

The Complete Obama Timeline

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On October 1 the health care industry begins using new ICD-10 codes for insurance billing. All 70,000 codes in the new system are different from the 15,000 codes in the previous ICD-9 coding system. (Rather than add new codes, the entire system was changed and every code is new.) Bloomberg.com writes, “[Obama] Administration officials, who have already delayed the codes’ debut twice, say the system will help identify efficient ways to manage all kinds of conditions, from heart disease to roller-skating injuries. To doctors, it looks like more paperwork and, for at least a while, the possibility of slower payments.” (Among the new mandated codes: “V91.07XA: Burn due to water skis on fire.”) [81192, 81665, 82037]

In addition to the new ICD codes, physicians have been burdened by ObamaCare’s Electronic Medical Records (EMR) rules, which force them to spend more time at keyboards and less time with their patients. Michelle Malkin writes, “Robert Wachter, author of the recently published ‘The Digital Doctor: Hope, Hype, and Harm at the Dawn of Medicine’s Computer Age,’ chronicled the damage he’s witnessed: ‘Physicians retiring early. Small practices bankrupted by up-front expenses or locked into ineffective systems by the prohibitive cost of switching. Hours consumed by onerous data entry unrelated to patient care. Workflow disruptions. And above all, massive intrusions on our patient relationships.’ The American Medical Association, which foolishly backed Obamacare, is now balking at top-down government intrusion into their profession. Better late than never. The group launched a campaign called ‘Break the Red Tape’ this summer to pressure D.C. to pause the new medical-record rules as an estimated 250,000 physicians face fines totaling \$200 million a year for failing to comply with ‘meaningful use’ EMR requirements.” [82586]

With the start of the federal government’s new fiscal year (October 1 - September 30), all 205,723 inmates in federal prisons will no longer have bacon—or any other pork products in their meals. Star-Telegram.com writes, “While there have been grumblings from some inmates’ family members that the prohibition had to do with Muslim or Jewish dietary restrictions, Bureau of Prisons spokesman Ed Ross said that isn’t the case. A woman whose son is in federal prison in Fort Worth says he has complained about the lack of pork, saying he had heard it was because of complaints from Muslim inmates. ‘It was really based on the survey of inmate population as well as cost,’ Ross said. ‘Religious meals are accommodated but that does not affect the national menu.’ Dave Warner, a spokesman with the National Pork Producers Council, said pulling pork from the menu is taking the punishment aspect of prison a little too far. ‘For people who are incarcerated, we understand that they’re denied certain rights and freedoms but we don’t think bacon should be one of them,’ Warner said. Warner also questioned whether the pork ban was based on inmate preference, saying he was skeptical that inmates would vote pork off the menu. ‘I do find it hard to believe that the majority would say ‘No thank you to bacon.’” [82031, 82083, 82091, 82213]

New ozone standards are imposed by the Environmental Protection Agency. According to WashingtonTimes.com, “The agency’s updated ozone regulations lower the standard from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to 70 parts per billion. In its rulemaking the process, the agency had considered a standard as low as 65 ppb, while environmental and climate-change activists had pushed the administration to go even further, perhaps as low as 60 ppb. ...But business groups, which had pushing the administration to keep the standard at its current 75 ppb level, say the regulations will be the most expensive in U.S. history, siphoning as much as \$3.4 trillion out of the economy over the next two decades. ...Lawmakers of both parties object to the change, and even ...Obama has conceded that the ozone rules could bring economic consequences. The real-world ramifications of the move will be felt by local governments, which now will be required to install pollution-control equipment on cars, manufacturing facilities, power plants, chemical plants and in other sectors of the economy.” [81712]

At ThePostEmail.com Paul Driessen notes that even the Grand Canyon National Park would fail to meet the 70 ppb requirement, “because volatile organic compounds that are ozone precursors don’t come just from refineries, power plants, factories, automobiles and other hydrogen use. They come from volcanoes, hot springs, and *trees*: deciduous trees emit VOCs on hot, sunny days; conifers emit them day and night. They also come from ‘clean, green’ ethanol. ...The simple fact is, the 70 ppb ozone rule is yet another rock shoved in the pocket of a drowning man [the weak economy]. ...Affected parties should file lawsuits to prevent the new rule, courts should block the regulation, and Congress should delete EPA funding to implement this health-impairing program.” [82103]

At Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, a gunman shoots and kills nine people and wounds seven. The gunman then kills himself. According to initial reports, the killer asked the students (at the “gun-free campus”) to state their religion. Christians were reportedly shot in the head, while others were shot in the leg. By mid-evening, the killer’s name is not released—despite the fact that he was killed before noon. (At about 9 p.m. the name is released: Christopher Harper Mercer, age 26.) [81686, 81704, 81713, 81718, 81721, 81730, 81734, 81765, 81797, 81810, 81840]

The victims are Lucero Alcaraz, 19; Treven Taylor Anspach, 20; Rebecka Ann Carnes, 18; Quinn Glen Cooper, 18; Kim Saltmarsh Dietz, 59; Lucas Eibel, 18; Jason Dale Johnson, 34; Lawrence Levine, 67; and Sarena Dawn Moore, 44. [81845, 81861]

One student witness tells CNN the killer “seemed happy about it [what he was doing], he didn’t seem stressed, he didn’t seem nervous... The girl in a wheelchair... she got off and tried... to get down on the ground [sic; floor]... and then [the killer] told her to get back on the chair and then she tried to get back on the chair and then he shot her...” [81885, 81886]

Ben Carson tells radio host Hugh Hewitt, “Obviously, there are those who are going to be calling for gun control. ... Obviously, that’s not the issue. The issue is the mentality of these people. ... What I worry about is when we get to the point where we say we need to have every gun registered, we have to know where the people are and where their guns are, that’s very dangerous. And that I wouldn’t agree with at all.” (One gun control proposal pushed by Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) calls for a gun purchase to be voided if the background check is not completed within 72 hours. That, of course, is an incentive for bureaucrats to take their time, in order to void sales and force the buyer to start the process all over again. Other proposals involve exorbitant taxes on ammunition, to make it too expensive for people to own and use guns.) [81762, 82274]

An angry Obama quickly takes to the airwaves to denounce the shootings and predictably calls for more gun control—before the identity of the gunman is known, before anyone knows what kinds of guns were used, before anyone knows how the guns were obtained, and before anyone knows the motives of the killer (beyond the fact that his preferred targets were Christians). Obama argues, “This is something we *should* politicize” (which prompts a question from *National Review*’s Jim Geraghty: “Can you summarize his presidency in just six words any better?”) Obama condemns just about everyone but the murderer, and excoriates the National Rifle Association, asking, “How can you, with a straight face, make the case that more guns will make us safer?” (Actually, communities that allow guns to be carried in public tend to be safer than the “gun-free” zones—because criminals are afraid to break the law when the odds of getting stopped are higher.) “Somehow this has become routine,” says Obama. “The reporting is routine, my response here at this podium [sic; lectern] ends up being routine. And what becomes routine is the response from those who oppose any sort of gun control legislation.” (Obama says nothing about the shootings that occur virtually every weekend on Chicago—which has incredibly strict gun control laws.) [81718, 81722, 81731, 81735, 81751, 81752, 81761, 81769, 81774, 81797, 81830]

Obama falsely claims, “This type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries.” (To name just two incidents out of many, in July 2011 Anders Behring Breivik killed 77 people in a mass shooting in Norway; in January 2015 mass killing at a Paris newspaper took the lives of 12 people.) [81741, 81742, 81743, 81744]

CNN’s Wolf Blitzer says Obama’s speech (in which he referred to himself 28 times in 12 minutes) shows “he was embarrassed of [sic; by] the United States in front of the world saying every other industrialized country, every other Western country, they don’t have these kinds of mass shootings every few weeks as we have here in the United States.” [81745, 81758]

Donald Trump responds to the shooting: “It sounds like another mental health problem. So many of these people, they’re coming out of the woodwork. We have to really get to the bottom of it. It’s happening more and more. I just don’t remember—years back, I just don’t remember these things happening. Certainly not with this kind of frequency.” [81771]

Vice President Joe Biden, proving he has been taking straw man argument lessons from Obama, says, “The second amendment doesn’t say you can own a bazooka, doesn’t say you can own an F-15 with hellfire missiles.” (Whether Biden supports government distribution of “F-15-Free Zone” signs is not clear.) [81760]

GotNews.com posts a photo of a Chris Harper Mercer from MySpace—an image that may or may not be the Oregon killer. According to the MySpace page, Mercer has only two connections, one of whom is Mahmoud Ali Ehsani. On a dating web site, Mercer lists his hobbies and interests as “internet, killing zombies, movie, music, reading,” and his ethnicity as “mixed race.” He emphasizes that he is “Not Religious, Not Religious” and a “conservative, republican.” (Whether the web pages are actually Mercer’s or were set up to appear they were his is not known.) [81725, 81726, 81728, 81729, 81732, 81793]

It is worth noting that Alek Skarlatos, one of the heroes of the Paris train incident in August, is from Roseburg, Oregon and would have been in class at Umpqua Community College had he not instead been rehearsing for an appearance on ABC’s *Dancing With the Stars*. (Some might suggest that the school shooting was in retaliation for the prevention of the train terrorist from conducting his planned mass mayhem. Of course, Mercer’s motives may never be known.) [81795, 81796]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu addresses the United Nations General Assembly, blasting the nuclear agreement with Iran. He chastises the U.N. for its “deafening silence” every time Iran and its terrorist accomplices threaten to destroy Israel. (When Netanyahu notes Iran’s pledge that “there will be no Israel in 25 years,” two women from the Afghanistan delegation are shown smiling and trying to control laughter.) [81687, 81716, 81717, 81723, 81736, 81737, 81738, 81746, 81766, 81768, 81772]

Secretary of State John Kerry and Obama’s U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power offend Netanyahu by not being present for his address. According to Breitbart.com, Kerry and Power “were unable to attend Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu’s speech before the General Assembly because they were called into a meeting with ...Obama, which they participated in via video teleconference.” (The call is a childish and petulant act by Obama, intended solely to insult Netanyahu.) Pamela Geller later writes, “That’s not all: it gets worse. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon broke protocol and summarily left when Netanyahu came to the lectern. ...The UN Secretary General is always present when a head of state addresses the General Assembly. But they broke the rule to humiliate the Jewish people. He left. There is no way that Ban Ki-moon would have shown such disrespect had he not been given the idea or at the very least, the sanction, by the Jew-hater in the White House. Why? Why would Obama publicly snub our tried and true ally in the hottest region in the world? Because he is evil. He embodies the hatred of the good for being the good.” [81791, 81823]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Acting State Department Inspector General Harold W. Geisel issued six critical reports that charged top officials did not submit themselves to the department’s mandatory ‘security awareness training’ during [Hillary] Clinton’s tenure. The training covers procedures for properly handling of sensitive and classified government documents and how to secure digital communications. Senior officials from deputy assistant secretaries to chiefs of missions at U.S. embassies did not submit themselves to regular training sessions as required by the department and government-wide standards, according to Geisel. ...Among those who were identified by the IG as not getting the security training were the State Department’s chief of mission, deputy assistant secretary, information management specialist, information technology specialist and the office director for the security engineering officer.” Retired Brigadier General Kenneth Bergquist “said that he understood that many in Secretary Clinton’s inner circle did not want to bother with training. ‘They said, ‘I don’t want to spend four hours going through this type of training. I’ve got more important things to do. That’s low on my priority list,’ the general said. Bergquist called it ‘hubris. That kind of attitude permeates down.’” [81701]

Ben Carson’s campaign announces that it has raised \$31 million through September—a huge amount for someone who has never held political office and who has not yet built up a large campaign organization. (According to WesternJournalism.com, Carson raised \$700,000 in the 36 hours after stating he would not support a Muslim for president unless he renounced Shari’ah law.) Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) reportedly raised \$26 million in the third quarter; Hillary Clinton raised about \$28 million. (According to a recent survey by the Polling Company, 51 percent of Muslims in the United States prefer being governed by Shari’ah law; according to a Pew Research poll, 60 percent of Muslims under age 30 say they are more loyal to Islam than to the United States; 58 percent of Muslims in the United States believe criticism of Islam should be prohibited by law, with 12 percent wanting death for those critics.) [81714, 81719, 81720, 82239, 82240]

Reuters reports, “Hundreds of Iranian troops have arrived in Syria in the last 10 days and will soon join government forces and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies in a major ground offensive backed by Russian air strikes, two Lebanese sources told Reuters. ‘The (Russian) air strikes will in the near future be accompanied by ground advances by the Syrian army and its allies,’ said one of the sources familiar with political and military developments in the conflict.” (While Obama makes speeches, Putin makes moves. Partly in exchange for military support, Syria will reportedly provide Russia with rights to additional natural gas fields off its coast. Of course, another argument is that Obama is perfectly happy with Russia’s involvement in the Middle East—if it means the further isolation of Israel and a concerted effort to force it to relinquish its nuclear weapons.) [81724, 81806, 81857]

Pamela Geller reports that HuffingtonPost.com’s German edition is posting the names and photos of people “who comment on social media opposing the migrant invasion. If you post a comment on their site or Facebook or any social media, you will be named. The Huffington Post is a global news organization. This is putting a target on [the head of

anyone who] refuses to go along with the leftist/Islamic war on freedom. These are the lengths the left will go to impose the sharia (Islamic law) on the unwilling. Pure evil. I have long said the media is the enemy. It's why I refer to them as the enemedia. They abdicated their role as a news gathering entity and morphed into an activist organization viciously pursuing an anti-freedom agenda. Germans [who] are posting anti-refugee posts on Facebook or any other social media site, are being shut down. Facebook, Twitter, etc, and their faces and accounts are being posted. It's a witch hunt. Chancellor [Angela] Merkel is working Mark Zuckerberg to censor anti-invasion FB posts. Hitlerian. Goebbels, actually." [81739, 81740, 81887]

According to RawStory.com, "Anti-Muslim conservative groups have planned at least 20 rallies this month at mosques and other sites across the United States in coming days. Imagine 2050 reported this week that a Facebook group called Global Rally for Humanity had put out a call for anti-Muslim demonstrations in 'every country at every Mosque.' ...According to Imagine 2050, at least 20 rallies had already been planned for Oct. 9 and Oct. 10. Some of the organizers have encouraged demonstrators to show up armed, while others urged participants not to bring weapons. An event in Dearborn, Michigan was billed as an 'OPEN CARRY anti-mosque pro-AMERICA rally on 10/10!!' Organizers have cited the 'Justice or Else' rally for 20th anniversary commemoration of Million Man March, ...Obama's nuclear deal with Iran and the Syrian refugee crisis as motivation for the events." [81812]

Senate Democrats block a \$78 billion spending bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the construction of military bases. According to the Associated Press, "They and the White House argue that it's part of an overall GOP budget framework that shortchanges spending on other domestic programs." (The Republicans are advancing legislation on a piece-meal basis. That allows them to fund programs they want funded and cut spending by not advancing bills for other spending. The Democrats are blocking the effort and want a few mammoth bills that cover spending for everything—at unreduced levels. The Republicans should call their bluff and continue to bring the items up for a vote. At some point, the voters may ask, "Why are the Democrats blocking spending for veterans?" Whether the Republicans have the brains or the courage to resist caving in to the Democrats remains to be seen.) [81753, 81754, 81781]

By a vote of 251-173 the House passes legislation that would block the lifting of sanctions until Iran pays damages to U.S. victims of Iranian-sponsored terrorism. CNSNews.com writes, "Iran owes billions of dollars in court-awarded damages to the American victims of attacks ranging from the bombings of the U.S. Marine Barracks in Beirut in 1983 and Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia in 1996, to suicide bombings in Israel and the murder of U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem during a 1985 hijacking. Damages worth more than \$46 billion have been awarded, of which—according to the Congressional Research Service—some \$43.5 billion remain unpaid, including \$9 billion relating to the Marine Barracks bombing. The bill passed Thursday applies to court judgments delivered between March 2000 and May 2015." The legislation is unlikely to be passed in the Senate, and Obama would issue a veto even if it does pass.) [81776]

Minnesota regulators approve 2016 insurance premium increases for the state's ObamaCare exchange MNsure. Increases will be between 14 and 49 percent—with most customers seeing increases at the higher end of the range. [81770]

Outside the Capitol Building, Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA) shows her support for abortion by leading small crowd in a cheer: “Let’s have three hip hip hoorays for [Planned Parenthood president] Cecile Richards!” Speier says, “Planned Parenthood is alive and well and we will do everything in our power to make sure that Planned Parenthood stays alive and well forever.” [81775]

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties union files a lawsuit against the Trinity Health Corporation in an effort to force its 86 Catholic hospitals to perform abortions. Eve Pidgeon, a spokeswoman for Trinity Health, tells CNSNews.com the case “has no merit. A federal court already dismissed a similar ACLU claim, and we will seek dismissal of this suit for the same reason.” [81777, 81800]

Fortune.com reports, “U.S. companies laid off 58,877 workers in September, according to data released Thursday [October 1] by Challenger, Gray & Christmas. September layoffs are up 43% from August when about 41,000 workers were let go. In total, employers have announced 493,431 planned layoffs so far this year, a 36% jump over the same period last year and 2% more than the 2014 total. ‘Job cuts have already surpassed last year’s total and are on track to end the year as the highest annual total since 2009, when nearly 1.3 million layoffs were announced at the tail-end of the recession,” said John A. Challenger, CEO of Challenger, Gray & Christmas.” [81763]

CBSNews.com adds, “Food giant ConAgra... announced it would cut around 1,500 jobs, or about one-third of its overall office-based workforce. The company, which reported a first-quarter loss of \$1.2 billion last month, is also moving its headquarters from Omaha, Nebraska to Chicago. Several weeks ago Hewlett-Packard, the struggling computer firm, said it plans to shed 30,000 positions. There are also reports that Walmart will begin cutting hundreds of jobs starting next week. ...While the computer industry was hit hard, the largest sector to experience employee reductions was energy, with close to 73,000 jobs cut since January.” [81764]

Palestinians shoot off fireworks to “celebrate” the brutal murder of a young Israeli couple in the West Bank. According to Algemeiner.com, Eitam and Naama Henkin “were shot dead on Thursday night in northern Samaria while travelling in their vehicle near the Palestinian village of Beit Furik. Paramedics found them at the scene with bullet wounds to their torsos. Their four children, who were in the backseat of the car, were unharmed. ...Leading members of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas’ Fatah party, Azzam Al-Ahmad and General Sultan Abu Al-Einen, praised the attack... [and] called for more attacks on Israelis.” (Obama has no comment.) [81824, 81825]

In Pawtucket, Rhode Island, two freshman women at Johnson & Wales University are drugged, sexually assaulted, and raped by four males students from Saudi Arabia. According to ProvidenceJournal.com, “All four are scheduled for a bail hearing on Oct. 19. They’ve been ordered to surrender their passports and have no contact with the women. The men [Mohammed Alsaqer, Yazeed Alasiri, Mohammed Aljohani, Tareq Alharbi] have been placed on interim suspension pending the university conduct board’s review of the case, the university said.” [82026, 82027]

On October 2 a national Pew Research poll shows Donald Trump with the support of 25 percent of Republican voters, followed by Ben Carson (16 percent), Marco Rubio (8), Carly Fiorina (8), Ted Cruz (6), Jeb Bush (4), Mike Huckabee (2), and Rand Paul (2). Trump leads with 35 percent in an OAN/Gravis poll, and 34 percent in a Reuters poll. [81755, 81756, 81785, 81801, 81813, 81814, 81815]

In the wake of the Oregon school shooting, politicians and media pundits clamor for “common sense” gun control regulations. Most states already have common sense regulations, however. The problem is not a lack of laws; the problem is an overabundance of people who ignore those laws. Making it difficult to purchase a gun is likely not much of a deterrent to someone who is intent on committing mass murder. (Murder is illegal, but that has not made murderers respect the lives of their victims.) “Something needs to be done” is a common response to mass shootings, but what that “something” *is* tends not to be defined. On MSNBC’s *Morning Joe*, Bloomberg.com’s Mark Halperin provides an example when he says, “I completely agree with [Obama]. People need to find solutions to this and not talk about what won’t work, and why it’s so complicated. We can’t be the only country in the world that’s like this...” *National Review*’s Charles C. W. Cooke asks Halperin, “Then, with respect, what is your plan?” Halperin: “Finding solutions, short term, in terms of finding legislation, state and federal, coming up with ideas...” Cooke: “Which ideas?” Halperin: “I’m not an expert in this field, I’m trying to be civil, not to criticize or attack you, but as I listen to your tone... I want everybody in the country to be saying we need to find solutions, not talk about how complicated it is... We need passion to solve this, not talk about complexity or how the other side’s ideas aren’t good.” [81788, 81798, 81805]

Cooke concludes, “So you don’t have any more ideas that I do, we’ve now established that. It *is* complicated, and it *is* difficult, and there are no ideas. What I’m suggesting is that ...Obama and [Joe] Biden and now you keep saying we need to do something, and that is it. What? ...At least we could have a debate, what is it you are proposing?” (What many leftists *want*, of course, is gun confiscation and the prohibition of firearms altogether—except for government officials and the bodyguards of the “elites.” But few will admit that—at least at the moment. They simply hope that enough far left Democrats can be elected to enact gun confiscation legislation, and that a Democrat president can pack the Supreme Court with leftists who will allow that confiscation to proceed.) [81788, 81798, 81805]

At a White House press conference, Obama declares he will not sign another continuing resolution when the existing one runs out on December 11, and calls for increased federal spending via an elimination of the “sequestration” cuts.

On the issue of gun violence, Obama says, “There are all sorts of crackpot theories floating around, some of which are sometimes ratified by elected officials in the other party.” [81808]

On the issue of Syria, Obama says, “You know, sometimes the conversation here in the beltway differs than the conversation internationally. [Russian President Vladimir] Putin had to go into Syria, not out of strength, but out of weakness. Because his client, [Syrian President Bashar al-] Assad, was crumbling and it was insufficient for him to send them arms and money, now he has got to put in his own planes and his own pilots. And the notion that he put forth a plan and that somehow the international community sees that as viable because there’s a vacuum there, I didn’t see after he made that speech at the United Nations that suddenly the 60-nation coalition we have start lining up behind him [sic]. Iran and Assad make up Mr. Putin’s coalition at the moment. The rest of the world makes up ours. So I don’t think people are fooled by the current strategy.” (Obama’s comments are ludicrous. Assisting a client-state does not mean a nation is weak. Russia does not have a 60-nation coalition behind him because he does not believe he needs it. He acts without seeking the permission of Europe or the United Nations. It is the coalition behind Obama that is weak. It has not made things better in Syria or Iraq; it has ousted Assad; it has not defeated ISIS. It is largely ineffective and does little but send planes out with bombs it usually brings back to the airbases because no one knows the targets. Putin has Iranians in Syria giving him that information; Obama does not.) [81807, 82195, 82196]

Obama claims Putin’s “actions have been successful only insofar as its boosted his poll ratings inside of Russia,” which he calls “easier to do when you’ve got a state-controlled media.” (Obama is here demonstrating that he envies Putin’s high approval ratings, while his own are dismal. Obama may not have a state-controlled media, but he certainly has a mainstream media that is in his corner far more often than it is not. In fact, without the media fawning over him at the Democrat National Convention in 2004, in 2007, and throughout 2008, Obama would never even have made it to the White House. Obama’s approval ratings are dismal not because of a lack of media toadies, but because his skills are limited to campaigning and do not extend into the area of leadership. Putin has high approval ratings because he is giving the Russian people what they want: a leader who stands up for them. Unlike Obama, Putin does not go on “apology tours” in which he criticizes his own country for the sins of its past.) [81808]

Of critics of his Syria policy (or lack thereof), Obama says, “When I hear people offering up half-baked ideas as if they are solutions, [or] trying to downplay the challenges involved... what exactly would you do? What I’d like to see people ask is, ‘Specifically, precisely [what] would you do and how would you fund it and how would you sustain it?’ And typically what you get is a bunch of mumbo jumbo.” CBS News’ Major Garrett

asks Obama, “To what degree did Hillary Clinton’s endorsement, just yesterday, of a no-fly zone put her in a category of embracing a half-baked answer in Syria that borders on mumbo-jumbo?” Obama responds, “Hillary Clinton is not half-baked, in terms of, uh, her approach to these problems... but I also think that there’s a difference between running for president and being president.” (It can be assumed that “She’s not half-baked” will not be Clinton’s campaign slogan. It can also be assumed that Clinton will find some way to get back to Obama for his statement—which is essentially, “She’s not ready to be president.”) [81757, 81786, 81807]

Caroline Glick writes that Russian President Vladimir Putin “understands the opportunity of the moment. He views the decomposition of Syria as an opportunity to rebuild Russia’s power and influence in the Middle East—at America’s expense. Russia isn’t the only strategic player seeking to exploit the war in Syria and the regional chaos. Turkey and Iran are also working assiduously to take advantage of the current absence of order to advance their long term interests. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is exploiting the rise of Islamic State in Syria and Iraq to fight the Kurds in both countries. Erdogan’s goal is twofold: to prevent the establishment of an independent Kurdistan and to disenfranchise the Kurds in Turkey.” [81799]

“...Like the Russians, the Turks and the Iranians, ...Obama and his associates are strategic players. Unlike those powers however, the administration is moved not by raw power calculations but by ideological dictates. Obama and his advisers are convinced that the instability and radicalization of states and actors throughout the region is the consequence of the actions of past US administrations and those of America’s regional allies—first and foremost, Israel and Egypt. The basis for this conviction is the administration’s post-colonial ideological underpinnings. Because his strategy is based on ideological beliefs rather than power calculations rooted in reality, Obama’s position cannot be swayed by evidence, even when evidence shows that his administration’s policies endanger US national security. ...So long as Obama—or the ideology that informs his actions—remains in power in Washington, US security guarantees towards Israel will have no credibility. The IDF’s [Israeli Defense Force’s] assessment that ties to the US are more important than preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear power will remain incorrect, and dangerously so.” [81799]

Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton writes, “By any objective measure, Russia has made a strategic decision to challenge America for dominance in the Middle East. Despite depressed global oil prices and economic sanctions intended to curb his Ukraine adventurism, Vladimir Putin is pursuing an undisguised effort to expand Moscow’s military power, political heft, and economic influence in a region long under Washington’s sway. Barack Obama has made no effective response, and none seems in prospect. ...At a minimum, Russia’s Middle East actions today uncannily resemble [the late Senator Henry] Scoop Jackson’s characterization of the Soviet Union as an ‘opportunistic hotel burglar who walks down the corridors trying all the door handles to see which door is open.’ The Kremlin is probing for U.S. weaknesses, meddling across the region in ways unprecedented since Anwar Sadat expelled Soviet military advisers in

the 1970s, reversed Egypt's global orientation, and thereby ultimately enabled the Camp David accords with Israel." [81843]

"...Obama, faced with Russia's assertive faits accomplis, remains lost in a post-Vienna ideological rapture, unable or unwilling to see the consequences of his passivity and disinterest. Expressing 'concern' over Russia's new Latakia [air] base [in Syria] joins a lengthening list of Obama 'concerns' that elicit only his rhetoric, nothing more. Looking ahead, with Assad and Iran operating from much stronger positions, we face the risk that regional ideological adversaries will act in concert when their interests align, as in the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact dividing Poland. The gravest threat to U.S. interests, after a nuclear Iran, is the Russia-Iran-Syria axis reaching a modus vivendi with the Islamic State. A 'truce' would allow ISIS to consolidate its new state from the rubble of Syria and Iraq (presumably with Kurdistan de facto independent) and concentrate on its highest-priority targets: the Arabian Peninsula's apostate, heretic oil-producing monarchies." [8184]

"...America's friends are not waiting for Washington to wake up, as Benjamin Netanyahu's recent trip to Moscow shows. Russia's growing Syrian military presence constrains Israel's self-defense options, which Jerusalem cannot allow to proceed unchecked. Obviously Russia's emerging challenge is not alone in roiling the Middle East. Terrorism, radical Islam's continuing menace, and an accelerating nuclear arms race also demand responses. Israel wants Russia to fully appreciate these dangers, to which Obama seems indifferent. Netanyahu is hedging Israel's bets on the United States, perhaps permanently, calculating that Moscow's strategy ultimately rests on Russian national interests, no matter what Washington's vaporings reflect. The Gulf Arab monarchies are also hedging. In their neighborhood, leaders must deal with facts, not fantasy." [81843]

Hillary Clinton tweets, "What is wrong with us that we can't stand up to the NRA and the gun lobby and the gun manufacturers they represent?" (Translation: "Why can't we repeal the Second Amendment and only allow the government and the bodyguards of wealthy people like me to have guns?") [81759]

Common Core-supporting Secretary of Education Arne Duncan announces he will step down in December. Via Twitter, Obama's terrorist pal William Ayers offers to take the job. (Many will be happy to see Duncan go. In May 2009 Duncan named Kevin Jennings his Assistant Deputy Secretary in the Office of Safe Schools, or "Safe Schools Czar." As noted in Volume 2 of this *Timeline*, Jennings is the founder of a homosexual activist group called the GLSEN (the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). GLSEN promotes homosexual clubs in high schools, middle schools, and even grade schools, and promoted a national "Day of Silence" in schools to celebrate homosexuality. Jennings' own Web site states that he "has spent the last 12 years building GLSEN into a national organization at the forefront of a bold movement that now works with over 3,000 Gay-Straight Alliances." Linda Harvey, of the group Mission America, called the Jennings appointment a "tragedy" and said, "It is unconscionable. This is educational malpractice

and child corruption.” Harvey cited an Iowa example of what Jennings might push for on a nationwide basis. In Council Bluffs, Iowa, teachers attended a two-day training course called “How to Make My Classroom Safe for LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual) Students.” The seminar included videos “...from Anderson Cooper 360, ‘Will and Grace,’ and several popular film segments like ‘Brokeback Mountain’ and ‘Latter Days.’” Duncan’s statement appointing Jennings stated that GLSEN “...works to make schools safe for all students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.” Jennings has argued that 10 percent of all children are homosexual. [2970, 3129, 3130, 4318, 4784, 81773, 81782, 81783, 81802, 81867]

According to WesternJournalism.com, “GLSEN promotes pro-pedophile books such as *One Teenager in 10*, which contains at least a half dozen stories involving sex between children and adults. Another example of a GLSEN-promoted book featuring child/adult sex is *Growing up Gay/Growing up Lesbian*: ‘When I was 15, he must have been 29-39... I seduced him... it was a wild night. We did everything.’ Another GLSEN-recommended book has a story about a minor boasting about how he met his 25 year old ‘boyfriend’ who ‘picked me up right away when I joined the group.’” The site’s article continues, “It is now abundantly clear that Obama is a political animal who cares only about power and destroying America’s Judeo-Christian culture. The appointment of Kevin Jennings essentially means that the promotion of a deviant and unhealthy lifestyle to our children is now a federal priority...” [2970, 3129, 3130, 4318, 4784, 81773, 81782]

Jennings, who once said “Fuck ’em” in response to a reference to the “religious right,” considers the promotion of homosexuality and gender confusion “normal,” even for young students. At a GLSEN “TeachOut” conference for students and public school teachers that was co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education, children as young as age 12 were taught how to engage in homosexual acts. At the March 25, 2000 “workshop,” one adult tells a group of high school students, “Fisting [forcing one’s entire hand into another person’s rectum or vagina] often gets a bad rap... [It’s] an experience of letting somebody into your body that you want to be that close and intimate with... [and is meant] to put you into an exploratory mode.” Teachers who attended the “conference” received “professional development credits” from the state. (Obama wanted Kevin Jennings—the founder of the organization that promotes these activities—to be Assistant Deputy Secretary in the Office of Safe Schools. There was little national outrage because the mainstream media shamelessly chose not to tell Americans who Kenneth Jennings is or what he represents.) [2970, 3129, 3130, 4318, 4784, 81773, 81782]

At NationalReview.com Frederick M. Hess later comments on Arne Duncan’s departure: “Duncan is a likable man who drips with passion and sincerity. ...And Duncan stood up for charter schools, challenged the nation’s education schools, and called for reforms to teacher tenure and pay. He deserves credit for this. ...But the bad far outweighed the good. This was not due to any malice on Duncan’s part, but mostly because Duncan—the former Chicago schools chief—approached the U.S. Department of Education as if it

were the nation's school board and he had been appointed the nation's superintendent. He was dismissive of Congress, impatient with recalcitrant states, and contemptuous of those worried about federal authority run amok. The result: Duncan simultaneously exploited and fractured the bipartisan goodwill that had greeted him in 2009, as he launched a war on for-profit colleges, manufactured hysteria over a supposed wave of campus rape, and pushed for a massive expansion of the federal role in everything from pre-K to school discipline." [81867]

The Department of Labor reports that a mere 142,000 jobs were added in September. (August numbers are revised downward, from 173,000 jobs to 136,000 jobs. July's count is reduced from 245,000 to 223,000.) The official unemployment rate is unchanged at 5.1 percent—mostly because millions of Americans who have exhausted unemployment benefits and have given up looking for work are no longer counted as being part of the workforce. The workforce participation rate falls to 62.4 percent, its lowest level since October 1977. For men alone, the rate is 71.3 percent which, notes CNSNews.com, "is the lowest labor force participation rate for men since [the Bureau of Labor Statistics] began keeping the labor force participation rate in 1948. In January 1948, 86.7 percent of men 16 and over were participating in the labor force. The participation rate for men was 72.4 percent when ...Obama took office in 2009. ...A record 94,610,000 Americans were not in the American labor force last month—an increase of 579,000 from August." Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at Northern Trust, observes, "There's nothing good in this morning's report." [81767, 81778, 81779, 81784, 81968, 81974]

TheBlaze.com posts a 2011 email to Hillary Clinton from State Department staffer Philip J. Crowley in which Crowley notes an upcoming *60 Minutes* broadcast featuring WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Crowley writes, "He will be the only person featured. We had made a number of suggestions for outside experts and former diplomats to interview to 'balance' the piece. 60 Minutes assures me that they raised a number of questions and concerns we planted with them during the course of the interview. We will be prepared to respond to the narrative Assange presents during the program." *60 Minutes'* spokesman Kevin Tedesco calls Crowley's claims "preposterous. The idea of a 'plant' is as preposterous as this email writer's attempt to get credit from his boss." (Either Crowley was lying then or CBS is lying now.) [81780]

At a press conference, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) states that the weapons in the possession of Oregon killer Christopher Harper Mercer were purchased legally by him or other members of his family. At WND.com Leo Hohmann writes, "What this new information from ATF demonstrates is that the kinds of gun control that the prohibition lobby has been pushing, namely the 'universal background checks,' would not have prevented the tragedy in Oregon, said David Workman, senior editor of TheGunMag.com. 'The shooter reportedly had a clean record, and according to the ATF, he purchased several of those guns,' Workman said. 'All the firearms were legally purchased from a firearms dealer, so background checks would have been involved.' Obama said he knew he would be criticized for trying to 'politicize' the tragic

shooting but said that [was] exactly what needed to happen in order to rein in ‘gun violence.’” [81787]

“But none of [Obama’s] gun restrictions would have prevented Thursday’s mass shooting at the community college, said Alan Gottlieb, executive vice president and founder of the Second Amendment Foundation. ‘None of the gun control proposals that Obama or the gun control crowd are proposing would have stopped this terrible tragedy,’ Gottlieb said. ‘They are being intellectually dishonest. They are also being dishonest calling for new ‘gun safety’ legislation. This has nothing to do with gun safety. They know that everyone supports gun safety so they are using that term to manipulate the debate.’ ...Umpqua Community College had one security guard who was unarmed. ...According to NBC News, UCC had considered hiring armed security for the campus. School officials ultimately rejected the idea. According to retired UCC President Joe Olson, ‘We thought we were a very safe campus, and having armed security officers on campus might change the culture.’ That ‘culture’ now appears to have been changed, possibly forever.” (Chicago has incredibly strict gun laws, yet there were 60 homicides in the city in September.) [81787, 81803]

According to the Pentagon, Oregon school killer Christopher Harper Mercer spent a mere month in basic training in 2008 before he was discharged by the U.S. Army for “failing to meet the minimum administrative standards...” [81794]

Newsmax.tv’s Steve Mahlberg asks GOP presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, “What if the shooter had said, ‘Are you a Muslim?’ and shot those in the head who were Muslim? Do you think [Obama] would have mentioned that [in his televised remarks]?” Huckabee replies, “Of course he would. [Obama] always wants to be defensive and tell us there is no such thing as Islamic terrorism. These aren’t religious people even though we all know they are. But it seems when the target is a Christian he conveniently just ignores it, denies it or just moves on to something else. I do think that it is incredibly significant that there was a religious intent and motive in this shooter’s attitude.” [81804]

George Zimmerman tweets, “2 things P.O.S. [piece of shit] Obama & his son [the Oregon killer] have in common, self proclaimed ‘mixed race’ and attacking Christians on US soil.” [81833]

WashingtonExaminer.com reports, “Insurers will get far less money than promised from the federal government this year—and a few billion dollars less than they requested—to help pay for their sickest customers. Insurers learned late Thursday that they’ll receive just \$362 million out of the \$2.9 billion in requested for 2014 for the program, according to an announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services. ...As insurers enrolled more older, sicker Americans under the new healthcare law, they were promised some federal money to help cover their new costs, through a program known as risk corridors. ...But the law requires the program to be budget-neutral, meaning that if there aren’t adequate funds, insurers have to go without. [According to] The HHS announcement, insurers will get about \$2.5 billion less than they asked for, and they

weren't pleased." (Essentially, the insurance companies had been told, "Yes, ObamaCare will stick you with older, sicker customers and you'll lose money on them. But we'll pay you off with taxpayer funds to compensate for your losses." The insurance companies believed the government—and now knows better.) [81994, 81995, 82690]

On *The Kelly File*, Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke says, "We should get rid of these gun-free zones. We should allow people... to be able to play a role in their own safety. I think it's heartless to expect people in these gun-free zones to be lined up and slaughtered with no way to defend themselves. These gun-free zones have become killing fields. That is the one constant in all of these mass murders. ...Here's what I think should happen. Citizens should be allowed—under the Constitution they have that right anyway—to play a role in their own personal safety. The only thing that stopped that incident yesterday was when a good guy, a police officer with a gun, showed up and they were able to neutralize that homicidal maniac." [81880]

In April 2014 *The Blaze.com* noted a study by a Purdue University professor, Eric Dietz, Ph.D., that showed, "Since the 1950s, all but two mass shootings have occurred in locations where victims were restricted from carrying weapons for self-defense, his work says. This stunning statistic led the university to question the effectiveness of so-called 'gun free zones.' ...The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that 57 percent of public schools in the U.S. had no security staff present at any time during the school week in 2009-2010. To the critics who say more guns always translate into more crime, the Purdue research notes that there has been an increase in firearms ownership by 61 percent between 2004-2012—yet there has been a reduction in violence crime by 12.9 percent since 2008." (The simple truth is that every mass murderer is stopped by someone else with a gun—unless the killer takes his own life first. Denying people the right to defend themselves does nothing but give the killer more time to increase his count of victims.) [81881, 81882, 81963]

Gary North comments on the Oregon school shooting: "If you love Jesus, what would be your attitude after the first Christian was shot? I know what mine would be. 'Let's get this bastard now, or we're all dead.' That would also be my reaction if he targeted Muslims. Once the first victim is gunned down, someone had better call all the rest to action, and then rush him. This person is going to get shot. He is going to get shot anyway. This suicide mission requires a call to action. Otherwise, people will remain inert, hoping for the best. The best strategy in an unarmed society is for everyone to rush the shooter and subdue him. In short, 'let's roll.' This is not what we are taught in our feminized culture. We are taught by little old women of both sexes. I was taught by Col. Jeff Cooper at Gunsite. 'A man has a moral responsibility to subdue such an assailant.' He taught me in 1980. The little old woman who occupies the White House immediately sent out [a] press release [calling for more gun laws]. ...As his former chief of staff [Rahm Emanuel] might put it, 'Never let an anti-Christian massacre go to waste.' We need armed citizens—armed first of all with an attitude: 'I prefer to die in an aggressive defense than to die silently as a victim.' This country needs to trade killer drones in

Afghanistan for citizen-warriors next door. ...Obama wants to disarm us. That is a license to kill ...for assassins.” [81895]

On October 3 a U.S. airstrike in Kunduz, Afghanistan hits a “Doctors Without Borders” medical facility; 19 are killed. The strike was reportedly based on a request by the Afghan military. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter states, “A full investigation into the tragic incident is under way in coordination with the Afghan government.” According to WashingtonTimes.com, Afghanistan’s “Ministry of Defense said ‘terrorists’ armed with light and heavy weapons had entered the hospital compound and used the ‘buildings and the people inside as a shield.’” Associated Press reporter Matt Lee later points out the hypocrisy of the Obama administration when he notes its scathing criticism of Israel after the August 2014 inadvertent bombing of civilians in Rafah. The State Department *immediately* condemned Israel for the “disgraceful shelling,” while the incident in Kunduz warrants an investigation. (DailyCaller.com later reports, “Doctors Without Borders flew no internationally-recognized medical insignia on the rooftop of its Kunduz, Afghanistan, hospital that was mistakenly attacked October 3 by U.S. military aircraft...”) [81828, 81864, 81907, 81909, 81921, 81935, 81941, 81942, 81945, 82129]

In his weekly Internet/radio address, Obama portrays Republicans as Grinches ready to steal Christmas, saying, “Now, on Wednesday, more than half of Republicans in Congress voted to shut down the government for the second time in two years. Fortunately, there were enough votes in both parties to pass a last-minute bill to keep the government open for another ten weeks. Unfortunately, that gimmick only sets up another shutdown threat two weeks before Christmas. Look, that’s not the way America should operate. It just kicks the can down the road without solving any problems or doing any long-term planning for the future. And that’s why I will not sign another shortsighted, short-term spending bill like the one Congress sent me this week.” (If Obama refuses to sign such legislation, he will be the one shutting down the government.) [81865]

At the Young America’s Foundation Midwest Conference in Columbus, Ohio, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton calls on Secretary of State John Kerry to resign over the Iranian nuclear agreement. [81829]

PerthNow.com.au reports, “A mathematical discovery by Perth-based electrical engineer Dr David Evans may change everything about the climate debate, on the eve of the UN climate change conference in Paris next month. A former climate modeler for the Government’s Australian Greenhouse Office, with six degrees in applied mathematics, Dr Evans has unpacked the architecture of the basic climate model which underpins all climate science. He has found that, while the underlying physics of the model is correct, it had been applied incorrectly. He has fixed two errors and the new corrected model finds the climate’s sensitivity to carbon dioxide (CO₂) is much lower than was thought. It turns out the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change [IPCC] has over-estimated future global warming by as much as 10 times, he says. ...His discovery explains why none of the climate models used by the IPCC reflect the evidence of

recorded temperatures. The models have failed to predict the pause in global warming which has been going on for 18 years and counting. ‘The model architecture was wrong,’ he says. ‘Carbon dioxide causes only minor warming. The climate is largely driven by factors outside our control.’” [82054, 82202]

Even Dr. Patrick Moore, the founder of Greenpeace, is skeptical of the man-made global warming claims. At a recent event he stated, “[T]here is certainty beyond any doubt that CO₂ is the building block for all life on Earth and that without its presence in the global atmosphere at a sufficient concentration this would be a dead planet. Yet today our children and our publics are [falsely] taught that CO₂ is a toxic pollutant that will destroy life and bring civilization to its knees. ...NASA tells us that ‘Carbon Dioxide Controls Earth’s Temperature’ in child-like denial of the many other factors involved in climate change. ...Our best inference from various proxies back indicate that CO₂ was higher for the first 4 billion years of Earth’s history than it has been since the Cambrian Period until today. ...It is glaringly obvious that temperature and CO₂ are in an inverse correlation at least as often as they are in any semblance of correlation. Two clear examples of reverse correlation occurred 150 million years and 50 million years ago. At the end of the Jurassic temperature fell dramatically while CO₂ spiked. During the Eocene Thermal Maximum, temperature was likely higher than any time in the past 550 million years while CO₂ had been on a downward track for 100 million years. This evidence alone [is] sufficient to warrant deep speculation of any claimed lock-step causal relationship between CO₂ and temperature.” [82364]

Moore notes, “Today, at just over 400 ppm CO₂ there are 850 billion tons of CO₂ in the atmosphere. By comparison, when modern life-forms evolved over 500 million years ago there was nearly 15,000 billion tons of CO₂ in the atmosphere, 17 times today’s level. Plants and soils combined contain more than 2,000 billion tons of carbon, more that twice as much as the entire global atmosphere. The oceans contain 38,000 billion tons of dissolved CO₂, 45 times as much as in the atmosphere.” (According to *American Action Forum*, federal regulators in the United State “have already imposed \$26 billion in annual costs to limit GHGs [greenhouse gases] and have proposed an additional \$1.7 billion. However, to meet ...Obama’s climate goals the nation will have to spend up to \$45 billion more each year by 2025. What are the benefits of these investments? According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates, previous actions will avert a combined 0.0573 degrees Celsius of warming. Meeting [Obama’s] 2025 goals could add reductions up to 0.125 degree Celsius. In other words, full achievement of [Obama’s] climate goals will cost more than \$73 billion in annual burdens to alleviate less than two-tenths of one degree of warming.”) [82364, 82891]

ThePCGraveyard.com notes, “In the spring of 2007, the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy released a study of the relative effects of stringent gun laws. They found that a country like Luxembourg, which bans all guns has a murder rate that is 9 times higher than Germany, where there are 30,000 guns per 100,000 people. They also cited a study by the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which studied 253 journal articles, 99 books, 43 government publications, and it failed to find one gun control initiative that

worked. In fact, in many cases it found that violence is very often lower, where guns are more readily available. The report points to a myth that guns are more easily obtained in the United States than in Europe. That is factually incorrect. Austria has the lowest murder rate of any industrialized country, with .8 murders per 100,000 people, yet they have 17,000 guns per 100,000 people. Norway is second with .81 murders and 36,000 guns. Germany is third with .93 murders and 36,000 guns. The United States [which has perhaps more guns than citizens] has a murder rate of 10.1 murders per 100,000 people. But Luxembourg, which does not allow gun ownership at all has a rating of 9.01.” [81809]

“...Another longstanding myth is that Europe’s relatively low murder rate is because of their gun control laws. The truth is, their rates were low even before gun control laws were passed, according to the Harvard study. European murder rates hit an all time low before any gun laws were passed. In fact, their violent crimes have risen since they enacted gun control laws. By comparison, violent crimes have dropped in the US over the same period. Russia has a ban on hand guns and their murder rate is 30.6%, whereas in the United States the rate is a much lower 7.8%. And during the 1990s, gun ownership grew significantly in the United States, while violent crimes dropped by 30%. In England, after they banned handguns, the rate of violent crimes soared.” [81809]

BizPacReview.com writes, “In the wake of the school massacre in Oregon, ...Obama cited Australia as a country whose lead the U.S. could follow for ‘common sense’ gun reform. Hours later, a 15-year-old boy [of Iraqi-Kurdish origin] in Australia walked into a police station and shot an employee dead.” [81834]

It is worth noting that while Obama and others praise England, Australia, and other nations for tough gun laws, author Ann Coulter points out “the number of involuntarily detained mental patients, per 100,000 people, in other countries... Austria, 175; Finland, 218; Germany, 175; Sweden, 114; England, 93. The absolute maximum number of mental patients per 100,000 people who could possibly be institutionalized by the state in the U.S.—voluntarily or involuntarily—is: 17. Yes, according to the Treatment Advocacy Center, there are a grand total of 17 psychiatric beds even available, not necessarily being used. In 1955, there were 340. After every mass shooting, the left has a lot of fun forcing Republicans to defend guns. Here’s an idea: Why not force Democrats to defend the right of the dangerous mentally ill not to take their medicine? Liberals will howl about ‘stigmatizing’ the mentally ill, but they sure don’t mind stigmatizing white men or gun owners. ...I notice that every mass murder is committed by someone who is mentally ill. When the common denominator is a characteristic found in about 0.1 percent of the population—I think we’ve found the crucial ingredient!” [81957]

At NYPost.com author Edward Klein (*Unlikeable: The Problem with Hillary*) writes, “One of the Clintons’ oldest and most trusted legal advisers has urged Hillary to hire a criminal defense attorney to represent her in case she’s indicted for mishandling classified documents on her private e-mail server and for lying under oath. The adviser, who has been a Clinton confidant for more than 30 years, laid out his concerns about

Hillary's legal exposure in a wide-ranging interview. 'This e-mail thing is spiraling out of control,' he said. 'To paraphrase John Dean of Watergate fame, it's a cancer on her candidacy. Frankly,' he continued, 'I am used to my advice on legal matters being taken very seriously and acted upon by the Clintons. I've told them repeatedly that this FBI e-mail investigation could go in a very dangerous direction very quickly. I think Bill takes the matter seriously. But Hillary is still acting as though it's a political smear job by right-wing zealots.' ...His advice to Hillary: lawyer up now before it's too late. 'Hillary needs to secure the services of an expert legal counsel—preferably a big-league defense attorney from the Republican side of the aisle,' the adviser said. 'She needs someone to find out whether the FBI and Justice Department are likely to conclude that she's violated federal laws governing national security.'" [81811, 81878, 82104]

Via Twitter, Muslims post the address of Robert O'Neil (reportedly the Navy SEAL who killed Osama bin Laden) and call for him to be murdered. [81822]

At a campaign event in Franklin, Tennessee, Donald Trump tells the audience, "I have a license to carry [a gun] in New York. Can you believe that?... Somebody attacks me, oh, they're gonna be shocked." [81838]

Vice President Joe Biden tells an audience there are still many "homophobes" in the nation, and most of them "are running for president. [81898]

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere warns that ISIS militants have been sneaking into Germany, pretending to be refugees. At JihadWatch.org Robert Spencer writes, "Those who doubt what Thomas de Maiziere says... should remember that last February the Islamic State said it would soon flood Europe with as many as 500,000 refugees. And an Islamic State operative recently boasted that among the flood of refugees, 4,000 Islamic State jihadis had entered Europe. 'They are going like refugees,' he said, but they were going with the plan of sowing blood and mayhem on European streets. As he told this to journalists, he smiled and said, 'Just wait.' He explained: 'It's our dream that there should be a caliphate not only in Syria but in all the world, and we will have it soon, inshallah [Allah willing].' Shortly after that, the Lebanese Education Minister said that there were 20,000 jihadis among the refugees in camps in his country. Also, 80% of the migrants who claim to be fleeing the war in Syria aren't actually from Syria at all. Why would these 'refugees' think they had to come to Europe on false pretenses?" [81826, 81827, 82107]

