General infection rates are terrifying, too. In epidemiology, you measure the ‘R0,’ or ‘reproduction number’ of a virus; that is, how many new infections each infected person causes. When R0 is greater than 1, the virus is spreading through a population. When it’s below 1, the contamination is receding.” (The R0 in the United States is already two, with Thomas Eric Duncan having infected at least two health care workers. The devastating flu virus of 1918-1920 had an R factor of between two and three, and killed between 50 and 100 million people worldwide. More than 500,000 died in the

United States.) ... (3) Do you *really* want to be scared? What's to stop a jihadist from going to Liberia, getting himself infected, and then flying to New York and riding the subway until he keels over? This is just the biological warfare version of a suicide bomb. Can you imagine the consequences if someone with Ebola vomited in a New York City subway car? A flight from Roberts International in Monrovia to JFK in New York is less than \$2,000, meaning that the planning and infrastructure needed for such an attack is relatively trivial. This scenario may be highly unlikely. But so were the September 11 attacks and the Richard Reid attempted shoe bombing, both of which resulted in the creation of a permanent security apparatus around airports. We take drastic precautions all the time, if the potential losses are serious enough, so long as officials are paying attention to the threat." [66379, 66393, 66408, 66409]

"(4) Let's put aside the Ebola-as-weapon scenario—some things are too depressing to contemplate at length—and look at the range of scenarios for what we have in front of us, from best-case to worst-case. The epidemiological protocols for containing Ebola rest on four pillars: contact tracing, case isolation, safe burial, and effective public information. On October 14, the *New York Times* reported that in Liberia, with 'only' 4,000 cases, 'Schools have shut down, elections have been postponed, mining and logging companies have withdrawn, farmers have abandoned their fields.' Which means that the baseline for 'best-case' is already awful. In September, the CDC ran a series of models on the spread of the virus and came up with a best-case scenario in which, by January 2015, Liberia alone would have a cumulative 11,000 to 27,000 cases. That's in a world where all of the aid and personnel gets where it needs to be, the resident population behaves rationally, and everything breaks their way. The worst-case scenario envisioned by the model is anywhere from 537,000 to 1,367,000 cases by January. Just in Liberia. With the fever still raging out of control." [66379]

"(5) And by the way, things could get worse. All of those worst-case projections assume that the virus stays contained in a relatively small area of West Africa, which, with a million people infected, would be highly unlikely. What happens if and when the virus starts leaking out to other parts of the world? ... It isn't crazy to see how a health crisis could beget all sorts of other crises, from humanitarian, to economic, to political, to existential. ... (6) While we're on the subject of political crisis, it's worth noting that the politics of Ebola are uncertain and dangerous to everyone involved. Thus far, there's been only one serious political clash over Ebola, and that's concerning the banning of flights to and from the infected countries in West Africa. Obama administration refuses to countenance such a move, with the CDC's [Tom] Frieden flatly calling it 'wrong.' ... Frieden's entire argument is so strange—and so at odds with what other epidemiologists prescribe—that it can only be explained by one of two causes: catastrophic incompetence or a prior ideological commitment. The latter, in this case, might well be the larger issue of immigration. ... What would happen in the event of an Ebola outbreak in Latin America? Then America would have to worry about masses of uninfected immigrants surging across the border—not to mention carriers of the virus. And if we had decided it was okay to cut off flights from West Africa, would we decide it was okay to try to seal the Southern border too? You can see how the entire immigration project might start to come apart. So for now, the Obama administration will insist on

keeping travel open between infected countries and the West and hope that they, and we, get lucky.” [66379]

It is worth noting that Ebola can perhaps more easily spread in Islamic countries than in others because of Muslim burial customs. According to InstigatorNews.com, “When Muslims die, family members don’t turn to a funeral home or crematorium to take care of the body. In Islam, death is handled much differently. Relatives personally wash the corpses of loved ones from head to toe. Often, several family members participate in this posthumous bathing ritual, known as Ghusl. Before scrubbing the skin with soap and water, family members press down on the abdomen to excrete fluids still in the body. A mixture of camphor and water is used for a final washing. Then, family members dry off the body and shroud it in white linens. Again, washing the bodies of the dead in this way is considered a collective duty for Muslims, especially in Muslim nations. Failure to do so is believed to leave the deceased ‘impure’ and jeopardizes the faithful’s ascension into Paradise (unless he died in jihad; then no Ghusl is required). Before the body is buried, Muslims attending the funeral typically pass a common bowl for use in ablution or washing of the face, feet and hands, compounding the risk of infection. Though these customs are prescribed by Shariah law, they’re extremely dangerous and should be suspended. Mosque leaders must step in to educate village Muslims about the dangers of interacting with corpses. Ebola victims can be more contagious dead than alive. Their bodies are covered in rashes, blood and other fluids containing the virus. ‘Funerals and washing dead bodies in West African countries have led, to a great extent, to spread the disease,’ a World Health Organization spokeswoman recently warned.” [66394, 66395, 66396, 66454]

Perhaps not surprisingly, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital has turned into a “ghost town,” according to area health care vendor Rachelle Cohorn, who tells ABC News, “No one is even walking around the hospital.” The emergency room wait time has been reduced from an average of 52 minutes to zero—because patients fear that the Ebola virus is still present and they are heading elsewhere for treatment. Dr. Dan Varga, the chief clinical officer of Texas Health Resources, which owns the Dallas hospital, tells ABC, “I would tell this community that Presby is an absolutely safe hospital to come to. We’ve been in communication with our doctors that have their private offices in our professional buildings around the campus who are getting 40, 50, 60 percent cancellations just for fear of being somewhere in the geography of the hospital where Ebola is treated.” (This is an example of how fears of Ebola—both rational and irrational—can harm the U.S. economy. If the lack of a travel ban allows even one Ebola carrier to infect several people in a crowded shopping mall, amusement park, restaurant, or movie theater, businesses across the country could possibly lose billions of dollars in profits because customers choose to stay home. In his efforts to protect Liberia’s “fledgling economy,” Obama may be inadvertently [or intentionally] causing great harm to the economy of the United States.) [66407]

Dr. William Miller, author of *The Microcosm Within: Evolution and Extinction in the Hologenome*, tells WND.com he supports a travel ban. He states, “There seems to be a pushback against a travel ban by the media, national leaders and other persons of

authority; yet everyone whom I speak to believes that we need to protect ourselves by every means. “Am I the only voice that is willing to speak against current policy? I deeply feel that we are playing infectious-disease roulette. ... We have now seen the U.S. health-care system was unprepared and under-rehearsed for an outbreak of Ebola, but what the CDC doesn’t understand is that that source of Ebola coming here is open-air travel. ... If we do whatever we can to reduce the incidence of a pathogen like Ebola making its way here on our soil, we are better off. ... Unfortunately, there may be some 13 percent of people who are infected with Ebola who have the ability to transmit the disease before they get a fever. Yes, we can stop air travelers that show symptoms, but Ebola has a latency period of up to 21 days that it takes the virus to incubate. So, a person infected by Ebola can travel from West Africa and be perfectly well, showing no signs of infection.” [66410, 66676]

“What makes it more ironic is that Texas health officials have now decided that health-care workers that have contact with Ebola patients will not be allowed to travel on public transportation, including buses, trains and airplanes, during a quarantine period of some 21 days. So we are going to restrict our own citizens—Texas health-care workers who voluntarily agree to treat Ebola patients—to a quarantine where all they can do is work or stay in their homes, but at the same time we are going to allow people from Ebola-affected countries to enter the United States at will, provided they are not showing symptoms of the disease while they are traveling. That makes no sense whatsoever. ... We have to look at this from the perspective of assuming that Ebola becomes a terrifying epidemic in the United States, and we don’t want to have to look back and say the one thing we should have done to keep the disease from becoming a problem here was that the CDC should have imposed bans to restrict air travel.” [66410, 66676]

“... Our standard right now should be to do everything possible to protect the health and safety of the American people. The United States will not be able to help other regions of the world suffering from Ebola if we first do not protect ourselves at home. ... Americans are good Samaritans by nature, and we don’t like closing our borders to anyone. But the problem we have to understand is that Ebola is a virulent disease that recognizes no boundaries of class distinction, ethnicity, language, race or religion. If we are going to stop U.S. citizens that provide health care to Ebola patients from getting on public transportation whether they are sick from Ebola or not, we cannot continue to let international passengers from West Africa fly here freely as long as they don’t currently have a fever. It’s basically suicidal not to impose air-travel restrictions, and from the point of view of medical science, it’s crazy to think otherwise.” [66410, 66676]

At LewRockwell.com Jack Perry writes that Ebola czar Ron Klain is “President of Case Holdings and General Counsel of Revolution LLC, which is an investment group. Now, I did a little digging on Revolution LLC and discovered that one of their companies is called Extend Health. Who are they? They’re a Medicare insurance private exchange juggler. They say of themselves that they help people find the right Medicare plan and coverage and then enroll in it. So, evidently, this probably has some ties with Obamacare someplace. Another company that Revolution holds is called FedBid, an online marketplace for federal, state, and local government buyers where they can purchase,

guess what? Medical supplies, lab equipment, communications devices, hazardous waste containers, hazmat suits, hospital beds, sanitation and janitorial supplies, heavy equipment, pharmaceuticals, medical diagnostic test kits, emergency medical personnel contractors, office equipment, IT hardware/software, and facilities. All the stuff you need to set up an 'Ebola Task Force' and equip those CDC 'SWAT teams,' as well as the military. Among the buyers who use FedBid are the DOD, the U.S. Army, Dept. of Health and Human Service, and the Dept. of Homeland Security. What FedBid basically does is set up a place where businesses and contractors can connect with federal government agency buyers. Does this not seem a bit suspicious to any of you folks out there? Suddenly, a guy with ties to a company that connects sellers of things such as medical supplies and lab equipment with government agency buyers is made the 'Ebola Czar' in charge of the whole shebang. What's more, Klain reports to White House homeland security advisor Lisa Monaco and national security advisor Susan Rice. Homeland Security is one of FedBid's buyers, as is the military. The no-bid contracts will soon be here." [66416]

"...Folks, this is déjà vu all over again. This administration is using this crisis to profit from it and, quite possibly, award no-bid contracts to their friends. ...And that if there is one thing the Great Father [the federal government] can be counted on to do in a crisis, it is to play politics with it. But now enter into the equation the possibility of profiting from it also. I now deeply suspect the CDC bungling in Dallas was intentional, not mere incompetence. They are manufacturing a crisis in order to not only build more government agencies with potentially unlimited power, but also so that certain corporations in bed with them can profit from it. ...Add in the fact that the Great Father has now called up the National Guard and Reserves, not to help Americans, but to go over to West Africa. Without a doubt, they're not going to have all the specialized equipment and supplies needed to deal with Ebola. They're all going to need those supplies and guess where they'll probably be told to acquire them? FedBid, most certainly, upon the orders of Ron Klain who is the 'Ebola Czar.' He has ultimate control over the whole handling of the crisis since he is the one person given the power to coordinate the entire federal response. Guess what? The military is part of that federal response. The Dallas Ebola Crisis is 9/11 again and now the federal response is the Iraq War reformatted with all the same no-bid contracts and profiteering. They let this happen. They used the Dallas health care staff as pawns. ...We're being had again here, folks, but this time it's much more deadly. Why is the federal government keeping air traffic open to West Africa? Why are troops being sent there when they are actually needed here to secure our border? Why is CDC bungling over and over again? Why are Americans exposed to Ebola here forbidden from travel but persons from West Africa who were certainly exposed allowed to travel here? None of this makes any sense whatsoever unless this is intentional. Why would it be intentional? The government is seeking more power, seeking to expand itself with more federal agencies that answer to no one and have unlimited power, and certain corporations can profit greatly without any real market existing save for one the government has created. Ebola is, indeed, a 'shovel-ready' stimulus project. Let us hope that 'shovel-ready' doesn't entail mass graves because this manufactured crisis, like the Iraq War, blows up in their faces. If you like your grave, you can keep it..." [66416]

The State of Ohio issues restrictions limiting the travel “of people currently required to have their health condition monitored daily by a local health department and those required to report their health condition themselves to a local health department. ...Ohioans required to have a public health official monitor their health condition daily would be prohibited from leaving their health department’s jurisdiction unless the health department jurisdiction to which they are travelling agrees to assume that daily monitoring responsibility. If that agreement is not reached, the individual cannot travel and must keep their daily monitoring appointments in their home health department jurisdiction. Ohioans under self-monitoring and reporting requirements cannot leave the United States due to the inability to track them down in the event they fail to meet their daily reporting requirements.” (A number of Ohio residents are being closely monitored for symptoms of Ebola because of their exposure to Dallas health care worker Amber Vinson, who traveled to the state after handling laboratory work for Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan.) [66497, 66498]

After playing golf for more than four hours, Obama holds a Saturday night Ebola crisis meeting. Ebola czar Ron Klain does not attend. [66387, 66388, 66440, 66662]

On October 19 the Carnival cruise ship Magic docks in Galveston, Texas. The passenger who some fear was exposed to the Ebola virus leaves the ship and drives home with her husband. [66457]

At a church parking lot in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the worshippers were greeted by flyers showing a lynch mob and the words, “[If] Kay Hagan Doesn’t WIN! Obama’s IMPEACHMENT Will Begin! VOTE IN 2014.” Fayetteville NAACP president Jimmy Buxton says the flyer is not racist because “That’s what the community feels.” [66544, 66545, 66552, 66566, 66567, 66918]

The Georgia Democrat party sends mailers encouraging blacks to vote, with a photo of two black toddlers holding “Don’t Shoot” signs. Above the photo is the warning, “If You Want To Prevent Another Ferguson In Their Future...” (Michelle Nunn, the Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate from Georgia, refuses to denounce the fliers, stating, “I think that we need to use Ferguson as a platform to have a conversation with our communities around what kind of society do we want, how do we ensure equal justice and equal treatment under the law.” (From Nunn’s perspective, suggesting to black voters they will be shot if Republicans are elected is a “platform to have a conversation.”) [66607, 66608, 66785, 66918, 67102]

Despite objections from Turkey, the U.S. military drops 27 bundles of weapons and supplies, via three C-130 cargo planes, to Kurdish fighters in Iraq to help them prevent ISIS from capturing the city of Kobani. According to TheDailyBeats.com, “At least one bundle of U.S. weapons airdropped in Syria appears to have fallen into the hands of ISIS, a dangerous misfire in the American mission to speed aid to Kurdish forces making their stand in Kobani.” [66480, 66492, 66589, 66590]

Cliff Kincaid writes at NewsWithViews.com, “Barbara Loe Fisher of the National Vaccine Information Center has written a series of questions that illustrate how the Obama administration has facilitated the spread of Ebola to the U.S. Her conclusion is that ‘some people in industry, government and the World Health Organization did not want the Ebola outbreak to be confined to several nations in Africa because that would fail to create a lucrative global market for mandated use of fast-tracked Ebola vaccines by every one of the seven billion human beings living on this planet.’ The flaw in this thinking is that Ebola could spread so fast that millions will die and economies will collapse (including our own) before a vaccine is developed. ...It’s not clear if an Ebola vaccine will be effective or if it can be ready in a short period of time. ...Obama’s use of the race card in the case of Ebola will become overt if members of Congress persist in calling for a travel ban. However, Obama can argue that a travel ban would violate a U.N. resolution against the ‘isolation’ of the Ebola-infected countries. That measure calls on U.N. member states ‘to lift general travel and border restrictions, imposed as a result of the Ebola outbreak, and that contribute to the further isolation of the affected countries and undermine their efforts to respond to the Ebola outbreak...’ It also ‘calls on airlines and shipping companies to maintain trade and transport links with the affected countries and the wider region...’ Obama’s administration voted for this U.N. resolution. ...As Obama’s vote for the U.N. resolution that requires open borders and continued flights from West Africa shows, it seems as if [Obama] wants to deliberately inflict pain and suffering (and death) on the American people. The U.N. approves of his actions, but the American people don’t. The Washington Post reports that a poll from The Washington Post and ABC News shows that 67 percent of people support a travel ban.” (Note: *The Obama Timeline* does not necessarily agree with those who believe Obama’s response to the Ebola situation is rooted more in an “evil scheme” than simple incompetence, but their views are included here for the purpose of keeping readers informed.) [66420]

At Townhall.com Derek Hunter writes, “Obama isn’t a leader, he’s a cheerleader. If you ever saw Marlon Brando interviewed, that’s kind of how the president is. Brando was a brilliant actor, believable in every film he made. But although he played brilliant and intelligent characters on the screen, he was crazy in real life. He rambled, said off-the-wall things and could barely string together a coherent sentence. [Obama] is the same way. Barack Obama on teleprompter has few peers. Off it, he’s the guy in class who writes exceedingly long answers to simple essay questions in hopes of throwing enough on the page to confuse the teacher into thinking he actually does know the answer. ...The appointment of Ron Klain as Ebola czar shows [Obama] is more interested in appearing to take Ebola seriously than actually doing so. Klain is a Democratic Party operative, lawyer and former chief of staff to both Al Gore and Joe Biden who has zero medical background. On top of that, this vital new czar won’t be reporting directly to [Obama] at all.” [66424]

A page on the Centers for Disease Control web site that had provided directions for removing gloves to avoid the risk of infection is removed and replaced with a “Page Not Found” message. (On October 15 Dr. Jonathan Reiner tweeted, “Follow these instructions from CDC website for removing gloves & you risk contamination. Not how to do it.” Reiner was far from alone in criticizing the CDC instructions.) [66428, 66429]

At a rally for Maryland gubernatorial candidate Anthony Brown (who is favored to win despite his colossal mistakes in implementing the state's ObamaCare exchange that cost the taxpayers more than \$100 million), many people in the audience walk up and leave during Obama's speech. Reuters' Jeff Mason tweets, "Steady stream of people leaving Maryland rally continues as Obama speaks. It's noticeable and noisy. They would have waited hours to get in." Another journalist tweets, "by the time [Obama] was about 10 minutes in, there was a traffic jam... as folks tried to exit the gym." (Politico's Jennifer Epstein tweets, "After waiting a long time for a POTUS speech, don't you want to hear the whole thing? And not just take a phone pic or two and then leave?" Whether Epstein bothered to ask people *why* they walked out is not known.) It does not take long for Twitter users to provide reasons to exit an Obama speech: "You'd rather sit in your car in a traffic jam." "I'm Scared that I'll catch Ebola." "You needed to have all your teeth pulled." "Everybody is rolling their eyes & throwing up in the aisles." "Because hearing 'uh' 'um' and 'let me be clear' isn't that exciting in person." "Hunter Biden started doing lines on the podium." "Every phrase was steeped in Stalinism or you felt a hand clawing for your wallet." "I might catch Ebola from shit coming out of his mouth." "Lost that tingle in your leg..." "I'm bitter and I had to go home and 'cling to my guns & religion.'" (It is worth noting that for some time Obama's public appearances have been limited to fundraisers and controlled photo ops. The walkouts at the Maryland event help to explain why.) [66430, 66431, 66432, 66433, 66439, 66452, 66453, 66455, 66456, 66472, 66473, 66474, 66478, 66505, 66531, 66580, 66581]

Townhall.com's Guy Benson later observes, "In 2008, they were passing out. In 2014, they're walking out." He also notes, "Maryland is one of the few states in which Obama's political brand is not radioactive, which is why he was even invited to the Brown event in the first place. A recent, massive nationwide survey from the *New York Times* and YouGov found that [Obama's] approval rating is underwater in 43 out of 50 states. Obama registered his strongest score in Maryland, a jurisdiction packed with government workers, white liberals with postgraduate degrees, and African-Americans. Yet even a gymnasium full of Democratic base voters in Obama's best state couldn't be bothered to sit through his remarks." [66472]

Newsbusters.org writes, "One would think, based on comparing dispatches from Reuters and the Associated Press, that ...Obama must have spoken at two different events in Upper Marlboro, Maryland today. The two dispatches are so radically different in tone and content that they it doesn't seem possible that they both could be from the same event. But they are. Jeff Mason at Reuters... observed [that] 'early departures of crowd members while he spoke underscored his continuing unpopularity.' But at AP... Josh Lederman described 'a rowdy crowd of about 8,000 people' attending 'a rally that had the feeling of a gospel service.'" (The Associated Press has been a relatively consistent cheerleader for Obama, regardless of reality.) [66518]

The Pentagon announces an Ebola "rapid response team" to provide medical support to civilian health care workers in the United States. The team will reportedly include 20 nurses, five doctors, and five trainers. The Department of Defense states, "Once formed,

team members will be sent to Fort Sam Houston in Texas for up to seven days of specialized training in infection control and personal protective equipment (PPE). That training is expected to start within the next week or so and will be provided by the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases. Upon conclusion of training, team members will remain in a ‘prepare to deploy’ status for 30 days, available to be sent to other CONUS [continental United States] locations as required. They will not be sent to West Africa or elsewhere overseas and will be called upon domestically only if deemed prudent by our public health professionals.” (Some might argue that a civilian team from the CDC should be assembled for the task, not a military team, and may question the legality of such an action because the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878 prohibits the U.S. military from engaging in actions within the United States. In any event, a rapid response team of 30 people would be able to handle only one or two Ebola cases. The care for Ebola patient Nina Pham uses five nurses for each 12-hour shift.) [66381, 66382, 66383, 66434, 66435, 66436, 66437, 66438, 66487, 66503]

Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, an ObamaCare architect, later says of the Pentagon’s Ebola response team, “I’m a little confused by it, why we need the Pentagon to do it. We have a lot of incredibly competent healthcare people in the federal government at the [National Institutes of Health] and other facilities. I think that may look like it’s actually a little bit of overkill.” (Obama’s goal with the team is arguably to make it look as though he is doing something, not to actually do something.) [66503]

On *State of the Union*, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) tells CNN’s Candy Crowley, “We should stop issuing travel visas from Liberia, which, interestingly enough, the neighboring countries in Africa have done. What we need from [Obama] is serious leadership to protect the American people. It shouldn’t be a partisan issue. We should be protecting citizens of this country. ...The doctors and the experts that [sic; who] are saying [a travel ban wouldn’t work] are working for the [Obama] administration and are repeating the administration talking points, and their arguments don’t make sense. The first argument about the screens [sic; screenings] doesn’t make sense because they don’t work during the 21-day incubation period, and the second argument that they make is they say a travel ban would prevent health care relief workers from arriving in West Africa. No one is talking about banning flights *into* West Africa. Of course physicians and nurses and health care workers should be allowed to go in there and we can send them in on charter flights or military C-130 aircraft with appropriate safety precautions. That’s very different from saying commercial airliners should fly, day after day after day, with hundreds of passengers connecting with thousands of passengers coming all throughout the country. The arguments they’re giving don’t make sense, and what is unfortunate is watching the Obama administration treat this as yet another political issue rather than as a public health crisis.” [66445, 66446, 66490, 66495, 66496]

Crowley asks Cruz, “What mistakes were made at the hospital level [when treating the Ebola patient in Dallas]? What mistakes were made by Texas public health officials?” Cruz replies, “Candy, the first mistake that was made was allowing Thomas Duncan to get on an airplane and fly to the United States. ...If he hadn’t flown to the United States, none of the other mistakes would have happened.” Crowley also asks about Obama’s

appointment of Ron Klain to be the Ebola czar, saying, “didn’t this need someone, uh, who had organizational skills, which the White House says Ron Klain has, uh, to kind of... give the public the feeling that the government is on top of this.” The quick-witted Cruz responds, “Candy, we should be less concerned about giving the public the *feeling* that the government is on top of this and more concerned about the government *actually* being on top of it.” (Crowley almost certainly wishes she could be given the opportunity to word her question differently.) [66445, 66446, 66490, 66495, 66496]

Also on CNN, *New York Times* reporter Jonathan Martin tells John King that the Ebola situation “is a gift-wrapped issue for the GOP. The fact is this is one more example they can cite to point out that ...Obama has not run a competent federal government. It’s a pretty visceral issue. The second issue is this larger question of a world coming undone, and the backdrop of events to which this election is playing out, whether it’s beheadings, whether it’s Ebola, the events taking place with Vladimir Putin. For Republicans, they simply have the point in saying ‘Competence and Chaos?’ and that’s a pretty compelling message in a year that’s structurally good for them anyways.” [66449]

On *This Week*, ABC’s George Stephanopoulos eagerly comes to Obama’s defense on his controversial appointment of Ron Klain to coordinate the government’s Ebola communications: “You know you’ve got a lot of medical experts working on Ebola right now but to the extent there is a crisis in the United States, which I don’t think there is, there’s a communications crisis and a management crisis inside the government.” [66481]

Also on *This Week*, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, shifts the blame for two Americans contracting Ebola from the CDC to the World Health Organization (WHO), saying, “the protocol that was originally recommended was a protocol that’s a WHO protocol that’s best fitted for out in the field. It doesn’t cover every single aspect of your skin. That worked in the field. What’s very clear now, if you’re in an intensive care setting, doing things you would never do in the bush or in the field in Africa, very invasive type procedures, that that is not the optimal way. So, we don’t know for sure, but it is likely she [nurse Nina Pham] got infected because she was not completely covered.” Fauci also says, “I think this idea that every single hospital can take care of a seriously ill Ebola patient right now is just not true.” [66486, 66489]

On *Meet the Press*, Republican strategist Mike Murphy says the GOP will do well in the November 4 elections because of Obama’s incompetence: “You can’t get [Democrat Senate candidate] Alison Grimes to admit who she voted for with the jaws of life. I mean that was a disaster for her and [Senator] Mitch McConnell’s going to win [reelection. [Obama’s approval] numbers are down at 40 percent; I mean, broccoli is at 45. You’re going to have a rejection [of Obama’s policies by the voters]. Right now, I believe the thing is moving in a good Republican direction because of the national reject [Obama] numbers. We have had a conga line of screw-ups here with the IRS, the Syria red line fiasco, now we have Ebola. ...It does become a narrative of incompetence. He’s going to get punished.” [66448]

Also on *Meet the Press*, Andrea Mitchell whines, “It’s a bad week for Democrats. The White House has been under fire. At the same time, Neil Newhouse, uh, our Republican former partner in polling has said that it’s the get-out-the-vote effort [that makes a difference], and that Democrats do a whole lot better at getting out the vote. And it’s gonna [sic; going to] come down to a ground game [sic], I think that—a ground game. I think that Texas Supreme Court decision on, uh, Saturday morning is gonna [sic] be really telling, if, if there are more voter restrictions placed in some of those states, it’s gonna [sic] be really hard for Democrats.” (Mitchell does not explain why having to show a photo ID to vote will make it “really hard for Democrats.” Whether she believes Democrats routinely drive without licenses, never fly on airplanes, never cash checks, never enter federal buildings—or are simply too stupid to carry an ID with them—is not clear. Some, perhaps Mitchell included, make the claim that requiring a photo ID to vote is racist—but they never explain why they believe that blacks and Hispanics are less likely to have identification than whites. Although it is true that illegal immigrants may often not carry valid photo IDs, they are not supposed to be voting anyway.) [66482]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee, insists, “We [Democrats] are going to hold the Senate. [Obama] is not on the ballot. Republicans are desperate to put him on the ballot because they’re trying to turn away from their own terrible record.” When she says to moderator Chris Wallace, “The one question that voters are going to ask themselves, Chris, is who has my back?” she gets a quick response from guest Reince Priebus, head of the Republican National Committee: “[Obama] hasn’t had anybody’s back. He [hasn’t] even had your back.” (The dig is a reference to the fact that Obama and other key Democrats and donors have been less than pleased with Wasserman Schultz’s performance as party head. In fact, Obama and the DNC head have rarely spoken since 2011.) [66468, 66469, 66477, 66483]

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says he has no plans to assist the Kurds in their fight against ISIS: “It would be wrong for the United States, with whom we are friends and allies in NATO, to talk openly and to expect us to say ‘yes’ to such a support to a terrorist organization [PKK]. It cannot expect such a thing from us and we cannot say ‘yes’ to such a thing either.” CNSNews.com notes, “The main Syrian Kurdish group defending the strategic border town of Kobani against an ISIS assault is the Democratic Union Party (PYD), a secularist organization that was outlawed and suppressed by the Assad regime for years before the civil war broke out. Turkey is hostile towards the PYD because it has links to the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), a group that waged a bloody separatist struggle in south-eastern Turkey for three decades until it entered a peace process with Ankara last year.” Meanwhile, the White House states that Obama and Erdogan “pledged to continue to work closely together to strengthen cooperation against ISIL.” (They can hardly be working closely together if they cannot even agree on the identity of the enemy.) [66491]

Breitbart.com reports, “Despite no official action from [Obama] ahead of the election, the Obama administration has quietly begun preparing to issue millions of work authorization permits, suggesting the implementation of a large-scale executive amnesty

may have already begun. Unnoticed until now, a draft solicitation for bids issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Oct. 6 says potential vendors must be capable of handling a 'surge' scenario of 9 million id cards in one year 'to support possible future immigration reform initiative requirements.' The request for proposals says the agency will need a minimum of four million cards per year. In the 'surge,' scenario in 2016, the agency would need an additional five million cards—more than double the baseline annual amount for a total of 9 million. 'The guaranteed minimum for each ordering period is 4,000,000 cards. The estimated maximum for the entire contract is 34,000,000 cards,' the document says. The agency is buying the materials need to construct both Permanent Residency Cards (PRC), commonly known as green cards, as well as Employment Authorization Documentation (EAD) cards which have been used to implement President Obama's 'Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals' (DACA) program. The RFP does not specify how many of each type of card would be issued." The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services states that such requests are "frequent practice" and "fluctuations in the number of immigration applications received... can arise for any number of reasons." Katie Pavlich writes at Townhall.com, "The 34 million number brings up questions about how many people are really living in the United States unlawfully. Further, 34 million work visas for non-American citizens will only continue to crush and devastate the middle class and low-income American workers, something Democrats claim they want to avoid. Exit question: If 34 million work visas are issued to illegal immigrants will they then be eligible for taxpayer funded benefits? Most likely." [66459, 66485, 66539, 66577, 66587, 66759]

WSJ.com reports, "Voters likely to cast ballots in the midterm elections favor a Republican-led Congress over a Democratic one, 49% to 44%, a new Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Annenberg survey finds. Registered voters, a larger group than likely voters, also said they'd prefer the election to produce a Republican-led Congress, a first since the poll began asking five weeks ago. The GOP held a lead of 45% to 43% on the question among registered voters. The survey is yet more evidence that Democratic voters are tuning out the midterms. Democrats carried a 10-point lead among low-interest voters, who the party is trying to reach and motivate with vigorous turnout operations across the country. Republicans carried a 10-point lead in the new survey among voters who said they were highly interested in the election." [66484]

At TheDailyBeast.com Jamie Dettmer reports that humanitarian aid from the United States intended for displaced Syrians is instead helping ISIS, whose terrorists are intercepting the shipments and either confiscating it or demanding bribes to allow delivery. [66502, 66525, 66894]

Dick Morris, former political strategist for Bill Clinton, writes, "Those trying to stop Obama from turning America into a one-party nation should hail Saturday's Supreme Court decision upholding the Texas Voter ID law. The photo identification requirement will stop the left from committing massive vote fraud. To understand how, we must grasp how the process works. Acting under the authority of the Motor Voter Law, the federal Justice Department does not allow voting registrars to delete from the rolls the names of those who have not voted or answered post cards until four years have elapsed. As a

result, millions of dead voters and tens of millions who have moved are still on the voter rolls, opening a massive opportunity for fraud. With so many dead or relocated voters still eligible to have ballots cast in their name, the opportunities multiply. And having twelve million undocumented people living in America, the chances to get people to vote illegally increase. North Carolina recently found 35,000 people who voted there in the 2012 election and whose first and last names and birth dates matched voters in other states who voted in the same election. ...And, with no photo id requirements, there was no way to stop it. Hiding behind the argument that getting a photo id will create insurmountable barriers to voting, the Justice Department has litigated against photo id. But the Supreme Court overruled a Texas District Court's verdict invalidating the id law. The vote was 6-3 with Clinton appointee Justice Stephen Breyer joining the five conservatives on the Court. ...[B]y allowing the photo id requirement in the elections coming up in two weeks, Obama's agenda to steal elections to assure Democratic Party domination may be facing its most significant challenge." (In 1995, Obama represented the leftist activist group ACORN in a lawsuit against the State of Illinois to force it to comply with the Motor Voter Law, which then-governor Jim Edgar correctly argued would invite voter fraud, partly because government officers registering new voters are "under orders not to ask anyone for identification or proof of citizenship." Six of the 19 September 11 terrorist hijackers were illegally registered to vote in the United States, partly because of the laxity of the Motor Voter Law.) [54, 240, 255, 284, 66519]

On October 20 Tina Brown, a leftist, feminist, and former editor of *Newsweek* and *TheDailyBeast.com*, appears on *Morning Joe*. She says, "Particularly for women, I don't think [Obama] makes them feel safe. They're feeling unsafe. They feel unsafe economically. They're feeling unsafe with regard to ISIS. They're feeling unsafe about Ebola. What they feel unsafe about is the government response to different crises. And I think that they're beginning to feel a bit that Obama's like that guy in the corner office who's too cool for school, calls a meeting, says this has to change, doesn't put anything in place to make sure it does change. Then it goes wrong, and he's blaming everybody." [66475, 66476, 66512, 66576]

Rush Limbaugh comments, "Look, she's exactly right about this. I've been talking about this. Obama and the left, they think they make a speech on something, it's fixed. They write a position paper on something, it's fixed. They call a meeting on something, it's fixed, mission accomplished. Got an Ebola program, go make a speech, done. Got a problem with the economy, go out and do a jobs speech and then add to it with a jobs seminar at the White House featuring columnists from *New York Times*, job done, mission accomplished. But, of course, nothing's changing, nothing's being accomplished. Everything is falling apart. Everything is fraying, and it's not the fault of the Republicans. It's a golden opportunity. The Democrats are losing in the polls for women. It's a golden opportunity to blame Republicans for it [yet Brown blames Obama]!" With tongue in cheek, Limbaugh says, "I never knew... I don't know about you; I never knew Tina Brown was a racist like this. I mean, you have the first African-American [in the White House], and she's out saying that he makes women feel unsafe? Where is her sensitivity to all of this? I don't know." (Some will argue, as does one of Limbaugh's listeners, that Brown is "setting up" the voters for Hillary Clinton in 2016. That is, "Only

a female candidate can know what women need and how to represent them in the White House.”) [66475, 66476, 66512]

At PJMedia.com Ron Radosh writes, “The announcement in yesterday’s *New York Times* that [Obama] will seek an Iran deal ‘that will avoid Congress’ reveals his utter contempt for the American people. Moreover, it shows us that what clearly will be a very, very bad deal is one he hopes to portray as proof that he has brought stability to the Middle East, and that—just as he had argued—Iran has shown that it is cooperative, is under ‘moderate’ leadership, and has proved that it wants peace and can be a partner of the United States. As the *Times* story by David E. Sanger puts it: ‘...Obama will do everything in his power to avoid letting Congress vote on it.’ He will do it with a sleight-of-hand semantic trick which involves removing sanctions on Iran without Congressional approval, which a Treasury Department study evidently argues that he can do. By calling it simply an ‘agreement’ and not a treaty, Obama thinks he can accept a bad deal and legally not have to obtain a two-thirds vote of the Senate. The reason he wants to do this is obvious: even if the Democrats control the Senate, he would not have enough votes for a treaty to pass. We have known for a long time that the Obama administration has decided that Iran can have a bomb and still act responsibly, despite its proven support of international terrorism and its promise to destroy Israel.” [66606, 66623]

“In the mind of the administration’s so-called ‘realists,’ letting Iran have a bomb will make it an equal player among the world’s nuclear powers. Then, the old doctrine of Mutually Assured Destruction (appropriately dubbed MAD) will be honored by the Ayatollahs, just as the Soviet Union worked with its main antagonist, the United States, to carry on its conflict without using the atomic weapons they possessed. ...Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL) said: ‘Congress will not permit [Obama] to unilaterally unravel Iran sanctions that passed the Senate in a 99 to 0 vote.’ Senator Robert Menendez (R-NJ), who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, boldly stated: ‘If a potential deal does not substantially and effectively dismantle Iran’s illicit nuclear weapons program, I expect Congress will respond. An agreement cannot allow Iran to be a threshold nuclear state.’ Obama’s dangerous foreign policy has thus achieved the impossible: uniting Democrats and Republicans in the Senate. They are intent on preventing a deal that depends largely on Iran’s good word, which as we all know, does not amount to much.” (Pamela Geller comments, “Power without accountability. ...Why would the Obama administration want to nuclearize the world’s leading sponsor of Islamic terrorism when the world stands at the brink of an all-out war (with an enemy Obama will arm but won’t name)? Nothing happens for decades and decades happen in a day— The concessions Obama made at Geneva and beyond to Iran’s nuclear weapons program are not merely unjustifiable, but treasonous. This is the act of a traitor or a madman—I believe the former.”) [66606, 66623]

In St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, a town near Montreal, Canada, a Muslim named Martin Couture-Rouleau (also known as called Ahmad Rouleau and Abu Ibrahim AlCanadi) intentionally runs over two members of the military with his vehicle. Couture-Rouleau is shot and killed by the police after a high-speed chase. One of the two victims, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, later dies. According to the CBC, “Federal investigators had

become concerned in June about the radicalization of Couture-Rouleau. His passport was seized at that time, but he was released because investigators didn't have enough evidence to charge him." A friend of the killer states, "He became an extremist. He wanted to go fight jihad but they wouldn't let him do it. The caliphate called all the Muslims on earth to fight. He listened to what they had to say and he did his part here." (More than a few people might argue that instead of confiscating passports of radicalized Muslims—which only leave them in Canada or elsewhere to commit crimes—they should instead be allowed to leave for Syria to fight for ISIS, but never be allowed back home.) [66621, 66622, 66624, 66625]

Denmark's 10News.dk posts an English translation of statements by an Afghan refugee in Sweden, Zulmay Afzali, who asks how the nation is preparing for jihadist attacks. Afzali states, "Friday, 26 September, I attended the usual Friday prayers in a mosque... It's a pretty small mosque with room for around hundred people. It's usually so crowded that you stand shoulder to shoulder with your Muslim brothers when performing prayer. This day was different. I looked around while I listened to the Khutba (Friday sermon). There were 50 people in the prayer room, most older men. I turned to my Afghan friend next to me and whispered, 'It's almost just you and me who are younger here. It seems that the younger one have stopped going to the mosque, it feels so empty.' My friend looked at me and said, 'But do you not know?' 'Know what?' I wondered. 'Most have gone to Syria and Iraq for jihad. They have joined the Islamic State.' ...It is almost four years since I came to Sweden to seek asylum and thus protection. What I heard in the mosque made me seriously concerned about the safety of myself and the Swedes. I managed to escape from drug barons and the brutal murderers from the Taliban, but from what I heard this Friday in the half full mosque, I'm not sure how long I am safe in this country. What happens when these warriors come back to Sweden? Men who participated in the most cruel and brutal assaults on other people, the civilians in Iraq and Syria. Could they perform jihad, also here in Sweden? I see it as an entirely feasible reality. How is Sweden preparing for this?" [66915, 66916, 66917]

"I became even more worried a few days later when I spoke with a man I met at the gym... He told me that jihadis, members of the Islamic State, now comes to Sweden disguised as asylum seekers. I wondered what they would gain from it. He replied: 'When the time comes, they will rise up and call to jihad also here. Zulmay, you must understand that the Islamic State is not a joke, they are real. They send so-called ' sleeper cells ' into the country and where they are building up their power.'" (Some may choose not to believe it, but the United States faces the same risk: secret terror cells in American cities that may some day spring into action. Of course, U.S. citizens have an advantage denied most Europeans: guns and ammunition.) The Muslim population in Sweden is quite large. It has become increasingly dependent on welfare and is also becoming more violent. In an incident earlier in the month, an elderly man was attacked by Muslims because they thought his hearing aid was the earpiece of a police radio and that he was an informant. [66915, 66916, 66917]

The *Miami Herald* reports, "A U.S. national security panel has approved for release from Guantánamo a long-held prisoner whose advocates argued was less of a risk at-large than

the five Taliban captives sent to Qatar in exchange for Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl in May. Muhammed Zahrani, 45, [arrived at] Guantanamo in August 2002 and was until this month held as an indefinite detainee, without charge or eligible for release, a ‘forever prisoner.’ The Periodic Review Board announced Monday he was eligible for repatriation to his native Saudi Arabia, raising to 80 the number of men approved for transfer from the remote prison holding 149 detainees. ...Zahrani persuaded the board to make him eligible for release, according to a document released by the Pentagon, because of his ‘candor with the board about his presence on the battlefield, expressions of regret, and desires for a peaceful life after Guantanamo.’” (A promise to refrain from jihad is apparently enough to get a terrorist released from Guantanamo.) [67097]

In Iraq, ISIS takes two towns on Sinjar Mountain—in areas the U.S. military had secured in August. (On August 15 Obama said, “We broke the ISIL siege of Mount Sinjar. We saved many innocent lives. Because of these efforts, we do not expect an additional operation to help rescue people off the mountain, and it is unlikely that we are going to need to continue humanitarian air drops on the mountain.”) [66630, 66631]

In Chicago to campaign for Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Obama takes time to cast an early ballot for the November 4 election—and needs assistance to figure out how to use the machine. (Whether he voted twice, under the name Barack Obama and again under the name Barry Soetoro, is not known. Whether Valerie Jarrett told him who to vote for is also not known.) [66494, 66510, 66511, 66514, 66548]

As Obama votes, a woman named Aia Cooper makes her ballot selections on the machine next to him. As she does, her boyfriend, Mike Jones, walks past and jokingly warns Obama, “Don’t touch my girlfriend.” Using his “ghetto accent,” Obama says to Cooper, “There’s an example of a brother just embarrassing me for no reason, just for no reason whatsoever.” (Cooper and Jones are black.) [66521, 66584, 66693]

In Kentucky, as Democrat U.S. Senate candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes continues to call for an increase in the minimum wage and criticizes the GOP for its so-called “war on women, CNN.com reports that a restaurant owned by her family pays some of its employees the minimum wage. Additionally, the business is called “Hugh Jass Burgers” and has menu items that include “Charlotte’s Rack” and “Abby’s Hugh Jass.” According to DailyCaller.com, her family’s catering business, Lundergan Catering, has unpaid interns. Its web site states, “The Lundergan Group offers internships for currently enrolled college students. These internships are unpaid and can be either part-time or full-time. Interns gain experience and knowledge of the event-planning business.” (The interns gain knowledge and experience, while the business gains free labor.) [66564, 66748, 66865]

Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury and former associate editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, writes at LewRockwell.com, “A group of 30 doctors and scientists have published their findings on the website of the New England Journal of Medicine that the Ebola ravaging West Africa is a new strain of the disease and was not imported from Central Africa. The doctors and scientists’ conclusion is consistent with

Dr. Cyril Broderick's report... that the strain originated in US government biowarfare labs and was injected into humans in Department of Defense field trials that began just weeks prior to the ebola breakout. The US government has a history of using unsuspecting humans for tests. Blacks in Alabama and Guatemalan soldiers and prisoners were infected with syphilis and gonorrhea in order to study the effects of the diseases and to experiment with cures. Another interesting piece of information is that apparently someone had advance notice that there would be an Ebola outbreak. The New York Daily News reports that Phoenix Air has a jet plane specifically outfitted to transport ebola patients and that the company's vice president said it required 30 months to get the plane equipped and ready. The ebola outbreak began six or seven months ago. The airplane took two and one-half years to create." [66460, 66461, 66462, 66463, 66464]

"...The Obama regime sent 4,000 US soldiers to West Africa to fight ebola. Soldiers don't have training or equipment with which to combat Ebola. Why expose 4,000 Americans to an epidemic? This seemingly pointless decision has raised suspicions that Washington is exposing troops to ebola so that vaccines or treatments can be tested on the troops. Other commentators have noticed that West Africa is an area of Chinese investments. They wonder if Washington is using the cover of Ebola to occupy the countries or even set the disease loose in order to drive out the Chinese. The new US Africa Command was formed to counteract Chinese economic penetration in Africa. The incompetence of US public health authorities in responding to Ebola gives legs to these theories. Real conspiracies abound. Those who say 'it's just a conspiracy theory' need to look up the meaning of conspiracy. As one commentator observed, the CDC's response to Ebola is too stupid for stupid. ...African countries are doing a much better job than the hegemonic superpower. They have closed borders, prevented air travel, and tracked down infected persons and those exposed to them. Instead of taking sensible precautions, the Obama regime appoints an Ebola Czar and sends 4,000 Americans into the areas where the disease rages. Little wonder that Americans have no confidence in their government." [66460, 66461, 66462, 66463, 66464]

According to Dr. Cyril Broderick, "The US Department of Defense (DoD) is funding Ebola trials on humans, trials which started just weeks before the Ebola outbreak in Guinea and Sierra Leone. The reports continue and state that the DoD gave a contract worth \$140 million dollars to Tekmira, a Canadian pharmaceutical company, to conduct Ebola research. This research work involved injecting and infusing healthy humans with the deadly Ebola virus. Hence, the DoD is listed as a collaborator in a 'First in Human' Ebola clinical trial (NCT02041715), which started in January 2014 shortly before an Ebola epidemic was declared in West Africa in March." [66460, 66461, 66462, 66463, 66464]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest attempts to defend Obama's Ebola czar appointment. Asked, "What does Ron Klain know about Ebola?" Earnest responds, "Well, the thing that's—let's talk about, uh, let me restate why, uh, this person, uh, why [Obama] believes it was important to add this person to his team. Uh, [Obama], again, wanted somebody who could serve, uh, in a coordinating function, to manage the implementation of our whole of government [sic; whole government?] approach to this

Ebola situation. Uh, and, uh, so, I guess, uh, to more directly address your question, what we were looking for is not an Ebola expert, uh, but rather an implementation expert, uh, and that's exactly what Ron Klain is, uh, he is somebody who has extensive experience, uh, in the federal government, he's somebody that [sic; who] has extensive management experience, uh, when it comes to the private sector, uh, you'll recall that when he served here at the White House, he was responsible for working in the vice president's office at a time when that office was responsible for implementing, uh, the recovery act." (Earnest is apparently unaware that the recovery and stimulus legislation did not succeed.) [66470]

According to Breitbart.com, "Harvard University has imposed an effective travel ban on Ebola-stricken [sic; stricken] countries, requiring students, faculty, and staff to obtain official permission from the university administration before traveling to affected parts of West Africa, and possibly staying off campus for 21 days after returning to the U.S. from those countries." [66486, 66513]

The Centers for Disease Control releases revised guidelines for protective covering for medical workers for care for Ebola patients. [66562, 66563]

According to Gallup, Obama's quarterly average approval rating has fallen to 41.5 percent. [66501]

At the National Press Club, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez says that paid family leave legislation would bring more Americans into the work force. "[T]he most frequently asked question I get [is], 'What can you do, Tom, to increase labor force participation?' Well, let's talk about paid leave..." (Paid family leave legislation would force employers to pay their employees their full wages or salaries if they are off work for a variety or "personal" reasons. Obviously, such legislation would add more employers to the workforce because employers would have to hire additional employees to cover for those who are absent. That is what the far-left Perez "sees." What he *fails* to see—or chooses to ignore—is that many companies will go out of business because they cannot routinely afford to pay *two* employees to do the work of *one*, and those businesses that survive will be forced to increase the prices of their products and services in order to cover the added expense of additional employees. *Unpaid* family leave legislation is already in place, and that proved to be a disaster for many businesses as a result of employees who unfairly took advantage of the law. *Paid* family leave legislation would have a far worse impact on the economy. Yes, paying people to stay home and forcing businesses to hire more workers to pick up the slack will "create jobs," but that does not make it a good idea, and more than hiring people to dig holes and then fill them back up again is a good idea.) [66583, 67164]

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), no doubt worried that she could lose on November 4 to Republican challenger Scott Brown "evolves" on the issue of an Ebola travel ban—deciding she favors it. (On October 15 Shaheen said a ban "doesn't make sense.") Some might believe that Obama has every intention of imposing a travel ban—after the November 4 election. By opposing a ban until then, Obama gives Democrat candidates a way of "proving" they are "independent" and will "stand up to Obama" by letting them

support a ban that he is temporarily resisting. After the election, Obama can then “evolve” on the issue and claim that he was persuaded by medical experts to change his mind. [66507, 66508, 66509]

A Youtube video shows Obama’s Ebola czar Ron Klain warning about global warming and overpopulation. (The video is undated. Whether Klain believes the death of hundreds of millions of people from disease in order to “save the earth” is a good idea is not known. In any event, one can assume that Klain does not believe he is one of the “too many” occupants of the planet. ZenGardner.com writes, “What is noteworthy is a statement by an award-winning Texas scientist who in 2006 advocated for the extermination of 90% of the Earth’s population using an airborne Ebola virus. University of Texas professor Dr. Eric R. Pianka [who reportedly has stated that human beings are ‘no better than bacteria’] called Ebola, ‘His preferred method of exterminating over five billion human beings was via airborne Ebola (Ebola Reston), because it is both highly lethal and kills its victims in days rather than years.’” Obama’s science czar, John Holdren, is also an overpopulation alarmist. Holdren, who assisted in the production of Al Gore’s global warming propaganda film *An Inconvenient Truth*, has suggested implanting “sterility capsules” in young girls, allowing them to be removed only after they have received government permission to have a baby. Holdren outdoes even that outrageous suggestion by stating that “Even ...laws requiring compulsory abortion ...could be sustained under the existing Constitution.”) [3691, 3692, 3693, 4067, 4074, 4083, 4122, 4339, 4529, 66554, 66555, 66556, 66591, 66592]

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) is given 24 hour security protection after threats to her life resulting from her strong criticism of radical Islam and ISIS. (WND.com reports that Politico is adding fuel to the fire by misrepresenting her remarks at the September 26 Values Voters Summit. Bachmann stated, “It’s because we have jihadists who are subscribing to this radical ideology that believes that dying in the name of Islam gets them to heaven. This is spiritual warfare, and what we need to do is defeat Islamic jihad. Sadly, [Obama] has the wrong prescription. He even failed to acknowledge their motivations for bringing about jihad. Yes, Mr. [Obama], it *is* about Islam. And I believe that if you have an evil the order of this magnitude, you take it seriously. You declare war on it, you don’t dance around it, just like the Islamic State has declared war on the United States of America. You kill their leader, you kill their council, you kill their army until they wave the white flag of surrender. That’s how you win a war.” Although Bachmann was clearly referring to war against the radical Islamists in ISIS, Politico reported that she called for Obama to “declare war on the religion.”) [66515, 66568, 66569]

After making get-out-the-vote calls to black radio stations, Obama attends a \$10,000 per person fundraiser in Chicago’s Lincoln Park neighborhood. At the event he says, “Ultimately, I think the Equal Protection Clause [of the U.S. Constitution] does guarantee same-sex marriage in all 50 states. But, as you know, courts have always been strategic. There have been times where the stars were aligned and the Court, like a thunderbolt, issues a ruling like *Brown v. Board of Education*, but that’s pretty rare. And, given the direction of society, for the Court to have allowed the process to play out the way it has

may make the shift less controversial and more lasting. In some ways, the decision that was just handed down to not do anything about what states are doing on same-sex marriage may end up being as consequential—from my perspective, a positive sense—as anything that’s been done. Because I think it really signals that although the Court was not quite ready—it didn’t have sufficient votes to follow *Loving v. Virginia* and go ahead and indicate an equal-protection right across the board—it was a consequential and powerful signal of the changes that have taken place in society and that the law is having to catch up.” (Until 2012 Obama was publicly opposed to gay marriage—a position he should not have taken *if he really believed* that it is supported by the U.S. Constitution. Instead, he publicly opposed gay marriage because it was the politically expedient thing to do. He then declared he had “evolved” on the issue, conveniently in time to retain the support of gays in the 2012 election.) [66514, 66517]

Obama also comments, “One of the nice things about being home is actually that it’s a little bit like a time capsule, because Michelle and I and the kids, we left so quickly [He had two months from election day 2008 until he moved into the White House in January 2009] that there’s still junk on my desk, including some unpaid bills—I think eventually they got paid—but they’re sort of stacked up. And messages, newspapers and all kinds of stuff.” Politico reports that Obama’s remark about not paying his bills did not make its way into the official transcript of his speech. The White House transcript reads, “One of the nice things about being home is actually that it’s a little bit like a time capsule because Michelle and I and the kids, we left so quickly that there’s still junk on my desk, including some—*(inaudible)—newspapers and all kinds of stuff.” CBS’ Mark Knoller tweets, “WH: stenographer’s tape recorder problem to blame for omission of ...Obama’s remarks about his ‘unpaid bills’ from WH transcript.” (George W. Bush and Rosemary Woods are not blamed.) [66520, 66546, 66582, 66610]

Obama addresses the Ebola issue, telling campaign donors, “The Ebola crisis... [which] has been the only story here in the United States for the last couple of weeks, is not an outbreak and epidemic here. To give you some sense of perspective, around 20,000 to 30,000 people [in the United States] die of flu every year. So far we’ve got one person dying of Ebola. ...This is a virulent disease and it is up to us, once again, to mobilize the world’s community to do something about it, to make sure that not only we’re helping on a humanitarian basis those countries but we’re not seeing a continued epidemic and outbreak that can ultimately have a serious impact here.” [66551]

According to a Politico poll, voters in battleground states believe George W. Bush was “more effective at managing the basic functions of the federal government” than Obama, by a margin of 38-35 percent, while 26 percent believe they are equally effective (or ineffective). [66527, 66528]

In addition to delaying an illegal immigrant amnesty order until after the election, Obama is also reportedly delaying regulations on methane emissions. DailyCaller.com reports on “a tip received by Marcellus Drilling News. MDN said it ‘received an email alert from the Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA) about this very issue’ which said the ‘EPA (and the Bureau of Land Management)... will unveil devastating new

regulations AFTER the November elections.’” Senator James Inhofe (R-OK) states, “Of course [Obama] is going to delay this rule. It’s the next step of his effort to put the oil and gas industry out of business. ...These regulations will hurt industry in Arkansas, Louisiana, and everywhere else there is oil and gas activity, and if he were to put these regulations out before the election, they’d hurt his chances of keeping the Senate in Democrat control. ...[Obama’s] true agenda will be revealed after the election. With no electoral consequences remaining for him, he will set his crosshairs on the oil and gas industry with ever tighter regulations that threaten the health of our economy.” (Methane is a by-product of the hydraulic fracturing process used to extract oil. Although it is a more potent “greenhouse gas” than carbon dioxide, it is also constantly being created by natural processes, and there is currently far less methane in the earth’s atmosphere than there was in the past.) [66553]

On Sean Hannity’s radio program, Congressman Louie Gohmert (R-TX) says, “I can’t help but believe, just based on the way we’ve got all these nebulous excuses why not to have a travel ban, [Obama], I guarantee you, we’re going to find out, he has cut a deal with African leaders. They’re going to bring people in. ...I bet you there is a deal he has cut with African leaders. He has probably told them, ‘Look, keep in mind I’ll have a lot more flexibility after the election.’ But that’s the only thing that would explain why he won’t do a [travel] ban. ...I just think we’re going to find out a whole lot after the election. ...It [the lack of a travel ban and sending U.S troops to West Africa] makes no sense whatsoever except this is some little deal [Obama’s] made with people to keep them quiet before the election. We haven’t heard a lot from West Africans, except we know [they] were not happy with [Obama] not publicly offering them more. Why would they be so quiet unless there’s a deal back there that, gee, once we’re past the election, [Obama] will have more flexibility.” (Some might suspect that Obama’s “plan” is to allow some Americans to become infected with Ebola in order to gin up support for massive federal spending to develop a cure. That is, public support to “save Americans” would be much stronger than public support to “save Liberians.”) [66633, 66634]

The leftist group MoveOn.org releases an ad featuring Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor under Bill Clinton, warning that if the Republicans win the Senate on November 4 they will use a “tricky, little known maneuver to try to ram through their right-wing policies. The maneuver is called ‘reconciliation,’ and it require only 51 votes to pass major tax and budget legislation.” (Reich does not mention that Senate Democrats used that same “tricky, little known maneuver” to pass ObamaCare in 2010.) [66573, 66574]

Former Department of Justice attorney J. Christian Adams reports at Breitbart.com, “An expert witness paid with tax dollars by the United States Department of Justice testified that North Carolina election laws impact black voters disproportionately and that blacks are less sophisticated. Charles Stewart, a political scientist was retained by the Justice Department to testify against voter identification laws and other election integrity measures. His testimony argued that ending same day voter registration and requiring voters to vote in the precinct where they live constitutes racial discrimination. When asked if terminating the ability to register to vote on the day that someone casts a ballot impacts blacks disproportionately, Stewart testified in court that it did. Stewart: ‘It’s also

the case that—well, yes, so it would, empirically more likely affect African Americans. Also, understanding within political science, that people who register to vote the closer and closer one gets to Election Day tend to be less sophisticated voters, tend to be less educated voters, tend to be voters who are less attuned to public affairs. That also tells me from the literature of political science that there are likely to be people who will end up not registering and not voting. People who correspond to those factors tend to be African Americans, and, therefore, that's another vehicle through which African Americans would be disproportionately affected by this law.' ...When asked if ending the ability to register to vote at the same time one casts a ballot would harm blacks more, Stewart testified: 'As I said before, this is particularly a mechanism and a time that's well situated for less sophisticated voters, and, therefore, it's less likely to imagine that these voters would—can figure out or would avail themselves of other forms of registering and voting.' A federal court ruled that the election law changes [in North Carolina] do not discriminate against blacks, but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals reversed. The Supreme Court of the United States stayed the ruling by the appeals court, and thus the election law changes will be in place for the November elections." (In an effort to overturn a law that eliminates same-day registration and voting, Obama's Department of Justice essentially argued that black voters are not as intelligent as white voters.) [66534, 66535, 66536, 66597]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, "The federal government has shelled out more than \$700 million in paid leave to more than 57,000 employees who were home from work for time periods stretching from one month to three years, a Government Accountability Office report has found. In a 62-page report published Monday, the GAO analyzed why so many federal employees were home and getting paid for such long periods of time and they discovered a variety of reasons. In many cases, employees were home awaiting the outcome of investigations into alleged misconduct and criminal actions. Some racked up paid leave for 'physical fitness activities,' and others were away from work seeking professional development. Employees also took paid leave for 'recuperation' from overseas work." DailyCaller.com reports that the worst offenders are with the Department of Defense: "According to the report, during that time over 9,000 DoD employees took 'higher than average' amounts of paid administrative leave, with breaks ranging from one month to two-and-a-half years. Altogether, these employees got 409,420 paid days off." [66558, 66609]

The CBS affiliate in St. Louis reports, "Information about the Michael Brown fatal police shooting is beginning to leak out, and former St. Louis County Police Chief Tim Fitch says it's no accident the feds are allowing the information. Fitch discussed a New York Times article indicating, according to federal investigators, there was a struggle that led up to the fatal police shooting of Brown, with KMOX's Mark Reardon on Monday. Fitch calls the information from the investigation coming out as phase two—to 'coordinate leaks to the media, and to start getting some of the facts out there to kind of let people down slowly,' he says. 'When I say this is phase two—phase one was really Eric Holder's announcement how they were going to basically do a complete review and take over the Ferguson Police Department.' Fitch says he thinks the feds recognize that it's 'probably very unlikely' that there's [sic; there are] going to be charges against Ferguson

police officer Darren Wilson.” (*The Obama Timeline* believes information will be released sporadically, as Fitch suggests, in order to “stretch out” the news that will anger black residents of Ferguson and St. Louis. It will be after the election when authorities announce there will be no charges against Wilson, because Obama doesn’t want riots before November 4—riots that will frighten more “law and order” white voters to the polls.) [66596]

On *On the Record*, retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North tells Greta van Susteren his sources in Iraq predict an ISIS attack on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad. “They know Baghdad. They’ve lived in Baghdad. ... They are at the gates of Baghdad. They’re coming for us. ... I don’t think [Obama] gives a damn. I think he’s hoping that he can hold the lid on this until after this election so it won’t be just another disaster for this administration.” (The next day mortar shells fired by ISIS land within 500 meters of the U.S. embassy.) [66557, 66570, 66571, 66709, 66710]

Attorney General Eric Holder tells CNN his biggest regret is not getting “really reasonable” gun control legislation passed. [66588]

In an interview with MSNBC’s resident race pimp, Al Sharpton, Obama says, “Well, look, it, here’s the bottom line. We, we’ve got a, a tough [electoral] map. Uh, a lot of the states, uh, that are contested this time are states that I didn’t win [in 2012], and so some of the candidates there, uh, you know, it is, uh, difficult for them to have me in the state because the Republicans will use that, uh, to try to fan Republican turnout. The bottom line is, though, these are all folks who vote with me. They have supported my agenda in Congress, they are on the right side of minimum wage, they are on the right side of fair pay, they are on the right side of rebuilding our infrastructure, they’re on the right side of early childhood education, so, uh, you know, this, this isn’t about, uh, my feelings being hurt. These, these are folks who are strong allies and supporters of me, and, uh, you know, I, I, I tell them, I said, ‘You know what, you do what you need to win. I will be responsible for making sure that our voters [that is, black voters] turn up.’” (In other words, “I know that Democrat candidates do not want to be seen with me because they don’t want to be associated with my policies and failures, but they all, in fact, support those policies, so I have told them to pretend they oppose me if that will help them win.”) Obama’s protestations notwithstanding, it is clear from his comments that his ego has been bruised by the fact that many Democrats are keeping their distance from him. That is precisely why he feels it is necessary to say, “But they *really do* support me!”) Obama may regret saying, “I will be responsible for making sure that our voters turn out,” because if they do not there will quite a few “former Democrat Senators” eager to hold him accountable. [66540, 66547, 66550, 66561, 66572, 66690, 66737, 66829]

Amazingly, Obama tells Sharpton, “Keep in mind that most of these [photo ID] laws are not preventing the overwhelming majority of folks who don’t vote from voting. Most people do have an ID. Most people do have a driver’s license. Most people can get to the polls. The bottom line is, if less than half of our folks [that is, black people] vote, these laws aren’t preventing the other half from not voting.” (This would be the same Obama whose administration has been whining for six years that photo ID laws prevent blacks

from voting. Of course, the mainstream media will ignore the remark. It will also ignore his “our folks” language—which, if used by a white politician, would cause a 24x7 stir until he was driven out of office.) [66690]

In a debate between U.S. Senate candidates in Montana, Democrat Amanda Curtis admits, “I know that the ACA [Affordable Care Act] is not perfect. I have traveled over 8,000 miles across the state listening to Montanans who are experiencing problems with delay of care and the costs of their insurance. ...I actually have had the experience of having my healthcare plan rise in cost, so I’m feeling that myself.” (Curtis trails Republican Steve Daines by double-digits in every poll.) [66559, 66560]

At NationalJournal.com Josh Kraushaar writes, “In July, I wrote that the odds of a nationalized election were growing because of that worsening environment for Democrats. Back then, there were clear signs that the red-state races were tilting in the GOP’s direction, while Republicans were running surprisingly strong campaigns in swing states. Those trends have only solidified since then. The national environment can change over time—few could have predicted a panic over Ebola in the summer, for example—but it was hard to see the issues dragging down the president and his party subsiding by the fall. Now, it’s becoming likely that Republicans will win more than the six seats necessary to retake control of the Senate. ...In the latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, support for the health care law isn’t far from its all-time low, with 36 percent supporting and 48 percent opposing (a whopping 43 percent opposing strongly). After the health care website debacle in December 2013, 34 percent supported and 50 percent opposed. Its potency as an issue isn’t too far off from 2010, an election where Republicans made historic gains in the House. ...Over the summer, worsening foreign policy was also an issue that looked bound to get worse for Democrats, not better. Presidential speeches and promises can only do so much in combating the reality of terrorists gaining ground in the Middle East and Russian President Vladimir Putin making a land grab in eastern Ukraine. As George W. Bush learned in his presidency, when events turn bad overseas, it’s rare that they improve quickly. ...Obama is now talking about defeating ISIS in terms of decades, not months or years. The limited airstrikes in Iraq and Syria have only had a limited effect, with the terrorist group creeping closer to Baghdad despite the U.S efforts. As a result, [Obama’s] approval ratings on foreign policy and national security—a first-term strength—have dropped to at or near all-time lows, and haven’t recovered much with his prime-time address.” [66541]

“All told, the cascading number of controversies and scandals in [Obama’s] second term has fed into the perception that this administration is out of its depth in doing its primary job: managing government. And that’s not good for Democrats, both the party in power and the party associated with an activist federal government. The dominant theme in the campaign’s final month is Democratic Senate candidates struggling to distance themselves from [Obama]... Republicans now are positioned to net between six and nine Senate seats in the upcoming midterms, with the higher end looking more likely. Most of the battleground Senate contests are now either trending in a Republican direction or remaining stable with a GOP advantage. ...Put it all together, and it paints the picture of a nationalized election favoring the GOP. Democrats are hyping their superior turnout

efforts, a similar argument to what Republicans employed before losing the House and Senate in 2006—and not (yet) backed up by the early voting evidence. While even Republicans are avoiding premature talk of a ‘wave’ election, those type of labels often become apparent after the fact. With anxiety over Ebola running high, renewed fears of terrorism, and most Americans not feeling secure economically, it doesn’t take much imagination to see how voters could decisively punish the governing party. Republicans nominated their strongest slate of Senate candidates in at least a decade, and are benefiting from the fickle public mood. When Democrats are relying on winning races they weren’t even planning to contest in South Dakota and Kansas, it speaks volumes about the state of play two weeks before Election Day.” [66541]

In Ferguson, Missouri, State Senator Jamilah Nasheed, a sponsor of anti-gun legislation, is arrested during a protest outside the police department—while carrying a 9mm handgun and additional ammunition. She refuses a breathalyzer test. Nasheed later states, “It was a symbolic arrest—[I was] sending a message to the protesters that we can protest peacefully and that we must protest peacefully and that we want justice for Michael Brown, but we don’t want it in vain.” [66611, 66612, 66664]

On October 21 WND.com reports, “A woman who says she prophesied the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan says God has revealed to her a new, startling warning. ‘He showed me that if Christians don’t start praying more than they ever have... this next [presidential] election is not going to take place. That it’s going to be suspended. Because evil going to arise,’ Glenda Jackson tells Sid Roth of the ‘It’s Supernatural’ show. ‘Some disasters are going to happen. Things are going to be put in place. [Obama is] not going to be removed and he’s going to stay in. It’s going to be very bad if we don’t get hold of God,’ she said. ‘The church has got to get back to prayer.’” (*The Obama Timeline* includes this report only because it relates to Obama—and because more than a few Americans suspect that Obama wants to figure out a way to serve a third term. It is not an endorsement of Jackson, Roth, or belief in the supernatural.) [66526]

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson announces limited travel restrictions, “in the form of additional screening and protective measures at our ports of entry for travelers from the three West African Ebola-affected countries. These new measures will go into effect tomorrow. ...Today, I am announcing that all passengers arriving in the United States whose travel originates in Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea will be required to fly into one of the five airports that have the enhanced screening and additional resources in place [JFK in New York City, Newark, Dulles, Atlanta and Chicago]. We are working closely with the airlines to implement these restrictions with minimal travel disruption. If not already handled by the airlines, the few impacted travelers should contact the airlines for rebooking, as needed. We currently have in place measures to identify and screen anyone at all land, sea and air ports of entry into the United States who we have reason to believe has been present in Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea in the preceding 21 days.” (Of course, during the 21-day incubation period person who have the Ebola virus may not exhibit signs of illness, so merely taking their temperatures as they arrive in the United States is far from foolproof.) [66532, 66533]

Infectious disease expert Dr. William Miller tells CNSNews.com, “In infectious disease, it’s always a numbers game. It’s just about numbers. It’s statistics. It’s cold-blooded numbers. The Ebola virus has no standards other than trying to find susceptible hosts. So letting people in from the outside is a form of roulette. It was based on the presumption, which has turned out to be incorrect, that the United States’ [medical] system is uniquely well-prepared to handle epidemics of this kind. Now as it happens, the United States has the robust set of resources that will enable it to treat Ebola here in the U.S. in ways that it cannot be done in Africa. We’re finding that the system, at least as it was a couple of weeks ago, was under-prepared and unrehearsed. We’re not ready for prime time yet with Ebola. So we need to have a travel ban.” [66676]

“...Unfortunately, for diseases with no cures, isolation and quarantine are the only measures that have ever worked in history and they are the only measures that are going to work today,. From the point of view of biology, I feel strongly about, the concept of enhanced screening that we’re being offered as a sense of concern from our government is the crudest form of theater. The issue is not about those patients who show symptoms. It’s latency. In all infectious diseases, there’s a latent period. You have the bug, you have the virus, and you don’t show symptoms. You can be a carrier and you’re not infecting anyone. You are infected, but you have no symptoms. You may never develop them. That’s characteristic of many latent infections. But others, like Ebola, can go up to 21 days of latency. Then it can explode inside you according to its own terms and scope. That’s how viruses act. That’s how this virus in particular acts. So the latency period is what we need to be concerned with, and the screening that they’re doing has absolutely no way of uncovering latent infections. So every single one of them [people who come to the U.S. from an Ebola hot zone] is kind of a ticking time bomb of potential infectious disease. And it’s just a matter of roulette where we get the next one.” [66676]

White House press secretary John Earnest tells reporters, “The stakes for this election are high which is why you’ve seen [Obama] so invested in raising money and trying to lend some organizational expertise to other Democratic candidates. In some cases he’s campaigned for them. [Obama] is dedicated to supporting candidates who support a middle class agenda that he has strongly advocated. What I’m saying is that individual candidates across the country are running their own campaigns as they should and I’m confident that they will get all of the credit or blame that they deserve for the outcome of the election. I’m also confident that people will evaluate what [Obama] could have done to be helpful. Did he do all he could to raise as much money for Democratic candidates given all of the challenges that are on his plate? And [Obama] has worked very hard.” (In other words, “Democrat candidates who lose should not blame Obama.”)

Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes, “This year alone Obama has hosted 40 fundraisers and during his tenure at the White House, he’s been to 400.” (If the Democrats lose control of the Senate on November 4 it will not be because Obama didn’t attend enough fundraisers.) [66537]

On CNN, National Journal’s Ron Fournier says, “The clearest indication we have that perhaps they’re [Democrats are] going to lose is, my phone was lighting up yesterday with White House officials blaming Senate candidates and the Senate campaign

committee, and Senate campaigns complaining about the White House. There's already finger pointing inside the beltway." (That is, because the Democrats expect to lose the Senate, the White House and the candidates are already contacting the media to present "their side" of the story so that after the disaster the journalists will blame the other side.) [66575]

The White House announces that Obama's new czar Ron Klain will not attend the October 24 Ebola hearing of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee because "he has not yet officially started" his job. [66538]

Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) sends a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder requesting documents and statistics related to the government's seizure of assets from "suspected criminals"—many of whom did not actually commit a crime. Examiner.com's Jim Kouri reports that the letter "is part of an inquiry into the alleged billions of dollars in seizures made through the Justice Department's Equitable Sharing Program, which is the Justice Department's largest asset forfeiture initiative under ...Obama. 'While we must ensure law enforcement is properly equipped, they should not be funded by slush funds accrued by violating Americans' civil liberties,' Sensenbrenner said in his statement... What is also disturbing to the GOP is that originally forfeitures were used when dealing with narcotics money and lab equipment, vehicles used to transport drugs and contraband, and other assets linked to crimes. Today it's being used during the 'fishing expedition' investigations of legitimate businesses." (As an example, federal law requires additional documentation for cash bank deposits in amounts of \$10,000 or greater. The logic is that it would primarily be drug dealers who make such large deposits. As a result, large cash deposits that are near but below \$10,000 arouse suspicion. But the government abuses the law and goes after legitimate businesses, such as restaurants, that might make large cash deposits. Business owners unexpectedly learn that the government has confiscated all the cash in their accounts, and are forced to *prove their innocence* in order to get their money back—rather than the government having to prove their guilt. That means hiring expensive lawyers. Sensenbrenner properly states in his letter, "The implications on civil liberties are dire. The right to own property is a fundamental right implicitly recognized in the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. I also believe that it is a human right.") [66944, 66987]

In a federal court in Manhattan, a British citizen is charged with attempting to establish a jihadist training camp in the United States. According to NYDailyNews.com, "Haroon Aswat, 40, mumbled 'not guilty' in Manhattan Federal Court as Judge Katherine Forrest read the charges of providing support to terrorists. The bleary-eyed British citizen with shaggy black hair had been extradited from the United Kingdom earlier in the day. He is accused of being an accomplice of hook-handed hate cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri, who is awaiting sentencing after being convicted in May of conspiring to open a terrorist training camp in rural Bly, Oregon, in 1999." [66626, 66627]

Q13Fox.com reports, "Three teenage girls who set out from a Denver suburb apparently bound for Syria to join extremists fighting there are back home after their parents alerted authorities and the trio was stopped in Germany, U.S. officials said. The teens—two

sisters of Somali descent and a friend whose family is Sudanese, according to a Denver community leader—were detained when their flight landed in Frankfurt on Friday after the FBI flagged their passports. They were flown back to Denver on Sunday, officials said. Parents of the girls called the FBI after becoming concerned the girls may have been traveling to Turkey. ... The girls, believed to be between the ages of 15 and 17, are U.S. citizens thought to have become radicalized in their hometown, officials say. It's not exactly clear how the girls planned their trip or how they were going to make their way to Syria, but officials say their ultimate plan was to try and join extremists fighting there." [66628, 66629]

Despite jihadist attacks around the world and ISIS fighters decapitating Kurds, Christians, and Jews in Syria and Iraq, Mary Zeiss Stange warns at USAToday.com that it is "Christian extremists" who "pose a threat." She calls them "more threatening than Islamist jihadists, ... militia/patriots, racist skinheads and neo-Nazis..." (Stange is a professor of religion and director of the religion program at Skidmore College and a member of USA Today's Board of Contributors.) [66912]

The Dallas Cowboys waive Michael Sam, the openly gay football player. (When previously drafted by the Rams, Obama stated that he "congratulates Michael Sam, the Rams & the NFL for taking an important step forward today in our Nation's [sic; nation's] journey. From the playing field to the corporate boardroom, LGBT Americans prove everyday [sic; every day] that you should be judged by what you do and not who you are." (LGBT defenders argue that people should be judged by their performance, not their private, personal life choices. They should therefore have been offended that Obama made Sam's homosexuality an issue. Neither that nor his race have anything to do with his abilities on the football field—which the Cowboys eventually discovered.) [58646, 58647, 66542, 66543]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The Obama administration has funded a new study by top consulting firm RAND Health that startlingly finds that if taxpayer subsidies are eliminated, Obamacare exchanges will fall into a 'death spiral.'" (In other words, if people actually have to pay full price for their ObamaCare policies, without taxpayer subsidies, they will stop buying those policies. Why taxpayer dollars had to be used to pay a company *to state the obvious* is not explained.) "RAND found that without the ACA's subsidies, the cost of premiums will rise by 43.3 percent and Obamacare enrollment will fall by a whopping 68 percent. That would mean 11.3 million more Americans would be uninsured." (In other news, full-price Cadillacs don't sell as quickly as those sold at half-price.) [66549]

FoxNews.com reports, "At least two mortar shells landed inside Baghdad's heavily-fortified Green Zone on Tuesday as insurgents continued their recent wave of attacks on the Iraqi city. Security officials told the Associated Press no casualties were reported inside the Green Zone, which houses the Iraqi government headquarters and the U.S. and British embassies. The officials said one of the mortar shells fell about 500 meters from the U.S. embassy building. The incident came amid a wave of bombing attacks in and near Baghdad that killed at least 30 people. Police officials said the deadliest attack took

place Tuesday afternoon when a double car bomb attack hit Habaybina restaurant in the Shiite-majority district of Talibiya in eastern Baghdad, killing 19 people and wounding 32 others.” (Whether Obama and Susan Rice are looking for another anti-Islam Youtube video is not known.) [66570, 66571]

In a *New Yorker* interview, Obama is asked by Jeffrey Toobin if he would consider an appointment to the Supreme Court after he leaves the White House. He responds, “When I got out of law school, I chose not to clerk, partly because I was an older student, but partly because I don’t think I have the temperament to sit in a chamber and write opinions. I love the law, intellectually. I love nutting out [sic] these problems, wrestling with these arguments. I love teaching. I miss the classroom and engaging with students. But I think being a Justice is a little bit too monastic for me. Particularly after having spent six years and what will be eight years in this bubble, I think I need to get outside a little bit more.” (Obama probably chose not to be a law clerk for the same reason he never wrote law articles while at Harvard law School: it is too much work. For someone who “loves the law,” Obama has shown an incredible lack of knowledge about the U.S. Constitution—or at least a willingness to act in defiance of it. Kevin Glass tweets, “That is A+ self-serving question-dodging. ‘I couldn’t bear to limit myself *only* to being a Supreme Court Justice.’ HotAir.com’s Noah Rothman observes, “No one will be beating down Obama’s door to serve as a Supreme Court justice once he leaves office, even if all the unlikely conditions which might lead to his nomination arise. [His] Shermanesque albeit preemptive rejection of the honor is probably unnecessary, but it does serve to polish what must be a rather wounded ego these days.”) [66578, 66579]

At WND.com, talk show host, columnist—and lifelong Democrat— Bob Just writes, “I am ashamed of my party. But it goes deeper than shame. I am afraid of what my party has become over the last two decades. And judging by the polls, I’m guessing there are millions of Democrats who feel the same unease I feel. It’s almost impossible to process the current American meltdown both at home and abroad. But it’s clear that our party’s leadership is responsible—and not just [Obama], I mean the whole leadership from Harry Reid to Nancy Pelosi to all the power players who line up behind them. ...Even if the polls completely collapsed regarding our party, those who control the party would never step down, except to ‘raise up’ people who believe the same things they do, and who will lead the same way. That’s the problem. Only regular Democrat voters can force a *real* change in our party leadership with a voter strike over the next few elections. One election is not enough. As 2016 approaches, it has never been more important for mainstream Democrats to draw a line by not voting Democrat. You don’t have to vote Republican; just let your ‘no-vote’ send a message to our local, state and national leaders. If even a small percentage of each major Democrat voting block were to join the protest, it would force the party to take a hard look at itself, or at least start a healthy discussion. Too many Democrats worry about the party’s direction, but still vote Democrat, hoping things will improve. They won’t. Even the 2014 midterm elections won’t have any genuine chastising effect on Democratic leaders, especially if they can blame their troubles on one person—and that’s already in process.” [66668]

“...Our leadership problem doesn’t end with Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama, who actually taught [Saul] Alinsky organizing techniques. The sad truth is that our party apparatus has been taken over by political correctness—PC ‘radicals’ who share Alinsky’s basic Marxist worldview, his desire for class warfare and radical ‘change.’ Our party leaders support, or at least tolerate, the use of Alinsky’s aggressive ‘no rules’ techniques against mainstream America—basic bullying strategies. ...It may be that ...Obama’s disastrous leadership will be the wake-up call we needed to realize the wrong people are running our party. At this point we must know something is terribly wrong. ...So mainstream Democrats have to decide if this is what we want to support when we vote Democrat. Are we *really* for PC, or just hesitant to stand against it? Do we really want to be forced to accept a creed that’s entirely—*entirely*—different than the beliefs of our parents and grandparents and great grandparents? ...It’s time for mainstream Democrats to stand together for the truth of President Kennedy’s words, and reject those constant critics at home and abroad who would divide us. It’s time to stop voting Democrat until we have gained party leaders who want to stand with us—arm in arm with our Republican friends—as a single light before an increasingly dark and dangerous world. It can be done if we act with courage now.” [66668]

Examiner.com reports, “As ...Obama readies a post-election immigration plan expected to clear a path for citizenship for millions of illegals, his immigration czar on Tuesday said that the border is bracing for another surge of undocumented children, raising this year’s wave across the southern border to some 130,000. Leon Rodriguez, the new director of U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services, said that the federal government is already working to ‘prepare for another potential surge’ across the border. Part of that preparation includes a new focus on asylum requests and clearing the backlog of 400,000 claims.” [66593]

Kit Daniels reports at InfoWars.com, “Ebola can spread by air in cold, dry weather common to the U.S. but not West Africa, presenting a ‘possible, serious threat’ to the public, according to two studies by U.S. Army scientists. After successfully exposing monkeys to airborne Ebola, which ‘caused a rapidly fatal disease in 4-5 days,’ scientists with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) concluded Ebola can spread through air but likely hasn’t in Equatorial Africa because the region is too warm, with temperatures rarely dropping below 65°F. ‘We... demonstrated aerosol transmission of Ebola virus at lower temperature and humidity than that normally present in sub-Saharan Africa,’ the 1995 study entitled Lethal Experimental Infections of Rhesus Monkeys by Aerosolized Ebola Virus reported. ‘Ebola virus sensitivity to the high temperatures and humidity in the thatched, mud, and wattle huts shared by infected family members in southern Sudan and northern Zaire may have been a factor limiting aerosol transmission of Ebola virus in the African epidemics.’ ...A 2012 study also by the USAMRIID, which exposed monkeys to an airborne filovirus similar to Ebola, reached a similar conclusion to the 1995 study. ‘There is no strong evidence of secondary transmission by the aerosol route in African filovirus outbreaks; however, aerosol transmission is thought to be possible and may occur in conditions of lower temperature and humidity which may not have been factors in outbreaks in warmer climates,’ the

study entitled *A Characterization of Aerosolized Sudan Virus Infection in African Green Monkeys, Cynomologus Macaques and Rhesus Macaques* stated.” [66594, 66595, 66873]

WashingtonPost.com reports, “Two weeks ago, we looked at initial early voting data compiled by the U.S. Election Project with the aim of sussing out [sic; learning] how campaigns were doing at putting votes in the bank. At that point, it seemed like Democrats were doing particularly well in Iowa and North Carolina compared to voter registration numbers. Republicans were doing well in other battleground states. Now, that's changed. Compared to overall voter registration, Iowa and North Carolina Democrats are doing much worse than earlier in the month, and Republicans in those states much better. We've also added new states that recently began early voting: Nevada, California and Colorado. In each, Republicans are outperforming Democrats. ...In what we expect to be a relatively low-turnout election, Democrats would want (and really need) to leverage their generally superior turnout mechanisms to bank votes early. So far, they're getting beaten at that effort. ...The bottom line: Republicans are seeing what they want—higher rates of turnout among their voters.” Bryan Preston adds at PJMedia.com, “The news that Republicans are outperforming Democrats even in California early voting is bad enough for Democrats. But add in that the Democrats are even underperforming [with] independents... and you have the makings of a disaster. For Democrats.” [66614, 66615]

The New York Times editorial board chastises Democrat candidates for keeping their distance from Obama during their campaigns, writing, “The panicky Democratic flight away from ...Obama—and from some of the party's most important positions—is not a surprise. Mr. Obama remains highly unpopular among white voters [*Times*' code for 'racist voters'], particularly in Southern states [*Times*' code for 'racist states'] where candidates like Ms. Nunn [Michelle Nunn in Georgia], Ms. Grimes [Allison Lundergan Grimes in Kentucky] and several others are struggling to establish leads. But one of the reasons for his unpopularity is that nervous members of his own party have done a poor job of defending his policies over the nearly six years of his [administration], allowing a Republican narrative of failure to take hold [*Times*' code for 'Obama is not a failure; the Republicans simply claim he is a failure']. ...Few voters know that the 2009 stimulus bill contributed heavily to the nation's economic recovery, saving and creating 2.5 million jobs. Not a word of it is spoken on the campaign trail, where little credit is also given to the White House for months of promising economic news.” (Even if one believes that the stimulus legislation did create 2.5 million jobs, the legislation cost more than \$787 billion. Each new job therefore cost the taxpayers a whopping \$314,800.) [66617]

“Similarly,” writes the *Times*, “the Affordable Care Act, one of the most far-reaching and beneficial laws to have been passed by Congress in years, gets little respect even among the Democratic candidates who voted for it. Though none support the Republican position of repeal, most talk about the need to ‘fix’ the health law, as if it were a wreck alongside the road rather than a vehicle providing millions of people with health coverage.” (The word “beneficial,” of course, applies only to those Americans who gain directly from ObamaCare—and not the tens of millions who are worse off because of the legislation.) “Many of these candidates are running in difficult political environments and

are being careful about what they say or don't say in hopes of preserving Democratic control of the Senate. They run the risk, though, of alienating important constituencies who prefer a party with a spine, especially black voters, who remain very supportive of Mr. Obama. By not standing firmly for their own policies, Democrats send a message to voters that the unending Republican criticism of [Obama] is legitimate. There is much that is going right in this country, and there is still time for Democrats to say so." (In other words, the *Times*' editorial board knows November 4 will be a disaster for the Democrat party, and it is already blaming Republicans and the Democrat candidates—while doing its best to shield Obama from any blame.) [66617]

According to BizPacReview.com, "Republican Illinois state House candidate Jim Moynihan was taken aback Monday when he intended to cast a vote for himself and the touch-screen voting machine instead cast a vote for a Democrat. 'While early voting at the Schaumburg Public Library today, I tried to cast a vote for myself and instead it cast the vote for my opponent,' Moynihan told the Illinois Review. 'You could imagine my surprise as the same thing happened with a number of races when I tried to vote for a Republican and the machine registered a vote for a Democrat.' Accordingly his faith in the balloting system of Cook County has been shaken, the Illinois Review reported. While using the machine, Moynihan voted in various races on the ballot and noticed that whenever he voted for a Republican the machine registered a vote for the Democrat opponent. He alerted the election judge and demonstrated the error. Eventually, Moynihan was allowed to vote for himself and other Republicans." Cook County Board of Elections Deputy Communications Director Jim Scalzitti blames "a calibration error." (According to ThePostEmail.com, Defend the Vote's Sharon Meroni has filed a Help America Vote Act complaint "against the Dominion/Sequoia electronic voting machines currently under fire in suburban Cook County (Illinois) for switching votes from the Republicans to the Democrats. ...[A] complaint from August alleges with documentation that the Dominion/Sequoia EdgePlus2 and the 500c machines in use in Chicago and suburban Cook County NEVER passed federal error-rate accuracy tests...") [66665, 66678, 66679, 66749, 66789, 66790, 66964, 67063]

JudicialWatch.org reports, "According to a letter from a lawyer for the State of North Carolina to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a speaker at a recent NAACP conference in North Carolina urged audience members to mislead the NAACP's own members into believing they do not need to register to vote in advance, or that they do not need to vote at their assigned polling place. Why? The letter alleges: To create confusion and animosity during the upcoming mid-term elections in North Carolina, and to use the evidence of that confusion in the ongoing litigation between Eric Holder's Justice Department and North Carolina and to show that North Carolina's election integrity laws are discriminatory. ...If true, the fact that the NAACP's leaders appear willing to risk the confusion and disenfranchisement of their own members in order to deceive a Court about common sense election integrity laws speaks volumes about the intellectual bankruptcy of the left's arguments. The left's weak arguments also explain why the U.S. Supreme Court, by a 7 to 2 vote, recently overruled the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' temporary injunction and held that North Carolina's laws comply with federal law and should be used during the November 2014 election.

