

The Complete Obama Timeline

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On February 1, 2016 more than \$100 billion in assets is released to Iran. (The White House had claimed it would be only \$50 billion. One or both of the two parties is lying.) [87369, 87380, 87381, 87405]

The Sun reports that Great Britain “is home to more than 3 million Muslims for the first time ever with more than half born outside the UK, according to new figures. Soaring immigration and sky high birth rates have seen the number in the country double in a little over a decade. Some parts of London are now almost 50 per cent Islamic, according to analysis from the Office for National Statistics. If current trends continue the areas could become majority Muslim within ten years. ...Followers of Islam now make up one in every 20 people within the country.” (The process is “birth jihad” or “stealth jihad.” Muslims take over an area first via immigration, both legal and illegal, and they then dominate the culture as a result of their phenomenal birth rates—all the while collecting welfare benefits funded by taxpayers who fear being shamed as “Islamophobes” if they object. Parts of Europe are being destroyed in the process.) [87371, 87372]

Workers at a refugee center in Sweden are banned from holding a memorial service for co-worker Alexandra Mezher (who was killed by a migrant), in order to “secure the well-being of the children.” (Translation: “We do not want to upset the Muslim refugees or let them think killing Swedes is not an acceptable pastime.”) [87427, 87429]

CNN reports that leftist billionaire George Soros has donated \$6 million to Hillary Clinton’s political action committee (PAC). (Soros money helped Obama significantly in 2008.) [87324]

On *Morning Joe*, Bloomberg Politics managing editor Mark Halperin says there are “more problems with [Hillary Clinton’s] emails, more questions about how it was handled. Look, the legal calendar, we don’t know what that is. We know the political calendar. Bernie Sanders announced yesterday he’s raised \$20 million this month. He’s forced Secretary Clinton to agree to more debates into the spring. So Bernie Sanders, even if he loses here tonight can go forward with lots of money, with debates on the schedule, and see, are there developments in the legal front that allow him to start to win even after tonight if he doesn’t win here?” Joe Scarborough adds, “Everybody in the government, everybody in the media, everybody that runs anything is talking about how advanced this investigation [of Clinton] is, and nobody’s telling the American people about it. So, I had an executive in another network ask, ‘Is it safe to talk about it now?’ So we talked about it. And then that afternoon... explosive revelations came out, and there are more [to come].” [87355]

DailyCaller.com reports, “Hillary Clinton’s former chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, refused to speak to investigators with the State Department’s Office of the Inspector General about her handling of a 2012 public records request for information about Clinton’s private email addresses that the agency falsely denied.” [87400]

ChicagoBusiness.com reports, “The Giannoulas family, which collected tens of millions in dividends just prior to the collapse of their Broadway Bank in Chicago, appear to have gotten off relatively lightly in a newly released settlement with federal bank regulators over losses at the company. Former officers and directors of Broadway Bank, including former CEO Demetris Giannoulas and his brother George Giannoulas, paid \$5 million under a Nov. 18 settlement with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. ...The 2010 failure of Broadway Bank came in the middle of a hotly contested election for ...Obama’s old Senate seat. Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas, brother to Demetris and George and once an executive at Broadway, lost to Republican Mark Kirk. [Obama endorsed Giannoulas, despite the bank’s mob ties.] The bank’s failure, coupled with the fact that the family had taken \$30 million in dividends in 2007 and 2008 from the bank as signs of financial trouble were emerging, played a part in Giannoulas’ defeat at the polls.” (The bank failed largely because of subprime loans.) [87353]

White House press secretary Josh Earnest tells reporters he can’t comment on Hillary Clinton’s emails because “I haven’t seen any of them.” (This is the same Josh Earnest who said on January 29, “[B]ased on what we know from the Department of Justice” Clinton will not be indicted.) [87238, 87251, 87282, 87316, 87354]

At FoxNews.com Catherine Herridge and Pamela K. Browne report, “Highly classified Hillary Clinton emails that the intelligence community and State Department recently deemed too damaging to national security to release contain ‘operational intelligence’—and their presence on the unsecure, personal email system jeopardized ‘sources, methods and lives,’ a U.S. government official who has reviewed the documents told Fox News. The official, who was not authorized to speak on the record and was limited in discussing the contents because of their highly classified nature, was referring to the 22 ‘TOP SECRET’ emails that the State Department announced Friday it could not release in any form, even with entire sections redacted. ...The official emphasized that the ‘TOP SECRET’ documents were sent over an extended period of time—from shortly after the server’s 2009 installation until early 2013 when Clinton stepped down as secretary of state.” [87356, 87357]

Congressman Mike Pompeo (R-FL) observes, “There is no way that someone, a senior government official who has been handling classified information for a good chunk of their adult life, could not have known that this information ought to be classified, whether it was marked or not. Anyone with the capacity to read and an understanding of American national security, an 8th grade reading level or above, would understand that the release of this information or the potential breach of a non-secure system presented risk to American national security. Anytime our national security team determines that there’s a potential breach, that is information that might potentially have fallen into the hands of the Iranians, or the Russians, or the Chinese, or just hackers, that they begin to operate in a manner that assumes that information has in fact gotten out.” [87356, 87357]

The national debt reaches \$19 trillion.