Ian Mercer, the father of the Oregon school killer, tells CNN he blames guns: "That's what guns are. The killers. It's as simple as that. It's black and white." (Apparently the manner in which he raised—or failed to raise—his son had nothing to do with his actions.) "They talk about gun laws, they talk about gun control. Every time something like this happens they talk about it and nothing is done. I'm not trying to say that that's to blame for what happened, but if Chris had not been able to get ahold [sic] of 13 guns, it wouldn't have happened. ...Look all over the world, you don't see these kind of mass shootings all over the world on a consistent basis like you do in the United States. I'm a

great believer, you don't buy guns. Don't buy guns. Don't buy guns." (His son had 14 weapons.) [81832, 81835, 82108]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal later reacts to the father's statement with his own: "You have the father of the Oregon shooter lecturing us about gun control. Here's a guy that [sic; who], by his own admission, doesn't know how many guns his son had; doesn't know where he got the guns; wasn't in his son's life. He was living with his mom—really couldn't tell us a whole lot about his son. Who is he to be lecturing us? ...If you want to understand why this is happening, you know, it's the old saying, garbage in, garbage out. Our culture is getting more and more coarse, more and more violent." (It is worth noting the Oregon killer's father is white and mother, Laurel Margaret Harper, is black. The mainstream media seems overwhelmingly eager to hide the fact that the killer is mixed-race; some portray him as a "white supremacist.") [81841, 81910, 82074]

Hillary Clinton appears on NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. Breitbart.com's John Nolte writes that the program "blasts the Republican presidential field but creates an affectionate skit to rehabilitate Hillary's cold, robotic image; a skit that doesn't touch on her email scandals, completely avoids the Clinton Foundation scandals, and allows her to mock GOP frontrunner Donald Trump." Nolte also points out that "1. NBC News partners with and funnels \$400 million to left-wing BuzzFeed. 2. NBC News partners with and funnels \$200 million to the even more left-wing Vox. 2. NBC News partners with TargetSmart, a political data firm founded by Democrats and used by the Democrat National Committee. 4. NBC News hired Hillary Clinton's daughter Chelsea for six months and paid her \$600,000 to essentially do nothing." [81868]

In Jerusalem, two Israelis are stabbed to death by a Muslim. The wife of one of the victims, who survived her stab wounds, cried out for help: "I yelled 'please help me!' and they [Palestinian store owners] just spat at me." The killer—whose father later says, "I am proud of my son"—is then shot to death by security personnel. The BBC's headline reads, "Palestinian shot dead after Jerusalem attack kills two." The Washington Post headline: "Palestinian is killed after fatal attack." (Pamela Geller later comments, "Notice how the main focus of the headline is the death of the Palestinian perpetrator who is 'shot dead,' effectively turning the terrorist into the victim. And what is a 'Jerusalem attack?' Cities don't attack people. In this case, the BBC cannot bring itself to apportion responsibility to a Palestinian. Nor does it state that the actual victims of the attack were Israeli Jews. Disturbing, yes. Surprising, no. The BBC has a history of publishing headlines where Palestinian terrorists are sanitized... While the headline was eventually changed, presumably as a result of outrage on social media, it is appalling that such an initial response could have been published at all.") [81888, 81889, 81925, 81927]

On October 4 Obama plays golf. (Eager to get to the golf course, he takes Marine One. The helicopter's carbon footprint is not known.) [81831, 81855, 81859]

WashingtonExaminer.com writes, "Billionaire developer Donald Trump has thrown yet another monkey wrench into the political status quo: Some major labor unions are now

mulling endorsing the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination. It's a move that would have been unthinkable in previous election cycles, but Trump has fans among the union rank and file and deviates enough from the GOP platform that labor leaders are giving him a serious look." (Both the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Communications Workers of America are delaying their presidential endorsements for the time being—a direct slap in the face to Hillary Clinton. Teamsters' president James Hoffa, Jr. states, "The Teamsters will work with and support any candidate who puts the needs of America's working families above the deep pockets of their corporate donors.") [81836, 81856]

Bloomberg.com reports, "The Russian Defense Ministry said on Sunday that 10 Islamic State [ISIS] positions in Syria had been attacked in the past 24 hours, including militant training camps in Raqqa and Idlib provinces. Russian strikes have broken 'the management and logistics of the terrorist organization' and caused 'significant damage to the infrastructure used for preparation of terrorist attacks,' the ministry said on its website. Laser-guided and concrete-piercing ordnance had been used, it said." [81839]

ZeroHedge.com adds, "the Russian Ministry of Defense said it has conducted 60 bombing runs in 72 hours, hitting more than 50 ISIS targets. According to the ministry, Islamic State fighters are in a state of 'panic' and more than 600 have deserted." (Unlike Obama, Russia apparently needs only a few days to "degrade and defeat" ISIS.) [81842]

KGNS.tv reports, "The Texas DPS [Department of Public Safety] Director Steven McCraw expressed concern over the possible infiltration of ISIS through the border during a visit to Laredo this week. The comment came during the annual Texas Border Coalition meeting when a member of the audience asked the director if any suspected ISIS members had ever been apprehended on the Texas/Mexico border. McCraw said: 'Individuals that come across the Texas/Mexican border from a countries with a known terrorism presence and the answer to that is yes [sic]. We have individuals that we've needed to debrief in Pashto/Dari [languages]. Not a lot of Pashto and Dari speakers around. But you can't think about the last attack; you have to think of the next attack and where our vulnerabilities are. So, we're concerned about that.'" [81891, 81892, 81893]

At Breitbart.com border security expert Sylvia Longmire adds, "The individuals McCraw is referring to used to be called Special Interest Aliens, or SIAs, by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). However, DHS dropped the term a few years ago for reasons of political correctness. SIAs are foreign nationals apprehended trying to enter the US from over thirty countries affiliated in some way with terrorism. Several hundred SIAs are apprehended along the southwest border every year from countries such as Iraq, Pakistan, and Somalia. Hundreds of members and supporters of Hizballah are also known to have entered the US from Mexico, mostly through Tijuana into southern California. However, there is still no evidence to date that a member of ISIS or an operational terrorist from any other group has entered the US from Mexico with the intention of carrying out an attack. The easiest method for this to occur is still for operational

terrorists to enter the US legally, usually by plane, using legitimate ID and travel documents.” [81893]

In Minneapolis, Ahmed Hersi Abdi, a 34-year-old Muslim from Somalia, brutally rapes a 10-year-old girl. According to WND.com, the attack took place “in an apartment complex in the city’s Cedar Riverside neighborhood, also known as ‘Little Mogadishu’ for its high concentration of Somali refugees imported from United Nations refugee camps in Africa. ...The U.S. government has resettled more than 110,000 Somali refugees since the early 1990s and shipped in another 8,858 during the most recent fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, according to U.S. State Department data. ...Abdi has a long rap sheet. According to court records, he was convicted of trespassing in 2003, disorderly conduct in 2003 and public urination in 2012. Several other previous charges against Abdi have been dismissed. In 2011, he was charged with two counts of fifth-degree assault and one count of disorderly conduct, which were all dismissed after he was found incompetent to stand trial, according to court records. The court dismissed another fifth-degree assault charge in 2010 citing ‘mental deficiency.’” (Why Abdi has not been deported is not clear. Also not clear is why mentally-deficient Muslim rapists from Somalia should be allowed to settle in the United States in the first place—and given welfare benefits.) [82024]

On October 5 Hillary Clinton appears on the *Today* show, “Before this whole [email] thing was, you know, a big, uh, controversy, you know, the State Department was looking for information—my emails were on the government account, more than 90 percent of them. The State Department was pulling them out, they’ve been handed over, so, you know, look, I’ve been around this political situation for a long time, but some things are just beyond the pale, and I’m happy to go, if it still is in operation, to testify [before the Select Committee on Benghazi], I am happy to turn over my emails. I’ve gone further than anybody ever has—that’s okay, I’m willing to do that. But, the real issue here is what happened to four brave Americans [in Benghazi].” (Clintons emails were not all on the “government account” or servers—unless she happened to be communicating with other State Department employees who, unlike her, were following the rules. Emails between Clinton, Huma Abedin, Sidney Blumenthal, and others were not on the State Department servers because they were using her private server. Moreover, Clinton was not “happy to turn over her emails”; she did so only after being served with a subpoena—and after deleting emails she did not want anyone to see.) [81854, 81862]

Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson comments, “This arrogant, dishonest career politician is attempting to disqualify questions pertaining to her improper email arrangement as illegitimate. Unfortunately for her, the FBI is investigating her server scheme, which violated federal rules and compromised reams of classified material—and about which she’s lied repeatedly. She’s been shown to have withheld emails that she claimed under penalty of perjury to have already turned over, a process that only commenced under intense public pressure and court orders. *Cease and desist with your impertinent questions*, Her Majesty demands. And she wonders why people don't like or trust her.” [81853]

Olivia Nuzzi writes at TheDailyBeast.com, “Carly Fiorina is so opposed to Planned Parenthood, which she believes is ‘pushing women into late-term abortions so they can more successfully harvest body parts,’ that she would shut the government down in order to prevent it from receiving any federal funding. But she doesn’t oppose Planned Parenthood enough, it seems, to care if the organization that controls the Fiorina Foundation, her mysterious charity outfit, also distributes funds to the group—nearly half a million dollars since 2011. ...The Fiorina Foundation was not registered with the secretary of state in California or the county clerk in Santa Cruz, where Fiorina resided at the time. It wasn’t registered with the IRS, either. Meaning that, were it really a foundation, it would be violating the law, which demands that private foundations file annual 990 forms. ...When I contacted Fiorina’s presidential campaign to ask what had happened to the foundation in the five years since her Senate race, the campaign responded at first by asking me, ‘What foundation?’ The Fiorina Foundation does not exist. Not in the typical sense, anyway. ...What Fiorina calls the Fiorina Foundation is in fact the name of the account she and her husband, Frank, have with The Ayco Charitable Foundation, a so-called ‘donor-advised fund,’ through which they distribute undisclosed sums to undisclosed recipients at undisclosed times. This seemed to be news to Fiorina’s own campaign, the deputy manager of which, Sarah Isgur Flores, repeatedly assured me that the Fiorina Foundation is a private foundation before following up to say that she had made a mistake.” [81846, 81847]

Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg’s anti-gun organization, Everytown, calls for “five life-saving measures that the Administration could advance to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.” The recommendations: “1. Issue guidance to ensure that dangerous people are not permitted to carry guns within 1,000 feet of a school; 2. Issue a regulation clarifying that high-volume gun sellers are ‘engaged in the business’ of dealing firearms and must obtain dealer licenses and comply with applicable laws, including background checks on all gun sales; 3. Instruct federal law enforcement to identify and arrest dangerous criminals who try to buy illegal guns, and to notify and work with state and local authorities when these illegal purchases are attempted; 4. Assist states in enforcing their existing background check laws by publishing aggregate background check denial data for guns sold by unlicensed sellers; and 5. Protect victims of domestic abuse by clarifying that convicted abusers are prohibited from having guns regardless of marital status.” [81849]

At Townhall.com Katie Pavlich notes, “1) The vast majority of schools are already ‘gun free zones’ by law with the goal of banning ‘dangerous people with guns out of schools.’ 2) It is already illegal to operate as a business selling firearms with the intent of making a profit without an FFL. 3) The U.S. already has laws that allow law enforcement to identify and prosecute dangerous criminals who try to illegal buy guns but under ...Obama, prosecution of these crimes and enforcement of these laws are down significantly. 4) Oregon in particular has a universal background check system which didn’t stop the murders last week. 5) Convicted domestic abusers are already banned from purchasing firearms.” [81850]

Hillary Clinton says, “I am going to get those guns out of people’s hands. ...I want to work with Congress, but I will look at ways as president...” (In other words, “Like Obama, if Congress does not give me the gun control legislation I want, I will go around it, issue unconstitutional executive orders, and defy anyone to stop me.”) Meanwhile, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama “has frequently pushed his team to consider a range of executive actions that could more effectively keep guns out of the hands of criminals and others who shouldn’t have access to them. That’s something that is ongoing here. ...[T]hey’re continuing to review the law that’s on the books and continuing to consult with legal authorities but also others who may have ideas about what steps that can be taken to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. ...It’s a high priority and will continue to be until we start to see more progress on this issue in this town.” [81869, 81870, 81872, 81873, 81874, 81875, 81877, 81936]

In an NBC/WJS/Marist poll in New Hampshire, Donald Trump leads GOP candidates with 21 percent, followed by Carly Fiorina (16), Jeb Bush (11), Marco Rubio (10), and Ben Carson (10). All other candidates are in single digits. Among Democrats, Bernie Sanders leads with 48 percent, followed by Hillary Clinton (30). All other candidates are at 2 percent or less. [81851, 81852]

In an NBC poll in Iowa, Hillary Clinton would lose to Donald Trump (41-48), Jeb Bush (40-50), and Carly Fiorina (38-52). At Townhall.com Guy Benson writes, “In fairness, head-to-head numbers tend to bounce around, so their utility in predicting voters’ actions 13 months from now is spotty at best. The Clinton campaign should be more concerned about several enduring trends: First, ...Obama’s job approval rating is underwater in Iowa (38/55) and New Hampshire (43/51). Any Democratic nominee—Clinton and [Joe] Biden especially—will be tied to the Obama legacy. Second, Mrs. Clinton’s personal favorability remains quite weak in these critical states, in which she’s spent so much time and money since launching (and re-launching) her campaign... Roughly six in ten registered voters hold unfavorable views of Hillary Clinton, with almost nobody undecided, thanks to her brand saturation.” [81853, 81866, 81908]

Politico.com reports, “Negotiators from the U.S., Japan and 10 Pacific Rim nations on Monday cinched the biggest trade pact in recent history, setting the stage for ...Obama to send the deal to a divided Congress early next year. ...The pact, if approved by the member nations, would tear down trade barriers and establish rules in areas like labor, the environment and e-commerce for countries that produce 40 percent of the world’s economic output, from giants like the U.S. and Japan to developing nations like Peru, Malaysia and Vietnam. The Trans-Pacific Partnership is key to Obama’s ‘pivot’ to Asia, aimed at anchoring the United States in a region increasingly dominated by China. But the decision to address currency manipulation in a side deal, rather than in the pact itself, was expected to disappoint lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. U.S. auto manufacturer Ford is already urging Congress to renegotiate the agreement on that basis.” [81858]

According to BizPacReview.com, Obama “isn’t welcome in Roseburg, Oregon. The publisher of the Roseburg Beacon, a publication serving the area where Oregon’s Umpqua Community College mass shooting took place last Thursday, said that [Obama] would not be welcome there after he politicized the tragedy in a call for gun control. David Jacques said that because Obama ‘has no connection with this community,’ it would be ‘very inappropriate and... disrespectful to the families’ of the victims to make an appearance there to further politicize the event. While authorities were still in the process of containing the scene and identifying the bodies, [Obama] implied ‘he single-handedly could have prevented this if Congress would have listened to him,’ Jacques told a reporter. Any appearance there would be nothing more than a ‘campaign stop’ to push an agenda ‘to take away Americans’ right to own firearms. It shows not only a total disdain and disregard for our Constitution, but our very citizens, but especially those of us right here in Douglas county. We believe in the Second Amendment. We believe in the whole Constitution.” [81860, 81863, 81890, 81901, 81904, 81905, 81906]

At DailySignal.com Justin Johnson writes, “Since 2011, the defense budget has been cut by 15 percent in real terms. If you include the war budget, which has been going down as we reduce troops in Afghanistan, the national defense has been cut 25 percent in four years. As a result of these budget cuts, the U.S. military is smaller than it was on 9/11 and in many cases the smallest it has been in recent history. The world is a mess, our military is being slashed, and now ...Obama is going to veto a bipartisan bill that would increase the national defense budget by 6 percent in real terms. The House of Representatives just passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (NDAA), and it is headed to the Senate. This is a bipartisan bill that has been signed into law every year for 53 straight years, but Obama plans to veto it for one simple reason: it doesn’t increase non-defense spending. [Obama] believes that defense and non-defense spending should be increased, and, according to the White House, ‘he will not fix defense without fixing non-defense spending.’ To be clear, Republicans in Congress and Obama both agree that the defense budget should be increased, but Obama is going to veto a bill to do just that because he wants non-defense spending to be increased as well.” [81871]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “Bill Clinton’s administration gathered enough evidence to send a top-secret communique accusing Iran of facilitating the deadly 1996 Khobar Towers terrorist bombing, but suppressed that information from the American public and some elements of U.S. intelligence for fear it would lead to an outcry for reprisal, according to documents and interviews.” [81876]

At ThePostEmail.com Michael Gaddy reports that in advance of Obama’s September 1 visit to Kotzebue, Alaska, Secret Service agents went “door to door in [the] village of 3,000 residents, searching for firearms prior to the arrival of the great one. All of this during hunting season... I do sincerely believe this was a test run—a trial balloon if you will—for more of the same all across the fruited plain in the very near future. ...The information came from a current resident of Kotzebue who experienced a visit from members of the Standing Army known as the Secret Service who demanded they be

allowed to enter his home and search for firearms, sans probable cause, of course.” [81879, 81917]

CNN’s Anderson Cooper asks Jessie Atkinson, the brother of one of the Oregon school shooting victims, “If, if you have an opportunity ta, to meet with [Obama], what would you say?” Atkinson replies, “Huh? [he laughs] Really? ...I would tell him to look where the problem really lies and quit running the agenda... quit running the [anti-] gun agenda. It’s not the problem. It’s our mental health in America. It’s obvious. All of us talk about it, and I don’t know why we are hiding from it.” [81903]

At FreeBeacon.com Adam Kredon reports, “A senior Iranian military leader warned this weekend that “all U.S. military bases in the Middle East are within the range of” Iran’s missiles and emphasized that the Islamic Republic will continue to break international bans on the construction of ballistic missiles.” Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Aerospace Force, “dismissed the threat of military action by the United States, warning that all U.S. assets and allies are in range of Iran’s current missile arsenal, according to comments made Sunday in Tehran and recorded by Iran’s state-controlled Fars News Agency.” [81894]

DailyCaller.com posts excerpts from Edward Klein’s book, *Unlikeable: The Problem with Hillary*. The excerpts include statements from an intern who worked at the State Department who charges that Hillary Clinton spent time doing work for the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton Global Initiative, rather than State Department work. Klein also quotes “a Foreign Service officer with more than two decades of experience” who said, “During her last year at the State Department, Hillary’s priorities took on a different character. In 2012, her priorities were first, raising money for her presidential run; second, raising money for the Clinton Foundation; and third, tending to the business of foreign policy. She obviously had a busy schedule and had to meet with foreign ministers and other dignitaries, but those meetings seemed rushed and pro forma. Her real passions were the Clinton Foundation and talking to political strategists like John Podesta, James Carville, Paul Begala, and others. She met in her seventh-floor office with political bundlers, and she had long conversations on strategy with Bill. In my time at State, I never saw a secretary so disconnected from her job. She seemed to consider the running of U.S. foreign policy a side job. She was focused on getting the big job—the White House. Everything was about keeping information about her campaign plans from leaking back to the Obama White House. She didn’t trust anybody but her small inner circle. She was completely paranoid, whispering, covering her mouth in case somebody could read lips.” [81911]

Another veteran Foreign Service officer claims, “When she flew on her Air Force C-32, Hillary took along stacks of papers in manila folders that were marked ‘CF’ and ‘CGO’—the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton Global initiative. They had dividers labeled ‘Donations,’ ‘Fund Raising,’ ‘AIDS/HIV,’ ‘Haiti,’ and so forth. She didn’t try to cover up her involvement with the foundation. ...Hillary made it clear to those of us who came within her orbit that she kept up with the work of the foundation and the Global

Initiative at the same time that she ran the State Department. She said she had no qualms, because the work she did at State and the work at the foundation and the Global Initiative were related and complemented each other. In her mind, there was no conflict of interest. She was doing good work, solving the most daunting problems, and making the United States look like the good guy around the world. She always said her work was twice as hard because she was constantly cleaning up the messes George W. Bush left behind.” [81911]

On October 6 Politico.com makes an “Exclusive” fuss about the report that Vice President Joe Biden’s son Beau Biden, dying of brain cancer, encouraged his father to run for president: “According to multiple sources, it was Biden himself who talked to [New York Times’ reporter Maureen Dowd], painting a tragic portrait of a dying son, Beau’s face partially paralyzed, sitting his father down and trying to make him promise to run for president because ‘the White House should not revert to the Clintons and that the country would be better off with Biden values.’ It was no coincidence that the preliminary pieces around a prospective campaign started moving right after that column. People read Dowd and started reaching out, those around the vice president would say by way of defensive explanation. He was just answering the phone and listening. But in truth, Biden had effectively placed an ad in The New York Times, asking them to call.” (Inasmuch as Beau Biden died, *he* certainly could not have relayed the story to Dowd. That obviously means Joe Biden told Dowd. Politico.com apparently believes no one could figure that out on their own without its help. Granted, Biden telling Dowd about the death bed conversation was self-serving, but the fact that Biden is a self-serving politician is not exactly a revelation that warrants a big headline.) [81902, 81914, 81931]

Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) announces that the House of Representatives will take action to impeach IRS commissioner John Koskinen. (Impeachment is not limited to the president and vice president. It applies to “all civil officers of the United States.”) Justification for Koskinen’s impeachment would include his allowing the destruction of evidence in the Lois Lerner scandal and lying to Congress under oath.) [82624, 82625, 82749]

MiddleEastMonitor.com reports, “Israel will provide Russia with intelligence information about opposition sites in Syria to facilitate Moscow’s military operations, *Channel 2TV* has reported. The Israeli network said that a senior delegation of Russian army officials will arrive in Israel on Tuesday to coordinate the military cooperation. ...According to the media report, Israel will submit more requests to the Russians in exchange for ‘attractive’ offers to facilitate the Russian army’s military operations in Syria. It also revealed that [Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu and [Russian President Vladimir] Putin have agreed on several issues in principle, including a Russian pledge to stop the flow of weapons from Syria to Hezbollah, as well as to allow the Israeli air force to carry out operations freely in Syria, even in areas where the Russian army is stationed on the Syrian coast.” [82116, 82117, 82118]

James Jay Carafano, the Heritage Foundation's vice president of foreign and defense policy studies, writes at FoxNews.com, "In last Friday's [October 9] press conference, ...Obama called Vladimir Putin's incursion in Syria 'an act of weakness.' It's his pat answer when Putin misbehaves. The White House likes to portray the Kremlin as a place filled with petulant children who don't understand what's in their own best interest and will one day rue their misguided behavior. A mixture of condescension and patience may be an appropriate tactic in child rearing. But in a dangerous world, it's a lackadaisical prescription for disaster. ...First, there is no reason to believe that, just because entering a hot war in Syria is a bad idea, Putin won't pursue it with single-minded determination. After all, that is exactly what the Russian strongman did in Ukraine. Back then, Mr. Obama said it was a mistake and Putin would pay a price. And Putin did. The West tsunamied Russia with sanctions. The problem is: Putin hasn't stopped. He is still meddling in Ukraine. He's also messing with Georgia. In fact, most Central European countries are on Russia watch." [82195, 82196]

"Second, powers inclined to 'act out of weakness' can take some very dangerous and destructive steps when undeterred. That's what happened Dec. 7, 1941. Japan attacked Pearl Harbor out of weakness. It was a foolish and risky overreach that eventually doomed the fortune of the Axis powers. But that's cold comfort for the 2,403 who died in the attack or the millions who had to go to war to make things right. Sometimes it might make sense to give some actors space to 'learn their lesson.' But it's simply irresponsible to let dangerous powers run amok in dangerous places, responding only with assurances that everything will work out in the end. ...[Obama] has a long Middle Eastern and European to-do list. But that's largely the result of his failed foreign policy, which has helped empower all the wrong people while offending our best friends. Mr. Obama has a little over a year to make amends. He needs to get started now." [82195, 82196]

The Environmental Protection Agency triggers another wastewater spill, this one from the abandoned Standard Mine above Crested Butte. According to DenverPost.com, "Only an estimated 2,000 gallons spilled Tuesday, amid efforts to open a collapsed portal. The impact on town water is expected to be minimal. ...[Yet] At the cleanup site, acidic wastewater laced with cancer-causing cadmium and other toxic heavy metals leaches out of the mine into Elk Creek, which flows into Coal Creek—a primary source of water for Crested Butte. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has determined that the levels of arsenic, cadmium and zinc in Coal Creek exceed state standards." Congressman Scott Tipton (R-CO) states, "They told us things were going to be different. Now we have a spill. ...We've apparently got a real challenge with the EPA, not only with notification but their accountability and their ability to adequately execute these types of cleanup projects. They've got resources. They're the ones in charge of the program. And they've had two spills in my district alone. Is there a better way to approach this?" [82079, 82080, 82127]

WashingtonPost.com reports, "The Obama administration reversed a policy... that had allowed unmarried federal employees and retirees in same-sex domestic partnerships to obtain insurance coverage for children of their partners under certain conditions. The

change, applying to the separate insurance programs for health care and for vision and dental care, is a fallout of the June U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring all states to allow and recognize same-sex marriage.” (The government had been grating coverage to children of same-sex couples because they could not get married. Now that they can get married, the government logically has decided not to cover the children of the non-employee partner if they do not get married.) [81938, 81939]

U.S. District Judge William Orrick rules that the Center for Medical Progress can provide Congress with its unedited undercover Planned Parenthood videos, despite a prior restraining order granted to the National Abortion Federation. Meanwhile, notes DailySignal.com, “Democrats on the House Oversight Committee have accused David Daleiden, the founder of the Center for Medical Progress, of engaging in ‘potentially illegal activities’ during his undercover investigation of Planned Parenthood. Daleiden has maintained that the Center for Medical Progress obeyed all applicable laws during the course of the investigation.” [81943, 81944, 81946]

Breitbart.com reports, “A young, female ‘No Borders’ activist working in a migrant camp on the France-Italy border remained silent about her gang rape by Sudanese migrants for over a month because ‘the others asked me to keep quiet.’ Colleagues are alleged to have said that reporting the crime would set back their struggle for a borderless world.” (Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Europeans have been demonstrating against opening their borders to refugees, but the mainstream media covers those protests as little as possible—because it is “politically incorrect” to want to protect a nation’s property and culture. German Chancellor Angela Merkel keeps her head planted firmly in the ground, saying like, “It doesn’t make much sense to get angry because we have this problem now, or to say, ‘Where is this coming from? I want the problem to go away’”—while ignoring the fact that she is causing the problem by allowing more than one million refugees into the country. She has also said, “Given the circumstances of globalization, I’m calling on us to open up to a certain extent and to become acquainted with different cultural characteristics.”) [81922, 81923, 81924, 81928]

Merkel should be advised of a report of an ISIS fighter who was “captured on the Turkish Syrian border had with him a map of Berlin detailing targets and places necessary for taking over the city.” Pamela Geller posts a translation: “Whomever [sic] drew this map must have had to have lived in Berlin for quite some time as the drawings detail the city and its surroundings containing military, police and emergency agencies/ institutions. Detailing 8 specific target areas which would require holding in order to take over the city. To control it. The attack anticipates resistance from 2 secret military institutions, which after being controlled, and its armories looted would then supply the Jihadis with weapons who will then proceed to occupying the strategic target areas/buildings. The plan also contains rail and bridge targets to be blown up to prevent German reinforcements. Meanwhile German leaders do nothing...” [81964, 81965]

Merkel should also be informed of the “honor killing” of a woman identified as Rokstan M, age 20, who fled Syria two years ago after being gang-raped in Syria. The *Daily Mail*

reports, “Police believe the victim... was stabbed to death by her father and brothers in the twisted logic that she had brought disgrace on her family through the sex attack. Shortly before she was found dead in an allotment garden in the eastern German city of Dessau, she apparently had a premonition of her fate. Writing on her WhatsApp profile, she said: ‘I am awaiting death. But I am too young to die.’ ...Authorities say she was well integrated into society and worked as a translator for asylum seekers navigating their way through German bureaucracy.” (Whether “honor killings” are among the “different cultural characteristics” Merkel expects Germans to “become acquainted with” is not clear.) [81971, 81972, 82570]

The Associated Press reports, “The Obama administration deported fewer immigrants over the past 12 months than at any time since 2006... as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton called Obama’s deportation policies too harsh. ...The overall total of 231,000 deportations generally does not include Mexicans who were caught at the border and quickly returned home by the U.S. Border Patrol. The figure does include roughly 136,700 convicted criminals deported in the last 12 months. Total deportations dropped 42 percent since 2012. ...In a Miami interview with Spanish-language TV network Telemundo, Clinton promised to be ‘less harsh and aggressive’ than Obama in enforcing immigration laws.” [81929, 81940]

Jerome Corsi reports at WND.com, “The embattled Clinton Foundation... is not registered as a charity in Ireland, even though the nonprofit has raised hundreds of millions of dollars in the island nation. Ireland’s Charities Regulatory Authority stated in an email to Wall Street analyst Charles Ortel that its records show the Clinton Foundation under its various names, including the Clinton Health Access and the Clinton Global Initiative, is not registered as a charity in Ireland.” [81915]

In an interview with NBC, Roseburg, Oregon gun shop owner Carolyn Kellim—who donates all her profits to a local charity for homeless families and teens—says more gun control laws are “the worst thing in the world they could do. They’ve got so many laws now that they are not even looking at, and more constraints on guns is not the answer.” Of Obama (who she calls the “executive anus”), Kellim says, “He has strange ideas. I don’t think he’s ever carried a gun. I’m not sure he’s ever shot one ...but he seems to think that they’re bad all the way through. They’re not.” Addressing the issue of trouble people who commit murder, Kellim says, “The thing that we need to do ... we need to love people a heck of a lot more and make sure that all of our people in this community are accepted and that they have friends and that they have somebody maybe to just sit down and talk to. I think you’ll find that you’ll get a lot better response from just loving people than you will from trying to find fault with them and trying to keep them controlled. Control is for animals. It’s not for humans.” [81912, 81913]

With a straight face, White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters that Obama’s October 9 visit to Roseburg, Oregon will “not be about politics, but that trip would be about merely consoling the families who were so profoundly affected by that tragedy.” (Obama will be in California for fundraisers.) [81916]

On the PBS *NewsHour*, Hillary Clinton sides with labor unions and announces that she opposes the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement, saying, “What I know about it, as of today, I am not in favor of what I have learned about it. I don’t believe it’s going to meet the high bar I have set.” (Clinton had praised the TPP on quite a few occasions, and even called it the “gold standard in trade agreements.” (Clinton even expressed support for the TPP in her book, *Hard Choices*.) Her sudden reversal is obviously intended to keep her from losing more supporters to Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT). She is no doubt hoping few will notice her flip-flop—just as she is hoping few will remember that her husband signed the North American Free Trade Agreement into law.) [81950, 81951, 81952, 81954, 81990, 81997, 82014, 82045, 82109]

It bears noting that in June, asked to name Hillary Clinton’s “biggest accomplishments,” National Security Adviser Susan Rice told Bloomberg’s Mark Halperin, “As you know we have been negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement to bring that to fruition. We look forward to receiving trade promotion authority from Congress. That is another significant accomplishment. She was instrumental in formulating and implementing the re-balance to Asia, of which the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a part.” (Clinton now says the agreement she helped negotiate does not “meet the high bar” she herself set.) Clinton’s other accomplishments, according to Rice, were helping to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. [82002, 82045]

Clinton also tells interviewer Judy Woodruff “I don’t know anything” about opposition research on Vice President Joe Biden or Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) by David Brock’s “Correct the Record” pro-Clinton super-PAC. “I have no knowledge of what they are doing,” says Clinton—whose campaign, according to DailyCaller.com, “paid the group \$275,615 on June 1.” [81999, 82003]

On *The Kelly File*, Stacy Boylan—the father of Anastasia Boylan, a student who was wounded in the Oregon school shooting—tells Megyn Kelly, “I do believe it was [former White House chief of staff] Rahm Emanuel who said ‘Never let a good tragedy go to waste,’ and I really feel that his [Obama’s] visit here [Roseburg, Oregon] is to completely to support his gun control agenda. I can’t understand why he wouldn’t make a mention of the families and the victims. I mean, he did say that it was a tragic incident and I do thank him for lowering the flags but he made it all about gun control. He was very clear about that and we saw this in Sandy Hook and now we’re seeing it again and I just question his motives. I’ve spoken to my family, and for myself and for my family, my daughter and son, on principle I find that we are in disagreement with his policies on gun control and therefore we will not be attending the visit. ...My position on this is that gun free zones are an issue, they’re a target for crazy people because they know they’re not going to be met with resistance. You know, my daughter said to me, ‘What if somebody would have had a gun?’ Gun-free and gun control takes that option off the table. Somebody doesn’t have to use their gun in defense, but to take [away] that option entirely, I don’t think that’s the right course.” [81930, 81934, 81960]

On October 7 MSNBC's *Morning Joe* broadcasts comments about Hillary Clinton from a focus group of Democrat voters in New Hampshire. Host Joe Scarborough admits, "We actually cut a good bit in there out that was even more negative of Hillary because we thought it was actually too negative and didn't like some of the connotations there." [82000]

Catherine Herridge and Pamela Browne report at FoxNews.com, "New emails obtained by Fox News show that in March 2011, at the height of the Arab Spring revolution inside Libya, dictator Muammar Qaddafi's son Saif was willing to talk peace from the ground in Libya—but a source told Fox News the offer was rejected by then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. In the years since Qaddafi was forced from power, Libya's government has collapsed, and extremist groups including ISIS have exploited the power vacuum. While the Obama administration has promoted the use of 'soft power' and diplomacy, the documents suggest the option was not vigorously pursued here. One key email describing the offer of talks was dated March 18, 2011 and sent at 7:27 a.m. EST to three members of The Joint Staff. It states, 'Our contact will arrange a face-to-face meeting with Saif [Qaddafi], or a Skype/video-telecon [teleconference] to open communications if time does not permit ...A peaceful resolution is still possible that keeps Saif on our side without bloodshed in Benghazi.'" [81920]

"...As explained to Fox News, what happened next was a high-stakes drama which played out at the Pentagon, the State Department, and the White House. The source told Fox News that a staffer was sent to look for Jacoby at the Pentagon, and somewhere between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Clinton instructed Jacoby 'to not take the call from Saif and that Ambassador Gene Cretz was the only one she authorized to talk to Saif.' At the time, Cretz was the U.S. ambassador to Libya. Clinton's instructions effectively meant no high-level administration official took the call. The following day, on March 19, the U.S. began participating in airstrikes over Libya—Muammar Qaddafi himself would be killed seven months later. While it is not possible to independently assess the credibility of Saif's offer, his father did follow through on a 2003 pledge to come clean on Libya's weapons of mass destruction program, after the U.S. invaded Iraq, and Qaddafi met with then-deputy director of the CIA Steve Kappes." [81920]

"...While the offer to engage directly with the U.S. government, and its apparent rejection, were first reported by the late journalist Michael Hastings for Rolling Stone in October 2011, the new emails document that the offer was real—and show it was known at senior levels of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who advise [Obama]. The Washington Times in January 2015 reported a five-part series called 'Hillary's war' that concluded the Pentagon did not trust Clinton's strategy on Libya. The series included taped conversations between then-Democratic Rep. Dennis Kucinich [D-OH], a critic of the war, and Saif Qaddafi sometime later in May 2011." (It is worth noting that Hastings died in a suspicious automobile accident in June 2013. Hastings' final email to friends stated, 'Subject: FBI Investigation, re: NSA—Hey [redacted names]—the Feds are interviewing my 'close friends and associates.'" Also, according to SanDiego6.com, 'Another significant detail pointed out by some members of law enforcement, is the intensity of the

fire inside the car. It's highly unusual since gasoline generally doesn't burn that hot. Reviewing video footage from the scene, the intensity of the fire resembles a 'thermite' burn.' In 2010 former Marine Gordon Duff described a technique 'in which 'drive by wire' cars, specifically a Mercedes Benz, can be manipulated remotely to simulate an out-of-control accident" which, as happened in Hastings' crash, somehow manages to leave no skid marks on the highway. More suspiciously, one witness states that he heard explosions *before* the car crashed. Lastly, in his book, *The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America's War in Afghanistan*, Hastings wrote of a death threat he received from a member of General Stanley McChrystal's staff: 'We'll hunt you down and kill you if we don't like what you write.'") [45916, 45917, 45929, 45934, 45955, 46120, 46604, 46605, 46715, 81920]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "The FBI has seized four State Department computer servers as part of its probe into how classified information was compromised on former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's private email system, according to people familiar with the investigation. The four servers, which were located at the State Department's headquarters building, were seized by the FBI several weeks ago. They are being checked by technical forensic analysts charged with determining how Top Secret material was sent to Clinton's private email by State Department aides during her tenure as secretary from 2009 to 2013, said two people familiar with the probe. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because it is an ongoing investigation. ...A spokesman for the Clinton campaign did not respond to an email request for comment." [81932, 81937]

In addition, according to DailyCaller.com, "The Denver-based IT company hired by Hillary Clinton to manage her private email network is turning over a second device to the FBI this week... Platte River Networks has already given the FBI the server Clinton maintained as secretary of state. Now, the small IT firm will hand over a separate device manufactured by a Connecticut-based company called Datto Inc. ...Platte River, which was contracted to work on Clinton's email account in May 2013 and hired Datto shortly after, used a Datto SIRIS S2000 to provide a cloud-based virtual backup of Clinton's physical server, which it housed in a New Jersey data center." (Datto employees do not have security clearances from the federal government.) [81958, 81976, 81977, 82934]

The House of Representatives convenes a special committee to investigate Planned Parenthood. The committee will be chaired by Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). Blackburn states, "This is not simply an investigation of Planned Parenthood. This will be a broad-based, information-gathering, fact-finding mission to answer questions about how we treat and protect life in this country." [82126]

At a White House "Summit on Worker Voice," Obama calls for "a growing movement to empower workers to give them a sense of possibility." (HotAir.com later writes that Obama's speech to the group "was full of the usual offerings at the altar of the labor unions and the unspoken reason is pretty obvious. The Big Labor organizations have been feeling a bit left out by Obama of late and they're not too thrilled with Hillary Clinton either. This started with Keystone XL and continued through to this most recent trade

deal. There was, until very recently, talk that the unions might hold back their endorsement of Hillary. It doesn't take much of a leap of the imagination to conclude that Hillary's half baked rejection of TPP this week and the summit yesterday were both olive branches to get union leaders back on the team.") [81949, 81993]

Vice President Joe Biden quips, "If I don't move I'll be demoted to Secretary of State or something like that." [81948, 81988, 81996]

In an interview with Marketplace.org, Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson says that as president he would "allow the government to shrink by attrition. Don't replace the people who are retiring, thousands of them each year." Carson would also "Take every departmental head, or sub-department head and tell them, 'I want a 3 to 4 percent reduction [in spending].' Now, anybody who tells me there's not 3 to 4 percent fat in virtually everything that we do is fibbing to themselves. ...What I'm not gonna continue to do is supply money for everything. ...Now the only reason that we can [temporarily sustain our government debt] is because of our artificial ability to print money, to create what we think is wealth, but it is not wealth, because it's based upon our faith and credit. You know, we decoupled it from the domestic gold standard in 1933, and from the international gold standard in 1971, and since that time, it's not based on anything. Why would we be continuing to do that?" [82140, 82145, 82149]

At WashingtonPost.com, Matt O'Brien—who apparently has little or no understanding of basic economics—criticizes Carson for suggesting that a gold standard is a good thing because it prevents governments from recklessly printing money to cover deficits. O'Brien says the gold standard was "a 'barbarous relic' even 80 years ago." (O'Brien is apparently unaware that over the last 80 years the value of the U.S. dollar has plummeted dramatically. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, one would need \$17.40 in 2015 to purchase what could have been purchased with \$1.00 in 1935. When the federal government confiscated gold in 1933, it was valued at \$20.67 per ounce. As of this writing, an ounce of gold is worth about \$1,169. O'Brien may prefer to hold paper dollar bills, but intelligent people who hold gold will benefit far more in the long run. [82141, 82142, 82143, 82144, 82145, 82149]

As noted several times in this *Timeline*, the rising price of gold does not necessarily mean gold is worth more; it means that *paper money is worth less*. It is worth looking at prices in terms of the amount of time needed to work to earn the money to buy a product. (That is, the important question is not so much, "How much does that product cost?" but "How long do I have to work to buy that product?") For example, a new Plymouth could be purchased for \$445 in 1933, when the average working man's wage was about \$20 per week. Thus, a new Plymouth "cost" 22.25 weeks' work. That same car also cost about 21.5 ounces of gold (with gold then at \$20.67 per ounce). With an ounce of gold valued at about \$1,169 today, 21.5 ounces would be worth about \$25,000—easily enough for an automobile that is a far better vehicle than a 1933 Plymouth. Yet, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Median weekly earnings of the nation's 108.8 million full-time wage and salary workers were \$801 in the second quarter of 2015." At that earnings level, a

\$25,000 automobile would cost 31.2 weeks of wages—140 percent more than the 22.25 weeks cost of a car in 1933. In terms of both dollars and time worked, new cars are far more expensive than they were in 1933. But in terms of ounces of gold, they are about the same: about 21.5 ounces of gold in 1933 would buy you a new car in both 1933 and in 2015. *The Washington Post's* Matt O'Brien nevertheless believes gold to be a “barbarous relic,” despite the fact that gold clearly holds its value while paper money does not. [82174, 82175]

Some people are unable to comprehend that \$801 per week is *not* necessarily better than \$20 per week if prices have gone up more than 40 times during the same period those wages have gone up. That inability to comprehend economic reality is, of course, why governments print money to cover their deficits. Expanding the money supply results in wage and price increases. The person who used to earn \$25,000 per year who now makes \$50,000 per year believes he is “twice as well off.” Of course, he is worse off if prices have more than doubled during the same period. (He is much worse off if he moves into a higher income tax bracket.) But he believes his salary has doubled solely because he has proven to his employer that he is a much more valuable worker, while at the same time he believes higher prices are solely the fault of greedy business owners.

In fact, rising wages are the result of a combination of factors, primarily increased worker productivity *and* the inflation of the money supply. But rising prices are primarily the result of the government's expansion of the money supply, because increased worker productivity should result in *falling* prices. In an economy with minimal government interference, wages would go up and prices would go down. The politicians use the average voter's ignorance to their advantage. They promise “free stuff” to get elected, print money to cover the massive deficits, and then count on people placing the blame for higher prices on businesses, rather than the government. In fact, price inflation is just a hidden tax, caused by the inflation of the money supply. Politicians (and *Washington Post* writers) dislike a gold standard because it ends the deception. (Median U.S. household income is currently about \$53,000. Adjusted for inflation, that is essentially *the same as 1989*. In other words, most Americans are earning no more than they were 25 years ago.) [82244, 82309]

The outgoing, grammatically challenged Secretary of Education Arne Duncan panders to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, telling its members, “We have to invest more heavily in early childhood education. We have to make sure we give financial aid to our undocumented [illegal immigrant] students and the fact that as a nation we have yet to do that is a travesty. As a nation I just think what we are doing is absolutely backwards. We cut off our nose to spite our face. Think of young people who this is their country that they have grown up in [sic], the country they love, they have worked hard, they have gotten great grades, they've been community leaders, they've contributed, and the fact that we don't give them the chance to go to college makes no sense whatsoever.” (No one is preventing illegal immigrants from attending college. In fact, in some states they are given tuition breaks that do not apply to citizens.) [81998]

At a Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing, Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) asks Matthew Emrich, associate director for fraud detection and national security at the Citizenship and Immigration Services, whether there are any databases of Syrian criminals that can be referred to when vetting refugees. Emrich replies, “The government does not, no sir.” Session: “You don’t have their criminal records, you don’t have the computer database that you can check?” Emrich: “In many countries the U.S. accepts refugees from, the country did not have extensive data holdings.” [81969, 82666]

Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson tells the committee, “The U.S. is committed to providing refuge to some of the world’s most vulnerable people, while carefully screening refugees for security concerns before admitting them to the United States,” and “refugees are subject to the highest level of security checks. ...DHS works in concert with the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the FBI’s Terrorist Screening Center for the screening and vetting of refugees. All refugees admitted to the United States, including those from Syria, will be subject to this stringent security screening.” (Although Matthew Emrich works for Johnson, they are clearly not on the same wavelength. One of them is either grossly mistaken or lying. This *Timeline* assumes it is Johnson.) [82008]

Twenty Democrats join Republicans to approve the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); the vote is 70-27. TheHill.com writes, “While the vote total would be enough for Republicans to override Obama’s promised veto, Democratic leaders insist that some of their members would vote differently if asked to override [Obama].” Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) says Obama “is going to veto this. Everyone knows this. The House, if they are called upon first to sustain the veto, they will do it. If we’re called up on first to sustain the veto, we will do it.” (Obama has threatened to veto the bill because he also wants increases in non-defense spending—and because the legislation bans the use of funds to transfer Guantanamo detainees to the United States.) Senator John McCain (R-AZ) states, “If [Obama] vetoes the NDAA, at this time of mounting global threats, he will be prioritizing politics and process over the security of our nation and the well-being of our armed forces.” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) states, “If he does [veto the bill], it will be the latest sorry chapter in a failed foreign policy based on campaign promises rather than policies to realistically meet the threats before us.” (Obama is essentially holding the funding of other programs hostage, playing his usual “My way or the highway” game.) [81953, 81956, 81973, 81978]

Obama also threatens to ban legislation that, if passed by Congress, would allow the export of U.S. crude oil—which has been outlawed since the 1970s. [81955]

The conservative House Freedom Caucus endorses Congressman Daniel Webster (R-FL) to be the next Speaker of the House. If most of the group’s members vote for Webster, they can block Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) from being elected Speaker—unless McCarthy can collect enough Democrat votes to reach 218. [81987, 82035]

CNSNews.com reports, “The federal government made an estimated \$124.7 billion in improper payments in fiscal 2014 and has made ‘almost \$1 trillion’ in improper payments over the past twelve years, U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, head of the Government Accountability Office, told the Senate Finance Committee last week. ‘In fiscal year 2014, agencies reported improper payment estimates totaling \$124.7 billion, a significant increase—almost \$19 billion—from the prior year’s estimate of \$105.8 billion,’ Dodaro told the committee in written testimony. ‘The almost \$19 billion increase was primarily due to the Medicare, Medicaid, and Earned Income Tax Credit programs, which account for over 75 percent of the government-wide improper payment estimate,’ he said.” [82007]

People magazine (via People.com) calls on readers to demand gun control and provides a “convenient” links to click in order to send a message to one’s Congressman and Senators. But the links do not send the information directly to Congress. Rather, they send the user’s information to opencongress.org, which is part of the Sunlight Foundation—whose benefactors include George Soros’ Open Society Foundation. (In other words, opencongress.org will pass gun control messages to Congress—after it collects the user’s name, address, and other information.) [81979, 81980]

On *The Alex Jones Show*, the *Drudge Report*’s Matt Drudge warns about possible efforts by people like Obama and Hillary Clinton to confiscate guns, and notes “they are all armed themselves. Where they all have that security around them themselves, they don’t have to worry about it. I challenge Hillary, take away your Secret Service. Take it away now! Take away your Secret Service! Dismiss them. Have no security around you. Have no guns around you, Hillary. I dare you! I dare you! Obama, same thing. Drop your guns Obama. Take your Secret Service away, Obama. Take it all away. Leave the White House unguarded, Obama. Let everybody know there are no guns on the White House grounds, Obama! You know what would happen within 30 seconds? Both of those people would no longer be on planet Earth. So they are asking us to drop our guns and to drop our security measures or, or what?” [81989]

The Associated Press reports that there have been “at least four attempts in five years in which criminal networks with suspected Russian ties sought to sell radioactive material to extremists through Moldova... One investigation uncovered an attempt to sell bomb-grade uranium to a real buyer from the Middle East, the first known case of its kind. In that operation, wiretaps and interviews with investigators show, a middleman for the gang repeatedly ranted with hatred for America as he focused on smuggling the essential material for an atomic bomb and blueprints for a dirty bomb to a Middle Eastern buyer. In wiretaps, videotaped arrests, photographs of bomb-grade material, documents and interviews, AP found that smugglers are explicitly targeting buyers who are enemies of the West. The developments represent the fulfillment of a long-feared scenario in which organized crime gangs are trying to link up with groups such as the Islamic State and al-Qaida—both of which have made clear their ambition to use weapons of mass destruction. ...In one case, a middleman said it was essential the smuggled bomb-grade

uranium go to Arabs... ‘He said: ‘I really want an Islamic buyer because they will bomb the Americans.’” [81966, 81970, 82030]

At a “Women Rule” event sponsored by Politico.com, Vian Dakhil, a member of the Yazidi parliament, says that virtually nothing has been done to help the Yazidi people after airstrikes were launched to free them from a mountain as they sought refuge from ISIS killers. According to Politico.com, “Dakhil described a full-blown humanitarian crisis—420,000 Yazidis living in refugee camps in tents with mud floors, women and girls continuing to be kidnapped, 2,200 girls in captivity as sexual slaves, and survivors returning from the horror of ISIL captivity with no resources for psychological support. Thousands of orphans have no homes. Dakhil, who is credited with saving many Yazidi women and girls from ISIL captivity, said she was not contacted by U.S. officials after the initial announcement. A letter to Michelle Obama received no response, she said.” [81961, 81962, 81967]

According to ChristianPost.com, Dakhil relates a horrendous story: “One of the [Yazidi] mothers calls me... she said, ‘For two days the ISIS doesn’t give me any food’ and they separated her children. One of them is 3 years [old] and another is 5 years, after two days they give her rice with meat. After she’s eating, [they] tell her this is your boy—3 years.’ She tells me, ‘Please, I can’t, I don’t know what can I do—I’m eating my son.’ This is what happened with those woman under ISIS control and nobody cares.” The Post adds, “Another mother was forced to watch her 9-year-old daughter being raped to death, Dakhil shared in a separate account. ...Dakhil said that despite the humanitarian effort back then, many Yazidis now feel abandoned by the U.S. government.” [82060, 82061]

At FreeBeacon.com Andres Stiles posts 20 questions for the first debate between Democrat presidential candidates. Among them: “Would you support an Australia-style gun control regime that resulted in the confiscation of semi-automatic handguns from law-abiding citizens?” “Which do you believe is a greater threat to America: ISIS or the NRA?” “Which country or actor do you believe is the biggest geopolitical threat to the United States?” “Secretary Clinton, who specifically within the Obama administration approved your decision to conduct State Department business over a private server? What is their name?” “Show of hands: How many of you would accept a budget agreement consisting of 90 percent tax increases and 10 percent cuts to Social Security benefits?” “Which is a greater threat to American values: Radical Islam or Islamophobia?” “What, if any, legal restrictions on abortion would you support?” “There are five white people standing on this stage, four of whom are over the age of 60. The Republican field, by contrast, is considerably younger and more diverse. What does this say about the state of the two major parties in this country? Does this concern you?” [81959, 82451]