The litigation between North Carolina and the DOJ is expected to proceed further in 2015.” [66691]

The next day Rush Limbaugh explains, “Here’s the upshot. NAALCP [Limbaugh inserts ‘L’ for ‘liberal’] members are being told to go all over North Carolina and tell black people, ‘Hey, you don’t need to register in advance. You can register when you show up. And go anywhere. You don’t have to go to an assigned place.’ So that when they get there and are refused the right to vote, they are then to raise hell, call the news media, which will be on call waiting for the call, and raise holy hell about how North Carolina is discriminating against black voters by not letting them vote, and not letting them register. Nobody is ever supposed to know that this is a strategy. Nobody is ever supposed to know that this is being done on purpose. The desired result is a bunch of God-fearing American citizens, African-Americans show up to vote and are denied the right to vote because they haven’t registered, and they may be showing up at the wrong place. They raise holy hell, they start shouting ‘discrimination.’ This will fit in with an ongoing lawsuit that [Attorney General] Eric Holder has against North Carolina for this kind of thing, discrimination. Create mass chaos and confusion and use blunt-force intimidation to relent and let these people vote. But more than that, it is to impugn the result, it is to call into question the result of the elections in North Carolina. By saying, ‘Well, look at all these God-fearing black citizens who showed up and then were denied the right to vote. This racist state would not even let them vote.’ And that’s supposed to call into question the entire outcome throughout the state. This is a strategy. It has been discovered again by a lawyer for the state of North Carolina. He somehow found out about this and he’s written a letter to the NAALCP demanding answers. ‘Hey, what is it you guys are doing here?’ This is all part of the early voting opportunity for confusion, disarray, and chaos. NAACP leader calls for creating confusion during midterm election by deliberately misleading voters. And, by the way, the other aspect of this is when it comes out these people were misled, guess who’s gonna get blamed for doing it? The Republicans. This is a great example of where voter ID would not permit this to happen. And voter ID is not yet the law in North Carolina. They’ve been fighting it tooth and nail just so they can continue this kind of thing.” [66692]

BizPacReview.com also reports, “A key Republican in Arizona’s largest county says he’s got video evidence of the kind of abuses that show state’s desperate need for voting reform. A. J. LaFaro, chairman of the Maricopa County Republican Committee, obtained surveillance video shot at a Phoenix elections office during the state’s Aug. 25 primary that he says shows a liberal group activist ‘stuffing the ballot box’ full of absentee votes. ... The incident occurred during an extended lunch break, when the downtown elections processing office was almost empty, said LaFaro, who remained at his post as an election monitor. The man—wearing the T-shirt of a liberal activist group called Citizens for a Better Arizona—entered with a large box of ballots. The 8-minute surveillance video has no audio, but LaFaro said the man did not appreciate LaFaro keeping an eye on things. ‘Stop watching me,’ the man said, according to LaFaro. ‘You’re annoying me.’ LaFaro said when he pointed out that one of the ballots the man was trying to cast wasn’t sealed, the man demanded to know who he was. LaFaro said he identified himself and his position with the Maricopa County GOP and asked the man to identify himself. ‘Go f***

yourself!’ the man said, according to LaFaro. ‘I don’t have to tell you who I am.’ The activist’s attitude was ‘militant’ and ‘threatening’ LaFaro told the Daily Caller—at one point telling LaFaro ‘go f*** yourself, gringo’—but what the confrontation really showed was how riddled with potential fraud Arizona’s election laws are.” [66666]

CarolinaJournal.com reports “confirmation that a cluster of businesses owned by Democratic U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan’s husband and other family members collected even more subsidies from taxpayers than initially reported. While Carolina Journal’s Don Carrington has highlighted a stimulus [legislation] grant totaling \$250,644 that was paid to JDC Manufacturing, a real estate business co-owned by Hagan’s husband, Chip, and his brothers John and David, WRAL confirmed that JDC received an additional \$137,000 in energy tax credits from the project. ...Add a second federal renewable energy grant of \$50,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the ledger, and we learn that Hagan businesses soaked taxpayers for nearly \$450,000 to pay for energy upgrades installed at JDC’s 300,000-square-foot building in Reidsville. It’s worse than we thought. It’s important to put the story into perspective, because the Hagan camp relentlessly deflects and spins, portraying these taxpayer handouts passed around from one family-owned company to another as nothing improper. And—this is the most laughable contention—that the Hagan family somehow received no benefit from nearly a half-million bucks in taxpayer largess. Please.” [66598, 66599]

On *Special Report*, Charles Krauthammer observes, “Look, this is a guy [Obama] who six years ago had a worship service at a Denver stadium, being cheered by people while he was behind Greek columns. A few weeks earlier, he had been the hero of 200,000 Germans in Berlin. I still don’t know what that speech was about. Here was a man... bestriding the world. He was a citizen of the world, the most interesting, most sought-after rock star, a political rock star, on the planet. And now he’s got to hide under his desk until November. This is a total humiliation for him and every once in a while he can’t take it, so it pops out [as he did with the Al Sharpton interview]. This is a way of saying, ‘I transcend the party. I’m bigger than the party, I still am, and I’m still here.’ I mean he’s not going to go out and campaign in these states, obviously, but this is hard for him to take. So, [said facetiously] I would extend a little bit of sympathy to the man. He’s under stress.” [66661, 67031]

Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) fails to show up for her fourth and final debate with her GOP opponent, Congressman Thom Tillis (R-NC). (The next morning ABC, CBS, and NBC decide the story is not worth reporting.) [66600, 66604, 66754]

In a New Hampshire debate between Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Republican challenger Scott Brown, Shaheen brings up the issue of outsourcing jobs. Brown responds, “You outsourced your independence to ...Obama.” Asked to respond with a yes or no answer to the question of whether she approves of Obama’s job performance, Shaheen replies, “In some ways I approve, and some things I don’t approve.” (The response prompts audience laughter.) Shaheen also says she is “absolutely” proud of her support for ObamaCare. Brown accuses Shaheen of having been opposed to the Seabrook nuclear power, to which she strangely responds, “No I’m not! I wasn’t in office then!”—

as if only those holding an elected office can oppose a power plant. (In a September 2008 video makes it clear she opposed the facility. According to DailyCaller.com, Shaheen was a campaign manager for Paul McEachern, the anti-nuclear Democrat for governor when, on October 11, 1986, she stated, “What Chernobyl and Three Mile Island have shown us is nuclear power is not a safe way to generate power.” On September 14, 1986 *The Washington Post* wrote that Shaheen “is lining up the anti-nuclear forces, which have kept Seabrook at bay for 10 years, to go door to door for McEachern—as they would for anyone breathing who tries to stop the plant.”) [66601, 66602, 66603, 66636, 66637, 66638, 66658, 66660, 66669, 66673, 66674, 66733]

In the Florida gubernatorial debate, Democrat challenger Charlie Crist is asked why he won’t release his wife’s tax returns. He replies, “I believe in a woman’s right to choose.” Governor Rick Scott argues that raising the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour would cause the loss of 50,000 jobs in the state. Moderator Jake Tapper asks Crist, “What is your message to that one employee who would be laid off? Why is it worth it?” Crist replies, “Well, the reason I think it’s worth it is because people deserve it.” (CNN’s Tapper misses the opportunity to ask Crist why being unemployed at \$10.10 per hour is better than being employed at \$7.25 per hour.) [66605, 66747, 66768, 66769]

An Associated Press/GfK poll shows that 44 percent of likely women voters favor the Republicans while 42 percent favor the Democrats. (Whether that means women voters have finally grown tired of the stale Democrat claim of a Republican “war on women” is not clear.) Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings fall to 41/60 percent—his worst disapproval figure ever in that particular poll. Obama’s numbers are 42/58 on the economy, health care and ISIS, 34/65 on immigration, and 38/62 percent on managing the government. On the issue of same-sex marriage, Obama is at 50/49. Republicans lead Democrats 40 to 32 on the “generic ballot” question. By 47 to 39 percent, voters prefer that Republicans control Congress. On specific issues, Republicans are trusted more by 8 percent on the economy, 5 percent on immigration, 6 percent on managing the government, 22 percent on defense, 6 percent on U.S. image abroad, 10 percent on handling international crises, and 3 percent on health issues like Ebola. The Democrats have a 4 point edge on health care in general, and 15 percent on same-sex marriage. [66643, 66644, 66699]

In Missouri, Democrat State Senate candidate Ed Schieffer tells a gathering, “My biggest enemy in my election is not [my opponent,] Jeanie Riddle. My biggest enemy is [Obama]. My great, educated father knew that. He said, ‘Eddie, you don’t have to worry too much about the lady running against you. You need to worry about the liberal, overly liberal, [Obama] and Congress we have. That’s what you have to worry about.’” [66764, 66765, 66829]

On *Hannity*, author Mark Levin says, “As for Obama, it seems like the Democrats are running away from him and the Republicans can’t get close enough to him. And the reason is—it’s not just Obama—this is quintessential statism. It’s a disaster, it’s an impossibility. Every one of these incumbent Democrats who are pretending now they don’t support Obama, supported him over 90, 95 percent. They supported ObamaCare,

they supported amnesty, they supported this massive deficit spending and this debt. And all this is coming home now, and it is a disaster, the country's going to hell under [Obama], under the Democrat party, everybody knows it. My problem here is the Republicans are running a very quiet campaign, they're not standing up for any principles, very little substance—this is an enormous opportunity to expand the Republican party, to build it, to create momentum for 2016, and they're not doing it. So while the Republicans, I believe, are going to have a very good night in two weeks, they could have had a better one.” After the election, Levin predicts, “I think with Obama it's going to get worse. You're going to see his “full Mussolini” coming out, with his pen and his phone, these executive fiats that are utterly unconstitutional, he's going to do everything he can in the last two years... to further screw up the country, whether it's the border and amnesty, whether it's the economy, whether it's, it's God knows what. He's been a very divisive, very damaging, very counterproductive [leader], and so's his party, and that's why you have to throw [Senate Majority Leader] Harry Reid [D-NV] out of the United States Senate, and take over the Senate. ... We get rid of Harry Reid and then we nominate a conservative for president of the United States [in 2016].” [66620, 66659]

Of desperate ads by Democrats meant to frighten blacks, Levin says, “This is a hateful race-baiting party that really has no good ideas, let alone new ideas, and I hope African-Americans around the country understand that the Democrat party has always used them. The Democrat party stood for slavery against Lincoln, it stood for segregation... from the Civil War into the 1950s and 60s. The first civil rights act was actually 1957, [signed by Republican President] Dwight D. Eisenhower, he sent the army into Arkansas to open up that school when a Democrat governor was blocking the doorway... you can look at [former Ku Klux Klan leader] Robert Byrd, that wasn't that long ago when the Democrats rallied behind him and made him their majority leader in the Senate... For once I'd like a Republican to stand up and rub the Democrats' face in their *real* history.” Of the Senate Democrats up for reelection, Levin says, “These are deceitful, hack politicians, and the American people have to decide if they like the direction the country's going in. Do you want chaos on the border? Do you want immigration amnesty? Do you want massive debt? Do you want more redistribution of wealth? Do you want more nationalization of health care, destruction of jobs, outsourcing of jobs? If you like it, then vote for your Democrat. The fact of the matter is *none* of these Democrats who are running are moderates, they're all radicals, none of them believe in small government, they all believe in massive, centralized government, none of them believe in the working man and the citizens of this country—they spend more time worrying about illegal aliens and how they're going to be taken care of, and so forth and so on. The Democrat party is a disaster. It's become a radical party. I have problems with the Republican party but the Democrat party really has lost its way...” [66620, 66659]

On October 22 Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee, appears on *Morning Joe* and is asked if a vote for a Democrat candidate is a vote for Obama's policies. She responds, “Barack Obama was on the ballot in 2012 and 2008,” and a vote for a Democrat is a vote for a candidate who is “focused on creating jobs.” [66618, 66672]

In Jerusalem, Hamas terrorist Abdelrahman Shaludi drives his car into a group of pedestrians, killing a three-month old baby girl (Chaya Zissel Braun) from the United States. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki states, “The United States condemns in the strongest possible terms today’s terrorist attack in Jerusalem. We express our deepest condolences to the family of the baby, reportedly an American citizen, who was killed in this despicable attack, and extend our prayers for a full recovery to those injured. We urge all sides to maintain calm and avoid escalating tensions in the wake of this incident.” (It is monumentally absurd to call on “all sides” to remain calm. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, President Roosevelt called it a “day of infamy.” He did not call for “both sides to remain calm.”) At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, “The moral sacrifice made by the administration here is the placement of the administration’s worldview ahead of the protection of the grieving family, the nation of Israel, the citizens of the United States, and those members of humanity able to delineate the ramifications of what just occurred. Would you, as a member of a grieving family—and grieving over a baby!—appreciate being told to ‘remain calm,’ being told your place in this event is as one of several ‘sides?’” The Associated Press shows its blatant anti-Israeli prejudices with its headline, “Israeli police shoot man in east Jerusalem.” (It apparently never occurred for the AP to write, “Terrorist kills baby with his car” and then explain that the driver was shot by the police.) Even worse, the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem refers to the intentional killing as a “traffic incident.” (A few days later another victim, 22-year-old from Ecuador, dies from his injuries suffered in the attack.) The mother of the dead terrorist says, “Praise Allah; he’s a martyr.” [66760, 66781, 66811, 66870, 66871, 66872, 67009, 67011]

In Ottawa, Canada, a gunman storms the Canadian Parliament after killing a guard, Corporal Nathan Cirillo, at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the National War Monument. According to FoxNews.com, “The gunmen next ran into the Parliament Hill building, where one MP [member of parliament] reported hearing as many as 30 shots fired and a sergeant at arms was later credited with shooting the gunmen dead. In the following moments and hours, Royal Canadian Mounted Police converged on the scene, more shots were fired less than a mile away near a mall and officials told Ottawa residents to barricade themselves in their homes as they searched for one or more [other] possible gunmen. At a news conference hours later, authorities described a ‘fluid situation,’ and could not confirm whether more potential gunmen were at large, although they said no arrests had been made. ...The U.S. embassy was placed on lockdown following the shootings, said U.S. State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf. The Pentagon authorized additional security at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, as well.” Another shooting is also reported, at the nearby Rideau Center shopping mall. [66619, 66632, 66677, 66685, 66698, 66704, 66705, 66706, 66707, 66708, 66711, 66712, 66713, 66714, 66715, 66717, 66727]

InsideHalton.com reports, “Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s office says two scheduled events today in Toronto with Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai have been cancelled. ...Harper was to moderate an afternoon question-and-answer session with Yousafzai at a Toronto high school. He was then scheduled to head to a downtown hotel, where the 17-year-old from Pakistan was to receive honorary Canadian citizenship.

Harper’s spokesman says both events have been cancelled.” (On October 10 Yousafzai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her support of female education. She survived an assassination attempt in Pakistan. Whether the shootings at the Canadian Parliament were related are not known.) [65885, 65899, 66718, 66719]

The Ottawa terrorist shot and killed by the sergeant at arms is identified as Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, a Canadian Muslim born in 1982 with the name Michael Joseph Hall. *The Sydney Morning Herald* reports that he “was recently designated a ‘high-risk traveller’ by the Canadian government—meaning it was feared he would travel abroad to commit crimes—and that his passport had been seized. Zehaf-Bibeau had a history of multiple run-ins with Canadian police in the French-speaking province of Quebec. He had been arrested for drug possession, credit-card fraud and robbery. In 2011, he was also charged with robbery in Vancouver.” (Why Hall/Zehaf-Bibeau was not already in jail is not reported. Why Canadian authorities revoked his passport rather than allow him to get himself killed while fighting with ISIS is also not reported.) [66720, 66721, 66722, 66725, 66726, 66729]

Members of the Canadian military are advised not to wear their uniforms in Public. Pamela Geller responds, “This is surrender. This is saying, we will respond to jihad attacks by curtailing our own activities and freedoms. This is cowardice. This is saying, We will walk around in fear of the jihadis instead of being resolute in defending ourselves against them. This is outrageous.” (To advise soldiers not to wear uniforms is tantamount to suggesting that Jews stop wearing yarmulkas and the Star of David, that Christians stop wearing crosses, that all men grow beards, and all women wear hijabs so that the jihadists will not know who to target.) [66802, 66803]

Charles Bordeleau, the politically-correct Ottawa Police Chief, asks Muslim community leaders to contact him or the “Diversity and Race Relations section” if they experience any backlash from the terrorist attack at Parliament, and states they will be “seeing heightened patrols and checks of [their] respective mosques.” (Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer asks, “Who is reassuring non-Muslims about keeping them safe from jihad attacks? Who is calling upon Muslim leaders in Canada or anywhere else to back up their condemnations of jihad terror with real action against it, including programs to teach young Muslims to reject that understanding of Islam?”) [66723, 66724, 66728, 66848]

Haroun Bouazzi, a spokesperson for Association des Musulmans et Arabes pour la Laïcité du Québec (the Quebec Association of Muslims and Arabs for Secularism), tells the *Montreal Gazette*, “We must be very careful not to point the finger at mosques and instead see them as allies against this kind of phenomenon, because it is they who can alert police. The main victims, other than the people who died yesterday, are Muslims themselves because more and more, they are seen as an enemy from inside. ...I think it’s important to point out that people who are radicalized are not being radicalized in Muslim institutions like associations and mosques. They are really being radicalized through international networks, mainly on social media.” (Of course, the mosques have *not* been alerting the police to radicals, and many mosques throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe are, in fact, radicalizing their members. Robert Spencer writes, “The pattern

never changes: in the wake of a jihad terror attack or plot, Muslims in the West do not do what they should do: redouble their efforts against jihadis in their own communities, and their cooperation with law enforcement officials. Instead, they claim that they are already cooperating, despite all the evidence to the contrary, and complain that they are being victimized by a ‘backlash’ and try to seize the spotlight as victims. The mainstream media, of course, is all too willing to oblige.”) [66901, 66902, 66903]

The CBC’s Derek Stoffel tweets, “Amid the speculation in the Ottawa shooting in Canada, it’s important to remember ISIS hasn’t shown interest in attacks abroad.” (Why someone as uninformed as Stoffel could be a reporter for the CBS is unknown. He apparently missed the September statement by ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad Al-Adnani urging supporters to kill disbelievers everywhere. Stoffel later deletes his tweet.) [66913, 66914]

While some Americans have traveled to Syria and Iraq to fight *with* ISIS, others have gone to fight with the Kurds *against* the jihadist army. At Mashable.com Emily Feldman reports that “Jordan Matson, a U.S. military veteran who quit his job to fight the Islamic State, was wounded in battle shortly after getting to Syria. But rather than discourage other Americans from coming to the front lines, the 28-year-old from Wisconsin instead turned to Facebook, becoming an intermediary between Kurdish forces and Americans eager to join the battle against jihadi militants. ‘I’m ready to stay until the end,’ Matson said via Skype, wearing fatigues and a Kurdish scarf draped across his shoulders. ...Veterans did their tours of Iraq. To watch Mosul fall—and to see all that we paid to bring democracy to Iraq fall apart—is hard. ...Many other veterans are upset.” “Currently,” writes Feldman, “there are only four known Americans fighting alongside the Kurds in northeastern Syria, according to Kurdish journalist Sinan Cudi. But Matson expects many more to be on their way. ‘They’re coming,’ he said.” [66795, 66796]

While ABCNews.com writes, “Authorities in Canada are trying to understand what motivated a gunman to kill the soldier...” Pamela Geller reports that the Ottawa jihadist “is not a recent convert [to Islam], but a longtime Muslim whose parents truly represent the two tenets of the global jihad. His father [Bulgasem Zehaf] fought with the jihadists in Libya (maybe he can tell us something about Benghazi). Libya is in utter chaos and has deteriorated into a jihad terror state. His mother [Susan Bibeau] is deputy chairperson of a division of Canada’s Immigration and Refugee Board. [This is] stealth jihad—immigration (al hijra) and colonization of the West.” [66804, 66805, 66806, 66808, 66809]

In Berlin, Secretary of State John Kerry says, “We hope to get back to talks [with North Korea], but we need some indication from Kim Jong-un and the regime that they are, in fact, prepared to talk seriously about the central topic of the talks, which is the issue of denuclearization. ...We’ve said from day one that if North Korea wants to rejoin the community of nations, it knows how to do it: It can come to the talks prepared to discuss denuclearization. And the United States is fully prepared—if they do that and begin that process, we are prepared to begin the process of denuclearize—of, of reducing the need for American force and presence in the region, because the threat itself would then be

reduced.” (There are about 28,000 U.S. troops in South Korea.) North Korea’s official news agency responds that the nation’s nuclear weapons “can never be bartered for anything.” (Why Kerry even wasted his time talking about the subject is not clear.) [66761]

The *Daily Mail* reports, “SIS fighters have fired a crude chemical weapon at the Kurdish forces defending the Syria-Turkey border town of Kobane, it has been reported. BBC reporter Güney Yıldız says a Kurdish official from the war-torn town told him of a suspected IS chemical attack last night, which has caused people to lose their eyesight, blistering on the skin and respiratory problems. Testing on victims has not taken place because of the intensity of the fighting there, but a Kurdish doctor in the town, who was also injured by the strike, says he is ‘75 per cent’ sure it is a chemical weapon.” (Whether the chemical weapons came from Syria (even though the Obama administration claims they were all destroyed) or from Iraq (which the media claims never had weapons of mass destruction) is not known.) [66807]

Project Veritas’ James O’Keefe posts hidden camera video showing vote fraud in Colorado, and Democrat operatives encouraging it. Meredith Hicks, director of the leftist group Works for Progress, encourages an undercover O’Keefe to use discarded mail-in ballots of people who aren’t bothering to vote. She says, “I mean, that’s not even, like [sic], lying and stealing, of someone throws out a ballot, like [sic], if you want to fill it out you should do it.” O’Keefe asks Greenpeace activist Christen Topping where he can find discarded mail-in ballots to fill out and use to vote multiple times for Democrats. She replies, “I mean it’s putting the votes to good use. So really, truly, like, yeah, that’s awesome.” She suggests that O’Keefe go to “...ghetto Aurora, like north Aurora” which has “a lot of people who, I hate to put in clichés, but, like [sic], people don’t care. Like [sic], they just, kind of, like [sic], um, the lower class, like [sic], they just don’t really... African American and Mexicans.” She suggests going to “6th and Belmar Circle” to find discarded ballots.” [66616, 66642, 66694, 66745, 66757, 67265]

“One of O’Keefe’s investigators speaks with Nicole Hanlon, who works for Democrat State Representative Joe Salazar. The investigator talks about her friends from Oregon who “are here ’cause you can do in-mail registration” to vote. Hanlon advises they register at the “city and county building, 120th and Sable”—even though Oregon residents cannot also legally vote in Colorado. Hanlon advises that even though the friends do not have Colorado drivers licenses, “Yeah, if they have bills here... they should be okay. ...I think you can try it out. I don’t know if it will work but you can try it.” (In other words, Hanlon knows the Oregonians cannot legally vote in Colorado, but believes it is worth it for them to try to register because they might get away with it.) Colorado’s *only* method of voting is via mail-in ballots—a change the Democrats fought very hard to make, along with same-day registration. One need only live in the state 21 days to register, and there is little stopping residents of other states from registering and then voting in both states. Additionally, because many of the mail-in ballots are thrown away by disinterested residents or left behind by people who move, blank ballots are not difficult to come by. That makes it easy for someone to fill out the ballot and mail it in. With no in-person voting and no photo ID requirement, fraud is incredibly easy—which

is why the Democrats made the change soon after they took over the state legislature. [66616, 66642, 66694, 66745, 66757, 67265]

O’Keefe’s report is posted just as a Citizens United documentary called *Rocky Mountain Heist* is released. The film, hosted by Michelle Malkin, shows how wealthy leftists have been working to turn Colorado from what had been a relatively conservative state into one that consistently supports Democrats. [66663]

Of course, voting twice or using the identity of another person are only two ways to commit vote fraud. A more significant problem may simply be that large numbers of *non-citizens* are illegally registered to vote. That occurs because immigrants are often merely asked, “Are you a U.S. citizen?” on their voter registration forms. They can improperly check the box “Yes” and register to vote. Photo ID laws will not stop that fraud because the person may very well have a drivers license and a name on the registration list when he goes to the polling place. (WashingtonPost.com reports the results of a Cooperative Congressional Election Study poll: “More than 14 percent of non-citizens in both the 2008 and 2010 samples indicated that they were registered to vote. Furthermore, some of these non-citizens voted. Our best guess, based upon extrapolations from the portion of the sample with a verified vote, is that 6.4 percent of non-citizens voted in 2008 and 2.2 percent of non-citizens voted in 2010. ...Because non-citizens tended to favor Democrats (Obama won more than 80 percent of the votes of non-citizens in the 2008 CCES sample), we find that this participation was large enough to plausibly account for Democratic victories in a few close elections. Non-citizen votes could have given Senate Democrats the pivotal 60th vote needed to overcome filibusters in order to pass health-care reform and other Obama administration priorities in the 111th Congress. Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) won election in 2008 with a victory margin of 312 votes. Votes cast by just 0.65 percent of Minnesota non-citizens could account for this margin.”) [66854, 66867]

At NationalJournal.com Josh Kraushaar writes, “The relationship between the White House and Senate Democrats hit a new low Tuesday evening after the administration’s press office released a transcript of first lady Michelle Obama’s appearance in Iowa on behalf of Democratic Senate candidate Bruce Braley. The problem: The subject line of the e-mail referred to Braley as the ‘Democratic candidate for governor.’ The botch came after the first lady repeatedly referred to the Democratic Senate nominee as ‘Bruce Bailey’ in a campaign appearance earlier this month—and it took an attendee in the crowd to correct her mistake. Indicating the sensitivity of the mistake, top Senate Democratic officials wasted no time lashing out at the Obama administration’s political team in response, suggesting it was acting like a junior varsity operation two weeks before the midterms. The slipup comes one day after [Barack] Obama told Rev. Al Sharpton on his radio show that Senate Democrats keeping their distance from him are still ‘folks who vote with me. They have supported my agenda in Congress.’ That alarmed Senate Democrats up for reelection this November, most of whom are working hard to distance themselves from [Obama]. ‘The ineptitude of the White House political operation has sunk from annoying to embarrassing,’ one senior Senate Democratic aide told *National Journal*. Another Senate official told the *Washington Post* that Obama’s

comments were ‘not devised with any input from Senate leadership.’ ... Democrats are growing increasingly pessimistic about their chances of holding onto the Senate... A plugged-in Democratic House official said internal polling showed Braley trailing Republican Joni Ernst in all of the state’s congressional districts, even those that typically favor Democrats. Democrats are even struggling to hold Braley’s House seat.” [66645, 66646, 66680]

Townhall.com’s Guy Benson writes, “The pre-election blame game is already underway, it would seem—even as Republicans still have plenty of time to blow their advantage, according to, um, a Republican Senator [Missouri’s Roy Blunt]. (Comparing the Obama political operation to a JV team is a double blow, given [Obama’s] recent entanglement with that phrase). ... [I]f Braley is trailing in every Congressional district in the state according to Democrats’ own internal polls, down-ticket Democrats must be starting to sweat about reverse coattails. Public polling continues to show a tight race with Republican Joni Ernst slightly ahead, but Democrats are not behaving as if they expect to win.” [66646, 66647]

In Colorado, a Suffolk/USA Today poll puts GOP challenger Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO) with a seven point lead over incumbent Senator Mark Udall (D-CO). [66647, 66648]

Absent an “October surprise” or massive vote fraud, *The Obama Timeline* believes the Republicans will win the Senate races in West Virginia, Montana, South Dakota, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Colorado, Kentucky, and Louisiana. (Georgia and Louisiana will probably require run-off elections, but the Republican is likely to win in Louisiana and has a lesser chance in Georgia.) The GOP is less likely to win in Kansas, New Hampshire, and North Carolina, but all are possible Republican wins. A win by Republican Ed Gillespie in Virginia is considered unlikely—but no one thought Virginia economics professor David Brat would defeat Congressman Eric Cantor in the primary either. (If Gillespie wins his race, it will mean a GOP wave across the nation.) *The Obama Timeline* also believes the GOP will pick up between six and 12 additional seats in the House of Representatives. Eight takes it to 242 seats, matching the party’s 2010 and 1946 levels.

Asked why reporters are not allowed to cover the question and answer sessions at Obama’s fundraisers, White House press secretary Josh Earnest cites the “Heisenberg Principle,” claiming that the presence of journalists would influence the questions and answers. (It is actually the “observer effect” which is applicable, *not* the Heisenberg Principle, which states that one can never simultaneously know the position and speed of an object. In any event, the excuse is absurd. The observer effect, also called the Hawthorne effect, is when a person changes an aspect of his/her behavior because the person knows that he/she is being watched. The reality is simply that the White House does not want media coverage of what Obama says at fundraisers.) Whether Earnest will note the Schrödinger’s cat experiment on November 5 to explain why the Democrats lost the Senate is not known. (The Schrödinger’s cat experiment is theoretical and

concludes that a cat can be dead and alive at the same time, although in normal view, the cat is either dead or alive.) [66654, 66655, 66656, 67633, 67634]

Yet another person jumps the White House fence—but is intercepted by Secret Service dogs and apprehended by agents. (The man reportedly has a history of mental problems and arrests, according to his father.) [66649, 66671, 66700, 66746]

Obama says “We’re all shaken” by the “outrageous attacks” at Canada’s Parliament and that the killer’s motive remains unknown. (The motive is most certainly known, at least to anyone who pays attention to the reports that the gunman had converted to Islam, sought to travel to the Middle East to fight with ISIS, and had posted radical Islamist items on the Internet. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tweets, “...Obama’s statement on Canadian killings verges on delusional. He can’t bring himself go tell truth about Radical Islamists,” and “As we continue to lose the war with Radical Islamists historians will look at today’s Obama comments as a case study in self delusion.”) [66650, 66651, 66552, 66653]

TheBlaze.com reports, “The publishing of Michael Brown’s official autopsy report, as well as a St. Louis Post-Dispatch source’s description of officer Darren Wilson’s account of events, offered new revelations to the already controversial Ferguson case Tuesday night. An unidentified source told the Post-Dispatch that Wilson testified to investigators 18-year-old Brown struggled for his firearm before eventually charging at him. Two experts not directly involved with the case added to the newspaper that the official autopsy report appears to support Wilson’s claim that a struggle did take place before the fatal shooting. Further, a toxicology report revealed that Brown tested positive for marijuana.” Additionally, a number of black witnesses have supported Wilson’s account, as do blood platter analysis from inside the vehicle, shell casings, and ballistics tests. Rush Limbaugh comments, “See, the facts are coming out. It’s actually a wonderful opportunity for [Obama] and the attorney general to set the record straight. It’s a wonderful opportunity for some leadership, but that isn’t going to happen. This is a political defeat. This isn’t even a matter of law. This is a political defeat. That is why I say smearing and destroying a police officer, that’s what they had to do. ...It was necessary, it was appropriate to Democrats in order to create mobs, property damage, which leads to voter registration and voter turnout. And we know from news earlier this week that if the black population doesn’t turn out in great numbers in November, it’s bad news for the Democrats. That’s what Ferguson will still be about.” (Arguably, all sides in the issue can probably be faulted. Blacks in Ferguson and elsewhere instinctively assumed police officer Darren Wilson acted like a crazed member of the KKK at a lynching and that Michael “gentle giant” Brown had done absolutely nothing wrong. Many police officers and whites instinctively assumed Wilson was justified in killing Brown, when he perhaps could have limited his shots and stopped his attacker without taking his life. The media and the Obama administration seemed to make the situation worse.) [66657, 66667, 66670, 66689, 66697, 66734, 66758]

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average price of one pound of ground beef reaches a record high \$4.096 in September—an increase of 17 percent over one year. [66675]

NYPost.com reports, “Michelle Obama is being urged by her husband’s true believers to move to California when she leaves the White House and to pursue the US Senate seat expected to be vacated by [81-year-old] Dianne Feinstein in 2018. ...The first couple haven’t said where they’ll go when Barack Obama leaves office in 26 months, but Los Angeles is the leading contender. ...As one cynic noted, ‘It’s a shoo-in. A ham sandwich could get elected on the Democratic line in California.’” (There have been rumors that the Obamas have purchased a home in Palm Springs, California. That would satisfy Obama’s desire to play golf in between highly-paid speaking engagements. But *The Obama Timeline* believes Michelle Obama has no desire to enter politics.) [61908, 61909, 61910, 66766]

The likelihood of the GOP picking up the Iowa Senate seat left open by the retirement of leftist Senator Tom Harkin appears to be increasing, as Conn Carroll reports at Townhall.com, “According to data compiled from the Iowa Secretary of State’s office by [blogger] Ace of Spades HQ, Democrats have turned in just 170 more ballots (98,492) than Republicans have (98,322). Republicans have never turned in more early ballots than Democrats. To put that 170 ballot lead in context, by this time in 2012, Democrats had a 56,303 ballot advantage, and in 2010 they had 17,228 advantage. The Republican improvement in early voting is just another sign the Republican Senate Candidate Joni Ernst will beat Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA) this November. Braley has not led in a single poll since October 1st, and Ernst has led in every poll since October 3rd.” [66683, 66684]

DailySignal.com reports, “The vast majority of Americans gaining health coverage under Obamacare actually qualified for Medicaid because of loosened eligibility—and that’s what boosted enrollment among those previously uninsured, according to a new report from The Heritage Foundation. The Obama administration has boasted that the Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare, would allow those previously uninsured to purchase quality, affordable health care. ‘The inescapable conclusion is that, when it comes to covering the uninsured, Obamacare so far is an expansion of Medicaid,’ Heritage Foundation health policy experts Edmund F. Haislmaier and Drew Gonshorowski write in a research paper scheduled for release today. Officials announced in May that more than 8 million Americans had picked a health plan on the Obamacare website, HealthCare.gov. ...However, their paper says, more than 70 percent of those signups can be traced to the expansion of Medicaid eligibility in 24 states.” [66686]

ObamaCare-supporting Senator Kay Hagan’s (D-NC) chances of reelection on November 4 are not helped by an announcement from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina that its rates will increase by an average of 13 percent in 2015. WRAL.com reports, “As an example, the insurer cited a typical rate for a 45-year-old man in the Raleigh area who doesn’t smoke. Without a federal subsidy, the premium for such an individual would rise by \$57 to about \$420 per month for an ACA silver plan. Most customers receive subsidies.” [66738, 66739]

Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) releases his annual “Wastebook,” a compilation of examples of government waste involving 100 programs and \$25 billion. DailySignal.com notes seven of the most offensive: “1. The National Institute of Health’s Center for Alternative and Complimentary Medicine spent \$387,000 to study the effects of Swedish massages on rabbits.” “2. The Department of Interior spent \$10,000 to monitor the growth rate of saltmarsh grass. In other words, the government is paying people to watch grass grow. On the bright side, they have not started paying people to watch paint dry.” “3. The National Science Foundation has granted more than \$200,000 to a research project that is trying to determine how and why Wikipedia is sexist. Wikipedia’s War on Woman?” “4. The National Institute of Health funded a study to see if mothers love dogs as much as they love kids. Regardless of the results, this experiment cost taxpayers \$371,026.” “5. The federal government has granted \$804,254 for the development of a smartphone game called ‘Kiddio: Food Fight.’ The game is intended to teach parents how to convince their children to try and eat new healthier food choices.” “6. The National Endowment for the Humanities has provided \$47,000 for undergraduate classes that teach students about laughing and humor.” “7. The National Science Foundation spent \$856,000 to teach mountain lions how to walk on treadmills as part of a research project whose aim was to better understand mountain lions’ instincts.” [66687, 66688, 66750]

Breitbart.com reports, “With the North Carolina U.S. Senate race in a dead heat, state election officials say they have discovered 145 names on the voting rolls who are ineligible to vote because they are illegal immigrants who have been granted ...Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status. ... DACA beneficiaries in North Carolina are able to obtain drivers licenses, but they are not able to vote.” [66695]

Senator Mark Begich (D-AK) admits, “I did [vote for Obama], but that’s irrelevant. [Obama’s] not relevant. He’s gone in two years.” (Begich is mistaken. Even if the GOP wins the Senate, Obama will do his best to be relevant with two years of executive orders—and his continuing disregard for the U.S. Constitution.) [66701]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “The nation’s Big Three TV networks that breathlessly reported the 2006 anti-Bush election which gave Democrats control of Capitol Hill have practically ignored this year’s anti-Obama midterms that are expected to return full control of the Hill to the GOP. A new and exhaustive Media Research Center analysis compared the last seven weeks of CBS, NBC and ABC news coverage with the same period in 2006 and found a 6-1 disparity between the Democratic election wave and the current election. The story count: 159-25. The worst offender is ABC’s newly-renamed ‘World News Tonight.’ The show hasn’t aired a single story. By comparison in 2006, ABC’s ‘World News’ aired 36 stories on the midterms, including a weekly feature that then-anchor Charlie Gibson promised would look at the ‘critical races.’ ...The study is likely to feed the view held by Republicans and conservatives that the New York City-based networks are in the tank for the Democrats who are expected to lose House seats and relinquish control of the Senate to the GOP. They are also expected to lose gubernatorial elections they had hoped to win, like in Ohio.” [66696]

NYTimes.com reports, “Nine people in Connecticut who may have been exposed to the Ebola virus have been told to stay at home and are being monitored by local health authorities for symptoms, a spokesman for the State Public Health Department said on Wednesday. The people in question were not sick, the spokesman, William Gerrish, said, but were being watched under an order signed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy on Oct. 7, declaring a public health emergency in the state. They were not publicly identified because of privacy concerns, but officials said three were Yale University students and the others were from one family. At least some had traveled to West Africa. ...Officials said that the quarantining of the nine people was voluntary, and that none had objected to it.” [66703]

USAToday.com reports, “New records contradict the Obama administration’s assurances to Congress and the public that the 2,200 people it freed from immigration jails last year to save money had only minor criminal records. The records, obtained by USA TODAY, show immigration officials released some undocumented immigrants who had faced far more serious criminal charges, including people charged with kidnapping, sexual assault, drug trafficking and homicide. The release sparked a furor in Congress. Republican lawmakers accused the Obama administration of setting dangerous criminals free. In response, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said it had released ‘low-risk offenders who do not have serious criminal records,’ a claim the administration repeated to the public and to members of Congress. The new records, including spreadsheets and hundreds of pages of e-mails, offer the most detailed information yet about the people ICE freed as it prepared for steep, across-the-government spending cuts in February 2013. They show that although two-thirds of the people who were freed had no criminal records, several had been arrested or convicted on charges more severe than the administration had disclosed.” [66740, 66741]

Bloomberg.com reports on “The Democrats’ Coming Blame Game,” as it becomes increasingly clear that election day will be a disaster for the Democrat party. Lisa Lerer and Margaret Talev write, “Years of disappointment and tension between Democrats and [Obama] are now on open display as politicians, party leaders and strategists worried about their chances in the midterm elections begin casting about for someone to blame. ... ‘Folks are beginning to scapegoat and second guess, but there are plenty of reasons to do that,’ said strategist Jim Manley, a former aide to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. ‘...Obama doesn’t like to get his hands dirty. He seemingly floats above it all.’ ...Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia told The Washington Post that there is ‘nothing’ Obama can do to help swing competitive races to moderate Democrats. A ...campaign visit, he said, ‘is not going to be productive.’ Even the party’s top surrogates are trying to avoid explicit mentions of [Obama]. At a Tuesday event in western Kentucky, former President Bill Clinton urged Democrats not to let their dislike of Obama influence the decision in the state’s race for Senate. ‘Make sure nobody casts a protest vote,’ he said on Tuesday. ‘Whoever heard of somebody giving a six-year job [to a Senator] for a two-year protest [of Obama]?’ The White House, bracing for an escalation of friendly fire should Democrats lose control of the Senate, has begun laying out its post-election defense by arguing that candidates are ultimately responsible for their own electoral outcomes. ‘The success of many of these Democratic candidates will depend on their own success in

motivating voters that strongly supported the president in 2012,' White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Tuesday. 'It's their name that's on the ballot.' ...Democrats also privately gripe that the administration's response to Ebola was too slow, playing directly into a Republican narrative of Democratic mismanagement. In August, [Obama's] decision to issue a statement about the beheading of journalist James Foley by Islamic militants and then head directly to a golf game was viewed as tone deaf, at best, an assessment shared by [Obama] himself." [66767]