Billionaire businessman Mark Cuban tells Fox News’ Neil Cavuto, “I’ll consider [voting for] anybody but Ted Cruz. ...People are tired of labels. That’s one of the reasons I don’t like Ted Cruz. Everything he says is defined by some sort of label.” (In addition, Cruz is a flip-flopper

when it is convenient for his political career. In an August 11, 2011 he said he supported the “anchor baby” interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment. In an August 22, 2015 interview he stated he was opposed.) [87389, 87567, 87570]

The Jeb Bush campaign allegedly offers people \$25 per hour to be “seat fillers” for his Des Moines, Iowa rally. The Bush campaign issues a denial and suggests the flyer is a “dirty trick” from the Marco Rubio campaign. [87358, 87359]

Researcher Gary Wilmott calls KABC 790 to state that Ted Cruz cannot legally serve as president because he is not a natural born citizen. Talk show host Peter Tilden ridicules Wilmott and asks why if Cruz is ineligible no one knows about it. Wilmott tries to explain that the media is doing its best to cover up the truth. Tilden then cuts off Wilmott—thereby substantiating the claim that the media refuses to discuss the issue. [87471]

At 7:00 pm, just as Iowa caucus voting starts, Ted Cruz sends a message: “CNN is reporting that Ben Carson will stop campaigning after Iowa. Make sure to tell all of your peers at the caucus [who are] supporting Carson that they should coalesce around the true conservative who will be in the race for the Long haul: TED CRUZ!” (Cruz is lying. CNN did not report that Carson is pulling out of the race; it reported only that he was going to Florida before heading to New Hampshire and South Carolina to campaign). [87481, 87598]

Cruz also “creatively extends” the CNN report, claiming there would be a big announcement from the Carson campaign late in the week—suggesting the announcement would be Carson dropping out of the race. (Cruz later blames CNN, but it was not CNN that invented the “big announcement” addition to the false story.) [87481]

The Cruz campaign expands on the dirty trick, stationing operatives outside caucus locations to tell voters Ben Carson has dropped out of the race and encouraging them to vote for Cruz. (Spreading a lie for the sake of personal gain is apparently one of Cruz’s evangelical values.) Carson later tells Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly, “Bill, here’s the issue. A culture exists within the Cruz camp that would allow people to take advantage of a situation like this in a very dishonest way. Isn’t this the same thing we see with the Obama administration? The IRS Scandal? No responsibility. Look and see what the Cruz camp will do about those individuals who inappropriately disseminated this information knowing that the caucuses were not over. They were awfully anxious to get it out there, weren’t they?” [87360, 87361, 87362, 87418, 87421, 87430]

Congressman Steve King (R-IA), a Cruz supporter, shamelessly tweets, “Carson looks like he is out. Iowans need to know before they vote. Most will go to Cruz, I hope.” (King’s tweet comes almost one-half hour *after* the Carson campaign issued a statement declaring the Cruz rumor to be false. King lied anyway.) [87421, 87422, 87481]

Republican strategist Karl Rove later states, “Senator Cruz in his initial explanation about this said, ‘we were sending it to our team,’ leaving the implication, I suspect, to most viewers, that this had to do with sending it out to staff members. No, no, no... They sent this to their nearly 1,500 precinct captains. There are 1,500 precincts in the state. And they sent this message from

Spence Roberts [Rogers]. Now why does that matter. Now the gap between Donald Trump and Ted Cruz is 6,239 votes. There are 1,500 precincts. Do the math... If this [false] message... cost Carson four votes per precinct to switch to Cruz, then Cruz beats Trump. If he doesn't switch four, then he loses." [87481, 87482]

Marco Rubio's campaign does not have clean hands on the issue. It also pushed the false narrative that Carson was dropping out of the race. [87456]

Cruz supporters later make the argument that Carson would not have won anyway. Of course, it is impossible to know what the results would have been had Cruz not made the false statement about Carson. Even if the dirty trick cost Carson 500 votes and did not impact the outcome, that is irrelevant—a shameless ineffective tactic is no more defensible than a shameless effective tactic. (If a man robs a bank he is not absolved of the crime simply because he was able to get away with only \$500 and not the \$50,000 he had hoped for. He goes to jail either way.)

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders essentially come to a draw in the Iowa caucuses. Clinton allegedly wins 49.8 percent of the vote; Sanders wins 49.5 percent—with about five percent of the votes not counted. Martin O'Malley, with less than one percent, suspends his campaign. (Six precincts end in a Clinton-Sanders tie. A coin flip gives Clinton victories in all six. Some suspect that Sanders actually received more votes than Clinton, but the bizarre Democrat caucus process in Iowa benefited Clinton.) [87363, 87365, 87374, 87375, 87512, 87590, 87602]

Clinton gives a victory speech even before the vote counting has been completed. (Her operatives are likely working hard to make sure an additional box of missing ballots is suddenly "found.") [87383, 87450]

On the GOP side, voter turnout exceeds 180,000. Ted Cruz takes first place with 27.65 percent, followed by Donald Trump (24.31), Marco Rubio (23.10), Ben Carson (9.31), Rand Paul (4.54), Jeb Bush (2.80), Carly Fiorina (1.86), John Kasich (1.86), Mike Huckabee (1.79), Chris Christie (1.76), and Rick Santorum (0.95). Cruz and Trump each gain more votes than any other candidate in Iowa caucus history. Cruz captures about 33 percent of the white evangelical vote, to Trump's 21 percent and Rubio's 21 percent. [87363, 87364, 87376, 87452]

Media pundits (who wrongly predicted a Trump win if voter turnout exceeded 150,000) quickly pounce on Trump and call him a loser, but the truth is that he never expected to win Iowa because of the strong evangelical vote. That Cruz took first place may mean little, because he will not have the advantage of the religious vote in every state. Trump fell to second place because he lost supporters to Marco Rubio. Although Rubio finished third, he is arguably the winner in the "big picture" because he—not Cruz—may be the candidate voters switch to if Trump falters. The reality is that Rubio is likeable and Cruz is not, and personality matters in elections. As the weeks pass, the contest may be between Trump and Rubio. Further, Cruz's success comes with a downside: media scrutiny.