The Kelly File reports that Mohamed Elhassan Mohamed, the father of Ahmed “clock boy” Mohamed, has two Facebook pages. “One,” says reporter Trace Gallagher, “is a personal page where he appears pro-America. ...But there’s also an Arabic Facebook page for the National Reform Party, a political party started by Elhassan Mohamed, bearing a similar profile picture and address. Only this webpage is much more active and

the tone is very different, including a 14-minute conspiracy theory clip on the 9/11 terrorist attacks and a post that shows the smoking World Trade towers, describing it as a U.S.-sponsored hoax to launch a world war against Islam and Muslims.” [82011, 82013]

On October 8, in California, Spencer Stone, one of the heroes of the French train terrorist attempt incident, is attacked by five or six men. According to the *Daily Mail*, Stone “was stabbed ‘four times in the chest’ early Thursday while trying to protect a friend in Sacramento. The attack was so violent that police began treating the case as a homicide when they arrived on the scene shortly after 12:45am. ...He was taken to the UC Davis Medical Center where he is being treated for the serious injuries he received during the assault. The stabbing happened at 12:45am at the intersection of 21st and K in the city and the crime was so violent that two blocks of the street were shut down. The owner of a liquor store told CBS Sacramento he has video of the incident and it appears to show five to six men attacking someone in an intersection. ‘They’re technically now considered to be targets,’ said Stone’s father. Initially police did not believe that Stone would be able to survive his injuries. ...An Air Force spokesman said, ‘He is alive and in stable condition at this time. We do not have any information as to the events preceding the incident.’ A man and woman were questioned by police after the attack, but it is not known if they were taken into custody. Police also said; ‘The assault incident is not related to a terrorist act. Assault occurred near a bar, alcohol is believed to be a factor.’” (The attackers have been described as “Asian” or “Filipino.”) [81986, 82012, 82022, 82023, 82025, 82028, 82029, 82077]

CBSNews.com reports, “Hillary Rodham Clinton’s private email server, which stored some 55,000 pages of emails from her time as secretary of state, was the subject of attempted cyberattacks originating in China, South Korea and Germany after she left office in early 2013, according to a congressional document obtained by The Associated Press. While the attempts were apparently blocked by a ‘threat monitoring’ product that Clinton’s employees connected to her network in October 2013, there was a period of more than three months from June to October 2013 when that protection had not been installed, according to a letter from Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), chairman of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. That means her server was possibly vulnerable to cyberattacks during that time. ...A spokesperson for Clinton’s presidential campaign characterized the report as ‘partisan’ when approached by CBS News.” [81975]

Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) stuns Washington, D.C. by announcing he will no longer seek to replace John Boehner (R-OH) as Speaker of the House. McCarthy says, “If I can’t unite everybody, it’s better to find somebody else.” (Contrary to what NBC’s Andrea Mitchell and Luke Russert wanted to believe, McCarthy did not have the votes locked up to guarantee victory for him.) Interestingly, two Congressmen who likely could win the job easily if they wanted it do not want it: Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Trey Gowdy of South Carolina. (Of the two, Gowdy is a conservative and a staunch supporter of the U.S. Constitution. Ryan talks about reining in “big government” but his budget proposals merely slow the rate of growth; they do not actually lead to smaller

government. Ryan, an illegal immigrant amnesty advocate, would be unlikely to push for strict immigration rules. At a July 2013 event Ryan said to an immigrant audience, “This is the American Dream. This is the American idea. Look, put yourself in another person’s shoes, which if you’re in elected office, that’s what you kind of have to do that [sic] almost every single day. The job we have—and what we do is we take different people’s perspectives. The gentleman from India who’s waiting for his green card. The DREAMer who is waiting.”) [81981, 81982, 82004, 82006, 82009, 82010, 82097, 82275, 82507]

DailyCaller.com reports, “An Internet address originating from the Department of Homeland Security was tied to entries made on the Wikipedia pages of” Congresswomen Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), “alleging that the two... were having an affair. It is unclear if someone at the federal agency actually was behind the edits, which were first noted by Washington Free Beacon reporter Lachlan Markay. But both changes—McCarthy’s and Ellmers’—show that a user at the IP address, 216.81.81.85, made them on Thursday. That address comes from DHS’ offices in Springfield, Va. An alleged affair between McCarthy, the House Majority Leader, and Ellmers, became the source of intense speculation on Thursday after McCarthy announced in a closed-door meeting that he was dropping out of the race to replace John Boehner as Speaker of the House.” [82032, 82033, 82036]

Stephen Hayes tweets, “Breaking: #Benghazi Cmte says new documents show Sidney Blumenthal was seeking business in Libya & at least once Hillary Clinton helped him” “[Select Benghazi Committee Chairman] Trey Gowdy says ‘clear decision’ by State Dept to ‘withhold’ damaging info on Hillary Clinton/Blumenthal from #Benghazi cmte & American ppl.” “More from #Benghazi Cmte: HRC was not only soliciting info from Blumenthal, contrary to her claims, she was promoting his business interests” and “In one unsecure email from Blumenthal to Clinton, he appears to name a top CIA source in Libya. (Committee redacted this info).” [81983, 81894, 81985, 82017]

FoxNews.com later adds, “At one point, Blumenthal apparently suggested ...Obama back military intervention in Libya in 2011 to help boost his poll numbers; in another spate of emails, according to Gowdy, he appeared to be promoting a company run by an associate that provides training for Libya rebels. In others, he appeared to be mocking Obama and his White House advisers. In yet another email, Gowdy claims Blumenthal wrote to Clinton citing the name of a ‘human source’ for the CIA. ‘Armed with that information,’ Gowdy writes, ‘[Secretary] Clinton forwarded the email to a colleague—debunking her claim that she never sent any classified information from her private email address.’ One-third of the emails, according to Gowdy, are to/from Blumenthal, who was not a government employee at the time but appeared to send Clinton a steady stream of emails full of foreign policy advice before and after the U.S. intervention in Libya.” [82017, 82044]

At AmericanThinker.com Selwyn Duke writes, “It’s not a stretch to say that what ex-president Jimmy Carter did for Iran, Barack Obama is doing for the whole Middle East and beyond. ...Obama is a de facto atheist. He deifies himself more than anyone else. But

there's an important distinction here almost universally missed by liberals and conservatives: Obama isn't religiously Muslim. But there's every indication he's *culturally Muslim*. ...In Obama's narrow universe, the West is the cause of most evil in the world. The West is oppressive, destructive and poisons everything it touches. And for justice to prevail, Western institutions and influence must be quashed. ...The modern Middle East is largely a Western construct, with Western-drawn borders and Western-facilitated strongmen. Obama sees Western influence and creations as the bane of humanity. Ergo, not only is the enemy of my ideological enemy my friend, but, whatever the 'Arab Street' may be, it can't be worse than the world's most evil force: the West. This also helps shed light on Obama's apparent antipathy for Israel, which he would also view as a Western invention, and his refusal to support dissidents in Iran. ...[Obama] lives in the echo chamber of his own mind, considering others' opinions superfluous; he's the very antithesis of the saying 'Every man is my superior in that I may learn from him.' ...Obama long ago turned his back on reality and on the civilization that has given him everything. He hates the world's Western-imposed order so much that he's propelling the world toward disorder. And that's the tragic result when you don't realize that hatred is not a strategy." [82005]

At Birtherreport.com Retired Commander Charles Kerchner notes a 1961 Supreme Court decision in *Montana v. Kennedy* that ruled a child born outside the United States with only the mother being a U.S. citizen is not born a U.S. citizen. Kerchner writes, "While this case does not go directly to the issue of 'natural born Citizenship,' which is required per the presidential eligibility clause in our U.S. Constitution as to who can be President and CinC [commander in chief], as it only addresses basic 'Citizenship' gained by statutory man-made laws, it is still interesting to know about in regards to prior Supreme Court decisions re children born overseas to a foreign national father. Under the naturalization powers of the U.S. Congress they can make, liberalize, or later take away paths to basic statutory Citizenship gained by a man-made law/statute. Subsequent U.S. statutes made gaining basic U.S. Citizenship less stringent. And Congress has in the last several decades since 1961 continually done that over the years. And they plan to continue to do so. For example, many now in Congress wish to allow the illegal immigrants to gain U.S. Citizenship. But such statutory laws can never make and take away 'natural born Citizenship' gained from Natural Law and the Laws of Nature, which is a person born in the USA to parents who are both U.S. Citizens when their child is born. Although the political parties via Congress have quietly tried to legislate and redefine natural law citizenship, they have failed every time. All attempts at such by liberal Democrats and liberal Republicans (RINOs) died in committee. Congress and the political parties cannot change the Laws of Nature." [82015]

"Back to Ted Cruz and the *Montana v Kennedy* (1961) Supreme Court decision. If Ted Cruz would have been born before this 1961 Supreme Court ruling with a non-Citizen father, as Ted Cruz was, Ted would not even have been a Citizen of the United States, let alone a 'natural born Citizen' to constitutional standards. Under revised later more generous man-made laws of Congress Ted did get basic U.S. Citizenship at birth from his mother. However, even though he inherited basic statutory U.S. Citizenship from his mother at birth, Ted also inherited Cuban or Canadian citizenship from his father, based

on his father's exact status then, since his father up until the time of Ted's birth in Canada, they were still living in Canada and Ted's father was not a U.S. Citizen, nor was he even close in time to applying for it." [82015]

"Fast forward to now and we see Ted after deciding to run for President decided to renounce [his] Canadian citizenship. But I've heard no word as whether he renounced any Cuban citizenship he may have had from birth gained via his father. Did Ted's father renounce his Cuban citizenship in Canada? No one knows? But legal renunciations of any of one's dual-Citizenship parts after one's birth does NOT in any way change the conditions of your exact Citizenship status at birth. Ted was born a dual/multiple Citizen of more than one country. Ted was not a 'natural born Citizen' when he was born, i.e., with sole allegiance to only one country! And that is what the founders and framers of our Constitution intended and understood. Future President had to have sole allegiance and unity of citizenship in one and only one country at birth—the United States. The founders and framers did NOT wish that any future President would have 'foreign influence' or allegiance claims on them by or at birth. For national security reasons, they wanted the future Commanders in Chief to have sole allegiance to only the USA. Obama, a self proclaimed Citizen of the World and with an unknown unproven birth narrative to 100% certainty and using various forged key ID documents, is a classic example of why they put that requirement in there. Obama does not meet the test. The political parties decided to ignore that part of the eligibility test in 2008. Now they are at it again." [82015]

At Breitbart.com Austin Ruse writes, "More than sixty prominent legal scholars are out with a statement saying the Supreme Court's *Obergefell* decision [on same sex marriage] 'cannot be taken to have settled the law of the land.' Therefore the scholars are calling upon federal and state office holders, along with regular citizens, to act as if the decision is invalid. The scholars write that the bare-majority decision on gay marriage lacks 'anything remotely resembling a warrant in the text, logic, structure, or original understanding of the Constitution.' The ruling 'must be judged anti-constitutional and illegitimate,' they say. Signers of what some will consider a controversial proposition include Professor Robert George of Princeton University, who said, 'We stand with James Madison and Abraham Lincoln in recognizing that the Constitution is not whatever a majority of Supreme Court justices say it is. We remind all officeholders in the United States that they are pledged to uphold the Constitution of the United States, not the will of five members of the Supreme Court.' Specifically, the signers are telling office-holders to, 'refuse to accept *Obergefell* as binding precedent for all but the specific plaintiffs in that case, recognize the authority of states to define marriage, and the right of federal and state officeholders to act in accordance with those definitions.'" [82016]

TheHill.com reports, "A federal court is denying the State Department's efforts for judges to coordinate on the roughly three-dozen pending lawsuits related to former Secretary Hillary Clinton's emails. The decision from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia is a setback for the department, which had complained that the multiple legal fronts were draining its limited resources. But the multiple cases were at

such different points in their development, Chief Judge Richard Roberts wrote in an order released Thursday, it made little sense to combine them. ...Organizations suing the government called the court's decision a win. The government's request was a 'desperate effort to buy time for itself and Hillary Clinton,' Tom Fitton, the head of the conservative group Judicial Watch, said in a statement. Judicial Watch has filed a total of 18 lawsuits involving Clinton's emails. 'With this obstruction out of the way, we are one step closer to the legal reckoning for Mrs. Clinton's and the State Department's contempt for the rule of law.'" [82018]

WND.com reports, "The number of sanctuary cities has exploded since July, when the issue came into the national spotlight after a young woman was gunned down by an illegal criminal immigrant on a pier on San Francisco. In July, there were 276 sanctuary cities and counties. Now there are 340, according to a new report by the Center for Immigration Studies citing data from the Department of Homeland Security. Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at CIS and author of the report, said the reckless actions of these cities and counties have resulted in the release of an average of 1,000 criminal aliens per month." [82019]

Slovakia's prime minister, Robert Fico, warns that his nation may withdraw from the European Union over its suicidal refugee policies. According to Breitbart.com, "...Slovakia started legal action at the European Court of Justice against the EU plan to forcibly distribute a number of asylum seekers into his country. Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania had opposed the mandatory quotas for redistributing 120,000 asylum seekers from Italy and Greece but the group was outvoted at a meeting of EU interior ministers." (Slovakia's population is only 5.4 million. Adding 120,000 refugees to Slovakia would be like inserting more than 6 million refugees into the United States.) [82020, 82021, 82064]

TheRightScoop.com posts a television news report from the Czech Republic: "We will return to the topic of the migrants because I have another letter here regarding the effect [of] immigrants on the everyday flow of operations. Eyewitness from a Munich hospital: A friend in Prague has a friend, who, as a retired physician, had returned to work at a Munich area hospital where they needed an anesthesiologist. I correspond with her and she forwarded me her email. Yesterday, at the hospital we had a meeting about how the situation here and at the other Munich hospitals is unsustainable. Clinics cannot handle emergencies, so they are starting to send everything [everyone] to the hospitals. Many Muslims are refusing treatment by female staff and, we, women, are refusing to go among those animals, especially from Africa. Relations between the staff and migrants are going from bad to worse. Since last weekend, migrants going to the hospitals must be accompanied by police with K-9 units." [82062, 82063, 82071, 82571]

"Many migrants have AIDS, syphilis, open TB and many exotic diseases that we, in Europe, do not know how to treat them. If they receive a prescription, in the pharmacy they learn they have to pay cash. This leads to unbelievable outbursts, especially when it is about drugs for the children. They abandon the children with pharmacy staff with the

words, ‘So, cure them here yourselves!’ So the police are not just guarding the clinics and hospitals, but also large pharmacies. Truly we said openly, ‘Where are all those who had welcomed [the refugees] in front of TV cameras, with signs at train stations?!’ Yes, for now, the border has been closed, but a million of them are already here and we will definitely not be able to get rid of them.” [82062, 82063, 82071, 82571]

“Til now, the number of unemployed in Germany was 2.2 million. Now it will be at least 3.5 million. Most of these people are completely unemployable. A bare minimum of them have any education. What is more, their women usually do not work at all. I estimate that one in ten is pregnant. Hundreds of thousands of them have brought along infants and little kids under six, many emaciated and neglected. If this continues and German re-opens its borders, I’m going home [to the Czech Republic]. Nobody can keep me here in this situation, not even [at] double the salary than at home. I went to Germany, not to Africa or the Middle East. Even the professor who heads our department told us how sad it makes him to see the cleaning woman, who for 800 Euros cleans, every day for years, and then meets young men in the hallways who just wait with their hand outstretched, want everything for free, and when they don’t get it they throw a fit. I really don’t need this! But I’m afraid that if I return, that at some point it will be the same [in the Czech Republic]. If the Germans, with their nature cannot handle this, there in Czechia it would be total chaos. Nobody who has not come in contact with [the refugees] has [any] idea what kind of animals they are, especially the ones from Africa, and how Muslims act superior to our staff, regarding their religious [accommodation].” [82062, 82063, 82071, 82571]

“For now, the local hospital staff has not come down with the diseases they brought here, but, with so many hundreds of patients every day—this is just a question of time. In a hospital near the Rhine, migrants attacked the staff with knives after they had handed over an 8-month-old on the brink of death, [who] they had dragged across half of Europe for three months. The child died in two days, despite having received top care at one of the best pediatric clinics in Germany. The physician had to undergo surgery and two nurses are laid up in the ICU. Nobody has been punished. The local press is forbidden to write about it, so we know about it [only] through email. What would have happened to a German if he had stabbed a doctor and nurses with a knife? Or if he had flung his own syphilis-infected urine into a nurse’s face and so threatened her with infection? At a minimum he’d go straight to jail and later to court. With these people—so far, nothing has happened.” [82062, 82063, 82071, 82571]

“And so I ask, where are all those greeters and receivers from the train stations? Sitting pretty at home, enjoying their non-profits and looking forward to more trains and their next batch of cash from acting like greeters at the stations. If it were up to me I would round up all these greeters and bring them here first to our hospital’s emergency ward, as attendants. Then, into one building with the migrants so they can look after them there themselves, without armed police, without police dogs who today are in every hospital here in Bavaria, and without medical help.” (Obama wants to bring 200,000 such refugees into the United States.) [82062, 82063, 82071, 82571]

Meanwhile, notes Pamela Geller, *The Washington Post* beats “the jihad drum” and runs with “vicious propaganda” about upcoming (October 9 and 10) demonstrations against the planned admittance of hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees into the United States. The *Post* quotes the far left Southern Policy Law Center’s Heidi Beirich: “We’ve never had this many events at once targeting mosques in this kind of national way. ...This mix of racist groups, anti-Muslim groups and anti-government groups is basically a recipe for disaster.” (The *Post* does not state whether Beirich wants several dozen Muslim refugee families of unemployed welfare recipients moving into her neighborhood.) The *Post* warns, “Some [of the protests] are scheduled for Friday, the Muslim day of prayer, but many are scheduled for Saturday, when mosques are often filled with children going to religious class.” (The *Post*’s less-than-subtle hint: “Gun-crazed bigots may be planning to shoot Muslim children in cold blood.”) [82065, 82066]

The “tolerant” left displays its true colors at GQ.com, with an article titled “Fuck Ben Carson” that not only blasts Carson, Donald Trump, and all the other GOP candidates, it ridicules the average voter as stupid. (Setting off GQ’s writer—and much of the left—is Carson’s comment that rather than be shot by a crazed killer it might be wise to attack the thug with the gun. Yes, he might still kill or wound some people, but there might be less carnage than if everyone just collapsed to the floor and waited to get a bullet in the head. To the left, resisting tyranny is not only not an admirable trait, it deserves ridicule and scorn.) [82041]

A Gravis Marketing poll of registered voters in New Hampshire shows Obama’s approval/disapproval ratings have fallen to 41/54. Among Republican candidates, Donald Trump leads with 31.5 percent, followed by Ben Carson (12.5), John Kasich (10), Marco Rubio (8.3), Carly Fiorina (8.2), Jeb Bush (7.5), Ted Cruz (5.3), and all others at less than 5 percent. Among Democrats, Bernie Sanders leads with 32.8 percent, followed by Hillary Clinton (30.2), Joe Biden (10.6), Martin O’Malley (1.5), Lincoln Chafee (0.8), and Jim Webb (0.7). [82059]

On October 9 a “senior defense official” tells *USA Today* that the Pentagon will end its ill-advised program to train Syrian rebels. (The program has cost about \$500 million and trained only about 60 fighters—most of whom have been killed and some of whom turned over their weapons to al-Qaeda.) One day earlier, Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) called the administration’s Syrian strategy “a joke. The idea that you can train 30 people and put them in a civil war featuring millions and have them be effective is highly fanciful. You could tell they were Sisyphus trying to roll the boulder up the hill. ...All of this is because the nations of the West haven’t come up with a real strategy about what to do with respect to Syria [and] the U.S. is right there on the fault list with everybody else.” [82038, 82042, 82044, 82053, 82068]

Obama issues a politically-correct greeting for the upcoming (October 12) Columbus Day holiday: “Though these early travels expanded the realm of European exploration, to many they also marked a time that forever changed the world for the indigenous peoples

of North America. Previously unseen disease, devastation, and violence were introduced to their lives—and as we pay tribute to the ways in which Columbus pursued ambitious goals—we also recognize the suffering inflicted upon Native Americans and we recommit to strengthening tribal sovereignty and maintaining our strong ties.

...Columbus's legacy is embodied in the spirit of our Nation. Determined and curious, the young explorer persevered after having been doubted by many of his potential patrons. Once opportunity struck, when Ferdinand II and Isabella I agreed to sponsor his trip, he seized the moment and pursued what he knew to be possible. Columbus's arrival in the New World inspired many and allowed for generations of Italians to follow—people whose Italian-American heritage contributes in immeasurable ways to making our country what it is, and who continue to help strengthen the friendship between the United States and Italy.” (Obama is mistaken. Natives in the New World may have been introduced to *some* new diseases, but they were certainly not strangers to “disease, devastation, and violence.” In fact, the natives were quite violent and, had the tables been turned and they had “discovered” the Old World, they would likely have acted in the same manner as did European visitors to the Americas.) [82130, 82186]

Obama visits Roseburg, Oregon to meet with the families of the Umpqua Community College killings. Obama's motorcade passes thousands of protesters. (Some are armed; Oregon is an open-carry state.) Their signs read, “Gun Free zones are for sitting ducks,” “Prayers, Not Politics,” “Obama Go Home,” “Obama not welcome,” and “Go Golf.” (According to CBS' Mark Knoller, the main purpose of Obama's west coast trip is four days of fundraising and golf.) [82039, 82040, 82046, 82048, 82049, 82050, 82052, 82057, 82069, 82072]

According to CBS' Mark Knoller, Obama states, “There are ways to protect our children and our [Second Amendment] rights. Don't pretend that there aren't.” (Obama may want to share his ideas with Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel. Despite its strict gun regulations there were 60 homicides in the city in September. Emanuel blames the police: “We have allowed our Police Department to get fetal, and it is having a direct consequence. They have pulled back from the ability to interdict ...they don't want to be a news story themselves, they don't want their career ended early, and it's having an impact.” Emanuel may want to ask his pal Obama to stop making comments about shootings before he has all the facts.) [82058, 82153, 82156, 82157]

GreenFieldReporter.com reports that northern Tennessee's Clay County school district have had to cancel classes because “the district doesn't have enough money to pay for partially unfunded government mandates.” Clay County Director of Schools Jerry Strong states, “Clay County's inability to generate the revenue to offset the [government] mandates is what's caused this to come to a head. The straw that broke the camel's back was really the Affordable Care Act [ObamaCare] for us and it has made it very difficult for us to have our employees properly covered and meet the mandates of the law. That was going to require new revenue and the commission felt like they couldn't do that through a tax increase.” (About 1,150 students will not be in school until the county can fund its deficits.) [82454, 82455]

By a vote of 261-159 the House of Representatives approves legislation allowing the United States to export oil. (The Senate may pass the legislation, but there likely will not be enough votes to override an expected Obama veto.) [82047]

At WSJ.com Peggy Noonan writes, “Thoughts on two strongmen: Donald Trump has entered his second act. His polls, sometimes characterized as weakening, are in fact strong. As Bloomberg’s John Heilemann said on ‘Morning Joe,’ if Jeb Bush had Mr. Trump’s numbers everyone would declare the race over. ...The second strongman is Vladimir Putin of Russia, who made a striking impression in a revealing 100-minute interview with Charlie Rose. It took place last month in Mr. Putin’s residence near Moscow, and ran Sept. 27 on ‘60 Minutes’ and in its entirety on Mr. Rose’s PBS show. I speak frequently to those who know or have met Mr. Putin, and the Rose interview captured the individual the most insightful of them have described. Mr. Putin was confident in his command of information, clever, at times droll, sometimes insistent. ...Do Mr. Obama’s foreign-policy actions ‘reflect a weakness?’ ‘I don’t think so at all,’ said Mr. Putin. ‘I don’t think that’s the case and I don’t intend to get involved in a domestic American skirmish.’ One got the impression he wished it understood that he doesn’t outfox weaklings, he only beats champs. It was in its way Trumpesque.” [82051]

CBSNews.com posts a portion of Obama’s *60 Minutes* interview, to be aired October 11. Steve Kroft suggests that Russian President Vladimir Putin is challenging U.S. leadership. Obama replies, “In what way? Let, let’s think about this, let, let—” Kroft: “Well, he’s moved troops into Syria, for one. He’s got people on the ground. Two, the Russians are conducting military operations in the Middle East for the first time since World War II.” Obama: “So that’s, so that’s—” Kroft: “Bombing the people, that [sic; who] we are supporting.” Obama: “So that’s leading, Steve? The, uh, let, let me ask you this question. When I came into office, uh, Ukraine was governed by a corrupt ruler who was a stooge of Mr. Putin. Syria was Russia’s only ally in the region. And today, rather than being able to count on their support and maintain the base they had in Syria, which they’ve had for a long time, Mr. Putin now is devoting his own troops, his own military, just to barely hold together by a thread his sole ally. And in Ukraine—” Kroft: “He’s challenging your leadership... He’s challenging your leadership—” Obama: “No, no, that, Steve, I, I gotta [sic; have to] tell ya [sic; you], if, if, if you think that running your economy into the ground and having to send troops in, in order to prop up your only ally is leadership, then we’ve got a different definition of leadership.” (Obama has run the U.S. economy into the ground and is causing the loss of American power in the Middle East.) [82056, 82067, 82070, 82073, 82110]

Pamela Geller posts a report from Markersdorf, Germany, where 60 refugees refused to be housed in a gymnasium: “This is not comfortable enough, that’s just a gym.” One interpreter says, “The people are stubborn, they absolutely want [to be] in homes or a home.” Some refugees reportedly “became more aggressive” and “demanded a bus to Austria.” [82148, 82668]

On October 10, 97 people are killed and 246 are injured as two bombs explode during a peace rally in Ankara, Turkey. [82081, 82082]

“Global Rally for Humanity” demonstrations across the country protest the planned acceptance of tens of thousands of Muslim refugees into the United States. (The crowds are generally small, but that does not stop the tax-evading, Muslim Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN), aka Keith Hakim from asking Attorney General Loretta Lynch to launch an investigation. Ellison argues that First Amendment rights “are not absolute.”) [82055, 82065, 82087, 82088, 82095]

KSTP.com reports, “A Metro Transit bus driver was arrested and accused of refusing to let a pregnant teenage girl off the bus and demanding oral sex, according to a criminal complaint filed in Hennepin County District Court. Thirty-two-year-old Mahmud Dabshir Aden of Minneapolis is charged with soliciting for prostitution. He was arrested Wednesday by Metro Transit Police after the 16-year-old girl filed a complaint. Bail was set for Aden at \$100,000 during his court appearance Monday.” [82281, 82282]

In Washington, D.C., tens of thousands gather to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the “Million Man March” with a “Justice or Else” protest. Addressing the crowd is the virulent, Jew-hating leader of the Nation of Islam, Louis Farrakhan (aka Louis Eugene Walcott). He says, “Moses was not an integrationist and neither are we. Let me be clear. America has no future for you or for me. She can’t make a future for herself, much less a future for us [black people].” Obama’s minister of 20 years, Reverend Jeremiah Wright, says, “Please remember, Jesus was a Palestinian, the Palestinian people have had the Europeans come and take their country, ignoring United Nations resolutions, after resolution, after resolution, over 40 resolutions, and illegally occupied territories, as they take the people whose it is [sic], and make it theirs because their God told them that they could have somebody else’s country.” The Nation of Islam’s Nuri Muhammad tells the protesters, “Every other day we see a young black male being murdered by the Blu Klux Klan[that is, the police]. And we came today to tell the United States government and all the wicked white oligarchy at the top of the power structure of this world that we love our children the same way you love your children. And you cannot kill a man with a bag of Skittles and a tea [Trayvon Martin] and get away with it. You cannot kill a man for wearing a hoodie and get away with it. You cannot put your knees in the neck of a 14-year-old little girl just for swimming while being black and get away with it. We came to tell the whole world that black lives matter to us.” [82089, 82090, 82092, 82096, 82100, 82312]

Fans of Donald Trump fill the North Atlanta Trade Center. While Trump speaks inside, one black supporter outside says, “I [had] never voted before, and I voted for [Obama] twice. He broke my heart. ...Obama has failed us. It’s time for somebody to take a stand.” [82159]

At NYPost.com author Edward Klein writes that Hillary Clinton is “furious” because of her falling poll numbers, “and while Clinton advisers think that may save her, it’s making

the lives of those who work for her hell. ‘Hillary’s been having screaming, child-like tantrums that have left staff members in tears and unable to work,’ says a campaign aide. ‘She thought the nomination was hers for the asking, but her mounting problems have been getting to her and she’s become shrill and, at times, even violent.’ ...Bill Clinton and Hillary’s campaign team are concerned that her anger may surface at the wrong time. They are concerned that she could have a serious meltdown in front of TV cameras, which would make her look so out of control that voters would decide she doesn’t have the temperament to be commander in chief. ‘We’re having some success in giving her some chill pills,’ says a campaign adviser. The goal is to channel her anger and make her focus on Republicans, not on her campaign aides and fellow Democrats.” [82093, 82094]

FoxNews.com reports, “An Army officer is recommending that Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl face a lower-level court martial and be spared the possibility of jail time for leaving his post in Afghanistan, his lawyer said Saturday. ...Military prosecutors charged Bergdahl in March with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, a charge that could carry a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. But defense attorney Eugene Fidell said Lt. Col. Mark Visger has recommended that Sgt. Bergdahl’s case be referred to a special court martial, which is a misdemeanor-level forum. It limits the maximum punishment to reduction in rank, a bad-conduct discharge and a term of up to a year in prison. Fidell also said that Visger recommended that there be no prison time or punitive discharge against Bergdahl. In light of Visger’s recommendations, the defense is asking that the case be disposed of non-judicially, rather than by any court martial.” [82076, 82102, 82128, 82134, 82350, 82646]

California Governor Jerry Brown signs legislation that calls for the state to automatically register people to vote via the Department of Motor Vehicles. (Illegal immigrants can already get drivers licenses in California. The combination of the two laws means illegal voting will be a certainty.) [82445, 82825]

DCWhispers.com writes, “[Obama] continues to battle a nicotine addiction and has spent a small fortune keeping his records private—including his medical history. Though viewed as the picture of health in 2008, Barack Obama appeared more gaunt the following year and since then weight fluctuations became more numerous and more dramatic as a chameleon-like cycle of a man who shows up looking drastically different than he did just weeks prior. Rumors of heavy makeup for public appearances to mask ‘skin discoloration issues’ have persisted for a number of years, as has the ongoing speculation of what was the true nature of a lingering cough and alleged throat issues in 2014 and 2015 that required some measure of medical intervention.” [82078]

“Now comes Mr. Obama’s appearance at a California fundraiser this week that had whispers of a president looking ‘bone-thin’ to the point of frailty. His clothes hung off of him, his thin, wrinkled neck appeared to wobble from within sunken shoulders, and the eyes glazed over from seeming exhaustion—or something else. He smiled from time to time, and clearly enjoyed the applause, but various sources have indicated [Obama] ‘...didn’t look well.’ ...Then add this local news report today out of San Diego:

‘...Obama is scheduled to spend Saturday and Sunday in San Diego, but the reason for the visit remains a bit of a mystery. ...There are no planned public appearances while he is in San Diego.’ Could [Obama’s] shockingly poor physical appearance have anything to do with a secretive and apparently by himself two-day stopover in San Diego? It certainly has people wondering, though if the established pattern again repeats itself, we should see ...Obama looking far healthier and more vigorous within the next week or two as his remarkable powers of transformation continue.” [82078]

Reports of Obama’s skeletal appearance and odd habits are *not* new. In August 2011, D. W. Ulsterman posted an interview with his unnamed White House insider. The insider (who may or may not have had the access he claims to have had) noted that Obama “doesn’t like the Oval Office much—he’s made that point repeatedly to more than a few at the White House. He prefers to be upstairs, no suit. No shoes. No joke—yeah—[no] shoes. ...Obama, when he is [in] his de facto office upstairs—the one that is closer to [close advisor Valerie] Jarrett’s own office, and a short hop over to the residence, he spends his time there often in shorts, or sweats, a t-shirt, and those sandal things ...flip-flops. There is a large screen television in there and that’s where hours of his time are spent when he is actually at the White House. Day in and day out. ...Starting around last spring, he started to take regular briefings in there. And the instructions that went out on those briefings to [Obama] were that they were to be most importantly—brief. ...You knock on the door—it’s always closed. Always. Often you have to knock for some time before being given approval from inside to enter. The big screen will be on—the volume loud. You can easily hear it from outside the door. The sports channels are the ones most commonly playing, though sometimes the channel will be set to music, or Fox News.” [23717]

“Sometimes Valerie Jarrett might be there, but most often it is just [Obama] and his [then-] personal aide [Reggie Love]. A large leather chair will be facing the television—it’s well worn. Not part of the White House furnishings but something [Obama] must have brought in from back home. That’s where you’ll most often find [him]—the most powerful man in the free fucking world. He often sits with one leg draped over one of the chair’s arms and the other leg stuck straight onto the floor. Shorts, sweats, a t-shirt, and like I said, no shoes or just those sandal things that so many of the younger people like to wear these days. And that leg that’s draped over an arm of the chair will be bopping up and down, like ...like someone with a lot of nervous energy. Like a kid does. And there’s the smell of smoke hanging on [Obama] The guy never quite smoking—that was all bullshit. I told you that already. In fact, there’s one of those smokeless ash trays on the desk in there. And that desk, it’s a mess. Magazines spread out all over it. Stupid shit too. Real low brow reading material [that Obama] is into. People. Rolling Stone. Lots of those tabloid things. The most common thread with this shit is it’s about [Obama]. If it’s about him, he’s gonna [sic] read it. Good or bad—doesn’t matter. If somebody is talking about him, he’s reading it. He’s watching it. Whatever. The guy’s self-obsession is off the fucking charts.” [23717]

“So that’s what you first see when you enter the room—the upstairs office, of ...Obama. Next you’re gonna [sic] notice how small the guy looks. Really thin. He pads his suits up you know. The top end. The shoulders. It became an actual issue during the 2008 campaign—some of his handlers were saying it made his neck look too small. Fact is, it made his neck look just like it is—small. The guy is scrawny. All knees and elbows sitting in that chair. Sometimes he gets up when you come in, sometimes he remains seated and will just turn the volume on the TV down with the remote and say, ‘What [have] you got?’ That foot is bouncing up and down while you give him the briefing, but he rarely looks over at you—always looking at whatever is on the television. If it’s Jarrett in the room, or the personal assistant, one of them is there to keep the time. Your time. Don’t go over that ten minutes. And even if [Obama] doesn’t look like he hears a word you’re saying, they are listening to everything. Every goddamn syllable coming out of your mouth, and if something is said they don’t like, they jot down notes.” [23717]

“So you’re looking at ...this skinny guy, who’s ignoring you, who’s dressed like some kind of fucking frat boy wannabe, with somebody else taking notes on what you’re saying, and then you get up and walk out. [Obama] might acknowledge you on some days, give a little nod, maybe even a thank you, but most often he just continues to look at the TV, bounce that foot on the chair, his skin looking off-color, pale, the eyes out of focus, the hair a helluva lot more gray than is shown in public, the wrinkles around the mouth far deeper ...and the hands. His fucking hands are so ...they are just these thin little stick digits. They are like these long-fingered woman’s hands. And his wrists, you could wrap your own fingers all the way around those wrists—again, so much like a woman’s hands. Almost freakish. Certainly not the strong alpha-male type image that America was given during the 2008 campaign.” [23717]

“That’s who you see in the room, the real ...Obama. Pretty fucking unsettling. Those world leaders, they sensed this. They saw through the façade and saw who was running the United States of America, and the word went out—‘Don’t count on this American president—he doesn’t have a fucking clue.’ And they’re right.” The insider explains why the image he has described is important: “I’m trying to lay out the psychological foundation of the son-of-a-bitch. You think people might want to know what this man is really like? How everything around him—the whole fucking image... it’s a charade. It’s a lie. He fooled me—he fooled a whole lot of us. And he is frightened every hour of every day that the country will find out. But this realization, this little part of Obama’s self-awareness, it’s getting beat[en] down by the guy’s absolute arrogance and when necessary, willingness to over-reach acceptable executive authority.” [23717]

At a fundraiser in Seattle, Obama asks, “Why are all these Republicans so down on America? Listening to them is really depressing...” (Obama would prefer no one mention the millions of unemployed Americans, the \$18+ trillion national debt, his disastrous foreign policy, etc. Millions of people are not “down on America”; they are “down on Obama and his policies.”) [82084]

At a Los Angeles fundraiser, Obama says, “And one of the proudest things that we’ve been able to achieve during the course of my presidency is marriage equality is [sic] now the law in all 50 states. Not just one or two or three or five, but everywhere.” [82185]

On October 11 *The New York Times* reports, “Iran tested a new guided long-range ballistic missile on Sunday, hours before Parliament, in a rowdy session, approved the generalities of the nuclear agreement reached in July between Iran and world powers, the state news agency IRNA reported. The missile launch may have violated the terms of the agreement, reached in Vienna with six world powers. According to some readings of the deal, it placed restrictions on Iran’s ambitious missile program.” (The agreement bans Iran from developing missiles that are “designed to carry nuclear warheads.”) [82085, 82111, 82132, 82409]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton observes, “I think it was a fundamental flaw of the entire approach to the negotiations by the Obama administration, not to consider issues like Iran’s ballistic missile program as part of the problem. This program is not designed to launch weather communication satellites. It’s designed to be a delivery system for nuclear warheads.” [82133]

Meanwhile, *WashingtonPost.com* reports, “An Iranian judiciary spokesman said Sunday that a verdict has been reached in the espionage case of Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, though he offered no details. [A guilty verdict is later reported.] It was uncertain what the verdict is and whether there is a sentence. ‘The ruling on this case has been issued,’ Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejei said in his weekly televised news conference with Iranian journalists. ‘There is still the possibility of this ruling being appealed, and it is not final.’ Rezaian, *The Post*’s Tehran correspondent, has become a symbol of the lack of press freedom in Iran, and the capriciousness of its government, since he was arrested July 22, 2014. His closed-door trial on espionage and related charges ended two months ago, and the delay in a verdict has never been explained. *The Post* has vehemently disputed the allegation that Rezaian was a spy. Executive Editor Martin Baron has said that Rezaian was acting solely as a journalist, and he has called the trial a ‘sham’ and ‘a sick brew of farce and tragedy.’” (Rezaian is one of four Americans held in Tehran whose release Obama did not demand in exchange for concessions to Iran in the nuclear agreement.) [82112, 82136, 82172]

Obama plays golf at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, California. [82086]

In *The Telegraph*, Christopher Booker warns that an “international conference of top judges” has actually met in Great Britain and discussed plans to make it illegal to question theories of man-caused climate change. [82366]

On CNN, Democrat National Committee chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz continues to spread the “Republican war on women” meme, saying, “I believe that any one of our candidates will stand in stark contrast, when it comes to the priorities of the

American people and how they're gonna [sic] make the decision on who they're going to vote for for president, to any of the Republican candidates. The Republicans have been trying to out-right-wing each other. Look, between the fifteen Republican candidates that [sic; who] are left—all of whom are trying to out-Trump Donald Trump, by saying, 'Yeah let's, let's kick women out, let's, let's kick immigrants out of this country, let's take away health care from women, you know, let's, uh, let's increase taxes on the middle class to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy, let's end Medicare as we know it—yes, I think any of the candidates on our side of the aisle, who are talking about job creation, making sure we can expand access to health care, build the cornerstones of the middle-class life by helping people get a good education and having a secure retirement—any one of our candidates will be chosen and, uh, eventually elected as the 45th president of the United States of America because of that contrast." [82098]

On *Meet the Press*, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) says, "You take a hard look at our tax system. And you say, 'You know what? Corporate America, you ain't [sic] going to stash your money in the Cayman Islands and not pay any taxes at all.' ...[The] Deficit has gone down. [The National] Debt has gone up. But I'll also tell you what I think. Real unemployment in this country is not 5.1%, it is 10%. I want to invest a trillion dollars in rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure. I do want to do that because I think that will create up to 13 million jobs. So is deficit reduction important? Of course, it is. But so is creating the millions of jobs we desperately need. So is making public colleges and universities tuition free." (Sanders is delusional. It is impossible to raise taxes enough to make college education free for everyone, reduce the debt, and spend \$1 trillion or more on infrastructure jobs. There is simply not enough wealth in existence to allow such confiscation without the private economy grinding to a halt.) [82099]

On *Face the Nation*, Donald Trump, noting the massive number of refugees fleeing to Germany, says, "They're going to have riots... I always thought [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel was, like [sic], this great leader. What she's done in Germany is insane. It's insane... letting in that many people. ...I've been watching this migration. And I see the people. I mean, they're men, they're mostly men, and they're strong men. What I won't do [if elected president] is take in 200,000 Syrians who could be ISIS. ...These are physically young, strong men. They look like prime-time soldiers. Now, it's probably not true [that they are all ISIS]. But where are the women? ...What [Merkel has] done in Germany is insane. It's insane. They're having all sorts of attacks." [82135]

In a CBS News poll of likely Republican primary voters, Donald Trump has 27 percent, followed by Ben Carson (21), Ted Cruz (9), Marco Rubio (8), Carly Fiorina (6), and Jeb Bush (6). [82101]

BizPacReview.com reports, "The father of one of the victims of last week's shooting in Oregon said he was blocked from meeting with ...Obama on Friday. James Cooper, father of 18-year-old Quinn Cooper, who died after being shot by the gunman, told Fox12 that the Secret Service and FBI kept him from entering Roseburg High School, where Obama comforted the families when in town." Cooper states, "I cannot believe the

president of ...the whole United States has denied a grieving father the right to see what's going on and the right to see. ...All I hear is gun control, gun control... [to] hell with gun control, that's not the issue. The issue is we are grieving, we are hurting and he won't see me, that's wrong." [82124]

Pamela Geller reports that Hungarians have discovered "videos and photos found on the abandoned phones of Muslim migrants. These phones have been left or thrown away near the Hungarian border. More than a thousand videos and photos. The men in these videos clearly know each other well. They are purposefully hurting and torturing each other as a way to 'prepare themselves' for interrogation. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to have to surmise what this torture and violence is preparing them for. Coming to a neighborhood near you." (The assumption is that the "refugees" include jihadists who plan to commit atrocities in Europe, and they are preparing for interrogation in the event of their arrest.) [82105, 82106]

The U.S. military air-drops 50 tons of grenades and small arms ammunition for M-16s and AK-47s in northern Syria. A Pentagon official tells Fox News, "All the pallets reached friendly forces." (Who those "friendly forces" are is not clear.) [82146, 82390]

At a New Hampshire town hall campaign event, a woman confronts Donald Trump on his treatment of women, and says, "Maybe you can bring me around, but I don't think you are a friend to women." Trump says, "I knew I shouldn't have picked her, I knew I shouldn't have picked her!" and then explains, "I have given women more opportunity than virtually anybody in the construction industry [with hiring practices]. ...I had a woman who was in charge of the building of Trump Tower before anybody would have even thought of it and [she] did a fantastic job. ...I will take care of women, I have great respect for women and I cherish women." The woman angrily presses, "I want to get paid the same as a man, and I think you understand that. So if you become president, will women make the same as a man and do I get to choose what I do with my body?" Trump replies, "You're going to make the same if you do as good a job." (It is later reported that the woman, Lauren Batchelder, was a "plant" and a Jeb Bush campaign worker—as well as a staffer of Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH). After being outed, Batchelder shuts down her Twitter account.) [82161, 82163, 82177, 82178, 82214, 82371]

On *60 Minutes*, Obama responds (with a straight face) to Steve Kroft's charge that Russian President Putin is challenging his leadership: "My definition of leadership would be leading on climate change in the international accord that potentially we'll get in Paris. My definition of leadership is mobilizing the entire world to make sure that Iran doesn't get a nuclear weapon and, with respect to the Middle East, we've got a 60-country coalition that isn't suddenly lining up around Russia's strategy—to the contrary, they are arguing that, in fact, that strategy will not work." (Obama is delusional if he thinks Putin will not succeed in keeping Syria's Bashar al-Assad in power—or if he thinks a global warming speech in Paris will make one whit of a difference to anything. With regard to a Paris climate agreement, it will be a meaningless document because Obama will agree to terms the Senate will never approve. Knowing that, Obama will simply pretend it is not a

treaty, not submit it to the Senate, and try to implement it on his own—via the Environmental Protection Agency and against the will of the American people.) [82110, 82115, 82170, 82202]

Obama tells Kroft he did not know Hillary Clinton was using a private email server while she was Secretary of State. (Obama’s claim is absurd—unless he never exchanged emails with Clinton. Her emails from her private server would *not* have ended with the “.gov” prefix, an obvious indication that she was not following the rules. Obama, and everyone else who communicated with her via email, knew she was not following the rules. On the other hand, if Obama truly did *not* know about Clinton’s private server, she could be prosecuted for failing to notify him of the security risks.) [82113, 82120, 82123, 82126, 82342, 82343]

Asked if Hillary Clinton’s misuse of email “posed a national security problem,” Obama tells Kroft, “I don’t think it posed a national security problem. I think that it, uh, it was a mistake that she’s acknowledged and, eh, you know, as a general proposition, when we’re in these offices, we have to be more sensitive, and, and stay as far away from the line as possible when it comes to [sic; to] how we handle information, how we handle our own personal data, uh, and, you know, she made a mistake. She’s acknowledged it, uh, I do think that, uh, the way it’s been ginned-up, uh, is, in part, because of politics, and I think she’d be the first to acknowledge that, uh, maybe she could have handled the original decision better and, uh, the disclosures, uh, more quickly. ...Uh, you know, I, I, this is one of those, uh, issues that I think is legitimate, but, uh, the fact that for the last three months this is all that’s been, uh, spoken about is an indication that we’re in presidential political season. ...What, what I think is that it is important for her to answer these questions to the satisfaction of the American public and they can make their own judgment.” [82113, 82120, 82123, 82126, 82192]

Kroft asks Obama, “Do you think if you ran again, could run again, and did run again, you would be elected?” Obama: “Yes.” Kroft: “You do?” Obama: “I do.” [82121]

Obama says Donald Trump is, ‘you know, the classic reality TV character, and, uh, and at this early stages [sic] it’s not surprising that, uh, he’s gotten a lot of attention.’ Asked by Kroft if Trump is “running out of steam” and “is gonna [sic] disappear,” Obama replies, “I, you know, I’ll leave it up to the pundits [sic; pundits], uh, to make that determination. I don’t think he’ll end up being president of the United States.” [82119, 82121, 82122]

On October 12 Donald Trump appears on *Fox & Friends* and calls the Obama interview on *60 Minutes* “terrible. ...We have someone who is more worried about climate change than he is about all the problems that we have. ...I thought it was a little bit sad, because there was so much negativity.” [82119]

On *Morning Joe*, 34-year CIA veteran John Rizzo says an email to Hillary Clinton that contained the name of a CIA operative in Libya could have “literally lethal” consequences. “That’s the holiest of holies inside CIA—the true identity of a secret source. ...Even inside CIA, in internal emails or cables, or even conversations you never mention, you never talk about the true name of a human source. You use a pseudonym. I mean, honestly, it was quite stunning. ...Who has access to that? Who is trying to hack into it? If this is a foreign-based source, living in Libya let’s say ...you get outed as a CIA source over there, you’re a dead man. So it couldn’t be more serious.” The March 18, 2011 email to Clinton from her friend Sidney Blumenthal read, “Tyler spoke to a colleague currently at CIA, who told him the agency had been dependent for intelligence from [redacted due to sources and methods].” According to DailyCaller.com, “Clinton forwarded the email, which [Congressman Trey] Gowdy says contains the CIA asset’s name, to some of her aides at the State Department. The email was one of 1,500 that the State Department gave Gowdy’s committee several weeks ago. About 500 of those were sent between Clinton and Blumenthal. The ‘Tyler’ mentioned in the email is Tyler Drumheller, a former chief of the CIA’s European unit. Drumheller and Blumenthal were involved in a North Carolina-based company called Osprey Global Solutions. Drumheller provided Blumenthal with geopolitical intelligence, which he in turn often forwarded to Clinton. Many of those intelligence reports appear to advance Osprey’s business interests.” [82137, 82158]

Also on *Morning Joe*, Governor Chris Christie comments on Obama’s *60 Minutes* interview: “And this weakling in the White House, who got pushed around last night, by the way, by Steve Kroft. We saw that. I mean [Obama was] pushed around by Kroft. I mean, when Kroft starts pushing the president around because he’s basically been his, you know, buddy for the last seven years ...” [82138]

CNSNews.com reports, “On a trip to Cuba last week, U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker praised a socialist youth group practicing to demonstrate its allegiance to Fidel Castro, saying they would be happy and make their parents proud with such a display.” (The children chanted, “‘For country and socialism we’re always ready.’”) [82187]

Obama sends 90 troops to Cameroon to help it fight the radical Islamist group Boko Haram—which has declared allegiance to ISIS. According to BBC.com, “The force, which will [eventually] be 300 strong, will conduct airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance operations in the region. Mr Obama said the forces would remain in Cameroon until ‘no longer needed.’” [82254, 82255, 82276]

In Berlin, *several hundred thousand* demonstrators protest against Obama’s Trans-Pacific Partnership and the Transatlantic Trade And Investment Partnership agreements. According to Reuters, critics of the trade deals fear they “will hand too much power to big multinationals at the expense of consumers and workers.” [82418]

WashingtonPost.com reports that during her first four months as Hillary Clinton’s chief of staff at the State Department, Cheryl Mills “also held another high-profile job: She

worked part time at New York University, negotiating with officials in Abu Dhabi to build a campus in that Persian Gulf city. ...The arrangement, which Mills discussed publicly for the first time in an interview with The Washington Post, is another example of how Clinton as secretary allowed close aides to conduct their public work even as they performed jobs benefiting private interests. Another key Clinton aide, Huma Abedin, spent her last six months as Clinton's deputy chief of staff in 2012 simultaneously employed by the Clinton Foundation, the family's global charity, and a consulting company with close Clinton connections." [82168, 82169]