On Sun News, Geert Wilders, Dutch politician and leader of the Party for Freedom, is asked for his views in the terrorist attack in Canada. Wilders says, "...[O]ur governments don't really deal with the problem as they should. I find it really incomprehensible that the Dutch government, like the Canadian government, stops people who want to fight for jihad in both Syria and Iraq, take[s] their passport[s], and [does] not detain them. It makes the streets... more unsafe. ...I would say, let them leave—let them, leave or detain them... but never let them return. I'd rather have them doing crazy and aggressive things in Syria than in Canada or the Netherlands. ...I'm very angered by this irresponsible policy by most of the Western governments." [66751]

On October 23 *Morning Joe* airs an interview with Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) in which she is asked by MSNBC's Kasie Hunt, "Do you think that ...Obama is a strong leader?" Hagan answers, "You know, ...Obama has a lot on his plate, and it seems like whether it's the oil spill, uh, that took place earlier, a number of years ago in the Gulf, uh, to this Ebola crisis now, uh, to ISIS, um, gaining strength, I mean, you look at all the combination of, of things like that." Hagan is pressed by Hunt again, "And do you think he's acted as a strong leader in those crises?" and Hagan replies, "You know I think there's definitely—like, with Ebola, we have definitely been late to the table in, um, making decisions about that, being sure that CDC, uh, has a, has a—understands and gets messages out to hospitals." Hunt presses again: "So you don't think he's shown strong leadership?" Hagan: "You know, certainly there are issues that I certainly think, um, no." After the clip is played, host Joe Scarborough says, "These are not hard questions to answer." Hunt says, "Sometimes the simplest questions are the toughest." [66817]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest laughably later attempts to spin Hagan's response, telling reporters, "Senator Hagan is somebody that [sic; who] has a track record, uh, and credentials for, uh, gettin' [sic] results for the people of North Carolina, even if it means criticizing members of her own party, even if it means criticizing the leader of her own party. Uh, I think that's a testament to her character." [66933]

Katie Pavlich, who has doggedly pursued the truth in the Operation Fast and Furious story since day one, reports at Townhall.com that the Department of Justice has finally "complied with a court order and turned over a list to government watchdog Judicial Watch, known as a Vaughn Index, of Fast and Furious documents being held from Congress and the American people under ...Obama's assertion of executive privilege. Not surprisingly, DOJ failed to fully comply with the requirements of providing a Vaughn Index. ...Regardless, the list of documents shows Obama asserted executive privilege to protect Attorney General Eric Holder's wife and to protect information

showing Holder helped to craft talking points during the fallout of the scandal. What a preliminary review of Vaughn Index by Judicial Watch shows: ‘Numerous emails [including about 20 between Holder and his wife, Sharon Malone] that detail Attorney General Holder’s direct involvement in crafting talking points, the timing of public disclosures, and handling Congressional inquiries in the Fast and Furious matter.’ ‘Numerous entries detail DOJ’s communications (including those of Eric Holder) concerning the White House about Fast and Furious.’ ‘The scandal required the attention of virtually every top official of the DOJ and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). Communications to and from the United States Ambassador to Mexico about the Fast and Furious matter are also described.’ ‘Few of the records seem to even implicate presidential decision-making and advice that might be subject to ...Obama’s broad and unprecedented executive privilege claim.’” [66735, 66736, 66752, 66784, 66791, 66792, 66793]

The shielded documents also include emails from Holder to his mother. Neither his wife nor his mother are federal employees, let alone White House officials. There is, therefore, no legal justification for Obama to use “executive privilege” to keep those emails from being released to Judicial Watch or Congress. Obama simply *cannot* legally use the executive privilege claim for those email records. (Holder certainly knows that, but his immediate goal is stalling their release until after the November 4 election. With that he has succeeded.) Judicial Watch notes, “The *Vaughn* index explains 15,662 documents. Typically, a *Vaughn* index must: (1) identify each record withheld; (2) state the statutory exemption claimed; and (3) explain how disclosure would damage the interests protected by the claimed exemption. The *Vaughn* index arguably fails to provide all of this required information but does provide plenty of interesting information for a public kept in the dark for years about the Fast and Furious scandal.” (The Obama administration is refusing to release 15,662 documents related to Operation Fast and Furious, claiming executive privilege over all of them. According to Cornell University Law School, executive privilege “allows the president and other high officials of the executive branch to keep certain communications private if disclosing those communications would disrupt the functions or decision-making processes of the executive branch. As demonstrated by the Watergate hearings, this privilege does not extend to information germane to a criminal investigation.” On the one hand, Obama has claimed he was not involved in and knew nothing about Operation Fast and Furious. On the other hand, he does not want the public to see more than 15,000 documents related to the operation. Judicial Watch—and many Americans—deserve to know how the release of those documents “would disrupt the functions or decision-making processes of the executive branch.”) [66735, 66736, 66752, 66784, 66791, 66792, 66793]

Pavlich notes, “After more than a year of stonewalling and a lawsuit from Judicial Watch, DOJ attorneys asked for an extension until November 3, the day before the midterm elections, to turn of the list explaining more than 15,000 documents. That request was denied. ...Obama asserted executive privilege over thousands of Fast and Furious documents just moments before Holder was held in contempt of Congress by the House Oversight Committee in June 2012. That same month, Republicans and Democrats in the House voted Holder in civil and criminal contempt of Congress. Holder is the first sitting

cabinet member in U.S. history to be held in contempt of Congress. After six years at the Department of Justice, Holder submitted his resignation to ...Obama in September, but will stay in his position until a new Attorney General is confirmed after the midterm elections.” (Note that Judicial Watch has not been given documents; it has merely been given a *list* of 15,662 Operation Fast and Furious documents the Obama administration refuses to release. Judicial Watch knows, therefore, that Holder does not want anyone to see what is in his emails about the gun-walking scheme, and curious citizens would certainly like to know what he was telling his wife and his mother. Those emails obviously did not read, “Okay, I’ll pick up a gallon of milk on my way home from work.”) [66735, 66736, 66752, 66784, 66791, 66792, 66793]

Pavlich adds, “The family of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry, who was murdered in the Arizona desert in December 2010 by Mexican bandits carrying guns obtained through Fast and Furious, is baffled that [Obama] would use his executive authority to protect Holder’s wife and is disappointed with the continuing lack of transparency from DOJ and the White House. ‘We are shocked that some of these Vaughn Index documents show that Attorney General Holder was personally involved in crafting talking points and helping his office in responding to the Congressional inquiry into Operation Fast and Furious from very early on. We are baffled that personal emails from the Attorney General to his wife and mother are part of the information covered by [Obama’s] claim of Executive Privilege,’ Terry family spokesman Ralph Terry said in a statement. ‘Furthermore, we are incredibly saddened that even after the death of Brian Terry and four years after Operation Fast and Furious was put to an end, the weapons of Operation Fast and Furious continue to appear and present a clear danger to the public. The Administration continues to show no remorse for their actions in Operation Fast and Furious. The Department of Justice continues to engage in deceptive measures that are designed to cover up the links between multiple acts of violence and the guns that were allowed to be bought by straw buyers and ultimately delivered to some of the most violent criminals in North America,’ Terry continued. ‘As evidenced by the weapon recovered in Phoenix, the Attorney General has once again failed to inform Congress and the American people that the weapons from the botched gun trafficking program put into place by ATF and former U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke continue to injure and maim American citizens. We urge ...Obama to cooperate with Congress and to release the thousands of documents outlined in the Vaughn Index. Americans deserve the truth and deserve transparency from their government in this matter.’” [66828]

Congressman Ed Royce (R-CA), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, reacts to a report about an audit of the USAID, which discloses that the State Department’s U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funded groups in Egypt that were not only not registered with that nation’s government, they were linked to the radical Muslim Brotherhood—and the report was modified to hide that information. Royce states, “I am concerned by this morning’s report that the USAID Inspector General withheld information from audit reports submitted to Congress. Inspectors General are required by law to keep Congress ‘fully and currently informed’ about fraud and other serious problems, abuses, and deficiencies at their respective agencies. Any violation of this mandate is unacceptable. The Foreign Affairs Committee

is working with the Office of the Inspector General to get to the bottom of this matter.” Examiner.com’s Jim Kouri states that the “disturbing report... accuses yet one more top Obama administration official of falsifying a report in order to protect ...Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and others. The report involved the ...Obama’s assistance in Egypt in the aftermath of toppling of President Hosni Mubarak’s regime in 2011. After the fall of Mubarak, under Secretary Clinton, the [USAID] hired several private sector organizations [to] help in the development of pro-democracy programs in Egypt despite warnings that some involved in the process were actually members of the radical Muslim Brotherhood. ...Despite Islamic terrorism experts and intelligence analysts warning the White House and State Department otherwise, Obama, Clinton and even Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano insisted the Muslim Brotherhood was a moderate Muslim organization.” [66887]

“Less than a year later,” writes Kouri, “the new Egyptian government arrested and charged 43 non-governmental organization (NGO) workers with illegally operating a business in that Arab country. Meanwhile the USAID did not have a permanent inspector general and relied on an acting official. Of the 43 criminally charged 17 of them were United States citizens. That number included then-U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood’s son. The Americans, including Raymond LaHood, Jr., were finally freed in March 2012, but [not] until after the Obama State Department secretly gave the Egyptian government a ‘ransom’ payment of \$4.6 million, which was on top of all the money the U.S. government gave to the Egyptians in foreign aid, loan guarantees, and other ‘support.’ ...[W]hen the OIG [Office of Inspector General] issued its final audit report to the U.S. Congress and the news media, the OIG’s report was changed in order to remove certain findings, according to Washington Post reporters who managed to get copies of the original report. According to the Post, the original, complete report was 21-pages while the one released to lawmakers and the public was fewer than 10-pages in length.” (Kouri’s report is not surprising. Obama has long been a closet supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood, and is either too naive that it is radical or does not care. He actively worked to get Mubarak ousted so that the Muslim Brotherhood’s Mohammed Morsi could get elected. Much to the annoyance of Obama, the Egyptian people did not wait long to rid themselves of Morsi.) [66887]

FreeBeacon.com reports on recent comments by Ali Younesi, senior advisor to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, in an interview with the Fars News Agency. Younesi calls Obama “the weakest” of all U.S. leaders. ...[H]e had humiliating defeats in the region. Under him the Islamic awakening happened. ...Americans witnessed their greatest defeats in Obama’s era: Terrorism expanded, [the] U.S. had huge defeats under Obama [and] that is why they want to compromise with Iran. ...[U.S.] Conservatives are war mongers, they cannot tolerate powers like Iran. If conservatives were in power they would go to war with us because they follow Israel and they want to portray Iran as the main threat and not ISIS. ...We [the Islamic Republic] have to use this opportunity [of Democrats being in power in the U.S.], because if this opportunity is lost, in [the] future we may not have such an opportunity again.” (In other words, “Iran should take advantage of the United States while it is under the weak leadership of Obama and the Democrats.) Saeed Ghasseminejad, an Iranian dissident and associate fellow at the

Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), states, "...Obama does believe that by rewarding Iran and permitting it to do whatever it wants in the region, the mullahs in Tehran will be convinced to compromise. ...[But] the result has been disastrous: Iran controls three Arab capitals (Damascus, Beirut, and Baghdad) and its allies just captured the fourth one (Sana in Yemen) and Iran's economy has significantly improved [because of reduced sanctions]. Unfortunately, it does not seem that the mullahs reached the conclusion desired by the administration. Iranians believe this administration is weak, it has lost its economic leverage over Iran and there is no credible military option on the table. Iran has been rewarded upfront, they now ask for more while [they] are determined to keep their nuclear program intact." [66899, 66900]

Campaigning for Senator Mark Udall (D-CO), Michelle Obama says, "As a fifth generation Coloradan, Mark understands what makes this state special." (Udall was not even born in Colorado. It is his Republican challenger, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO), who is a fifth-generation Coloradan. On the other hand, she at least did not refer to him as Bill Bailey.) Mrs. Obama also says, "We will get Mark Udall into office"—apparently unaware he is already in the Senate and is in a reelection fight. [66742, 66743, 66744, 66866, 66880]

In New York City a man with a hatchet attacks and injures two police officers. One is struck in the arm and the other in the head. Two other officers shoot and kill the attacker. CNN.com states, "The law enforcement official identified the suspect as Zale H. Thompson, who had a criminal record in California and had been discharged from the Navy for misconduct, according to the source." Police Commissioner William Bratton tells reporters, "No known motive for this attack has been established," but Thompson's Facebook page includes statements in Arabic, extremist views, and statements such as: "Helicopters, big military will be useless on their own soil. They will not be able to defeat our people if we use guerilla warfare. Attack their weak flanks..." [66771, 66772, 66773, 66774, 66775, 66787, 66799, 66800, 66801, 66810, 66812, 66813, 66826, 66827]

On *Andrea Mitchell Reports*, Andrea Mitchell asks Canadian Member of Parliament Charlie Angus, "But do you fear, do you worry that there is going to be this reaction [backlash against Muslims because of the terrorist attack in Ottawa] as, frankly, we had after 9/11? We had to really have bipartisan efforts by the President, George W. Bush at the time and others, to bring together the community and stop anger and discrimination against some in our society?" (The Media Research Center points out that there was no significant backlash against Muslims in the United States after 9/11. According to FBI statistics, "From 2002 to 2011, Muslims are estimated to have suffered hate crimes at a frequency of 6.0 incidents per 100,000 per year—10 percent lower than blacks (6.7), 48 percent lower than homosexuals and bisexuals (11.5), and 59 percent lower than Jews (14.8). Americans should keep these numbers in mind whenever Islamists attempt to silence critics by invoking Muslim victimhood." Mitchell also asks Angus, "[D]o you think this is going to change Canada's commitment to remain in the military coalition against ISIS or ISIL, whatever you want to call it. It is controversial." (The question is absurd. It implies that a nation can be brought to its knees by a few acts of terrorism, and that those acts in themselves are enough to cause it to withdraw from the fight against

radical Islam and cower. For Mitchell to suggest that fighting ISIS is “controversial” is even more absurd—unless her sympathies lie with the jihadists.) [66786]

The Obama administration dumps the Ebola issue partly in the laps of the states. White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that states will decide what to do if travelers from Ebola-stricken nations fail to self-report, and the “additional layer... will be based upon an effort to share information with state and local health authorities so they can put in place the measures that they believe would be most effective in protecting the populations of their states.” (Instead of a travel ban, the administration is allowing travelers from Ebola countries into the United States, but a 21-day monitoring period is the responsibility of the individuals and the state and local health departments. If a visitor ends up in Chicago with Ebola symptoms, Illinois will then be to blame, not Obama and the CDC.) [66762]

Meanwhile, CNSNews.com asks both the Department of Homeland Security and the Centers for Disease Control for a copy of the questionnaire that is being given to travelers from Ebola countries when they arrive at airports in the United States. There is no response to the request. [66763]

Newsmax.com reports, “Sears Holdings Corp. is shuttering [sic; closing] more than 100 stores and laying off at least 5,457 employees, investor website Seeking Alpha reported on Thursday, indicating the struggling retailer may be stepping up store closures. Sears said in August it had closed 96 stores in the six months since February and planned to close a total of 130 underperforming stores during the full fiscal year. It added at the time that it may shutter additional stores beyond the 130 target. Sears spokesman Chris Brathwaite declined to comment on the number of planned closures, saying the company would provide an update when it reports quarterly earnings next month. Reducing operations to the best performing stores is key to Sears’ revival strategy, he said.” [66782]

The Associated Press reports, “Supporters of a higher minimum wage took their message to Nebraska’s airwaves in the final few weeks before voters decide whether to approve a gradual increase to \$9 an hour. The group Nebraskans for Better Wages has spent an estimated \$79,000 on ads supporting the ballot measure, according to analysis released Thursday by the Center for Public Integrity. The ads that were counted started airing the week of Sept. 28 and continued through Oct. 11.” Doug Kagan, president of Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom, which opposes the measure, says, “We just can’t match that broadcasting of our message statewide as long and loud as the proponents of the minimum wage increase. They have so much more money than we do, and more access to TV and radio advertising.” The AP notes, “Some small business owners have voiced opposition to the measure, but Nebraska’s largest business groups haven’t aggressively challenged it.” (Some on the political left point to the fact that many large companies support an increase in the minimum wage and say that is proof that an increase will not harm businesses. What they neglect to realize is that larger companies know full well that a substantial increase in the minimum wage will put their smaller competitors out of business. A large company may be willing to pay employees more than they are worth if

it means gaining additional business that had been going to its competitors. Thus, some large companies are essentially relying on the power of government to help them by harming others. A CEO who says, “I support an increase in the minimum wage” may actually be saying, “I welcome government action to put my competition out of business.”) [66868, 66869]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “A federal court shot down a tea party group’s effort to permanently bar the Internal Revenue Service from targeting conservative groups for special scrutiny, issuing a ruling Thursday that says the tax agency has taken enough steps to correct the problem. Judge Reggie B. Walton also refused the request by True the Vote, a Texas-based group that tries to combat election fraud, to make Lois G. Lerner and other current and former IRS employees pay a penalty for having blocked the group’s tax-exempt status and made intrusive inquiries into the group’s activities. Without ruling on whether the initial targeting was unlawful, Judge Walton said there was no longer a case because the IRS eventually did approve tax-exempt status.” (Some might argue that the judge’s decision is like letting a bank robber go free simply because he promised to not do it again.) Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law & Justice, reacts: “The decision by the court is disappointing. However, it does not deter our efforts to seek justice for our clients. We are reviewing the decision and plan to appeal.” Catherine Engelbrecht, founder of True the Vote, states, “We are stunned by today’s judgment. The notion that the IRS can target Americans for years because of their political beliefs is reprehensible.” [66770, 66783]

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) is asked by Newsmax radio host J. D. Hayworth what Congress is prepared to do if Obama uses an executive order to grant millions of illegal immigrants. King replies, “...Some of that’s going to depend on... what kind of response comes from the American people. I can say what I’m prepared to do. If [Obama] violates the Constitution by executive edict, in whatever form the document takes, and seeks to legalize several million people, or five to nine million or more people, I’ve said this. Wherever I am, and if I’m not in Washington, I will go directly to the airport, I will go to Washington DC, I’m going to call for [House Speaker] John Boehner [R-OH] to call for a special session. I’m going to hope he beats me to that, I hope he’s anticipating this too, and I don’t figure that going to the Capitol and asking people to come there to surround the Capitol does us any good, but surrounding the White House might. If we’re not willing to go there and protest outside the gates of [Obama’s] residence until he lets go of this unconstitutional action then I don’t know how we stop this. We can cut off the funding, and then he will threaten to shut down the government, and likely he will shut down the government again if we do that. He’s going to throw a tantrum to get the unconstitutional act that he wants. We know there is the “I” word [impeachment] in the Constitution that none of us wants to say or act on, but... in this context everything is on the table because our... constitutionally republic is on the table. ...So far now he has ordered ICE to break the law, they’ve complied with his order that ICE break the law by refusing to... put people into removal [deportation] proceedings that they encounter that are here illegally.” [66853]

On *The Five*, panelists discuss Media Matters' intentional misrepresentation of co-host Kimberly Guilfoyle's comments about jury selection. On a prior broadcast, Guilfoyle, an attorney and former prosecutor, had noted that attorneys typically try to exclude young, single women from serving on juries because they tend to be less well-informed and because "They don't get it. They're not in that same life experience of paying the bills, doing the mortgage, kids, community, crime, education, healthcare... They're like healthy and hot and running around without a care in the world. ...I just thank and excuse them [from jury duty], so they can go back on kinder or match.com." The leftist, George Soros-funded Media Matters turned that into a story about how Fox News was telling young women not to vote. Leftist sites like HuffingtonPost.com repeated the false charge, as did many in the media—without bothering to find out what Guilfoyle had actually said. Huffington Post wrote, "Fox News is discouraging young people from voting again, but this time the target is more specific: young women..." (Wanting to exclude uninformed people from serving on a jury is most certainly not the same as saying they should not be allowed to vote.) [66818, 66819, 66820, 66821]

A physician from "Doctors Without Borders" is hospitalized in New York City after showing Ebola virus symptoms (high fever and diarrhea). According to NYDailyNews.com, Dr. Craig Spencer "recently returned from disease-wracked West African country Guinea," had taken taxis, ridden on the subway, and gone bowling in Brooklyn. "The shocking revelation that Spencer was roaming around town—after first telling authorities he self-quarantined himself [and did not admit the truth until being confronted by police who examined his public transportation MetroCard and credit card records]—emerged after the 33-year-old medic was hauled off to Bellevue Hospital in a protective suit with symptoms of the deadly disease. Those include nausea and a 103-degree fever, sources said." (Whether foot sweat in rented bowling shoes is considered a "bodily fluid" capable of transmitting the Ebola virus is not addressed in the article.) [66775, 66756, 66776, 66778, 66788, 66814, 67036]

NBC's Andrea Mitchell tweets, "NYC and Bellevue [Hospital] are prepared. This patient [Dr. Craig Spencer] is a professional and did great service in Guinea. Everyone take a deep breath." Mitchell does not say whether the bowling ally Spencer went to is prepared. (As a precaution, the bowling alley temporarily shuts its doors. Whether the facility will reopen with a new name, "Ebowlarama," is not known.) [66777]

Donald Trump tweets, "If this doctor, who so recklessly flew into New York from West Africa, has Ebola, then Obama should apologize to the American people & resign!" [66825]

Later in the day Spencer tests positive for Ebola. New York City mayor Bill de Blasio and Governor Andrew Cuomo hold a press conference to tell everyone not to worry because Ebola is "very difficult to contract," while also saying they are doing their best to identify everyone with whom Spencer came in contact. Cuomo says, "We are as ready as one can be for this circumstance. New York is a dense place, a lot of people on top of each other, but the more you know, the less frightening it is." Cuomo also congratulates de Blasio, his own staff, and even the incoming Ebola czar Ron Klain for their great

work. (What Klain has done to warrant congratulations is not explained.) [66779, 66780, 66788, 66794, 66844]

Donald Trump tweets, “Ebola has been confirmed in N.Y.C., with officials frantically trying to find all of the people and things he had contact with. Obama’s fault” and “I have been saying for weeks for ...Obama to stop the flights from West Africa. So simple, but he refused. A TOTAL incompetent!” [66825]

News reports show New York City police officers who were at Dr, Craig Spencer’s apartment building discarding their protective gloves and masks in a trash can on the sidewalk. [66845, 66874, 66875]

Twitter user Amr Ar Rumi threatens the life of author, blogger, and freedom activist Pamela Geller, tweeting, “Anyone having opportunity kill her, if not spam her account at least.” (The mainstream media shamelessly describes Geller as “anti-Muslim” because of her efforts to bring attention to the problem of radical Islamists intent on killing non-Muslims and establishing a global caliphate. There is, of course, a vast difference between “anti-Muslim” and “anti-violent jihad.”) [66797, 66798]

The Democrat candidate for governor in Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf, joins the group of candidates who refuse to say whether they voted for Obama. (Wolf can get away with it; he has a substantial lead in the polls.) [66824]

In a debate between Democrat Martha Robertson and Congressman Tom Reed (R-NY), Robertson says Reed is “part of the war against women”—promoting audience laughter and ridicule. (Although the “war on women” theme seemed to work for Obama and his fellow Democrats in the 2012 campaign, it may have played itself out. Democrats had hoped that Robertson could defeat Reed, but that seems unlikely.) [66882, 66823, 66855, 66884, 66988]

On October 24 a 15-year-old high school freshman in Marysville, Washington shoots and kills at least one person, wounds at least six, and then kills himself. (One account suggests the student, Jaylen Freyberg, a member of the Tulalip Indian tribe, inadvertently shot himself when social studies teacher Megan Silberberger ran into the room and grabbed his arm.) One of the victims is reportedly a girl who had declined to date the shooter. *Mother Jones’* Clara Jeffrey quickly tweets, “Do we honestly have to tell the boys we raise: It’s not ok to kill a girl who turns you down.” (The left preaches that an entire religion should not be judged because some of its practitioners are radical jihadists, yet an entire gender is collectively judged because one teen-aged boy is mentally disturbed.) [66815, 66833, 66851, 66883, 66892]

Nurse Nina Pham, who treated Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan in Dallas, is released from the hospital after being declared free of the Ebola virus. (Atheists promptly criticize Pham for saying, “I believe in the power of prayer.”) [66816, 66834, 66842]

Pham visits the White House and receives a hug from Barack “no photo ops” Obama. CBS’ Mark Knoller tweets, “Still photographers said they heard ...Obama tell Nurse Nina Pham words to the effect of: let’s give a hug for the cameras.” (Twitter user redsteeze writes, “Joe Biden, desperate to upstage Obama’s hug with the Ebola victim just drank from the WH toilet she just used.” Whether Bill Clinton offered to exchange bodily fluids is not known.) [66835, 66838, 66839, 66842, 66879]

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie impose mandatory 21-day quarantines on travelers from Liberia Guinea, and Sierra Leone. [66953, 66971]

Kaci Hickox, a nurse returning to the United States from Sierra Leone, where she was caring for Ebola patients, is stopped by airport and health officials and placed into 21-day quarantine after allegedly exhibiting a fever. Hickox writes, in an account published at DallasNews.com, “This is not a situation I would wish on anyone, and I am scared for those who will follow me. I am scared about how health care workers will be treated at airports when they declare that they have been fighting Ebola in West Africa. I am scared that, like me, they will arrive and see a frenzy of disorganization, fear and, most frightening, quarantine. ...One after another, people [at the airport] asked me questions. Some introduced themselves, some didn’t. One man who must have been an immigration officer because he was wearing a weapon belt that I could see protruding from his white coveralls barked questions at me as if I was a criminal. ...I was tired, hungry and confused, but I tried to remain calm. ...I was feeling physically healthy but emotionally exhausted. Three hours passed. No one seemed to be in charge. No one would tell me what was going on or what would happen to me. ...Four hours after I landed at the airport, an official approached me with a forehead scanner. My cheeks were flushed, I was upset at being held with no explanation. The scanner recorded my temperature as 101. ...I explained that an oral thermometer would be more accurate and that the forehead scanner was recording an elevated temperature because I was flushed and upset. ...Eight police cars escorted me to the University Hospital in Newark. Sirens blared, lights flashed. Again, I wondered what I had done wrong. ...After my temperature was recorded as 98.6 on the oral thermometer, the doctor decided to see what the forehead scanner records. It read 101. The doctor felt my neck and looked at the temperature again. ‘There’s no way you have a fever,’ he said. ‘Your face is just flushed.’ My blood was taken and tested for Ebola. It came back negative.” [66953, 66954]

At a Democrat rally in Massachusetts in support of Gubernatorial candidate Martha Coakley, Hillary Clinton says, “Don’t let anybody tell you that raising the minimum wage will kill jobs. They always say that.” (Clinton is, of course, mistaken—if not lying outright. Countless economic studies have demonstrated that increasing the minimum wage causes job losses among unskilled laborers. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the \$10.10 per hour minimum wage Obama wants could cost 500,000 jobs nationwide.) “...I voted to raise the minimum wage and guess what? Millions of jobs were created or paid better and more families were more secure.” (The last vote to increase the federal minimum wage was on July 24, 2009. At that point Clinton was no longer a Senator; she was the Secretary of State. She therefore could not have voted on

that legislation. Clinton voted against 2007 legislation that increased the minimum wage because it was part of an Iraq War funding bill. She did vote for minimum wage increase legislation prior to that bill. However, even if those increases did create “millions of jobs” and make families “more secure,” they did so during the administration of George W. Bush—not Obama.”) [66856, 66857, 66858, 66859, 66860, 66861, 66862, 66863, 66864, 66869, 66881, 66920, 66921, 66959]

Clinton continues, “...And don’t let anybody, don’t let anybody tell you that, uh, you know, it’s corporations and businesses that create jobs. You know that old theory, trickle down economics—that has been tried, that has failed, it has failed rather spectacularly...” (The absurdity of this comment is inestimable. No rational human being can believe that corporations and businesses do not create jobs, and the much-ridiculed “trickle down” theory is justified. If wealthy people buy yachts, how can that not create jobs and wealth for the people who gain employment in the ship-building industry? In fact, many such jobs were lost when the government imposed a luxury tax on yachts. Economist Walter Williams has noted, “When Congress imposed a 10 percent luxury tax on yachts, private airplanes and expensive automobiles, Sen. Ted Kennedy and then-Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell crowed publicly about how the rich would finally be paying their fair share of taxes. ...Within eight months after the change in the law took effect, Viking Yachts, the largest U.S. yacht manufacturer, laid off 1,140 of its 1,400 employees and closed one of its two manufacturing plants. Before it was all over, Viking Yachts was down to 68 employees. In the first year, one-third of U.S. yacht-building companies stopped production, and according to a report by the congressional Joint Economic Committee, the industry lost 7,600 jobs. When it was over, 25,000 workers had lost their jobs building yachts, and 75,000 more jobs were lost in companies that supplied yacht parts and material”—and tax revenue from the industry went *down*.) [66856, 66857, 66858, 66859, 66860, 66861, 66862, 66863, 66864, 66869, 66881, 66920, 66921, 66959]

Clinton’s preposterous claim that corporations and businesses do not create jobs (Twitter user CounterMoonbat posts a photograph of Solyndra and quips, “Hillary was sort of right, some corporations don’t create jobs.”) perhaps reflects a move to her political left, which may be a way of shutting down the speculation of a presidential run by the decidedly anti-business Senator Elizabeth “Wampum” Warren (D-MA). Warren and Obama have both made “You didn’t build that!” statements, and Clinton is well aware that while she may have the 2016 votes of more centrist Democrats, Warren is the darling of the far left. Clinton therefore has to move to the political left to protect her chances of winning the nomination, and if she does she will then have to scurry to the center to capture the votes of independents and moderates in the general election. (It is worth noting that Clinton does not appear “at her best” in the video of her remarks. Her speech seems slower, and more drawn out and careful than usual. To some she may give the appearance of being less than sober. Others may suspect the influence of medication of some type.) [34346, 34359, 34362, 34523, 34623, 34643, 34644, 34897, 34978, 66876, 66920, 66921, 66959]

Meanwhile, WSJ.com writes, “Searching for an alternative to Hillary Clinton for 2016, some Democratic donors are meeting with potential challengers. Liberal activists are

trying to coax Sen. Elizabeth Warren into running. Politicians not named Hillary Clinton are testing their appeal in New Hampshire and Iowa. As formidable as Mrs. Clinton looks even before declaring herself a candidate, liberals are casting about for a committed populist to run against her in 2016. They see the former secretary of state and senator as too closely aligned with large corporations and question whether she can be counted on to narrow the income gap in America. They hope to either recruit a candidate able to capture the nomination outright or at least give Mrs. Clinton enough of a scare that she embraces progressive policy goals. Their aim is to make the primary process a debate over the Democratic Party's direction, rather than an uncontested march by Mrs. Clinton to the nomination." [66886]

JudicialWatch.org (JW) reports, "...Obama's trusted senior advisor, Valerie Jarrett, was a key player in the effort to cover up that Attorney General Eric Holder lied to Congress about the Fast and Furious scandal, according to public records obtained by Judicial Watch. ...Practically lost in the 1,000-plus pages of records is an index that shows Jarrett was brought in to manage the fact that Holder lied to Congress after the story about the disastrous gun-running operation broke in the media. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) ran the once-secret program that allowed guns from the U.S. to be smuggled into Mexico so they could eventually be traced to drug cartels. Instead, federal law enforcement officers lost track of hundreds of weapons which have been used in an unknown number of crimes, including the murder of a U.S. Border Patrol agent in Arizona. The files received by JW include three electronic mails between Holder and Jarrett and one from former U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke to Jarrett. The e-mails with Holder are all from October 4, 2011, a significant date because, on the evening of October 3rd, Sheryl Attkisson (then at CBS news) released documents showing that Holder had been sent a briefing paper on Operation Fast and Furious on June 5, 2010. The paper was from the director of the National Drug Intelligence Center, Michael Walther. This directly contradicted Holder's May 3, 2011 testimony to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, during which he stated that he, 'probably heard about Fast and Furious for the first time over the last few weeks.' The October 4, 2011 date may also be significant because it came shortly after the August 30, 2011 resignation of U.S. Attorney for Arizona Dennis Burke and reassignment of acting ATF director Kenneth Melson to the position of 'senior forensics advisor' at DOJ. The description of one of the e-mails, written from Jarrett to Holder, reads, 're: personnel issues.' Another, also from Jarrett, reads, 'outlining and discussing preferred course of action for future responses in light of recent development in congressional investigation.' Unfortunately, the index is vague and that's all the information we have about them. Nevertheless, given the timing and subject of these e-mails, it seems clear that Jarrett quickly became a key player in the Fast and Furious cover-up in the immediate aftermath of the revelation that Holder had lied to Congress." [66830, 66831]

The *New York Observer* reports that New York Democrat Congressional candidate Kathleen Rice has canceled a November 23rd appearance at the Islamic Center of Long Island's annual fundraiser, after an uproar over the fact that she would be "speaking alongside Imam Siraj Wahhaj of the Muslim Alliance of North America. Mr. Wahhaj was named in court papers as an unindicted co-conspirator of the 1993 World Trade Center

bombing. A number of members of Wahhaj's mosque were indicted for the bombing—and he testified in support of each of them. Similarly, he referred to an imprisoned terrorist, Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman—the notorious anti-American blind sheikh as 'a respected scholar.'" Wahhaj "has a long history anti-American rhetoric. He has been quoted as saying, 'America is the most wicked government on the face of the planet Earth,' and online reports indicate that he suggested America or Israel were behind the 1993 WTC bombing." Wahhaj has also said, "If only Muslims were clever politically, they could take over the United States and replace its constitutional government with a caliphate," and "America is one of the greatest terrorist nations on this earth but you know, they hide it with magic. They pretend to be so nice." [66904, 66905, 66906]

At NationalPost.com Patricia Pearson writes, "It's been a tough week for Canadian Muslims. After two tragic deaths attributed to homegrown Islamic terrorists—celebrated on Twitter by fellow jihadists—a predictable backlash has emerged. On Friday, for example, a mosque in Cold Lake, Alta., was vandalized, its windows smashed, its front defaced by graffiti calling for members to 'go home.'" (Some might argue that it was a far tougher week for Patrice Vincent and Nathan Cirillo, the two Canadians murdered by the jihadists. Michael Greenspan tweets: "National Post, Nov. 28, 1963: 'It's been a tough week for the Oswald family.'") [66907, 66908, 66909, 66951]

At the daily White House press briefing, Obama lackey Josh Earnest avoids direct answers to questions the Judicial Watch lawsuit related to Operation Fast and Furious. He responds to Fox News' Ed Henry, "I'd refer you to the Department of Justice about this. ...I can tell you that it's the Department of Justice that can discuss those emails with you. What is clear is that this lawsuit that has been filed by Judicial Watch actually has nothing to do with the actual Fast and Furious operation, it has to do with emails and documents related to the operation. This is something that has been thoroughly investigated." (It has been so "thoroughly investigated" that the Obama administration has withheld "only" 15,662 documents.) [66832, 66849]

CDC director Tom Frieden appears before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) states, "We have the head of CDC, supposed to be the expert, and he's made statements that simply aren't true. Doctor, you can get Ebola sitting next to someone on a bus if they in fact throw up on you, can't you? That's reasonable." Registered nurse Deborah Burger responds, "The way you get Ebola is by exposure to body fluids, yes." Issa: "Okay, so when the head of the CDC says you can't get it with somebody on the bus next to you, that's just not true." [66843]

At the Pentagon, General Curtis Scaparrotti, commander of U.S. forces in South Korea, tells reporters that North Korea is capable of building a miniaturized nuclear warhead—which also means it is able to launch a nuclear missile. (North Korea has tested nuclear weapons on several occasions, but this is the first indication that it has the capability of launching one on a missile.) On October 22 Secretary of State John Kerry naively spoke of trying to get North Korea to agree to "denuclearization" talks. [66761, 66888, 66889, 66893]

Upon her arrival at Newark Liberty International Airport, a female health care worker from West Africa is quarantined because she has a fever. According to FoxNews.com, “A preliminary test for Ebola came back negative.” [66895]

A man named Luis Enrique Monroy Bracamonte (also known as Marcello Marquez and Julian Beltran) hijacks several cars in Northern California, leads police officers on a chase through two counties, and shoots and kills two sheriff’s deputies. LATimes.com reports that Bracamonte, “an undocumented immigrant, was deported in 1997 following his arrest and conviction in Arizona for possession of narcotics for sale, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He was arrested and repatriated to Mexico a second time in 2001.” Bracamonte’s wife, “38-year-old Janelle Marquez Monroy, who allegedly accompanied him for much of Friday’s six-hour rampage, was booked on attempted murder and carjacking charges.” Maricopa County, Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio states that Bracamonte/Markquez was jailed twice in his facility and twice turned over to ICE. Arpaio tells the Fox News Channel’s Neil Cavuto, the “history surrounding this one illegal alien exposes the inherent dishonesty and ineptitude surrounding the federal government approach to illegal immigration. ...I am calling for a congressional hearing to find out why illegal aliens arrested by my deputies and other police officers for often serious crimes are handed over to ICE, only to end up back in my jail, arrested again on more charges. Either ICE is letting these individuals go out the back door, free to commit more crimes, or is the border so open that even though they’re being deported they turn around and immediately return? ...Now this situation, which has always been intolerable, has resulted in tragedy, with two sheriff’s deputies dead and a third wounded. Now, maybe, I will get the answers I have been calling for month after month. Now, maybe, ICE and the federal government will be called to account for their actions.” [66897, 66927, 66931, 67000]

At NYPost.com Kyle Smith reports on a new book by investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson, *Stonewalled: My Fight for Truth Against the Forces of Obstruction, Intimidation, and Harassment in Obama’s Washington*. In the book, Attkisson “unloads on her colleagues in big-time TV news for their cowardice and cheerleading for the Obama administration while unmasking the corruption, misdirection and outright lying of today’s Washington political machine. ...Reporters on the ground aren’t necessarily ideological, Attkisson says, but the major network news decisions get made by a handful of New York execs who read the same papers and think the same thoughts. Often they dream up stories beforehand and turn the reporters into ‘casting agents,’ [who are] told ‘we need to find someone who will say...’ that a given policy is good or bad. ‘We’re asked to create a reality that fits their New York image of what they believe,’ she writes. Reporting on the many green-energy firms such as Solyndra that went belly-up after burning through hundreds of millions in Washington handouts, Attkisson ran into increasing difficulty getting her stories on the air. A colleague told her about the following exchange: ‘[The stories] are pretty significant,’ said a news exec. ‘Maybe we should be airing some of them on the ‘Evening News?’’ Replied the program’s chief Pat Shevlin, ‘What’s the matter, don’t you support green energy?’ Says Attkisson: That’s like saying you’re anti-medicine if you point out pharmaceutical company fraud. ...In mid-October 2012, with the presidential election coming up, Attkisson says CBS suddenly

lost interest in airing her reporting on the Benghazi attacks. ‘The light switch turns off,’ she writes. ‘Most of my Benghazi stories from that point on would be reported not on television, but on the Web.’” [66898, 66950, 66977, 66990, 67002, 67046, 67116]

Smith also notes that in her book Attkisson “says a source who arranged to have her laptop checked for spyware in 2013 was ‘shocked’ and ‘flabbergasted’ at [sic; by] what the analysis revealed. ‘This is outrageous. Worse than anything Nixon ever did. I wouldn’t have believed something like this could happen in the United States of America,’ Attkisson quotes the source saying. She speculates that the motive was to lay the groundwork for possible charges against her or her sources. Attkisson says the source, who’s ‘connected to government three-letter agencies,’ told her the computer was hacked into by ‘a sophisticated entity that used commercial, nonattributable spyware that’s proprietary to a government agency: either the CIA, FBI, the Defense Intelligence Agency or the National Security Agency.’ ...The spyware included programs that Attkisson says monitored her every keystroke and gave the snoops access to all her e-mails and the passwords to her financial accounts. ...But the most shocking finding, she says, was the discovery of three classified documents that [her source] told her were ‘buried deep in your operating system. In a place that, unless you’re a some kind of computer whiz specialist, you wouldn’t even know exists.’ ‘They probably planted them to be able to accuse you of having classified documents if they ever needed to do that at some point,’ [he] added.” [66898, 66950, 66977, 66990, 67002, 67046, 67116]

“When the White House didn’t like [Attkisson’s] reporting,” writes Smith, “it would make clear where the real power lay. A flack would send a blistering e-mail to her boss, David Rhodes, CBS News’ president—and Rhodes’s brother Ben, a top national security advisor to ...Obama. The administration, with the full cooperation of the media, has successfully turned ‘Benghazi’ into a word associated with nutters, like ‘Roswell’ or ‘grassy knoll,’ but Attkisson notes that ‘the truth is that most of the damaging information came from Obama administration insiders. From government documents. From sources who were outraged by their own government’s behavior and what they viewed as a coverup.’ ...Attkisson, who received an Emmy and the Edward R. Murrow award for her trailblazing work on the [Operation Fast and Furious] story, says she made top CBS brass ‘incensed’ when she appeared on Laura Ingraham’s radio show and mentioned that Obama administration officials called her up to literally scream at her while she was working the story. ...Attkisson left CBS News in frustration earlier this year. In the book she cites the complete loss of interest in investigative stories at ‘CBS Evening News’ under new host Scott Pelley and new executive producer Shevlin. ...When Attkisson had an exclusive, on-camera interview lined up with Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the YouTube filmmaker Hillary Clinton blamed for the Benghazi attacks, CBS News president Rhodes nixed the idea: ‘That’s kind of old news, isn’t it?’ he said.” [66898, 66950, 66977, 66990, 67002, 67046]