It is worth noting that no state has a greater percentage of evangelical voters than Iowa. That is why Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum fizzled after first-place finishes in Iowa in 2008 and 2012. At a January 31 rally in Iowa City, Cruz asked his supporters to "pray every day until

election day,” call on God to “awaken the body of Christ that we might pull back from the abyss,” and “commit today every day from now to election day to lift this country up in prayer.” Statements like that work in Iowa, but will work almost nowhere else. That is not to suggest that America is not a religious nation, but in most states the voters do not like candidates who use their religion to sway voters—or who shove religion down their throats. (It is also worth noting that, since 1952, 13 winners of the New Hampshire primary and three second-place finishers went on to win the presidency. Only one person, Bill Clinton, has lost both in Iowa and in New Hampshire and then gone on to win the presidency.) [87403, 87404, 87406, 87431]

As the media produces more stories about Cruz, voters will learn (among other things) that his wife works for Goldman Sachs and helped the Council on Foreign Relations develop one of its New World Order reports. That will not sit well with conservative voters who have been led to believe that Cruz is “squeaky clean.” As the evidence against him piles up, Cruz will label everything lies. Eventually, however, the voters will come to believe it is he who is lying. [87428]

Cruz is not an “evangelical” in the Iowa sense. Like his father, a preacher who is director of something he calls the “Purifying Fire International,” Cruz is a radical “dominionist.” Other Dominionists are former Congresswoman Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and former Texas governor Rock Perry.) According to Wikipedia, Dominion theology “is a theory from the field of Sociology which describes a theocratic ideology which seeks to implement a nation governed by conservative Christians ruling over society based on an understanding of biblical law.” Political Research Associates defines Dominionism as follows: “The theocratic idea that regardless of theological view or eschatological timetable, heterosexual Christian men are called by God to exercise dominion over secular society by taking control of political and cultural institutions.” [87431, 87432]

At OpEdNews.com former foreign correspondent and Pulitzer Prize recipient Chris Hedges wrote in October 2013, “This ideology calls on anointed ‘Christian’ leaders to take over the state and make the goals and laws of the nation ‘biblical.’ It seeks to reduce government to organizing little more than defense, internal security and the protection of property rights. It fuses with the Christian religion the iconography and language of American imperialism and nationalism, along with the cruelest aspects of corporate capitalism. The intellectual and moral hollowness of the ideology, its flagrant distortion and misuse of the Bible, the contradictions that abound within it—its leaders champion small government and a large military, as if the military is not part of government—and its laughable pseudo-science are impervious to reason and fact. And that is why the movement is dangerous.” [87434]

“The cult of masculinity, as in all fascist movements, pervades the ideology of the Christian right. The movement uses religion to sanctify military and heroic ‘virtues,’ glorify blind obedience and order over reason and conscience, and pander to the euphoria of collective emotions. Feminism and homosexuality, believers are told, have rendered the American male physically and spiritually impotent. Jesus, for the Christian right, is a man of action, casting out demons, battling the Antichrist, attacking hypocrites and ultimately slaying nonbelievers. ... Dominionists believe they are engaged in an epic battle against the forces of Satan. They live in a binary world of black and white. They feel they are victims, surrounded by sinister groups

bent on their destruction. They have anointed themselves as agents of God who alone know God's will." [87434]

Arguably, Trump did well by finishing second in a state in which he did not expect to win, where he had virtually no "ground game," and where he spent little money on anything but "Make America Great Again" baseball caps. (Cruz had 12,000 volunteers and more than 150 ministers working on his behalf.) Trump (who had only 12 staffers in Iowa) knew he would lose the religious vote to Cruz, and chose not to spend a fortune in a state which has few convention delegates—and whose delegates are divided proportionally. (That is, Trump will get some Iowa convention delegates despite his second-place finish, probably seven to Cruz's eight.) It is the winner-take-all states where it makes more sense to spend money on campaign operations. (In some states the candidate who finished in first place receives *all* of the state's delegates for the national convention.) [87373, 87417]

Some argue that Trump erred in criticizing Ben Carson because they may have switched to Ted Cruz rather than Trump. [87399]

Cruz tells his supporters, "Tonight is a victory for the grassroots. Tonight is a victory for courageous conservatives across Iowa, and all across this great nation. Tonight the state of Iowa has spoken. Iowa has sent notice that the Republican nominee and the next President of the United States will not be chosen by the media; will not be chosen by the Washington establishment; will not be chosen by the lobbyists. But will be chosen by the most incredible powerful force where all sovereignty resides in our nation by 'We the People,' the American people." (Cruz's long, disjointed victory speech may leave some people wondering why they voted for him. Members of a CNN focus group are not impressed, especially when he quotes scripture. One participant says, "I thought he was pandering to the crowd. He seemed to say the same thing over and over... just to get the crowd to believe that's what he really thought.") [87373, 87392, 87411]