CNSNews.com points out how Obama "muddled" the facts on Ukraine in his *60 Minutes* interview: "When I came into office, Ukraine was governed by a corrupt ruler who was a stooge of Mr. Putin,' he told interviewer Steve Kroft. 'Syria was Russia's only ally in the region.' Today, Putin is no longer able to count on those allies' support, Obama continued, adding that the Russian leader instead was having to deploy his military 'just to barely hold together by a thread his sole ally'—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The implication was that having lost one ally and at risk of losing another, Putin's international position had in fact been weakened during the Obama administration, rather than the opposite as many Obama critics contend. [Obama] was incorrect, however, in his citing of the situation in Ukraine when he entered the White House. The Putin-backed 'stooge' he referred to, Viktor Yanukovich, only became president in Kiev in February 2010, more than a year *after* Obama's own inauguration. When Obama became president, his counterpart in Ukraine was not Yanukovich but Viktor Yushchenko, a pro-Western leader who, during his five years at the helm, had angered the Kremlin by seeking European Union and NATO membership." Yushchenko enjoyed the support of the George W. Bush administration, but not that of Obama's. [82131]

FreeBeacon.com reports, "The Pentagon acknowledged on Monday that Iraqi forces could have discovered a cache of U.S. weapons and missiles seized by Islamic State (IS) militants operating in the country, according to U.S. officials and regional media reports. Iraqi forces combatting IS (also known as ISIS or ISIL) are said to have found a stockpile of U.S. weapons, including ammunition and anti-armor missiles, hidden at sites controlled by terrorist forces, according to foreign military sources who spoke to Iran's state-controlled Fars News Agency. This is said to include a 'huge volume' of advanced TOW II anti-tank missiles." [82147]

On *The O'Reilly Factor*, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer comments on Obama's *60 Minutes* interview: "We really are in a pretty dangerous spot when our president, *after seven years*, is delusional about what's happening in the world. Let's take—I mean, it's hard to know where to start, but where [Steve Kroft] said, 'Who's gonna [sic] take on ISIS?' And [Obama] said, oh yes, 'the community of nations' will take it on. The community of nations doesn't exist. What is he talking about, the U.N.? What is he talking about, the Nobel Peace Prize committee? Or maybe he means the International Olympic Committee, they'll send in a javelin team against ISIS. This is an adolescent sort of Columbia [University] undergraduate fantasy about the community of nations. ...Imagine that you're one of the remaining Free Syrian Army guys... out there,

who are being absolutely being wiped out by Russian air power right now, and as they die, their consolation is to think that as Obama said, you know, after all, the Russians only have two allies here, Iran and Hezbollah, and he's gonna [sic] die knowing that Belgium is with him. I mean, this is a president who's living on a different planet, but it's not harmless. People are getting killed. And worse than that, the people who are getting killed—this is a civil war, it would happen without us—but the people who are getting killed now, by Russian arms, are people who trusted us, were trained by us, and depended on us, and the message to the entire Middle East, to the Saudis, to the Israelis, to the Jordanians, to the Egyptians, who have depended on us to have their back for now 50 years, they look at a president who is delusional about what's happening, and thinks that he's actually winning in this region.” [82139]

“...I think [Obama] has a theory of history—I hate to elevate it to such... noble terms but I think he does—he repeats the line from Martin Luther King [Jr.], ‘The arc of history is long, but it tends towards justice.’” (The statement is, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Obama often uses variations of that statement, which many attribute to King. But King lifted it from Unitarian minister Theodore Parker, who wrote it in 1853. In 1850 Parker wrote, “A democracy—that is a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people.” That, of course, was lifted by Abraham Lincoln.) “[Obama] does believe, and he's said this in many of the U.N. speeches, he said that control of territory ...really doesn't matter in the 21st century. He said power ultimately dissipates. He is right, that in 100 years [Syrian President Bashar al-] Assad will be gone. So, he doesn't really have to do anything, and the Russians are just wasting their time, and incurring a lot of costs. But in the meantime, a few generations, a lot of people are gonna [sic; going to] die, and American influence will erode, and the Russians, and the Iranians, and the bad guys, and the jihadis are going to be in control of swaths of the world. There are gonna to be all kinds of other kinds of calamities. But he has a theory that in the end, in the 21st century, somehow when the calendar changed in January 2000, the world altered itself, and after thousands of years of countries determining their future by power, and whether they were strong enough to defend themselves, that no longer applies, and the community of nations now is gonna take on the likes of ISIS. He seems to believe this, and I cannot—I can imagine what they're thinking in the capitals of the world, can the president on the strongest power on earth truly have this kind of adolescent view of the world? This kind of ultimate idealism, totally detached from reality, that it really doesn't matter. When Ukraine was invaded by the Russians, what did Obama say? His policy was to offer Putin a ‘face saving off-ramp’ to save him from this calamity. He imagined you go in Crimea it has to end badly. It doesn't.” [14208, 14209, 14240, 14288, 14296, 82139]

On October 13, as supporters get ready to watch the first Democrat candidate debate, Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)—vice chairwoman of the Democrat National Committee—is disinvited from the event because she dared to call for more than the six scheduled debates. Gabbard states, “It's very dangerous when we have people in positions of leadership [that is, DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz] who use their power to try to quiet those who disagree with them. When I signed up to be vice chair of the DNC no one told me I would be relinquishing my freedom of speech and checking it

at the door.” (Wasserman Schultz, a long-time Clintonite, wants the number of debate limited in order to protect Hillary Clinton. How far she would go to protect her is not known, but this *Timeline* would not be surprised if the word went to the Democrat primary opponents: “Attack Clinton and not only will the Democrat National Committee not support you in any future endeavor, it will actively seek to destroy you.”) [82150, 82164, 82171, 82209, 82264]

Although CNN’s Jake Tapper was more than eager to ask questions at the Republican debate that were intended to get the candidates sparring, Anderson Cooper (who will moderate the Democrat debate) says, “I’m always uncomfortable with that notion of setting people up in order to kind of promote some sort of a face off.” (Rush Limbaugh comments, “So it’s Anderson Cooper who’s just out front here saying, sorry, we’re not gonna [sic] do that, we’re not gonna pit these people against each other... [They] certainly don’t think they have to be critical of people on their own side for credibility, which, sadly, is what many Republicans still believe. That the only way you can be credible as a Republican or as a conservative media person is to be critical of your own team. That proves that you’re not biased. That proves you are not afraid to criticize your own people. Except it never happens on the left. CNN would never, ever, do anything. Now, the candidates might, but CNN’s not gonna do anything to make any of these people look bad. They rally the troops. They circle the wagons. They do everything they can to protect.” [82160]

In an interview with TheHill.com, Donald Trump points that at this point in the 2007 Obama already had Secret Service protection but he (Trump) does not. “I want to put them on notice because they should have a liability. Personally, I think if Obama were doing as well as me he would’ve had Secret Service [earlier in 2007]. I have by far the biggest crowds. ...They’re in no rush because I’m a Republican. They don’t give a shit. ...Of course I don’t think they’d want anything to happen. But I would think they should be very proactive and want protection for somebody like me that [sic; who] has 20,000 people [at his events] at any time. You would think that they would want to be very proactive, but we have not heard from them.” (Obama’s Secret Service protection started in May 2007, even though he was not the front-runner and most observers then assumed that Hillary Clinton would be the nominee in 2008.) [82211, 82212]

Trump also tells TheHill.com that Federal Reserve Board chairwoman Janet Yellen is keeping interest rates low to protect Obama: “She’s keeping the economy going, barely. The reason they’re keeping the interest rate down is Obama doesn’t want to have a recession-slash-depression during his administration. ...You know who gets hurt the most [by the low interest rates]? People who practice the American dream and did what should have been the right way—the people that went through 40 years of their life and saved a hundred dollars every week [and out it in the bank]. They worked all their lives to save and now what happens is they’re being forced into an inflated stock market and at some point they’ll get wiped out.” Trump calls the Dodd-Frank legislation “terrible” and the he would “absolutely” repeal it. “Under Dodd-Frank, the regulators are running the

banks. The bankers are petrified of the regulators. And the problem is that the banks aren't loaning money to people who will create jobs." [82225]

DailySignal.com reports, "Insurers lost at least 12 percent on Affordable Care Act plans in 2014, according to a new report. The author of the report, Brian Blase, a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, told The Daily Signal in an interview that the losses will mean higher premiums for consumers. He said that his estimate of 12 percent is 'conservative.' ...According to his findings, under Obamacare, insurers underpriced their plans in an effort to 'capture market share,' only to raise prices in subsequent years. After implementing the lower prices, insurers found they had an older, sicker client base than they anticipated. 'Healthy, younger, higher income people really haven't signed up,' Blase said. Blase warned that the losses will mean higher premiums, and higher premiums will mean that fewer healthy people will sign up for insurance plans." (The next day, Kentucky Health Cooperative announces it will not offer health insurance plans for 2016. It is the fifth ObamaCare co-op to fail in Kentucky.) [82232, 82233, 82253, 82316]

Obama's nuclear deal is rejected by the Iranian parliament. Breitbart.com reports, "Instead, the *majilis* approved their own version of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), creating a situation where the Iranian government simply hasn't signed on to the accord that Obama and Democratic Senators obligated the United States to uphold. Western media incorrectly reported that the *majilis* approved the actual text of the JCPOA, according to experts. New York Post columnist Amir Taheri has explained in a series of social media posts that Iran's version of the deal calls for the cancellation of sanctions against the regime in Tehran. He also noted that Iran's version of the nuke deal calls for the dismantling of Israel's nuclear weapons program, citing Iranian parliamentarian Kazem Jalali. The Middle East Media Research Center (MEMRI), a regional watchdog organization, has confirmed that Iran did not pass the deal agreed upon in July. They instead voted to pass the amended version by a vote of 161-59." [82247, 82248]

While Iran is busy ignoring the terms of the nuclear agreement, Secretary of State John Kerry defends not demanding the release of four Americans held in Tehran as a pre-condition of the deal. Kerry says, "...I'm not going to, you know, go backwards except to say that the families themselves of these hostages [sic] knew exactly what our strategy was and why it was important not to hold a nuclear agreement hostage to hostages, and in our judgment, it was the right thing to do because it could have complicated both significantly and perhaps have resulted in nothing happening on either. So I think we did—it was the right strategy to pursue. We are continuing, as I say, that dialogue and we call on the government of Iran, whether they've had a conviction, with sentence or no sentence, whatever the status is, we call on the government of Iran to release these individuals, to drop all the charges, and to see them reunited with their families here in the United States. And I can assure you when they do return and people gain full knowledge on the efforts that have been made, nobody will see anything except an

extraordinary, continued... focused, intensive effort to secure their release.” [82256, 82257]

The Associated Press reports, “The private email server running in Hillary Rodham Clinton’s home basement when she was secretary of state was connected to the Internet in ways that made it more vulnerable to hackers while using software that could have been exploited, according to data and documents reviewed by The Associated Press. Clinton’s server, which handled her personal and State Department correspondence, appeared to allow users to connect openly over the Internet to control it remotely, according to detailed records compiled in 2012. Experts said the Microsoft remote desktop service wasn’t intended for such use without additional protective measures, and was the subject of U.S. government and industry warnings at the time over attacks from even low-skilled intruders. Records show that Clinton additionally operated two more devices on her home network in Chappaqua, New York, that also were directly accessible from the Internet. One contained similar remote-control software that also has suffered from security vulnerabilities, known as Virtual Network Computing, and the other appeared to be configured to run websites. The new details provide the first clues about how Clinton’s computer, running Microsoft’s server software, was set up and protected when she used it exclusively over four years as secretary of state for all work messages. Clinton’s privately paid technology adviser, Bryan Pagliano, has declined to answer questions about his work from congressional investigators, citing the U.S. Constitution’s Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.” [82151, 82152, 82154, 82165]

In an effort to stem the controversy over its sale of baby parts (and to keep federal funds flowing), Planned Parenthood announces it will donate fetal tissue and not ask for reimbursement. (Arguably, the policy change is an admission of guilt.) [82181, 82182, 82197, 82215, 82333]

Russian President Vladimir Putin criticizes the Obama administration for condemning its airstrikes in Syria while at the same time not sharing intelligence information on targets. Putin states, “Now, we often hear that our pilots are striking the wrong targets, not IS [ISIS].” When he asked for a list of targets, Putin says he was told, “‘No, we are not ready for this’ was the answer. Then we thought again and asked another question: then tell us where we should not strike. No answer too [again]. That is not a joke. I did not make this up. How is it possible to work together? I think some of our partners simply have mush for brains, they do not have a clear understanding of what really happens in the country [Syria] and what goals they are seeking to achieve.” [82183]

NewsBusted’s Jodi Miller quips, “Russia continues to carry out airstrikes in Syria, placing ...Obama in a dilemma: he doesn’t know whether to draw a red line or press a reset button.” [82311]

TheGatewayPundit.com reports, “A senior diplomat with a European Union government allegedly told former NSA intelligence analyst and counterintelligence officer and Daily Beast columnist John Schindler that his/her government believes ...Obama is ‘quite

mentally unwell’ and inquired about impeachment—an apparent suggestion that his/her government believes Obama is unfit to serve as president and should be removed from office—according to a tweet by Schindler posted Monday.” (Schindler’s tweet: ‘Had a senior EU diplomat, old friend, ask me today, ‘How does your impeachment work? My government believes Obama is quite mentally unwell.’”) “What is striking is that the ‘senior EU diplomat’ said it was the opinion of his/her government, not his/her personal opinion, that Obama was considered a candidate for removal from office for insanity.” [82198, 82223, 82231, 82260]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters, “The [Iranian] missile test that we did see over the weekend, are [sic], we’ve got strong indications those missile tests did violate UN Security Council rules that pertain to Iran’s ballistic missile activities. Unfortunately that’s not new. We have seen Iran on on [sic], almost serially, violate the international community’s concerns about their ballistic missile program and the UN Security Council resolution actually gives the international community some tools to interdict some equipment and material that could be used to advance their ballistic missile program and gives us the ability to work in concert with our partners around the world to engage a strategy to try to disrupt continued progress of their ballistic missile program.” [82155]

But Earnest adds, “This is altogether separate from the nuclear agreement that Iran reached with the rest of the world. In contrast to the repeated violations, of the... UN security resolution as it pertains to their ballistic missile activity, we’ve seen that Iran over the past couple of years has demonstrated a track record of abiding by the commitments being made in the context of the nuclear talks. We have been saying all along that the nuclear agreement Iran reached with the rest of the world will not be predicated on trust, but it will be predicated on the most robust, intrusive set of inspections that have ever been imposed on a country’s nuclear program.” (Translation: “Regardless of what Iran does, we will still remove sanctions and let the regime obtain nuclear weapons—and let the next president worry about it.”) [82155]

Asked about Obama’s *60 Minutes* statement that Hillary Clinton’s use of a private server did not pose a threat to national security, Earnest responds that Obama “was making an observation about what we know so far, which is that Secretary Clinton herself has turned over a bunch of emails to the State Department, and the review of that email has garnered some differing assessments about what’s included in there. ...[His statement was] certainly was not an attempt, in any way, to undermine the importance or independence of the ongoing FBI investigation,” and Obama “has a healthy respect for the kinds of independent investigations that are conducted by inspectors general and, where necessary, by the FBI.” [82200]

Takeshi Onaga, the governor of Okinawa, revokes a construction permit for a new U. S. Marine base on the island. According to *WashingtonPost.com*, “The central government in Tokyo vowed to fight the governor’s decision, but Tuesday’s action was the latest complication to bedevil the U.S. military’s efforts to build a new base on Okinawa.

...Onaga was elected late last year on a promise to stop construction of the new U.S. Marine base at Henoko, on a remote and unspoiled bay in the northern part of Okinawa island. It is envisaged as a replacement for the current facility at Futenma, which is in the middle of a densely populated part of the main island.” [82166, 82167]

At an event in St. Cloud, Minnesota’s Democrat governor, Mark Dayton, responding to a question about discrimination (apparently from a Somali immigrant), says, “This is Minnesota and you have every right to be here and anybody who can’t accept your right to be here should find another state, they really should go somewhere else.” (Dayton and city officials want the citizens to be more tolerant, but do not demand that immigrants assimilate.) [82355, 82356, 82357, 82358, 82359, 82489]

A few hours before the first Democrat debate of 2015, a 2007 Obama campaign document about his strategy to defeat Hillary Clinton is released. According to DailyCaller.com, “The strategy Obama laid out was based on the premise to talk up ‘Americans’ deep discontent with Washington.’ Underpinned by ‘political gamesmanship where politicians score points by saying what others want to hear, rather than what they need to hear.’ The memo argued that ‘divisiveness... pits Americans against each other and blocks the consensus we need to get things done and its submission to powerful interests that shut out the voices of average Americans.’ The slug of the memo is based upon, ‘The Fault Line: Hillary’s the Problem, Not the Answer.’ Obama’s slogan ‘Change you can believe in’ was intended to frame the argument along the character fault line, and this is where we can and must win this fight. We cannot let Clinton especially blur the lines on who is the genuine agent of change in this election.’ Obama’s memo explained, ‘The reason Clinton can’t be trusted or believed when it comes to change is that she represents, to a great degree, the three sources of discontent formulated in our premise.’ The memo argued that Clinton is ‘driven by political calculation not conviction, regularly backing away and shifting positions on issues ranging from war, to Social Security, to trade, to reform.’ ...The memo was written by Obama’s Chief Strategist David Axelrod, campaign strategist Larry Grisolano, deputy comms director Dan Pfeiffer, campaign manager David Plouffe, and pollster Joel Benenson. For the 2016 election, Benenson now works for Clinton.” (Who released the memo and why is not explained.) [82218]

CNN hosts the first Democrat candidate debate, with Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Martin O’Malley, James Webb, and Lincoln Chafee. During Sheryl Crow’s (regrettably sans Auto-Tune) singing of the National Anthem, most in the press room fail to stand. [82199, 82217, 82220]

Although Clinton (who appears in one of her “Chairman Mao” pantsuits) is mildly attacked by her opponents, she is treated with kid gloves by moderator Anderson Cooper—who merely says “Thank you” after her response and does not get challenged with follow-up questions. Clinton is unscathed by the debate—largely because of her lackluster opposition. Not only does Cooper not offer her tough questions or follow-ups, both Sanders and O’Malley come to her defense and argue that her email issue is

unimportant. (Journalists in the press room cheer when Sanders calls for an end to reporting on the email scandal.) The only mild criticism comes from Chafee, who says he has been untainted by scandal in his 30-year political career—yet does not even suggest that Clinton is a walking scandal machine. Clearly, DNC means “Democrats Nominate Clinton” and CNN means the “Clinton News Network.” [82179, 82184, 82188, 82190, 82206, 82265]

Some will claim that Cooper’s questions were “tough,” but that means little when the candidates are allowed to give vague and broad answers and there are no intensive follow-up questions. As an example, Cooper notes that Clinton has changed her positions on some issues and asks, “Will you say anything to get elected?” Clinton responds, Well, actually, I’ve been very consistent over the course of my entire life. I have always fought for the same values and principles but, like most human beings, including those of us who run for office, I do absorb new information, I do look at what’s happening in the world...” Cooper then essentially repeats the question, and Clinton replies that “like most people that [sic; who] I know, I have a range of views, but they are rooted in my values and my experience...” After a few more minutes from Clinton, Cooper merely turns to Sanders to ask him a question. (That is not tough questioning. That is merely an introduction to rehearsed talking points. Where Obama claims his position changes are the result of his “evolving” on the issues, Clinton uses an “absorbing new information” excuse. But, of course, switching from opposing gay marriage to embracing it has nothing to do with “absorbing” anything other than the results of polls and focus groups.) [82204, 82207]

More than once Clinton plays the “gender card.” When the candidates are asked how they would be different than Obama, she responds that she is a woman. (Clinton is apparently planning on giving the nation four more years of the Obama agenda, but without a necktie.) She also claims she is a “outsider” because she is a woman. [82189, 82210, 82227]

Webb is the only candidate with the courage to respond that “all lives matter” when they are asked by Cooper if “black lives matter.” He says, “As a president of the United States, every life in the country matters. At the same time, I believe I can say to you that I have a long history of working with the situation of African-Americans ...I risked my political life raising the issue of criminal justice reform ...I had political consultants telling me I was committing political suicide. We led that issue in the Congress. We started a national debate on it, and it wasn’t until then that the Republican Party started talking about it.” [82219]

“Assisting” Anderson Cooper are a token woman journalist (Dana Bash), a token black (Don Lemon), and a token Hispanic (Juan Carlos Lopez). (Lemon predictably asks a question about race, and Lopez predictably asks a question about immigration. They should be angry at CNN for being used in that manner.) [82176, 82314]

On the issue of gun control, the non-existent “gun show loophole” comes up. (Gun dealers at gun shows must follow the same laws they follow in their retail stores. There is no “loophole.”) [82190]

Clinton absurdly claims the administration’s intervention in Libya in 2011 was “smart power at its best.” (The bombing of Libya which led to the removal and killing of Muammar Gaddafi created turmoil in Libya, destroyed its economy, resulted in the deaths of hundreds by jihadists, left radicals in charge of the government—and led to the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi on September 11, 2012. As bad as Gaddafi was, he was not a threat to the United States or even the region. It is now one more trouble spot.) [82226, 82435]

CNN’s Lopez asks, “Senator Sanders, in 2013 you voted for immigration reform. But in 2007 when the Democrats controlled Congress and the Bush White House was on board, you voted against it. Why should Latino voters trust you now when you left them at the altar at the moment when reform was very close?” Sanders replies, “I didn’t leave anybody at the altar. I voted against that piece of legislation because it had guest worker provisions in it, which the Southern Poverty Law Center talked about being semi-slavery.” (Neither Lopez nor Sanders mention that then-Senator Obama *supported* the guest worker “poison pill” provision in the 2007 immigration legislation. Obama knew full well that the provision would cause the bill to be voted down, yet supported that provision anyway. Why? Because Obama did not want immigration reform passed in 2007. He wanted it to remain on the table to use as a campaign issue in 2008. He essentially voted against the interests of Hispanic voters so that he could more easily pander to them in 2008.) [82222]

Perhaps not surprisingly, “Democratic Socialist” candidate Sanders offers the most “free stuff” to the voters, which may boost his poll numbers. Of course, he and Clinton offer no proposals for paying for all the hand-outs beyond taxing the wealthy even more. Clinton says of her proposals for free college education and health care for illegal immigrants, “I know we can afford it because we’re gonna [sic] make the wealthy pay for it.” There are about 20 million students enrolled in colleges and universities. If one uses an average cost of \$15,000 per student per year, it would cost \$300 billion per year to make college “free.” If there are roughly 1.5 million taxpayers in the top one percent, increasing their taxes by \$300 billion would mean tax increases of \$200,000 per person. The top one percent includes individuals who earn \$400,000 per year or more. How the government can collect an additional \$200,000 per year in taxes from someone who earns \$400,000 and already pays a federal income tax rate of almost 40 percent is not explained by Clinton or Sanders. [82216, 82228, 82308]

In addition, current and former students have more than \$1 trillion in education debt. Neither a president Sanders nor a President Clinton would dare sign legislation providing “free college” for all future students while leaving that \$1 trillion in debt unaddressed. That president would be forced to *forgive* that debt—and that would add *another* \$1 trillion to the annual deficit and the national debt. It is simply absurd to expect free

college for anyone who wants it. Sanders and Clinton may just as well offer free Cadillac Escalades in exchange for votes. (Of course, both Sanders and Clinton understand that Congress would never pass free college legislation if reasonable people control the House and/or the Senate. Their proposals are not serious. They are merely preposterous pitches for votes. Some might argue that the government should get out of the student loan business completely and sell those loans to banks and investors. Rather than “forgiving” as much as \$1 trillion in education loans, those loans could be sold, with the proceeds used to eliminate the budget deficit for one or two years.)

Clinton not only plans to increase taxes on the wealthy, she also says she will make “companies share profits with the workers who helped to make them.” (Workers already share in the profits: they receive paychecks. What more Clinton is planning is not clear. Will she seek legislation that *forces* companies to give workers a fixed percentage of profits? Will she *force* companies to give their workers stock shares? That is neither capitalism nor Sanders’ socialism; it is fascism.) [82228]

At NationalReview.com Jim Geraghty writes, “Sure, this batch of candidates sounded like a bunch of loons. They contended socialism is mostly about standing up to the richest one percent and promoting entrepreneurs and small business; climate change is the biggest national security threat facing the nation; college educations should be free for everyone; all lives don’t matter, black lives do; Obama is simultaneously an enormously successful president in managing the economy and the middle class is collapsing and there’s a need for a ‘New New Deal’ which is in fact an Old Old Idea, considering how FDR called for a Second New Deal in 1935. The audience in Nevada applauded higher taxes, believes that Hillary Clinton doesn’t need to answer any more questions, supports the complete shutdown of the NSA domestic surveillance program, and that Obamacare benefits should be extended to illegal immigrants. There are kindergarten classes with more realistic assessments of cost-benefit tradeoffs than the crowd watching this debate at the Wynn Las Vegas.” [82224]

“...Hillary Clinton is the class of the field on that stage, and the only real obstacle to the nomination that remains is a Joe Biden bid. Compared with everyone else, she’s polished and knows what she’s doing. Even when she’s being robotic and inauthentic, she’s remembering her talking points, pivoting to her preferred issues. The software upgrades to her personality may look awkward when she’s alone, but she’s still a much, much better candidate than anybody else on that stage. Sure, she was duplicitous, but she’s a Clinton; that’s baked in the cake—for example Hillary said during the debate she had hoped that the Trans Pacific Partnership would be the gold standard; in her book, she said it *was* the gold standard.” [82224]

According to an unscientific online Drudge Report poll, Sanders wins the debate with 54 percent of the vote, followed by Webb (25 percent), Clinton (9), O’Malley (7), and Chafee (4). Establishment pundits will almost universally claim Clinton won the debate, but because the Democrat Party has moved far to the left over the years, Sanders’ appeal to the “something for nothing” (the “Sandersnistas”) crowd cannot be underestimated.

CNN's Gloria Borger declares that Clinton did "extraordinarily well" and "was so adept at making herself the candidate of both experience and change." On the far left, HuffingtonPost.com declares Sanders the victor. Politico.com writes that Clinton "delivered some of the evening's most stinging retorts" and "moved with relative ease from swipes against her Democratic rivals to more direct attacks on Republicans." [82173, 82180, 82201, 82203, 82208, 82221]

The debate draws about 15 million viewers—a record for CNN Democrat debates but fewer than the 23 million viewers for its GOP debate. [82250]

Many in the media go gaga over Clinton's debate performance (although her success is not so much that she was good but that her opponents were not). ABC's George Stephanopoulos (a Clinton supporter and donor) gushes, "Good reviews coming in for the Democratic front-runner. Her team called it the best day of the campaign." NBC's Lester Holt: "Tonight, for the win. A big night for Hillary Clinton. Her campaign [is] claiming a resounding debate victory. Did she do enough to secure her spot at the top and box Joe Biden out of the race?" NBC's Andrea Mitchell says Clinton was "commanding the stage." ABC's Cecilia Vega: "While Hillary Clinton takes a post-debate victory lap, tonight, her team [is] on the offensive. Her campaign chairman [is] saying, 'at this point, Joe Biden needs to make up his mind.'" CBS' Scott Pelley: "[I]f [Vice President Joe Biden] was looking for a reason to jump into the race, he likely didn't find it. Hillary Clinton dominated." MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell: the debate "went so well" for Clinton and "so perfectly that, at times, it was as if she had planned the whole thing, everything, I mean everything from who would be standing beside her on that stage to who the Republican front-runner would be." NBC's Peter Alexander: "Hillary Clinton's debate experience, her debate preparation paid off... Her advisers... are ecstatic. They insist she was on, that she looked poised and passionate... Secretary Clinton appeared confident and comfortable, casting herself as a history-making candidate..." CNN's John Berman: "It may have been the first Democratic debate, but it was clear it was not Hillary Clinton's first rodeo—running down a debate check list with surgical precision." (The View's Joy Behar is an exception. She declares, "I like an old Jewish guy who's a socialist. That's my type of guy. Everybody is talking about [Martin] O'Malley and how hot he was, but to me Bernie is hot.") [82266, 82267, 82268, 82269, 82270, 82271]

Although Clinton is favored to win the Democrat nomination, in a Fox News poll she currently trails Republicans Carly Fiorina (39-42), Jeb Bush (40-44), Donald Trump (40-45), and Ben Carson (39-50). (Vice President Joe Biden leads those GOP candidates.) On the Republican side, Donald Trump leads the national Fox News poll (24 percent), followed by Ben Carson (23), Ted Cruz (10), Marco Rubio (9), Jeb Bush (8), Carly Fiorina (5), and Mike Huckabee (5). [82191, 82205]

Secretary of State John Kerry blames recent attacks on Israelis by Palestinians on apartment construction: "What's happening is that, unless we get going, a two-state solution could conceivably be stolen from everybody, and there's been a massive increase in settlements over the course of the last years, and now you have this violence

because there's a frustration that is growing." (Pamela Geller—correctly—calls Kerry's remarks, "utterly predictable and absolutely contemptible. The Obama administration has never had a critical word to say about 'Palestinian' genocidal bloodlust, the calls to murder Jews that go out regularly on 'Palestinian' TV, the celebrations of the murders of Israeli civilians. No, for Obama and his cronies, it's all always Israel's fault.") [82302, 82303]

On October 14 White House press secretary Josh Earnest says the Democrat debate proves "you can run a presidential campaign without appealing to people's anxieties." (Earnest must have missed the global warming warnings from the candidates.) [82193]

On *Morning Joe*, Donald Trump says of the debate: "They just couldn't give more away. In other words, every time somebody gave something away, whatever it may have been—free health care, free education—the other one would stand up and, 'We'll give you a home, this, and we'll give you...' I'm saying to myself, ka-ching, ka-ching, ka-ching, because that means the money is just going out the door, and you know, we're a country that owes, we have a debt right now of \$19 trillion. According to every statistic I've seen—Bernie Sanders, his plan is going to cost the country \$18 trillion or \$20 trillion over a 10-year period. And we have to get rid of that [his schemes], otherwise we're going to have one of the great depressions of all time. But we're right around the corner, because there is a bubble right now, and it's a big bubble and it's going to be a very ugly bubble [when it bursts]. And here these people are, and they just couldn't give away more." [82229]

Bernard Goldberg writes, "Here are a few things I was thinking while watching the Democratic presidential debate: Hillary Clinton says she's not campaigning on her last name. But if she had a different last name we wouldn't even know who she was. The five lefties on stage make freshmen at Oberlin College sound like right-wingers." [82272]

In a CNN/ORC poll in South Carolina, Donald Trump leads all other Republicans with 36 percent; Ben Carson has 18 percent; Marco Rubio (9); Carly Fiorina (7); Jeb Bush (6); Ted Cruz (5); Lindsey Graham (5); Rand Paul (4); Mike Huckabee (3). In Nevada, Trump has 38 percent, Carson 22, Fiorina 8, Rubio 7, and Bush 6. [82230, 82234, 82262]

In Khartoum, Ahmed "clock boy" Mohamed meets with Sudan's president, Omar al-Bashir. Mohamed states he is "overjoyed" to meet al-Bashir (a brutal dictator known as the "Butcher of Darfur," who was indicted by the International Criminal Court for his campaign against rebels that involved rapes, atrocities, and the killings of hundreds of thousands of innocent people). [1679, 1680, 1681, 5476, 82258, 82340, 82348, 82432]

After a week of brutal knife and hatchet attacks by Palestinians on Jews in Israel, State Department spokesman John Kirby makes the despicable statement, "Individuals on both sides of this divide have proven capable of, and in our view, guilty of acts of terrorism."

(Jews are being murdered in cold blood on the streets of Jerusalem and Obama blames the victims.) [82235, 82236, 82237, 82243, 82278]

The *Express* reports, “Around 20 Syrian migrants have filed a case against the Berlin state Government demanding immediate access to shelter and benefits after waiting for more than a week to be registered by the authorities. ...Huge crowds gather outside every day and many claim they have been waiting for weeks. Until their papers are processed by the State Office for Health and Social Affairs, the refugees have no access to Government refugee shelters or benefits.” [82238, 82241, 82242]

FoxNews.com reports, “Cuban military operatives reportedly have been spotted in Syria, where sources believe they are advising President Bashar al-Assad’s soldiers and may be preparing to man Russian-made tanks to aid Damascus in fighting rebel forces backed by the U.S. Gen. Leopoldo Cintra Frias, head of Cuba’s Armed Forces, recently visited Syria to lead a group of Cuban military personnel joining forces with Russia in their support of Assad, according to information received by the University of Miami’s Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies. On Wednesday [October 14], a U.S. official confirmed to Fox News that Cuban paramilitary and special forces units are on the ground in Syria, citing evidence from intelligence reports. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Cuban troops may have been training in Russia and may have arrived in Syria on Russian planes.” [82251, 82252, 82263, 82273]

NYTimes.com reports that Russian airstrikes in Syria “have involved aircraft never before tested in combat, including the Sukhoi Su-34 strike fighter, which NATO calls the Fullback, and a ship-based cruise missile fired more than 900 miles from the Caspian Sea, which, according to some analysts, surpasses the American equivalent in technological capability.” In addition, “Russia’s fighter jets are, for now at least, conducting nearly as many strikes in a typical day against rebel troops opposing the government of President Bashar al-Assad as the American-led coalition targeting the Islamic State has been carrying out each month this year.” Russia is not only combat-testing its new fighter jet and cruise missiles in Syria, “the operation could be intended to send a message to the United States and the West about the restoration of the country’s military prowess and global reach after decades of post-Soviet decay.” [82294, 82295, 82296]

At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield observes that it is easier for Russia to carry out many airstrikes because they “aren’t bound by our crazy rules of engagement and don’t care about collateral damage. We’re carrying out very few air strikes.” U.S. pilots are forced to be so careful that, according to Senator John McCain (R-AZ), “75 percent of pilots are returning without dropping any ordnance, due to delays in decision-making up the chain of command.” One pilot tells Fox News, “There were times I had groups of ISIS fighters in my sights, but couldn’t get clearance to engage. They probably killed innocent people and spread evil because of my inability to kill them. It was frustrating.” [82294, 82295, 82296]

On October 15 the government announces there will be no cost-of-living-allowance (COLA) increase in Social Security benefits in 2016 because inflation has been minimal—because of low gas prices. (The government apparently believes that low gas prices compensate for higher prices on almost everything else—despite the fact that millions of senior citizens drive little or not at all.) AOL.com writes, “And there’s more bad news. The lack of a benefit increase means that many older people could face higher Medicare costs, an issue that has advocates lobbying Congress. ... The COLA also affects benefits for about 4 million disabled veterans, 2.5 million federal retirees and their survivors, and more than 8 million people who get Supplemental Security Income, the disability program for the poor. Many people who get SSI also receive Social Security.” [82245, 82246, 82317, 82347]

Obama announces he will keep 9,800 U.S. troops in Afghanistan through most of 2016, and then reduce their number to 5,500 in 2017. (Retired Army General Jack Keane notes that this is the sixth time Obama has rejected the troop levels recommended by his field commander: “The security situation in Afghanistan is so far from stable that to pull out all the troops, even for this president, doesn’t make any sense.”) Obama says, “Afghan forces are still not as strong as they need to be. The security situation is still very fragile. Meanwhile, the Taliban has made gains, particularly in rural areas.”

WashingtonTimes.com notes, “Mr. Obama called on the Taliban to engage in a political settlement with the U.S.-backed government in Kabul, saying it’s the ‘only way to achieve a real drawdown’ of U.S. troops from the country.” (In other words, Obama is conceding defeat—not that he ever promised total victory. During the 2008 campaign Obama said, “I will end this war in Iraq responsibly and finish the fight against al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.” A mere 9,800 troops will not defeat the Taliban, especially since that is no longer the main focus of their job. Obama is merely trying to postpone the collapse of Afghanistan until after he leaves office—at which point he will claim his successor is responsible for the mess.) [82249, 82261, 82277, 82283, 82284, 82313]

Russian President Vladimir Putin tells reporters, “I don’t really understand how the U.S. can criticize Russia’s actions in Syria if they refuse to have direct dialogue. The basic weakness of the American position is that they don’t have an agenda, though we’re keeping the door open [for discussions].” [82279]

Pamela Geller reports that Langenlohnshheim, a German village in Rheinland-Pfalz with 4,000 inhabitants, has been told it will be taking in 3,000 refugees. The mayor, who was blind-sided by the decision, states, “It is definitely rather venturesome of the administrators to simply make decisions for our location. It is not good policy.” The “refugee coordinator,” Detlef Placzek, states, “I unfortunately cannot pay any attention to the ratio of refugees to inhabitants of the town.” One villager says, “No! 3,000 is too many. Maybe 1,000.” Another says “200-300” would be fair. “I think 10 percent would be a fair solution... but more than that is a ghetto and we don’t want a ghetto!” Yet another: “I haven’t ever had any bad experiences [with refugees]... Yes, I am positive

[on the issue]... but not for 2,500 or 3,000 or even more than that.” (After protests, the government reduces the number of refugees to 900.) [82297, 82299, 82527]

Geller writes, “And it’s not just this town—this is happening all over Europe...” A town hall meeting in Lohfelden, Germany, citizens “were informed the night before 400 refugees would be arriving... in their city. Mr. Walter Lübcke is the regional Governor and basically told everyone, ‘if you don’t like it (having 400 refugees dropped in your town) you can leave! We have, as Germans freedom, and you are free to leave if do not agree.’ This is how native Germans are being treated in their own country, by their own government.” (This may also be how Americans will be treated if Obama is successful in allowing 200,000 refugees into the United States.) [82297, 82527]

Essayist and author Frederick William Dame relays to this *Timeline*, “Yesterday there was a report that in a small village [Sumte] of 100 persons in North Germany, the government plans to settle 1,000 Muslim refugees. I don’t think that the 100 citizens of the town will allow this. I doubt if there will be any follow-up reports because there seems to be a news prohibition concerning anything that is negative concerning Muslim refugees. (rapes, fights, protests by Muslims, etc.)” (Authorities later reduce the demand from 1,000 migrants to 750—not because of villager complaints but because the sewer system is unable to handle 1,000 more residents. *The New York Times* whines not about the likelihood of increased crime or other problems, but about the possibility that Germans might further question such generous immigration policies.) In Mechernich, the Niessen family has been asked to give up their apartment—where they have lived for 13 years—so that it can be given to 10 refugees. [82298, 82300, 82351, 82352, 82353, 82915, 82916, 82917, 82921, 82940, 82945, 82972]

Meanwhile, German citizens are outraged that, as part of a “school project,” some students will be made to make beds, sort clothes, “help in the kitchen,” and clean up after refugees. One reporter confronts a German official: “There are many problems with hygiene here... we hear time and again of dirty toilets. Why must it be so? And why can’t the refugees themselves help to keep them in order? So we ask—” The response he gets from Lars Witteck: “We don’t WANT to expect that of them, that they must clean it all themselves... because it [isn’t fair] to make the well behaved ones have to clean up after those who perhaps don’t clean up after themselves. We have plenty of cleaning services [for that] and in some cases every hour round the clock.” (From the German government’s perspective, it is “not fair” to have refugees clean up after themselves, but it is fair to have the taxpayers clean up after them.) [82360, 82361, 82362]

At PJMedia.com Debra Heine writes, “On Thursday, various members of the Obama administration were asked to clarify remarks made by State Department spokesman John Kirby blaming Israel and Palestinians equally for terrorist attacks, and in every case, Obama officials stood by the reprehensible remarks. ... Given an opportunity to walk back his remarks, Kirby doubled down on the administration’s moral equivalency at a press briefing today. ‘I would just reiterate what was said before,’ he said. ‘The violence needs to stop. There’s no excuse for the intentional killing of innocent people—for the

use of terrorism as a tactic.” (A Palestinian repeatedly stabs an Israeli in the streets of Jerusalem. police shoot the attacker—and Kirby considers both the Israeli and the Palestinian to be “innocent people.”) “The White House was on the same page, as White House press secretary Josh Earnest told reporters: ‘The United States mourns any loss of innocent life—whether it’s Israeli or it’s Palestinian.’ He added: ‘It’s our view that both sides have a responsibility to exercise restraint.’ (He could only have been referring to the Israelis here. There is plenty one could say to people who believe in stabbing or shooting innocent civilians on the street or running them down with their cars, but ‘use more restraint’ isn’t one of them. The Israelis are the ones who are always accused of responding to Palestinian provocations with a lack of restraint.)” [82331]

“State Department spokesman Mark Toner said ‘we want to see both sides take affirmative steps, affirmative actions that reduce tensions in the region.’ The AP’s Matt Lee pressed Toner. ‘So the administration sees both sides at fault here?’ he asked. Toner reiterated that ‘both sides need to reduce the tensions that are leading to ongoing incidents of violence.’ (The not-so hidden subtext being that Israel needs to agree to whatever demands the Palestinians are making.) He added that ‘it’s not that we’re dissatisfied with one party or the other—we’re just saying that, to end the current cycle, both sides need to take action.’ One wonders what the Palestinian side would need to do to cause the Obama administration to be ‘dissatisfied’ with it.” [82331]

Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu indirectly responds to Obama administration criticisms, saying the Palestinians are “attacking us not because they want peace or don’t want peace. It’s because they don’t want us here [in Israel]. If they’re frustrated, I assure you that frustration will continue because we’re going to continue to be here. As far as settlements are concerned, [the recent attacks on Israeli citizens] is not a result of a ‘massive’ wave of settlements [as Secretary of State John Kerry suggests] because there’s not been a massive wave of settlements.” [82338]

Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) states, “The Obama administration is the most hostile we have seen towards the nation of Israel in our nation’s history. In the last few days, this obsessive antagonism has been on full display. ...It is utterly unacceptable that a senior official in the U.S. government [John Kirby at the State Department] would make such an unfounded slur against Israel, which has been our invaluable ally in the fight against terrorism. We must immediately and unconditionally reject the delusion that the coordinated Palestinian frenzy of bloodlust is in any way legitimate. There is no moral equivalence here between the savagery of the Palestinian terrorists and the innocent Israelis they are trying to murder.” Cruz calls on Kirby to retract his statements or resign, and criticizes Secretary of State John Kerry’s “suggestion that Israel’s settlements provoked the most recent wave of Palestinian terrorism.” [82339]

Congressman Lee Zeldin (R-NY) calls Kirby’s statement “simply not true and dangerously creates more daylight between the United States and Israel during this critical time of need for our trusted friend and ally. Admiral Kirby’s accusation warrants his immediate removal. He should absolutely not utter one more word on behalf of

America's foreign policy. If Secretary John Kerry refuses to speak out and discipline Mr. Kirby than Secretary Kerry needs to step aside as well.” [82339]

The *Daily Mail* reports that the Democrat National Committee (DNC) “is ‘clearing a path’ for Hillary Clinton to be its presidential nominee because its upper power echelons are populated with women, according to a female committee member who was in Las Vegas for Tuesday’s primary debate. Speaking on the condition that she isn’t identified, she told Daily Mail Online that the party is in the tank for Clinton, and the women who run the organization decided it ‘early on.’ The committeewoman is supporting one of Hillary’s rivals for the Democratic nomination, and said she spoke freely because she believes the former Secretary of State is benefiting from unfair favoritism inside the party. Clinton aims to be the first female to occupy the Oval Office, and ‘the party’s female leaders really want to make a woman the next president,’ the committeewoman said, rattling off a list of the women who she said are the ‘real power’ in the organization. ‘I haven’t heard anyone say we should make Hillary undergo a trial by fire,’ she added. ‘To the contrary, the women in charge seem eager, more and more, to have her skate into the general [election].’ ‘I have nothing against women in politics,’ she underscored. ‘But it’s not healthy for the party if we get behind a woman because she’s a woman, and risk having her implode after she’s nominated because she isn’t tested enough now.’” [82280]

The chairwoman of the DNC is Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL). Vice-chairs include Donna Brazile, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Maria Elena Durazo. The DNC’s CEO is Amy Dacey. DNC convention chief executive is Reverend Leah Daughtry. (Daughtry was the convention chief in 2008 as well. In Daughtry’s House of the Lord Church in Brooklyn hangs a banner supporting slavery reparations, which reads, “They Owe Us.”) [163, 82280]

Former U.S. Senator and Democrat presidential candidate Jim Webb, addressing the Council on Foreign Relations, says, “I’m going to be very frank, [the debate] was rigged in terms of who was going to get the time on the floor by the way that Anderson Cooper was selecting people to supposedly respond to something someone else said. I even turned around to Bernie Sanders at one point and said, Bernie, ‘Say my name, will you? Say my name.’ So you know, in that kind of an environment, you know, I was either going to be Mr. Angry or I was going to be a potted plant. That was the only way to try to get into the conversation. ...It’s very difficult to win a debate when you don’t have the opportunity to speak the same amount of time on issues as the other two [Sanders and Hilary Clinton] did. It’s a reality that the debate was being portrayed as a showdown between Mrs. Clinton and Bernie, but if you’re going to be invited to participate and people are going to judge whether you, quote, ‘won’ or not, at least you should be able to have the kind of time that’s necessary to discuss the issues that you care about, that you’ve worked on.” But, notes Webb, “in the Drudge poll I was a very strong second... I was 25 and I think Secretary Clinton was 7 or 8. And in the *Time* poll we were a strong second, I got 36 on it.” (Webb’s problem is that the debate was held in 2015, rather than in 1965. The Democrat Party has moved far to the left, while Webb has retained largely traditional values.) [82292, 82315, 82318]

Treasury Department figures show that the federal government ended fiscal year 2015 (October 2014 through September 2015) with a deficit of \$439 billion, based on a record \$3.249 trillion in tax revenue and a record \$3.688 trillion in spending. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew states that Obama's agenda "continues to put federal finances on a sustainable footing while laying the foundation for durable economic growth and broadly shared prosperity. Under [Obama's] leadership, the deficit has been cut by roughly three-quarters as a share of the economy since 2009—the fastest sustained deficit reduction since just after World War II." [82285, 82286, 82336]

Obama deserves little, if any, of the credit. Every one of the budgets he proposed called for even more spending. The falling deficits have been due largely to increasing tax revenues, reduced spending in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the "sequestration" cuts—which Obama and Congressional Democrats resisted, but which went into effect when the Republicans called his bluff. The final 2008 deficit under President Bush was \$458 billion. Obama then followed with deficits of \$1.412 trillion in 2009, \$1.294 trillion in 2010, \$1.299 trillion in 2011, \$1.087 trillion in 2012, \$679.5 billion in 2013, \$484.6 billion in 2014, and now \$439 billion in 2015. Obama eagerly takes credit for the deficits having fallen from \$1.412 trillion to \$439 billion, but he never mentions that in his first year in office the deficit increased from \$458 billion to that \$1.412 trillion—largely because of \$800+ billion in ill-advised "stimulus" spending. [82285, 82286]

The national debt stands at \$18,150,481,620,363.39 (\$18.15 trillion), up from \$10,626,877,048,913.98 (\$10.6 trillion) when Obama entered the White House in January 2009. The \$18.15 trillion national debt represents about \$57,600 for every man, woman, and child in the United States. [82337]

NationalReview.com reports, "A previously unknown e-mail address used by Huma Abedin was discovered on Thursday, just hours before the top Hillary Clinton aide prepares to testify in front of the House Select Committee on Benghazi. Conservative watchdog group Citizens United discovered the address in an e-mail exchange that shows Clinton Foundation CEO Robert Harrison forwarding a speaking invitation for then-Secretary of State Clinton to both Abedin's State Department account and an unfamiliar Abedin address on November 6, 2012. 'I tried to send this to your 'clintonemail.com' address, but it bounced back as undeliverable, so here it is again,' Harrison wrote. The new address is titled 'humamabedin,' and appears to be a private e-mail account. The State Department redacted the account's domain name, citing a personal-privacy exemption. ... The news of an unknown e-mail account and additional technical troubles will likely factor in to Abedin's closed-door testimony before the Benghazi Committee on Friday [October 16]." [82287]

At ThePostEmail.com editor Sharon Rondeau points out that the Obama short-form birth certificate (COLB) appearing on WhiteHouse.gov is *not* a scanned image of an Obama document but a copy of an image from snopes.com. The image is in black and white, of

low resolution and poor quality, and does not show the hatched security paper background. [82290, 82291, 82346]

Judicial Watch announces “that it has obtained records from the U.S. Department of the Air Force revealing that Barack Obama’s February and March 2015 travel for golf vacations and fundraisers totaled \$4,436,245.50 in taxpayer-funded transportation expenses. The documents regarding the Obama travel expenses came in response to two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed by Judicial Watch. To date, the Secret Service has not provided requested information, as required by FOIA, regarding security costs.” [82293, 82330]

A PPP survey in Pennsylvania shows Hillary Clinton ahead of Jeb Bush (45-40 percent), but trailing Donald Trump (43-45), Marco Rubio (42-45), Carly Fiorina (42-43), and Ben Carson (43-47). Bernie Sanders trails Trump (42-46), Rubio (40-41), Fiorina (38-40), and Carson (36-44). [82349]

On October 16 Breitbart.com reports, “Hundreds of Palestinians set fire to Joseph’s Tomb overnight, causing severe damage to the holy site in Nablus. Amid calls for a ‘day of rage’ Friday, the Palestinian mob targeted one of Judaism’s most holy sites in an arson attack that echoes the tactics employed by the Islamic State terror group, which has consistently targeted for destruction holy sites in Iraq and Syria.” CNN runs the despicably misleading headline, “Joseph’s Tomb site catches fire in spate of Palestinian-Israeli violence.” According to CNN, a “fire broke out at the compound.” (To CNN, the fact that a mob of Palestinians threw Molotov cocktails to start the fire is not important. CNN may as well have used the headline, “World Trade Center towers collapse as a result of rising U.S.-Arab tensions” on September 11, 2001.) Uri Ariel, Israel’s Agriculture Minister, states, “Torching one of the places holy to the Jewish people is a new low, and a result of Palestinian incitement. While the Palestinians brazenly lie about us harming the status quo on the Temple Mount, they go out and burn and desecrate the sacred places of Israel, and that won’t be forgiven.” [82307, 82310, 82363]