“...[Attkisson] says, though no one confronted her directly, a ‘whisper campaign’ began; ‘If I offered a story on pretty much any legitimate controversy involving government, instead of being considered a good journalistic watchdog, I was anti-Obama.’ Yet it was Attkisson who broke the story that the Bush administration had once run a gun-walking

program similar to Fast and Furious, called Wide Receiver. She did dozens of tough-minded stories on Bush's FDA, the TARP program and contractors such as Halliburton. ...After Pelley and Shevlin aired a report that wrongly tarnished reports by Attkisson (and Jonathan Karl of ABC News) on how the administration scrubbed its talking points of references to terrorism after Benghazi, and did so without mentioning that the author of some of the talking points, Ben Rhodes, was the brother of the president of CBS News, she says a colleague told her, '[CBS] is selling you down the river. They'll gladly sacrifice your reputation to save their own. If you don't stand up for yourself, nobody will.' After reading the book, you won't question whether CBS News or Attkisson is more trustworthy." [66898, 66950, 66977, 66990, 67002, 67046]

Kathryn Ruemmler, former White House counsel, asks that her name be withdrawn from consideration as Attorney General nominee. (The news is not surprising. If she were nominated by Obama, she would face questions about her participation in "screening" Operation Fast and Furious documents, resisting the release of Solyndra loan documents, involvement in developing Benghazi talking points, covering up the fact that the IRS was targeting conservative groups, and deciding there was no White House participation in the Secret Service prostitution incident. [842, p. 315; 6281, 6282, 66836, 66837]

In Illinois, Republican gubernatorial candidate Bruce Rauner leads Democrat governor Pat Quinn 45-43 in a *Chicago Tribune* poll. (Libertarian candidate Chad Grimm has 4 percent—partly because labor unions are helping to finance his campaign because they believe he will siphon votes from Rauner.) [66840, 66841]

In a Boston Globe poll, Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Baker leads Democrat Martha Coakley by nine points—in one of the most liberal states in the union. (Massachusetts is one of the few states where Obama's approval rating is above 50 percent; he is at 51 percent.) [66850, 67098, 67225, 67261]

The desperation of some Democrat candidates is displayed by State Senator Vincent Shaheen, who is trying to upset South Carolina's Republican governor, Nikki Haley. Shaheen tells a crowd, "[W]e're gonna [sic] escort whore out the door." He then smiles at his laughing audience and "corrects" himself: "We're gonna escort her out the door." (Shaheen's vulgar remark is reminiscent of the 2008 campaign, when Obama would scratch his face with his middle finger while mentioning the name Hillary Clinton during the primary or John McCain after the nominating conventions. Obama and everyone else knew what he was doing, but he could always say, "I was only scratching my face!" Similarly, Shaheen can say, "Well, it was a long day and I was tired and I misspoke.") [456, 842 p. 332; 853, 2049, 66852, 66882]

At CNBC.com Larry Kudlow writes, "The Republicans are going to recapture the Senate, picking up more seats than most any forecaster expects. And the House GOP is going to add to its majority. But then comes the big story: The beginning of a new conservative revolution. The idea that nothing much will change if the GOP captures the whole Congress is just plain wrong. The politics and policies in Washington are about to change in a major way. Obama may still be [in the White House]. But he is going to be

immediately confronted with a flood of new bills that will change the debate on tax reform, energy, health care, education, international trade, and regulations. ...Obama's head will spin with all the new paperwork on his desk. He may even have to cut back on his golf game. Of course, because of his left-wing ideology, Obama may veto everything. But if he does, he's setting up a new Republican agenda for the 2016 presidential race. Either Hillary Clinton completely jumps the Obama ship, or she's pulled way left by the Democratic party's Bill de Blasio/Elizabeth Warren/Sandinista wing. Either way, she's in trouble. And maybe some Senate Democrats vote to override Obama's vetoes, with some even converting to Republicanism. An Angus King [I-ME] or a Joe Manchin [D-WV] may cross the aisle after the likely midterm GOP landslide." Kudlow suggests, "The Republicans should start with energy by legislating a Keystone Pipeline Authorization Act (this is how the Alaska pipeline was approved in 1979), and include energy reforms that would open federal lands to development and drilling and remove all restrictions to energy exports. ...Second, would be a business tax-reform plan that would slash the corporate tax rate to 20 percent, stop the double taxation of foreign profits, and allow small business S-corps (including unborn start-ups, which are America's real job creators) to take advantage of the new lower corporate tax rate." [66933, 66936]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "A food cart that hands out anti-Israel propaganda with each of its sandwiches has received funding from a foundation run by Secretary of State John Kerry's wife. Conflict Kitchen, a pop-up restaurant located at the intersection of Carnegie Mellon University and Pittsburgh University, seeks to use food to educate locals and college students about countries that are allegedly in conflict with the United States. It recently began serving Palestinian food wrapped in leaflets that include quotes from Palestinians defending terrorism and opposing the existence of Israel. ...Conflict Kitchen is supported in part by the Heinz Endowment, which is chaired by Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry. A spokesman for the Heinz Endowment told the Washington Free Beacon that it gave Conflict Kitchen a \$50,000 grant last April to support its relocation to another site in Pittsburgh." [66846, 66847]

According to *The Denver Post*, "Election offices across the state have received 40,000 more ballots from Republican voters than Democrats in the 10 days since ballots were mailed to voters, a spread that far outpaces the advantage the GOP had in voter turnout at this time four years ago. As of Wednesday, the most recent day the Colorado secretary of state's office released ballot return data, 145,824 Republican voters had mailed back their ballots while 105,401 Democrats had done the same. More than 77,000 unaffiliated voters had also returned their completed ballots. In 2010, during the country's last midterm election, Republicans held a 10,000-count edge over Democrats—81,000 to 71,000 returned ballots—as of Oct. 20 of that year." [66922, 66923, 66957]

On *The Kelly File*, Democrat strategist Kirsten Powers is asked how, with Democrat candidates distancing themselves from Obama, Obama has insisted the elections are about his policies. Powers responds, "I've kind of given up trying to explain why he does some of the things he does because it doesn't make sense. Because I do think he understands what they're doing. The only thing that I can say is that I think he is simultaneously trying to get the voters out there who *do* like him, and there are voters out

there who do like him, African-American voters actually like ...Obama and he needs them to turn out for these candidates, and so it's this very fine line of them distancing but also making sure those Obama voters turn out." (Obama's problem is that the Internet's coverage of news stories means politicians can no longer get away with saying one thing to one crowd and another thing to another crowd. Obama cannot tell black voters to support the Democrat candidates because they support his policies, while the candidates themselves say they are not doing so, and expect that contradiction not to go unnoticed.) [66933]

On October 25 Egypt declares a state of emergency in the Sinai Peninsula in response to a jihadist suicide car bombing that kills Egyptian 30 soldiers. AFP reports that the October 24 bombing "was the deadliest attack on security forces since the army deposed Islamist president Mohamed Morsi last year, to the fury of his supporters. The state of emergency in the north and centre of the Sinai will remain in place for three months, the president's office said. ...Egypt also announced it would close the Rafah crossing into the Gaza Strip, the only entry to the Palestinian territory not controlled by Israel." FoxNews.com reports that the Egyptian government "has raised the idea of building an eight-mile barrier along its border with Gaza to deter Islamist terrorists from moving in and out of the Palestinian territory." [66956, 67008]

Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson writes at Twitter, "I asked CDC if those who work at companies contracted to handle Ebola waste have been background-checked to make sure they have no questionable background, could be likely to be bribed or have nefarious motives with access to the contagious waste. They didn't answer. Surely somebody has thought of these things... these really aren't hard questions. ...I asked CDC what is the plan to deal with situations that defeat the honor system, in other words, someone who might have bad judgment or would have an intent to harm? They didn't answer. Surely there's an idea of something we should or could be doing to protect ourselves in the unlikely event... And I know and hope it's very unlikely but should there be an outbreak in the US, since Ebola can be transmitted in meat, I asked CDC what are the plans for ensuring safe meat/food supply here, etc. and they didn't answer." [66877, 66878]

At a White House Correspondents Association symposium, Obama's claim of "the most transparent administration in history" is repeatedly mocked. ABC reporter Ann Compton says, "The distance between [Obama] and the press pool—it's as if we were all carrying the Ebola virus." [66978]

At the same event, USA Today Washington Bureau Chief Susan Page says, "This administration's been more restrictive and more challenging to the press—more dangerous to the press, really—than any administration in American history in terms of legal investigations, and so on, and I think access to the White House has just gotten worse and worse." Page also says she worries that the administration has set a new "floor" for future administrations to follow. (Whether most mainstream media journalists realize they allowed Obama's abuses to grow because of their pathetically weak and

unchallenging dealings with his administration is not clear.) [67006, 67007, 67050, 67085]

In a Fox News poll, 58 percent of those surveyed say they would vote against Obama's policies if they were on the ballot on November 4, up from 53 percent in the October 12-14 poll; 36 percent say they would vote for Obama's policies, down from 37 percent.

On Chicago's south side, a minister receives death threats, is forced to move his family, and his church is broken into and robbed of about \$8,000—because he is black and dared to endorse the Republican candidate for governor, Bruce Rauner. Pastor Corey Brooks provides Fox 32 with a recording of one of the five telephone threats: “You drink the white man's water, you kiss the white man's mouth, what did he pay you, \$100,000?” Another threat: “Watch your back fat [expletive]; we own you, you ain't got nobody that can stop us.” Brooks says, “[They say] They're going to kill me, they're going to gut me in front of my church, things like that; and they attacked Bruce as well, basically that they will kill him too [and] that we need to stay away from him.” [66942, 67070]

Some employees at Bellevue Hospital in New York City are calling in sick rather than be assigned to treat Ebola patient Dr. Craig Spencer. According to NYPost.com, “those who showed up were terrified to enter his isolation chamber...” One hospital source tells the *Post*, “The nurses on the floor are miserable with a ‘why me?’ attitude, scared to death and overworked because all their co-workers called out sick. One nurse even went as far as to pretend she was having a stroke to get out of working there, but once they cleared her in the ER they sent her back up.” [66895, 66896]

At WND.com F. Michael Maloof reports on the death of American journalist Serena Shim in Turkey. Shim “was a journalist for Iran's state-owned Press TV. She was killed in a car crash in the city of Suruc after she reportedly collided with a ‘heavy vehicle.’ She was in a rental car returning from her assignment when the crash occurred. Neither the ‘heavy vehicle’ nor its driver has been located, although her driver reportedly was arrested. Just days before her death, she had expressed concerns to colleagues and later on camera that she could be arrested by Turkish officials over her reporting. She disclosed that ISIS jihadists were being smuggled into Turkey and back into Syria in the back of humanitarian aid vehicles. Suruc was located near the Turkish-Syrian border where most of the international media are assembled to cover the Kobani siege by ISIS. ... ‘Just a couple of days ago she had been threatened by Turkish intelligence,’ Press TV stated. A few days prior to her death, Shim had spoken on camera of her fears of being arrested. She claimed Turkish intelligence agents had accused her of spying after her report of the alleged smuggling of ISIS militants.” (The suspicion is that the government of Turkey may have had Shim killed.) Obama has no comment. [66885]

YnetNews.com reports, “‘There is a crisis with the Americans and it needs to be addressed as a crisis,’ [Israeli] Finance Minister Yair Lapid said Saturday after ongoing tensions between Washington and Jerusalem led US officials to block Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon from meeting with senior administration officials during his current US visit. ‘We mustn't pretend there isn't a crisis,’ Lapid told a crowd in Tel Aviv Saturday.

'Our relations with the US are vital and everything that can be done must be done to end this crisis.' Earlier on Friday, Ynet revealed that the Obama administration refused the Israeli defense minister's request to meet with other top officials, including Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State John Kerry, and the National Security Advisor Susan Rice. Since then, reports have said the same officials tried to prevent Ya'alon from meeting with the US' UN ambassador Samantha Power—and when the two did meet, Ya'alon reportedly heard mostly of Power's objection to settlement construction." (The White House treatment of Ya'alon is no doubt in retaliation to his comments that "The American security plan presented to us is not worth the paper it's written on," Kerry's diplomatic efforts were "obsessive and messianic," and "The only thing that can 'save us [Israel]' is for John Kerry to win a Nobel Prize and leave us in peace." The petty Obama and Kerry—like Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett—obviously hold grudges for a *long* time: Ya'alon's comments were made in *January*.) [66890, 66891, 66910, 66911]

WorldBulletin.net reports, "Muslims in French prisons reach up to 60% claims France's UMP party deputy Guillaume Larrive. The conclusion drawn by Larrive in a report as part of an action plan 'against Islamist radicalisation in prison' This action plan is now likely to involve several hundred prisoners, Le Figaro reported. The report estimates that 60% of the prison population in France, that is to say 40,000 prisoners, can be considered Muslim, 'culturally or originally.'" [66947, 66948, 66949]

Obama plays golf at Fort Belvoir. [66925]

In a debate in New Hampshire, Senate Jeanne Shaheen is asked if she'd like Obama to visit the state to campaign for her. She replies, "He's very busy." (Some claim that Obama has been afraid to visit New Hampshire ever since he learned the state's motto is "Live Free or Die.") [66924]

NBC's *Saturday Night Live* skewers Obama over the Ebola issue and his choice of Ron Klain as his Ebola czar. An actor portraying Obama says, "As you know, just two days ago another American, this time a doctor in New York was diagnosed with Ebola. Now, some people want to criticize the way our administration has handled this crisis, and it's true we made a few mistakes early on. But, I assure you, it was nowhere near as bad as how we handled the ISIS situation. I mean, our various Secret Service mishaps, or the scandals of the IRS and NSA. And I don't know if you guys remember, but the Obamacare website had some pretty serious problems too. In fact, if you look at all the stuff that's happened in my second term, this whole Ebola thing is probably one of my greatest accomplishments." [66932, 66935, 66982]

On October 26 the Boston Globe endorses Republican candidate for governor Charlie Baker, over Democrat Martha Coakley. [66983, 66984]

Townhall.com's Debra J. Saunders reports on an absurd ordinance in San Francisco that forces landlords to pay tenants a penalty if they need to be evicted (such as when the landlord chooses to sell the property, or simply decides he wants to live in the rental unit himself). The payment essentially compensates tenants enough to rent a comparable

apartment or house “for two years at market rates.” With rents as high as they are in San Francisco, a “typical case” would involve a payout of \$45,000. (Whether such regulations will finally persuade some residents of the city to vote Republican instead of Democrat remains to be seen. Tenants no doubt love the regulation, while landlords hate it. Of course, the eventual impact of the regulation will be to drive rents even higher. If, for example, a tenant dies, the landlord may be better off leaving the apartment vacant than run the risk of having to pay the penalty to a future tenant. Fewer units will then be available, this making the remaining apartments even more rare—and expensive.) [66919]

At DailySignal.com Stephen Moore writes, “There are many global reasons why gas prices are falling, but the major one isn’t being widely reported. America has become in the last several years an energy-producing powerhouse. And sorry, Mr. [Obama], I’m not talking about the niche ‘green energy’ sources you are so weirdly fixated with. Oil prices are falling because of changes in world supply and world demand. Demand has slowed because Europe is an economic wreck. But since 2008 the U.S. has increased our domestic supply by a gigantic 50 percent. This is a result of the astounding shale oil and gas revolution made possible by made-in-America technologies like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling. Already thanks to these inventions, the U.S. has become the number one producer of natural gas. But oil production in states like Oklahoma, Texas and North Dakota has doubled in just six years. Without this energy blitz, the U.S. economy would barely have recovered from the recession of 2008-09. From the beginning of 2008 through the end of 2013 the oil and gas extraction industry created more than 100,000 jobs while the overall job market shrank by 970,000. When the radical greens carry around signs saying ‘No to Fracking,’ they couldn’t be promoting a more anti-America message. It would be like Nebraska not growing corn. We are just skimming the surface of our super-abundant oil and gas resources. New fields have been discovered in Texas and North Dakota that could contain hundreds of years of shale oil and gas supplies.” [67317]

Newsmax.com reports, “In the 2014 Survey of America’s Physicians conducted on behalf of The Physicians Foundation, 24.7 percent of respondents gave Obamacare an F, and 21.1 percent gave it a D, for a total of 45.8 percent grading it poorly. Just 3.7 thought it deserved an A grade, while 21.7 percent gave it a B and 28.8 percent a C. ...Jeffrey A. Singer, who practices general surgery in Arizona and is an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, says a major reason that Obamacare is unpopular with many doctors is that it has disrupted patients' relationships with their physicians. Many of his patients saw their insurance plans canceled because they didn't meet Obamacare’s minimum requirements, and they had to move into new plans that did not include Singer in their network. ...Other pertinent findings of the Physicians Foundation survey include: Physicians now spend 20 percent of their time on non-clinical paperwork. 81 percent describe themselves as overextended or at full capacity. 72 percent believe there is a physician shortage. 29 percent would not choose medicine if they had their careers to do over, but 50 percent would recommend medicine as a career to their children or other young people. 25 percent of doctors do not see Medicare patients or limit the number of Medicare patients they see, while 38 percent deal with Medicaid patients that way. 39 percent of physicians

say they will accelerate their retirement plans due to changes in the healthcare system.” [66926]

WSJ.com reports, “Republicans have expanded their advantage in the final days of the midterm campaign and now hold an 11-point lead among likely voters on the question of which party should control Congress, a new Wall Street Journal/NBC News/Annenberg survey finds. Some 52% of likely voters in the survey said they wanted the election to produce a Republican-led Congress, while 41% favored Democratic control. A week earlier, Republicans had held a narrower, 5-point lead on the question in the Journal/NBC/Annenberg survey. ...By historical measures, an 11-point lead on the question of which party should control Congress is large. Republicans held a seven-point lead on the question at this point in the 2010 election in a Journal/NBC survey, which used a different method to determine which voters were most likely to cast ballots.” (A CNN poll shows Democrats with a one-point lead, rather than a Republican 11-point lead, but the poll is arguably skewed because it surveyed 10 percent more Democrats than Republicans—and virtually no one believes there will be a massive Democrat turnout on November 4. Townhall.com notes, “[T]he 2012 electorate was D+6 in 2012, and D+0 in 2010.” It will most certainly not be D+10 in 2014.) [66934, 66967]

On *Meet the Press*, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) states that if the Democrats retain control of the Senate in the mid-term elections, “I say that Harry Reid [D-NV] will run for majority leader and he will win with an overwhelming—probably very close to a majority vote.” [66937]

Also on *Meet the Press*, Sophie Delaunay, executive director for Doctors Without Borders, says, “We are very much concerned about this situation in West Africa where the outbreak is still out of control, and quarantine measures or coercive measures against aid workers could give a superfluous sense of security, while the most important [thing] is to tackle the epidemic at its source there. ...[W]e are totally confused about these [quarantine] orders [by several states] because we have put in place over the past few months protocols that are based on well-known medical science and accepted [sic], and these protocols have been strictly followed by our staff. They consist of self-monitoring, very strict self-monitoring. We ask our volunteers coming back from West Africa to monitor their temperature twice a day during 21 days, to continue their malaria prophylaxis in order to avoid that there would be a confusion between malaria symptoms and Ebola, which can be similar. And more importantly, we recommend that they report the symptoms as soon as they realize that they exist, and this is, actually, the protocol that our colleague Craig has strictly followed this week.” (Craig lied when he initially claimed that he had not left his apartment. After questioning by police, he admitted he had left the building, gone jogging, used mass transit, went to two bowling alleys, and ate at a restaurant. Most Americans would expect that “following protocol” does not include lying to authorities.) [67048]

On CNN’s State of the Union, Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-CA) dodges the question of whether Obama’s policies are on the ballot, as he himself as claimed, saying, “This election is about making sure that we elect a congress that will

focus on the priorities that people care about the most, and that's creating jobs, getting this economy turned around, investing in education and health care, making sure that we can focus on a foreign policy that keeps people safe from harm..." After being pressed with the question several more times, she replies, "So what's on the ballot is a choice for voters between Democrats who are running for Congress, and I'm one of them, that's [sic; who is] running for Congress that's [sic; who is] focused on creating jobs, on making sure that we can help people reach the middle class, by focusing on investing in education and health care, and infrastructure and the choice between Republican candidates who support a Tea Party agenda..." After still more calls for her to answer the question, Wasserman Schultz says, "Jobs and economy are on the ballot..." [66938, 66986]

Also on State of the Union, Candy Crowley asks Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) for her reaction to the rumor that Michelle Obama may want to run for her Senate seat if she retires in 2018. Feinstein replies, "I'm flattered, if that should be true. Somehow I do not believe it is true, but I would be flattered if it were." (Feinstein does not explain why she would be "flattered." The comment is nonsensical.) [67022]

On *Fox News Sunday*, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie defends his state's quarantine rules for airport arrivals of people coming from Ebola areas in West Africa. Christie says, "I think the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] eventually will come around to our point of view on this. I don't believe when you're dealing with something as serious as this that we can count on a voluntary system. This is government's job. If anything else, the government job is to protect safety and health of our citizens. And so, we've taken this action and I absolutely have no second thoughts about it. ...I think this is a policy that will become a national policy sooner rather than later." (Within two days—and after pressure from the White House—Cuomo revises his state's policy to allow people to self-quarantine at home as long as they show no symptoms of Ebola. Whether Cuomo considers going bowling part of a self-quarantine regimen is not clear.) [69772, 66985]

On *Media Buzz*, veteran journalist Bob Woodward says, "It is a reality now in my view that in the Obama administration, there are lots of unanswered questions about the IRS [conservative-targeting scandal], particularly. If I were [a] young [reporter], I would take Carl Bernstein and move to Cincinnati where that IRS office is and set up headquarters and go talk to everyone. Now, there's been political spin put on it by lots of people, including Fox News, including the White House. [The] Question is, what are the facts? What really happened?" (Setting up headquarters next door to Lois Lerner might also make some sense.) [66939, 66940]

NBC's *Meet the Press*, CBS's *Face the Nation*, and ABC's *This Week* all neglect to even mention Hillary Clinton's absurd statement that corporations and businesses do not create jobs. [66981]

FreeBeacon.com notes that "Texas Governor Rick Perry and professional public speaker Hillary Clinton both held rallies in North Carolina over the past few days for their

respective party's Senate candidate in what is shaping up to be a close race that has already attracted its fair share of 2016 contenders. Embarrassingly for Clinton, the crowd she drew at a Kay Hagan rally in Charlotte (population 800,000) was less than half the size of what Perry was able to attract in Smithfield (population 12,000) in support of Thom Tillis." [66941]

According to CrowsNestPolitics.com, Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) leads his Republican challenger, retired Marine Colonel Allen Weh, 48-44 percent in a new "in-depth poll." (If the poll is accurate, Weh has made a massive improvement in his position.) [67004, 67005]

FoxNews.com reports, "The four hostages known to have been beheaded earlier this year by the Islamic State militant group in Syria suffered severe physical torture before their deaths, according to a published report. The New York Times says that hostages were severely beaten, starved, underwent mock executions, and were even waterboarded by their captors. The paper reports that the American and British hostages, including beheaded journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff and aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning were singled out for the worst torture, largely because Washington and London have refused to pay the ransoms provided by other Western governments. The Times claims that the waterboarding was so dreaded by the hostages that their fellow prisoners were relieved if they came back from an encounter with their guards covered in blood." [66943]

Canada' RCMP states it "has identified persuasive evidence that Michael Zehaf-Bibeau's attack was driven by ideological and political motives. Zehaf-Bibeau had prepared a video recording of himself just prior to conducting this attack. The RCMP is conducting a detailed analysis of the video for evidence and intelligence. You must understand that we cannot release this video at this time and I would ask for your patience in this regard." (Pamela Geller writes, "I would like to understand how the Royal Canadian Mounties and the police work with 'violent extremists.' Did these mosques have programs against jihadist doctrine and recruitment? No. If law enforcement had even cursory knowledge of Islam, they would have known, for example, that that Ahmad Rouleau, was engaging in 'taqiyya' (deception to advance Islam) when he told the police he 'wanted to change his ways' at their last 'intervention.' 'We did not have any indication, none whatsoever, of his intention to commit a crime in Canada,' said [a police superintendent named] Fontaine. 'If we did, we would have arrested him.' He was not monitored after that [and ran over two police officers with his vehicle on October 20.) [66945, 66946]

Obama administration officials criticize New York and New Jersey for authorizing quarantines for person arriving from Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea. One tells *The New York Times*, "The big picture decision was made in the absence of any deep thinking about what implementing the policy would entail." According to the *Times*, nurse Kaci Hickox, who is under quarantine in a New Jersey hospital, has hired civil rights lawyer Norma Siegel to challenge that action. Hickox states, "The policy infringes on Kaci Hickox's constitutional liberty interests. The policy is overly broad as applied to Ms.

Hickox and we are preparing to challenge it on her behalf.” (Polls show Americans overwhelmingly support quarantine policies.) [66971]

At a House hearing, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) questions Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary Dr. Nicole Lurie—whose job is to prepare the nation for disease outbreaks and “plan for the unthinkable.” Gowdy asks, “...[W]hy in the world [Obama] picked a dadgum lawyer to head the Ebola crisis instead of someone with your vast and varied background.” Lurie replies, “So right now I have a full-time job doing my job in the Department of Health and Human Services, but I really appreciate the vote of confidence and I have a lot of confidence in Mr. Klain.” Gowdy says, “The next time there’s an opening on the Supreme Court, I want you to see whether or not [Obama] considers a doctor or a dentist for that job, and we actually are about to have a vacancy for our attorney general and I want you to consider or be mindful of whether or not he considers maybe like a tattoo artist to be our next attorney general.” [67024]

At Politico, Michael Hirsh writes of the Obama administration’s “bumbling” on national security issues. As an example, when Obama announced in September that the United States would “lead a broad coalition to roll back this terrorist threat,” “the White House failed to consult with the Pentagon—which would be doing most of the rolling back—on the timing or details of the announcement. According to multiple sources, behind the scenes a few things went badly awry in the launch of Obama’s new policy. First, the Pentagon was surprised by [Obama’s] timing, according to a senior defense official. ‘We didn’t know it was going to be in the speech,’ he said, referring to Obama’s Sept. 10 address to the nation. Second, the White House neglected to give Pentagon lawyers a chance to revise and approve the proposed legislative language before it went to [Congress], which is considered standard practice. Staffers working for Rep. Buck McKeon, the Republican chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said they were appalled by what they saw: language so sloppy that it failed to mention adequate protections against so-called ‘green-on-blue’ attacks by trainees on American troops, and effectively left the Defense Department liable for funding the mission against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)—even though [Obama] was telling members of Congress he didn’t need money for this new mission, since the Saudis were putting it up. ‘What came over would have not have been a mission the DoD [Department of Defense] could have executed,’ says a senior Republican committee staffer. ...But it’s clear the finger-pointing between the White House and Pentagon reflects no mere technicality. Both examples cited to me by well-placed sources close to the Defense Department offer new evidence of a criticism that has dogged this administration for most of its six and a half years: that Barack Obama’s White House is so insular and tightly controlled it often avoids ‘outside’ consultation—including with its own cabinet secretaries and agencies.” [66993, 67043]

Hirsh continues, “...Despite an NSC [National Security Council] staff that’s grown from 50 under George H.W. Bush to more than 300 under Obama—in part because White House support and Homeland Security staffs have been folded into the NSC—‘there is a sense that the NSC is run a little like beehive ball soccer, where everyone storms to wherever the ball is moving around the field,’ according to another recently departed

senior administration official. ‘They are managing by crisis rather than strategy... It’s Syria one day, Iraq the next, North Korea the next, and so on. The NSC is finding multitasking very hard these days.’” (It is clear that Obama and Valerie Jarrett and a few other White House insiders make decisions without thinking them through and without even bothering to consult with the people who will be charged with implementing those decisions. According to *The Washington Post*, Obama announced his “Dreamers” amnesty policy in 2012 *without first bothering to meet with then-Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano*. That is tantamount to the president of General Motors announcing a new vehicle line-up without first discussing it with the stylists and engineers who will have to design and build the cars.) [66993, 67043]

During a debate with challenger Scott Brown, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) is booed when she interrupts Brown’s closing remarks to charge that he is funded by the Koch brothers. Audience members yell “Rude!” Clearly, the audience is signaling not only their criticism of Shaheen’s behavior, but the worn-out Democrat reliance on those charges. (Meanwhile, according to DailyCaller.com, Charles Koch’s and David Koch’s Koch Industries “has given a ‘major grant’ to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to improve the effectiveness of public defenders and to provide scholarships and training for lawyers that can represent poor people charged with crimes like the kind of petty drug offenses that the Kochs have long tried to decriminalize.”) [66973, 66974]

With 51.6 percent of the vote, Brazil’s socialist, lesbian president, Dilma Rousseff wins a run-off election to give her another four years in power. [66979]

October 27 marks the 50th anniversary of Ronald Reagan’s “A Time for Choosing” speech—a speech Obama no doubt has never read or heard. Reagan said if we lose our freedoms, “History will record with the greatest astonishment that those who had the most to lose did the least to prevent its happening. Well I think it’s time we ask ourselves if we still know the freedoms that were intended for us by the Founding Fathers. Not too long ago, two friends of mine were talking to a Cuban refugee, a businessman who had escaped from Castro, and in the midst of his story one of my friends turned to the other and said, ‘We don’t know how lucky we are.’ And the Cuban stopped and said, ‘How lucky you are? I had someplace to escape to.’ And in that sentence he told us the entire story. If we lose freedom here, there’s no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth. ... You and I are told increasingly we have to choose between a left or right. Well I’d like to suggest there is no such thing as a left or right. There’s only an up or down—up, man’s old, old-aged dream, the ultimate in individual freedom consistent with law and order, or down to the ant heap of totalitarianism. And regardless of their sincerity, their humanitarian motives, those who would trade our freedom for security have embarked on this downward course. ... No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. So governments’ programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we’ll ever see on this earth.” [67028, 67029, 67030]

“...Those who would trade our freedom for the soup kitchen of the welfare state have told us they have a utopian solution of peace without victory. They call their policy ‘accommodation.’ And they say if we’ll only avoid any direct confrontation with the enemy, he’ll forget his evil ways and learn to love us. All who oppose them are indicted as warmongers. They say we offer simple answers to complex problems. Well, perhaps there is a simple answer—not an easy answer—but simple: If you and I have the courage to tell our elected officials that we want our national policy based on what we know in our hearts is morally right. ... You and I know and do not believe that life is so dear and peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery. If nothing in life is worth dying for, when did this begin—just in the face of this enemy [communism]? Or should Moses have told the children of Israel to live in slavery under the pharaohs? Should Christ have refused the cross? Should the patriots at Concord Bridge have thrown down their guns and refused to fire the shot heard ’round the world? The martyrs of history were not fools, and our honored dead who gave their lives to stop the advance of the Nazis didn’t die in vain. Where, then, is the road to peace? Well it’s a simple answer after all. You and I have the courage to say to our enemies, ‘There is a price we will not pay.’ ‘There is a point beyond which they must not advance.’ ... You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We’ll preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we’ll sentence them to take the last step into a thousand years of darkness.” [67028, 67029, 67030]

The DC Muslim Caucus in the nation’s capital releases a list of (Democrat) candidate endorsements. The press release states, “According to Islamic tenets, Muslims participating in democratic elections are obligated to vote as a bloc based upon a consensus of the Muslim community.” (In other words, Muslims are not allowed as they see fit. They must all vote the same way, as instructed by their leaders. It is worth noting that although the Obama administration does not like Christian priests and ministers preaching politics from their pulpits on Sunday, the odds of it criticizing the DC Muslim Caucus for telling all Muslims how to vote is zero.) [67403, 67404, 67405]

New federal Ebola guidelines go into effect. According to *The New York Times*, “Under that new policy, any traveler returning from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea will be required to report their temperatures to their local health authorities. They will also be required to give health officials the names and addresses of their relatives and where they will be staying in the three weeks after they arrive, the approximate amount of time the disease takes to incubate.” [66971]

The U.S. Army begins quarantining personnel returning from Ebola-stricken countries. FoxNews.com reports, “So far, the Army is the only military branch to take the step of ordering mandatory quarantines. In a decision Fox News confirms was made by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno, the Department of the Army has issued guidelines ordering troops returning from West Africa into a 21-day isolation, separated from their families and other troops. Currently, a team that consists of Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and 11 other troops is being held in isolation in a building at their base in Vicenza, Italy, after returning from Liberia.” The Army’s action is in conflict with the Obama administration’s belief that travelers need not be quarantined. Asked about the

inconsistency, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “We will let the Department of Defense make an announcement. ... We’re going to let science drive that process.” [67044, 67045, 67162]

New Jersey officials allow Ebola nurse Kaci Hickox to leave quarantine and return home to Maine because she has been symptom-free for 24 hours. (In other words, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie caved in to pressure from the White House.) [66989]

DailyCaller.com reports that Hickox “is a Centers For Disease Control and Prevention employee... The lawyer who helped earn her release [Norman Siegel] is a recent White House state dinner guest. ... Siegel is the former director of the New York affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Siegel previously partnered with Al Sharpton to fight against a New York state proposal to keep a DNA database of felons.” [67026]

According to a national Rasmussen poll, “86% of Likely U.S. Voters now consider radical Islamic terrorism a threat to the United States. That’s up 11 points from January.” [66962, 66963]

Denver radio talk show host Peter Boyles (710 KNUS) interviews Canadian author Mark Steyn, who says, “Oddly enough, as a condition of my presence in this country [the United States], I did have to provide my long-form birth certificate... I don’t know whether I’m ready to go ‘full birther’ but I think it’s slightly odd that... if I want to come to the United States I have to provide a long-form birth certificate but if I want to run for president, any old photocopy from Kinko’s will do. ... What if find odd is when people present it [doubts about Obama’s background and birth certificate] as a crazy conspiracy—I don’t think it is crazy. It’s the sort of thing that could happen very easily and if you’re audacious enough and you had the cooperation of a relatively small number of people you could do it [fake your background and a birth certificate] very easily. ... Anyone who thinks it would be difficult to obtain a fake Hawaiian certificate of live birth is someone who just doesn’t know how these things work. ... The fascinating thing about Obama is that he’s a man with this mutable biography that is just whatever happens [to be needed] at the moment. So, for example, ... for over 15 years his publicist found it convenient to promote him as a man born—in his official biography—as a man born in Kenya. ... He’s this man from out of nowhere, invented an identity that he thought was rather cool, and stepped into it. But it was essentially something he created for himself, this identity, relatively late in life, in his early thirties. ... And people who are fascinated by some friend of a friend of a friend of somebody who Bristol Palin dated for 20 minutes in grade nine paid no interest whatsoever ... in the great inconsistencies and gaps in the Obama narrative.” [66998, 67003]

Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) states, “We’ve had hearings on the subject of the security or lack of security with the ObamaCare website and what we’ve discovered is that it seems to be easy to be hacked, the security is not secure.” [67001]

WatchDog.org reports that some Diebold brand voting machines in Maryland are automatically switching some Republican votes to Democrat votes. “Joe Torre, election

director in Anne Arundel [County], called it a ‘calibration issue’ involving a single machine.” (Cook County, Illinois officials have also used the “calibration” explanation for irregularities with their machines. Whether the “calibration issues” ever switch Democrat votes to Republican votes is not known.) [66964, 66965, 67063]

In an example of political correctness run amok in Great Britain, JihadWatch.org reports that a memorial to Lee Rigby, the British soldier beheaded by a Muslim terrorist in the streets of London, will not include his name because it would attract “undesirable interest from extremists.” (Pamela Geller writes, “Call me old fashioned but isn’t a memorial—by its very *definition*—supposed to remember a person or event? How can you have a memorial without naming the person or event? Such cowardice and prostration before jihadists is depraved and shocking. This young man was beheaded by a devout Muslim in broad daylight on a public street outside of London, but he will go unnamed. If you recall, the British authorities banned Robert Spencer and me from entering the UK when we were scheduled to leave a wreath at the site of Rigby’s murder. The Brits were afraid the Muslims would riot. Further down the rabbit hole goes a once great nation. Keep digging, England.”) [67012, 67013, 67096]

Also in England, after 75-year-old retiree Paul Griffith is asked to remove his shoes at Stansted Airport, he comments to the security guard, “I am not Muslim, am I?” Although the man does remove his shoes, his remark prompts the guard to call the police—who charge him with causing “racially or religiously aggravated harassment, alarm or distress.” [67014]

At the daily White House press briefing, it becomes increasingly clear that some reporters are getting tired of administration incompetence. Press secretary Josh Earnest is asked by one reporter, “Let’s take the case of the Pentagon. You talked about how the administration has been aware and has acted on the Ebola outbreak since March. And then shouldn’t these, shouldn’t a [quarantine] policy [already] have been in place when you decided to send troops to West Africa? Shouldn’t [the administration have decided] how you are going to treat those returning troops in a matter of a protocol *then*, rather than to what appears to be being made up on the fly as we go?” After a few minutes of dodging and spin by Earnest, Reuters’ Roberta Rampton asks, “So is the White House concerned that the decision made by one commanding officer... is sending a mixed message to people about the needs for these kinds of [Ebola quarantine] policies?” After more spin from Earnest, Rampton asks, “I’m confused though because we have known about this outbreak for some time and we are going to hear, as you say, from CDC later today guidelines and protocols for returning medical workers which, we know they were there. Why haven’t—and the Pentagon too in the case of these people who are being held or sort of semi-quarantined in Italy. Why weren’t these kinds of decisions made earlier?” Earnest responds, “Well, Roberta, I think what this reflects is a commitment by this administration to regularly review the guidelines that are in place to make sure that they, um, that they reflect what’s necessary to protect the American people...” [67039]

Newsmax.com reports that Obama “will launch a series of executive actions on Monday to strengthen U.S. advanced manufacturing, including a \$300 million investment in three

technologies considered crucial to the country's industrial competitiveness. ...The White House said NASA and the departments of Defense, Energy and Agriculture would invest more than \$300 million in the emerging technologies of advanced materials including composites and bio-based materials, advanced sensors for manufacturing, and digital manufacturing.” (Where the \$300 million will come from is not explained.) [66976]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Things appear to be tightening in Maryland, where a poll leaked to The Daily Caller shows the gubernatorial race is ‘extremely close—only 2 points, 46 to 44, separate Democratic Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown and Republican small businessman Larry Hogan.’ ...[L]et’s assume for a minute this survey is accurate. [It appears to be an outlier, but was conducted by a reputable firm.] This would represent a nine point swing from a week ago, when, according to the RealClearPolitics poll average, Hogan was down by 11 points. How could this be possible? I mean, what has happened in the last week? For one thing, ...Obama—not welcome on the trail in red states—campaigning for Brown in Maryland, where crowds began streaming out during his speech, leaving empty bleachers behind. Could it be that ...Obama is such a drag on Democrats that he even hurts them in ...*Maryland*?” (The largest city in Maryland is Baltimore, which has a majority black population—63.7 percent in the 2010 census. If Hogan wins, it will because many blacks did not bother voting.) [66991, 66992]

A Rasmussen poll shows Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO) with a 51-45 percent lead over Senator Mark Udall (D-CO). [67015]

Gardner may need every vote he can get, to compensate for vote fraud. DailyCaller.com reports, “The Colorado secretary of state is investigating allegations that some Boulder County Republican election judges are actually Democrats in disguise. Boulder County GOP Chairwoman Ellyn Hilliard initially raised the alarm when visiting polling locations where she didn’t recognize some of the GOP judges who are tasked with comparing voter signatures on mail ballots to protect against vote fraud. She became alarmed when she noticed some ballots whose signatures clearly didn’t match those on file for the voter being accepted. Deputy Secretary of State Suzanne Staiert began investigating and confirmed to the Daily Camera that she found ‘some troubling inconsistencies with some election judges.’ ‘One of them was a Democrat who had changed party affiliation on Oct. 10...’” Hilliard “cited instances in which she said she saw judges accept ballots with signatures that clearly did not match those on file for the voter.” (The scheme is simple: A registered Democrat changes his or her registration to Republican, volunteers to be an election judge, and then intentionally fails to question inconsistent signatures—which would come up, for example, if someone votes using the name of a person who recently died. Across the country, political operatives routinely rely on newspaper obituary columns to get the names of voters who have recently died.) [67151]

Attorney General Eric Holder tells *The Washington Post* he is angry that there have been leaks about the grand jury which is considering whether to indict Ferguson, Missouri police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting of convenience store robber Michael Brown. Holder says, “This notion of leaking out selective information, which started as

early as release of that tape... [at] the convenience store [that showed Brown robbing it and abusing the owner]. And then these leaks about what happened in the [police] car. These are all the kinds of things that I think are inappropriate. I've said I'm exasperated. That's a nice way of saying it. I'm mad. ...I think that somebody, these leakers, have made the determination that they're trying to somehow shape public opinion about this case. And that's inconsistent with the way in which we conduct investigations, and especially grand jury investigations which are supposed to be secret." (The remark is laughable, considering that Holder traveled to Ferguson to meet with the parents of Michael Brown to tell them he was seeking justice for him. Holder did not meet with Wilson and has said nothing about whether he is entitled to justice. In fact, Holder states that he sees a "need for wholesale change" in the Ferguson police department—which suggests he has already made up *his* mind about the case. The hypocritical Holder believes he can "shape public opinion," but wants no one else doing the same thing.) [67152, 67191, 67216]

A New England College poll shows Republican challenger Scott Brown leading Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) 48.3 to 46.8 percent. Republican challenger Frank Guinta leads Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH) by six points, while in another district Republican challenger Marilinda Garcia trails Congresswoman Ann Kuster (D-NH) by seven points. [67051]

According to a WashingtonPost/ABC poll conducted October 23-26, 68 percent of those surveyed say the country is on the "wrong track." Only 28 percent believe the economy is getting better; 40 percent say it is about the same; 31 percent say it is getting worse. Only one percent say the economy is excellent; 26 percent call it excellent; 44 percent not so good; and 28 percent poor. [67150]

Politico reports, "Nervous that Democrats could lose control of the Senate, the White House is already discussing how to cut deals with a Republican majority" by focusing on Republican Senators who may face tough reelection battles in 2016 and may therefore want to appear to be cooperative rather than confrontational. [66996]