Donald Trump delivers a brief, gracious concession speech. [87393]

Third-place finisher Marco Rubio delivers a speech in which he sounds as if he finished in first place. [87394, 87435]

Mike Huckabee suspends his campaign. [87366]

Ted Cruz receives the "kiss of death" from political strategist Dick Morris, who says on Newsmax.tv, "Cruz is very likely to win this whole thing. He's going to go into New Hampshire with a great deal of momentum coming from Iowa, and [Donald] Trump has been proven fallible. He's been proven not immortal, and I think it's going to be a very tight three-way race in New Hampshire." (Morris has an incomparably bad track record when it comes to predictions. In addition, few expected Trump to win in Iowa because of the powerful evangelical vote.) [87401]

Pollster Matt Towery disagrees, saying, "I think Trump still has the edge in New Hampshire. South Carolina and the SEC Primary are going to decide who is going to get to the big dance, and the big dance will be Florida." If Marco Rubio does not gain momentum, "Donald Trump,

who has been leading in these Southern states and Florida, would go on to get the nomination. But I don't think that Cruz right now is still in it. He's got a long way to go because New Hampshire is going to be sort of cold water on him, I expect." (The SEC Primary on March 1 consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Louisiana's primary follows a few days later.) [87401, 87402]

Ann Coulter tweets, "Trump is the leading GOP vote-getter tonight, among natural-born-American candidates." [87407]

Many in the mainstream media call Ted Cruz's first-place finish irrelevant, Donald Trump's second-place finish a loss, and Marco Rubio's third-place finish a massive victory. (In other words, the "establishment" is pushing Rubio. Rubio supported amnesty for illegal immigrants with the "gang of eight" bill, supported legislation giving Obama expanded trade powers, fought efforts to curb Muslim immigration, supports expanded H1B visas for the recruitment of more foreign workers, and voted against food stamp reforms.) [87601]

On February 2 Ben Carson says on *Fox & Friends*, "If Ted Cruz doesn't know about this [his campaign's tactics], then he clearly needs to very quickly get rid of some people in his organization. And if he does know about it, isn't this the exact kind of thing that the American people are tired of? Why would we want to continue that kind of, you know, shenanigans?" [87509]

Carson's wife Candy, who went to several caucuses to let the voters know her husband was indeed still in the race, tells MSNBC, "It wasn't fair to us; it wasn't fair to Iowans; and it also wasn't fair to the other candidates. Who knows how many of those votes might have gone to them? It's just totally tainted. ...That's politics ...[but] that's not the American way, that's not what our founding fathers envisioned." [87509]

Caucus attendee Sheryl Leonard later states, "Here is what I witnessed last night. I was a guest speaker on behalf of Ben Carson at the Caucus in Altoona at an elementary school and I spoke last night. ...After my speech was over the Ted Cruz spokesperson made their speech and closed with 'By the way Ben Carson is dropping out of the race.' I got up and shouted 'He's lying.' Immediately after that... who walks in? CANDY CARSON! Ben Carson's wife! She backed me up and said it was a lie! Ben was NOT dropping out and not to be deterred. The people then voted and Ben came in 2ND PLACE! Just 8 votes shy of first place. ...Remember a couple days before this Cruz sent out mailers to people sharing their neighbor's voting records to shame & embarrass them and pressure them. Ted Cruz is a PHONY ladies and gentlemen. He campaigns as a 'Conservative Christian' and spreads outright lies in order to steal a win illegitimately in an election." [87531]

The Bernie Sanders campaign states it has been informed by the Iowa Democrat party that the caucus results from 90 precincts are missing. Townhall.com posts a video showing how loosely the caucuses were run: at one location, an "official" simply hand counts the raised hands of Clinton supporters. (Sanders can hardly demand a recount when the process in some precincts is nothing more than someone manually counting people on each side of the room. The process

itself is prone to fraud and manipulation, which is how Obama won the Iowa caucuses in 2008.) [87377, 87378, 87388, 87391, 87397, 87398, 87408, 87409, 87444]

The Illinois Board of Elections rules that Ted Cruz can appear on the state's ballots: "The Candidate is a natural born citizen by virtue of being born in Canada to his mother who was a U.S. citizen at the time of his birth." (That, of course, is *not* the criteria for natural born citizen status. The Illinois Board of Elections—which is certainly not the final arbiter—may consider the issue closed, but it will not go away elsewhere. On January 10 an article at the leftist DailyKos.com insisted Cruz is not a natural born citizen.) [87446, 87447, 87469, 87508]

At Townhall.com political editor Guy Benson writes, "Where as [sic; whereas] the GOP tallies its votes by counting each voter's selection as a vote (a novel concept), Democrats deal in terms like 'state delegate equivalents,' of which Mrs. Clinton had been awarded 699.57 late last night. Some Iowa Democrats believe Sanders narrowly won the popular vote outright, with Sanders supporters demanding that the state party release the hidden 'raw vote totals.' Seems like a reasonable ask, no? The party is technically called 'Democratic,' after all. Meanwhile, the media coverage hasn't been very kind to Team Clinton, with the New York Times reporting that the too-close-to-call embarrassment in Iowa has 'unnerved' her aides." [87378]