The United Nations watchdog organization UNWatch.org issues a statement: “At least ten different UN staffers are using the imprimatur of their official positions to incite Palestinian stabbing and shooting attacks against Israeli Jews, with one calling on Facebook to ‘stab Zionist dogs,’ according to a new report issued today by UN Watch, the Geneva-based non-governmental organization that is accredited by the United Nations with the mandate to monitor the world body’s compliance with its charter. UN Watch submitted the report today to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, UNRWA [United Nations Relief and Works Agency] chief Pierre Krähenbühl, and U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power, whose government’s \$400 million annual grant makes it the largest funder of UNRWA. ‘The UN and top funders of UNRWA such as the United States government must act immediately to terminate employees who are inciting murderous anti-Semitism and fueling the deadly pandemic of Palestinian attacks against Israeli Jews that have claimed innocent men, women and children, aged 13 to 78,’ said Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch. ‘Despite UNRWA’s promise, in the wake

of our previous report, to take action and dismiss UNRWA perpetrators of incitement, there has been no accountability whatsoever,' said Neuer. 'On the contrary, UNRWA's main response has been to try and intimidate UN Watch.'" [82384, 82385]

U.S. funding of the UNRWA should cease. In July 2014 20 Hamas rockets were found in a school in Gaza operated by UNRWA (which Pamela Geller calls the "United Nations Rocket Warehousing Agency"). UNRWA claimed the school was vacant, stated that it 'strongly condemns the group or groups responsible for placing the weapons in one of its installations,' and then turned the rockets over to "local authorities"—which meant Hamas, which controls Gaza. Like most United Nations agencies, the UNRWA is funded largely by the United States. One 6th grade textbook used by UNRWA includes this statement: "Jihad in the cause of God for raising the flag of Islam and preventing oppression and corruption on earth: ...When a Muslim man believes that God is the one who gives life and death, gain and loss, and that victory and power are in His hand, he then liberates himself from others' control, and bravery and a desire to seek martyrdom in God's cause are enlivened within his soul." (U.S. tax dollars are being spent to promote Islamist jihad.) [61423, 61424, 61425, 61461, 61663, 61726, 61731, 61732, 61782, 61825, 61826, 61840]

After a third discovery of rockets in Gaza schools, UNRWA claimed it would "launch a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding this incident." Israel Foreign Ministry spokesperson Yigal Palmor asked, "How many more schools will have to be abused by Hamas missile squads before the international community will intervene? How many times can it turn its head the other way and pretend that it just doesn't see?" Breitbart.com reported, "This week, UNRWA supplies and building materials had been found in Hamas's tunnel infrastructure, which has been used to smuggle weapons and carry out attacks on the State of Israel." Algemeiner.com noted that in 2004 "UNRWA's former Commissioner General Peter Hansen openly admitted... to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation... 'I am sure that there are Hamas members on the UNRWA payroll... and I don't see that as a crime.'" According to Fox News, Hamas members hold "25 out of 27 seats on a union board that represents ten thousand UNRWA workers" in Gaza. [61932, 61933, 62218, 62219, 62220, 62249] 62494, 62495, 62496]

At Algemeiner.com Deborah Danan reported, "A video of summer camps run by UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, is making the rounds on pro-Israel social media networks again with footage that shows Palestinian children as young as 6 calling for 'Jihad against the Jews.' 'The resistance in Gaza is not enough,' says one camper in UNRWA's school in Balata. 'We need to unite and fight together.' The Lawfare Project, who promoted the video, makes the claim that US and Europe-sponsored UNWRA is abusing children with brainwashing methods that include games aimed at teaching the values of war and the Arab 'right of return' to Israeli cities. It portrays children writing names on kites of the Israeli cities that they will one day recapture as theirs. ...The songs that are sung include inciteful lyrics which range from tamer verses like 'I will not forget my promise to take back my land' and 'collect stones, throw them at Israelis' to the more radical such as 'we are the

revolutionaries and we are filled with rage,’ ‘when we die as martyrs we go to heaven’ and ‘with God’s help we will wage war.’ ...Another child who appears to be about 7-years-old is asked who the Jews are. ‘They are a gang of infidels and Christians,’ she says. ‘I will defeat them.’ An older teenager is filmed as saying, ‘Attacking stage by stage is not the answer. We need to attack all at once.’ He continues by saying ‘There will never be peace between us and Israel.’” [62637, 62644, 62655, 62659, 62684]

Roger Stone writes at LewRockwell.com, “That Jeb Bush was a habitual smoker of marijuana is not extraordinary in terms of the realities of drug use on exclusive prep school and college campuses in the 70s and 80s. Jeb was more than just a smoker—he was a dealer. Former Congressman John LeBoutillier has written that two classmates at his 30th Harvard reunion, both who were at Andover with Jeb Bush, said that Jeb not only ran a marijuana and alcohol ring in which he sold product to his schoolmates but also that he was a habitual marijuana smoker. ‘I never knew why Jeb walked around Andover with his jaw hanging open until someone told me he was stoned all the time.’ ...As I have found in my investigative research, virtually every one of Jeb’s failed business enterprises is a carried interest in which he put up no cash but used his family name and connections to secure loans, financing, waivers or other financially significant benefits for this enterprises. No less than five of Bush’s former partners in these endeavors are in jail. ...Whether it is using drugs, connections to drug traffickers or walking out on a \$4.5 million loan, Jeb Bush pays no penalty and suffers no consequences. This is a phenomenon called “elite deviance” in which a small number of elites are so wealthy or so politically connected that they can commit crimes with impunity. Jeb Bush says he is going to Washington to “fight the pampered elites”. The evidence shows he is the pampered elite.” [82304, 82305, 82306]

Also at Lew Rockwell.com Mises.org’s Jeff Diest warns that, like socialist Senator Bernie Sanders, “millions of American progressives hold these deeply statist and authoritarian beliefs: changes in climate threaten human extinction; fossil fuels should be banned, and alternative fuels should be mandated; wealth and income should be forcibly redistributed; no individual should earn more than a set amount of money each year; welfare and entitlement programs should be vastly increased; whole industries (healthcare, education) should be nationalized, while others (energy, banking) should be regulated to the point of de facto nationalization; some form of global government should be installed; a global wealth tax should be implemented; private ownership of firearms should be banned; anti-discrimination legislation should be applied to private religious organizations; racial, gender, and sexual orientation quotas should be mandated on both public and private employers; certain types of speech should be criminalized; certain criminals should be subjected to greater penalties if motivated by ‘hate’; social justice should be pursued by any means necessary; and government should attempt to engineer equality of outcomes.” [82308]

“These ideas, and the people who hold them, are not outliers in America. There are millions of rank and file progressives, mostly registered Democrats, who believe exactly as Bernie believes. They may prefer to vote for Hillary Clinton purely as a tactical matter

because they are unsure the country is ‘ready’ for full socialism, or because they think Hillary has a better chance of beating the hated Republicans in the general election. But average progressives and Democrats agree with Bernie Sanders across the board, whether they plan to vote for him or not. ...The entire progressive agenda of the last century, which would have sounded outrageous to the libertarian-tinged ear of the average American in 1900, is now merely the baseline from which all government action originates.” [82308]

According to NYTimes.com, FBI agents who have been “working for months to determine whether Ms. Clinton’s email setup had... put any of the nation’s secrets at risk” were less than pleased by Obama’s comment on *60 Minutes*: “I don’t think it posed a national security problem. ...This is not a situation in which America’s national security was endangered.” The *Times* writes, “Investigators have not reached any conclusions about whether the information on the server had been compromised or whether to recommend charges, according to the law enforcement officials. But to investigators, it sounded as if Mr. Obama had already decided the answers to their questions and cleared anyone involved of wrongdoing. The White House quickly backed off the president’s remarks and said Mr. Obama was not trying to influence the investigation. But his comments spread quickly, raising the ire of officials who saw an instance of [Obama] trying to influence the outcome of a continuing investigation—and not for the first time.” Former FBI official Ron Hosko states, “Injecting politics into what is supposed to be a fact-finding inquiry leaves a foul taste in the FBI’s mouth and makes them fear that no matter what they find, the Justice Department will take [Obama’s] signal and not bring a case.” [82319, 82320, 82332]

The *Daily Mail* points out that Clinton “could be prosecuted in federal court for failing to tell President Barack Obama about her private email server at the time she was running it, according to a veteran FBI agent.” An FBI agent with a “20-year career in federal law enforcement” who “serves in a supervisory capacity in a domestic FBI field office... said ...that failing to put Obama in the loop could be enough to send her to prison for ten years. The federal Espionage Act includes a provision that criminalizes ‘gross negligence’ by officials charged with safeguarding national defense information. Separately, the law’s text makes a criminal of any security clearance holder who fails to notify his or her ‘superior officer’ when a breach of security occurs through such negligence. ‘If investigators conclude that the former secretary [Clinton] was criminally careless in how she approached the security of the sensitive documents in her possession, then this part of the law could be used to prosecute her,’ the agent said, on condition of anonymity. ‘Gross negligence’ just means ‘serious carelessness,’ he clarified. ...‘The secretary’s superior is the President of the United States,’ the FBI agent noted. ‘So unless he were aware of what she was doing when she was doing it, it seems there could be a legal problem [for her].’ ...‘The only way setting up your own email server for messages about sensitive information isn’t negligent is if it’s deliberate—which is far worse,’ he said.” The Espionage Act (18 USC 793) “calls for a 10-year prison sentence for anyone convicted of ‘gross negligence’ that permits such information to be ‘removed from its proper place.’” [82343]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge and Pamela Browne add, “Three months after Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email address and server while secretary of state was referred to the FBI, an intelligence source familiar with the investigation tells Fox News that the team is now focused on whether there were violations of an Espionage Act subsection pertaining to ‘gross negligence’ in the safekeeping of national defense information. Under 18 USC 793 subsection F, the information does not have to be classified to count as a violation. The intelligence source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity citing the sensitivity of the ongoing probe, said the subsection requires the ‘lawful possession’ of national defense information by a security clearance holder who ‘through gross negligence,’ such as the use of an unsecure computer network, permits the material to be removed or abstracted from its proper, secure location. Subsection F also requires the clearance holder ‘to make prompt report of such loss, theft, abstraction, or destruction to his superior officer.’ A failure to do so ‘shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.’” [82321, 82334]

“The source said investigators are also focused on possible obstruction of justice. ‘If someone knows there is an ongoing investigation and takes action to impede an investigation, for example destruction of documents or threatening of witnesses, that could be a separate charge but still remain under a single case,’ the source said. Currently, the ongoing investigation is led by the Washington Field Office of the FBI. A former FBI agent, who is not involved in the case, said the inconsistent release of emails, with new documents coming to light from outside accounts, such as that of adviser Sidney Blumenthal, could constitute obstruction. In addition, Clinton’s March statement that there was no classified material on her private server has proven false, after more than 400 emails containing classified information were documented. ... One of Clinton’s primary defenses is that the emails containing classified information, did not carry classification markings, but a leading national security defense attorney says that is no excuse under the law. ‘The fact that something’s not marked or that the person may not know that it was classified would not be relevant at all in a prosecution under the Espionage Act,’ defense attorney Edward MacMahon Jr. recently told Fox.” [82321, 82334]

In a radio interview with Matt Murphy, Congressman Mo Brooks (R-AL) says, “In my judgment, with respect to Hillary Clinton, she will be a unique president if she is elected by the public next November, because the day she’s sworn in is the day that she’s subject to impeachment because she has committed high crimes and misdemeanors.” [82545, 82546, 82641]

At Townhall.com Caroline Glick, senior Middle East fellow at the Center for Security Policy, writes, “Israel’s political leaders have rightly expressed anger at the US State Department’s hostile characterizations of the Palestinian terrorist onslaught. Secretary of State John Kerry’s claims, parroted by his spokesmen, that Israel is either entirely to blame for Palestinian terrorism or shares the blame equally with the Palestinians, are baseless lies. Kerry and his spokesmen have alleged that the current Palestinian convulsion of murderous violence is a product of ‘a massive increase in settlements.’ Yet

as Haaretz reported this week, Israel has built fewer homes for Jews in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria since 2009, when Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (and ...Obama) entered office, than it had since 1995. The steep increase in the Jewish population in the areas is almost entirely the result of Jewish women having babies. The other accusations the State Department has leveled against Israel—that it incites violence and engages in terrorism—are so obscene that there is no point in trying to set the record straight. Quite simply, an administration comfortable with libeling Israel in this way doesn't want to know the truth.” [82322]

“While at this point it is abundantly clear that Kerry like the administration he serves has an unpleasant, irrational obsession with the Jewish state, it's hard to shake the conclusion that there is more going on here than simply opposition to Israel. For instance his claim this week that ‘Unless we get going, a two-state solution could conceivably be stolen from everybody,’ is more an assault on reality generally than on Israel in particular. Kerry, like the Obama administration as a whole, is angry at reality because at least as far as Israel and its Palestinian neighbors are concerned, reality shares no common ground with the administration's assumption of Israeli guilt. There is no chance that Palestinian Authority Chairman and PLO chief Mahmoud Abbas will agree to make peace with Israel. We know this not only because Abbas rejected peace and a Palestinian state when then-prime minister Ehud Olmert offered him both in 2008. We know this as well because three years ago Abbas rejected the idea of a negotiated settlement and opted instead to use the UN to gain international recognition of a Palestinian state at war with Israel.” [82322]

“...Arab Israelis and Jerusalem residents aren't attacking Jews because Israel exercises sovereignty over the areas they live in. They are attacking Israel because like the Palestinians in Judea, and Samaria, they watch Palestinian and pan-Arab television, and like the Palestinians they use Facebook. In other words, the 1.7 million Arabs inside sovereign Israel, and the 1.7 million Palestinians in Judea and Samaria have been subjected to the same campaign of incitement and solicitation of terrorism against Jews over the past year and to the same 22 years of indoctrination to hate Jews and seek Israel's destruction. The geographic borders separating these two groups have no impact whatsoever on their hearts and minds. The question isn't how they feel, but whether or not they can act on their feelings. The reason that the Arab Israelis who have been moved to murder Jews do so with knives and pistols rather than missiles and suicide vests is that Israel controls Jerusalem and the Galilee.” [82322]

“...No, Israel cannot change what is in the hearts and minds of the Palestinians, or of its Arab citizens and permanent residents. And it is because of this that separation is a chimera. All we can do is limit their ability to act on the hatred that has been instilled in them for the past 22 years. As for Kerry and his delusions, we have no choice but to allow him to fail to make peace again. But while we are at it, we need to recognize that given that he lives in his world of delusion, no concession Israel makes in the real world will satisfy him.” [82322]

Barack “Uhbama” adds fuel to the fire caused by State Department spokesman John Kirby and Secretary of State John Kerry, telling reporters, “With respect to Israel, obviously, we’re very concerned about, uh, the outbreak of violence, uh, that, uh, initially is centered on Jerusalem, but, uh, we always are concerned about, uh, the spread of violence elsewhere. Uh, we condemn in the strongest possible terms, uh, violence directed against innocent people, uh, and believe that Israel has a right to maintain basic law and order and protect its citizens from knife attacks, uh, and, uh, violence on the streets. Uh, we also believe that it’s important for both Prime Minister [Binyamin] Netanyahu, and Israeli elected officials, and [Palestinian Authority] President [Mahmoud] Abbas, and other, uh, people in positions of power to try to tamp down rhetoric that may feed violence, or anger, or misunderstanding, and try to, uh, you know, get all people, uh, in Israel and in the West Bank, uh, ta [sic], to recognize that, uh, this kind of random violence isn’t gonna [sic] result in anything other than more hardship, uh, and more insecurity.” (By “tamp down rhetoric,” Obama apparently means it is not helpful for Israelis to plead, “Stop killing us in cold blood!”) [82344, 82354]

“And, you know, I don’t think that it’s—uh, I don’t think we can wait for all the issues that exist between Israelis and Palestinians to be settled, uh, in order for us ta [sic; to] try to damp down, uh, the violence right now. I think my views are well known that, uh, over time, the only way that, uh, Israel is going to be truly secure, and the only way that the Palestinians are gonna [sic] be able to meet the aspirations of their people is if there are two states living side by side in peace and security. Uh, those talks, which Secretary Kerry put enormous effort in, and before that, uh, a number of our, uh, envoys and, uh, Secretary Clinton put an enormous effort in, uh, have stalled. Uh, and I think it’s gonna [sic] be up to the parties, and we stand ready to assist, to see if they can, uh, restart a more constructive relationship. Uh, but in the meantime right now, uh, you know, everybody needs to focus on making sure that, uh, innocent people aren’t being killed.” [82344, 82354]

“...What Secretary Kerry said was is [sic] that we have to end the violence, that, uh, Israel has a right to prevent its citizens from, uh, being subjected ta [sic; to] o random violence, that all parties have to, uh, lower the rhetoric, that the religious sites that are so important ta [to] three of the world’s major religions, uh, inside of Jerusalem, uh, need to be respected, and that the status quo that allowed shared worship, uh, in, uh, in and around these spaces, uh, needed to be maintained. And then, I think, as an addition to those statements, what Secretary Kerry said, was is that the atmosphere, in which, there’s so much tension and suspicion between, uh, Palestinians and Israelis, uh, obviously, uh, creates, uh, the potential for more misunderstanding, uh, and triggers, uh, and that’s something that’s been true now for decades. Uh, and if we can make progress there, obviously, uh, it’s gonna [sic] help, but, uh, you know, there’s not a direct causation here, and, and what we do need to make sure is is [sic] that we’re focusing right now on, uh, ensuring that, uh, innocent people aren’t being killed.” [82344, 82354]

At a Keene, New Hampshire town hall meeting, Hillary Clinton is asked about Australia’s gun confiscation scheme (via a *mandatory* buy-back program). She responds

“I think it would be worth considering doing it on the national level if that could be, uh, arranged.” (Clinton may not be aware of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.) [82323, 82324, 82325, 82326, 82373]

According to an NBC News/Survey Monkey poll, Hillary Clinton has the support of 45 percent of Democrats; Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) has 31 percent. TheHill.com notes that the socialist Senator “is making in-roads with young voters, nabbing 54 percent of those below age 30. Clinton, in contrast, receives 24 percent among that same voting bloc.” (Offering free college educations will, of course, boost support among young people. Clinton could gain support in Florida by offering free air conditioning.) [82327]

Obama’s ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, finally figures out that Iran’s recent test launch of a medium-range, nuclear-capable ballistic missile is in “clear violation” of 2010’s United Nations Security Council Resolution 1929. Power states, “The United States is deeply concerned about Iran’s recent ballistic missile launch.” (One can safely predict that nothing will be done about the violation.) [82329, 82365]

Meanwhile, *The New York Times* editorial board figures out that “The Obama administration and the Pentagon have been disingenuous, and at times downright dishonest, in their public assessment of the progress American forces and civilians have made in Afghanistan in recent years.” [82329]

Behind closed doors, Hillary Clinton’s aide, Huma Abedin, is questioned by the Select Committee on Benghazi for more than five hours. (Hillary Clinton will testify on October 22.) [82335, 82341, 82368, 82391]

In an interview with CNN’s Jake Tapper, Hillary Clinton bursts into laughter when he mentions Senator Bernie Sanders’ debate statement, “The American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails.” Tapper tries to refocus Clinton, saying, “But there are a lot of people who are not... [Clinton continues to laugh and cackle] including, including FBI officials looking into whether national security was compromised because of this server...” (Clinton eventually regains her composure, but the bizarre reaction will lead many to wonder about the soundness of her mental faculties.) [82369, 82397, 82399, 82411]

In an interview with Fox News’ Bret Baier, former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates says, “My view is that when a president sends troops in harm’s way, he has to convince them that he believes risking their lives is worthwhile. He has to be able to convince them that their cause is noble and just—and warrants their sacrifice. And even after he sent an additional 60,000 troops to Afghanistan, [Obama] just didn’t do that.” Gates complains about White House interference during his time at the Defense Department: “It was the operational micromanagement that drove me nuts—of White House and [National Security Council] staffers calling senior commanders out in the field and asking them questions, of second-guessing commanders. That’s the kind of thing that made me

crazy.” One reason for the interference was that Obama “Obama was deeply suspicious of [the military’s] actions and their recommendations. I think this was particularly true in Afghanistan. And I think there were people in the White House—and I don’t want to name any names—who were constantly goading him and saying ‘the military is trying to box you in’ and ‘the military is trying to trap you,’ ‘the military is trying to bully you.’ ‘The military is trying to make you do something you don’t wanna [sic] do.’” Baier asks Gates if Vice President Joe Biden was one of the names he does not want to mention. Gates replies, “I think so. And I was told so.” [82370]

Newsmax.com reports, “Just one week after the federal Bureau of Prisons banned pork products from its 122 prisons, pork roast will return to the dinner lines, officials said Friday. The reversal came just hours after Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, who represents the farm-strong state of Iowa, wrote to complain about the decision.” (Officials claim the original decision was not meant to appease Muslim prisoners.) [82345]

DailyCaller.com reports that on a visit to Brown University, 17-year-old Malia Obama was “spotted playing beer pong with the other Ivy League students during a dorm party.” Not surprisingly, a photo of the Obama teenager in one of the dormitories was posted on the Internet, along with Twitter messages: “I should definitely tweet about the fact that malia [sic] Obama was at a party on my floor last night,” “malia obama [sic] was taking shots and playing beer pong at a party last night LOL,” and “When you went to a brown [sic] party last night with Brenna scully [sic], Malia Obama, and the secret service outside.” [82367, 82374, 82655]

Hungary closes its border with Croatia to try to stop the massive influx of refugees heading for western Europe. BBC.com reports, “Croatia said it would begin directing migrants to Slovenia instead. Hungary has been a major transit country for migrants, many of whom aim to continue on to Austria and Germany. ...The border, reinforced with a razor-wire fence, closed at midnight (22:00 GMT) on Friday.” [82375, 82376, 82377, 82378]

Hungary’s Prime Minister, Viktor Orban, says in an interview, “Islam has never been part of Europe, it came to us. ...[S]piritually, Islam was never part of Europe. It’s the rulebook of another world. ...We in Hungary decide what we want or don’t want. We don’t want that [multicultural society]. ...Not everyone is entitled to a life in Germany or a life in Hungary. That’s only for those who have worked for it.” [82383]

SeattleTimes.com reports, “The Interior Department announced Friday it is canceling future lease sales and will not extend current leases in Arctic waters off Alaska’s northern coast, a decision that significantly reduces the chances for future Arctic offshore drilling. ...Interior Secretary Sally Jewell said the federal government is canceling federal petroleum lease sales in U.S. Arctic waters that were scheduled for 2016 and 2017.” (Meanwhile, Alaska and China continue to expand their arctic oil operations.) [82405, 82406, 82413, 82883]

On October 17 Newsmax.com reports, “The Secret Service will give agent protection to Ben Carson and Donald Trump while heavily upgrading Hillary Clinton’s existing detail, a Washington source close to the agency’s plans confirmed to Newsmax. The deployment of agents around Republican candidates Trump and Carson is set to begin as early as next week. Approximately two dozen agents will be assigned to each candidate. ...The agency’s decision was primarily triggered by a significant number of threats to Carson, including death threats and terrorist chatter, the source said. The threats to the retired pediatric neurosurgeon have been ‘off the charts,’ the source said. Polls show Carson either tied with Trump for front-runner status or in second place.” (Obama’s Secret Service protection commenced May 3, 2007, perhaps not because of specific threats, but because Obama wanted voters to believe there were specific threats. In May 2007 virtually everyone believed Hillary Clinton would be the Democrat nominee, but the Secret Service protection gave Obama a “presidential aura.”) [82372]

In the fifth knife attack of the day in Israel, a Palestinian tries to stab an Israeli soldier in the West Bank. According to i24News.tv, “Police said that the assailant was unable to penetrate the officer’s bulletproof vest. Officers at the scene opened fire on the attacker, hitting him in the lower body. A bomb squad officer attempted to examine the wounded Palestinian, who proceeded to pull out another knife and tried to stab the officer. A Border Police officer opened fire, hitting the attacker, who was neutralized.” [82379, 82380, 82381, 82382]

The Council on American-Islamic Relations gives Ahmed “clock boy” Mohamed its “American Muslim of the Year” award. [82447]

On October 18 Obama “officially” signs the nuclear agreement with Iran, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. As Iran satisfies the conditions of the agreement (or pretends to), sanctions against it will be removed. Obama says, “Today marks an important milestone toward preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon and ensuring its nuclear program is exclusively peaceful going forward. I welcome this important step forward. And we, together with our partners, must now focus on the critical work of fully implementing this comprehensive resolution that addresses our concerns over Iran’s nuclear program.” FoxNews.com quotes Ali Akbar Velayati, “a top adviser” to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei: “On implementation, all should be watchful that Westerners, particularly Americans, ...keep their promises.” [82386]

With Obama having signed the agreement, Iran can be expected to crack down on dissidents even more. Shaqayeq Azimi, whose parents were arrested by the Iranian secret police on October 11, asks, “Why on earth the West in general and the U.S. administration in particular are so silent on the abhorrent human rights situation and the plight of dissidents in Iran? This will only embolden the mullahs to go after people like my parents. We Iranians pay the price of this bad policy. Are these ayatollahs worthy of dealing with?” [82398]

On ABC's *This Week*, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) avoids designating specific rates, but says wealthy Americans will be paying "a damned lot higher" rate than they pay now. (To Sanders, a 39.6 percent tax on income is not high enough. When coupled with state and local income taxes, property taxes, and Social Security taxes, many Americans pay taxes in excess of 50 percent of their income. Sanders wants them to pay more.) "We are going to have a tax on Wall Street speculation... [and] we are going to ask [Donald] Trump and his billionaire friends to pay more taxes." DailyCaller.com notes, "Sanders also suggested that he would 'raise the estate tax so that Trump and his billionaire friends and their families will pay more in taxes.' Another proposal that Sanders suggested was that he would put a 'tax on Wall Street speculation.'" (Sanders is an economic idiot. Raising the estate tax destroys small businesses and family farms because they have to be sold to pay the taxes when their owners die. That is precisely how large corporations take over and avoid competition. Further, of course, taxing "Wall Street speculation" reduces the amount of speculation—which inhibits the growth of new businesses and industries. It is already incredibly difficult to start a new business in the United States because of high taxes and burdensome regulation, and making it more difficult for entrepreneurs to raise funds for new businesses will only make the business climate worse.) [82387, 82412]

On *Meet the Press*, NBC's Chuck Todd asks Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), "Would the Middle East be more stable today if you had the strong men [such as Iraq's Saddam Hussein and Libya's Muammar Gaddafi] there?" Cruz responds, "Of course, it would. Of course, it would. It... it wasn't even close." Todd: "Gaddafi, Saddam, [Bashar al-] Assad, if they're strong men, they keep stability?" Cruz: "It wasn't even close that Libya under Gaddafi was better for U.S. interests than the chaos now that has allowed jihadists to gain strength. ...It wasn't even close that Egypt under [Hosni] Mubarak was a much stronger ally than it was under [Mohammed] Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood. And now you have President [Abdel Fattah] El-Sisi. You know, one of the things that I've talked about many times, President El-Sisi, I'm very glad he's leading Egypt. He's been one of the most courageous Middle East leaders." [82388]

Todd offers the predictable false choice argument, asking Cruz if he would pick "stability over democracy"—as if there are no other scenarios. Cruz replies, "The touchstone of U.S. foreign policy should be our national security interests... President El-Sisi at Cairo University gave an incredibly courageous speech where he called out radical Islamic terrorists. And President el-Sisi is a Muslim. He called out ISIS. He called out the Islamists. Now that was a brave and important speech for a Muslim leader to do. He was very much taking his own life in his hands. You [had] better believe the Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS and the jihadists are trying harder to murder him. And what does it say when the president of Egypt shows more courage in fighting the Islamists than does ...Obama who, who sadly at times acts like an apologist for radical Islamic terrorists." [82388]

On *Face the Nation*, moderator John Dickerson questions the legitimacy of the Select Benghazi Committee and suggests it is a political witch hunt directed at Hillary Clinton.

Chairman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) responds, "...[U]nless you're on the committee, you have no idea what we've done, why we've done it, and what new facts we have found. He have found new facts... that have absolutely nothing to do with her [Clinton]. I get that people don't want to talk about that, but the seven members of my committee are much more focused on the four dead Americans [killed in Benghazi] than we are anyone's presidential aspirations." Gowdy asks how previous committees missed Ambassador Christopher Stevens' emails. "None of the seven previous committees bothered to access the emails of our Ambassador. So if you want a window into Libya and want to know what was happening in the weeks and months before these four were killed, why would you not look at the Ambassador's emails? He was a prolific emailer." [82402, 82415]

"I'll give you a one week time period in June [2012]. He's just been put in place as the ambassador, just accepted, on June the 7th, and he is already asking for more security. He notes that there's an... uptick in violence, he's asking for more security. On almost exactly that day... he is asked to read and respond to an email from [Hillary Clinton's pal] Sidney Blumenthal, who knows nothing about Libya. So, he's asking for security, and Jake Sullivan [then Clinton's deputy chief of staff] in Washington is asking our ambassador, the day after our facility was attacked with an IED, to read and respond to an email from Sidney Blumenthal. ...And on one occasion, he [Stevens] even joked in an email, 'Maybe we should ask another government to pay for our security upgrades because our government isn't willing to do it.' [If you want to] know what happened in Libya you gotta [sic; have to] look at his emails." [82402, 82415]

On *Fox News Sunday*, Donald Trump says, "Personally, I think that Hillary [Clinton] was one of the worst, if not the worst, I mean if you look at the record, Secretary of States ever, ever in this country. I think that's the bigger problem that she's got. I don't think Benghazi is as big a problem for her as her past and what's happened. The world blew up around her. You look at the world, it just blew up around her. Everything... that happened during her tenure were [sic; was] a disaster." [82389]

NYPPost.com reports that a hacker claims he got into CIA Director John Brennan's personal AOL account. Brennan—who should never been given the position in the first place due to his incompetence—foolishly kept "47-page application for top-secret security clearance" in his AOL files. "Other emails stored in Brennan's non-government account contained the Social Security numbers and personal information of more than a dozen top American intelligence officials, as well as a government letter about the use of 'harsh interrogation techniques' on terrorism suspects, according to the hacker." (Michael Scheuer, former chief of the CIA's Osama bin Laden unit, has claimed that Brennan "mostly made his career by kissing other people's behinds" and will not tell Obama "something [he] doesn't want to hear.") The next day WikiLeaks states it has information that allegedly came from the hack of Brennan's records and "will be releasing it shortly." [7820, 7830, 7831, 7837, 82456, 82457, 82464, 82512, 82517, 82524, 82528, 82534, 82535]

It is worth repeating that Brennan, a consultant to the Obama campaign in 2008, was the president and CEO of Analysis Corporation. One of his company's employees was accused of improperly accessing passport files of Obama, Hillary Clinton, and John McCain in March 2008. A key witness in the investigation into the passport incident was then murdered—and the case remains unsolved. Brennan was among those who has argued for trying 9/11 terrorist planner Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a civilian criminal court in the United States. Brennan has also referred to Jerusalem as “al Quds” (the name used by Muslims who want it to be the capital of a future Palestinian state) and called jihad a “legitimate tenet of Islam.” (Throughout this multi-volume *Timeline* can be found many examples of Brennan's ineptitude. Some believe the Arabic-speaking Brennan is a “closet Muslim” who converted when he served as CIA station chief in Saudi Arabia, and that he has his current CIA position only because of what he knows about Obama's past.) [7631, 7633, 7634, 7636, 7664, 7666, 8838, 8933, 8934, 8953, 9043, 9134, 11344, 11390, 11425, 11583, 82487, 82488, 82591, 82592, 82593]

Pamela Geller posts a translation of an Austrian news report: “When you dare to take a look at the border town of Nickelsdorf, population 1,600, you will literally be blown away: uncontrolled, illegal migrants wherever you look, and an orgy of garbage and feces of unparalleled dimensions. As early as arriving at the railway station in Nickelsdorf one will notice crowds surrounding ‘Trafiks’ (slang for tobacconist). An astonishingly high number of immigrants—or migrants, want to pay with 500 Euro-bills. The Trafikant is obviously overwhelmed by this payment method, which seems to have been going on for a long while now. The customers are baffled for being rejected due to lack of change. Everything [is] completely filthy. Commuters of the 87 kilometers near Vienna Neustadt report, that in the until recently of hundreds of immigrants occupied Arena ‘Nova’, there also was an unusually massive burden and exposure of fecal matter, because these guests from foreign countries ‘went potty everywhere.’ The supplied porta-potties were left ‘completely filthy’ and unusable. Many people in Nickelsdorf feel completely let down by their government. ...One unsettled female voluntary helper tells that ‘we were continuously berated as Christian whores.’ Others just don't understand just what kinds of people were marching through the land completely uncontrolled and unregistered, with the blessing of the government: ‘There were the most strangest types, some way too tall Chinese, supposedly from Mongolia or similar areas, colored people in all shades—but hardly any Syrians.’ The rumor that Hungary had used the chaos to empty out their prisons, is persistent.” (The Obama administration wants to accept 200,000 refugees.) [82392, 82393, 82502]

At a bus station in Be'er Sheva, Israel, a terrorist shoots and kills Sergeant Omri Levy, an Israeli soldier, and wounds nine. The terrorist is then killed. According to YnetNews.com, “An Eritrean man thought by the crowd to be a second terrorist was shot by a security officer, lynched by the surrounding mob and died early Monday morning from his wounds. The attacker was identified on Monday as Muhanad Al-Aqabi, 21, an Israeli citizen from Hura. His mother has roots in the Gaza Strip and came to Israel when she married an Israeli citizen. The Shin Bet and police have begun questioning relatives and friends, suspecting that another person had helped him train for using the rifle. ...The terrorist arrived at the bus terminal armed with a knife, a gun and ammunition, and

started attacking passersby. He tried to stab a woman, who sprayed him with pepper spray, and then shot a soldier and snatched his M-16 rifle, shooting in all directions.” (Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry have not yet blamed Israel for the attack.) [82394, 82395, 82396]

The anti-immigration Swiss People’s Party (SVP) wins the largest share of the vote in national elections in Switzerland. *The Telegraph* writes, “Immigration was the central topic for voters amid a rush of asylum seekers from the Middle East and North Africa to Europe. ‘The vote was clear,’ SVP leader Toni Brunner told Swiss television. ‘The people are worried about mass migration to Europe.’ Sunday’s result cemented the SVP’s position as the dominant force in Swiss politics. It won 29.4 percent of the vote, according to the final tally from Swiss broadcaster SRF, up from 26.6 percent in the 2011 vote and far exceeding expectations. It was the best performance by a party in at least a century.” [82433, 82434]

On October 19 Canada holds national elections, with Obama hoping conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper will lose to the Liberal Party’s Justin Trudeau (son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau). Helping Trudeau may be his support for legalized marijuana. (Obama opposes Harper because he is a strong supporter of Israel at the United Nations.) Hurting Trudeau may be the fact that he was a lousy student, has held jobs like snowboard instructor and camp counselor, and has no problem with unvetted Muslim immigrants. (But the voters may forgive his lack of qualifications because he is a leftist and has a last name they know.) [82410, 82459, 82816]

In Malmo, Sweden, hundreds of Muslim demonstrators call for the slaughter of Jews and the stabbing of Israeli soldiers. (Malmo, the third largest city in Sweden, has a huge foreign-born population. GatestoneInstitute.org notes, “Forty years after the Swedish parliament unanimously decided to change the formerly homogenous Sweden into a multicultural country, violent crime has increased by 300% and rapes by 1,472%. Sweden is now number two on the list of rape countries, surpassed only by Lesotho in Southern Africa. ...In 1975, 421 rapes were reported to the police; in 2014, it was 6,620. That is an increase of 1,472%. Sweden is now number two on the global list of rape countries.” In Oslo, Norway, virtually all the violent street-rapes are committed by immigrants.) [82479, 82480, 82481, 82486, 82640, 83120]

At TheHill.com Ian Smith reports that the Obama administration is further “greasing the skids” for immigrant workers in the United States by making it easier for them to obtain highly-coveted Employment Authorization Document (EAD) cards. HotAir.com simplifies the complicated details of the story: “All of this gets a bit wonky in the details, but here’s the short version. ‘Guest workers’ in the country on a H-1b or similar program must get their employer to sponsor them by filling out an I-140 application. That essentially keeps them in thrall to the employer with their legal status dependent on their continued employment. If they follow the rules and wait in line, they can eventually be approved to change their status to that of a permanent resident alien with a coveted EAD card, allowing them to essentially go or work anywhere. This remains true even after

their H-1b expires. Achieving this status currently takes 8 to 10 years while they go through the required background checks, etc.” [82503, 82504]

“Under this new set of rules, any guest worker with an approved I-140 can have their ‘status’ upgraded pretty much automatically after a year and get the free pass of having an EAD card. ...As Smith points out, this opens the door to illegal aliens with an incredibly easy side step of the rules. ‘Perhaps the most striking part of Obama’s move: illegal aliens will also be able to get EADs. All one needs to file an I-140 petition is an official ID; proving lawful presence isn’t required. The thousands of business-owners around the country who knowingly hire illegal aliens can cynically sponsor petitions whether or not the underlying applicant is legal...’” [82503, 82504]

“So all you need is an ID card and an employer who isn’t spending all of their time doubling as an ICE agent. And isn’t it convenient that California has been issuing drivers licenses and state ID cards to ‘undocumented immigrants’ faster than they do to citizens? Then all one needs to do is wait for a year without being caught and deported and... poof! You get an EAD card and an essentially permanent get out of jail free card. Oh, and ...it applies to spouses and children as well. This scheme should, by all rights, be under attack from both the Left and the Right. Labor unions should hate it because it’s going to flood the market with tens of thousands of additional unskilled workers competing for jobs. Conservatives should oppose it for obvious reasons. But it probably doesn’t require any action on the part of Congress to do it because... *the pen and the phone.*” [82503, 82504]

Various sources suggest that Vice President Joe Biden will announce his candidacy for president within 48 hours. (WashingtonPost.com inadvertently posts a story declaring that Biden is running—and then quickly removes it. In other words, the stories have already been written and the media outlets are merely waiting for the go-ahead. The Democrats, of course, cannot afford *not* to have Biden in the race. If Hillary Clinton is indicted or has significant health problems (neither of which is out of the question), the party would be stuck with Bernie Sanders as their candidate—unless there is a brokered convention, which itself would be monumentally disruptive for the Democrats.) [82400, 82420, 82421, 82438]

In Dresden, as many as 40,000 demonstrators protest the massive influx of refugees from the Middle East. [82424, 82425]

Meanwhile, Pamela Geller writes, “Despite declining poll numbers and mounting criticism of her traitorous stance on the Muslim migration at home, [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel offered to speed up Turkey’s application for EU [European Union] membership in return for stopping the flow of refugees across its borders. It’s blackmail, and Merkel is paying it—in spades. Turkey has been the gateway for Muslim migrants into Europe. Turkey could have, and should have stopped it—instead, they are holding Europe ransom for EU membership, which will be the final nail in Europe’s coffin. Chancellor Merkel is in Turkey, negotiating with President [Recep Tayyip] Erdogan,

promising to expedite Turkey’s membership into the EU. Such cowardice and stupidity is without peer.” [82426]

“Understand what this means. Turkey has been agitating to join the EU for some time. Should Turkey join the EU, it would be the first predominately Muslim country ever to join the European Union. It would make it an Islamic entity. Turkey is not a European country. Ninety-seven percent of its territory lies in Asia. And Turkey is far too big for the EU to absorb. With a population predicted to reach 91 million by 2050, it will be the dominant member of the EU. Goodbye, European culture, which is an inevitability of the Muslim invasion as it is. Turkey is responsible for a large majority of the Muslim migrants invading Europe—this is like a protection racket.” [82426]

The Eurotunnel between France and England reopens after yet another security issue. *The Guardian* reports, “A Eurotunnel spokesman said hundreds of people [migrants] were involved in a mass break-in overnight, with some getting to the terminal and platforms as a diversion, while others headed straight for the tunnels. ‘They are coming in waves to occupy the police, then another wave comes, then another, until there is no more police,’ he said. ‘One group is then able to get through. Then we have to take over and sweep through the terminal and clear them all from the tracks and the platform.’” [82429, 82430, 82431, 82477]

TruthRevolt.org writes, “The port city of Calais, used as a gateway by migrants seeking illegal-entry into the U.K. via the Eurotunnel that connects France with Britain, has literally turned into one massive, uncontrollable refugee camp replete with bars, discotechs [sic; discotheques] and shops. Now, officials in the U.K. and France along with Eurotunnel executives are practically begging French President Francois Hollande to send in the police, or preferably, the army, to disband the now infamous ‘Jungle Camp’ which is overrun by 6,000 migrants. Each and every night thousands of migrants hailing from the Middle East and Africa attempt to break into the Eurotunnel entrance and stow away on Eurostar trains. According to the Express, those who do not successfully break into the trains resort to ‘playing chicken with lorries so that they can smuggle themselves on board.’ ...Delays are now commonplace on Eurostar trains traveling between France and Britain due to the upheaval. ...Ironically, the one solution proposed by the U.K., has been to erect a (presumably better) security fence. Apparently the ones built before are ‘routinely smashed down by large numbers of migrants.’” [82478]

Obama states that corporations can “enhance their bottom lines” by using renewable energy. (He does not explain how spending more on energy will improve a company’s profits.) [82401]

Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), pushing for legislation requiring paid maternity leave, notes via Twitter that China “provides 14 weeks of paid maternity leave. The US provides zero.” Actor James Woods responds, “China has notoriously killed female infants for population control, you utter moron.” (Sanders is an idiot. China has long had a one-child policy in certain provinces. Sanders apparently believes 14 weeks of paid

leave is sufficient to offset the government telling you how many children you can have. Sanders is also mistaken in his claim. Many Americans, in fact, are entitled to paid maternity leave, depending on the policies of their employers.) [82446, 82798]

At NationalReview.com Kevin Williamson writes, “As he approaches the end of his career in elected office, Barack Obama is in a truly precarious position: He is going to exit the White House having accomplished almost nothing substantive on the policy front—his health-care program is not going to survive, Gitmo is not going to be closed, we are not leaving Afghanistan, and he is sending troops into Iraq—and outside of his perch at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, his party is in ruins: In Congress and the states, the Democrats are in their weakest position in modern political history. If the Democrats do not win the presidency in 2016, there are going to be some very uncomfortable questions about what exactly Obama & Co. accomplished, and at what price.” [82403]

“...Barack Obama’s Democratic party, the one he is giving birth to, is a different animal. He didn’t give a hoot what was in his signature health-care law—just so long as it empowered him to start putting his people in positions to make health-care decisions. His patron saint is Roy Cohn, who proclaimed the gospel ‘Don’t tell me what the law is. Tell me who the judge is.’ Barack Obama doesn’t want to write laws—he wants to appoint judges. He doesn’t want finely crafted legislation—he wants ‘The secretary shall issue.’ Progressives understand this. Conservatives sometimes fail to.” (That is, Democrats do not have to remain in control of Congress to remain in control of government. Once they have leftists installed in the bureaucracies, they will continue to impose rules and regulations long after the politicians who voted for those bureaucracies are dead and buried.) [82403]

According to DailyCaller.com, “Federal officials have a secret list of 11 Obamacare health insurance co-ops they fear are on the verge of failure, but they refuse to disclose them to the public or to Congress... Just in the last three weeks, five of the original 24 Obamacare co-ops announced plans to close, bringing the total of failures to nine barely two years after their launch with \$2 billion in start-up capital from the taxpayers under the Affordable Care Act. All 24 received 15-year loans in varying amounts to offer health insurance to poor and low income customers and provide publicly funded competition to private, for-profit insurers. Among the co-ops to announce closings were those in Iowa, Nebraska, Kentucky, West Virginia, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Vermont, New York and Colorado. Nearly half a million failing co-op customers will have to find new coverage in 2016. More than \$900 million of the original \$2 billion in loans has been lost.” [82404, 82408]

With the 2016 enrollment period for ObamaCare coverage starting November 1, MyWay.com reminds readers, “[I]n 2016, the penalty for being uninsured will rise to the greater of either—\$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income—for someone who goes without coverage for a full 12 months. This year the comparable numbers are \$325 or 2 percent of income. ...After 2016, the fines will rise with inflation. ...[In 2015] Some 7.5 million

households paid penalties totaling \$1.5 billion, an average of \$200 apiece, according to preliminary IRS data.” [82407]

Meanwhile, DailySignal.com reports, “An Indiana man’s IRS bill went viral after he posted a photograph to his Facebook page of a \$2,344 fine he claimed was from the federal government for not purchasing health insurance under the Affordable Care Act. ...In the Facebook post... Miller said the plan for him and his family cost \$398 a month prior to Obamacare’s implementation. In 2014, after the law took effect, his insurance soared to \$1,400 a month. ‘So I chose not to pay \$1,400 a month so [I] got a nice little fine. ...Thanks Obama for the fine for not having insurance ...Thanks for the Affordable Care Act. Thanks for making it so affordable!’ [82414]

In a University of North Florida poll, former governor Jeb Bush gains a mere 9 percent. Leading the poll is Donald Trump (21.7 percent), Ben Carson (19.3), Senator Marco Rubio (14.9), Senator Ted Cruz (6.8), Carly Fiorina (6.5), John Kasich (3.5). [82416, 82417]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Two focus groups of white, college-educated women stunned a Democratic strategist when they expressed an unwillingness to overlook Hillary’s flaws simply because she could be the first woman president. ...The educated white women repeatedly identified Hillary as a ‘liar,’ and dismissed the idea that electing the first woman president is a big deal. Their response ‘astonished’ the strategist...” [82449]

While Jeb Bush tries to defend his brother George after Donald Trump reminded everyone that the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks took place during his presidency, IBTimes.com points out, “Many of the 9/11 hijackers were able to obtain Florida driver’s licenses or identification cards—and train freely in the state—while Jeb Bush was governor.” The reality is that the terrorist attacks would not have occurred had the Clinton and Bush administrations not had such loose visa policies and allowed Saudis to attend Florida flight schools. Jeb Bush himself admitted in his 2013 book, *Immigration Wars*, that a “leaky” immigration system” allowed the hijackers to enter the United States. [82427, 82428, 82450, 82463]

In his 2000 book, *The America We Deserve*, a prescient Trump wrote, “I really am convinced we’re in danger of the sort of terrorist attacks that will make the [1993] bombing of the Trade Center look like kids playing with firecrackers... No sensible analyst rejects this possibility, and plenty of them, like me, are not wondering if but when it will happen. ...One day we’re told that a shadowy figure with no fixed address named Osama bin-Laden is public enemy number one, and U.S. jetfighters lay waste to his camp in Afghanistan... He escapes back under some rock, and a few news cycles later it’s on to a new enemy and new crisis.” [82427, 82428, 82450, 82463, 82466, 82547]

Vice President Joe Biden says, “I don’t think my chief enemy is the Republican Party. This is a matter of making things work.” (Biden’s remarks is an obvious shot across the

bow of Hillary Clinton, who foolishly said in the Democrat debate that she considers Iran and Republicans to be her enemies. Clinton's remark will not sit well with many independent voters, who have seen nothing get done in Congress because Obama will not compromise one iota with the GOP-controlled Congress. Biden is essentially saying, "As president, I'll get things done even with a Republican Congress.") [82437, 82438, 82461]

WeeklyStandard.com reports, "Two former high-ranking Obama administration officials say they did not know about the existence of Hillary Clinton's private email server while she was serving as secretary of state. They also refused to say whether they approved her use of such a server. Derek Chollet, a former assistant secretary of defense, and Matthew Olsen, the former director of the National Counterterrorism Center, spoke with reporters Monday afternoon in a call organized by the left-leaning National Security Network. The call was promoted by the Clinton presidential campaign, as well, in preparation for Clinton's Thursday testimony to the House select committee on Benghazi. Asked if they knew about the server at the time Clinton served in the Obama administration, both Chollet and Olsen said they did not. Asked if they approved of the use of such a server, Chollet said he would 'pass' on that question. ...Olsen also said he would 'pass' on the question of whether or not he approved of Clinton's server." [82419]

Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party wins 184 seats in Canada's House of Commons, thus insuring that he will replace Stephen Harper as the net Prime Minister. Conservatives will hold only 99 seats, down from 159. (In the United States, leftists in the mainstream media cheer the Trudeau victory.) [82422, 82493, 82496, 82498]

Pamela Geller comments on the Canadian election results: "The news goes from bad to worse. In a tragic upset, Justin Trudeau, the leader of Canada's Liberal Party, has unseated the peerless Stephen Harper. Harper was the last man standing—the last true leader of the free world. ...It is astonishing that the world learned nothing from the election of Obama. Justin Trudeau is to the left of Obama. What were Canadians thinking? We can expect the following from Justin Trudeau in the short term. 1) Trudeau will almost immediately accept 25,000 Syrian refugees. 2) Trudeau will almost immediately normalize relations with Iran and end all military operations against ISIS... 3) Trudeau will deactivate Bill C-24 that removes the citizenship [of] Canadians who are terrorists... 4) Trudeau will repeal part of the anti terrorist legislation Bill C-51... 5) Trudeau will give your piece of crap President another avenue to attack Israel via the G8, since Harper will no longer be there to block Obama's anti Israel policy..." (Obama operatives have been in Canada working against Harper. Israel should be *very* worried.) [82423, 82509]

JihadWatch's Robert Spencer writes, "That's it for freedom, worldwide. Justin Trudeau is a wholly owned and operated subsidiary of Islamic supremacists. Harper's Canada was the last outpost, the last place where government was reasonably sane regarding the jihad threat. Now it is up to individuals to stand, no matter how much it costs them, against the forces of oppression and authoritarianism that will become increasingly aggressive, and soon. Many who were thought to be true have already been proven false, and this will

continue: these are and will increasingly be the times that try men's souls. The cowardice of many will be exposed, and it will surprise those who thought they were standing tall. But the human spirit, the spirit of freedom, will never be wholly extinguished—despite the best efforts of the forces of authoritarianism and oppression.” [82436]

Ahmed “clock boy” Mohamed meets Obama at the White House. (The next day *The Washington Post* reports that the Mohamed family will be moving to Qatar—which apparently has a shortage of 1980s clocks from Radio Shack. Switzerland seems to have shown no interest in acquiring the master clock builder.) [82458, 82484, 82501]

On October 20 former Senator Jim Webb announces he is dropping out of the presidential race. He says, “Our political candidates are being pulled to the extremes. They are increasingly out of step with the people they are supposed to serve. It was very difficult to fundraise inside the Democratic Party structure right now. I’ve said for years that the Democratic Party needs to get back to its more traditional message. I’m not seeing that in a way that I wish that I could see it.” (In other words, “I’m a Democrat, not a socialist, but the Democrat Party is now socialist.”) [82439, 82453, 82465, 82572]