OurAmericaAction.com releases a powerful ad by Louisiana State Senator Elbert Guillory (who is black) urging North Carolina blacks to vote against Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC). Guillory says, "In 2008, 95 percent of black folk in North Carolina voted for Kay Hagan. Democrats have created the illusion that they are the salvation of the black community. But who among us have they saved? In North Carolina the poverty rate for blacks has risen to 34 percent. You see, black people are just being used... by limousine liberals who have become our new overseers. We've only traded one plantation for another. You are not Kay Hagan's cause, and you're certainly not her charity. You are just a vote. She has stepped off your backs to fame and fortune and left you behind, on food stamps, deprived of the American dream. Fifty years of this so-called 'Great Society' has nearly destroyed the black community, but now we have a chance to return the favor. It has come time to send Kay Hagan home." [67041, 67042]

Meanwhile, Rebel Pundit posts a video featuring black activists in Chicago—all of whom are ex-convicts—who argue that the oppressors of blacks are black Democrats. Paul McKinley says, “They always talk about black on black crime, and when you here the words black on black crime, the first thing you think of is a black man robbing you or a black man breaking into your house, and that is a black on black crime. But lets take it one step further. There’s a black on black crime down in city hall, there’s a black on black crime down in all the state capitols in America, where all the black folks are voting against our interests. ... We’re always talking about what the Republican’s ain’t done for us, but my life has been hurt by democrats.” Mark Carter says, “They [black Democrat leaders] forced us into a life of welfare. We don’t welfare. We want opportunities to go to work, we want opportunities to own businesses.” Harold Ward says, “Everywhere you go, there is poverty in black areas. It’s the same way in every black community across the country. ... How can the same process happen over and over again, and can’t nobody do nothing about it [sic]?” [67054, 67105, 67117, 67271]

Hillary Clinton tries to “clarify” her bizarre statement that corporations and businesses do not create jobs with a statement at a campaign event for Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY): “So-called trickle-down economics has failed. I short-handed this point the other day, so let me be absolutely clear about what I’ve been saying for a couple of decades: Our economy grows when businesses and entrepreneurs create good-paying jobs here in an America where workers and families are empowered to build from the bottom up and the middle out—not when we hand out tax breaks for corporations that outsource jobs or stash their profits overseas.” (Clinton may as well have said, “Bakeries do not sell cakes,” and then “corrected” herself by saying, “What I meant was that a cake baked at home is much better than a cake purchased from a bakery.” That saying corporations and businesses do not create jobs is somehow “shorthand” for “corporations should not be given tax breaks” is preposterous. Arguably, corporations create *more* jobs when given tax breaks because reduced taxes leave more money available for expanding the business. Additionally, one can hardly claim a remark was “shorthand” when it was read from a prepared speech. But if Clinton was not reading from prepared text and was “winging it,” her remark certainly suggests she cannot be trusted with the presidency. The nation has already had six years of someone who can’t speak without a teleprompter—and often makes no sense when he uses one.) [66994, 66995, 67023, 67040]

Kenneth Palinkas, president of the National Citizenship and Immigration Services Council—the union that represents 12,000 employees of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service—urges members to oppose Obama’s immigration policies with their votes on November 4: “Let your voice be heard and spread the word to your neighbors... [we] are pleading for your help—don’t let this [executive order amnesty] happen. ... Whether it’s the failure to uphold the public charge laws, the abuse of our asylum procedures, the admission of Islamist radicals, or visas for health risks, the taxpayers are being fleeced and public safety is being endangered on a daily basis. This situation is about to get exponentially worse—and more dangerous... [because Obama’s] massive unilateral amnesty is slated to be issued after the November 2014 elections.” DailyCaller.com reports, “Palinkas said the bureaucracy isn’t allowed to properly check

the bona fides of the 1 million legal immigrants who enter each year. ‘It is our job to ensure that terrorists, diseases, criminals, public charges, and other undesirable groups are kept out of the United States. Unfortunately, we have been blocked in our efforts to accomplish this mission and denied the professional resources, mission support, and authorities we urgently need,’ he said.” [67025, 67049, 67107]

On ABC’s *World News Tonight*, anchor David Muir finally mentions the coming mid-term elections. (According to the Media Research Center, “It had been 137 days since the ABC evening newscast had made any mention of the 2014 midterms. The last story on the campaign occurred on June 11... In stunning contrast to the single election story the evening show ran from September 1 to October 27 in 2014, during that same time period in 2006, ABC’s *World News Tonight* provided 51 midterm stories. That included 27 full reports on the topic and 24 reports mentioning the campaign. As a recent Media Research Center study concluded, when the prospects of a Democratic electoral wave were high in 2006, the networks provided wall-to-wall coverage. However, with Republicans seemingly poised to make big gains in 2014, the networks suddenly lost interest in politics.”) [67112]

On *Special Report*, the panel discusses Hillary Clinton’s claim that corporations and businesses do not create jobs. *The Washington Post*’s Charles Lane quips, “I thought NBC created a job for Chelsea, so that’s at least one corporation that has created a job.” Columnist Charles Krauthammer comments, “Well, sort of the guru of this kind of argument is [Senator] Elizabeth Warren [D-MA], who is very articulate in saying that the government is instrumental, society is instrumental in creating success and jobs and a successful economy, and not so much entrepreneurs or individuals. She’s the best. Remember there was an attempt at recapitulating this that Obama made in ’08 [sic; 2012] when he said if you built it, if you have success, it’s not you. He botched it. Now, [Hillary Clinton] got it worse. Hers was like a D on a scale of D to A. She was trying to take a stab at this idea that government, that it’s not sort of individual capitalism and corporations, those evil corporations [that create job], but it had no elaboration and it is going to haunt her. ...[Her comment] will be shown over and over again. But it does show you how much the Democrats overestimate her skill as a politician. ...It will be played again and again. It’s a signal to Democrats. If you can’t make the elementary liberal argument about the role of government without having this ridiculous statement that jobs are not created by corporations, then you are not going to be a good candidate, as she showed in 2008. She is a person who said in the White House we were dead broke. We had trouble paying the mortgages on our houses. If you are going to plead poverty, you don’t refer to your homes in the plural. That’s pretty elementary. She is not getting the elementary stuff.” [67027]

Mitt Romney tells MSNBC’s Ronan Farrow that Obama’s plan to issue an executive order granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants “is a very shameful thing. It’s very clear that what he wants to do he knows will be very unpopular, and so he won’t tell the people until after the election. That is really a very cynical thing and inappropriate.” [67084]

On *The Kelly File*, John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel and a 60-year veteran in the industry, tells host Megyn Kelly the “global warming hysteria is based on “incredibly bad, bad science” that is being irresponsibly hyped by the mainstream media. [66966, 67237]

On October 28 *CBS This Morning*'s Charlie Rose says, “If the Republicans win the Senate and control the Congress, they have no mandate.” (In fact, they will indeed have a mandate: stop Obama's extreme agenda.) Rose asks political director John Dickerson, “So, why is it they [disillusioned voters] don't like [Obama] so much? Is it a spillover from ObamaCare or something else?” (Rose and Dickerson are both Obama apologists, and neither can therefore see what millions of voters see: the many failures of Obama. Dickerson, in fact, is highly partisan. In January 2013 Dickerson wrote at Slate.com, “The challenge for ...Obama's [inaugural] speech is the challenge of his second term: how to be great when the environment stinks. Enhancing [his] legacy requires something more than simply the clever application of predictable stratagems. Washington's partisan rancor, the size of the problems facing government, and the limited amount of time before Obama is a lame duck all point to a single conclusion: [Obama,] who came into office speaking in lofty terms about bipartisanship and cooperation can only cement his legacy if he destroys the GOP. If he wants to transform American politics, he must go for the throat. ...Obama's only ...option is to pulverize [the Republican Party]. Whether he succeeds in passing legislation or not, given his ambitions, his goal should be to delegitimize [sic] his opponents. Through a series of clarifying fights over controversial issues, he can force Republicans to either side with their coalition's most extreme elements or cause a rift in the party that will leave it, at least temporarily, in disarray.” [41697, 41698, 67111]

Katie Pavlich reports at Townhall.com that the Obama administration refuses to cave in after losing a federal lawsuit by retired ATF agent and whistleblower Jay Dobyns and plans to appeal the decision. Pavlich writes, “In his opinion, U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Francis Allegra described ATF officials as demonstrating misfeasance in the case ‘rooted in the sorry failure of some ATF officials.’ Dobyns was awarded \$173,000, an insufficient amount considering his family has been nearly bankrupted as a result of ATF's behavior, not to mention the emotional stress incurred throughout the process. Now unsatisfied with a loss in court and berating by a federal judge, ATF and the Department of Justice are appealing the ruling.” Dobyns states, “I will never give in and I am excited to now have a panel of judges examine what ATF and DOJ have done. ATF and DOJ want more scrutiny on their conduct? Let's go. I wrongly believed that they would not want any more exposure on what dirty and corrupt organizations they are running but it appears that they have not yet felt enough pain. They will. I promise.” Dobyns' attorney, James Reed of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, comments, “It really doesn't seem like a good use for the taxpayers' money, but one of the problems with the Department of Justice is the amount of accountability there is for decision making.” (The Obama administration is willing to spend far more than \$173,000 in taxpayer dollars to appeal the lawsuit—not for monetary purposes, but to inflict as much suffering on Dobyns as it can. It is worth recalling Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett's 2012 comment: “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." Jarrett's comment was not about Dobyms in particular, but is an example of the vindictive attitude of Obama and his closest advisors.) [66960, 66961]

Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) calls for the defunding of an ObamaCare provision that is being misused by the Obama administration to fund television ads reminding illegal immigrants to act to renew documents that have allowed them to remain in the United States. According to CNSNews.com, Smith "cites a \$15 million grant from the Prevention and Public Health Fund that the Department of Health and Human Services gave the California Endowment. The Prevention and Public Health Fund was created by the Affordable Care Act to support public health care initiatives. The California Endowment is a statewide, private health foundation that supplies grants for various organizations throughout California, and has served as one of the Obama administration's loudest promoters of Obamacare. ...Using federal tax dollars from the health fund, the foundation then sponsored ads on Univision reminding qualifying illegal aliens to renew their Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) permits before they expire." Smith states, "Regardless of how one feels about Obamacare, taxpayer money being spent to remind undocumented immigrants to renew their DACA permits does not promote healthcare. ...This slush fund has virtually no oversight as to where taxpayer money is spent and gives the Department of Health and Human Services free reign to spend the money in any manner it chooses." [67247, 67248]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "Republicans enter the final week of the midterm campaign holding higher ground than the Democrats, aided by public dissatisfaction with ...Obama's leadership, with the overall direction of the country and with the federal government's ability to deal with major problems, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll. ...When asked whether they will vote for the Democrat or the Republican for the House in their districts, 50 percent of likely voters say Republican and 44 percent say Democrat. Among the larger universe of registered voters, Democrats have an edge—47 percent to 44 percent. That swing of nine points between registered and likely voters is identical to the difference recorded at this point in 2010. ...The new Post-ABC survey puts Obama's overall national approval rating at 43 percent, up a statistically insignificant three points from two weeks ago. His disapproval remains unchanged, at 51 percent. The view of his handling of the economy is 42 percent positive, 52 percent negative, roughly the same as it has been this fall." (The poll's Democrat/Republican/Independent sampling is 33/30/31.) [66967, 66968, 67035]

With Ebola czar Ron Klain nowhere in sight, Obama holds a brief press conference to say virtually nothing about the Ebola issue beyond the fact that he plans to meet with doctors and public health officials on October 29. (Talk show host and columnist Tammy Bruce tweets, "Obama: Blah, blah, Me! Ebola vigilant! Glurp, tough job, applauded! Science blurp! Prudent, safe glarb, Ebola no fear, HOPE! Facts, erm gurf." [66969, 67019, 67121]

After his brief comments Obama takes only one question from reporters. (NBC's Luke Russert later comments, "Why do we have different regulations, it seems, between those

individuals who are going over there [to West Africa] voluntarily, who are giving up their time and medical capacity, as opposed to the military? Well, there was not a real clear answer upon that, some saying that the military is having more stringent quarantine rules, why shouldn't the average population who goes over there, the common citizen have that? You saw Obama take a question on that. It was unexpected that he would take a question. I'm just going to speculate: that may have been one that an aide ahead of time told a reporter, 'Go ahead, you might get this one answered,' because they wanted to be more clear on it.' (In other words, the question was planted. The reporter was told what to ask, and Obama was told which reporters to recognize.) [67091]

Obama's answer to the planted question is: "They [U.S. troops in West Africa] are, first of all, not treating patients. Second of all, they are not there voluntarily. It's part of their mission that's been assigned to them by their commanders and ultimately by me, their commander-in-chief. They are already, by definition if they're in the military, under more circumscribed conditions [than civilian doctors and nurses]." Obama notes that the civilian health care workers are not as easily monitored as soldiers, and says, "We don't want to do anything that's not based on science and best practices." (HotAir.com's Noah Rothman writes, "...Huh? I'm not trying to be reflexively contrary, but how does it make any sense that soldiers whose movements and mission is [sic; are] 'circumscribed' should be isolated and monitored, but voluntary health care workers, who cannot be tracked, should not be avoid being quarantined if they are suspected of displaying Ebola-like symptoms? Moreover, if the aim is not to scare health care workers from voluntarily traveling to West Africa, what does he think an involuntary quarantine of American troops will do? Did I miss the conscription act that [Obama] signed into law? Why wouldn't... cavalier disregard for the interests of American troops serving at their own discretion overseas have a depressing effect on future enlistments? The White House's logic simply does not make any sense.") [67118]

At WashingtonPost.com *The Atlantic's* Jeffrey Goldberg writes, "The Obama administration's anger is 'red-hot' over Israel's settlement policies, and the [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu government openly expresses contempt for Obama's understanding of the Middle East. Profound changes in the relationship may be coming." Goldberg relates that "a senior Obama administration official" referred to Netanyahu as "a chickenshit." (Netanyahu served in the Israeli Defense Forces and was wounded. Obama served in... the Illinois State Senate.) According to Goldberg, "The relationship between these two administrations—dual guarantors of the putatively 'unbreakable' bond between the U.S. and Israel—is now the worst it's ever been, and it stands to get significantly worse after the November midterm elections. By next year, the Obama administration may actually withdraw diplomatic cover for Israel at the United Nations, but even before that, both sides are expecting a showdown over Iran, should an agreement be reached about the future of its nuclear program." [66970, 67067, 67120, 67131, 67132, 67813]

Goldberg continues, "This official agreed that Netanyahu is a 'chickenshit' on matters related to the comatose peace process, but added that he's also a 'coward' on the issue of Iran's nuclear threat. The official said the Obama administration no longer believes that

Netanyahu would launch a preemptive strike on Iran's nuclear facilities in order to keep the regime in Tehran from building an atomic arsenal. **'It's too late for him to do anything. Two, three years ago, this was a possibility. But ultimately he couldn't bring himself to pull the trigger. It was a combination of our pressure and his own unwillingness to do anything dramatic. Now it's too late.'** (Does "too late" mean the Obama administration is conceding that Iran has already turned the corner on its nuclear program?) The criticism is absurd, as pointed out by HotAir.com: "Let me understand this. Netanyahu considered attacking Iran, we pressured him not to do it, and now we're mocking him as a 'chickensh*t' for taking our advice? Logically, doesn't that make The One [Obama] 'King Chickensh*t?' I've re-read that boldfaced part five times now and I still can't quite process it. Not only are they sneering at Bibi for adopting the White House's own policy, they're flatly admitting—boasting even—that they made Iran's nuclear program attack-proof. A bombing run might have worked three years ago but it won't work now, thanks to... Uncle Sam's delay tactics on behalf of Tehran. Iran might as well name its first ICBM the 'Barack.' You're welcome, A-holes." Writer Noah Pollak tweets, "We've reached the point where Obama admin is bragging that it protected the Iranian nuclear program from an Israeli airstrike." Jason Epstein reminds Twitter users of Obama's March 2012 statement: "There should not be a shred of doubt by now: When the chips are down, I have Israel's back." (Obama may perhaps have mumbled an additional few words under his breath: "I have Israel's back... in my crosshairs.") [66970, 67067, 67120, 67131, 67132, 67813]

Goldberg blames Netanyahu and his cabinet for the worsening relations: "Netanyahu has told several people I've spoken to in recent days that he has 'written off' the Obama administration, and plans to speak directly to Congress and to the American people should an Iran nuclear deal be reached. For their part, Obama administration officials express, in the words of one official, a 'red-hot anger' at Netanyahu for pursuing settlement policies on the West Bank, and building policies in Jerusalem, that they believe have fatally undermined Secretary of State John Kerry's peace process." Goldberg is flat-out wrong. The worsening of U.S.-Israeli relations are due almost entirely to the policies and actions of the Obama administration. Further, *The Obama Timeline* believes the administration official's "chickenshit" comment was intentionally transmitted to Goldberg and is partly meant to blunt the criticism that will follow an Obama deal with Iran that will allow the terrorist sponsor to continue its nuclear program. Congress and Israel will be furious if (when) Obama further caves in to Iran, but the Obama administration's response will likely be, "Well, it was the best we could do, considering how Israel has gummed up the process." Obama wants the blame directed not at him but at Netanyahu. *Even worse*, Goldberg's revelation that "The official said the Obama administration no longer believes that Netanyahu would launch a preemptive strike on Iran's nuclear facilities in order to keep the regime in Tehran from building an atomic arsenal" is a clear message to Iran: "Go ahead and continue with your nuclear weapons program." Even if the Obama administration believes Israel will not act against Iran, it is *unconscionable* for it to telegraph that belief to Iran. The statements made to Goldberg are clearly not in the best interests of the security of Israel and the United States. That they were made and published is shameful. [66890, 66891, 66910, 66911, 66970, 67067, 67120, 67131, 67132, 67813]

The reality is that Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry cannot stand Netanyahu and Netanyahu no doubt feels the same way about them. But Netanyahu has the decency not to engage in petty, juvenile acts when the threat of a nuclear Iran is on the horizon. For Netanyahu, it is a matter of the survival of his country. Obama and Kerry seem more interested in sophomoric pranks—such as hurling “chickenshit” insults and preventing Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Ya’alon from meeting with senior administration officials. It takes a fair amount of chutzpah for Obama to ridicule Netanyahu’s leadership and policy skills when his own consist of childish behavior and the “sage” advice, “Don’t do stupid shit”—and reacting to the disasters created by the administration after it does just that. [66890, 66891, 66910, 66911, 66970, 67067, 67120, 67131, 67132, 67813]

On the “settlement” issue, Goldberg writes, “It is true that Jews have a moral right to live anywhere they want in Jerusalem, their holiest city. It is also true that a mature government understands that not all rights have to be exercised simultaneously.” (Goldberg apparently believes that one’s rights are at the mercy of one’s government, and that they can be suspended whenever that government finds them “inconvenient.”) Goldberg then states, “I would also like to see Israel foster conditions on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem that would allow for the eventual birth of such a [Palestinian] state.” (In other words, Israelis may have a right to build homes in Israel, but that right should be suspended because Kerry and Obama want the Palestinians to have Israel’s West Bank. Goldberg and many other Israel bashers both in and out of the Obama administration consider the “disputed territories” in Israel to belong to Arab Muslims. Many Mexicans consider Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California to be “disputed territories” as well, but that does not mean those states should be given to them.) [66970, 67067, 67120, 67131, 67132, 67813]

The American Spectator’s John Tobin reminds readers of Jeffrey Goldberg’s pro-Obama defense at *TheAtlantic.com* on October 8, 2008: “So, all you rumor-mongering, fever-headed Jewish conspiracists: Support [John] McCain, if you want, and there are credible reasons for doing so, but stop smearing Obama in the face of overwhelming evidence that the man is a great friend of Jews and of Israel. After a point, it becomes obvious that what you fear is not Israel’s destruction, but the presence of an African-American in the White House. And that’s disgusting.” (Goldberg’s inability to comprehend reality is astounding. Whether that is a prerequisite for writers at *The Atlantic* is unclear. Clearly, Obama granted Goldberg an interview knowing that the “journalist” would ask the questions Obama wanted asked, Obama would provides answers intended to “send a message to Israel,” and Goldberg would not ask tough follow-up questions.) [67133, 67134]

Pamela Geller writes, “Cowed by the Islamic State, Boko Haram, the Muslim Brotherhood, al Qaeda and his rolling catastrophic failures of supporting savage jihad revolutions in Africa and the Middle East, Obama takes his revenge on the Jewish State. Indulging the Islamic Jew-hatred he imbibed in his quran classes as a boy in Indonesia, his relentless attacks against Israel hit a new low today. The Obama administration is on record calling Netanyahu a ‘chickenshit’ who is not doing ‘anything’ to reach an accommodation with the ‘Palestinians’ or with the Sunni Arab states. *All Israel has done*

is make accommodation—Oslo, unilaterally withdrawing from Gaza, releasing thousands of Muslim terrorists—and the result was more Islamic war against the Jews. When Israel offered Arafat 97% of what the PA wanted, Israel got the second intifada. When Israel withdrew from Gaza, the Muslims living in Gaza elected the genocidal group Hamas to power, whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel. *Everybody knows* that Hamas and the PA will never recognize the Jewish state. They have told us that in word and deed. ...Here's what the tinpot dictator [Obama] doesn't get. Netanyahu is protecting his nation, his people. Even today, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu went toe-to-toe with the US and the EU over their condemnations of Israeli building in the capital. It is not the building in the city that is making peace more distant, but rather the condemnation of that construction, Netanyahu said in a combative response to the US and EU for their censure of Israel's announcement on Monday about moving forward plans to build 660 units in Ramat Shlomo in the northern part of the city, and 400 in the southern neighborhood of Har Homa. That's courage in a world prostrating before Islamic jihad. As for Obama sending out one of his official thugs to leak this deeply insulting trash unbecoming a friend or neighbor, let alone [the man behind the Oval Office], I say one thing. I was right in my book—Obama is an anti-semite." [67095]

Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee, states, "ISIS is on a rampage through the Middle East, slaughtering innocents and committing mass murder while plotting to kill more Americans. The priority of the Obama administration should be defeating our enemies; instead they are once again insulting our allies. It's inexplicable and dangerous. This administration consistently gets it wrong on foreign policy. Instead of taking the ISIS threat seriously, ...Obama called them the 'JV' team. Now, instead of working with our allies in the region to protect democracy and innocent lives, the administration is hurling expletives at Prime Minister Netanyahu. ...We should never betray our ally Israel. We need a foreign policy that is focused, not fumbling. The country is increasingly concerned about our national security, yet the administration is not inspiring confidence." [67135]

Israel's Economy Minister Naftali Bennett states, "such severe curse words against the Israeli prime minister are harmful to millions of Israeli citizens and Jews worldwide. The prime minister is not a private person, but the leader of the Jewish state and the Jewish world." Bennett notes that the Obama administration didn't use the term "chickenshit" for Syria's Bashar Assad, "who slaughtered 150,000 of his citizens," or the leader of Saudi Arabia, "who stones women and homosexuals," but the leader of "the only democratic state in the Middle East." [67136]

Alistair Baskey, Deputy Spokesperson for the White House National Security Council, states, "We think such [chickenshit] comments are inappropriate and counter-productive. Prime Minister Netanyahu and [Obama] have forged an effective partnership, and consult closely and frequently, including earlier this month when [Obama] hosted the Prime Minister in the Oval Office." [67137]

Birthers.org dares Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) to prove he is a natural born citizen, writing, "Senator Cruz, I will not give your campaign \$25.00 because you are not a natural born

citizen, and I am telling everyone not to give you anything over \$20.01. Why am I doing this? Because you are not a natural born citizen of the United States of America. In fact I say a natural born citizen does not need to renounce through action or inaction any citizenship other than citizenship in the greatest country on earth the United States of America. And if you don't like it, sue me! It is difficult for me to do this, because I genuinely like you and what you stand for, and if you can believe me I am doing this for your own good. As you know you are one of the wacko-birds of the freedom and liberty side of the GOP, and as a wacko-bird you are also an endangered species. If you run for the office of President I am absolutely certain that the elitist wing of the GOP will quietly support a candidate with no chance in hell to win the nomination to challenge you in court as not being a natural born citizen. They will do that so their 'chosen one' will not have blood on their hands. They will also use this to destroy you in your next senatorial bid, blaming you as the one who took the wind out of the GOP sails when Hillary wins. Your only chance is to prove you are a natural born citizen *before* [emphasis added] the primaries begin." [66975]

"...Why \$25.00? The seventh amendment opens the federal court system for you to receive a declaratory judgment. 'In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved,' and \$25.00 is \$5.00 more than we need, and slander, libel, and defamation are matters of common law. The question you should ponder is what are the benefits for you in suing me? First if you win and are declared a natural born citizen the road is cleared for you not only to run but also to shape the debate on the future of the United States and this country needs your input as a candidate or as a statesman. If you win your natural born qualifications are put to rest in a manner you have a large degree of control over. I assure you there are people who will challenge you at a time and place of their choosing to inflict the most damage against you. Plus if you do win the case against me you will have this nice, shiny, \$25.00 coin to flip in deciding whether-or-not you accept John McCain's phone calls if you win the presidency." [66975]

The Obama Timeline agrees with Birther.org that the Republican "establishment" will do whatever it takes to prevent Cruz—or Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)—from winning the GOP nomination in 2016. If Cruz cannot be stopped any other way, the GOP bosses will use the fact that Cruz was born in Canada to a Cuban father to argue (correctly) that he is *not* a natural born citizen. (As long-time readers of this *Timeline* are well aware, the term natural born citizen historically meant born on U.S. soil to two U.S. citizen parents at the time of birth. Cruz therefore has *two* strikes against him: his place of birth and his father's citizenship. Obama has one *or* two, depending on his place of birth. Even if Obama was born in Hawaii, his Kenyan father was not a U.S. citizen. Cruz's father at least eventually became a U.S. citizen. Obama's did not, as he returned to Kenya after his college education in the United States. Not only are Cruz and Obama not natural born citizens, neither are Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, former Senator Rick Santorum, and South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley—none of whom had two U.S. citizen parents at the moment of birth. The *Timeline* believes the "establishment" wants a 2016 race between Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush—because it

believes neither will rock the boat or do anything dramatic. It will be “business as usual,” with the Federal Reserve continuing to pump money into Wall Street to keep it afloat.)

Democrats have their work cut out for them in Nevada, where mail-on ballots from registered Republican are ahead of Democrat ballots by 46 to 37 percent, according to RalstonReports.com. Although the Democrats have a minuscule 87 ballot edge in Clark County (which includes Las Vegas), they trail everywhere else—and Democrats need to win Clark County by a wide margin to offset losses in the rest of the state. (In 2010, Democrats had a 14,000 ballot lead in Clark County in late October.) If the rest of the nation is anywhere similar to what is happening in Nevada, the Democrats will have a miserable evening on November 4. [66980]

According to Politico, “Over the last several days, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has directed resources to maintain seats in Hawaii and Nevada, both of which broke sharply for [Obama] in 2012—an indication of just how much the terrain has shifted against the party over the past two years. Other unexpected races are suddenly in play. Some Democrats, for example, have begun to worry about the prospects of California Rep. Lois Capps, an eight-term congresswoman who is typically a lock for reelection but who now finds herself in a competitive race against Republican Chris Mitchum, a perennial candidate and the son of the late actor Robert Mitchum. ...Capps isn’t the only incumbent Democratic officials are scrambling at the last minute to defend. DCCC Chairman Steve Israel (D-NY) recently coordinated a fundraising event for Rep. Dave Loebsack, a fourth-term Iowa incumbent who has recently come under barrage from GOP groups, and reached out to donors on his behalf. ...Party operatives say Obama is weighting [sic; weighing] down House candidates across the country. In the districts of 24 of the 30 most vulnerable Democratic incumbents, more voters say they view [Obama] unfavorably than favorably, according to polling data conducted over the last month for party strategists and provided to POLITICO. In 10 of those 24 races, Democratic lawmakers have recently lost ground along with [Obama]. The effect is particularly acute in culturally conservative bastions like West Virginia and downstate Illinois, where Democratic strategists say Reps. Nick Rahall and Bill Enyart are watching their reelection hopes fade due in large measure to Obama’s diminished standing.” [67092]

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson issues a statement: “Today I am announcing that I have directed the Federal Protective Service to enhance its presence and security at various U.S. Government buildings in Washington DC and other major cities and locations around the country. The precise actions we are taking and the precise locations at which we will enhance security is law-enforcement sensitive, will vary and shift from location to location, and will be continually re-evaluated. The Federal Protective Service is responsible for the protection of over 9500 federal facilities owned or leased by the General Services Administration, through which 1.4 million visitors and occupants pass daily. We are taking this action as a precautionary step, to safeguard U.S. government personnel and facilities, and the visitors to those facilities. The reasons for this action are self-evident: the continued public calls by terrorist organizations for attacks on the homeland and elsewhere, including against law enforcement and other

government officials, and the acts of violence targeted at government personnel and installations in Canada and elsewhere recently. Given world events, prudence dictates a heightened vigilance in the protection of U.S. government installations and our personnel. As we have stated in prior advisories, we urge state and local governments and their law enforcement personnel, along with critical infrastructure owners and operators, to be equally vigilant, particularly in guarding against potential small-scale attacks by a lone offender or a small group of individuals. Likewise, we continually urge the public at large to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to appropriate authorities.” [67016, 67017, 67127]

Secretary of State John Kerry says, “The challenge of our generation is going to be to deal with religious radical extremism, which exploits a legitimate and beautiful religion [Islam] that is being totally distorted, has nothing to do with what they purport to be pursuing, and nevertheless captures the minds of some of our young people... We’re also going to win it with better alternatives for a whole bunch of young people who today live in places where they feel oppressed, where they don’t have a lot of opportunity, there’s not enough education, they don’t have jobs. But they know what the rest of the world has because they all have smart phones, they all have mobile devices, and they’re all seeing what’s going on and they trade thoughts.” [67128]

In Colorado, desperate Democrats run a ridiculous radio ad—allegedly paid for by leftist billionaire Tom Steyer—which features stores running out of condoms because Senator Mark Udall’s (D-CO) Republican challenger, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO), “banned birth control.” (In fact, Gardner proposes making birth control pills available over-the-counter without a prescription—something Planned Parenthood opposes because it would hurt its abortion business.) Udall’s constant focus on an alleged “Republican war on women” has led to his being called Mark Uterus. (The ad itself is condescending toward women, as it features a man having to explain to a woman the politics of the issue. The man even calls the woman “sweet pea.” The ad was produced by NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado’s Independent Expenditure Committee, which has been funded in part by NextGen, a leftist, “climate change” political action organization founded by hedge fund billionaire Tom Steyer. WatchDog.org reports, “NextGen so far spent \$3.1 million to air negative ads against [GOP Senate candidate Scott] Brown in New Hampshire, according to USA Today. Steyer has donated \$56 million of his fortune to NextGen, making him the largest single political-action committee donor in this election cycle, according to FEC documents.” One disillusioned environmental activist, Nicholas Lajoie, tells FreeBeacon.com, “At first, I thought I was helping the environment. ...NextGen wanted me to work for them. The sole reason I did was because I wanted to help the environment. ...After two meetings, I decided to do research on NextGen. When I realized it was just somebody with money trying to get power, I quit.”) [67037, 67038, 67100, 67101, 67215, 67324, 67325, 67326]

Rush Limbaugh tells his radio audience, “As far as Barack Obama is concerned, he doesn’t care who wins the Senate. When it’s all said and done, it isn’t gonna [sic] change what he’s doing. I think everybody ought to buckle up for Obama in these last two years. “He’s gonna executive action, executive order as much as he thinks he can get away with.

And he's gonna go, I think, at NASCAR break-neck speeds. And don't think he's gonna care what they say in the Senate, I don't think he's gonna care what they do in the Senate because he knows the one thing they won't do is impeach him. And so Obama's gonna tell himself, 'There's no way they're gonna stop me.' He's gonna tell himself, 'They won't even try to stop me. They may try to stop me by not giving me the votes, but what do I care? I'm gonna sign executive actions. I'm gonna have [Ebola czar] Ron Klain out there leading the way for me.' ...I hope I'm wrong about this, but I think these next two years, everybody ought to buckle up. These next two years are gonna require seat belts, even when you're asleep. I still haven't found a way to persuade people just how thoroughly, passionately ideological Obama is. I firmly believe that the vast majority of people that voted for him in 2008 didn't have any ideology in mind. ...They weren't thinking left, right, conservative, liberal. ...In Obama's case, I think a vast majority of people were thinking we could end racism." [67083]

The Bangor Daily News reports, "Attorneys for a nurse released from isolation in New Jersey after returning to the U.S. from West Africa say she will not comply with Maine health officials' requirements that she remain under quarantine at home for 21 days. Kaci Hickox, who treated Ebola patients in Sierra Leone and shows no symptoms of the virus, agreed to refrain from going out in public for two days, said Steven Hyman of the New York law firm McLaughlin & Stern. She traveled to Maine on Monday by private car after her release from New Jersey, where she was isolated against her will in a tent outside University Hospital in Newark after she flew into New York on Friday. 'She doesn't want to agree to continue to be confined to a residence beyond the two days,' Hyman said. Maine health officials have said they expect Hickox to agree to be quarantined at her home until 21 days have passed since her last potential exposure to the virus." [67018]

The government of Australia announces it will issue no new travel visas for visitors from the Ebola-affected countries. Those who have already received visas will be subject to a three-week quarantine. [67032, 67033]

Nurse Amber Vinson leaves Emory University Hospital after no longer showing signs of the Ebola virus. [67033]

Maine health officials say they are prepared, if necessary, to legally enforce the state's quarantine of nurse Kaci Hickox, who had been treating Ebola patients in Africa. Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Mary Mayhew states, "We do not want to have to legally enforce in-home quarantine. We're confident that selfless health workers who were brave enough to care for Ebola patients in a foreign country will be willing to take reasonable steps to protect residents of their own country. However we are willing to pursue legal authority if necessary to ensure risk is minimized for Mainers." [67113, 67114]

Donald Trump remarks, "You're going to see a whole new kind of 'hell to pay'" if any of the U.S. troops Obama sent to West Africa come down with the Ebola virus. But Trump notes that Obama "has been hit from so many angles, for so many mistakes that he's

made. Obama has become immune to ‘hell to pay.’ ... What’s not being said is they have to make sure they don’t come back into this country if they have it. If our soldiers catch it, that would be absolutely terrible. Just a disgrace.” [67130]

Obama campaigns in Milwaukee for the Democrat candidate for governor Mary Burke. As Obama encourages people to vote—saying, “You can only vote once; this isn’t Chicago, now”—cameras catch people streaming out of the unfilled auditorium. (Although the number of people leaving is not overwhelming, it is sufficient for the media—and no doubt Obama—to notice.) At the event, Obama talks about equal pay for women and says, “And this is not just a women’s issue—this is a family issue. I tell you, when Michelle was working, I wanted to make sure she was getting paid.” He quickly realizes his mistake and adds, “And by the way, I mean, I should point out, she is working really hard now as first lady and doesn’t get paid but that’s a whole other thing. But, because I didn’t want her to think, like, what, I’m not working? Michelle works. I promise you.” (Obama’s reliance on the alleged “Republican war on women” may be getting old for some voters. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy. That law states, “No employer... shall discriminate, within any establishment in which such employees are employed, between employees on the basis of sex by paying wages to employees in such establishment at a rate less than the rate at which he pays wages to employees of the opposite sex in such establishment for equal work on jobs[,] the performance of which requires equal skill, effort, and responsibility, and which are performed under similar working conditions, except where such payment is made pursuant to (i) a seniority system; (ii) a merit system; (iii) a system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; or (iv) a differential based on any other factor other than sex...” For 50 years it has been against federal law to pay a woman less than a man for the same work, yet Obama and many Democrats continue to insist that additional laws are needed—when all that is needed is for the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice to enforce existing laws.) [67020, 67021, 67061, 67062, 67064, 67087, 67094, 67172]

In Virginia, Joanne Grossie, one of the Department of Health and Human Services’ regional directors, says, “If you got one of the notices that your policy was going to be discontinued because it didn’t adhere to the [ObamaCare] law, it meant that now you could go into the health-insurance marketplace. So, just to remind you that you weren’t losing insurance, you were just losing *that* insurance plan and were now being invited to go into the health insurance marketplace.” (One might imagine a police officer filling out a stolen car report and telling the victim, “Well, don’t look at it as your car having been stolen. Look at it as an opportunity to buy a new car and receive a new 60-month payment coupon book.”) [67088]

On CNN, former White House press secretary and now CNN analyst Jay Carney says, “Democrats are going to have a bad election day, no matter how you slice it. Republicans will pick up seats in the Senate and the House, and may win control of the Senate.” [67089]

CNSNews.com reports, “The number of foreign-born individuals holding jobs in the United States hit a record high of 25,019,000 in September, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The BLS has been tracking the number of foreign-born workers annually since 2005 and monthly since 2007. The BLS does not distinguish between foreign-born individuals who are in the United States legally and those who are here illegally.” [67047]

HuffingtonPost.com reports, “The White House computer network has been hit by what appears to be a sustained cyberattack, administration sources told HuffPost. The White House—or the Executive Office of the President (EOP)—regularly gets hit with hapless cyberattacks from all corners of the web, but the one revealed Tuesday, said people familiar with the situation, has been much more significant in duration and strength, putting the system on the fritz for nearly two weeks, if not longer. A White House official confirmed on Tuesday that the White House had ‘identified activity of concern on the unclassified EOP network.’ Network outages are not uncommon in the White House, but they typically last no more than a few hours. For the system to be damaged for days on end indicates an attack of significant strength. ‘Certainly a variety of actors find our networks attractive targets and seek access to sensitive government information. We are still assessing the activity of concern, and we are not in a position to provide any additional details at this time,’ the White House official said in a statement.” (It is believed that the hacking was done by the Russian government.) [67055, 67056, 67057, 67099, 67123]

Fox News’ Adam Housley obtains a State Department memorandum that shows the administration is considering bring Ebola patients to the United States for treatment even though they are not U.S. citizens. The document states, “There are four essential elements to every medical evacuation: 1. Medical evacuation capacity; 2. Overflight, refueling and landing permission; 3. A hospital able and willing to treat the patient; and 4. Funds to backstop reimbursement, about \$200,000 for medevac and \$300,000 for treatment per case.” (With the federal government almost \$18 trillion in debt, Obama is considering spending \$500,000 per person to bring non-Americans to the United States for Ebola treatment.) Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes, “On page four of the memo, there is an admission that contracting Ebola as a non-citizen makes an individual ineligible for a visa due to a ‘significant’ threats to public health and therefore executive action would be necessary to reverse the policy.” (While most Americans support a travel ban—70 percent in a Rasmussen poll—the State Department supports not only *not* imposing a travel ban, but *lifting restrictions* on those who are already known to have Ebola.) Housley reports that the State Department claims the document was “drafted by a mid-level official, but [was not] not cleared by senior leaders.” (In other words, “We got caught.”) The State Department does not explain why a “mid-level official” should have the responsibility of drafting such significant policies—or why the document went from the State Department to the Department of Homeland Security for inter-department coordination without anyone above “mid-level” knowing about it. White House press secretary Josh Earnest claims, “That [bringing Ebola patients to the United States] certainly hasn’t happened so far. I don’t know of any plans to do that.” [67068, 67069, 67071, 67093, 67108, 67122, 67124, 67126, 67193]

Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker says, “Yes, the private sector creates jobs.” (Whether Pritzker has advised Hillary Clinton of that fact is not known.) [67194]

The Obama administration implements a new policy that will essentially allow American women to “sell” U.S. citizenship to foreigners. DailyCaller.com explains, “The change means that a woman who is a U.S. citizen can be hired by a reproductive medical clinic to become pregnant overseas and to give birth in China, Saudi Arabia, or anywhere else, and then effectively hand a U.S. passport to the baby. That’s a huge benefit to the child, because it makes him or her a U.S. citizen, even if he or she never breathes American air, or lives among Americans, knows English or shares any American cultural norms or ideas with their natural-born American citizens. It is also a huge benefit for the parents, because they too can get citizenship once their child becomes an adult. That citizenship allows them—and their other children—to move to the United States in time for them to access Obamacare or Medicare benefits in their retirement. That’s also a huge benefit to the companies that broker the birth contracts. They can now raise their prices to overseas customers because they can deliver U.S. citizenship with the baby, no matter where the parents are living or where the child is born.” [67086]

A PBS documentary on *Frontline* makes it clear that the Obama administration did little or nothing to stop the growing threat of ISIS even though it was warned repeatedly that the group was gaining fighters and territory. [67052, 67115]

On *The Daily Show*, Democrat Texas gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis whines that redistricting by Republicans has made it difficult for Democrats to win races. (The argument is only valid, of course, for local races. It is totally irrelevant for state-wide races—such as the one she is about to lose by a big margin 4.) [67090]

On *The O’Reilly Factor*, Charles Krauthammer observes, “This really is a Republican tide. I think the chances are very good, maybe 70 percent, that Republicans retake the Senate and for good reason. The reason is that this is essentially a referendum on Obama. In 2010 it was a referendum on his ideology: the overreach with ObamaCare, the stimulus, cap and trade. And now, six years in, it’s a referendum on ideology, but now added on to that, it’s on sheer [in]competence. When you are not only the party *in* government, you are the party *of* government, and you preach about the glories of government and in fact you get Hillary saying the other day, you know, it’s not corporations that create jobs, the implication being it’s government, then if you are incompetent and lose the confidence of the people you’re in trouble, and you’ve [also] got every scandal there is, everything from the VA, to the ObamaCare rollout to the Secret Service and now with Ebola, where they’re running around, have no idea what to do and they change the protocols every other day. So, given the climate, I think it would be—you know, if the GOP can’t win back the Senate in a climate like this, maybe the party ought to look for another country.” [67103, 67106]