At Slate.com William Saletan declares, "Marco Rubio isn't a winner" and writes, "[M]ost Republicans don't just find [Donald] Trump or [Ted] Cruz acceptable; they prefer at least one of these two candidates as their first choice. When second choices are factored in, Cruz and Trump do even better. In the four polls that have asked that question, Trump got the first- or second-choice votes of 46 percent of Republicans. Cruz got the votes of 41 percent. Nationally, Rubio has been a distant third. He averaged 11 percent in [seven national] polls, compared with 35 percent for Trump and 20 percent for Cruz. But let's take Rubio's dream scenario: Jeb Bush, Gov. Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, and Gov. John Kasich drop out of the race, and all of their supporters switch to Rubio. That's another 13 percent, which bumps Rubio up to 24 percent. That's still well below Trump's 35 percent. It's not even enough to catch Cruz, if Cruz does half as well in luring voters from Ben Carson, Mike Huckabee, and Sen. Rand Paul—who have been splitting another 13 percent of the Republican electorate—as Rubio, in this fantasy scenario, does among the Bush-Christie-Kasich crowd." [87412]

At WashingtonTimes.com Charles Hurt writes that Ted Cruz "followed in the footsteps of previous Iowa winners in that he shamelessly and overtly deployed his religious faith as a guiding—perhaps overriding—reason for electing him. The man was literally quoting scripture during his campaign events. This preaching culminated in the creepy footage of Mr. Cruz directing his supporters to 'awaken the body of Christ.' Ick. Obviously, it is a strategy that works in Iowa. But I am also pretty sure that God is not so hot about somebody awakening the body of Christ for personal political purposes. Sounds, well, a little self-centered and diabolical. And, unfortunately for Mr. Cruz, it doesn't usually work so well going forward. Even in a place like South Carolina where they love their Christian politicians, Mr. Trump is beating Mr. Cruz by 15 points, according to the polls. The problem for Mr. Cruz is that it is undeniable that Mr. Trump has at least broken through to Christian voters. Many of them trust him and believe that he is serious about fighting for them and protecting religious liberty." [87413]

Rush Limbaugh gives Marco Rubio a boost on his radio program, saying, “I don’t like this idea that Marco Rubio is all of a sudden being labeled as an establishment candidate. I know that Rubio’s got the baggage of that ‘gang of eight’ bill—I understand that. But I’m here to—Marco Rubio is no moderate Republican centrist... I’m just telling you, I don’t see Marco Rubio as anything other than a legitimate, full-throated conservative. Nobody’s pure and nobody is ever free of making mistakes. I know Senator Rubio... I don’t like this idea that we’re all of a sudden going to make Rubio the establishment bad guy, as though Rubio is no different from the [John] McCains, and the Bob Doles, and the [Mitt] Romneys, and the others that [sic; who] have come along and been nominated by the establishment. He just isn’t.” (Before the Iowa caucuses Limbaugh had never called Rubio a “full-throated conservative.”) [87436]

Even if Rubio is a strong conservative on some issues, that may prove to be meaningless if he is elected president and he does not strengthen border security and legal immigration rules. (Rubio voted for Obama’s fast-track trade authority scheme.) The nation’s economy will collapse if the parasites continue to pour into the country, go on welfare, and sap the energy of the remaining producers. At that point it will matter little where Rubio stands on the issues of abortion and same-sex marriage. (But Limbaugh will still be a multimillionaire in a gated community.)

Obama meets with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in the White House, and then has lunch with House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI). (Meanwhile, House conservatives are up in arms over Ryan’s call for them to be “realistic” while Democrats control the White House. Congressman Raul Labrador (R-ID) comments, “Our leadership is telling us to be realistic and it’s through realism that we’re going to win national elections. Well, guess what, we were realistic in 2012 and with all due respect, not only did we lose the presidency, we lost [did not win] the Senate.” Labrador is right to be skeptical. Even if the Republicans do not err for the third campaign in a row and win the White House, the Democrats stand a good chance of winning the Senate. The Ryan crowd will then ask conservatives to be patient and wait for the 2018 elections. In the meantime, Democrat programs and schemes continue unhindered.) [87455, 87497]

DailyCaller.com reports, “As a Senator in 2011, Sec. of State John Kerry sent an email containing information that the State Department now says is classified as ‘Secret’ from a non-government account to Hillary Clinton, agency spokesman John Kirby said Tuesday. The tranche of Hillary Clinton records released on Friday [January 29] contains the sensitive May 11, 2011 email, which is heavily redacted because it contains foreign government information. In the email, which Kerry sent from his iPad and was first reported on Friday, the former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee discussed negotiations between India and Pakistan. Kirby was asked Monday [February 1] whether Kerry sent the email from a personal email address, but the spokesman did not have an answer at the time. By Tuesday, he did. ‘The one that we talked about being upgraded to ‘Secret’ was sent from a non-official account, and the account from which it was sent is no longer active,’ Kirby said during the daily press briefing.” (Not only has Clinton transmitted classified information via her unsecured private email account, so has Kerry.) [87416, 87445]

In Rome, Secretary of State John Kerry states, “Daesh [ISIS] is in fact nothing more than a mixture of killers, of kidnappers, of criminals, of thugs, of adventurers, of smugglers and thieves.