Republican Party chairman Reince Priebus responds with a statement: “Former Senator Jim Webb’s decision to drop out of the race is a reflection of how far left the Democrat Party has moved away from the American people. Rather than move to the center following last November’s historic losses, Democrats are racing to the fringe and proposing policies that make ...Obama look like a moderate. After all, a self-avowed socialist is the leading candidate of the Democrat Party in key early states and Hillary Clinton is flip flopping on issue after issue just to keep up. With Senator Webb’s departure, it’s clear the Democrat Party is moving further to the extreme left and far away from mainstream Americans.” (This *Timeline* believes Webb missed a great opportunity. He could have made a statement during the debate that the Democrat Party no longer represents tens of millions of Americans and then walked off the stage. His poll numbers would have gone up. Webb may be considering running as an independent.) [82439, 82448]

Meanwhile, according to a YouGov poll, 49 percent of Democrats have a favorable view of socialism, while only 37 percent have a favorable view of capitalism. [82441, 82442, 82452]

According to an October 7-11 Gallup poll, 56 percent of adults surveyed “believe that if more Americans carried concealed weapons after passing a criminal background check and training course, the country would be safer. In addition, 86 percent favor “universal background checks” for gun purchases—although 53 percent don’t believe that would make much or any difference in preventing mass shootings. [82580, 82581]

The Department of Education issues a “Resource Guide: Supporting Undocumented Youth,” which is meant “to assist and enhance State and local efforts to support

undocumented youth at the secondary and postsecondary school levels.” The document offers advice on how illegal immigrants can obtain taxpayer-funded aid, and suggests that schools sponsor an annual “Undocumented Week” and “an undocumented immigrant awareness day.” [82759, 82760, 82761]

At a Climate and Clean Energy Investment Forum, Secretary of State John Kerry whines that too few graduates are entering the “green energy” field. He says (atrocious grammar left uncorrected), “I can—for 28 years I served in the Senate, and it was rare that you got a really great plus back positive return on a particular vote or choice that you made. If it was one for one, you were doing pretty well. Climate change is, what, four, five, six for one, because you get better health, better economy, better security, better environmental responsibility, better—a reduction of costs in hospitals. Run the list. The cost accounting here is really pretty simple, and it’s pretty extraordinary to me that we haven’t had more smart graduates of various business schools around the country who are leading corporations around America and the world who haven’t raised the profile of this need to really account for things more correctly. Because everybody says, ‘Oh my God, we can’t do that; it’s too expensive.’ Well, it’s not, if you consider the costs of not doing it.” (Kerry is like a solar panel salesman who argues, “With an investment of only \$20,000 you can save \$50 per month on your electric bill!”—while an incredulous homeowner refusing to take the bait does the math in his head and concludes that it will take more than 30 years to “get back” the \$20,000, and even longer when considering the interest lost by not investing that \$20,000 on something else. For the record, Kerry’s \$7 million yacht and his five mansions are not solar powered.) [82583]

Kerry continues, “It’s becoming even more clear with every record-breaking drought, every record-breaking flood, every ‘hottest month ever’ announcement, or every year—hottest year that we live through, with every peer-reviewed study that details the catastrophe that climate change could unleash and, frankly, that we’re seeing already in certain places. The canary in the gold mine, in the coal mine, indicators, which are many in various parts of the world, particularly the Arctic, Antarctic, and in some other places—they all begin to detail the catastrophe that climate change has the potential to unleash.” (MRCTV.org comments, “[S]ome scientists are even warning that the earth could be headed for a mini-ice age, which would pretty much blow a glacier-sized hole in Al Gore’s ‘Earth has a fever’ theory. Gee, that’d be an inconvenient truth. Either way, recent polls appear to support at least one of Kerry’s concerns—most Americans aren’t freaking out over climate change. And Kerry wonders why more business grads aren’t cowering in fear beneath their desks piled with student loan bills, trying desperately to figure out how to power cities using bat guano.”) [82583]

Pamela Geller reports that “workers and shop owners” in Halle, Germany’s four-star Hotel Maritim, “some of whom had worked there for over 25 years, were told a few weeks ago that they would no longer have jobs, because the hotel would be converted into migrant housing.” Geller also posts drone video of thousands of Muslims—mostly young males—marching though Slovenia, on their way to Austria. [82474, 82475, 82476, 82482, 82567, 82568, 82644, 82645]

Geller also posts a video that “shows a mother [in Germany], who works as a cleaning woman, and her daughter, who works as a nurse in a retirement home, being removed from their apartment into an emergency basement apartment for homeless people. The Muslim migrant family who moves into their apartment are still unsatisfied with the accommodations, even though they have free tv, beds, food and laundry service... Here’s another very similar story: A disabled man goes into the hospital for gallbladder removal surgery. While he is in the hospital, the city goes into his apartment, packs up all his stuff and stores it somewhere. When he gets out of the hospital, his apartment is no longer available to him, because ‘they need it for some migrants.’ So in other words, behind his back they stole his apartment. He has to live with relatives and is terribly upset about this situation. After lots of attention in the media, the city caves and offers him another place to live. This is just one of many, many disgusting things going on in Europe right now.” [82483, 82485]

Also in Germany, NDR.de reports that the small village of Lauenberg, which has 60 inhabitants, has been informed that it can expect 1,500 refugees. (Pamela Geller writes, “Do people understand what is happening? Town by town, village by village, Europe is being swallowed whole. Do these people know what is actually happening to them, their cities, their countries? Their only option will come down to civil war.” At the very least, German voters will be kicking quite a few elected officials out of office in the next elections.) [82681, 82682]

Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) says, “The United States leads the world in financial assistance for the Syrian refugee effort. But we have a moral obligation to do that and more. I call on the administration to accept 100,000 Syrian refugees.” Durbin laughably claims that all refugees are thoroughly vetted “to make sure that they’re not a threat to the United States or anybody who lives here.” (FBI director James Comey has told Congress the refugees cannot be vetted because there are essentially no databases against which the individuals can be checked. It is not as though Syria has provided the United States with lists of the names of terrorists, ISIS member, criminals. Even if it did, of course, the refugees can give any name they wish when they get to their European—or American—destination. A reporter from Estonia has noted that he recognized among the “refugees” en route to Germany an al-Qaeda terrorist he interviewed two years earlier.) [82563, 82666, 82667]

In New York City, police officer Randolph Holder is shot in the head and killed by Tyrone Howard—who had been arrested 28 times in the past. (Judges Edward McLaughlin and Patricia Nuñez had previously released Howard into a drug program, believing he was a “victim” of the drug culture and could be rehabilitated.) [82542, 82543]

The State Department releases 1,300 pages of emails from the late ambassador Christopher Stevens—giving the Select Benghazi Committee almost no time to review them before Hillary Clinton’s October 22 testimony. (A July 9, 2012 message from

Ambassador Christopher Stevens reads, “Overall security conditions continue to be unpredictable, with large numbers of armed groups and individuals not under control of the central government, and frequent clashes in Tripoli and other major population centers.” Stevens calls for a security staff of at least 13, which would be the “minimum” for “transportation security and incident response capability.” A congressional source tells Fox News that Patrick Kennedy, then a deputy to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, turned down Stevens’ request.) [82440, 82467, 82470, 82471, 82495, 82569, 82734]

Other emails released to Judicial Watch as a result of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit reveal that “the White House contacted YouTube over an Internet video as one of its first moves after the initial attack. ...The documents detail that only three hours after the initial attack on U.S. personnel in Benghazi, the White House contacted YouTube in an apparent effort to initially blame the assault on an obscure ‘Pastor John video,’ rather than filmmaker Nakoula ‘Mark’ Basseley Nakoula. The administration falsely claimed that Nakoula’s video, ‘Innocence of Muslims,’ provoked the attack. The email also references the involvement of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton... The documents also include a previously Secret ‘Attack Timeline,’ dated September 12, 2012, which raised additional questions about the Obama administration’s response to the attack. The State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security makes no mention of any spontaneous demonstration or Internet video in describing the Benghazi assault. ...The new timeline also confirms prior Judicial Watch disclosures that the State Department received intelligence that Ambassador Stevens may have been alive after the attack. ...The attack timeline also includes a section labeled ‘Causes and Responsibility,’ which is redacted completely.” [82443, 82444, 82522, 82523]

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton states, “These documents show the Obama White House rushed to tie yet another video to the Benghazi attack, even before Ambassador Stevens was accounted for. The Obama White House, evidently, was confused as to which Internet video to falsely blame for the Benghazi terrorist attack. These documents show that the Obama White House should have been focused on rescuing our people under fire. These documents detail delays and lack of support that raise questions about whether American lives were needlessly lost and put at risk during the Benghazi attack.” [82443, 82444]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “The State Department initially approved a weapons shipment from a California company to Libyans seeking to oust Moammar Gadhafi in 2011 even though a United Nations arms ban was in place, according to memos recovered from the burned-out compound in Benghazi. The documents, obtained by The Washington Times, show U.S. diplomats at the Benghazi compound were keeping track of several potential U.S.-sanctioned shipments to allies, one or more of which were destined for the Transitional National Council, the Libyan movement that was seeking to oust Gadhafi and form a new government.” One shipment, from Dolarian Capital, “was to include rocket launchers, grenade launchers, 7,000 machine guns and 8 million rounds of ammunition...” [82490]

In the four years the Obama administration intervened in Libya and Muammar Gaddafi was killed, the nation has turned into a disaster. At GloabResearch.ca Harvard University's Garikai Chengu writes, "In 1967 Colonel Gaddafi inherited one of the poorest nations in Africa; by the time he was assassinated, he had transformed Libya into Africa's richest nation. Prior to the US-led bombing campaign in 2011, Libya had the highest Human Development Index, the lowest infant mortality and the highest life expectancy in all of Africa. Today, Libya is a failed state. Western military intervention has caused all of the worst scenarios: Western embassies have all left, the South of the country has become a haven for ISIS terrorists, and the Northern coast a center of migrant trafficking. Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia have all closed their borders with Libya. This all occurs amidst a backdrop of widespread rape, assassinations and torture that complete the picture of a state that is failed to the bone. ...America's bombing campaign of 2011 has not only destroyed the infrastructure of Libya's democracy, America has also actively promoted ISIS terror group leader Abdelhakim Belhadj whose organization is making the establishment of Libyan democracy impossible." [82671]

"...ISIS is metastasizing at an alarming rate in Libya, under the leadership of ...Belhadj. Fox News recently admitted that Mr. Belhadj 'was once courted by the Obama administration and members of Congress' and he was a staunch ally of the United States in the quest to topple Gaddafi. In 2011, the United States and Senator [John] McCain hailed Belhadj as a 'heroic freedom fighter' and Washington gave his organization arms and logistical support. Now Senator McCain has called Belhadj's organization ISIS, 'probably the biggest threat to America and everything we stand for.' Under Gaddafi, Islamic terrorism was virtually non-existent and in 2009 the US State Department called Libya 'an important ally in the war on terrorism.' Today, after US intervention, Libya is home to the world's largest loose arms cache, and its porous borders are routinely transited by a host of heavily armed non-state actors including Tuareg separatists, jihadists who forced Mali's national military from Timbuktu and increasingly ISIS militiamen led by former US ally Abdelhakim Belhadj. Clearly, Gaddafi's system of economic and direct democracy was one of the 21st century's most profound democratic experiments and NATO's bombardment of Libya may indeed go down in history as one of the greatest military failures of the 21st century." (As dictators go, Gaddafi was certainly never "admirable." But after he saw what the United States did to Saddam Hussein in Iraq, a fearful Gaddafi was "tamed." In removing Gaddafi, Obama and Hillary Clinton foolishly neglected to consider that his successors might be worse. The people of Libya are now paying the price for that incompetence.) [82671]

All but two Senate Democrats (with the help of Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL)) block legislation to end some federal funding of "sanctuary cities" and require a mandatory five-year prison sentence for convicted felon illegal immigrants who are caught re-entering the United States. (Republican leaders stupidly combined the two issues into one bill, knowing full well that the Democrats will not tolerate sanctuary city penalties.) ABC, CBS, and NBC ignore the story in their evening news broadcasts. [82497, 82508, 82537]

Senator Dick “Eddie Haskell” Durbin (D-IL) calls on the Obama administration to accept 100,000 Syrian refugees. (He does not say how many should be allowed into his neighborhood.) Durbin falsely claims that all refugees are carefully vetted. (In fact, there is almost no vetting.) [82460, 82506]

BizPacReview.com writes, “‘The Clintons’ War on Women,’ written by political consultant Roger Stone, is the top selling political history book on Amazon, despite what seems to be a concerted effort to damage its sales, according to the New York Post. The book was inundated with one-star reviews on Amazon.com last week, and Stone said he knows who is responsible. ‘My publisher confirmed with Amazon—they were all from the same URL, at Hillary’s HQ in Brooklyn.’” [82462, 82701]

NationaReview.com reports, “Conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch is suing the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to obtain copies of a 20-year-old draft indictment against Hillary Clinton for her role in the Whitewater scandal. In a press release sent to reporters late on Tuesday, Judicial Watch announced its intent to file a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against NARA for withholding an indictment written by Hickman Ewing, Jr., the deputy independent counsel and prosecutor investigating Whitewater, in 1996. The agency admitted it had found the records in March 2015 but is withholding the documents, claiming their release would constitute an unwarranted invasion of Clinton’s privacy. ‘Judicial Watch has confirmed the existence of draft indictments of Hillary Clinton for her lies and obstruction in the Whitewater bank-fraud investigation,’ the group’s president Tom Fitton wrote in the statement. ‘The Obama administration is refusing to release these records out of concern for Hillary Clinton’s privacy. Hillary Clinton’s privacy cannot be allowed to trump the public’s interest in knowing more about whether she obstructed justice and lied to a federal grand jury.’”

Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) announces he will run for Speaker of the House if certain conditions are met: the entire Republican caucus must support him, he can go home to his children on the weekends, he can delegate some fundraising duties, a rule is changed to make it more difficult for him to be replaced (via a “motion to vacate the chair”), and there is a return to “regular order” rules—which would make it easier for him to block legislation he does not like from coming to the floor of the House for a vote. (In other words, *Ryan wants more power than John Boehner has had and will accept the speaker position only if House conservatives stop calling for conservative policies.*) [82494, 82500, 82505]

At an event honoring former Vice President Walter Mondale, Vice President Joe Biden (in a swipe at Hillary Clinton) says, “End this notion that it is naive to think we can speak well of the other party and cooperation. What is naive is to think it is remotely possible to govern this country unless we can....It’s most important that everyone in this room understand[s] the other team is not the enemy. If you treat it as the enemy, there is no way you can ever resolve the problems we have.” [82468]

On October 21 Vice President surprises millions of Americans by announcing, “I believe we’re out of time, the time necessary to mount a winning campaign for the nomination. But while I will not be a candidate, I will not be silent. I intend to speak out clearly and forcefully, to influence as much as I can where we stand as a party and where we need to go as a nation.” Despite stating he will not run for president, Biden sounds like a candidate and takes another swipe at Hillary Clinton, saying, “I believe that we have to end the divisive partisan politics that is ripping this country apart. I don’t believe, like some do, that it’s naive to talk to Republicans. I don’t think we should look at Republicans as our enemies. They are our opposition. They’re not our enemies. And for the sake of the country, we have to work together.” (It is worth noting that Biden does *not* endorse Clinton in his remarks.) [82469, 82472, 82491, 82510, 82514, 82533, 82536, 82582]

This *Timeline* believes Biden’s move is shrewd. He (and Obama) may be giving Clinton enough rope to hang herself. She will now act like a queen, destined to be the Democrat nominee and the next president, and her cockiness may get her in trouble. After more fallout from the email scandal—and perhaps an indictment—her poll numbers will fall even further. Democrats will then beg Biden to be their candidate. He looks gracious now for not entering the race—which would have divided the Clinton vote and given Bernie Sanders a boost. But if Clinton self-destructs, Biden will look like a Democrat Party savior. (There are no coincidences in politics. Biden did not select October 21—the day before Clinton’s Benghazi testimony—for no reason. If he enters the race too soon he will look like a spoiler. Instead, he will be on the campaign trail making speeches on behalf of Democrat Senate candidates, all the while getting ready to be drafted when the time is right.)

Others, including former Bill Clinton advisor Dick Morris, believe Biden’s decision not to enter the race is an indication that he knows Clinton will survive the email scandal and not be indicted. Morris writes, “Without a Hillary indictment, Biden would be unable to catch her. She leads him 54-16 with [Bernie] Sanders at 23 in the latest poll. But with an indictment, he could have won. Now, whatever their original intention, we can be sure that Hillary will not be indicted. The FBI may be insulated from politics in its investigation, but the Justice Department is anything but insulated from it in making their decision on whether to act on the information the FBI gathers. The Democratic Party is now stuck with Hillary and the Democratic Administration won’t put her in the defendant’s box.” (Of course, Morris has been wrong many times. Just one day earlier he was certain Biden would enter the race. It may be that Obama simply chose not to destroy Clinton because she could take *him* out in the process—if one believes that both have “dirt” on each other.) [82473]

Donald Trump tweets, “I think Joe Biden made correct decision for him & his family. Personally, I would rather run against Hillary because her record is so bad.” [82472]

At Newsmax.com Ed Klein writes, “According to sources close to Biden, the vice president and ...Obama, who had been urging Biden to run, held numerous discussions

about Biden's chances of taking on Hillary in the Democrat primaries and knocking her out of the presidential race. In those talks, Biden expressed doubt that he would be able to overcome Hillary's advantage in timing, money, organization, and ground game. The only way he could see himself getting into the race, Biden reportedly told [Obama], was if the White House assured him that it would support the FBI's investigation of Hillary's improper handling of classified documents on her private e-mail system and encourage Attorney General Loretta Lynch to bring down an indictment against Hillary. An indictment—even a misdemeanor—would almost certainly doom Hillary's chances of getting the nomination. ...[Obama] and his senior adviser, Valerie Jarrett, have made it clear to James Comey, the director of the FBI, and the prosecutors in the Justice Department who are working in close collaboration with the FBI, that the White House wants a thorough investigation and, if warranted, a vigorous prosecution. But the operative words were *if warranted*. [Obama] did not signal Attorney General Loretta Lynch that he wanted her to follow his guidance. Using the attorney general as a sword in a political fight would have left [Obama] open to charges of committing a federal crime. Therefore, Obama stopped short of giving Biden the assurances that he was seeking. And without [Obama's] promise, Biden decided he had no choice but to bow out." [82499]

On MSNBC, Chris Matthews comments, "[Biden] wants to run. Clearly, that speech is being described today by Andrea [Mitchell] I think and others as a speech he would have given had he announced today. He clearly doesn't want—well, let me put it in the nicest possible way. He did not endorse Hillary Clinton for president today and in fact he warned her and other Democrats not go out there and trim, as we say in politics, the Obama record. He wants the record defended down the line and he's warning others he's going to be kind of an Irish wolfhound out there making sure that nobody goes knocking the Democratic record of [Obama] during this campaign. So, it was pretty tough on Hillary [Clinton], going after her implicitly on things like treating Republicans as the enemy, raising big money, looking down at regular Joes like him as unsophisticated. There was a lot of attitude in that speech today and it wasn't very positive towards the Clintons." (To many, it appeared as though Biden simply took a prepared "I'm running" speech and changed the first few sentences to say he is not.) [82514]

DCWhispers.com writes, "Yesterday evening, Vice President Joe Biden was intent on running for President of the United States. By morning the following day, he is said to have grimly agreed to the suggestions of a high-ranking adviser who warned the Clintons were 'fully prepared and willing' to utterly destroy Joe Biden's 'past, present, and future.' Though not yet confirmed, some point to the Vice President's Chief of Staff, Steve Ricchetti as the likely 'trusted adviser' who had a lengthy sit-down with Mr. Biden and convinced the former two-time presidential candidate it would be in his best interest not to go to war against the Clinton Machine. Interestingly, Ricchetti is a well-connected D.C. fixture who knows the Clintons well as a high-ranking former employee. He served as the White House Deputy Chief of Staff during the Bill Clinton administration and then later used that clout to found Ricchetti Inc., a government relations firm." [82518]

“Rumors are now swirling that Ricchetti was actually coordinating with the Clintons weeks before Biden’s announced decision today that he would not be seeking the presidency. This has led to further speculation that Mr. Ricchetti might find himself the beneficiary of a powerful position within a Hillary Clinton administration in the not too distant future as reward for a job well done. If true, it is yet further evidence that when it comes to political warfare, Joe Biden was sorely outmatched by a Clinton Machine that has spent the last five decades plunging the political knife deep into the backs of its opponents time and time again. UPDATE: Another source just indicated we should not count Mr. Biden out just yet. Is there a bit of double-dealing trickery afoot?” [82518]

Clinton may believe she has won the war, but she may have only won a battle. Obama, Biden, and Obama advisor Valerie Jarrett may have other plans. Clinton’s campaign may collapse if she is indicted; Biden may become the Democrat nominee; Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) may be Biden’s running mate (at the direction of Obama); Biden may agree to serve only one term (also at the direction of Obama); and Warren may run for president in 2020—with the intention of keeping the nation on the path to socialism laid out by Obama. [82518]

DailyCaller.com reports, “The Department of Education is out with a new resource guide encouraging schools and educators to help illegal aliens apply for amnesty under ...Obama’s Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The document... also urges schools to provide welcoming environments for illegal alien students by hosting events such as ‘Undocumented Week.’ ...Under a section entitled ‘DACA Consideration Fact Sheet,’ the agency encourages educators to inform illegal aliens of the DACA program, which Obama enacted by executive action in 2012.” (U.S. taxpayer dollars are being used by the Obama administration to help illegal immigrants remain in the country.) [82515]

The Associated Press reports that Mikal Watts, an Obama fundraising “bundler” and attorney, “faces criminal charges after he was accused of submitting thousands of false claims for damages from the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill. “The British oil giant sued Watts in 2013, alleging that more than half the clients were ‘phantoms,’ people whom Watts never properly signed up, people who weren’t commercial fishermen or people who were dead. BP said claims officials could verify the Social Security numbers of only 42 percent of Watts’ claimants, and even found someone who had never hired Watts included twice. When BP sued Watts, it said he had filed only 648 compensation claims, and only eight of those had been ruled eligible for payment, with 17 others then pending.” [82743, 82744]

At HotAir.com Kristina Ribali writes, “The Obama administration has been bragging that nine million more Americans now have health insurance, thanks to Obamacare. But just like with most numbers cited to support the government takeover of health care in America, that ‘9 million’ figure is deceptive. We were told that 48 million Americans lacked affordable health insurance and something had to be done, but even five years after the passage of Obamacare, 33 million Americans are still uninsured. If you dig

deeper into the actual numbers and realize what really happened with those 9 million ‘newly insured,’ there’s little reason to cheer. The number of Americans with health insurance increased by 9.25 million in 2014, the first year that two key provisions of Obamacare took place: the subsidies for coverage purchased through the exchanges and Medicaid expansion. And according to recent research by The Heritage Foundation, out of that 9.25 million, ‘the vast majority of the increase was the result of 8.99 million individuals being added to the Medicaid rolls.’ In other words, **over 97 percent** of last year’s newly insured Americans were from Medicaid expansion.” [82544]

Ribali looks at the remaining three percent: “There were almost 4.79 million new enrollees in private individual market plans in 2014. However, as Heritage’s researchers noted, 4.53 million people lost their employment-based group coverage during that same time. This leaves a paltry 260,000 people with new private health insurance. Obamacare has wasted billions of dollars, increased premiums and deductibles on millions of families, and has likely frustrated countless doctors into early retirement. This administration tore apart our country’s entire health care system, all to provide insurance for roughly the number of people who will attend a game at two major college football stadiums this Saturday.” [82544]

The 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) heads to Obama—who has threatened to veto the bipartisan legislation. Townhall.com’s Guy Benson reports, “Republicans are planning a media blitz—conducting radio row interviews and publishing op-eds—to underscore the significance of this fight.” *The Wall Street Journal* writes, “The House and Senate recently passed this annual bill with significant bipartisan majorities... [Obama’s] veto threat explains he will not ‘fix defense without fixing non-defense spending.’ So he admits that he’s willing to squeeze a military that is fighting the likes of Islamic State unless he gets more for Head Start, ‘job training and employment services’ and welfare programs... The bill contains other important provisions, including funds to provide military aide to Ukraine in its defense against Russian separatists, new money for ballistic missile defense, and a military pay raise. ...The NDAA has passed for 53 years in a row, making it a rare display of bipartisanship. It passed the Senate this year with 70 votes, including 21 Democrats, and the House with 270 votes, including 37 Democrats.” [82492]

In Slovenia, refugees from the Middle East set fire to their tents to protest delays in being allowed to move on to Austria. [82516, 82521]

U.S. Border Patrol Agent Chris Cabrera tells the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee that authorities are catching only about 40 percent of the illegal aliens that cross the southern border each year. According to MRCTV.org, “Cabrera’s estimate would put the total number of unaccompanied children and family units that crossed the border illegally in the first 11 months of FY2015 at more than 175,000—or about 16,000 per month. And that’s not including single adult aliens and the fact that there are multiple family members in each ‘family unit.’” Cabrera states, “Most believe that they will either not be caught, or even if they are caught, they will not be

deported back to their home country. The UACs [unaccompanied alien children] and family groups we detain are acutely aware of the fact we will not hold them until they are adjudicated. ...They know that they will be released and issued a Notice to Appear. What we have right now is essentially a catch-and-release policy. This, coupled with violence and instability in their home country, is driving the continued flow of UACs and family groups.” [82539, 82541]

In an Emerson College Polling Society survey in Massachusetts, Donald Trump leads all GOP candidates with 47.8 percent. He is trailed by Ben Carson (13.9 percent), Senator Marco (11.8), Jeb Bush (6.5) Carly Fiorina (6.5), and Senator Ted Cruz (5.1). [82538]

WesternJournalism.com notes a video received in the mail by a Swedish tech blog GadgetZZ.com that features “a masked and hooded figure appears making various hand signals... Strange, jarring music blares the whole time. ...The DVD menu contains a single threat, written in binary code. When translated, it reads: ‘You have 1 year or less.’ ...One discovery that has been made is that the video contains encoded GPS coordinates of the White House. On the GadgetZZ site, one user noted: ‘Yeah this is creepy... 33 38 2e 38 39 37 37 30 39 2c 2d 37 37 2e 30 33 36 35 34 33 Coded GPS coordinates: 38.897709,-77.036543 The White House, W Executive Ave NW, Washington, DC 20502. This has led some to conclude that the video is a death threat against Barack Obama.” [82519, 82520]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “As Irish businesses were arranging for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to make one of her last official visits to Ireland in December 2012, her husband, Bill, suddenly landed a half-million speaking gig for his foundation on the Emerald Island, according to newly released emails from the conservative group Citizens United that show the business of State and the business of Bill were often intertwined.” [82529]

At WND.com Erik Rush provides a list of “quite verifiable charges” against Obama. [82540]

The State Department turns over another 900 pages of emails to and from Ambassador Christopher Stevens—in time for them not to be read in advance of Hillary Clinton’s testimony to the Select Benghazi Committee. (Before the hearing, TrevorLoudon.com and Judge Andrew Napolitano post a multitude of excellent questions that Clinton should be asked.) [82513, 82525, 82526]

On October 22 Hillary Clinton testifies before the Select Benghazi Committee. During her well-rehearsed opening comments she goes out of her way to note the deaths of State Department employees other than those killed in Benghazi—as if to argue, “*Only* four died under my watch, so what’s all the fuss?” (She speaks agonizingly slowly and in a low voice. Rush Limbaugh comments, “She did a personality 180 [degree] change, like you haven’t seen. Bipolar, I mean, we saw, it’s like somebody took her off the meds.”

The Drudge Report's Matt Drudge later tweets, "Hillary's health was biggest revelation at hearing. Coughing fit [toward the end of the hearing]. Slow-speaking, obviously induced by meds. Choose not to believe if you must." "Last time she showed up with prism glasses from blood clot. Today obvious anti-anxiety meds, hypothyroid issues.") [82549, 82550, 82551, 82561, 82594, 82619, 82628, 82632]

In her testimony Clinton insists she never saw any requests for additional security from Ambassador Christopher Stevens, and was never given enough money to adequately secure foreign facilities. Congresswoman Susan Brooks (R-IN) points out that although there were 795 pages of emails to and from Clinton about Libya in 2011, there were only 67 in 2012—*after* the situation there worsened. Clinton responds that she did not conduct most of her work via email. (The more likely reason for the significant decline in Libya-related emails from 2011 to 2012 is that Clinton insured that they were destroyed.) [82549, 82550, 82551, 82561, 82594, 82619, 82628]

Clinton should have been asked why, if she needed more money for security in Benghazi, in May 2012 she authorized the purchase of a \$108,000 charging station for Chevrolet Volts used at the U.S. embassy in Vienna, Austria. [82609]

Not surprisingly, Democrats on the committee ask softball questions ("What can we learn from this experience?") that allow Clinton to drone on and on with long and largely meaningless statements. Questions from Republicans are generally not pointed enough to force any dramatic responses, and Clinton masterfully dodges and weaves. Asked by Congressman Mike Pompeo (R-KS) why, if she was such a close friend of Ambassador Christopher Stevens, his repeated requests for additional security did not make their way to her, Clinton shamelessly manages to turn that into an accusation against the Congressman that he was denigrating the skills and efforts of dedicated security personnel. (Clinton states that Stevens did not have her private email address.) [82577, 82595]

Pompeo notes that there were *more than 600* security requests from Ambassador Christopher Stevens in 2012. Clinton claims none ever reached her. Pompeo also asks Clinton why no one in the State Department has been fired over the Benghazi security lapses. Clinton suggests that she did all that the law allowed her to do. (That is nonsense. While lower-level federal employees are incredibly difficult to fire, higher-level officials have nowhere near that level of security. At the very least Patrick Kennedy, then a deputy to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton who turned down Stevens' requests for security, should have been fired. Kennedy has been called Clinton's "fixer" on the State Department. According to RedState.com, Kennedy "controls basically everything that happens there. ...[O]ne can assume that his politics are pretty far left and anti-American. Those seem to be necessary attributes to advance at State. ...While there is little doubt Kennedy is a Clinton loyalist, his real passion seems to be for foiling any oversight of State by anyone. He also has a personal stake here. He either personally approved Clinton's private email server or he sandbagged any objections to it. So how the server goes, so goes Patrick Kennedy.") [82440, 82577, 82595, 82621, 82622, 82686, 82774]

Pompeo asks Clinton, “Were you aware, or are you aware of any efforts by the U.S. government in Libya to provide any arms, either directly or indirectly, or through a cutout to militias or opposition to [Muammar] Gadhafi’s forces?” Clinton responds, “That was a very long question [it was not], and I think the answer is no.” Pompeo pushes: “Were you aware of any U.S. efforts by the U.S. government in Libya to provide any weapons, directly or indirectly, or through a cutout, to any Syrian rebels or militias or opposition to Syrian forces?” In what is certainly a lie—under oath—Clinton says, “No.” Pompeo also asks, “Do you know who Marc Turi is?” Clinton: “No, I don’t recall that I know who that is.” (The wording of her response is *very* odd. It is a lawyerly way of avoiding the fact that she does know who Turi is. She is essentially saying, “I don’t remember that I know who he is.”) Pompeo replies, “He was a private trafficker in weapons. He was working with Mr. [Christopher] Stevens and attempting to develop an authorization with the State Department so that he could in fact deliver those weapons into Libya. Does any of that ring a bell to you?” Clinton replies, “No, it does not.” (Of course, Stevens is not available for questioning.) [82703]

More than once Clinton states that Ambassador Stevens volunteered for the Benghazi assignment and knew the risks involved—which some might interpret as a “blame the victim” argument. (“She wouldn’t have been raped had she not been in that neighborhood late at night while wearing that short skirt and tight sweater.”) Clinton also repeatedly—at least 25 times—says she had nothing to do with security and that was the responsibility of the “security professionals” (none of whom were held responsible or fired for the lapse in security in Benghazi). (“It wasn’t my job” will hardly bring voters to the polls for Clinton.) [82548, 82575, 82577, 82623]

Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH) points out an email from Clinton telling her daughter Chelsea (on the night of September 11, 2012) that the Benghazi fighting was a terrorist attack from “an al-Qaeda-like group”—after which she repeatedly told the nation that it was instead the result of protests over a YouTube video. Jordan asks when the “false narrative” of the video started. Clinton replies, “I referred to the video that night in a very specific way. I said *some* have sought to justify the attack because of the video. I used those words deliberately, not to ascribe a motive to every attacker but as a warning to those across the region that there was no justification for further attacks.” (Clinton’s pathetic phony excuse is “*Some* people blamed the video, but not me.”) Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich notes that Clinton wrote to the Egyptian prime minister the night of September 11, 2012, “We know that the attack in Libya had nothing to do with the film. It was a planned attack, not a protest.” Pavlich writes, “Not only did Clinton blame the attack on a video ‘offensive’ to Islam, the Obama administration and the State Department purchased \$80,000 worth of commercial airtime in Pakistan apologizing for the video. ...Clinton blamed the video for the attacks, Obama blamed the video, Susan Rice blamed the video, they all blamed the video. Clinton’s mincing of words doesn’t change those facts.” [82530, 82553, 82554, 82595, 82600, 82603, 82604, 82605, 82607, 82613, 82614, 82653, 82803]

Jordan provides his own answer to a question to Clinton: “Where did the false [YouTube video] narrative start? It started with you, Madame Secretary. ... You did it because Libya was supposed to be this great success story. ... State Department experts knew the truth. You knew the truth. But that’s not what the American people got. And again, the American people want to know why.” Clinton claims, “I believe to this day the video played a role.” [82574, 82575, 82595, 82603, 82604, 82605, 82607]

Clinton’s email to her daughter Chelsea, at 11:12 p.m. on the evening of September 11, 2012 read, “Two of our officers were killed in Benghazi by an Al Queda-like group.” (At 11:12 p.m., the fighting was still going on. In fact, Clinton did not yet know that two more Americans would be killed. Yet she already knew it was a planned terrorist attack—and then lied to the American people, claiming for days that the incident was the result of people protesting a YouTube video. The email proves Clinton is a liar (and that she cannot spell al-Qaeda, which is also often spelled al-Qaida or al-Qa’ida—but not al-Queda). Investigative journalist Sharyl Attkisson points out that an hour before her email to her daughter, Clinton stated publicly that “some have sought to justify this vicious behavior as a response to inflammatory material posted on the Internet. Clinton was already spinning the story while the attack was going on, with information she *knew* was incorrect. Clinton, Obama, then-ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice, and then-White House press secretary Jay Carney continued to push the YouTube video lie for two weeks—despite all of them knowing it was a planned terrorist attack even before the bodies of four Americans had been recovered. Attkisson writes, “Obama adviser Ben Rhodes had instructed Rice via email to point to the video to emphasize the attacks were not the result of a ‘broader failure’ in U.S. policy.” [82564, 82576, 82600]

Clinton claims the State Department “had between 90 and 95 percent” of her “work-related emails” before the end of 2014. Committee chairman Trey Gowdy (RF-SC) responds, “You know, that is maybe the tenth time you’ve cited that figure today.” Clinton: “It is.” Gowdy: “I have not heard anyone other than you ever cite that figure. Who told you that 90 to 95 percent of your emails were in the State Department system? Who told you that?” Clinton claims she “learned that from the State Department and their analysis.” (The next day, according to TheBlaze.com, a reporter asks State Department spokesman Mark Toner, “Can you tell us who at the State Department would have informed her aides that 90 to 95 percent had been captured in State Department systems?” Toner replies, “I’m not aware that we have given that figure. I’m not in the position right now to confirm that. I am aware of that 90 to 95 percent is something her campaign has been using. I am not aware of the source of that.” (Even if it is true that Clinton had turned over 90-95 percent of her work-related emails, that means she withheld 5-10 percent of them.) [82656]

Asked by Congresswoman Susan Brooks (R-IN) about Ambassador Stevens and his team having to pick up security equipment (such as vehicle barricades) from the Brits when they fled Benghazi, Clinton callously and flippantly replies, “Well, I thought it showed their entrepreneurial spirit.” (Stevens’ request for additional security went unheeded, he

was forced to rely on makeshift solutions, and Clinton laughs it off.) [82531, 82532, 82615, 82618, 82627]

In response to a question about Benghazi security from Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Clinton says, “You know, historically the only presence at some of, uh, our, uh, facilities has been Marines. And as you know well, Marines were there not for the purpose of personnel protection; they were there to destroy classified material and equipment.” (At BizPacReview.com Michael Dorstewitz writes, “That’s only half true, according to the Marine Corps Security Group, which provides: ‘The primary mission of the Marine Security Guard (MSG) is to provide internal security at designated U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities in order to prevent the compromise of classified material vital to the national security of the United States. The secondary mission of the MSG is to provide protection for U.S. citizens and U.S government property located within designated U.S. diplomatic and consular premises during exigent circumstances (urgent temporary circumstances which require immediate aid or action).’ If a unified attack by the al-Qaida affiliated Ansar al-Sharia militants with mortars and fully-automatic weapons didn’t constitute ‘exigent circumstances,’ one would be at a loss as to what would.”) [82608]

Clinton’s demeanor is such that she will be praised by Democrats for her testimony. She does not “break down” into any “What difference does it make?” outbursts. She avoids answering questions directly, she changes the subject, she deflects blame to others, and she turns attacks on her into attacks on Republicans. Legally, Clinton may have lost some ground. Politically, she likely did not. (Those who hated Clinton before her testimony will still hate her, while those who supported her will not stray over a few more lies. With Vice President Joe Biden out of the race, the Democrats now have no choice but to defend Clinton. She is not, however, the last witness of the Select Benghazi Committee, which has scheduled about one dozen more witnesses—among them former CIA Director David Petraeus, former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, and then-ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice.) [82577, 82584, 82620, 82672]

The FBI is no doubt paying close attention to Clinton’s (under oath) testimony to identify lies and any contradictions between her statements, her emails, and her previous 2013 testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the then-Democrat-controlled Senate Committee on Benghazi. Clinton should be reminded that it is not only a crime to lie to Congress (as when Clinton tells the committee she knows nothing about the transfer of weapons from Libya to Syrian rebels), it is even a crime to mislead Congress. Judge Andrew Napolitano speculates (on October 26) that if the FBI suggests an indictment of Clinton and the Department of Justice higher-ups decline to do so, some agency officials may resign in protest and a draft indictment will be leaked to the press.

During the Clinton hearing, CNN posts a headline at the bottom of its telecast: “Palestinians shot boarding kids’ bus.” (In fact, two Palestinians with knives tried to board a school bus in Beit Shemesh, Israel, but adults on the vehicle were able to push

them off. The two then stabbed a man at a bus stop and were shot by police. CNN's shameless anti-Israel wording is intentional.) [82555, 82556]

IJReview.com later points out that after the hearing's first question and answer session, Clinton greeted disgraced Congressman Alcee Hastings (D-FL) with a "high five," "fist bump," handshake, and hug. After the second session, she shamelessly raised her hands in victory and smiles broadly, and cheerily greets friends in the gallery who were no doubt pleased that she was able to keep her lies somewhat consistent. (Hastings has no business being out of jail, let alone being in Congress. A former judge, Hastings accepted a \$150,000 bribe and was impeached and removed from office. He avoided a criminal conviction and jail time. Hastings' co-conspirator William Borders was pardoned by Bill Clinton. Although Hastings was removed from the bench, Congress absurdly did not forbid Hastings from ever holding public office again.) [82597, 82598]

While Clinton adeptly fends off Republican Congressmen who don't know how to ask questions that prove liars are lying, Obama comments on the "Black Lives Matter" movement. "I think everybody understands all lives matter. I think the reason that the organizers used the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' was not because they were suggesting nobody else's lives matter, rather, what they were suggesting was there is a specific problem that's happening in the African-American community that's not happening in other communities. And that is a legitimate issue that we've got to address. ...[W]e as a society, particularly given our history, have to take this seriously, and one of the ways of avoiding the politics of this and losing the moment is everybody just stepping back for a second and understanding that the African-American community is not just making this up. It's not just something being politicized. It's real and there's a history behind it and we have to take it seriously." [82578, 82579]

In a Quinnipiac poll in Iowa, Ben Carson takes the lead from Donald Trump, with 28 percent. Trump has 20; Marco Rubio, 13; Ted Cruz, 10; Rand Paul, 6; Carly Fiorina, 5; Jeb Bush, 5. (Other polls show Trump ahead in Iowa by about five points. The Quinnipiac poll was commissioned by the desperately anti-Trump Club for Growth, which opposes any tax increases and supports cheap immigrant labor.) [82552, 82585, 82659]

According to a Gallup poll, the National Rifle Association has a higher approval rating (58 percent) than Obama (50) and Hillary Clinton (48). [82589, 82616]

Peoria's *Journal Star* reports, "Two men who used to work at a Morton-based trucking company were awarded \$240,000 by a federal jury after a judge here found the company violated their religious beliefs. According to a 2013 lawsuit brought by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, the men, Mahad Abass Mohamed (formerly known as Mahad Aden) and Abdikarim Hassan Bulshale (formerly known as Abdikarim Ismail), had refused to deliver alcohol for Star Transport Inc., saying it was against their religious values as practicing Muslims. As such, the men were fired. The suit claimed that Star Transport failed to provide the two men 'with a reasonable accommodation and

by terminating them because of their religion.’ ... Whether the men collect their money is another story. Star Transport went out of business earlier this year and it’s unknown who is now responsible for the judgment.” (From the Obama administration’s perspective, Muslim truck drivers cannot be forced to deliver beer, but Christian bakers must be forced to bake cakes for gay weddings and Christian county clerks must be forced to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. Accommodations must be made for Muslims, but Christians are expected to act against their beliefs.) [82708, 82710]

Pamela Geller comments, “...Islamic supremacists chip, chip, chip away at the establishment clause, and in doing so, impose Islam on the secular marketplace. It’s all of a piece. Muslim lawsuits against Hertz, Wal-Mart, Target, Disney and a host of other American businesses for special rights, special accommodation have been largely successful creating a special rights for a special class of people—which is an accordance with Islam (in which Muslims are superior to the kuffar). But it goes against every American tenet of individual rights and separation of mosque and state. Someone ought to remind the EEOC that their name is Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Equal as in no special rights for any particular class. Consider the contrast: Catholics in the Obama regime have no right to refuse to provide abortions at Catholic hospitals. No accommodation for *that* religious belief. Only Islam gets accommodation from Barack Obama. The Judge, U.S. District Judge James E. Shadid, was appointed by Barack Obama. Need I say more?” [82709]

Another ObamaCare co-op bites the dust, with the Associated Press reporting, “A South Carolina health insurer has become the ninth insurance cooperative formed nationwide under the Affordable Care Act to fold. Consumers’ Choice Health Insurance Co. said Thursday that it will not sell policies in 2016, a decision that will leave 67,000 individuals and business customers looking for new coverage. Ray Farmer, director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance, said Consumers’ Choice and state regulators reached a mutual decision to shut down the company’s business. He said the company was in a ‘financially hazardous condition.’ ... The federal government provided more than \$2 billion in taxpayer-financed loans to help seed the co-ops, and a total of 23 were created. A report released during the summer by the Health and Human Services department’s inspector general’s office said ... that only one out of the 23—the co-op in Maine—made money last year.” [82719, 82720, 83206]

In Iraq, a Special Operations raid results in the death of Master Sergeant Joshua Wheeler. The White House claims Obama did not sign off on the operation to rescue 70 Kurdish prisoners from an ISIS prison (and perhaps kill senior ISIS leader Nema Arbid Nayef al-Jabouri), and blames the decision on Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter. (Wheeler is the first American soldier to die in the fight against ISIS. The Obama administration does its best to pretend it was not a “combat mission,” but only a “support mission”—so that Obama can claim no “boots on the ground” forces have been killed fighting ISIS. The White House statement—an effort to absolve Obama of any responsibility for any new combat deaths in Iraq—is absurd. No president signs off on every operation on the battlefield. But Obama’s problem is that he wants to forever claim that he “ended the war

in Iraq,” and *any* combat death destroys that narrative. Obama’s solution is to simply declare that Wheeler’s death was not a “combat death.”) [82557, 82558, 82560, 82573, 82590, 82612, 82617, 82637, 82651, 82673, 82697]

HotAir.com writes, “If there was any promise-breaking here, it’s on ol’ Ash Carter, not President ‘Found Out About It On The News.’ Now, let’s think: What are the odds, realistically, that the White House would have allowed the secretary of defense to make the call on a mission like this? U.S. officials told Fox News that ‘dozens’ of American soldiers were involved; if things had gone sideways at the compound, with the Americans massacred and their bodies paraded on video for ISIS death-porn consumers, it would have been one of the worst counterterror fiascos of Obama’s presidency. It would have been a propaganda coup not just for the jihadis but for Russia, which would have used it to highlight by contrast how effective its own operations are in Syria. And it would have scrambled the historic narrative in light of the Bin Laden raid that, whatever his other faults, Obama’s track record on surgical strikes with special forces to take out terrorists is solid. There’s no earthly way that Precious would have let Ash Carter gamble all of that on a risky operation in Iraq, of all places. Obama obviously made the call himself. So why lay it off on Carter? Occam’s Razor suggests that if Obama’s going to briefly revisit ‘Bush’s war,’ he’d much prefer that it be framed as ‘Ash Carter’s war’ instead of his.’ (In other words, “being the fall guy for Obama” is in the Secretary of Defense’s job description.) [82612]

According to DailySignal.com, the increase in the minimum wage in Seattle may have resulted in a decrease in restaurant jobs. The Seattle area has lost 700 restaurant jobs between January and September, while the rest of the state (where there has been no minimum wage increase) has gained 5,800 restaurant jobs. [82559, 82898]

In an afternoon photo-op, Obama vetoes the National Defense Authorization Act—believing his action will give him leverage to increase non-defense spending. Obama states, “So I’m going to be vetoing this authorization bill. I’m going to be sending it back to Congress. And my message to them is very simple: Let’s do this right. We’re in the midst of budget discussions—let’s have a budget that properly funds our national security as well as economic security.” (Of course, non-defense spending is a completely separate issue. Obama is holding hostage defense spending in order to get more non-defense spending.) House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) responds, “By placing domestic politics ahead of our troops, ...Obama has put America’s national security at risk. This indefensible veto blocks pay and vital tools for our troops while Iranian terrorists prepare to gain billions under [Obama’s] nuclear deal. Congress should not allow this veto to stand.” [82562, 82587, 82596, 82611]

At DailySignal.com The Heritage Foundation’s Justin Johnson writes, “To be clear, the defense bill cannot increase non-defense spending. In fact, the defense bill doesn’t spend any money—it just establishes authorized budgets and policies for our military. But in this case, the facts don’t matter. Obama has been clear that he wants more spending for his domestic, liberal priorities and he is willing to use the defense bill as leverage. ...A

debate about any of the provisions in the bill is legitimate and important. But vetoing the bill for political leverage is not how Washington should operate. What makes this move by Obama even more concerning is that non-defense spending has been steadily increasing, while defense spending has been steadily decreasing. Since 2008, non-defense discretionary spending has increased by 7 percent while defense discretionary spending has decreased by 14.6 percent. If you include the major entitlement expansions under Obama, the numbers are even more striking. Social and economic spending has increased 37 percent from 2008 to 2015. In short, [Obama's] domestic priorities have been seeing significant funding increases while defense has been cut, but the president wants more and is willing to hold defense at risk. Obama should not be using our military for political leverage. The budgets for [Obama's] liberal priorities have gone up significantly while he has been in office, but [Obama] isn't satisfied and is willing to use a national security bill as leverage for more. Vetoing the defense bill in order to increase domestic spending is wrong and is Washington at its worst." [82596]

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban addresses the European People's Party (EPP) in Madrid. He says, "We are in deep trouble. The migration crisis is able to destabilize governments, countries, and the whole European continent. We need a strong, clear-cut answer, timetable, and action plan of EPP. We are victims of bad international political decisions. First of all, what we have been facing is *not* a refugee crisis. This is a migratory movement composed of economic migrants, refugees, and also foreign fighters. This is an uncontrolled and unregulated process. I would like to remind you that free choice of a host country is not included in the international law countries, ...but considering them [the migrants] victims must not turn ourselves into being victims. Just because we do not consider them enemies, we must not act against ourselves. Our moral responsibility is to give back to these people their homes and their countries. It can't be our objective to provide them with a new European life. Right to human dignity and security are basic rights but neither the German, Austrian, nor the Hungarian way of life is a basic right of all people on the earth. It is only a right of those... who have contributed to it. Europe is not able to accept everyone who wants a better life." [82565, 82566]

Disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner (husband of Hillary Clinton's closest aide, Huma Abedin), tweets, "Is it a given that 5 times more security in Benghazi would not have resulted in 5 times more loss of life of Americans?" (Translation: "Why the fuss about Clinton having denied Ambassador Stevens additional security? They would have died anyway." Weiner's comment is, of course, despicable.) [82601, 82602]

At Breitbart.com A. J. Delgado lists "20 Reasons Why It Should Be Donald Trump In 2016." [82626]

Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) laughs off the deaths of four Americans at Benghazi, commenting via Twitter on a video of Hillary Clinton brushing some dirt off her clothing during her testimony: "This GIF is priceless. Way to brush it off Hillary. Leaders rise amidst adversity." [82635]

On CNN, Anderson Cooper interviews Kate Quigley, whose brother Glen Doherty was killed in Benghazi. She describes her meeting with Hillary Clinton when her brother's body arrived at Andrews Air Force Base: "She [Clinton] spoke to my family about how sad we should feel for the Libyan people because they're uneducated and that breeds fear, which breeds violence, and leads to a protest, and... I remember thinking at the time, 'Wow, how... selfish of me. I never really thought about the Libyan people, I've been so consumed with my own grief, and loss, and concern.' ...And when I think back now to that day and what she knew, it shows me a lot about her character that she would choose in that moment to basically perpetuate what she knew was untrue. ...It was very strange. ...I thought about it, and I never spoke about it for a long time. ...Eight days later was Glen's funeral, and at the funeral the priest mentioned in his eulogy how sad he was that religion was involved in his death... So this is eight days after the attack that that story is still out there, and... I would say, that's a big difference..." (Clinton *knew* when she met Quigley that her brother's death had *nothing* to do with a YouTube video, but she nevertheless shamelessly told the grieving woman to feel sorry for Muslims who were offended by that video. Clinton's depravity is in a class by itself.) [82629]