In a candidate debate in Louisiana, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA), who has been trying to distance herself from Obama, also finds it necessary to (somewhat) distance herself

from unpopular Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). Asked if she would again support Reid for the leadership position, Landrieu replies, “I’m gonna [sic] make my decision. I said, a couple months ago, uh, that I would, but I’m gonna make my decision based on what is before me and who is running. ...I’m gonna wait to see what the leadership looks like, because, let me just say this, you’re pressing me on it so I’m gonna press back. My job is to represent this state. My job is to get things done for this state. I don’t go there to support Mitch McConnell or Harry Reid, I go there to represent this state. So we’ll see. I think Harry Reid gets beat up more than he deserves, and I’m not saying yes, and I’m not saying no. I’m gonna see what the leadership is, what the line-up is, and make my decision based on that.” (Landrieu’s answer is nonsensical. First, if the Democrats retain control of the Senate, Reid will again run for Majority Leader, will likely be unopposed, and will win the position again. Landrieu will not challenge Reid. Additionally, what does it even mean to say, “I’m gonna see what the leadership is” when the task is to choose that leadership? That is like saying, “I’ll decide who to vote for after I see who wins.” Landrieu did not win any points with her remarks—if anyone even understood them.) [67119]

In Long Island, New York, a man beheads his mother, drags the head and body out to the street, and then kills himself by jumping in front of an oncoming train. FoxNews.com reports, “The female victim has been identified by Farmingdale State College officials as Patricia Ward, a longtime professor at the university who taught language arts. ...Witnesses told the [New York] Post that some of the woman’s neighbors initially thought the headless body in the street was a Halloween prank, only to discover the body was real after attempting to lift it.” (Although terrorism is not suspected, the mentally deranged son may have chosen his method of killing because of the many media reports of terrorist beheadings.) [67059, 67060, 67104]

On October 29 Ebola nurse Kaci Hickox appears on NBC’s *Today* show (via satellite) and insists, “I don’t plan on sticking to the guidelines. I remain appalled by these home quarantine policies that have been forced upon me, even though I am in perfectly good health and feeling strong and have been this entire time completely symptom free. I truly believe this policy is not scientifically nor constitutionally just, and so I’m not going to sit around and be bullied around by politicians and be forced to stay in my home when I am not a risk to the American public. ...I will go to court to fight for my freedom.” [67081, 67082]

On *Fox & Friends*, Brian Kilmeade says to columnist Charles Krauthammer, “A big editorial in *The Washington Post* [suggests that] our relations with Turkey have never been worse. And now with Israel the same exact thing. According to a high-ranking senior Obama administration official, personally ripping into Benjamin Netanyahu, calling him chicken [bleep], because they said he’s too worried about starting a war, only worried about his own political skin, getting real personal about a guy that’s just coming off a war [with Hamas] the administration didn’t want him to fight. What’s behind this?” Krauthammer replies, “Look, I think there is animosity between the leadership, [Obama], and the prime minister, unlike any in the history of Israel. It goes back to 1948. This is unique. *However*, there is an underlying policy issue here. What the Israelis are worried

about more than anything else is that Obama cuts a bad deal with Iran. The deadline is in three weeks and no one is sure what's going to happen. But the way that the administration and the western powers had been making one concession after another in the middle of the negotiations as a way to almost beseech the Iranians to go ahead and make a deal, it looks as if, if there is a deal, Iran will be a threshold nuclear power, meaning it'll be three months away, four months away and any time it wants in the future of getting a nuke and that for Israel would be an existential threat. ... There is no doubt that what we saw [the chickenshit comment] is an accurate reflection of what they [in the White House] think. That's the reason they won't offer an apology. Everybody knows it's how [Obama] thinks about the Israeli leadership under [the] Likud [Party], under Bibi [Netanyahu]. So we know that there's sort of a veracity underlying it. You're not supposed to say it; you're supposed to deny it when of course it becomes published, but this is the tension between them. This is the worst relations between administrations, Israeli and America probably in 50 years." [67159]

Several Republican Congressmen register a complaint with IRS Commissioner John Koskinen after they learn that foreign diplomats assigned to embassies, consulates, and diplomatic missions in Washington, D.C., and New York City are eligible for subsidized healthcare coverage under ObamaCare. According to Examiner.com, "The Republicans' official letter asks the IRS chief to provide information on just how many foreign nationals have enrolled in ACA and the total cost of all subsidies given to foreign diplomats." [67157]

Chelsi P. Henry, a Florida attorney who happens to be black, writes at Ebony.com, "We are less than a week away from the critical Midterm elections. 29% of Americans are satisfied with the direction of the country, while 65% are dissatisfied. ... The common theme in liberal ads has been 'Republicans are against everything.' When people tell me that Republicans don't have any ideas for this country or Black America, my response is: 'That couldn't be farther from the truth.' ... We all know when America catches a cold, Black America catches pneumonia and [Obama's] policies have hardly raised the tide for a majority of Black Americans. We have seen the greatest loss of black wealth, housing, and jobs in a generation under this Administration than ever before. Poverty has soared to 16.1% with 8 million little girls and boys growing up in poverty. There is a gap in promises and results. Almost four-dozen Republican job creating bills are languishing in the Senate. What is the hold up? People need jobs. Small businesses need relief from overregulation and high taxes. Frankly, it is time to get America working again and provide a government that works—and Republicans continue to be ready. ... Earlier this year, Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC), the only Black Republican in [the] Senate presented his Opportunity Agenda. His agenda includes several job creation bills including the SKILLS Act, LEAP Act, and SEA Jobs Act. This legislation addresses high unemployment rates and provide solutions to reduce burdensome regulations and taxes, and increase job creation. Let's point out that these are three Acts by one Republican Senator. Last year, Sens. Rand Paul [R-KY] and Mitch McConnell [R-KY] introduced the Economic Freedom Zones Act. This legislation helps to bring businesses in distressed areas, create jobs, and increase entrepreneurial opportunities. Where is [sic; are] the Congressional

Black Caucus and Obama Democrats on job-creating policies for our community?" [67341]

The Federal Reserve announces it will end its bond-buying program, stating, "There has been a substantial improvement in the outlook for the labor market since the inception of [the] current asset-purchase program. Moreover, the [Fed] continues to see sufficient underlying strength in the broader economy to support ongoing progress toward maximum employment in a context of price stability." (In other words, the Fed will stop its "Qualitative Easing" scheme of creating money out of thin air—at least until the stock market drops and it is pressured to re-inflate the money supply.) WSJ.com writes, "The program ends with mixed reviews. While it clearly didn't cause the inflation outbreak some predicted, it also didn't clearly lead to a surge of economic output or hiring. If all goes as they expect, officials will now turn their attention in the months ahead to discussions about when to start raising interest rates and how to signal those moves to the public before they happen. For now the central bank stuck to an assurance that it will keep short-term interest rates near zero for a 'considerable time.' Many investors and Fed officials expect no rate increases until the middle of next year." (Some believe the Fed's Qualitative Easing program was a success because it has not resulted in massive price inflation. Of course, it *has* resulted in price inflation: in the stock market. That inflation has not been seen to a great extent in consumer prices because the newly-created money has essentially remained in the stock market. Once businesses start spending and banks start lending, hundreds of billions—if not trillions—of dollars *will* enter the consumer economy. At that point, prices of goods and services will skyrocket.) [67293]

Ann Barnhardt, who closed her investment firm in 2011 and encouraged her clients to get out of all markets because of the corrupt nature of the system, writes, "[I]f we take the latest bee-ess [B.S., or bullshit] GDP for the former US of \$16.8 trillion, and if we use an average wage of \$20 per hour, or \$40,000 per year, we get an economy of 840 billion man hours, or 420 million man years. ...Do that same calculation with the [national] debt (now \$18 trillion). Now do it with the unfunded liabilities of the FEDGOV (conservatively \$250 trillion). 450 million man years, and 6.25 billion man years respectively." [68052]

According to *The New York Times*, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel sent "a sharply critical two-page memo" to National Security Advisor Susan Rice "in which he warned that the administration's Syria policy was in danger of unraveling because of its failure to clarify its intentions toward President Bashar al-Assad." [67243, 67244]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The pro-amnesty Hispanic activist organization the National Council of La Raza helpfully promoted a Washington Post article explaining which states people can vote in without having to use a photo ID." (Whether LaRaza is also providing lists with the names of recently deceased registered voters is not known.) [67058]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu issues a statement in response to having been called a "chickenshit" by an unnamed "senior Obama administration official": "When Israel is pressured to make concessions on its security it is very easy to give in. There are

ovations and ceremonies on lawns and afterwards come the missiles and the tunnels. As Prime Minister I am responsible for Israel's security. I care about the lives of every civilian and soldier. I have been on the battlefield many times. I have risked my life for the country and I am not prepared to make concessions that will endanger our state. It must be understood that our supreme interests with security and the unity of Jerusalem first and foremost are not among the top concerns of those anonymous elements that are attacking us and me personally, because the attack on me comes only because I am defending the State of Israel." [67065, 67067, 67120]

Meanwhile, according to Algemeiner.com, "Rabbi Marvin Hier, the founder and Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, has called on ...Obama to 'name, apologize for, and repudiate' the anonymous official quoted in an Atlantic Magazine article describing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a 'chickenshit.' ...In a telephone call with The Algemeiner from his Los Angeles office, an incensed Rabbi Hier declared: 'It is rather ironic that a senior American official is prepared to curse his friends, yet when it comes to the mortal enemies of the United States—as the Iranians discovered during the recent nuclear negotiation—praise is heaped on them.'" (It is Obama who will be proven to be the coward, because he does not have the courage to identify, apologize for, and repudiate the official—especially if it is one of his administration's key Jew-haters, such as advisor Valerie Jarrett, National Security Advisor Susan Rice, or U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power.) [67066]

Former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Dan Gillerman says on Fox News, "If indeed these quotes are true and were said either by [Obama] or his administration I think it is shameful, it's abusive and it's very, very counterproductive. This is not the way you speak about your only ally, the only democracy in the Middle East and especially not when the Middle East is so volatile. When we're seeing in a very big way [is that] the foreign policy of this administration and especially of [Obama] has created a situation where its allies feel they cannot rely on it and its enemies feel that it can get away with murder, literally. You do not use such abusive language against your only ally, the only Democracy in the region, the only one you can count on and the only one with which the U.S. has a truly, very special, special relationship." [67067]

Former White House press secretary Ari Fleischer tweets, "As ex WH staffer, I can safely say staff wouldn't publicly call someone 'chickenshit' if POTUS hadn't privately said something similar 1st." (That is, the chickenshit remark originated from Obama was merely being repeated.) [67079]

At NationalReview.com David French comments on the administration's "chickenshit" remark: "Behold, the beautiful and delicate rhetorical stylings of our cultural and political elite. They're the improvisational jazz musicians of American diplomacy, always ready with just the right word to solidify alliances, avoid unnecessary confrontation, and reassure Americans they know exactly what they're doing in the face of bloody violence. This is what happens when the academic Left runs American foreign policy. ...[T]he American academy has been characterized by two prime impulses: one substantive, the other stylistic. First, there's the substantive claim that the problems of the world can

largely—if not entirely—be traced back to America’s sins and the sins of our Western allies, most notably Israel. ...Next, there’s the sophomoric, malicious style of campus rhetoric, where stigma is the preferred method of argument. It’s hard to overstate the propensity towards name-calling even of ‘elite’ academics, and the culture of the academy is one where groupthink is enforced and reinforced through vicious rhetoric. Their opponents can’t be merely wrong. Instead they are racist, bigoted, homophobic, or—despite professed love of the disabled—‘Aspergery.’ The arrogance is overwhelming, and the fake tough-guy posture of name-calling elitists is laughable to everyone but themselves. ...It should go without saying that this is no way to govern a great nation. So far the Obama administration’s legacy is one of bruised friendships and empowered enemies. The Islamic State rampages, Hamas restocks (with the help of American humanitarian aid), Boko Haram kidnaps, the Taliban advance, Russia owns new/old ground in Europe. And amidst the ruin of their foreign policy, the intellectual and emotional infants in the Obama administration hashtag away, mustering up their anger and fury to sling schoolyard insults at a close ally. All while doing their best to defer the hardest fighting against emerging enemies to the Oval Office’s next occupant. Bravo. You truly have ‘reset’ American foreign policy. You must feel so proud.” [67187]

Asked by AP reporter Matt Lee if the administration will apologize to Prime Minister Netanyahu for having insulted him, State Department spokesperson Jen Psaki says, “I think I conveyed we intend to make clear it’s not representative [of the administration’s views].” Asked if officials were trying to identify the source of the “chickenshit” remark, Psaki says, “No.” [67165, 67166]

Blogger IowaHawk tweets, “Washington DC in a nutshell: hack calling somebody ‘chickenshit’ while insisting on anonymity.” [67080]

HotAir.com comments, “As a million people on Twitter are noting this afternoon, ‘the chickensh*t’ served as a team leader in the IDF’s special forces unit, Sayeret Matkal. Team Hopenchange isn’t questioning his personal bravery, though, they’re questioning something they naturally consider more important—political bravery. Which is interesting because The One’s [Obama has] shown plenty of gutlessness on international affairs himself over the past few years. He abandoned [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak because he didn’t want to be on the wrong side of Arab populism, then abandoned [Mohamed] Morsi once the winds of Arab populism changed. He backed off his ‘red line’ in Syria once he realized the public wasn’t keen on bombing Assad, then accepted a transparently sham deal to disarm Damascus’s chemical weapons brokered by Vladimir Putin. He let Iraq fall to pieces, enabling the rise of ISIS, because keeping a residual force of U.S. troops there would have upset his base. Ten years from now, his legacy on Iran will almost certainly be that he missed the west’s last clear chance to stop the mullahs before they built a bomb, choosing to accept another transparently sham denuclearization deal instead because he feared a war more than he feared Shiite fanatics with nuclear weapons. How is this guy, or rather his surrogates, calling other leaders ‘chickensh*t?’” (HotAir could have included one more example of Obama’s lack of courage: his continued refusal to authorize a mission to take out Osama bin Laden—to

the point where then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta essentially made the decision and forced Obama and Valerie Jarrett to accept it.) [67120]

Republicans condemn the Obama administration for insulting Prime Minister Netanyahu. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) tweets, “[Obama] should find out who said this, and fire them [sic; him or her] immediately. Anything else would be ...well, the unnamed official put it best.” Middle East expert and Iran specialist Clare Lopez of the Center for Security Policy tells WND.com, “Such personal attacks on the leader of one of America’s closest allies are petty and very much beneath the dignity of America’s senior leadership. It is foolish of the Obama administration to so alienate an ally like Israel. The vicious personal attacks on Netanyahu are beyond the pale and frankly unseemly, if coming from an administration official as reported.” House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) states, “When [Obama] discusses Israel and Iran, it is sometimes hard to tell who he thinks is America’s friend and who he thinks is America’s enemy ...Over the last several months, I have watched the administration insult ally after ally. I am tired of the administration’s apology tour. [Obama] sets the tone for his administration. He either condones the profanity and disrespect used by the most senior members of his administration, or he does not.” [67166]

Fox News’ Ed Henry asks White House press secretary Josh Earnest, “The administration also has a long track record over the many months about complaining about leaks involving national security. We’ve seen threats to reporters like James Risen, who could potentially be thrown into jail over leaks to him, James Rosen’s phone records gone through because of leaks to him. My question going back to the Israel story is, why then are you kind of sloughing off this idea that you kind don’t care who leaked that story that... insulted of the prime minister of Israel? You have gone after reporters again and again in this administration to find out who leaked information to them. And then when it comes to insulting the prime minister, you don’t seem to care who leaked it.” Earnest replies, “...I don’t think that is an accurate, uh, reflection of the administration’s policy, and it certainly isn’t an accurate reflection of our views of the Prime Minister of Israel. ...So I, I guess the point is, um, my view, maybe I’m even speaking about my own personal view here, my view about the most effective way for us to deal with, uh, this situation... is to make sure that all of you and your readers, uh, and viewers understand precisely what this administration’s policy is when it comes to, uh, Israel, uh, and the leadership of Prime Minister Netanyahu.” [67155, 67158, 67182, 67288]

“And,” continues Earnest, “the fact of the matter is, uh, the United States continues to have, uh, to this day, an unbreakable commitment to the security of the nation of Israel. That’s why you see the ongoing close coordination when it comes to matters related to Israel’s security and that’s why, that’s one reason, that [Obama’s] national security adviser Susan Rice is hosting, uh, a high-level Israeli delegation to talk about these matters. Uh, these are discussions that are communed every six months and they just happen to be, uh, uh, starting up tomorrow. ...I think the fact of the matter is, Ed, what I’m mostly concerned about is two things. One is, making sure that everybody understands that the administration’s commitment to a principle, uh, about legitimate journalism, uh, and this administration’s commitment to the ongoing security relationship

that exists between the United States, uh, and Israel [sic]. From this, from this vantage point, uh, that is the most that I could do, but I think that's a really important thing. It's important for the people of Israel, it certainly is important for prime minister Netanyahu, although I don't think, uh, he has any, uh, uh, any, uh, uh, ambiguity about this situation. He's somebody who speaks to [Obama] on a regular basis, uh, as recently as earlier this month in the oval office." (In other words, "I'm not about to tell you who called Netanyahu a 'chickenshit.'") [67155, 67158, 67182, 67288]

Blogger Yid with Lid later writes, "Mr. Henry should know the answer. The reason the Administration isn't looking for the leaker is they know exactly where it came from, ...Obama. It may not have passed from [Obama's] mouth to Goldberg's ears but Barack Obama was the puppeteer whose strings controlled the mouth that spoke to Goldberg. Make no mistake, the Goldberg story was meant as a message to Netanyahu. The White House may have walked it back a tad, but only because the message wasn't meant for the U.S. public or the mainstream media—it was meant for Israel. You see, Barack Obama does not like Benjamin Netanyahu and it's personal. [The] thin-skinned [Obama] doesn't like anyone who disagrees with him. Bibi not only disagreed with him but he proved Obama wrong from the very beginning. ...Obama misjudged [the] Israelis from day one. What [Obama] and his advisers perceived as a minor concession, a settlement freeze, was not perceived by Israel as a minor concession. This was a major error by the administration. As part of his early settlement demand Obama informed the Israeli government that written assurances given to it by the Bush Administration about U.S. policy, given in response to prior Israeli concessions, were no longer in effect. One of those assurances was that Israel could expand existing settlements in Judea and Samaria and could build new ones in Jerusalem. The settlement demand was a lesson from Obama that assurances from American governments have a very short expiration date. Their insistence for a freeze and the constant public berating of the Jewish State has turned the Israeli population against Obama at the beginning of his administration, especially the Israeli 'left' who [Obama] would look to for support." [67288]

"Then came the Obama Cairo speech in 2009. There Obama spoke of the Holocaust as a reason for the Jewish State, echoing the anti-Israel narrative that Jews had no historic right to the land, but were only given a state because of European guilt. He repeated that claim when he visited Buchenwald on his way back home from Cairo, 'The aspiration for a Jewish homeland is rooted,' he said, 'in a tragic history' that culminated in the Shoah [Holocaust].' It also didn't go unnoticed that Obama went from Cairo to Germany and purposely avoided Israel. There were other early actions that alienated the Israeli public, during his first week of office he sat down with Al-Arabiya TV, Ignored Palestinian Terror and indicated that the Israeli government had no desire for peace. During the second month of his first term his Secretary of State Hilary Clinton demanded that Israel open border crossings to terrorists. Each one of the above early actions generated more support for Netanyahu and mistrust for Obama from the Israeli public. Each one of those early actions convinced the Israeli public that their country should stand up to [Obama] and each time Israel stood up to [him], [Obama] got angrier that his will wasn't being obeyed and angrier Israeli voters weren't abandoning their Prime Minister. This cycle, Obama throwing Israel and Netanyahu under the bus generating more Israeli support for

Bibi instead of damaging his coalition continues through today... At the beginning of his administration Obama actions were a signal that he must be obeyed. But the Prime Minister wouldn't kneel down to his demands and the Israeli people wouldn't oust the Premier. [The] thin-skinned [Obama] does not react well to being disobeyed. That more than anything caused the anger driving Obama to 'call' Netanyahu 'chickenshit.'" [67288, 67289, 67290]

From the White House, Obama speaks on the Ebola issue—with several doctors in lab coats standing behind him. (Why Obama thinks Americans believe doctors wear lab coats everywhere they go is not clear. When astronauts visit the White House they do not show up in their space suits.) Obama says, "If we are not dealing with this problem there, it will come here." (Once again, Obama seems incapable of comprehending that Ebola victims can be treated in Africa and *at the same time* a travel ban can keep infected people out of the United States. With an overwhelming number of Americans in favor of travel restrictions, it is difficult to understand why Obama is so intransigent on the issue. His ulterior motive is not yet clear, but he likely has one.) "We don't run and hide when there's a problem. Because we don't react to our fears, but instead, we respond with commonsense and skill and courage. That's the best of our history—not fear, not hysteria, not misinformation. We react clearly and firmly, even when others are losing their heads. That's part of the reason why we're effective. That's part of the reason why people look to us." (That many Americans, and legislators of both parties, do not agree with Obama in the travel ban issues does not make them "hysterical.") "America has never been defined by fear. We are defined by courage and passion and hope and selflessness and sacrifice... So I put those on notice who think that we should hide from these problems. That's not who we are. That's not who I am. That's not who these folks are. This is America. We do things differently." (Obama is using his trademark straw man argument, incorrectly defining the views of those who oppose his in order to make them appear unreasonable. There are valid arguments on both sides of the quarantine and travel ban issue; it is not "Obama is right" versus "everyone else is hiding and hysterical.") [67072, 67073, 67074, 67076, 67183, 67192]

"And some of these men and women [standing behind me] have recently returned [from Ebola areas in Africa]; others are heading there shortly. But all of them have signed up to leave their homes and their loved ones to head straight into the heart of the Ebola epidemic... And we need to call them what they are, which is American heroes. They deserve our gratitude, and they deserve to be treated with dignity and with respect." (Obama is suggesting that anyone who disagrees with his opposition to a travel ban does not consider medical workers risking their lives in Africa to be heroic. No one has made any such statements.) "When I hear people talking about American leadership, and then are promoting [sic; they promote] policies that would avoid leadership and have us running in the opposite direction and hiding under the covers, it makes me a little frustrated..." (A travel ban is not "hiding under the covers." It is prudence.) "And it's... our ability to learn from mistakes that are made, and our ability to work through problems that are really complicated, and to see something through, and not lose our heads; to have grace under pressure and apply ourselves with slow, steady effort—the kind that change and progress requires [sic]. ... We're at our best when we are standing up and taking

responsibility, even when it requires us making sacrifices, especially when it requires us making sacrifices.” (Obama should be reminded that going bowling rather than complying with quarantine rules is not exactly taking responsibility or sacrificing.) “It is how we help others around the world that’s important.” (Obama is incorrect. The first responsibility of the government is to protect the lives and the rights of U.S. citizens—not help others around the world.) Obama also says, “I’m confident we will contain and eventually snuff out this outbreak of Ebola.” [67072, 67073, 67074, 67076, 67183, 67192]

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel orders a 21-day period of “supervised isolation” for all troops returning from Ebola missions. (Hagel apparently believes the American people will not equate “supervised isolation” with “quarantine.”) Whether Obama considers Hagel’s policy “hiding under the covers” and not demonstrating leadership is not stated. [67077, 67078, 67118]

In San Mateo, California, a doctor who had been treating Ebola patients in Liberia is placed under “modified quarantine.” The local CBS affiliate in San Francisco reports, “Dr. Colin Bucks returned to the Bay Area on Friday [October 24], but no state or federal quarantine orders were in place at the time. Dr. Bucks is not experiencing any symptoms of Ebola, but he is the first Californian to be quarantined under the new guidelines. Bucks is considered by health officials to be at ‘some risk.’” [67175, 67176]

NJ.com reports that Nobel Prize-winning doctor and medical researcher Dr. Bruce Beutler says he supports New Jersey’s mandatory quarantine for health care workers who have been exposed to Ebola patients. Beutler states, “I favor it, because it’s not entirely clear that they [asymptomatic people like nurse Kaci Hickox] can’t transmit the disease. It may not be absolutely true that those without symptoms can’t transmit the disease, because we don’t have the numbers to back that up. It could be [that] people develop significant viremia [viruses enter the bloodstream and gain access to the rest of the body], and become able to transmit the disease before they have a fever, even. People may have said that without symptoms you can’t transmit Ebola. I’m not sure about that being 100 percent true. There’s a lot of variation with viruses. ...Even if someone is asymptomatic you cannot rely on people to report themselves if they get a fever. You can’t just depend on the goodwill of people to confine the disease like that—even healthcare workers. They behave very irresponsibly.” [67177, 67178]

Attorney General Eric Holder is asked, “[W]hat’s the one decision you made that you wish you could do over?” He responds, “I think that—I think about the subpoena to the Fox reporter, [James] Rosen. I think that I could have been a little more careful in looking at the language that was contained in the filing that we made with the court. He was labeled as a... as a co-conspirator. I mean, you had to do that as a result of the statute, but there are ways in which I think that could have been done differently, done better. And that’s one of the reasons why I thought the criticism that we received because of that, and the AP matter as well, was something that we had to act upon and why we put in place this review of our—the way in which we interact with the media.” (Holder does not regret persecuting Rosen or going after his family’s private communications; he only

regrets how it looked to the media. Lovers of liberty and a free press should not find Holder's comments calming.) [67075, 67141]

James Rosen responds, "Throughout this ordeal for my family and me, I have tried to keep my head down and continue covering—and breaking—the news. I consider myself blessed to have an employer in Fox News, and a boss in Roger Ailes, who have stood by me and enabled me to remain focused on what matters most to me in professional terms: first-rate journalism. At some later point, I may have more to say about this entire controversy, which—as commentators from across the ideological spectrum have noted—does indeed raise serious concerns about the state of press freedoms under the present administration. Suffice to say for now that the attorney general's latest comments about my case, like his previous remarks, scarcely address the relevant facts of his conduct." [67141]

At RealClearPolitics.com Jonah Goldberg observes that in trying to protect vulnerable Democrat Senators from having to vote on tough issues Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) he has in fact hurt them. The Republican candidates are now using to their advantage statistics that show many Senators "voted with Obama" 95-97 percent of the time. Those Senators can hardly say, for example, "I stood up to Obama on the controversial vote on the Keystone XL pipeline!"—because Reid never allowed a vote on that, or any other, controversial issue. In residing over a do-nothing Senate, Reid has turned quite a few Democrat Senators into do-nothing legislators. Goldberg writes, "This live-for-today approach—what GOP consultant Brad Blakeman calls 'momentarianism'—protects the short-term interests of political elites but harms the long-term interests of just about everyone. It prevents Republicans from forging creative strategies for winning over Democrats and vice versa. But it also denies letting voters know what politicians are really for by concealing their true positions in a fog of procedural nonsense. Gridlock is great when it reflects principled disagreements between duly elected representatives of the people, not when it's used to protect politicians from their own constituents." [67109]

According to NYTimes.com, "A new poll from the Institute of Politics at Harvard University contains a surprising finding: Slightly more than half of young Americans who say they will 'definitely be voting' in the midterm elections would prefer a Republican-controlled Congress. So-called millennial voters, those age 18 to 29, have been big backers of Democrats since 2004, and helped put ...Obama in office. In 2010, the last time Harvard polled young voters before a midterm election, 55 percent of those very likely to vote favored a Democratic Congress, while 43 percent preferred Republican control. The new survey, released Wednesday, found a preference for Republican control among very likely voters, 51 percent to 47 percent. The institute's polling director, John Della Volpe, said the findings suggest that the youth vote may now be up for grabs. 'The period of time from 2004 to 2012 where Democrats maintained a significant margin of young voters appears to be over,' Mr. Della Volpe said. 'The youth vote is now returning back to pre-2004 levels, where it is actually a key swing vote.'" In the 2010 poll, 55 percent said they were voting Democrat and 43 percent said they were voting Republican. According to the poll, 33 percent of the surveyed millennials consider

themselves “liberal” or “moderate leaning liberal,” while 35 percent consider themselves “conservative” or “moderate leaning conservative.” If the poll is anywhere near accurate, Democrats could suffer significant losses on November 4. On the other hand, only 26 percent of millennials say they will even bother to vote. [67110, 67140, 67186]

According to a Pew Research Center poll, 57 percent of registered Hispanic voters support or lean toward the Democrat candidate for Congress, while 28 percent support or lean toward the Republican. (In 2010 the numbers were 65 percent and 22 percent.) [67161]

On *Outnumbered*, Democrat consultant Kirsten Powers comments on the problems within the White House: “I really think that [Obama] is the problem, I don’t think it’s the staff. ...I think that [Obama] tends to surround himself with people who suck up to him, you know? And he doesn’t—he claims that he had this idea like Lincoln that he was... going to have all these people that are [sic; who were] going to be disagreeing with each other and offering different points of view, but I don’t think he really has that. I think he has a lot of, sort of, Kool-Aid drinkers who think everything he does is right and I think he needs to be able to have people there to confront him.” [67160, 67199]

On his radio program Glenn Beck interviews Erik Prince, founder of the private security firm Blackwater, Inc. and author of *Civilian Warriors: The Inside Story of Blackwater and the Unsung Heroes of the War on Terror*. When Beck says, “The people in Benghazi that were killed, private contractors, we just left them behind, just discarded them. I think we were running guns over to Syria,” Prince interjects, “NO. Actually missiles. ...Look, the reason that annex was there, they [CIA operatives] were buying back missiles from the Libyans and shipping them to Syria.” [67203]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Democrat-controlled Senate Select Committee on Ethics said that it never received a complaint pertaining to Democratic Sen. Harry Reid and the Obama administration’s efforts to approve visas for certain investors, according to a government watchdog group, despite previously confirming that it received the complaint—and saying that it opened an investigation. ...Senate Ethics Committee Chief Counsel and Staff Director John C. Sassaman called Cause of Action to state over the phone that the committee ‘never received’ the complaint, according to Cause of Action executive director Dan Epstein. But Cause of Action received a signed returned receipt from the Senate mail dated Dec. 20, 2013, according to the organization.” [67170]

More instances of voting machines switching Republican votes to the Democrats are reported—this time in Moline, Illinois. [67146]

Bryan Preston reports at PJMedia.com, “An election integrity watchdog group is suing the state of Maryland, alleging that it has discovered massive and ongoing fraudulent voting by non-U.S. citizens in one county. But because of the way that the non-citizens are able to cast votes in elections, the fraud is likely happening in every single county and subdivision across the state. The group believes that the illegal voting has been happening for years. The group, Virginia Voters Alliance, says that it compared how voters in

Frederick County filled out jury duty statements compared with their voting records. The group's investigation found that thousands of people in Frederick County who stated that they are not U.S. citizens on jury duty forms went on to cast votes in elections. Either they failed to tell the truth when they were summoned for jury duty, or they cast illegal votes. Both are crimes. The same group previously found that about 40,000 people are registered to vote in both Virginia and Maryland. It is a federal crime to cast votes if you are not legally eligible to vote. Non-citizens, whether in the country legally or not, are prohibited from voting in most local and all state and federal elections. Yet the VVA investigation found that hundreds of non-citizens have been voting in Frederick County, Maryland. One in seven Maryland residents are non-U.S. citizens. ...Maryland state law makes it easier for non-citizens, both those present legally and those in the country against the law, to vote. Maryland issues drivers licenses to legal and illegal aliens. Driver's licenses in turn make it easier under the Motor Voter law to register to vote. Maryland also offers copious taxpayer-funded social programs to non-citizens in the state." [67190]

Vice President Joe Biden campaigns for Congressman Seth Moulton in Massachusetts. (That Biden has to campaign for a Democrat in far-left-leaning *Massachusetts* is a clear sign that Democrats are very worried about losses on November 4.)

In New York's 21st Congressional District, GOP candidate Elise Stefanik has an 18-point poll lead over Democratic and Working Families Party candidate Aaron Woolf. (Congressman Bill Owens (D-NY) did not seek reelection.) In the state's 19th District, Congressman Chris Gibson (R-NY) has a whopping 23-point poll lead over Democrat candidate Sean Eldridge—despite the fact that Eldridge is fabulously wealthy and the “husband” of Facebook co-founder Chris Hughes. (FreeBeacon.com writes, “Eldridge perfectly embodies the hypocrisy and self-serving douchebaggery voters find so obnoxious about entitled liberals. He preaches about the need to ‘reduce the influence of special interest money in politics,’ while taking money from labor unions, Silicon Valley CEOs, Goldman Sachs executives, billionaire financiers George Soros and Tom Steyer, and his multi-millionaire husband.”) [67179, 67180, 67181]

WatchDog.org reports, “One day after billionaire Tom Steyer welcomed the Democratic Party elite into his home for a \$400,000 fundraiser, he was jetting cross-country to meet with fellow billionaire George Soros and a top Obama aide in the West Wing of the White House. It was Feb. 20, and the two-hour meeting was with John Podesta, counselor to ...Obama and fourth in line of importance under the chief of staff. The visit also included Michael Vachon, Soros' spokesperson and chief adviser to his international hedge fund, Soros Fund Management. In the following months, millions flowed from the billionaires and Podesta's family to liberal U.S. Senate candidates Gary Peters of Michigan, Bruce Braley of Iowa, Mark Udall of Colorado and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire, Watchdog.org has learned. Shaheen and Udall, who are the only incumbents in the group, also were at Steyer's soiree. ‘The whole thing is very Third World—billionaires meet with the regime and get policy decisions and suddenly money flows to candidates,’ said Phil Kerpen, president of the free-market advocacy group American Commitment. ‘I don't blame them for trying. I blame the administration for agreeing.’

Steyer and Soros are no strangers to the White House, having visited numerous times in the past. But if the pair discussed fundraising at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Podesta would be violating a law that prohibits political activities by the Executive Branch. Steyer would meet again with Podesta in the West Wing on March 31, for six hours, but this time without Soros.” (While Democrats and the mainstream media whine about the influence of the Koch brothers, who donate millions to conservative causes, they are silent about the influence of Steyer and Soros—who give tens of millions to leftist causes.) [67125]

According to BirtherReport.com, “a recently discovered report from a Maui Police Detective reveals that” plane crash victim Loretta Fuddy did not have a heart attack, as was originally reported. Instead, “She drowned.... with her life jacket on.” (Fuddy, the director of the Hawaii Department of Health who was involved in the Obama birth certificate controversy, was the sole victim of the crash of a small plane off the coast of Hawaii. The “crash” was actually a very smooth emergency landing on the water, which gave all the passengers time to put on life jackets and exit the plane. All the passengers were rescued floating in the water only a few hundred yards from the shore. No passengers were injured. Fuddy was the only person to die. BirtherReport.com notes, “Shortly before the plane crash, Fuddy had been named in an affidavit requesting that a Grand Jury launch an investigation into Obama’s forged birth certificate and Fuddy’s role, if any, in the production of it. Hence, there was an almost immediate suspicion that something was strange about the timing of her death. ...A public records request, made to the MPD [Maui Police Department], has revealed that the Medical Examiner’s preliminary cause of death for Loretta Fuddy was drowning. The public records got lost in the shuffle on the requestor’s end, and were not discovered until late August. They were forwarded to me in September. ...Loretta Fuddy’s cause of death was changed, not just a little, but between two very disparate causes. Drowning takes precise testing to prove and it is virtually impossible to prove cardiac arrhythmia. This slight of hand pretty much screams that someone was trying to hide something about Fuddy’s death. The fact that her official autopsy report, in spite of being a public record, was so heavily redacted that virtually every medical finding disappeared into a black hole, lends credence to this assertion. Want to make people suspicious? Start hiding stuff.” [67129]

A Monmouth University poll shows the Republican U.S. Senate candidate in Georgia, David Perdue, with a 49-41 percent lead over Democrat Michelle Nunn. (Georgia requires a run-off election if no candidate tops 50 percent.) [67138, 67185]

In a Louisiana State University debate, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) says, “I support a strong border and have for many years as chair of the Homeland Security Committee. I’ve increased the number of border agents from 15,000 to 20,000 and joined John McCain, a friend of my opponent here, in passing a comprehensive immigration bill to double it from 20,000 to 40,000. I also support a fence, 700 miles long that can tell the difference between whether a deer crosses or a person so we can allocate our resources effectively. So these attacks that I’m not for a secure border are absolutely false.” (In June 2013 Landrieu said, “I voted for the dumb fence once. I’m not going to do it again because I learned my mistake when I went down there to look at it and realized that we

could build two dumb fences or three dumb fences, and it's not working. So I am simply not going to waste the money to do something that I know will not work.” [67274]

Politico writes, “Most Americans don't want to get rid of Obamacare. They just don't share its fundamental goal of universal coverage anymore. And not only did the political benefits that Democrats thought the 2010 law would eventually bring them not materialize, opposition has only grown, according to an analysis of multiple polls taken between 2010 and last month. ‘There have been backlashes, but never like this,’ said Robert Blendon, a professor at the Harvard School of Public Health and co-author of the analysis released Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine. That backlash doesn't appear directed at the mechanics of the law but at its underlying core principle. Only 47 percent of Americans agree that it's the government's job to make sure everyone has health coverage, down from 69 percent in 2006, the analysis found. That shift is particularly pronounced among likely voters. Of those who are most likely to show up at the polls on Nov. 4, one in four believe in this principle.” Guy Benson adds at Townhall.com, “In Marquette's Wisconsin poll, Obamacare is upside-down by 20 points (34/54), and Harvard's poll of millennials shows a 57 percent majority of young voters disapproving of the law. The vast majority of Americans would like to see the law repealed or scaled back with significant changes.” [67221, 67222]

On *The O'Reilly Factor*, Charles Krauthammer says that even if the Republicans win the Senate, “They are not going to win in 2016 by hiring a new PR [public relations] firm or coming up with a slogan. The only thing they need to do and the most important thing they need to do is to show the country in the next two years—if they control the two houses of Congress—that they have a governing agenda. Right now, they are the party of ‘no,’ which is all you can be if you control only one house. ...The only reason to retake the Senate is to enact the agenda that would come out of the House into the Senate and confront Obama with a veto threat. Sharpen the differences. Show the country you are not the party of no, that you're a party that's prepared.” [67147]

Also on the program, *Wall Street Journal* editor Jason Riley says there is a “racial angle” to Obama's resistance to a travel ban to protect Americans from the Ebola virus. “This administration is obsessed with race and racial slights and maintaining street cred with the black community. And I think that has played into this decision regarding the Ebola policy, definitely. ...[T]he administration's concerns are political. They don't want to do anything to offend the black community. And a policy that bans black people from West Africa from coming to the U.S.... could be spun that way, and they don't want that. Particularly among a group that many need to turn out in higher than usual numbers next week in order to hang on to the Senate.” (Riley happens to be black.) [67169]

On October 30 a CBS poll shows Republicans ahead of Democrats 50-42 in a “generic Congressional ballot” question. (The spread was 49-43 on October 8.) The GOP also holds the lead on the issues of immigration (+2), the economy (+7), foreign policy (+10), and responding to terrorism (+20). Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson notes, “The eight-point Congressional ballot margin for Republicans is wider than CBS News’

last pre-election survey in 2010, which seems newsworthy, yet CBS News doesn't seem very excited about reporting their own results." [67142]

In a Quinnipiac poll, Congressman Cory Gardner (R-CO) leads Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) by seven points. [67142, 67149, 67196]

According to a University of Arkansas poll, Tom Cotton leads Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR) by 13 points. [67142]

An Elon poll shows Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC) with a four-point lead over Thom Tillis. [67142]

In Virginia, Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) leads GOP challenger Ed Gillespie 44-40 percent. (Gillespie was once down 29 points. Warner is still favored to win, but for Warner to be six points under 50 percent only days before an election will not help Democrat strategists sleep well.) [67239]

In a Marquette Law School poll of likely voters, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker opens up a seven-point lead, 50-43, over Democrat challenger Mary Burke—who dropped in the polls after Obama's appearance with her. (Burke has not been helped by reports that her own family fired her from its Trek bicycle business in the 1990s. Burke claims, "We reorganized and eliminated the position that I had." Townhall.com's Guy Benson reports, "Multiple former executives at Trek Bicycle now say Burke was forced out of her position by her own family as a consequence of her terrible management, and a fellow member of a Democratic administration referred to her leadership as 'a disaster' in a contemporaneous assessment. And now she wants to be governor. Even as GOP-aligned pollsters are privately warning that Marquette's Walker +7 projection is more bullish than their internal findings, this can't be the front page coverage Team Burke was hoping to see five days out from the election: 'Scott Walker's Opponent Was Fired By Her Own Family... For Incompetence.'") [67156, 67167, 67184, 67267]

In Neenah, Wisconsin, a postal worker discards 879 Republican political mailings into a dumpster rather than deliver them. According to Watchdog.org, "A resident had witnessed the mail carrier dump the campaign literature... There were no reports that campaign mailers from Democratic Party candidates have been similarly mishandled." Robert Rukes, special agent with the U.S. Postal Service's inspector general's office in Chicago, tells Wisconsin Reporter, "Based upon our investigation, this was nothing done toward a specific candidate or party. It looks like it was a decision made by the carrier, and it was not a good decision. ...A lot of times, what happened in this situation, you have a carrier who felt overwhelmed with the volume of mail so they [sic; he or she] decided to discard some of the mail without delivering." (Americans who pay the salaries of the postal workers may not be too happy to here that mail gets discarded "a lot of times.") [67358, 67359]

In Iowa early voting, Democrats are about five points behind their 2010 pace. [67142]

Also in Iowa, Hillary Clinton—fresh off her absurd assertion that corporations and businesses do not create jobs—claims that if Republican U.S. Senate candidate Joni Ernst “gets her way,” women will lose access to mammograms because Ernst opposes ObamaCare. (Clinton is not only wrong, ObamaCare actually restricts access to mammograms because it forces insurers to follow U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) guidelines that call for screening after age 50—rather than at age 40.) [67234, 67235]

In Kansas, where Democrats hope to unseat Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS), about 54 percent of the early votes were cast by registered Republicans; 31 percent were cast by Democrats; independents cast the remainder. Clay Barker, Kansas Republican Party Executive Director, states, “Early voting is turning out as our voter data models predicted and is consistent with early voting patterns in 2010 and 2012. Republican voters are building a substantial lead over Democrats that is increasing with each passing day. There were no October surprises.” Dr. Milton Wolf, a cousin of Obama (on his mother’s side of the family) and a Tea Party candidate who lost to Roberts in the GOP primary, writes at Facebook, “I urge you, I urge all Kansans, to set aside our differences and vote Republican in this critical Senate race on November 4th. Whatever your opinion of Pat Roberts, his re-election to the United States Senate may be the deciding factor that dethrones Harry Reid and elevates solid constitutional conservatives like Ted Cruz, Mike Lee and Rand Paul.” [67214, 67242, 67266]