And they are also above all apostates, people who have hijacked a great religion and lie about its real meaning and lie about its purpose and deceive people in order to fight for their purposes.” Pamela Geller comments, “...I cannot help but be bemused and amused by John Kerry, world-renowned Islamic scholar, declaring the Islamic State faithful to be ‘apostates.’ What school of Islamic jurisprudence is Kerry basing this on? First, it’s ‘ISIS has nothing to do with Islam’ and now, when it can no longer be denied, it’s, ‘well—they’re Islamic apostates!’ These are the people in charge of our security? The former Imam of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, Adel Kalbani, said, ‘ISIS have the same beliefs as we do.’ The Islamic State explains their every action using the Quran, hadith and sira.” (The Hadith is a collection of what Muhammad did and how he behaved. The sira is the biography of the prophet Muhammad.) [87484, 87485]

Burce Vento Elementary School in St. Paul, Minnesota, bans children from celebrating Valentine’s Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas because Muslims find them offensive. In a letter to parents, school principal Scott Masini writes, “I have come to the difficult decision to discontinue the celebration of the dominant holidays until we can come to a better understanding of how the dominant view will suppress someone else’s view. ...One of the concerns that I have... is whether or not this practice is encroaching on the educational opportunities of others and threatening the culture of tolerance and respect for all.” The school district issues a statement: “Because Saint Paul Public Schools is a diverse district that is filled with families from around the world we strive to respect all cultures and all students. We recognize that not every student celebrates or participates in some or all holidays. We have a board policy that discourages programs and festivities that celebrate observances unless they are required by law.” [87426]

General Mark A. Milley, chief of staff of the Army, and General Robert B. Neller, Marine Corps commandant, tell the Senate Armed Services Committee that women should register for Selective Service (the draft) if they are going to serve in combat and be fully integrated into the U.S. military. (Neither women nor men should have to register for a draft. No government has the right to treat its citizens as slaves, even if the duration of the slavery may be only two years, rather than a lifetime. A draft allows a nation to commit itself to wars the citizens oppose. If the United States were attacked by an enemy, there would be no shortage of volunteers to fight.) [87424, 87425]

Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) introduces the “Fund Essential Menstruation Products (FEM) Act.” It would add feminine hygiene products to the list of items that can be purchased with funds in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA). [87443]

Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) endorses Marco Rubio for president. [87379, 87382]

At a rally in Milford, New Hampshire, former Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) endorses Donald Trump. Trump tells the massive crowd, “ISIS is making a tremendous amount of money because they have certain oil camps, right? They have areas of oil that they took away. They have some in Syria, some in Iraq. I would bomb the shit of ’em. I would just bomb those suckers. And that’s right, I’d blow up the pipes, I’d blow up the refineries—I’d blow up every single inch, there would be nothing left.” [87410, 87451, 87454, 86637]

Over Somalia, an explosion during a Daalo Airlines flight from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia kills suicide bomber Abdullahi Abdissalam Borle and ejects his body out of the plane. Pilots manage to land the Airbus A321-111 safely in Mogadishu. (The terrorist, who is believed to have been given an explosive-filled laptop computer by an airport employee, had chosen a seat above the wing—an ideal position for a bomb because of the location of the fuel tanks.) [87461, 87462, 87480, 87617, 87618, 87619, 87653]

On February 3 Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) suspends his presidential campaign.

The Washington Post's Chris Cillizza tweets, “Rand Paul probably lost the 2016 presidential race on Aug. 19, 2014. That was the day James Foley was beheaded.” (Cillizza’s point is that Rand Paul’s appeal is to Libertarians and conservatives who want smaller government at home and limited involvement overseas. The rise of ISIS and continuing Islamic terrorism makes it difficult for some voters to lean toward a foreign policy of minimal interventionism. Of course, Cillizza is also unwittingly declaring Obama’s foreign policy record a total failure. Had Obama not so severely messed things up in Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Syria and elsewhere, voters in the United States could focus more on domestic issues and not fear jihadist attacks.) [87441, 87442]

The New York Times editorial board writes, “The Pentagon has put Russia at the top of its list of national security threats with its plan to increase the deployment of heavy weapons, armored vehicles and troops on rotating assignment to NATO countries in Central and Eastern Europe.” (This is the same *New York Times* that, along with the rest of the mainstream media, ridiculed Mitt Romney in 2012 for stating that Russia was the greatest geopolitical threat faced by the United States.) [87437]

Obama, who also ridiculed Romney on the point during one of their three 2012 debates, asks Congress for more money for military spending in Europe to counter Russia’s increasing influence. (Obama has apparently learned that Romney was correct.) [87448, 87449]

Obama visits the radical Islamic Society of Baltimore mosque, removes his shoes, and delivers a speech in which he calls for television programs with Muslim characters. (“Goat Dynasty” and “The Real Housewives of Riyadh” come to mind.) He absurdly claims, “This mosque, like so many in this country, is an All-American story,” “For more than a thousand years, people have been drawn to Islam’s message of peace,” “Muslim Americans keep up [sic; us] safe,” and “Generations of Muslim Americans helped to build our nation.” Obama also criticizes “inexcusable political rhetoric that has no place in our country” and says, “An attack on one religion is an attack on all religions.” (Pamela Geller: “That’s as stupid as saying an attack on one country is an attack on all countries.”) Although the mosque typically prohibits females from entering the main room, an exception is made for Obama’s visit—to fool the media and television viewers into thinking it is an open, moderate place of worship. [87438, 87439, 87440, 87468, 87474, 87476, 87487, 87491, 87492, 87553, 87554, 87594]

Defending Muslims, Obama argues, “The Qur’an says whoever kills an innocent, it is as if he has killed all mankind.” (Obama does not define “innocent.” To many Muslims, those who do not follow Islam are not innocent. That is, being a Christian or a Jew is enough to be classified as not innocent.) [87550]

Apparently having forgotten that he is court fighting the Little Sisters of the Poor in an effort to force them to provide employees with abortifacients and sterilization, Obama says, “We have to respect the fact that we have freedom of religion.”