On *The Kelly File*, Megyn Kelly interviews Patricia Smith—the mother of Benghazi victim Sean Smith. Smith says, "My son called me the night before [the attack], telling me about the people that were walking around the compound taking pictures, and they were taking pictures of the diesel fuel... and that's what [they set on fire. They knew that this was going to happen, they were just planning... to act." Asked by Kelly about the email from Clinton telling the Egyptians it was a planned attack, and not a response to a YouTube video, Smith responds, "...She lies. Very simple. She is not telling the truth. ...She told me it was the video. ...She told me personally it was the video. Obama told me. [then-Secretary of Defense Leon] Panetta told me. [Joe] Biden told me. They all told me at the casket ceremony that it was the video and they would definitely call me and let me know if there was any change, as soon as they investigated it a little more thoroughly. I have heard *nothing*. *Nothing* from the government since, other than I am not a member of the immediate family and they don't have to tell me. ...That is true. I've got that in writing." (Smith assumes that the government only considers her son's widow the "immediate family.") [82634]

An emotional Smith continues, "...They gotta [sic] tell me. I still don't know. The government has never told me. They have never contacted me. And I've got to know. That was my only child. And, yes I'm grieving, because they won't tell me anything. If Hillary had any sense in her head all she'd have to do is make one phone call and there'd be no more problem. But they don't tell me. They won't tell me nothing [sic], because I am not a member of the immediate family. ...*But they don't care! They don't care!*" (On CNN, Smith has asked if the bloody fingerprints on the walls in Benghazi were her son's. She will probably never know how he died—because Obama and Clinton have decided that their political careers and legacies are more important than the truth.) [82634]

In the village of Spielfeld in Austria's state of Styria, police are forced to remove barricades after an influx of thousands of migrants entering via Slovenia. Austrian Interior Minister Johanna Mikl-Leitner calls for "a fortress Europe" to resist the invasion. Pamela Geller reports, "One German wrote me this: 'I have a feeling that most Americans don't even know the magnitude of destruction that has been done here in the last couple of months. ...With a rate of more than 10,000 'refugees' per day, Germany will be a third world country very soon: the highest court in Germany ruled that every refugee is entitled to get the same social benefits that German citizens get.' Americans don't know, and it's coming here." [82660, 82661, 82662, 82707, 82711, 82712]

On October 23 Obama's Department of Justice predictably announces it is closing its investigation of former IRS official Lois Lerner and will not file any charges against her. The DOJ laughably claims, "We found no evidence that any IRS official acted based on political, discriminatory, corrupt, or other inappropriate motives that would support a criminal prosecution. We also found no evidence that any official involved in the handling of tax-exempt applications or IRS leadership attempted to obstruct justice. Based on the evidence developed in this investigation and the recommendation of experienced career prosecutors and supervising attorneys at the department, we are closing our investigation and will not seek any criminal charges. ...Ineffective management is not a crime. The Department of Justice's exhaustive probe revealed no evidence that would support a criminal prosecution. What occurred is disquieting and may necessitate corrective action—but it does not warrant criminal prosecution." (Translation: "We're not corrupt; we're just incompetent." The investigation, it should be noted, was headed by attorney Barbara Bosserman, a Democrat donor.) Meanwhile, the Albuquerque Tea Party is still waiting for non-profit status approval from the IRS—for which it filed *in 2009*. [82588, 82630, 82647, 82657, 82685, 82771, 82814, 82899]

Investors.com writes, "This is absurd. Lerner was caught red-handed targeting Tea Party and other conservative groups, wrote partisan emails to prove it, then engaged in a massive cover-up effort—with a suspiciously crashed server, an oddly missing BlackBerry and plenty of excuses. She evaded even more accountability by shielding herself with the Fifth Amendment in Congress. The consequences to her have been... retirement on a full pension with all her bonuses to a multimillion-dollar mansion in the deep D.C. suburbs. As for her victims—and they were many—there is no justice. Now everyone, no matter what their political leanings, will wonder if they too are a political target by an out-of-control agency protected by the Justice Department. Because that's the real consequence of this failure to hold Lerner accountable: A precedent has been set. IRS officials now know they can go after any political opponent they want, ruin them any way they wish, swing an election—as occurred with Lerner's actions—and get away with it. ...The Democrats may giggle with glee at seeing another of their own skate free based on the president's executive actions through his DOJ flunkies. But two can play that game. If a Republican as unscrupulous as Obama wins the election, the same banana republic politics in government will make Democrats the next victims. ...Political parties should be careful what they wish for." [82657]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) responds, “The Justice Department’s decision to close the IRS targeting investigation without a single charge or prosecution is a low point of accountability in an administration that is better known for punishing whistleblowers than the abuse and misconduct they expose. After stating that their investigation confirms that tea party and conservative groups were improperly targeted, they dismiss it merely as a byproduct of gross mismanagement and incompetence—ignoring volumes of evidence in the public record and efforts to obstruct legitimate inquires.” [82588, 82630, 82647]

Mozaffar Khazaei, an Iranian-American who had worked at U.S. defense contractor Pratt & Whitney, is sentenced to eight years in prison (including three years of “supervised release”) for trying to smuggle information about F-35 and F-22 aircraft engines out of the country. (Many might ask why someone with dual U.S. and Iranian citizenship was hired by a defense contractor in the first place. Of course, to deny him the job, notes Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer, “would have been ‘Islamophobic.’”) Khazaei’s defense? “I never sold anything to anybody.” (Even if he planned to turn the information to Iran for free, he still broke the law.) [82663, 82664, 82665]

The Obama administration—which apparently never runs out of ideas to spend taxpayer dollars—proposes several “green energy” costumes for Halloween. According to WashingtonExaminer.com, they include “a wind turbine, a solar panel and the terrifying ‘energy vampire.’ ‘Energy vampire’ is the Obama administration’s term for electrical products that use energy even when they’re not being used, like phones, clocks or appliances that glow. To dress as an energy vampire, the Department of Energy [DOE] suggests dressing like a vampire and hanging electrical cords around your neck and arms. ... Other ideas include dressing up like a particle accelerator, which you can do by walking around all night with a lit-up hula hoop around your waste. The department said that would make it clear to people that you are a particle accelerator.” (For the record, particle accelerators use an extraordinary amount of energy. Fermilab reportedly uses about 50 megawatts, or 50 million watts, of electricity each month—enough to power 30-50,000 homes. The DOE is apparently too stupid to comprehend that a “lit-up hula hoop” wastes energy from batteries in a completely frivolous manner.) [82745, 82746, 82747]

Democrat candidate Lincoln Chafee drops out of the presidential race. (Whether his enthusiasm for converting to the metric system or his 0.0 percent voter support will go to Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, or Martin O’Malley is not clear.) [82606, 82610]

The House votes 240-189 to defund Planned Parenthood. The measure is included in a “reconciliation bill” that cannot be filibustered by Senate Democrats; it will therefore need 51 votes in the Senate, rather than 60. According to LifeNews.com, “The reconciliation bill also repeals portions of Obamacare, including its rationing components.” (Of course, Obama will veto the legislation, but the process forces legislators to take a position one way or the other, and shows the voters what they really stand for.) [82631]

Hillary Clinton tells MSNBC's Rachel Maddow that Bill Clinton's signing of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was a "defensive action." (The ridiculous claim is that her husband signed DOMA to keep conservatives from trying to amend the U.S. Constitution. Even by Clinton standards, the "spin" is monumental: Clinton essentially "had to be against gay marriage in order to save it." Even the leftist HuffingtonPost.com does not believe the claim that a constitutional amendment was in the works. Former Clinton advisor Dick Morris later writes, "This statement is totally untrue. I was there and there was never any discussion of a constitutional amendment on the subject. ... The Clinton campaign and administration had been searching for an issue to throw a bone to social conservatives to soften their opposition to [Clinton's] re-election. His decision to sign DOMA was part of that effort. There was never any indication of a potential constitutional amendment on the horizon.") [82648, 82649, 82863]

Most alarmingly, Clinton tells Maddow that after her testimony before the Select Benghazi Committee, "I had my whole team come over to my house and we sat around eating Indian food and drinking wine and beer. That's what we did. It was great. ... They did a terrific job, you know, kind of being there behind me and getting me ready, and then, you know, just talk about what we're going to do next [sic]." (At Townhall.com Ben Shapiro later comments, "Clinton is a coldly manipulative, deeply ambitious politician willing to say and do anything to achieve power. She was always that person, which is why she lied to Americans from in front of the flag-draped caskets of the murdered men in Benghazi. And she is that person now, too, as she laughs and eats Indian food hours after maintaining her lies once again before the American people.") [82763]

Clinton also downplays the problems veterans are having getting health care, telling Maddow, "I don't understand why we have such a problem, because there have been a number of surveys of veterans and overall veterans who do get treated and are satisfied with their treatment." (Clinton may as well argue, "Well, many people died as a result of Hurricane Katrina but those who were rescued had nice things to say about the helicopters pilots who rescued them.") "...[N]obody would believe that from the coverage that, uh, you see, uh, and the constant, uh, berating of the VA that comes from the Republicans, in, in part in pursuit of this ideological agenda that they have... They try to create a downward spiral, don't fund it to the extent that it needs to be funded, because they want it to fail, so then we can argue for privatization." [82687, 82857]

Townhall.com's Guy Benson later responds to Clinton's claims: "Hillary Clinton's party is currently filibustering a bill that funds the VA, using America's veterans as a bargaining chip to try to force Republicans to agree to unrelated spending increases. ... The VA's problem is not underfunding; its budget nearly tripled between 2000 and 2012, outpacing both the rate of medical price inflation and new patient demand. In the wake of the VA scandal, which shocked and angered Americans, Congress earmarked billions in additional funds for the agency. The wait time problem has gotten worse. ... The agency's Inspector General has called the wait time manipulation abuses 'systemic' in nature." (VA whistleblower Brandon Coleman says, "For Mrs. Clinton to

say it's an isolated incident, I'm prepared to meet her wherever she wants to meet. She can pick a VA facility. I'll name some off for her right now: Tomah, Chicago, Minneapolis, we can go to Florida ... We can talk to front-line employees and I bet you they'll have similar stories to mine as to what's going on at the VA.") [82687, 82702]

Newsmax.com lists "13 Shocking Revelations" from Hillary Clinton's Benghazi testimony: "1. Clinton originated the false narrative about a YouTube video protest." "2. Clinton avoided responsibility for [Ambassador Christopher] Stevens' death." "3. Clinton likely never spoke to Stevens [between May 2012 and his death]." "4. Stevens didn't have Clinton's email address." "5. Clinton said she 'knew and admired' Chris Stevens, but called him 'Chris Smith' on night of his death." "6. Clinton knew 'nothing' about Stevens' meeting with al-Qaida affiliate." "7. Sidney Blumenthal had direct access to Clinton; Stevens did not." "8. Blumenthal was Clinton's 'most prolific emailer on Libya.'" "[Obama] didn't know Blumenthal was emailing Clinton." "10. Blumenthal's emails weren't entirely unsolicited [as Clinton claimed]." "11. Clinton says she didn't know where Blumenthal's intel was coming from." "12. The committee doesn't have all of Stevens' emails." "13. Clinton suggested Stevens was joking about security." [82633, 82689]

TimesofIsrael.com posts a new video from ISIS that warns, "This is a message to all the Jews, who are the Muslims' number one enemy. The real war has not begun and everything you have experienced so far has been child's play—nothing compared to what will happen to you soon enough, inshallah [God willing]. We promise you that soon, not one Jew will be left [alive] in Jerusalem or across Israel and we will continue until we eradicate this disease [Judaism] from the world. Look at what has happened to you in a few vehicular and stabbing attacks from our brothers in Palestine. You lost your minds and started fearing every driver that sped up. You were even scared of every person carrying something in their hand. What will happen to you when tens of thousands [of Muslim fighters] arrive from across the world to slaughter you? The borders of [the 1916] Sykes-Picot [agreement] will not protect you, and like we blurred the borders between Syria and Iraq, we will do so between Syria and Jordan and then Syria and Palestine. This isn't just talk. We will advance towards you from everywhere, from the north and the south, from Sinai, from everywhere. We see your crimes every day and we will settle scores." [82642, 82643]

A Donald Trump rally in Miami is interrupted several times by Hispanic pro-amnesty demonstrators. Trump tells his supporters (who chant, "USA! USA!"), "You can get them out, just don't hurt them. ... That's what free speech is about." After the protesters are evicted, he says, "Too bad we had to throw them out, but sometimes you have to throw people out!" Trump observes, "So we have thousands of people, and you'll have three or four people protest, and tomorrow morning [the newspapers will write], 'Protesters at Trump [event].'" [82636, 82638, 82639, 82650, 82654, 82694]

At RamblingManBlog.com Bruce Haynes explains "Why Trump Might Win." He writes, "[I]t is increasingly obvious that Obama and Trump have something in common. On the

road to the White House, both looked up one day and found that they were not just running campaigns, they were leading causes. ...All of the elements of a great campaign are present. Trump has a brand. He has iconography in the form of the ubiquitous red hat. A Reaganesque slogan in 'Make America Great Again.' A battle cry in a song, 'We're Not Gonna Take it Anymore.' And, if he elects to reach under the mattress at Trump Tower, he has more than enough resources to keep the music playing as long as it takes. I can explain Trump's campaign in 15 seconds. I'm not sure I can explain any of the others in 15 minutes. It is working because Trump has a base. Secular, more moderate, working class voters who believe they are being left behind by the globalization of both our economy and our culture. These people form the basis of the cause. Sure, they've been around ever since economic globalization has been an issue. They were Reagan Democrats, or Perot voters, or Pat Buchanan supporters. But changes in our economy and culture have been occurring at a lightning pace these last four years, and these voters fear that America is in danger of irreversibly becoming not only something they do not recognize, but a place in which they no longer belong." [82652]

"...Not long ago, these people were celebrated as the backbone of America. But today, they get the impression they are a malignant tumor that a wealthy, educated class of new American elites would excise and discard. They not just disrespected, but in some circles mocked, 'flyover' people whose values and way of life are not only irrelevant, but distasteful. The irony that a chauffeur driven New York billionaire has given voice to their concerns is not lost. But Trump has spoken of their concerns with more clarity and strength than any voice they've heard echo their thoughts since Reagan. In politics, causes beat campaigns. Causes prompt sold out venues, more volunteers than you can assign tasks, and political outcomes that defy traditional measurement and conventional wisdom. Trump, perhaps unwittingly, finds himself the leader of that cause. If he can stay in front of the pack, and grow his vote, that cause may carry him to a heretofore unthinkable victory." [82652]

On October 24, while Donald Trump addresses a huge crowd in Jacksonville, Florida, Taki Theodoracopulos writes at TakiMag.com, "[T]he media are going ballistic over the Donald. The elite of this country are aghast, shocked, and appalled that a man of Trump's character could be leading in the polls. They've even tried to discredit his hair, and to disqualify him from running, by claiming it (the hair) is foreign-born. I've known him for many years and like him enormously. He is what he is and takes shit from no one. He doesn't coddle people, especially those who call themselves press. The latter are like sharks. They can smell blood and pounce, and the more one tries to mollify them, the more they pounce. ...Decorum is the excuse these phonies who represent us use for telling lies about the millions from Africa who will soon overwhelm us. Decorum is the excuse American politicians use for lying about race and the fact that African-Americans have been left behind because of the collapse of the black family. How can teenage black girls have five children by the time they're 20 and expect to live a happy life? The Donald tells it like it is, exposes his middle finger to the fourth estate, spends his own money, and owes nobody nuthin'. And his second wife told the media it was the best sex she ever had. That must count for something." [82658]

Trump tells his audience, “Here’s a guy [Jeb Bush] who wants to run our country, and he can’t even run his own campaign. And you know what? He’s cutting back big [on his campaign spending]. . . . Bush has no money. He’s cutting. He’s meeting today with mommy and daddy and they’re working on their campaign. . . . I’ve put up less money than anybody else and I’m number one. Wouldn’t it be better if we had a country that would spend the least and be number one Think about it.” [82674, 82694]

NYTimes.com reports, “Faced with mounting and bipartisan opposition to increased and often high-stakes testing in the nation’s public schools, the Obama administration declared Saturday that the push had gone too far, acknowledged its own role in the proliferation of tests, and urged schools to step back and make exams less onerous and more purposeful. Specifically, the administration called for a cap on assessment so that no child would spend more than 2 percent of classroom instruction time taking tests. It called on Congress to ‘reduce over-testing’ as it reauthorizes the federal legislation governing the nation’s public elementary and secondary schools.” (Many might believe that the change is mostly the result of parents complaining that their children are being tested too much. In fact, it is teachers unions that drove the change—because tying grades to teacher evaluations leaves many teachers looking bad.) [82714, 82715, 82725]

On October 25 Donald Trump is interviewed by Jake Tapper on CNN’s *State of the Union* and George Stephanopoulos on ABC’s *This Week*. In both interviews, Trump avoids controversial statements and comes across as level-headed and someone independents and “Reagan Democrats” could support. [82675, 82676]

On *Meet the Press*, Congressman Trey Gowdy (R-SC) says of Hillary Clinton’s testimony, “I didn’t send a subpoena to Secretary Clinton. It was a voluntary interview and she wanted it to be in public. I wrote a letter several months ago giving her an option, and she chose public, and that’s well within her rights. . . . I can just tell you that of the 50 some odd interviews we have done thus far, the vast majority have been private, and you don’t see the bickering among the members of Congress in private interviews. You don’t see any of that.” (Clinton knew the committee members would grandstand for the cameras, and she did the same.) [82696]

At FamilySecurityMatters.org author (*Restoring the Republic*) and retired Colonel Lawrence Sellin writes, “A recently-released and heavily redacted copy of a Sept. 12, 2012, Defense Intelligence Agency [DIA] memo to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, the White House National Security Council and the Joint Chiefs of Staff said ‘the attack was planned 10 or more days prior on approximately 01 September 2012. The intention was to attack the consulate and to kill as many Americans as possible to seek revenge for U.S. killing of Aboyahiye (ALALIBY) in Pakistan and in memorial of the 11 September 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center buildings.’ According to the memo, the attack ‘was planned and executed by the Brigades of the Captive Omar Abdul Rahman (BCOAR). BCOAR is also responsible for past attacks on the Red Cross in Benghazi and the attack on the British Ambassador, they have approximately 120 members.’ Rahman [Omar Abdel-Rahman, the ‘Blind Sheikh’]

is serving a life sentence in a federal prison for his role in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center which killed six people in New York.” (The DIA memo is additional proof that Hillary Clinton and other key Obama administration officials knew *from the beginning* that the Benghazi attack was *not* a spontaneous demonstration in response to a YouTube video—yet they continued to peddle that lie for weeks.) [82677, 82678, 82679, 82680]

Sellin notes, “According to Eli Lake writing on September 21, 2012, two U.S. intelligence officials told The Daily Beast that the intelligence community was analyzing an intercept between a Libyan politician whose sympathies were with al Qaeda and the Libyan militia known as the February 17 Brigade—which had been charged by the Obama Administration with providing local security to the consulate. In the intercept, the Libyan politician apparently asked an officer in the brigade have his men stand down for a pending attack. That observation is consistent with the overall lack of effort by the February 17 Brigade to assist the Americans as described by those on the ground in the book ‘13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi.’ ...In actuality, the Benghazi attack could have had multiple goals: to kill Americans on the anniversary of 9/11; to extract revenge for the drone killing of Libyan al Qaeda leader Abu Yahya al-Libi in June of 2012; to take hostages in exchange for Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman; and to destroy any US capability of affecting Islamist activities and gun running in eastern Libya.” [82677, 82678, 82679, 82680]

Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar warns, “If we don’t find a solution [to the refugee problem] today, if we don’t do everything we can today, then it is the end of the European Union as such. [Many might call that a good thing.] If we don’t deliver concrete action, I believe Europe will start falling apart.” Reuters notes, “[R]efugees have continued to come through the western Balkans and have shifted west into Slovenia after Hungary’s border fencing was completed. Since Oct. 17, more than 62,000 migrants have arrived in Slovenia, with some 14,000 still passing through the country on Sunday [October 25].” [82683, 82684, 82695]

Pamela Geller reports that a Ramada Hotel in Frankfurt, Germany is being converted to permanent housing for refugees. The Lapland Ski Resort in Riksgränsen, Sweden will become a “refugee hub,” housing more than 600—at least until ski season begins in February. [82704, 82705, 82706]

Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) announces that if he becomes Speaker of the House he will make lobbyist David Hoppe his chief of staff. (The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is one of Hoppe’s clients. The Chamber supports ObamaCare, the TPP trade agreement, amnesty for illegal immigrants, and Common Core education standards. Conservatives in the House will not be happy with Ryan’s choice.) [82691, 82692, 82693]

Campaigning in South Carolina, Jeb Bush says, “If this election is about how we’re going to fight to get nothing done, then I don’t want anything—I don’t want any part of it. I don’t want to be elected president to sit around and see gridlock just become so dominant

that people literally are in decline in their lives. That is not my motivation. I got [sic] a lot of really cool things I could do other than sit around, being miserable, listening to people demonize me and feeling compelled to demonize them. That is a joke. Elect Trump if you want that.” (“You voters are idiots” is probably not the best message a candidate can issue during a failing campaign, but Bush is apparently giving it a try.) [82698, 82728, 82772]

On SiriusXM radio’s *Breitbart News Sunday*, author Roger Stone (*The Clintons’ War on Women*) says that Hillary Clinton “has been an enabler of rape. She has been the person to enable the serial rape and sexual assaults by her husband Bill Clinton, some of which are known publicly: Paula Jones, Juanita Broaddrick, and Kathleen Willey.” But there have been “many, many others who were not known publicly.” Stone outlines some of the tactics used to frighten Clinton’s victims into keeping quiet: “Pets killed. Tires slashed. Windshields smashed in and bullets left in the front seat of cars. Late night phone calls: ‘We know where your children go to school.’This is very sick stuff. It is the psychological abuse of women and Hillary is responsible for it. Women voters need to know her real record.” [82701]

On *60 Minutes*, Vice President Joe Biden insists he will not run for political office again. [82699]

On October 26 the Palestinian Authority (Obama’s “peace partner”) names a street after Muhannad Halabi—who stabbed and shot two innocent Israelis in Jerusalem on October 3. (Obama has no comment.) [82713]

Leo Hohmann writes at WND.com, “Austrians are arming themselves at record rates in an effort to defend their households against feared attacks from Muslim invaders. ...A Czech TV report confirms that long guns—shotguns and rifles—have been flying off the shelves in Austria, and Austrians who haven’t already purchased a gun may not have a chance to get one for some time. They’re all sold out. And those arming themselves are primarily women. ‘If anyone wants to buy a long gun in Austria right now, too bad for them,’ the Czech newscaster says. ‘All of them are currently sold out.’” (Guns sales are up despite the fact that in many European countries it is very difficult to purchase weapons—particularly in Germany, Britain, Denmark and the Netherlands.) [82716, 82757, 82758, 82795]

Twitter user FredZeppelin tweets, “We’re at the point in US history where one major political party defines a ‘great week’ by getting away with lies and not being indicted.” [82688]

The Obama administration admits that ObamaCare premiums will increase appreciably in 2016. WSJ.com reports, “Federal officials said Monday that the price of the second-lowest-cost midrange ‘silver plan’—a key metric for premiums around the country—will increase by 7.5% on average across the three-dozen states that rely on Washington to

administer the health law for them.” Kevin Counihan, CEO of the health-insurance marketplaces, states, “For most consumers, premium increases for 2016 are in the single digits and they will be able to find plans for less than \$100 a month.” (The “less than \$100 a month” claim is a distortion of reality. The plans cost *significantly* more than \$100 per month—but the taxpayers are picking up most of the cost. An enrollee might pay \$85 per month for his coverage, but the insurance company might also be collecting \$900 per month from the federal government in the form of taxpayer subsidies. Additionally, an \$85 per month premium may seem far less attractive to the enrollee when the plan has a \$5,000 deductible. He may be able to afford the insurance, but he cannot afford to use it. ObamaCare has *not* made insurance cheaper. It has merely shifted the costs from low-income families to every other family.) [82765]

WSJ.com continues, “Averages don’t reflect what individual consumers will see, and premium amounts vary across the country. Some enrollees may see significantly higher or more modest rate increases. State insurance regulators around the country have largely approved all or most of the hefty premium increases sought by the largest health plans for 2016. Some have jumped by double digits: On average, premiums will rise in 2016 for the second lowest-cost silver plan by 31.5% in Alaska and 22.9% in Oregon, according to the report. Oklahoma will see a 35.7% hike.” [82765, 82766]

CNN Money reports, “A Chinese investment firm is shelling out \$1.3 billion to buy giant oil fields in Texas, reflecting growing interest from China in U.S. energy resources. Yantai Xinchao will acquire oil assets in the western Texas Permian Basin that are currently owned by Tall City Exploration and Plymouth Petroleum. The deal is part of a larger transaction between Yantai Xinchao and a second Chinese firm, according to a stock exchange filing on Saturday. The purchase, which includes oil fields in the state's Howard and Borden counties, has already been approved by the U.S. Committee on Foreign Investment, the filing said.” [82885]

CampusReform.org writes, “Only one undergraduate professor from the top 50 liberal arts colleges has donated to a Republican presidential candidate in the current election cycle. According to FEC third quarter reports released October 16, 47 professors at the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the country, as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*, have given to presidential campaigns. Of those 47 professors, Hamilton College History Professor Robert Paquette was the sole donor to a Republican candidate, giving \$150 to Carly Fiorina’s campaign. The remaining 99.51 percent went to Democrat candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders. The 46 other professors collectively donated \$20,875 to Hillary Clinton and \$8,417 to Bernie Sanders. Professors donating to Clinton have given an average of \$1,043.75. Those giving to Sanders donated an average of \$323.73. ...After 35 years of experience in higher education, Paquette believes that the business ‘has become a racket monopolized by the academic left.’” [82700]

In Chicago, FBI director James Comey addresses the annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and warns about growing anti-police sentiment in the nation: “I actually see an example and demonstration of that arcing

[groups arcing apart] through hashtags: the hashtag Black Lives Matter and the hashtag Police Lives Matter. Of course, each of those hashtags and what they represent adds a voice to an important conversation, but each time someone interprets hashtag Black Lives Matter as anti-law enforcement, one line moves away and each time someone interprets hashtag Police Lives Matter as anti-black, the other line moves away. And just as those lines are arcing away, and maybe, just maybe, because those lines are arcing away from each other, we have a crisis of violent crime in some of our major cities in this country, and in those cities in some of our most vulnerable neighborhoods.” (The White House is less than pleased with Comey’s remarks and his suggestions that anti-police rhetoric is making some officers afraid to leave their vehicles and do their jobs. Press secretary Josh Earnest tells reports, “The evidence we’ve seen so far doesn’t support the contention that law enforcement officials are somehow shirking their responsibility, and in fact you’ve seen law enforcement leaders across the country indicating that’s not what’s taking place.” Earnest apparently knows few, if any, police officers.) [82729, 82730, 82762]

Former New York City police commissioner Ray Kelly tells CNN’s Wolf Blitzer, “I commend James Comey for telling it like it is. I mean, if you talk to police officers in other jurisdictions, not only in New York where I am, they will tell you that. They are backing off. A lot of police work is discretionary and they don’t want to put their careers at risk. They don’t want to put their family’s wellbeing at risk, so they are hesitating somewhat. In some people’s mind, I guess, that’s a good thing. In my mind, it’s not a good thing.” [82739]

Jerome Corsi writes, “In an interview with WND, Fox News senior judicial analyst Andrew Napolitano, a former judge, pointed to [Hillary Clinton’s] denial of any knowledge of secret arms shipments to Libya arranged by the State Department under her watch. She specifically denied any knowledge of arms dealing by Marc Turi, who is being prosecuted by the Department of Justice for lying on an application to the State Department to obtain approval to ship arms to Libya. ...Napolitano explained that Clinton ‘had three audiences, and she forgot the most important of them.’ ‘Her immediate audience was the committee, whose members generally do not know how to ask questions of witnesses who are trying to hide the truth,’ he said. ‘Her second audience was the American people, who will recall no more than 15 second sound bites and general impressions,’ he stressed. ‘Her third audience—the one she must have forgotten about—consists of the 25 or so FBI agents and federal prosecutors who are investigating her.’ [82703]

“...In her testimony Thursday, Napolitano said, the Department of Justice and FBI audience was looking for ‘perjury, for misleading statements and for what federal law calls ‘bad acts.’ ‘Perjury is lying under oath. Mrs. Clinton committed perjury when she denied that she knew anything about supplying arms to rebels,’ Napolitano said. ‘Not only did she know about it, she authorized it,’ he asserted. ... ‘The crime of misleading Congress carries the same penalty as lying to Congress—five years per misleading statement,’ Napolitano pointed out. ‘Her frequent use of double negatives and her professed lack of memory may save her from perjury but not from the charge of

misleading—being deceptive.’ ‘What she plainly revealed is a willingness and natural proclivity to deceive,’ he concluded. ‘We know she knew the true source of the Benghazi attacks the day they happened, even as she was lying and blaming a cheap video,’ he noted. ‘The FBI knows how to build a case on ‘bad acts’—here, persistent deception—and how to use that to trap and indict the perpetrator.’” [82703]

In one of his last official acts as Speaker of the House, John Boehner (R-OH) wheels and deals with the Democrats to push for \$80-\$112 billion in increased defense and non-defense spending in 2016 and 2017, as well as an unlimited increase in the debt ceiling to March 2017—conveniently long enough to get the politicians past the November 2016 elections. According to WashingtonTimes.com, the negotiators included the White House, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Senator Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and Boehner. Heritage Action CEO Michael A. Needham states, “In Washington ‘cleaning the barn’ is apparently synonymous with shoveling manure on the American people. John Boehner is clearly a rogue agent negotiating on behalf of well-connected special interests, not the voters that [sic; who] gave him the gavel.” The White House, of course, calls for quick action on the deal: “We urge members of Congress from both parties to take the next step and pass a budget based on this agreement. It provides substantial relief from harmful spending cuts, and it does so equally on the defense and non-defense sides of the budget.” [82717, 82732, 82736, 82737, 82742, 82752, 82764]

Among other things, the agreement “steals” \$150 billion from the Social Security Trust Fund to fund the close-to-bankrupt Disability Insurance Trust Fund. (Both systems are operating at a deficit, yet the politicians “solve” the problem simply by shifting some of the debt from one insolvent system to another. Apparently it does not occur to the government to stop giving benefits to workers who are not totally and permanently disabled but who suddenly develop bad backs and depression because they cannot find a job.) [82752]

As usual, the taxpayers are the losers. Obama will leave office with the national debt close to \$20 trillion. (It was about \$10.6 trillion when he took office.) The deal is obviously meant to render House and Senate conservatives useless and voiceless. It is a slap in the face to every voter who gave the GOP majorities in the House and the Senate in the foolish belief that they would reduce spending—or at least not allow it to increase. The deal also gives likely incoming Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI) a free pass: he will not have to deal with budget or debt ceiling issues until after the November 2016 election. (With no specific debt ceiling limit, Obama can spend as much money as he wants on practically *anything*. If, for example, he wants to give \$10 million bonuses to each of his cronies in the White House he can do so.)

While Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) runs for president as a Democrat Socialist and expresses a desire to turn the United States into a Scandinavian country, Mises.org notes, “if it were to join the US as a state, Sweden would be poorer than all but 12 states, with a median income of \$27,167. Median residents in states like Colorado (\$35,830),

Massachusetts (\$37,626), Virginia (\$39,291), Washington (\$36,343), and Utah (\$36,036) have considerably higher incomes than Sweden. With the exception of Luxembourg (\$38,502), Norway (\$35,528), and Switzerland (\$35,083), all [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development] countries... would fail to rank as high-income states were they to become part of the United States. In fact, most would fare worse than Mississippi, the poorest state. For example, Mississippi has a higher median income (\$23,017) than 18 [OECD] countries... Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, has a median income (\$25,528) level below all but 9 US states. Finland ranks with Germany in this regard (\$25,730), and France's median income (\$24,233) is lower than both Germany and Finland. Denmark fares better and has a median income (\$27,304) below all but 13 US states. On the other hand, were Australia (\$29,875), Austria (\$28,735), and Canada (28,288) to join the US, they would be regarded as 'middle-income states' with incomes similar to the US median of \$30,616." [82718, 83120]

Of course, the cost of living in a particular state is also important. After accounting for the cost of living in Mississippi (for example), "we find that Mississippi (\$26,517) is no longer the state with the lowest median income in real terms. New York (\$26,152) is now the state with the lowest median income due to its very high cost of living. This [gives us] a more realistic view of the purchasing power of the median household in US states. It is also more helpful in comparing individual states to OECD members, many of which have much higher costs of living than places like the American south and midwest. [Taking into consideration] how inexpensive it is to live in places like Tennessee, Florida, and Kentucky, we find that residents in those states now have higher median incomes than Sweden (a place that's 30% more expensive than the US) and most other OECD countries measured. Once purchasing power among the US states is taken into account, we find that Sweden's median income (\$27,167) is higher than only six states: Arkansas (\$26,804), Louisiana (\$25,643), Mississippi (\$26,517), New Mexico (\$26,762), New York (\$26,152) and North Carolina (\$26,819). We find something similar when we look at Germany, but in Germany's case, every single US state shows a higher median income than Germany. Germany's median income is \$25,528. Things look even worse for the United Kingdom which has a median income of \$21,033, compared to \$26,517 in Mississippi." (While some American leftists may want to move to Sweden, some conservatives may want to move to Poland. As a result of national elections on October 25, the country's parliament now has *no one* from a left-wing party.) [82718, 82735, 83120]

Singer Katy Perry, campaigning for Hillary Clinton, says, "We can do better!" (Whether Perry realizes she is criticizing the Obama regime is not clear.) [82724]

On October 27 another undercover Planned Parenthood video is released. Austin, Texas abortionist Dr. Anna Dermish discusses how she sometimes moves the baby to the breech position to make it easier to extract an intact body. (The process is illegal.) In the video she also states she has been unable to extract "an intact calvarium" (head) but jokes that trying "will give me something to strive for." [82721, 82722, 82723, 82733]

On *Morning Joe*, Mika Brzezinski calls Hillary Clinton “pathetic” for playing the “gender card” against Senator Bernie Sanders for what was a totally non-sexist statement. Brzezinski says, “I know sexism, Hillary Clinton knows sexism, she should know better.” (DailyCaller.com explains: “Earlier this week, Sanders suggested, ‘As a senator from a rural state, what I can tell Secretary Clinton, that all the shouting in the world is not going to do what I would hope all of us want, and that is keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have those guns.’ Clinton responded, ‘I’ve been told to stop shouting about ending gun violence. Well, I haven’t been shouting, but sometimes when a woman speaks out some people think it’s shouting.’”) [82756]

Ben Carson takes the lead over Donald Trump (26-22 percent) in an October 21-25 nationwide CBS/New York Times poll (of only 575 people, with a 6 percent margin of error). Trailing are Marco Rubio (8), Jeb Bush (7), Carly Fiorina (7), Ted Cruz (4), Mike Huckabee (4), John Kasich (4), and Rand Paul (4). [82726, 82727, 82731, 82748]

A One America News Network/Gravis national poll shows Trump keeping the lead, with 35.6 percent, followed by Carson (21.7), Marco Rubio (10.7), Jeb Bush (7.6), Carly Fiorina (5.7), and Mike Huckabee (3.2). (Trump also leads Carson in recent October polls by Morning Consult, Ipsos/Reuters, ABC/WaPo, Monmouth University, NBC/WSJ, CNN, and Emerson College Polling Society.) [82741, 82748]

House Speaker John Boehner announces the atrocious budget deal with the words, “Having listened to our members and listened to the American people, we have a budget agreement. This is a good deal for our troops and for the American people.” (Boehner certainly did not listen to House members; the deal was negotiated in secret without their input. Nor did he listen to the American people. DailySignal.com notes that, “according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll, the American people are on the opposite side of Boehner when it comes to the debt limit and spending. A majority of those polled, 61 percent, either oppose a debt limit increase or want Congress to cut spending in tandem. There’s even a majority of Americans [56 percent] who would shut down the government to achieve spending cuts.” Quite simply, the White House and both halls of Congress are full of incompetent ideologues who could not care less what the American people want.) [82753]

Heritage Action for America comments on the budget/debt ceiling deal on which House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) caved in (once again) to Obama and the Democrats: “This budget and debt deal is being brokered by a lame duck speaker and a lame duck president. It represents the very worst of Washington—a last minute deal that increases spending and debt under the auspices of fiscal responsibility. If this deal moves forward, it will undermine efforts to unite the party by those promising to advance serious policy reforms.” Breitbart.com’s Neil Munro reports, “GOP and Democratic leaders hope to rush the \$8 trillion budget deal through Congress in less than 48 hours, denying the public—or even congressional committees—any ability to debate the nation’s largest ever budget law. ... That rapid process is expected to minimize the populist blowback from the GOP’s diverse base as—once

again—the GOP leadership fails to fight for their voters’ priorities, he said. So far, said [Conservative Review’s Daniel] Horowitz, [Congressman Paul] Ryan ‘is either silent or complicit...’ in the back-room deal.” [82736]

Munro continues, “This surrender of congressional power would allow Republicans and Democrats to shrug their shoulders every time voters protest when Obama ticks another item off his political bucket-list—Accept more Islamist refugees? Offer a new type of amnesty to illegals? Impose tougher curbs on energy use? Free domestic criminals? Expand gun regulations? Convert another region into national park? Reduce military standards to boost weaker female soldiers or force salutes of sex-blurring cross-dressers? Expand Obamacare? Expand regulation of religion? The draft deal does not include any mention of curbs on immigrants, migrants, refugees, work permits, border, parole, or sentencing, Planned Parenthood, or Obama’s nuclear deal with Iran. It would also ensure that the new president—Republican or Democrat—could not pass a big budget during their first, and most important year in office.” [82736]

Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK) states, “Nobody’s going to be 100 percent happy with this [budget deal], but you have to look at it in terms of what the consequences are if it doesn’t pass. And do you really want financial disruptions on default, and do you really want massive cuts in the American military? I think the answer to both those questions is no.” (Translation: “Screw the American people. We are all cowards who would rather cave in than fight, and we hope the voters who hate us now will forget by election day 2016.”) “...I think there will be a lot of resistance to this. Again, I would think the more conservative elements will very strongly oppose it, and I’ve already read some of the things they’ve said in this morning’s papers.” [82740]

Congressman John Fleming (R-LA) justifiably complains, “To me it’s business as usual for Speaker [John] Boehner. ...This is again just the umpteenth time that you have this big, big, huge deal that’ll last for two years and we were told nothing about it.” (The deal was negotiated in secret and, at 144 pages, it clearly was not assembled at the last minute. That means that Republican leaders have completely ignored their members and, by extension, the voices of the American people. The GOP “establishment” should not be surprised if 2016 is a “throw all the bums out” year.) [82742, 82750, 82753]

Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) states, “Based on what I know now, it appears [Obama] got whatever he wanted.” [82750]

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) will filibuster the legislation. He states, “This is a disaster. I’m going to do everything in my power to stop it. ...It’s a rotten deal and it stinks. I haven’t met one Republican outside of Washington who thinks it’s a good idea to give unlimited borrowing power to [Obama], to bust the budget caps, to spend more on the military, more on domestic spending. ...I will do everything I can do stop it. I will filibuster it. I will not let them condense the time, I will make sure that the country is aware that really both sides appear to have given up right and left.” [82778, 82783]

Congressman Justin Amash (R-MI): “We’re supposed to be part of the process and if the outcome is more conservative or more liberal, so be it. But [at least] allow us to participate in the process and let the House determine the outcome through the votes.” [82750]

Not surprisingly, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) says, “I think that we could move forward with this. It averts a shutdown. It puts any of these problems into two years from now and so I think it’s the best deal we can get.” (Translation: “Tell the conservatives to just give Obama and the Democrats whatever they want and shut up.”) [82750]

Senator Tim Scott (R-SC): “Looking at the information that we’ve gathered so far, I’m not necessarily in a position where I think that’s in the best interest of our country going forward. ...It’s just hard to justify that we’re not figuring out how to clamp down on spending.” [82750]

Congressman Jim Jordan (R-OH): “It’s a bad deal. It was done in a process that was bad, and the product is not good. You can’t throw together this kind of package—\$1.5 trillion in new borrowing authority, breaking the spending caps, and then paying for most of this in the out years. That is not the way we are supposed to be handling things around here if we are going to address the \$18 trillion debt problem we have. It’s just not the way you want to do business.” [82751]

CNSNews.com notes, “The federal debt has increased by \$3,970,023,503,348.07 since House Speaker John Boehner cut his first spending deal with ...Obama in 2011. That equals \$33,832.64 for every household in the United States. ...Ever since March 4, 2011, all federal spending has been authorized by laws that first passed a Republican-controlled House led by Boehner and then were signed by ...Obama. At the close of business on March 4, 2011, the federal debt was \$14,182,627,184,881.03, according to the Treasury. At the close of business on Oct. 22, 2015, it was \$18,152,650,688,229.10. ...As of June, according to the Census Bureau, there were 117,343,000 households in the United States. The \$3.97 trillion in new debt that the federal government has accumulated under the spending deals approved by a Boehner-led, Republican-controlled House of Representatives equals \$33,832.64 per household.” [82738]

The debt figures may prompt many to ask, “If Republicans in Congress act like Democrats, why bother voting for them?” In 2010 the Republicans promised to cut spending if they were given control, of the House of Representatives. They won the House and did nothing. In 2014 the Republicans promised to slash spending if they were given control of the Senate. They won the Senate and did nothing. The Republicans will spend 2016 saying, “Give us the White House and we’ll finally get things done!” The voters would be wise to ask, “Why should we trust you?” (The rising national debt and the fact that neither party has done anything to address it explains why outsiders like Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and Carly Fiorina have tremendous support: they can hardly do worse.) The problem with the Republicans’ “just one more election” stall is that it cannot work forever. Further, there is no guarantee that the Republicans will even retain

control of the Senate in the 2016 elections, let alone win the White House. If Hillary Clinton wins the presidency and the Democrats retake the Senate, Republicans voters will be more than warranted in asking, “What did the GOP do for us between 2011 and 2016?” [82738]

According to TheBlaze.com, “The deal, which would apply to the 2016-17 budget years, resembles a pact that [Congressman Paul] Ryan [R-WI] himself put together two years ago in concert with Sen. Patty Murray [D-WA] that eased automatic spending cuts for the 2014-15 budget years. A lot of conservatives disliked that measure. ... Just days are left for the deal to come together before Ryan is elected Thursday to replace Boehner [as Speaker of the House], who is leaving Congress under pressure from conservative lawmakers angered by his history of seeking compromise and Democratic votes on issues like the budget.” [82742]

House Republicans introduce a measure to impeach IRS commissioner John Koskinen for lying under oath and refusing to comply with subpoenas to produce documents related to the investigation of former IRS official Lois Lerner and the agency’s discriminatory actions against conservative organizations. (Had Koskinen cooperated with Congress and then worked to reform IRS practices, he could have received accolades. Instead he protected Lerner, and now both end up with their reputations disgraced.) [82754]

Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD) slams the impeachment effort, saying, “Calling this resolution a ‘stunt’ or a ‘joke’ would be insulting to stunts and jokes.” (Townhall.com’s Katie Pavlich writes, “It is important to keep in mind that Cummings himself is embroiled in controversy and alleged unethical behavior surrounding the IRS targeting scandal. In fact, previous reporting shows not only did he try to obstruct the investigation into the IRS for targeting conservatives, his office took part in the targeting. Emails show Lois Lerner fed information about the non-profit voting rights organization True The Vote, which was targeted by the agency, to Cummings. Cummings had repeatedly inquired about the group to the IRS due to his opposition to their position on voter identification laws. At the same time, Cummings denied to the [House] Oversight [and Government Reform] Committee majority that he or his staff had ever contacted or communicated with the IRS about True The Vote.”) [82767]

John Vibes writes at TheFreeThoughtProject.com, “Earlier this month, it was reported that less than two weeks before the economic collapse of 2008, several members of Congress took their money out of the stock market. Many high ranking government employees were given a heads-up about the impending market crash in secret meetings with the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department. Then they used that information to engage in insider trading. It was revealed that [then Congresswoman and now-] Senator Shelley Capito [R-WV] and her husband sold \$350,000 worth of Citigroup stock at \$83 per share, just one day before the stock dropped to \$64 per share. Another shady trader was [then-] Congressman Jim Moran [D-VA], who had his biggest trading day of the year days after the secret meeting, selling stock in nearly 100 different companies. These actions would be illegal for any American in any other circumstance, but members

of Congress and high-ranking government officials are actually exempt from insider trading laws.” [82886]

The *Daily Record* reports, “A worker at a Scots nuclear power plant has been allegedly caught studying bomb-making websites at work. ...Police are now investigating the worker accessing ‘inappropriate material’ while working at the nuclear facility. The man, who is believed to be a Muslim who moved recently from England, has worked at the North Ayrshire facility for around four weeks. ...The contractor works as a ‘special entry assistant’ at the power station, and his role involves him going into the heart of the plant to assist tradesmen. He was allegedly seen viewing inappropriate websites on homemade explosives on a laptop computer, which he slammed shut after being spotted by a work mate.” (Pamela Geller asks, “Will Obama invite him to the White House?”) [82848, 82849, 82851, 82852]

Obama addresses the annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Chicago. He (falsely) claims, “In states with high gun ownership, police officers are three times more likely to be murdered than in states with low gun ownership. So you know, more guns on the street do not make you or your community safer.” Obama also (falsely) claims that 400,000 Americans have been shot and killed since September 11, 2001: “That’s like losing the entire population of Cleveland or Minneapolis over the past 14 years.” [82770, 82777]

Obama also says, “Some of you are watching certain television stations or listening to certain radio programs, please do not believe this notion that somehow I’m out to take everyone’s guns away. Every time a mass shootings happens [sic], one of the saddest ironies is suddenly the purchase of guns and ammunition jumps up because folks [are] scared into thinking that, ‘Obama’s gonna [sic] use this as an excuse to take away our Second Amendment rights.’ Nobody’s doing that.” Obama’s claim is overwhelmingly inconsistent with his past actions. While serving as director of the Joyce Foundation board (1994-2001), Obama distributed millions of dollars to gun control organizations like the Council Against Handguns and the Violence Policy Center. Between 1994 and 2001 the Joyce Foundation gave \$18.6 million to about 80 anti-gun and anti-Second Amendment projects, including \$1.5 million to the Violence Policy Center. The Joyce Foundation is closely linked to the (George) Soros Open Society Institute, which advocates a worldwide ban on civilian firearm ownership.” [346, 444, 834, 1282, 82777]

In September of 1996, as a candidate for the Illinois State Senate, Obama completed a candidate questionnaire. In the document Obama stated that he opposed the manufacture, sale, and possession of all handguns, and supported banning assault weapons. As a state senator, Obama repeatedly voted for and introduced anti-gun legislation. Obama voted against a bill that specifically allowed homeowners the right to use a gun in self-defense during a home invasion. The Illinois governor vetoed the bill; Obama voted to uphold the veto. Obama proposed increasing Illinois firearm and ammunition excise taxes from 11 to 66 per cent. (A \$55 tax on a \$500 rifle would increase to a monumental \$330.) The tax

would essentially be changed from a legitimate wildlife preservation funding fee to a gun-punishing penalty. [78, 93, 279, 315, 333, 444]

In 2001, Obama voted against Illinois House Bill 1812, a law designed to toughen penalties for crimes committed in furtherance of organized gang activities. He also voted against a bill that would allow people who receive protective orders (such as domestic violence victims) to carry firearms. When the bill failed, Obama remarked, "...authorizing potential victims to carry firearms would potentially lead to a more dangerous rather than less dangerous situation. It was a bad idea and I'm glad it failed." (Obama believes a woman being stalked has no right to carry a gun to protect herself.) [92, 444]

Obama voted for a bill in the Illinois Senate that would ban most hunting rifles, shotguns, and target rifles. The bill would also authorize the Illinois State Police to raid homes and forcibly confiscate banned guns. Obama also voted for a bill that would shut down all Illinois firearm-manufacturing businesses (Springfield Armory, Armalite, Rock River Arms, and Les Baer). Obama voted for a bill (S 2579) prohibiting Illinois citizens from purchasing more than one gun per month. Obama voted for a bill that bans most single-shot and double-barreled shotguns as "semi-automatic assault weapons" (even though they are not), along with hundreds of models of rifles and handguns. (Had the bill had passed, Illinois residents would have had 90 days to turn in their guns or face felony charges.) [326, 444, 445]

During his Illinois Senate career Obama voted four times against legislation that would allow a homeowner to use a firearm in defense of his home and family. To avoid criticism of his anti-gun agenda, Obama enlisted an organization known as the American Hunters and Shooters Association (AHSAs) to distribute literature claiming that he was "pro-Second Amendment." On its surface, the AHSAs supports hunting, but it also supports strict gun controls on non-hunters. The AHSAs is known to be a sham organization set up solely to endorse leftists who need political cover for their anti-gun leanings. Obama proposed legislation prohibiting gun stores from operating within five miles of a school or a park. Inasmuch as most communities have schools and parks scattered widely throughout their areas, the legislation would effectively ban all gun stores unless they re-locate far from population centers. [326, 339, 353]

In 2004, Obama said he was "...consistently on record and will continue to be on record as opposing concealed carry," and would back "federal legislation that would ban citizens from carrying weapons, except for law enforcement." He also voted, in March, to allow prosecution of citizens who use guns for self-defense in their own homes (SB 2165). In a television interview with WBBM-TV in Chicago, Obama said, "I think that the Second Amendment means something. I think that if the government were to confiscate everybody's guns unilaterally then I think that would be subject to constitutional challenge." (Obama does not define the "something" the Second Amendment means. Nor does he argue against confiscating guns, he merely states that someone would challenge the action in court.) [444, 445, 2053, 2054]

On April 6, 2008 Obama infamously said that because of lost jobs the residents of small-town America "...get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or [become] anti-immigrant." His imprudent comment, full of patronizing condescension and contempt, drew severe criticism from gun-owners and churchgoers. As president, Obama supported the Washington, D.C. ban on guns even though he knew it would be found unconstitutional. [273, 315, 1609]

Before Obama entered the White House, his transition team included unprecedented and detailed inquiries about gun ownership in its questionnaires for potential cabinet and staff nominees, prompting criticism from the National Rifle Association. Questions included, "Do you or any members of your immediate family own a gun? If so, provide complete ownership and registration information. Has the registration ever lapsed? Please also describe how and by whom it is used and whether it has been the cause of any personal injuries or property damage." [626]

FoxNews.com reports, "Female soldiers serving at Guantanamo Bay are not being allowed to transport inmates following a court order issued in response to prisoners who complained on religious grounds, according to Republican senators who recently returned from a visit to the prison camp. Inmates apparently complained the female soldiers' actions were an insult to their Islamic faith, but the senators blasted the court decision as an 'insult to women.' Top U.S. military leaders agreed the directive is 'outrageous,' while suggesting they're currently bound by the order." [82755]

Breitbart.com reports, "A Swedish journalist attempting to make a movie about the residents of a Swedish no go zone [which many Muslim apologists and leftists claim do not exist] and their habit of throwing stones at police has herself been attacked and had stones thrown at her as she attempted to film." Journalist Valentina Xhaferi "planned on investigating police reports that any officer trying to patrol the Stockholm district of Tensta—with its foreign born population now over 70 per cent—would be pelted with rocks. She wanted to get behind the black headlines and find out what was really troubling the poor residents. ...Police estimate that there are around 55 such areas in Sweden similar to the Tensta no go zone, which was the site of a riot in 2012, and which boasts a 95-100 per cent foreign origin rate for children living there." [82795, 82796, 83120]

Express.co.uk reports, "An illegal immigrant who attacked and sexually molested a woman within days of smuggling himself into Britain looks set to avoid deportation by claiming he is a Syrian refugee. Despite authorities suspecting he is lying about his nationality, as well as his 'frightening' criminal record, the predatory pervert will soon be free to walk the streets again. His case makes a mockery of the British justice system and demonstrates how it is now almost impossible to deport foreign criminals due to overbearing human rights laws. ...Experts who put the sex attacker through a language analysis test concluded there was a 'very high degree of certainty that he was from Egypt' and confirmed he could not answer even the most basic questions about his

supposed homeland. But shockingly he cannot be deported because there is no way of determining with 100% certainty that he does not come from Syria, which is being torn apart by a brutal civil war.” (The United States also lacks strong controls to prevent non-Syrians from claiming they are refugees.) [82797]

The House votes 313-118 to reestablish the Export-Import bank, which provides “corporate welfare” loans. (Supporters say the bank creates jobs. Opponents say it does nothing but provide low-interest loans to big corporations, like General Electric, that should be spending their own money, rather than taxpayer funds.)