The Kansas Republican Party registers a complaint with the Federal Election Commission, charging that the Kansas Democrat Party has violated federal election laws by working to support independent candidate Greg Orman. (The Democrat candidate withdrew from the race earlier in the year.) That Orman would likely vote with Senate Democrats if elected is irrelevant to the issue of campaign law. The Republicans note, “Any activities or expenditures made by the Kansas Democrats on behalf of Orman... are in-kind contributions to Orman and is [sic; are] subject to the \$5,000 combined state and local party contribution limit and reporting requirements.” (The FEC will no doubt “investigate” the issue, but conveniently for Orman will likely not do so until after the election.) [67296]

RollCall.com’s Stuart Rothenberg observes that “Obama is likely to have the worst midterm numbers” since Harry S. Truman. “Truman lost a total of 83 House seats during his two midterms (55 seats in 1946 and 28 seats in 1950), while Republican Dwight Eisenhower lost a combined 66 House seats in the 1954 and 1958 midterms. Obama had one midterm [2010] where his party lost 63 House seats, and Democrats are expected to lose another 5 to possibly 12 House seats (or more), taking [Obama’s] total midterm House loses to the 68 seat to 75 seat range. ...The GOP lost 30 House seats in George W. Bush’s second midterm, but gained 8 seats in his first midterm for a net loss of 22 seats. The party lost 26 seats in Ronald Reagan’s first midterm, but a mere 5 seats in his second midterm for a net loss of 31 seats. Democrats got shellacked in 1994, losing 54 seats in Bill Clinton’s first midterm, but the party gained 5 House seats in 1998, Clinton’s six-year-itch election, for a net Clinton loss of 49 House seats. ...Democrats lost 6 Senate

seats in 2010 and seem likely to lose from 5 to as many as 10 seats next week. That would add up to Obama midterm Senate losses of from 11 seats to as many as 16 seats.” (The figures do not include special elections or party switches.) [67286, 67287]

Orlando’s WFTV.com reports that the estranged wife of “one of richest congressman in the country,” Alan Grayson (D-FL), “is now using tax dollars to support her children.” Lolita Grayson has applied for and received benefits under the SNAP (food stamp) program. Grayson claims their 29-year marriage is invalid because Lolita was never divorced from her first husband, is using the bigamy claim to avoid providing her with direct support payments. (Grayson is continuing to make the mortgage payments on their home.) Whether the controversy will effect Grayson’s reelection chances remain to be seen. [67153, 67154, 67171]

NBCNews.com reports, “One of the five Taliban leaders freed from Guantanamo Bay in return for Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl’s release has pledged to return to fight Americans in Afghanistan, according to a fellow militant and a relative. ‘After arriving in Qatar, Noorullah Noori kept insisting he would go to Afghanistan and fight American forces there,’ a Taliban commander told NBC News via telephone from Afghanistan. ... Under the terms of the deal, the former commanders would remain under the control of the government of Qatar for one year and be subject to ‘restrictions on their movement and activities,’ a senior U.S. official has told NBC News—including a one-year travel ban. A diplomatic source later told NBC News that their movements within the Arab emirate are not restricted. [67143, 67144]

Meanwhile, FoxNews.com reports, “As many as 20 to 30 former Guantanamo Bay detainees—some of whom were released within the last three years—are suspected by intelligence and Defense officials of having joined forces with the Islamic State and other militant groups inside Syria... The development has cemented fears that the U.S. military would once again encounter militants taken off the battlefield. The intelligence offers a mixed picture, and officials say the figures are not exact. But they are certain at least some of the released detainees are fighting with the Islamic State, or ISIS, on the ground inside Syria. Others are believed to be supporting Al Qaeda or the affiliated al-Nusra Front in Syria.” [67145]

In Iraq, the bodies of 150 Sunnis who had resisted ISIS are found in a mass grave. According to Reuters, “Islamic State militants took the men from their villages to the city of Ramadi and killed them on Wednesday night and buried them, an official in a police operations center and another security official told Reuters. In a separate case, witnesses said they found 70 corpses from the same Albu Nimr tribe near the town of Hit in the Sunni heartland Anbar province. ... Most of the victims found near Hit were members of the police or an anti-Islamic State Sunni force called Sahwa (Awakening).” (Pamela Geller comments, “Obama is responsible for the threat posed by the Islamic State, by leaving Iraq precipitously and creating a vacuum giving an opportunity to this group. His response is to deny it has anything to do with Islam, despite its name, as if his stating such an absurd notion would make it so. He is encased in blinding, narcissistic denial and willful ignorance. His airstrikes have had little impact on the Islamic State and his aid and

arms have fallen, yet again, into their hands. He has armed the ‘Syrian rebels’—many of these arms fell into the hands of ISIS, and the Syrian rebels he armed have the same jihad goal that ISIS does. But in Iraq, these people he has supported and armed become the enemy. This is ridiculous and incoherent. Obama is a rolling disaster.”) [67291, 67292]

Saudi Arabia’s religious police, the “Committee for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice,” announces, “The men of the committee will interfere to force women to cover their eyes, especially the tempting ones.” The Assyrian International News Agency comments, “If Congress reconsidered the recent \$60 billion U.S.-Saudi arms deal, the religious police might quickly find it ‘tempting’ to stop treating women as property.” (Obama has no comment.) [67456]

Sharyl Attkisson reports at DailySignal.com, “A long-awaited report from the Department of Justice’s inspector general sharply criticizes U.S. law enforcement officials for allowing a grenade trafficker for vicious Mexican drug cartels to operate unfettered, endangering public safety. The Office of the Inspector General calls the federal operation ‘poorly conceived and executed’ and ‘particularly irresponsible’ because of information agents had about a dangerous suspect. The case reminded some observers of how the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives allowed thousands of assault rifles to be trafficked to Mexican drug cartels in the ill-fated Operation Fast and Furious. In fact, Jean Baptiste Kingery, the California man accused of being a grenade trafficker, came to the attention of the inspector general’s office during the probe of Fast and Furious, which also occurred on Attorney General Eric Holder’s watch as head of the Justice Department. The missteps of the U.S. attorney’s office in Arizona and the ATF allowed Kingery, a 43-year-old U.S. citizen, to move massive amounts of grenade parts and ammunition to Mexico’s ruthless drug cartels, Inspector General Michael Horowitz concluded. This ‘grenade walking’ mirrored, in some respects, the controversial gun-walking strategy used in ATF’s Operation Fast and Furious and also involved the same U.S. attorney and ATF offices.” [67232]

Defying a quarantine in Fort Kent, Maine, possible Ebola-carrier Kaci Hickox goes on a 55-minute bicycle ride with her boyfriend. Hickox’s return home is not without controversy. Gateway Pundit writes, “Local news reports say Hickox is the talk of the small town by ‘scared’ [sic; frightened] locals. Fort Kent residents are canceling medical procedures out of fear of Hickox returning to Fort Kent after being released from quarantine in New Jersey. Students at the college of her nursing student boyfriend Ted Wilbur, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, were said to be ‘panicked’ that the boyfriend would return to campus after spending time with Hickox—with some students talking [about] a boycott. ...CTV reports residents of Clair, New Brunswick, just across the border from Hickox’s hometown of Fort Kent, are ‘nervous’ about Hickox’s refusal to abide by quarantine orders. They fear she could spread Ebola to Canadians who visit Fort Kent. That concern was exacerbated by Hickox’ in-your-face bike ride Thursday morning. The Canadian government has taken measures to screen Hickox should she try to enter Canada.” (Whether fears of catching the Ebola virus are rational is irrelevant to the fact that those fears exist. If even one person who came in contact with Hickox in New Jersey, or Dr. Craig Spencer in New York City, contracts the disease, the economies

in those huge areas could be affected. Reduced business at sporting events, restaurants, shopping malls, or other crowded places could cost many people their jobs.) [67148, 67204, 67268]

At TheTradingReport.com Michael Snyder writes, “Mark this day on your calendars. The Dow is at 16974, the S&P 500 is at 1982 and the NASDAQ is at 4549. From this day forward, we will be looking to see how the stock market performs without the monetary heroin that the Federal Reserve has been providing to it. Since November 2008, the Fed has created about 3.5 trillion dollars and pumped it into the financial system. ...[W]hy is the Federal Reserve finally ending quantitative easing? Well, officially the Fed says that it is because there has been so much improvement in the labor market... But that is not true at all. The percentage of Americans that are working right now is about the same as it was during the depths of the last recession. ...So there has been no ‘employment recovery’ to speak of at all. And... the percentage of Americans that [sic; who] are homeowners has been steadily falling throughout the quantitative easing era... So let’s put the lie that quantitative easing helped the ‘real economy’ to rest. It did no such thing. Instead, what QE [Qualitative Easing] did do was massively inflate stock prices. ...Since November 2008, every time there has been an interruption in the Fed’s quantitative easing program, the stock market has gone down substantially. Will that happen again this time?” [67188]

In addition to Colorado, a Project Veritas undercover sting in Charlotte, North Carolina also caught campaign workers encouraging a non-citizen to vote. Project Veritas reports that its “investigators have been undercover posing as illegal immigrants who slipped through the cracks due to Obama’s DREAM Act. Our investigators approached MULTIPLE campaigns, admitting they were not U.S. Citizens but that they still wanted to vote.” *They were told they could do so.* One investigator asks a North Carolina campaign worker, “She’s [Senator Kay Hagan’s] okay with illegals?” Campaign worker: “Absolutely.” Investigator: “You think she’s okay with me being an illegal voter for her?” Campaign worker: “Absolutely.” Investigator: “So Kay Hagan wouldn’t mind her voting even if [I’m] not a citizen?” Campaign worker: “No.” Investigator: “Okay.” Campaign worker: “Welcome aboard.” CharlotteObserver.com reports, “The North Carolina Board of Elections is investigating whether the campaign manager for Irwin Carmichael, the Democratic candidate for Mecklenburg County sheriff, and other campaign workers violated state election laws... Greg Amick, Carmichael’s campaign manager, stepped down Friday after being videotaped allegedly telling an actress who expressed concern about her alleged legal status, that she shouldn’t have any problem voting. ‘As long as you’re registered to vote, you’ll be fine,’ said Amick, according to the video. ...The woman claimed to be an undocumented Brazilian immigrant who had a driver’s license and received a voting registration card by mistake. She claimed to know she wasn’t supposed to vote but wanted to support U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, the Greensboro Democrat who is in a tight race against Republican challenger Thom Tillis. Several of the Mecklenburg campaign workers and volunteers appear to tell her that she should vote. Rob Brisley, a spokesman for the Carmichael campaign, confirmed that Amick had stepped down from his position.” Brisley remarks, “It is unfortunate that a social media virus has added noise and sometimes confusion to an election in our community.”

(Uncovering vote fraud is “noise and confusion.”) Townhall.com reports that an investigation by the North Carolina Board of Elections “has flagged 1,425 registered voters who are believed to be non-citizens.” (Not only is it illegal for non-citizens to vote, it is also illegal to aid those actions.) [67189, 67195, 67236, 67351, 67354, 67360]

In an interview with NBC’s Chuck Todd, Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) says, “I’ll be very, very honest with you. The South has not always been the friendliest place for African-Americans. It’s been a difficult time for [Obama] to present himself in a very positive light as a leader. It’s not always been a good place for women to present ourselves. It’s more of a conservative place. So we’ve had to work a little bit harder on that, but you know, the people trust me, I believe. Really they do. Trust me to do the right thing for the state.” (Todd does not challenge Landrieu’s accusation.) Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal responds, “She appears to be living in a different century. Implied in her comments is the clear suggestion that ...Obama and his policies are unpopular in Louisiana because of his ethnicity. That is a major insult by Senator Landrieu to the people of Louisiana and I flatly reject it.” Landrieu’s playing of the race card and the gender card may hurt her more than she thinks it will help her, and calling her state’s voters racists and sexists is not a good way to score points. Voters are getting tired of the excuses. Obama was elected twice, yet she blames racism for his problems. She herself has been in politics for decades and has been elected to the U.S. Senate three times—which most would argue is proof that Louisiana voters are not sexist. In fact, Jindal’s predecessor, Kathleen Blanco, is a woman. Salon.com’s Joan Walsh later tweets, “Kudos to Landrieu for truth about many white Southern voters. Why did Obama get 40% less white Southern support than Gore in 2000?” Walsh’s softball question is immediately hit out of the ballpark by Martini Shark, “Sure sounds as if it is southern DEMOCRATS who are racist, by your example” and The Brickhouse, “If White Southerners voting for white guy is racist what is 98% of blacks voting for a black [candidate] called?” Walsh does not say whether she supports GOP Congressional candidate Mia Love or Senator Tim Scott (R-SC), both of whom are black, but it can be assumed she does not.) [67197, 67226, 67233, 67238, 67250, 67258]

In a report on Democrat campaign ads, MSNBC’s Alex Wagner says, “In Georgia, state Democrats printed a flyer warning that the way to prevent ‘another Ferguson’ is to vote. Arkansas residents meanwhile, received a mailer showing a man in a hands-up, don’t shoot position made infamous in the wake of Michael Brown’s killing. The mailer reads: ‘If we want to end senseless killings like Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, we need to vote.’ ...It’s important to say that it shouldn’t have to be the threat of undermining civil rights that gets people to vote, but if it does, so much stronger the party is for it.” In other words, Wagner feels that shameless race-baiting is what it takes for the Democrats to win, they should do so. (Wagner is married to Assistant White House chef Sam Kass. Wagner’s talent agent is Ari Emanuel, brother of former Obama chief of staff Rahm Emanuel and one of the ObamaCare architects, Ezekiel Emanuel.) [67249]

In an interview with Newsmax.TV, former Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz calls nurse Kaci Hickox “extraordinarily selfish” for defying a quarantine order. “When you live in a society like ours, which is interconnected, you have to make certain sacrifices in

the interest of public health. You may disagree with the nature of the quarantine or its scope, but it's certainly reasonable and the law certainly supports the power of the governor, the executive authorities in the state and the federal government to order quarantines if they're in any way reasonable. ...People ought to comply and not selfishly try to bring lawsuits to challenge the public health measures that are taken." On the Obama administration's "chickenshit" description of Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Dershowitz says, "The point is not whether or not somebody in the Obama administration regards Benjamin Netanyahu as a chicken or as a coward, which is absurd... But even if people call each other cowards in private, this was an on-the-record interview. It had to have been authorized at a higher level and so the question you have to ask is why has somebody in the White House, whether it be [Obama] or somebody below him, authorized a senior official to publically make those kinds of statements? Now they've distanced themselves from the statements because they've seen the public reaction to it. ...You don't reveal classified assessments of an ally's intentions in the public media. Think of what that does. It sends the message to Iran saying, 'Oh, you don't have to worry about an Israeli attack. Go ahead, develop your nuclear weapons. All you have to worry about is sanctions and now, by the way, that Israel is not going to attack Iran. You don't even have to worry about sanctions because the Europeans won't comply with sanctions.' The only reason the Europeans accepted sanctions [was] to prevent Israel from launching an attack. So the idea that an American public official would disclose that he believes that ...Netanyahu is bluffing when it comes to Iran is a major breach of American foreign policy and it must be investigated. ...The White House knows who did it. If they don't know who did it, they could easily find out." [67198]

In an interview with former NFL player Ahmad Rashad, former NBA star Michael Jordan, an avid golfer, is asked to name his ultimate golf foursome. Jordan says he would play with Arnold Palmer and with Obama: "I've never played with Obama, but I would." Jordan then changes his mind: "But nah, that's okay, I'd take him out [off the list]. He's a hack. Man, I'd be all day playing with him" because Obama is a "shitty golfer." (Rashad, a Muslim who is dating Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett, is a bit taken aback by Jordan's bluntness/honesty.) To no one's surprise, the thin-skinned Obama retaliates, saying in an interview with WJMR, "Mike and I, we know each other, but I've never played golf with him. ...Michael wasn't very well informed about this. I think he might've just been trying to give Ahmad an extra ratings boost on his show. But there is no doubt that Michael is a better golfer than I am. Of course if I was [sic; had been] playing twice a day for the last 15 years, then that might not be the case." [67240, 67241, 67254, 67593, 67594]

Ferguson, Missouri police chief Thomas Jackson responds to Attorney General Eric Holder's statement that there is a need for "wholesale change" in the police department. Jackson tells the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "I think he's about to leave office and needs to say he accomplished something in Ferguson. Right now, I'm low-hanging fruit." [67283, 67284]

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel tells reporters, "[W]e think that overall the policy of getting to close Guantanamo is clearly in the interests of the United States, as [Obama] has articulated, which when I... I was in the United States Senate, I supported it. ...[W]e

know that some of the detainees that have come out of Guantanamo have gone back to the fight, to the battlefield. We're aware of that. ...It's an imperfect world. It's a dangerous world. This is why we pay so much attention to getting commitments from host countries... not to allow those detainees to go beyond what is required in order to secure them in these different host countries that take them. But we do know that some have joined the fight.” (Of course, if the terrorists were simply kept at Guantanamo there would be no need to “pay so much attention” to whether they were being adequately monitored by the countries where they were released.) [67245]

CNSNews.com reports, “A 66-year-old Palestinian activist and former Obamacare navigator from Chicago will go on trial in Detroit on November 4th for allegedly failing to disclose that she was convicted of two terrorist bombings in Israel on her U.S. visa and naturalization applications. Rasmieh Yousef Odeh, a naturalized U.S. citizen, spent more than 10 years in an Israeli prison for her part in the 1969 bombing of a Supersol supermarket in Jerusalem that killed college students Edward Joffee and Leon Kanner, who were shopping for snacks for a hike. ...Odeh is the associate director of the Arab-American Action Network (AAAN) founded by Rashid Khalidi, whose controversial 2003 farewell party was attended by then-Illinois state Sen. Barack Obama.” The *Los Angeles Times* has a video of that event but refuses to release it—which suggests to many that Obama made anti-Israel remarks in his address. Obama was at the dinner to honor Khalidi, a former PLO operative and spokesman for Yasser Arafat who justifies Palestinian terrorism as contributing to “political enlightenment.” Khalidi once taught at the University of Chicago, lived near the Obamas in Hyde Park, and has been their friend and frequent dinner companion. While Obama served on the board of the Woods Fund, it approved (in 2001) a \$40,000 grant to the AAAN. A second grant, for \$35,000, was approved in 2002. President of the AAAN is Mona Khalidi, Rashid Khalidi’s wife. Obama has consistently denied a close relationship with Khalidi, even though the Obamas have dined more than once at the home of Khalidi and his wife, Mona, and used them as occasional baby-sitters. [85, 130, 223, 384, 387, 395, 416, 418, 419, 438, 439, 440, 521, 974, 6618, 6619, 6620, 6621, 6631, 6632, 10566, 13055, 13092, 13093, 29331, 29332, 29391, 58352, 58353, 58374, 58524, 67246]

Ali Abunimah, a long-time friend of Obama, serves on the board of the anti-Israel AAAN. He introduced Obama when he spoke at a 1999 fundraiser for the Deheisha refugee camp in Israel’s occupied West Bank. Abunimah, a co-founder of ElectronicIntifada.net, claims that Jews lied about the Holocaust, writing, “if Zionists could lie about their present and ongoing torment of my (Palestinian) people, usurpation of my homeland and arrogation of my rights, and they do it rather obscenely, couldn’t they likewise lie, equally obscenely, about the holocaust, an event that took place over half a century ago?” ?” In July 2008 Obama told Abunimah he could not talk more about the “Palestinian cause” because his primary campaign had “constrained” what he can say. Abunimah told the far-left radio talk show *Democracy Now!* he has known Obama for many years and that “...he used to attend events in the Palestinian community in Chicago all the time.” Abunimah responded to Obama’s soft support of Israel during the campaign by remarking, “He is merely doing what he thinks is necessary to get elected and he will continue doing it as long as it keeps him in power.” Abunimah also wrote that Israel’s

days were numbered, and that “It is within reach, in our lifetimes.” With the election of Obama, Abunimah assumed that “...the other pillar of Israeli power—Western support and complicity— is starting to crack. We must do all we can to push it over.” [85, 130, 223, 384, 387, 395, 416, 418, 419, 438, 439, 440, 521, 974, 6618, 6619, 6620, 6621, 6631, 6632, 10566, 13055, 13092, 13093, 29331, 29332, 29391, 58352, 58353, 58374, 58524, 67246]

Video of a Maryland campaign rally for Democrat gubernatorial candidate Anthony Brown shows many empty seats, even though he is joined by Hillary Clinton. As she speaks, Clinton is heckled several times by pro-amnesty attendees holding signs that read “choose families over politics” (that is, “stop deportations of illegal immigrants”). (One recent poll shows Brown trailing GOP candidate Larry Hogan by five points.) [67200, 67201, 67202, 67310]

Breitbart.com reports, “Spanish intelligence has intercepted messages passed between jihadists online discussing the weaponisation of the deadly Ebola virus for use against the West, while a blackmailer in Prague has threatened to unleash the virus unless the Czech Republic pay him one million bitcoin, a volume of online currency worth over £200 million.” [67207, 67208]

In Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Donald Ray Morgan pleads guilty to attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and possession of a firearm by a felon. According to the *News & Record*, Morgan had visited Beirut, Lebanon and stated he wanted to join ISIS. “FBI agents arrested Morgan in New York on Aug. 2, after he arrived at Kennedy International Airport on a flight from Germany.” [67211, 67212]

The *CBS Evening News* reports Hillary Clinton’s claim that corporations and businesses do not create jobs, but dutifully excuses the absurd statement by saying “she was trying to speak to them [Democrat voters] and she just overshot...” [67251]

Obama attends yet another fundraiser. According to CBS’ Mark Knoller, no press coverage is allowed. [67168]

As if Americans have not had enough politics to last a lifetime, it is announced that the first 2016 Republican presidential primary debate will be held on September 16, 2015 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. Nancy Reagan states, “I can’t think of a better way to honor my husband than to keep the tradition of Reagan Library-hosted debates alive.” [67218, 67219]

ABC’s George Stephanopoulos moderates a debate between Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and her Republican challenger, Scott Brown. (Stephanopoulos is hardly impartial. Breitbart.com notes that he “has a longtime personal and political relationship with Shaheen campaign adviser Mandy Grunwald.” Before joining ABC, Stephanopoulos was a Democrat political operative who worked in the Clinton White House. In fact, even

after joining ABC, he had daily telephone conversations with Obama's then-chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, political operative James Carville, and CNN's Paul Begala to discuss "talking points." (After the debate, Brown meets with reporters in the media room; Shaheen immediately leaves. A survey by Vox Populi Polling shows Brown leading Shaheen by 49-45 percent.) [989, 1029, 1191, 4262, 5329, 5330, 5331, 5332, 5355, 5357, 5360, 5397, 5398, 5404, 5415, 5417, 5425, 5491, 67139, 67213]

During the debate, in a moment reminiscent of 2012 when CNN's Candy Crowley improperly interrupted to help Obama make a point, WMUR's James Pindall "corrects" Scott Brown on the location of New Hampshire's Sullivan County. (After the debate Pindall issues an on-air apology for correcting Brown when Brown was, in fact, not mistaken. Democrat operatives, of course, repeat the debate moment and not the subsequent correction.) [67256, 67272]

On October 31 a judge rules against Maine's quarantine order for nurse Kaci Hickox. Hickox says, "I am humbled today by the judge's decision." (Some suspect that Hickox was acting on behalf of the Obama administration. That is, she was thoroughly tested for Ebola before returning to the United States She then made sure she received media attention by forcefully opposing a quarantine and getting a high-priced, high-profile attorney to represent her in court. The administration knew she would be covered by the media, and used her to "prove" that medical workers who treat Ebola patients are not high-risk and that the disease should not be feared. In other words, Hickox is perhaps part of a propaganda operation. In fact, NaturalNews.com has reported that Hickox, a registered Democrat, "graduated from a two-year CDC intelligence officer training program in 2012" and her "LinkedIn.com profile, which described her links to the CDC, was scrubbed from the web... and even Google cache has strangely been cleared of her profile which previously detailed her ties to the CDC." The more conspiratorial-minded believe Ebola has been intentionally introduced by governments to reduce world population. Of course, such a scheme assumes there is an Ebola vaccine or vaccine to which only the "elites" have access.) [67223, 67224, 67252, 67253, 67255, 67257, 67268]

Meanwhile, MyFoxNY.com reports, "Out of an abundance of caution, New York City health officials say they are monitoring 117 New Yorkers for signs of Ebola. None of those people has exhibited any symptoms of the potentially deadly virus. Those under the eye of the city health department have had contact with Dr. Craig Spencer and have recently returned from Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone." According to the *New York Post*, "About 470 Health Department workers are responsible for calling all those being monitored twice a day and keeping a log of their temperatures." (Spencer's insistence on taking public transportation to go jogging, bowling, and to a restaurant resulted in 470 city employees having to be taken away from their regular duties.) [67229, 67230, 67231]

Pamela Geller reports on the increasing incursion of Islam into America's schoolrooms. She writes, "I have been fielding calls from distraught parents all week—two moms today—reeling from the proselytizing for Islam in their children's 'Social Studies' or 'World History' classes. They are not teaching the children 'world history,' which would

include the 1,400 year history of jihadi wars, land appropriations, cultural annihilations and enslavements, not to mention the extermination of the entire Jewish Banu Qurayza tribe of Arabia. Instead, children are forced to recite the shahada (it's what one says in order to convert to Islam). Instead, they are forced to learn the five pillars of Islam. Department of Education, Pearson, the Gates Foundation, publishing companies and the testing companies have been hijacked by Islamic supremacists and have hijacked our public school curriculums and textbooks (i.e., Common Core). ...One mom whom I spoke to earlier told me that her 12-year-old son came home from school yesterday 'depressed' and 'sick.' Coming from a 'good Christian home,' he was confused and 'hurt' that he had to write and say the Muslim declaration of faith (the shahada) and write it repeatedly. The mother was beside herself. ...One parent on Facebook wrote, 'Parents, be concerned and check your child's assignments. My son came to me last night to get help with his Social Sciences assignment about the one God (Allah) and the Five Pillars of Islam. As you can imagine, we were completely shocked. Now to clarify, I have no problem with my child learning about the various cultures around the world and the religions they practice, but for a school to emphasize and actually teach a single religion to children while discouraging the others is beyond deplorable. If you are worried that your child may be forced to endure these teaching please see the ACLU website. By law children are allowed to be excused from any lessons or discussions they object to on religious grounds without consequence. We will be opting out of this one.'" Geller comments, "The ACLU ain't going to help you, lady. They are part of the problem." (No one in Obama's Department of Education is doing anything to stop the spread of Islamic teaching. In fact, it is probably aiding and abetting the efforts.) In Maryland, parent Kevin Wood—a Marine Corps veteran—was banned from entering his daughter's school because he dared to complain that she was instructed to write an essay on the five pillars of Islam, Mecca, and Mohammed. [67206, 67209, 67210]

In Rhode Island, Obama delivers yet another "Republican war on women" speech in the hopes of driving more Democrats to the polls on November 4. He says, "The idea that my daughters wouldn't have the same opportunities as somebody's sons, well that's unacceptable." (Obama is correct—but not in the way he suggests: his daughters will certainly not have the same opportunities somebody's sons; they will have far greater opportunities.) Obama also says, "Sometimes, someone, usually [a] mom, leaves the workplace to stay home with the kids, which then leaves her earning a lower wage for the rest of her life as a result. And that's not a choice we want Americans to make." Obama is trying to offer an escape from reality. Life involves choices, and one of them is often the choice of a career or child-raising. Obama wants the voters to believe that if they simply vote for the Democrat candidate they can avoid difficult choices. Obama is also implying that a career is more important than child-rearing, that it is irrational for someone to give up an income in order to remain home with her or his children, and that the government must necessarily step in to make keeping a job the number one priority. Obama fails to comprehend that many families have both the husband and the wife working not because they *prefer* that, but because *they cannot afford not to*. High taxes and inflation have turned two-income families into an act of economic self-defense. (Whether Obama is considering 'solving' the problem with an executive order banning stay-at-home moms is not clear. Or perhaps he is considering forcing employers to

continue to pay employees even after they quit to raise families.) [67217, 67262, 67277, 67278, 67285, 67294, 67295, 67307]

Pushing government pre-schools, Obama says, “Moms and dads deserve a great place to drop their kids off every day that doesn’t cost them an arm and a leg.” (That government pre-school would cost less than private pre-school is ridiculous. *Wherever* the children are placed there are costs: rent, utilities, salaries, insurance, etc. Whether it is the government agency or a private business paying those bills, those bills exist. Additionally, government employees tend to receive higher wages and benefits than employees in the private sector. Thus, the per-child cost of government pre-school would likely be higher than the cost at a privately-run facility. What Obama wants, of course, is *not* for the parents to pay for the pre-school directly; he wants the *taxpayers* to pay for the pre-schools. He wants to spread the cost among *all* taxpayers—regardless of whether they have children. As a result, people who have no children would be paying part of the day-care costs of people who do have children, and working Americans would be paying *all* of the costs of non-working Americans with children. Obama is essentially arguing for socialism.) [67217, 67262, 67277, 67278, 67285, 67294, 67295, 67307]

Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich writes, “The war on women rhetoric... has fallen flat with many female voters in this election cycle. Overall, ...Obama is underwater with women in swing states and with everything going on in the world, contraception being provided through federal government force isn’t high on the priority list. ...Further, an Associated Press poll released last week shows more women want to vote for Republicans, not Democrats on Tuesday.” (By “more,” Pavlich means increasing numbers of women have shifted toward the GOP; it is not a majority. The poll shows that women have moved from favoring Democrats 47-40 percent to a 44-44 tie.) Obama and his fellow Democrats may learn on November 4 that the “grand coalition” they built in 2008 is not as stable as they believe it to be. Obama won with only 53 percent of the vote in 2008, and while that coalition may still have—and may perhaps always have—the far-left ideologues and the black voters, it does not have to lose many women, millennials, or union workers who want the Keystone XL pipeline approved for that 53 percent to fall to 48 percent—and you don’t win elections with 48 percent. [67217, 67262, 67277, 67278, 67285, 67294]

Pavlich also notes that support for gun control legislation has fallen among women, who “are the fastest growing demographic of gun owners in America. In 2012, 69 percent of women supported measures like universal background checks. In 2014, it’s just 55 percent. Since 2005, personal gun ownership among women has increased by nearly 80 percent. So what does this mean? A few things. The first is that these numbers show fear mongering, smears and false accusations against the gun industry and gun shop owners individually aren’t working. These numbers also prove that pro-gun activists have been successful in not only showing Americans that ‘universal background checks’ don’t work to stop crime, but are a threat to Second Amendment Rights down the road.” [67220]

Time magazine’s Mark Halperin tweets that Obama will have meetings on November 3 and 4 and not appear with any candidates. [67227]

Secretary of State John Kerry telephones Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to tell him the White House does not really believe he is a “chickenshit.” (Whether Kerry also mentioned coward, recalcitrant, myopic, reactionary, obtuse, blustering, pompous, and “Aspergery”—all of which have been Obama administration descriptions of Netanyahu—is not reported.) [67275]

Investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson releases video she took with her cell phone camera showing date being erased from her computer without her touching the keyboard or the mouse, as evidence that her system was hacked by, she suspects, the federal government. (Doubters and Obama supporters will claim her video proves nothing, while others will argue that she has far more to lose by inventing a story than by reporting the truth.) Attkisson also reports that a “stray fiber-optic line” was connected to her house, which her service provider, Verizon, said it did not install. A Verizon technician inspected the installation and said, “That shouldn’t be there.” [67228, 67282, 67309, 67318]

At FreeBeacon.com Matthew Continetti reports, “Deputy National Security Adviser and MFA in creative writing Ben Rhodes likened an Iranian nuclear deal to Obamacare in a talk to progressive activists last January, according to audio obtained by the Washington Free Beacon. The remarks, made at a since-discontinued regular meeting of White House personnel and representatives of liberal interest groups, reveal the importance of a rapprochement with Iran to ...Obama, who is looking to establish his legacy as his presidency enters its lame-duck phase.” In the recording, Rhodes says, “Bottom line is, this is the best opportunity we’ve had to resolve the Iranian issue diplomatically, certainly since ...Obama came to office, and probably since the beginning of the Iraq war. So [this is] no small opportunity, it’s a big deal. This is probably the biggest thing ...Obama will do in his second term on foreign policy. This is healthcare for us, just to put it in context.” Rhodes also says, “We’re already kind of thinking through, how do we structure a deal so we don’t necessarily require legislative action right away.” (Obama considers and his toadies consider ObamaCare the crowning achievement of his first term, and they want an agreement with Iran to cap his second term—even if it means acting behind the backs of members of Congress.) [67259, 67260, 67563]

Continetti writes, “I am going to express fear. Fear that the chances of some sort of dangerous and misguided détente with Iran are high, and that they increase if Republicans capture the Senate and improve their majority in the House. Fear that the worse things get for Obama at home, the better the odds that he will hand the keys of the Middle East to Ayatollah Khamenei. Fear that Obama sees an Iran deal not just as health care reform for the second term, but as his version of George W. Bush’s surge: a Hail Mary pass thrown in the fourth quarter in a long-shot attempt to salvage a legacy. Bush ordered the surge despite having just lost an election. Obama is on the verge of losing another. And Obama will be no different from Bush in the pursuit of his desired ends. Iran is Obama’s Iraq. It occupies the same place in the thinking of his administration that Iraq held in his predecessor’s. The desire for détente with Iran, for comity and diplomatic accord between longtime enemies, for a new Middle East in which security is left to regional stakeholders, and Shiite and Sunni alike see the United States as ‘evenhanded’ in its

treatment of Israelis and Palestinians, holds immense sway over the alliance of progressives and realists that conduct American foreign policy. It has for a decade.” [67259, 67260]

“...For six years the White House has been careful not to provide the Iranians with any reason to reject negotiations, to prevent his fantasy from becoming real. To the contrary: It has been solicitous of Iran and Syria, in a demonstration of its willingness to address their grievances. That is why Democrats called Bashar al-Assad a reformer, why Obama remained silent during the 2009 protests over Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s rigged election, why the State Department doesn’t include human rights or ballistic missiles in the scope of its negotiations with Iran. It is why Obama has resisted overthrowing Assad even after he crossed the red line of chemical weapons use, why he refers to the ‘Islamic republic of Iran,’ bestowing legitimacy on the revolutionary regime, and why administration officials reject congressional proposals to reinstate sanctions should the negotiations with Iran fail. These decisions are not made in light of the national security interests of the United States. They are made to keep alive ...Obama’s dream of peace with Iran. And the purpose of these decisions isn’t to mollify American politicians. It’s to satisfy Iranian ones. ...Repudiated, isolated, ineffective, stymied, Obama cannot persuade the Iranians of the strength of the American position. So he will move as far as he can in the direction of the Iranian one. Unable to make Iran pro-American, he will settle for making America pro-Iranian. It is part of his dismal, pathetic, ill considered, shortsighted, and injurious ‘legacy.’” [67259, 67260]

HotAir.com writes that Continetti’s points about Obama “securing a legacy and reshaping the Middle East with a single bold flourish are true. So is the idea that both the surge and a nuke deal were/are desperation moves aimed at curing a long stretch of American ineffectiveness with one master stroke. The key difference, obviously, is the faith each man put in his enemy’s willingness to follow international rules. Bush bet that Saddam couldn’t be trusted long-term not to play with nukes; he had to be removed. Obama’s betting that Khamenei can be trusted—for the next two years, at least, after which O will be out of office and making sure that Iran sticks to its agreement will be someone else’s problem.” [67260]

In a discussion with Fox News’ Martha MacCallum, *The Weekly Standard’s* Stephen Hayes notes that the White House had recently denied “that it was seeking ways to work around Congress to implement some kind of a deal with Iran. ...Now we see [Obama] carrying out policies that open the door to some kind of a detente or rapprochement with Iran, and I think we’re going to rue the day that he’s done that.” Hayes references the Jeffrey Goldberg article at *TheAtlantic.com*, and the official who bragged that the Obama administration had pressured Israel not to strike Iran’s nuclear facilities, and observes that the boasting is “not going to look good when Iran has a nuke.” (It will do Israel little good to say, “I told you so” a few minutes before Iran drops one on Tel Aviv. The reality is that Obama does not care if Iran obtains nuclear weapons. Nor does he care if Iran uses them to blackmail—or destroy—Israel.) [67260]

In Mexico, Judge Victor Octavio Luna Escobedo of the Sixth Federal District Court in Tijuana orders the immediate release of U.S. Marine Andrew Tahmooressi because he would not be able to receive proper care for his Post Traumatic Stress Disorder if he remained incarcerated. (Whether Obama—who remained virtually silent about the situation during the entire period of Tahmooressi’s incarceration—will claim sole credit for the release, while blaming the GOP for standing in his way, is not yet known.) Arguably, it was Congressman Matt Salmon (R-AZ), Fox News in general, Fox News’ Greta Van Susteren in particular, Montel Williams, and the American people who applied the pressure that led to the Marine’s release. Salmon thanks former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson for his assistance, along with Congressman Ed Royce (CA), and the American people. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) says Obama, “who is also the commander in chief, didn’t do his job. There is a lack of concern for this man, for this American hero who served our country. As commander in chief he showed a total disdain and non-interest in an American hero who served us in Afghanistan and a total disregard for the fact that he was suffering. ...[Obama] not stepping forward was a slap in the face to veterans. [He] didn’t care about it enough to make a simple phone call.” [67263, 67264, 67269, 67270, 67279, 67280, 67281, 67306, 67308, 67340]

On election day some GOP candidates may be helped more by Americans who do not bother to vote than by those who do. Conn Carroll reports at Townhall.com, “According to months of polling from NBC News, The Wall Street Journal, and Annenberg Foundation, the 2014 electorate will be even older, whiter, and wealthier than it was in 2010. ...[A]ccording to 6,346 interviews with likely voters taken between September 2nd and October 29th, the 2014 electorate will be 78 percent white, just 11 percent of voters will be aged 18-29, and just 32 percent of voters will make less than \$50,000. Meanwhile, the survey shows the African-American vote ticking down to 10 percent, and the Hispanic vote falling to 7 percent. If the Democrats predicated their 2014 hopes on turning out Obama’s 2012 electorate, this poll suggests that they failed miserably.” (Also impacting the election will be new voter ID laws. Some states require photo ID to vote, some accept non-photo IDs, and others require no identification.) [67273, 67315]

Bill Clinton campaigns for Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC). (She appears with him onstage wearing a blue dress, apparently having no advisors intelligent enough to warn her that a blue dress with Bill Clinton is not a good image—nor is a Politico headline: “Bill Clinton plugs Kay Hagan in N.C.”) [67276, 67376, 67377]

In Colorado, Republican mail-in ballots lead Democrat ballots by 104,000. [67301]

Rick Weiland, the Democrat candidate for the U.S. Senate in South Dakota, circulates a petition calling for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to be ousted as Senate leader and replaced by Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), or someone else. Weiland states, “This is a fight I intend to continue no matter how long it takes, because it is a fight for the new leadership the Congress must have if the larger battle to drive big money out of Congress, and thus open the door to progress for all of America, is to succeed.” (Weiland’s action is pointless. He apparently believes that by criticizing Reid he can appear to be more independent and attract more votes on

November 4. But Weiland will almost certainly lose to Republican Mike Rounds and will never make it to the Senate to vote on the party's leadership.) [67322, 67323]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "Justice Department investigators have all but concluded they do not have a strong enough case to bring civil rights charges against Darren Wilson, the white police officer who shot and killed an unarmed black teenager in Ferguson, Mo., law enforcement officials said. ... 'The evidence at this point does not support civil rights charges against Officer Wilson,' said one person briefed on the investigation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the case. Justice Department officials are loath to acknowledge publicly that their case cannot now meet the high legal threshold for a successful civil rights prosecution. The timing is sensitive: Tensions are high in greater St. Louis as people await the results of a grand jury's review of the case." (HotAir.com writes, "Much like the leaked reports about the state level case, we still can't rule out the possibility that these things are being leaked out in a slow drip to mitigate public unrest if it turns out that there will be no charges of any kind. I don't know how effective that strategy would prove, though. The ongoing, simmering anger on the streets of Ferguson suggest that there will be an eruption of some sort in that event.") [67302, 67303, 67316]

Canada announces it will stop processing travel visa applications from non-Canadians who have visited African nations dealing with the Ebola virus. [67304, 67305]

Officials with the Oregon Health Authority announce that a woman who recently visited Liberia has been hospitalized in Portland with a high fever. KOIN.com reports, "The 21-year-old woman—whose name has not be released because of confidentiality issues—had been being monitored since she moved from Liberia to Portland on Tuesday, according to Nate Kerkulah, the chairman of Oregon's Association for Liberia. When the fever developed Friday morning, EMS teams were sent to assess her condition. ... Officials said this does not mean the patient has Ebola. A full series of tests will be done and the CDC will also evaluate the tests before any kind of diagnosis is revealed. Kerkulah said she is also being tested for malaria and added that she could have been injured in a recent car accident." [67320]

WAGMtv.com reports, "Sheila Pinette of the Maine CDC has released information that the roommate of Kaci Hickox, while in West Africa has displayed signs of ebola. Pinette says 'The respondents [sic; respondent's] roommate in Africa became infected without knowing how she became infected with Ebola. (Any potential risk to respondent from that incident has passed).' This is one of 35 points Pinette made while filing a verified petition for public health order yesterday with the state. Kaci Hickox was issued [a] temporary court order [allowing her to avoid a complete quarantine]. The document says Hickox must submit to active monitoring, coordinate her travel with public health authorities, not use commercial or public transportation, not go to any public places or workplaces unless to receive necessary health care, and she must maintain a 3-foot distance from other people and not leave Fort Kent without consulting public health authorities." [67336, 67337, 67338, 67339]

On *Politicking*, Dick Morris, former political advisor to Bill Clinton, tells host Larry King that Hillary Clinton responded to accusations against her womanizing husband by hiring a “fleet of detectives” to research their pasts in attempt to blackmail them into keeping quiet. ConservativeTribune.com writes, “[T]o be called ‘Nixonian’ by such a formerly close political adviser as Morris is surely not likely to do Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential aspirations any good. ...Morris’ accusation is just one more reason why Hillary Clinton isn’t fit to be the president of the United States. Particularly after ...Obama, Americans need a leader who will truly bring transparency and accountability to the federal government. Clinton stands for neither.” [67463]