“As we protect our country from terrorism,” says Obama, “we should not reinforce the ideas and the rhetoric of the terrorists themselves. I often hear it said that we need moral clarity in this fight. And the suggestion is somehow that if I would simply say, these are all Islamic terrorists, then we would actually have solved the problem by now, apparently. Well, I agree, we actually do need moral clarity. Let’s have some moral clarity. Groups like ISIL are desperate for legitimacy. They try to portray themselves as religious leaders and holy warriors who speak for Islam. I refuse to give them legitimacy. We must never give them that legitimacy.” [87583]

Jihad Watch’s Robert Spencer asks, “What makes Obama think that the Islamic State is looking to him for legitimacy? Where did he get the idea that any Muslim looks to any non-Muslim to legitimize his understanding of Islam? ...Does Obama think that if he refrains from acknowledging the Islamic roots of jihad terrorism, that some young Muslim who is considering joining the jihad will think again and turn away? ‘Oh yes, I was going to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State until I heard Obama say that they were un-Islamic.’ Ludicrous.” [87583, 87584]

Obama says, “So the best way for us to fight terrorism is to deny these organizations legitimacy and to show that here in the United States of America, we do not suppress Islam; we celebrate and lift up the success of Muslim Americans. That’s how we show the lie that they’re trying to propagate. We shouldn’t play into terrorist propaganda. And we can’t suggest that Islam itself is at the root of the problem. That betrays our values. It alienates Muslim Americans. It’s hurtful to those kids who are trying to go to school and are members of the Boy Scouts, and [who] are thinking about joining our military.” (Robert Spencer again: “How does it betray our values? He didn’t say. When did denial and willful ignorance become core American values? He didn’t say that, either.”) [87593]

During Obama’s mosque visit, the word “Allah” in Arabic appears in many places behind him on the wall as he speaks. ProgressivesToday.com points out that when Obama spoke at Georgetown University in April 2009, he ordered all religious symbols to be covered up for his address—“including the small letters IHS displayed inside the triangular pediment directly behind and above where [he] would stand since the 3 letters signify the name of Jesus Christ.” (According to experts on Arabic history, the nomenclature Allah is the name of a pre-Islamic moon-and-war god.) [87505, 87506, 87505, 87552]

According to Investors.com, “the FBI had been conducting surveillance at the Islamic Society of Baltimore [mosque] the FBI had been conducting surveillance at the Islamic Society of Baltimore since at least 2010 when it collared one of its members for plotting to bomb an Army recruiting center not far from the mosque in Catonsville, Md. Agents secretly recorded a number of conversations with a 25-year-old Muslim convert—Antonio Martinez, aka Muhammad Hussain—and other Muslims who worshipped there. According to the criminal complaint, Martinez said he knew ‘brothers’ who could supply him weapons and propane tanks. ...It’s now abundantly clear the White House failed to properly vet the venue. Reportedly, it let the Council

on American-Islamic Relations choose the site, even though the FBI has banned CAIR from outreach because of known ties to the Hamas terrorist group.” [87457, 87458, 87554]

At PJMedia.com Roger L. Simon writes, “Barack Obama suffers from serious case of the real Islamophobia—*fear of telling the truth about Islam*. Even though [he is] a ‘progressive,’ he says nary a word about the rampant misogyny and homophobia in Islam or about Sharia law whose medieval strictures are preferred by 51% of American Muslims. Nor does he seem to care that so few of these same American Muslims actively oppose radical Islam. [Obama] prefers the Hamas-linked CAIR to courageous reformers like Dr. Zuhdi Jasser. But that’s no surprise. For Obama, radical Islam doesn’t even exist. Instead, he claims American citizens are mistreating their Muslim brothers and sisters when anyone with a web browser can see that simply isn’t true and is yet another Obama lie. In fact, anti-Muslim acts in the USA are few and far less than those against Jews.” [87534]

“...Yet Obama continues to hector us about our anti-Muslim bias. Actually what he is demonstrating is an unconscious *contempt* for Muslims, treating them like children who need to be coddled. And as most parents know, coddling children is a sure way to ratify, even encourage, bad behavior. ...So what is Obama after? The Muslim vote, obviously. But he is equally obviously, and more importantly, working out his own identity crisis, a long and winding road that has taken him from the madrassas of Indonesia to the pews of Reverend Wright.” [87534]

Also at PJMedia.com Nicholas Ballasy reports, “Google Fiber and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have partnered to bring ‘ultra-high speed’ 1 gigabit Internet to public housing units in many cities—a connection speed much faster than the average household in the United States. West Bluff Townhomes in Kansas City, Mo., has become the first public housing development with a 1 gigabit or 1,000 mbps Internet connection through the ConnectHome Initiative. ...According to the most recent State of the Internet report, the average U.S. Internet connection speed was 11.9 mbps.” [87535]