On MSNBC, Republican consultant Rick Wilson says Donald Trump “is still a very powerful force right now” and the GOP establishment “can’t just sit back on the sidelines and say, ‘Oh well, don’t worry, this will all work itself out.’ They’re still going to have to go out and put a bullet in Donald Trump. And that’s a fact.” (Wilson is known for his vicious attacks on Trump, but calling for a bullet to end his campaign is extreme, even for Wilson’s low standards.) [82961, 82962]

On October 28 Rush Limbaugh speculates that the establishment Republicans “would be happier with Hillary Clinton as president than [Senator] Ted Cruz [R-TX]. And that’s not a feeling. I know that almost for a fact. I know that with almost ontological certitude. They as members of the inside-the-beltway establishment, no way no how, do they want anybody like Ted Cruz in the White House. They would much prefer Hillary. ... This budget deal essentially paves the way for Hillary Clinton to become president. ... Over half of any Republican candidate’s campaign arsenal has just been neutered. The Republican Party cannot campaign by running around blaming the Democrats for destroying budget, for overspending, for threatening the very fabric economically of the country. They can’t do it. This is the Republican budget deal that Barack Obama cannot wait to sign.” [82768, 82775, 82780]

“What they’re [GOP leaders are] doing makes no sense. They’re not even an opposition party. They’re not even pretending to be an opposition party. ... You’ve been lied to in terms of how your representatives were gonna [sic] fight the Democrats, fight spending, fight this constant bloat. We can now officially claim that the Republicans are responsible for 5 trillion additional new dollars added to the national debt. Spending bills originate in the Congress. ... We turned over the writing of the budget to Obama and the Democrats essentially. ... [The budget deal] is rubber-stamp liberal Democrat budgetary philosophy. This violates every pledge and promise that they’ve [Republicans have] made in election campaigns going back to 2010, repeated in 2012 during the presidential race and repeated again in 2014.” [82768, 82775, 82780]

Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) receives only 200 votes from House Republicans but nevertheless becomes their nominee to replace John Boehner (R-OH) as Speaker of the House. Congressman Daniel Webster (R-FL) receives 43 votes, while Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) and Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) each receive one vote. (In the full House vote on October 29 Ryan will need help from the Democrats to

become Speaker, unless he can pick up at least 18 votes from Webster, Blackburn, and McCarthy supporters.) [82769, 82777, 82779]

At WashingtonExaminer.com Byron York notes the difference between Trump's response to bad poll numbers and Jeb Bush's reaction. While Bush whined, "I got [sic] a lot of really cool things I could do other than sit around and be miserable, listening to people demonize me and me feeling compelled to demonize them," Trump, noting Ben Carson moving ahead in one poll, said, "Iowa, will you get your numbers up, please? Will you get these numbers up? I promise you: I will do such a good job ... Will you please do me a favor and work with my people and go out on February 1 and go out and give us a victory? ... I'm sticking with you people. Now if I lose Iowa, I will never speak to you people again [laughter] ... I don't like being second, second is terrible to me." York writes, "Trump is a businessman who has lost a customer: What do I have to do to get you to come back? I promise I'll do a great job for you. Bush is an angry candidate blaming voters for not having the judgment to support him." (York's interpretation is correct, but most in the mainstream media get it wrong. They claim Trump is now "begging for votes.") [82772, 82781]

Meanwhile, in a national YouGov poll, Trump leads with 32 percent, followed by Carson (18), Marco Rubio (11), Jeb Bush (8), Ted Cruz (8), John Kasich (4), Rand Paul (4), Carly Fiorina (3), Chris Christie (2), and Mike Huckabee (2). Carson leads as the "second choice" with 24 percent, followed by Rubio (12), Trump (11), and Fiorina (10). [82773]

FoxNews.com reports that Obama's Iranian peace pals are "on track to execute more than 1,000 people in 2015, according to a scathing report from a United Nations analyst studying the rogue nation's actions. Calling it an 'unprecedented assault on the right to life in Iran,' Special Rapporteur Ahmed Shaheed described a surge in executions over the past year. He said Iran hanged nearly 700 people since January. ... Sherif Mansour, the Middle East and North Africa program coordinator for the Committee to Protect Journalists, said reporters often get targeted because they are 'much easier to frame' as spies. ... Two Iranian poets have also been caught up in the crackdown, jailed for their work and sentenced to 99 lashes apiece for shaking hands with members of the opposite sex." [82807, 82808]

John Kerry, the dumbest and most naive Secretary of State in the nation's history, tweets, "The Middle East today is the home of populations that are energetic, youthful, forward-looking. It is in them that we place our faith." At FrontPageMag.com Daniel Greenfield writes, "That explains the rampant illiteracy, enslavement of women, ethnic cleansing of non-Muslims and terrorism. So much forward-looking energy in which to place our faith. 74% of Middle Eastern Muslims support the notoriously forward-looking Sharia law. 70% of Egyptians support chopping the hands off thieves. 86% support killing those who leave Islam. But Kerry actually has a point. The 'energetic, youthful' populations are 'forward-looking' enough to migrate to Europe for the good life. It's more forward-looking than the Europeans who are taking them in." Kerry: "To skeptics who say that

democracy can't make it in the Middle East and North Africa, I reply with one word: Tunisia." Greenfield: "To skeptics who say that a mentally retarded leftist absolutely incapable of learning anything from the recent past or even processing simple facts can't be America's top diplomat, I reply with one word, Kerry." [82843, 82844, 82850]

ObamaCare's 10th co-op fails. According to DailySignal.com, "Arches Health Plan, a consumer oriented and operated plan, or co-op, will not sell insurance in 2016. The [Utah] co-op received \$89.7 million in loans from the federal government." [82784]

Obama's Department of Energy whines that Halloween contributes to global warming because the 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins disposed of every year create methane gas when they decompose. [82832, 82858]

With the help of 187 Democrats, 79 establishment Republicans in the House approve the atrocious budget deal. (The vote is 266-167.) House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) crows, "Today we had a major victory in the House. It was a victory for bipartisanship. ... We honored the full faith and credit of the United States of America." (The deal will ultimately increase the national debt by hundreds of billions of dollars, because the increased spending goes into effect almost immediately while the so-called spending "cuts" are delayed into the future—and will almost certainly be rolled back by a future Congress. Even worse, the debt limit is not increased by a fixed amount. Instead, it is extended to March 2017—meaning there is no dollar limit to the additional debt the administration can rack up over the next 17 months.) [82785, 82787]

DailySignal.com notes the "double-counting" used in the budget agreement to make it appear less costly than it is. "The Boehner-Obama budget deal would increase the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion to an estimated \$19.6 trillion. It also boosts spending by \$80 billion beyond spending caps set in 2011. In an effort to offset that spending, congressional leaders have pointed to future savings in the Social Security disability program. But according to [Senator Jeff] Sessions [R-AL] and [Congressman Mo] Brooks [R-AL], those 'reforms' aren't actually going to save any money in the future because they're being spent today on federal government agencies. ... Democrats did the same thing with the Affordable Care Act in an effort to generate a budget score that didn't increase the deficit..." [82812]

DailyCaller.com reports, "The global warming debate on Capitol Hill is heating up. Government scientists refused to comply with lawmakers' demands they turn over internal documents regarding a study that eliminated the 'hiatus' in global warming from the temperature record." Congressman Lamar Smith (R-TX) states, "It was inconvenient for this administration that climate data has clearly showed no warming for the past two decades. The American people have every right to be suspicious when NOAA [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration] alters data to get the politically correct results they want and then refuses to reveal how those decisions were made." (Scientists have almost certainly "cooked the books" in an effort to pretend there has not been a lack of "global warming" for more than 15 years, and to help Obama make his case for more

federal regulations in advance of the November 30-December 11 United Nations climate meetings in Paris. According to CNSNews.com, French foreign minister Laurent Fabius “hopes to get the U.S. to join an international agreement to reduce and limit greenhouse gas emissions without getting approval from the U.S. Senate.”) [82786, 82826, 82870, 82947]

NOAA makes the absurd claim, “Because the confidentiality of these communications among scientists is essential to frank discourse among scientists, those documents were not provided to the Committee. It is a long-standing practice in the scientific community to protect the confidentiality of deliberative scientific discussions.” The argument is ridiculous. First, NOAA is a government agency. Its scientists work for the taxpayers, and it is therefore the taxpayers who own every document and data file NOAA has produced. Second, science involves proposing a hypothesis, testing that hypothesis, accumulating test data, and then subjecting the resulting data to review. The Obama administration apparently wants everyone on the outside to simply trust it. That is not science. [82870]

Republican candidates debate at the liberal University of Colorado, in liberal Boulder, Colorado, with liberal CNBC questioners John Harwood, Becky Quick, and Carl Quintanilla. The candidates (Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), former governor Jeb Bush, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), former governor Mike Huckabee, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Ohio Governor John Kasich, and Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)) do their best to criticize Obama and Hillary Clinton rather than each other. Several of the candidates excoriate Harwood, Quick, and Quintanilla for “gotcha” questions, stupid questions (about regulating fantasy football on the Internet), and questions designed not to inform the viewers but to encourage the candidates to go after each other. [82782, 82788, 82790, 82791, 82792, 82799, 82800, 82801, 82802, 82813, 82817, 82828, 82830, 82834, 82854, 82856]

To the delight of the audience, Senator Ted Cruz says, “The questions that have been asked so far in this debate illustrate why the American people don’t trust the media. This is not a cage match. And if you look at the questions: ‘Donald Trump, are you a comic book villain?’ ‘Ben Carson, can you do math?’ ‘John Kasich, will you insult two people over here?’ ‘Marco Rubio, why don’t you resign?’ ‘Jeb Bush, why have your numbers fallen?’ How about talking about the substantive issues people care about? ...The men and women on this stage have more ideas, more experience, more common sense than every participant in the Democratic debate. That debate reflected a debate between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks. And nobody watching at home believed that any of the moderators had any intention of voting in a Republican primary. The questions that are being asked shouldn’t be trying to get people to tear into each other. It should be what are your substantive positions.” Most of the questions may as well have been written by the Democrat National Committee. None of the candidates makes any significant blunders—except Jeb Bush, who challenges Marco Rubio on Senate his voting record and is easily

countered and made to look foolish. [82782, 82788, 82790, 82791, 82792, 82799, 82800, 82801, 82802, 82813, 82817, 82828, 82830, 82834, 82854, 82856]

In a discussion about Super PACs (political action committees), Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) says, “The Democrats have their own Super PAC. It’s called the mainstream media.” [82793, 82822]

Remarkably, CNBC’s John Harwood lies about Rubio’s tax plan—repeating the same distortion for which he had to apologize in an October 14 tweet. (Unless one assumes Harwood is an idiot—a distinct possibility—he may have tried to mislead the voters for one simple reason: as a member of the mainstream media he believed he could get away with it.) [82818, 82819, 82821]

Rubio is asked about his personal finances, with the suggestion that because he cashed in some investments in order to pay off student loans he is somehow incapable of running the White House. (At the Democrat debate no one asked Hillary Clinton why she should be considered financially astute if, as she claimed, she and her husband left the White House “dead broke” in January 2001.)

Near the end of the evening, Trump notes that he successfully bargained with CNBC to reduce the length of the debate from three to two hours. Moderator Harwood claims, “Just for the record, the debate was always going to be two hours.” Trump replies, “That’s not right. That is absolutely not right. You know that. That is not right.” (Trump is correct. News stories about Trump and Carson complaining about a three hour format were widespread. Why Harwood chose to lie is not clear.) [82829]

Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, “Tonight’s Republican candidate forum will primarily be remembered for two things, I suspect: (1) CNBC’s truly awful moderation, and (2) the beginning of the end of Jeb Bush’s presidential campaign. ...Marco Rubio emerged as a clear winner of this debate. ...He was poised. He was on-message. He was winsome. And he was granular in his policy knowledge. Another candidate whose star shone brightly was Ted Cruz. His early barrage against CNBC’s coverage, listing every objectionable question that had already been asked, was perfection. He channeled every conservative sitting at home and shamed the moderators to their faces. Cruz was also strong on entitlement reform, smooth on job creation, and disciplined in introducing and hyping his new tax plan. Chris Christie also turned in a strong performance, emphasizing necessary truth-telling on entitlements, routinely circling back to the broken promises and failures of big government, and producing [an] incredulous sound byte on the unseriousness of the debate [when he lambasted Carl Quintanilla for his ridiculous question about fantasy football].” [82806, 82856]

“Carly Fiorina was very good. She didn’t steal the show as she did in her previous outings, but she once again showcased her smarts and preparedness. Like Christie, she never seemed to miss an opportunity to build an ideological, big-picture case against

ever-growing government. Her closing statement casting herself as Hillary Clinton's 'worst nightmare' whom Republicans would love to see in a one-on-one debate setting resonated. But was tonight enough to regain some of the polling steam she's lost since the Reagan Library debate?" [82806]

Syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer says it was "the most appalling performance by the moderators that I can remember seeing in a debate." [82815]

On October 29, on *CBS This Morning*, Charlie Rose comes to the defense of Hillary Clinton, disputing Senator Marco Rubio's debate statement that Clinton lied to the American people when she continued to claim that the Benghazi attack was the spontaneous response to a YouTube video. [82805, 82831, 82833, 82855]

Congressman Paul Ryan (R-WI) is elected Speaker of the House, with 236 votes from the full chamber. [82823, 82824]

At LewRockwell.com Judge Andrew Napolitano writes, "In March 2011, ...Obama declared war on Libya. He did this at the urging of [Hillary] Clinton, who wanted to overthrow Libyan strongman Col. Moammar Gadhafi so she could boast of having brought 'democracy' to the region. ...To pursue her goal of a 'democratic' government there, Clinton, along with Obama and a dozen or so members of Congress from both houses and both political parties, decided she should break the law by permitting U.S. arms dealers to violate the U.N. arms embargo and arm Libyan rebels whom she hoped would one day run the new government. So she exercised her authority as secretary of state to authorize the shipment of American-made arms to Qatar, a country beholden to the Muslim Brotherhood and friendly to the Libyan rebels and a country the U.S. had no business arming—unless the purpose of doing so was for the arms to be transferred to the rebels. Once this plot was hatched, Clinton and her fellow conspirators realized that some of these rebel groups were manned by al-Qaida operatives; and selling or providing arms to them is a felony—hence the reason for months' worth of missing and destroyed Clinton emails. How could someone running for president possibly justify providing material assistance to terrorist organizations in the present international climate?" [82794, 82804]

"Flash-forward to Clinton's public testimony before the House Benghazi Committee last week. ...The FBI agents surely heard Clinton mislead Congress when she answered a hard question about arms going to rebels by saying 'I think the answer is no' and again when she answered a question about arming private militias by saying it may have been considered but wasn't 'seriously' considered. And they heard her directly commit perjury when she was asked whether she knew about our country's supplying arms to Libyan rebels directly or indirectly and she answered, 'No.' How could she answer 'no'? She not only knew about the sending of arms to rebels but also personally authored and authorized it. How could she answer 'no'? The FBI and CIA advised her—in documents that are now public—that U.S. arms were making their way to known al-Qaida operatives. How could she answer 'no'? This reached a crisis point when some of those

operatives used their American-made weapons to murder U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens at the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi.” [82794, 82804]

Napolitano does not suggest, but this *Timeline* will, that the complicity of Obama, Clinton, “and a dozen or so members of Congress from both houses and both political parties” may explain some of the unusual events of the last few weeks. When it seemed obvious to everyone that Joe Biden was going to throw his hat into the ring, he surprised everyone by saying no. When Hillary Clinton appeared weak and vulnerable to a Biden run, she appeared before the Select Benghazi Committee, lied through her teeth, and emerged victorious. From out of the blue, John Boehner announced not only that he would step down as Speaker of the House, he would retire from Congress. Republicans control both the House and the Senate, yet they gave Obama everything he wanted in a budget deal and gets the Democrats safely past the November 2016 elections. *In what world does this make sense?*

With the background laid out by Napolitano in mind, the unusual events of the last few weeks begin to make sense. Obama does not want Clinton in the Oval Office, but his options are limited because of the Libyan arms deals. If Obama orders (or allows) Attorney General Loretta Lynch to “take Hillary down” and indict her for her various email server and Benghazi lies and crimes, Clinton certainly can *and eagerly would* take others down with her. She can publicly state the names of everyone who was in on the arms deal. One can assume that list includes Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), then-House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and then-Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY). (You can probably also toss in then-Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and then-CIA Director David Petraeus.)

It is not outside the realm of possibility to believe that those parties “came to an agreement.” Obama agreed *not* to allow an indictment of Clinton; Clinton agreed *not* to name names; Biden reluctantly agreed *not* to challenge Clinton for the presidency; Boehner agreed to step down from his position as House Speaker after giving Obama everything he wanted in a budget deal; McConnell caved in on the spending as well; and, of course, Reid and Pelosi had no problem agreeing to keep their mouths shut when it meant protecting fellow Democrats and raising the debt ceiling to infinity. In other words, everyone has dirt on everyone else.

On *Outnumbered*, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich comments, “If your friends understand... that Hillary Clinton is a liar, and they go to the coffee shop Saturday morning, and they are armed with that information, then the independents and moderates may well start changing. I think there are two phases here. Hillary Clinton will be the nominee unless she’s indicted. The odds are about one to three she’ll be indicted, at which point they’ll be an enormous vacuum in the Democratic Party. But nobody should kid themselves, Hillary Clinton is a layer cake. She is Benghazi, then she is emails, then she is Cheryl Mills who, as her chief of staff, took a half million dollars for negotiating with a foreign government while serving the State Department, then she’s Huma Abedin,

who was paid more than the President of the United States while working for a foreign company and serving the State Department, and then she's the Clinton Foundation. Now, part of the challenge of the news is we can only cover one layer of the case at a time. It's never going to end." Of Clinton's performance before the Select Benghazi Committee, Gingrich says she "won the day and lost the war. Because they proved unequivocally one, that the ambassador was trying desperately to get help, and was being totally ignored. Two, that she just plain lied, and she methodically lied, and she lied straight to the face of parents of people who had been killed." [82867]

The Politics on the Hudson blog reports, "A state audit Thursday found that New York's [ObamaCare] health exchange enrolled hundreds of dead people at a \$325,000 cost to taxpayers. Between 2013 and 2014, the health exchange during its infancy improperly enrolled 354 deceased individuals that the state Health Department identified as active Medicaid recipients. As a result, Medicaid inappropriately paid \$325,030 in claims associated with 230 of the 354 deceased enrollees, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said in the audit. Overall, design flaws in the program allowed for \$3.4 million in overpayments during the first year of the program, mainly through the same people having multiple identification numbers, the audit said." [82838, 82839]

Pamela Geller notes reports from Europe that thousands of Muslim refugees are disappearing from the camps set up for them. "Nobody knows where to. ...It's become an epidemic. 7,000 migrants have left the Brandenburg shelters. Where are they going? Who is sheltering these illegals, many with ties to ISIS? I have seen the future, brother, it is murder." Geller also reports that "Austria is now building a fence on the Slovene border. The same solution for which their Chancellor called Hungary Nazi." In Oberhausen, German, the altar and pews are removed from a Christian church to make room for about 50 Muslim refugees. Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer writes, "This is emblematic of things to come: as Europeans welcome the Muslim migrants, they will give up their own cultural identity—for the most part voluntarily, at least at first." [82841, 82842, 82845, 82846, 82847, 82882, 82884]

White House press secretary Jay Carney calls on Congress to "get out of the way" so that Obama can close the terrorist detainee center in Guantanamo. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) tweets, "We're staying in the way." [82809, 82810, 82811]

According to CNN.com, "CNBC's Republican primary debate averaged 14 million viewers on Wednesday night, setting a new record for the business news channel but falling far short of the totals for two earlier debates this year. ...The first debate of the season, televised by Fox News in August, averaged 24 million viewers. The second, televised by CNN in September, averaged 23 million viewers. ...CNBC's prior viewership high was 3.9 million viewers—set in 2002 during Winter Olympics coverage. ...CNBC charged \$250,000 for 30-second ads during the debate, according to an NBCUniversal source." [82827]

TheIntercept.com reports, “The top fundraisers for [Hillary] Clinton include lobbyists who serve the parent companies of CNN and MSNBC. The National Association of Broadcasters, a trade group that represents the television station industry, has lobbyists who are fundraising for both Clinton and Republican candidate Marco Rubio. ...CNN’s parent company, Time Warner, is represented on Capitol Hill by Steve Elmendorf, an adviser to Clinton during her 2008 campaign, who is also known as ‘one of Washington’s top lobbyists.’ He’s lobbied on a number of issues important for media companies like CNN, including direct-to-consumer advertising policy. Elmendorf, according to disclosures, has raised at least \$141,815 for Clinton’s 2016 bid for the presidency. Comcast, the parent company of NBC Universal, which includes cable networks NBC, CNBC, and MSNBC, has a number of lobbyists on retainer who are working to raise cash for the Clinton campaign, including Justin Gray, Alfred Mottur, Ingrid Duran and Catherine Pino. ... Tony Podesta, the brother of Clinton’s campaign chairman and a lobbyist who has raised at least \$55,600 for the Clinton campaign, is registered to lobby on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters. In 2010, his firm helped defeat dark money disclosure legislation on behalf of his corporate media clients.” [82835]

FoxNews.com reports, “The Department of Justice on Friday will begin releasing some 6,112 federal inmates under the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s new sentencing retroactivity guidelines for drug offenders. This will be the largest one-time release of federal inmates ever, a law enforcement official told Fox News.” (Many believe the Obama administration is making a *huge* mistake. The argument from the political left is that too many individuals are imprisoned for “simple” drug possession rather than more serious crimes, and deserve to have their sentences reduced. The problem is that one cannot assume that every individual serving time for drug possession did nothing more serious, because many criminals engage in plea bargaining. They plead guilty to a less severe crime, such as drug possession, rather than risk a long sentence if they plead not guilty to selling drugs. In fact, very few people are in jail for drug possession alone.) [82836, 82872, 82908]

TheConservativeTreehouse.com writes, “Almost everyone, *except the political Mossad*, have entirely missed the obvious set-up within the Colorado RNC/GOPE [Republican National Committee/GOP establishment] debate. They had a plan, they had a very good plan, this was their home-turf, this was their home audience—this was personal. [RNC head] Reince [Priebus] had gone along with the [Bush] family and developed a political strategy; a very political strategy. The umpires: John Harwood, Carl Quintanilla, were pre-selected, vetted, nudged, and the necessary game-saving political ball was resting easily upon the tee... But Jeb whiffed! Yes, RNC Chairman Reince Prebius [sic; Priebus] was angry last night post-debate, but he wasn’t necessarily frustrated by the venue, his frustration was the collapse of the best laid plan. Jeb whiffed.” [82840]

“Do you really think the Fantasy Football question was just random happenstance? Do you really think Jeb’s retort of his players, his gamesmanship, was really just an off the cuff remark? If so, we’ve got an ABC George Stephanopolous [sic; Stephanopoulos] ‘War-On-Women’ to sell you, real cheap. High-miles, but well maintained... great deal.

The set-up question to Senator Marco Rubio, about the Sun Sentinel article calling for his resignation, was a no-brainer. Both Bush and Rubio knew that one was coming—hence, Rubio had all his previous senate candidate ducks-in-a-row talking points ready to deploy. However, what was known only to The Family (sworn by code of Omerta), was the follow-up designed to be the ball placed upon the tee for Jeb. But he whiffed. Again. Why? Because he sucks... too much silver spoon coddling, not enough callous building.” [82840, 82856, 82874]

“Meanwhile, Ohio Governor John Kasich was working his wolverine attack role on behalf of the professional political class until Donald Trump delivered a FANTASTIC singular dispatch to Governor Kasich—via the atomic sledgehammer of truth. Trump exposed Kasich’s boardroom relationship with Lehman Brothers and associated bankruptcy. ...How effective was the smack down? Well, we never heard another squeak from Kasich. Not only did Trump just shut him down, he delivered the thermonuclear kill shot for Kasich’s entire campaign. Kasich is done. (*Notice the media today is crickets about John Kasich*). Donald Trump is a brilliant strategist, we initially sold him short on occasion—but these kill shots are devastating. The almost invisible follow-up wink by Trump to Ben Carson, also the subject of Kasich attacks, was the highlight of the entire night. And you [had] better believe Carson is smart enough to know what just happened—when it just happened. ...Just a Reminder, this is an insurgency. The modern enemy of Wall Street is Main Street vulgarians. The enemy of the RNC/GOPe is not Democrats, it’s Grassroots Conservatives, more vulgarians. The Republican Party, and the Republican media apparatus, view us [conservatives] as their enemy. We are the enemy they need to protect themselves from...” [82840]

The points made by The Conservative Treehouse are not unreasonable. Jeb Bush was clearly ready with his response to the ridiculous “fantasy football” question, eager to declare that he was “seven and oh” with his playing. Apparently he thought he would win over some voters with his football knowledge—as if anyone believes that makes one a good president. (Obama follows basketball with a passion and that has not helped him on the world stage.) Bush seemed to have known the question was coming. But he and his GOP “establishment” consultants neglected to realize that both the question and the answer were stupid—a point made clear by Governor Chris Christie. [82874]

It was also obvious Bush was ready with his “French work week” comment when he confronted Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) for missing Senate votes while he campaigns. (Rubio is not unique in that regard. He merely joins a club that has included Obama, Hillary Clinton, John McCain, Bernie Sanders, John Kerry, John Edwards, Bob Graham, Rand Paul, Ted Cruz, and others.) There is simply no way that remark was off-the-cuff—Bush is simply too slow-witted to have thought of it. Bush knew he was supposed to say it, *because his consultants told him to say it*. The problem was that Rubio had already adeptly handled the moderator’s related question. The Bush team *assumed* Rubio would fumble it, and Bush would then go in for the kill. But Rubio did not fumble it—and Bush looked like a fool. (One ‘distracted’ Bush donor in Florida tells Politico.com, “Marco is a [expletive deleted] Jedi master. Hopefully these [Bush team] idiots learn not to

[expletive deleted] with him [Rubio] anymore. Not necessary.” Amazingly, Bush later makes himself look like even more of a dunce by apologizing for insulting the French.) [82859, 82864, 82865, 82866, 83093, 83094]

The Bush debate tactics are like the Libya strategy devised by Obama and Hillary Clinton. They had everything mapped out, and *assumed* the pieces would fall into place the way they had them planned. But when something went wrong they were caught off-guard, and had no way to get out (beyond their ridiculous “blame the video” nonsense). Ideology aside, that is why neither Clinton nor Bush would be good presidents. They are predictable, slow-witted, and incapable of planning for alternate scenarios.

Some may wonder why leftist moderators at CNBC would cooperate with the RNC to help Jeb Bush. The answer is that the “establishment” in both the Democrat and Republican parties want Clinton and Bush to be the nominees. (DNC and RNC rules make it difficult for non-establishment candidates to win the nomination for a reason.) Bush would be far easier for Clinton to defeat than any of the “outsiders” running, but whether Clinton or Bush emerged victorious in November 2016 would be irrelevant. Either would be welcomed by the establishment, Wall Street, and the Federal Reserve. Neither Clinton nor Bush would rock the boat. Neither would slash federal spending. Neither would do anything dramatic. Neither would terminate any federal departments or programs. Neither would try to shut off the Federal Reserve’s money spigot. Neither would stop the flow of low-wage immigrant workers. Neither would resist intervening overseas if doing so meant profits for those who back the schemes. The status quo would continue. America would continue to decline, but the rich would become richer and the “New World Order” would continue to be developed.

At CNSNews.com Barbara Hollingsworth writes, “As the United Nations gears up for its next international conference on climate change in Paris next month (COP 21), a scathing white paper released by a society of French mathematicians calls its fight against global warming ‘absurd’ and ‘a costly and pointless crusade.’ ‘You would probably have to go quite a long way back in human... history to find [such a] mad obsession,’ according to a translated summary of the document released in September by the Paris-based Société de Calcul Mathématique SA. ... ‘There is not a single fact, figure... [or] observation that leads us to conclude the world’s climate is in any way ‘disturbed,’ the paper states. ‘It is variable, as it has always been. ... Modern methods are far from being able to accurately measure the planet’s overall temperature even today, so measurements made 50 or 100 years ago are even less reliable.’ Noting that concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO₂) have ‘always’ varied, the French mathematicians also said that after processing the raw data on hurricanes themselves, they verified that ‘they are no more frequent now than they have been in the past.’” [82873]

“The French mathematicians also said that the UN’s climate models have failed to take into account natural phenomena that affects climate far more than human activity. Human impact on the climate is ‘tiny, quite negligible in comparison with natural causes,’ they point out. ‘Human beings can do nothing about solar activity, the state of the oceans, the

temperature of the Earth's magna, or the composition of the atmosphere.' Furthermore, the work done by the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) does not meet the basic standards set by reputable scientific journals because its 'conclusions go [contrary] to observed facts; the figures used are deliberately chosen to support its conclusions (with no regard for the most basic scientific honesty); and the variability of natural phenomena is passed over without comment.' ... 'If we were in France to stop all industrial activity (let's not talk about our intellectual activity, [which] ceased long ago), if we were to eradicate all traces of animal life, the composition of the atmosphere would not alter in any measurable, noticeable way,' they said." [82873]

On the floor of the Senate, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) criticizes the budget deal, saying, "[W]hat the House of Representatives has passed and what the Senate is expected to pass shortly is a bill that adds \$85 billion in spending increases... \$85 billion in spending increases... \$85 billion to our national debt... 85 billion to your children and my children that they're somehow expected to pay. I don't know about your kids, but my girls don't have \$85 billion laying around in their rooms..." Cruz also slams Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), saying he "has proven to be a very effective Democratic leader." Excoriating the budget deal, Cruz says it "was not cooked up overnight. This wasn't a slapdash on a post-it note last night. This represents days or weeks or months of negotiations. This represents the [Washington] cartel in all of its glory because this is the combined work product of John Boehner and Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell and Harry Reid. The entire time Republican leaders have been promising, 'We're going to do something on the budget. We're going to rein in the president,' they have been in the back room negotiating to fund every single thing Obama did." [82877, 82891]

On October 30 the Senate votes 64-35 to approve the budget legislation, defeating a filibuster from Senator Rand Paul (R-KY). Paul states, "This deal represents the worst of Washington culture" and is an "unholy compromise between right and left." Obama states, "This agreement will strengthen the middle class by investing in education, job training and basic research. It will keep us safe by investing in our national security." (The legislation does not strengthen the middle class, it will destroy it. By 2026 the national debt is expected to reach as much as \$25 trillion. If interest rates return to their normal averages, the federal government will be paying *\$1.5 trillion per year in interest* on that debt—almost as much as is now spent annually on Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid benefits. That additional \$1.5 trillion will have to come from someone. It cannot come from the poor, and there are not enough wealthy people to cover that amount—even if their taxes were double. Thus, middle class workers will be stuck with most of the bill.) [82837, 82868, 82869]

The government reports that third quarter economic growth was at a mere 1.5 percent annual rate, down from the second quarter's 2.9 percent. [82853]

The Wall Street Journal reports, "The federal government will pay doctors who speak with patients about the type of medical care they want when they are near death, a turning point after a similar proposal six years ago ran into opposition and was stripped from

what became the Affordable Care Act. The rule announced Friday by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will reimburse, starting Jan. 1, health-care providers if they choose to have conversations with Medicare patients about advance care planning—also known as end-of-life discussions. The decision affects about 50 million beneficiaries and could ripple through the health-care industry. Private insurers often follow payment practices adopted by Medicare, the national insurance program for seniors and the disabled.” [82918]

Robert Wenzel later writes at EconomicPolicyJournal.com, “Make no mistake about it, this is about cutting the cost for the government of patient care... I have had discussions with senior executives of healthcare firms who tell me that this will be a means to cut off treatment for many who will be deemed unlikely to live, but of which a percentage (approx. 10%) would likely survive their illnesses. ...Bottom line: When you are a drain on government coffers rather than a taxpayer, and the crony health insurance sector fears you will become expensive to keep alive, the government would rather see you dead. It is another way that research into drugs to extend lives of people, who possibly can recover from severe illnesses, will be disincentivized, while treatment will stop on others that have a chance of recovering from a serious illness.” [82919, 82920]

NBCNews.com reports, “The U.S. will send a small number of U.S. special operations forces into Syria as part of a shift in its strategy against ISIS, White House officials announced Friday. ...Obama has authorized a contingent of less [sic; fewer] than 50 commandos to deploy into northern Syria and work with moderate opposition forces who are fighting the militants. While the White House has consistently said it would not put U.S. boots on the ground, spokesman Josh Earnest insisted that they will be there in a ‘train, advise and assist mission’—and not in a combat role. ‘It will not be their responsibility to lead the charge up the hill,’ he said. But he acknowledged they will be in a perilous situation: ‘There is no denying the amount of risk they are taking on here.’” (This *Timeline* believes there have been U.S. special operations forces in Syria for some time, but their presence has been kept secret.) [82860, 82861, 82871]

NBC’s Kristen Welker reminds White House press secretary Josh Earnest that on September 10, 2013 Obama said, “I will not put American boots on the ground in Syria” and asks, “So with this announcement today, isn’t he effectively breaking that promise to the American people?” Earnest replies, “Kristen, in September of 2013, [Obama] was receiving questions about what the United States was prepared to do...And [Obama] was making the point he was not prepared to put boots on the ground to take down the [Bashar al-] Assad regime. Again that is precisely the mistake the previous administration made in implementing a regime change policy against Iraq and putting US forces in a large scale long-term ground combat operation to try to take down Saddam Hussein. That did not serve the interests of the United States and in some ways, we are still paying the price for that mistake. So that is, the quote you pulled there is a very different situation.” [82878]

Welker: “But he said definitively he was not going to put boots on the ground. We heard him reiterate that same idea multiple times, that he wouldn’t put boots on the ground in Syria.” Earnest: “Well again, you have read one quote that, to be fair, is out of context. The situation that [Obama] has described is a description of the kind of mission that our men and women in uniform will have in our counter ISIL campaign.” Welker: “He consistently said he’s not going to put boots on the ground, Josh. You don’t deny that. He’s consistently said that. That would not be part of this strategy.” Earnest: “Well, again, Kristen, the only quote you read to me is a quote from 2013 that is a direct question related to what we were prepared to do to ensure that our concerns about the Assad regime and the need for regime change were implemented. The fact is [Obama] said we are not going to implement a military strategy to take down Bashar al-Assad. What we want to do is we want to build the capacity of local forces to make sure that they can be focused on ISIL and that’s the strategy that [Obama] has been focused on here. And when [Obama] has talked about combat situations, [he] has been quite clear that he does not contemplate a large scale long-term ground combat operation, either in Iraq or in Syria. That was his policy at the beginning of our counter ISIL operations and it’s our strategy today.” (Translation: “They are not ‘boots on the ground’ unless there are a lot of them and even then only if Obama wants to call them ‘boots on the ground.’”) [82878]

In a letter to NBC News, Republican National Committee chairman Reince Preibus states, “I write to inform you that pending further discussion between the Republican National Committee (RNC) and our presidential campaigns, we are suspending the partnership with NBC News for the Republican primary debate at the University of Houston on February 26, 2016. The RNC’s sole role in the primary debate process is to ensure that our candidates are given a full and fair opportunity to lay out their vision for America’s future. We simply cannot continue with NBC without full consultation with our campaigns. ... While debates are meant to include tough questions and contrast candidates’ visions and policies for the future of America, CNBC’s moderators engaged in a series of ‘gotcha’ questions, petty and mean-spirited in tone, and designed to embarrass our candidates. What took place Wednesday night was not an attempt to give the American people a greater understanding of our candidates’ policies and ideas. I have tremendous respect for the First Amendment and freedom of the press. However, I also expect the media to host a substantive debate on consequential issues important to Americans. CNBC did not.” [82862]

At CNSNews.com Ed Feulner asks why the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) needed to spend \$1.4 million on weapons. He writes, “Open the Books found that the agency has spent millions of dollars over the last decade on guns, ammo, body armor, camouflage equipment, unmanned aircraft, amphibious assault ships, radar and night-vision gear, and other military-style weaponry and surveillance activities. ... Among the EPA’s purchases: \$1.4 million for ‘guns up to 300mm,’ \$380,000 for ‘ammunition’ \$210,000 for ‘camouflage and other deceptive equipment,’ \$208,000 for ‘radar and night-vision equipment,’ \$31,000 for ‘armament training devices.’ The list goes on. It’s filled with the kind of equipment you’d expect to be purchased by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, not an agency ostensibly designed to protect the

environment. ...According to the Justice Department, there are now 40 federal agencies with more than 100,000 officers authorized to carry guns and make arrests. They include the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.” [82951, 83083]

The State Department releases an additional 7,000 pages of Hillary Clinton emails, most of which are from 2011 and 2012. (More than 250 of the newest emails are considered classified.) Among the emails is one dated December 22, 2011, from Christoph Heusgen, a foreign policy adviser to German chancellor Angela Merkel.. DailyCaller.com reports, “Indicating his own belief that the information in the email was sensitive in nature, Heusgen entitled the email ‘Follow-up to our Brussels meeting (confidential).’ In it, he discussed a trip to Belgrade, Serbia to meet with then-president Boris Tadic and several other officials. Gordon forwarded the email to Clinton on her personal email address which was maintained on a home-brew email server. Her response to the email is redacted. ...Both the State Department and Clinton have denied that any of the 600 to 700 now-classified emails contained sensitive information at the time they were sent and received. Those now-sensitive emails are in addition to at least two emails that the Intelligence Community inspector general says contained ‘top secret’ classified information when they were originated. The emails, which include information about drone strikes and nuclear weapons movements, were reportedly forwarded to Clinton by her aides.” [82875, 82876, 82881]

A December 10, 2011 email has as its subject line, “Gunmen try to assassinate head of Libyan army (A),” but contains a question from Hillary Clinton to her aide, Huma Abedin: “Did you get the info from Chelsea about the wall lamps?” Abedin responds, “She did send me the link. They are beautiful but way out of my price range!” [82895, 82911]

Also according to DailyCaller.com, the new emails “show that Hillary Clinton’s longtime friend Sidney Blumenthal reached out to her on behalf of a former United Kingdom diplomat who was interested in ‘setting up secret channels between insurgents and governments.’ Clinton was receptive to the idea which came via Blumenthal from Jonathan Powell, former U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair’s chief of staff. ‘Hillary, Jonathan Powell has launched a new NGO [non-governmental organization] that has already initiated some very interesting work below the radar,’ Blumenthal wrote in the March 18, 2012 email. ‘Sid We are trying to replicate what we did in Northern Ireland by setting up secret channels between insurgents and governments and then, where appropriate, developing these into negotiations,’ Powell wrote to Blumenthal.” (Meanwhile, the White House continues to refuse to release emails between Obama and Clinton. Of course, it cannot do so before the November 2016 election, because those emails would prove that Obama communicated with Clinton via her private, unsecured server.) [82879, 82880, 82881, 82896, 82897]

WashingtonTimes.com reports, “At least one Hispanic advocacy group is questioning Hillary Rodham Clinton’s commitment to their stance on immigration after former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer confessed he canceled driver’s licenses for illegal immigrants [in an effort to try] to save her 2008 presidential campaign. In an interview with former top Obama strategist David Axelrod [sic; Axelrod], Mr. Spitzer said the Clinton campaign called him in 2007 and told him to kill the proposal to make the issue go away. Mrs. Clinton was the junior Democratic senator from New York at the time, and had stumbled in a debate when trying to answer whether she supported the policy or not. ...Mrs. Clinton initially danced around the issue, taking both sides. She eventually announced she would not support states issuing the licenses. She has... reversed her stance in this campaign and now says she would support such licenses.” [82887]

At an NAACP event in Charleston, South Carolina, Hillary Clinton says, “Earlier today, I announced that as president I will take steps to ban the box so former presidents won’t have to declare their criminal history at the very start of the hiring process. That way they’ll have a chance to be seen as more than just someone who has done time.” (By “ban the box,” Clinton means she would demand that employment applications not include a check box for the applicant to indicate whether he has a criminal record. By “former presidents” one can assume she meant “former convicts”—or in a massive Freudian slip she may simply be covering the bases for Obama, her husband, and herself. Interestingly, she makes the remark at an NAACP gathering, perhaps suggesting she believes blacks are more likely to be ex-convicts than whites.) [83837, 83040, 83049, 83053]

TeaParty.org notes statements from Reverend Franklin Graham which will appear in the November issue of *Decision* magazine. Referencing the shootings at Umpqua Community College, Graham says, “Here’s what I know: This was not about gun control. It was about a man filled with hate, especially for those who bravely and boldly confessed they were Christians. The shooter, who listed ‘organized religion’ as a dislike on his Facebook page, perpetrated a hate crime against the Name of Jesus Christ and those who follow Him. ...The culture of intolerance and hate against Christians has been rising at an alarming rate across this nation. From the media, to the courts, to this current administration, there has been a flagrant, disturbing mockery of Christian values and beliefs. ...Those who adhere to the Bible’s definition of marriage, who uphold the sanctity of life, and who confess loyalty to Jesus Christ as the only way to Heaven have become the objects of broad-scale ridicule and even persecution. ...Who would ever have thought that a U.S. president would light up the White House in the colors of the gay rainbow, flaunting an iniquity that the Bible says is an abomination? Who would have thought that, here in our own country, there would be less empathy for Christianity than for any other faith? That God-fearing people who stand up for their biblical faith would be called bigots and be vilified while those who harass and mock Christians draw approval and applause?” [82889]

NYTimes.com reports, “One of the wealthiest and most influential Republican donors in the country is throwing his support to Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, a decision that

could swing millions of dollars in contributions behind Mr. Rubio at a critical point in the Republican nominating battle. The decision by the donor, Paul Singer, a billionaire New York investor [who supports gay marriage and illegal immigrant amnesty], is a signal victory for Mr. Rubio in his battle with his rival Jeb Bush for the affections of major Republican patrons and the party's business wing. ...In a letter that Mr. Singer sent to dozens of other donors on Friday, which was obtained by The New York Times, Mr. Singer described Mr. Rubio—who was elected to the Senate in the Tea Party wave but has been embraced by the party's Washington elite—as the only candidate who can 'navigate this complex primary process, and still be in a position to defeat' Hillary Rodham Clinton in a general election." [82893, 82894, 82907]

JewsNews.co.il reports, "Refugee centers in Sweden are being burned to the ground in what appears to be a statement against the significant number of refugees the country has allowed in. The multiple arsons have all been at facilities which house or are slated to house immigrants. One could say that someone in Sweden is mad as hell and bringing fire and brimstone to the facilities that are to be used for refugees. Seven arson fires have occurred, all of which seem to be connected with immigrant centers. ...Sweden has taken in more refugees than any other European country in proportion to its population. With 100,000 'asylum seekers' already in the country this year and another 90,000 thought to be arriving before the end of the year, the citizens of Sweden may not be as welcoming as they once were." [82903, 83120]

Bloomberg.com reports, "Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban accused billionaire investor George Soros of being a prominent member of a circle of 'activists' trying to undermine European nations by supporting refugees heading to the continent from the Middle East and beyond. 'His name is perhaps the strongest example of those who support anything that weakens nation states, they support everything that changes the traditional European lifestyle,' Orban said in an interview on public radio Kossuth. 'These activists who support immigrants inadvertently become part of this international human-smuggling network.'" (Soros, an early Obama supporter in 2007, has a reputation for stirring up trouble around the world—after first investing in businesses and commodities that will benefit from upheaval.) [83143]

On October 31 a Russian A321 airliner (Kogalymavia Flight 9268) traveling from Egypt to St. Petersburg crashes in the Sinai Peninsula, south of Arish, killing all 224 aboard. ISIS claims responsibility, but experts says it lacks the weaponry to down a plane flying at 30,000 feet. (The "experts" neglect to consider that not having missiles does not mean ISIS does not have bombs it can plant in planes. Michael Clarke, director general of the Royal United Services Institute, comments, "Early reports said [the plane] split into two and that suggests a catastrophic failure, not a mechanical failure, but perhaps an explosion on board, so I would be much more inclined to think, if we have to guess at this stage, it is much more likely to have been a bomb on board than a missile fired from the ground.") [82888, 82892, 82900, 82906, 82938]

In Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Secretary of State John Kerry says, “We never stand up and suggest to anybody that we [in the United States] have finished our journey—‘Oh, look at us, everything is perfect.’ It’s not. We see that, unfortunately, in our news, on our television, every day. Whether it’s a problem with something that happened between someone and the police, or something that happened with someone who just went crazy, there are problems and challenges.” (Whether Kerry is trying to establish a “black lives matter” franchise in Kyrgyzstan is not clear.) [82950]

FoxNews.com reports, “Hillary Clinton and other State Department officials were apparently warned by overseas U.S. diplomats about blaming the 2012 Benghazi terror strikes on an ‘inflammatory’ Internet video, according to an email released Saturday by House Republicans probing the fatal attacks. The email was sent three days after the fatal Sept. 11, 2012, attacks on a U.S. outpost in Benghazi, Libya, and two days before then-National Security Adviser Susan Rice went on TV to say the attacks were inspired by the anti-Islamic video. The email—released by the GOP-led House Select Committee on Benghazi—was sent from the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, to the State Department, which Clinton led from 2009 to 2013. But the names of the exact sender and receiver have been redacted. ‘The film’s not as explosive of an issue here as it appears to be in other countries in the region,’ the unknown sender wrote. ‘And it is becoming increasingly clear that the series of events in Benghazi was much more terrorist attack than a protest, which escalated into violence. It is our opinion that in our messaging, we want to distinguish, not conflate, the events in other countries with this well planned attack by militant extremists.’” [82901, 82909]

According to ThePCGraveyard.com, “Brian Steel, senior vice president of communications at CNBC” was the executive in charge of the Republican debate. “He is a former Clinton White House staffer, who held three positions under Bill Clinton. He was a domestic policy adviser to Vice President Al Gore, he served as Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy Development and associate director of the department’s Office of Public Affairs. Isn’t that a coinkidink? Hey!!! I just realized, Bill Clinton’s wife is running for president isn’t she? So a former staffer for Hillary Clinton’s husband was in charge of a debate in which moderators asked questions like ‘Aren’t you running a comic campaign, Donald Trump?’ and ‘Can you do math, Ben Carson?’ and ...well, you get the idea. Steel said that he was in charge of planning the event and revving up publicity for the event. Wouldn’t choosing the moderators be part of the planning of the event? That might explain why a debate on the economy didn’t pick Jim Cramer or Rick Santelli to be the main moderators, since they are the biggest [CNBC] stars with the most knowledge of the subject at hand.” [82902]

The Daily Mail reports on undercover operations in New York City’s Muslim communities that resulted in the arrest of “two Queens residents, Noelle Velentzas and Asia Siddiqui,” who were “charged with allegedly planning to build a bomb.” Perhaps not surprisingly, the city’s far left mayor, Bill de Blasio, opposes such undercover operations. At a recent Ramadan dinner he said, “We recently shut down the Demographics Unit at NYPD, which conducted surveillance on Muslim New Yorkers.

Because it's unfair to single out people on the sole basis of their religion." [82922, 82923]

At Breitbart.com Pamela Geller reports, "There is a new initiative in Germany that donates one euro for every 'racist' (Islam is not a race) anti-migrant comment on the Internet. The 'Hate Helps' propaganda campaign is organized by... Demokratische Kultur (ZDK), otherwise known as the Orwellian 'Center for Democratic Action' in Germany. And it's being funded by Facebook and Sky Germany. They will pay 1€ (euro) for each negative post about immigrants. ... This is essentially a payment of the jizya, the tribute money that subservient and subjugated non-Muslims must pay to their Muslim overlords under Islamic law. In this case, the money goes to various refugee help programs and—get this—an organization that helps people get out of the 'nazi scene' (an opt-out scheme). Meanwhile, the German yellow press newspaper *Bild* is publishing the names of offenders in the media. Perhaps the thousands of Muslim migrants who have gone AWOL from the refugee camps can hunt them down." [82931]

"Apparently the spineless, gutless [Facebook co-founder] Mark Zuckerberg made good on his promise to German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Merkel had been prodding and strong-arming Zuckerberg to 'do something' about the posts and comments on Facebook that oppose the Muslim invasion of Europe. ... The whole idea is to intimidate people from telling the truth and speaking ill of the invasion. Who decides what's hate? 'Hate speech' is a subjective category. There is no agreed-upon type of speech that everyone recognizes as 'hate speech.' The label 'hate speech' is used by certain parties in order to demonize and marginalize the speech of their opponents. The label 'hate speech' can all too easily become a tool in the hands of the powerful, of tyrants, to silence those who are standing for freedom. ... It's a threat—a warning—letting people know if they say anything against the invasion they will put a target on their heads. ... This is Hitlerian. Pure evil." [82931]