While Obama lectures Americans about “Islamophobia,” three Palestinian terrorists armed with knives, guns, and explosives stage an attack at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem’s Old City. One Israeli Border Policewoman is killed before the three attackers are killed. [87486]

At LATimes.com Christi Parson swoons over Obama’s mosque visit, and writes, “Obama tried to explain Islam to Americans, quoting Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and other Founding Fathers who welcomed the ancient religion to the new nation.” An actual journalist would have informed here readers that Obama’s claim is false. Several times over the years Obama has repeated the lie that Thomas Jefferson hosted the first Iftar dinner at the White House. As noted in volume 15 of this *Timeline*, at a dinner honoring Muslims in 2012 Obama said, “Thomas Jefferson once held a sunset dinner here with an envoy from Tunisia—perhaps the first Iftar at the White House, more than 200 years ago. And some of you, as you arrived tonight, may have seen our special display, courtesy of our friends at the Library of Congress—the Koran that belonged to Thomas Jefferson. And that’s a reminder, along with the generations of patriotic Muslims in America, that Islam—like so many faiths—is part of our national story.” [716, 805, 827, 23443,

23444, 23445, 23532, 23837, 23840, 25674, 25675, 25678, 25709, 35407, 35487, 35488, 35489, 35497, 37231, 87536]

In his book, *The Muslim Discovery of America*, Frederick William Dame wrote, “Jefferson was interested in talking to the ambassador over the piracy being conducted against American merchant ships by Tunisia, but otherwise could not have cared less about Islam. It was the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan and the temporary envoy said that he could not come to dinner during the day. Jefferson was polite and delayed the dinner a few hours to sunset. There was no special menu. President Jefferson changed the time of the dinner from the usual 3:30 pm to sunset.” It is correct that the Tunisian envoy visited the White House, but he was *not* feted with an Iftar dinner celebrating Ramadan. Jefferson’s interest was not accommodating Muslims; *it was putting an end to their acts of vicious piracy*—arguably the first Islamic terrorist attacks on the United States. Jefferson ultimately ordered a military response, and the United States enjoyed a decisive victory at Tripoli in the Battle of Derna in the First Barbary War. (The Marine Corps Hymn lyrics “...to the shores of Tripoli” honor that victory.) Pamela Gellar has noted, “Jihad in America goes back to our origins. That wasn’t Jefferson’s prayer book, Jefferson had a copy of the Quran so that he might understand the enemy. Jefferson, in defense of America, was studying the enemy’s war plan, their ‘Art of War.’” [2747, 4642, 4643, 13721, 13771, 13773, 13835, 18318, 18324, 18325, 18334, 18355, 18372, 18435, 35407, 35487, 35488, 37231, 87536]

Thomas Strothotte, president of Germany’s Kühne Logistics University, suggests that Arabic be made a mandatory subject in German schools. [87543, 87544]

En route from New York to Little Rock, Arkansas, Donald Trump’s private plane is forced to make an emergency landing in Nashville, Tennessee because of engine trouble. (At NewsWithView.com Jim Nouri writes, “[I]n light of some statements by several people—such as two well-known GOP political consultants who advocate shooting Trump in his head—a thorough investigation should be conducted, said political strategist Mike Baker. ...Pat Brady, the co-chairman of the John Kasich for President Campaign, said in an interview that the only way to beat Donald Trump is with a ‘head shot,’ a term used to describe a single-bullet killing. Once he realized the ramifications of what he said, Brady then claimed that his head shot comment regarding Trump wasn’t referring to a literal gunshot to the head. ...Not to be outdone by Brady, Republican political consultant Rick Wilson appeared on MSNBC and was more direct when he said the GOP political establishment has to ‘put a bullet’ in Trump’s head. According to conservative firebrand and Trump supporter Ann Coulter, ‘Fox News is ignoring these death threats against Donald Trump. Disgusting.’ And NRA firearms instructor Rick Smith noted, ‘Never thought it would be possible, but Fox now makes MSNBC look like a professionally run news media!’”) [87588, 87589]

In a 7News/UMass Lowell tracking poll in New Hampshire, Donald Trump leads with 38 percent, followed by Ted Cruz (14), Marco Rubio (12), Jeb Bush (9), John Kasich (7), Chris Christie (6), Ben Carson (3), Carly Fiorina (3), and Rand Paul (2). Bernie Sanders has 61 percent on the Democrat side, with Hillary Clinton trailing at 32 percent. [87453]

Donald Trump tweets, “Ted Cruz didn’t win Iowa, he stole it. That is why all of the polls were so wrong and why he got far more votes than anticipated. Bad!” “Based on the fraud committed by Senator Ted Cruz during the Iowa Caucus, either a new election should take place or Cruz results

nullified.” (Trump’s critics ridicule his call for a new election, which obviously would never take place. But Trump is not seeking a new election; he is making a fuss about the issue so that it gets media attention and more voters learn about the Cruz campaigns dirty tricks against Ben Carson. The media cannot report on Trump’s complaint without explaining why he is complaining.) [87459, 87460, 87466, 87467, 87470, 87473]

InvestmentWatch lists some of the neoconservatives on the Ted Cruz team:

Campaign chairman Chad Sweet: “Sweet co-founded the Chertoff Group with former Bush and Obama administration Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff. As a leader of the Chertoff Group, Sweet *‘advocated for expanding NSA metadata collection.’*”

James Woolsey: “...former Director of the CIA under the Clinton administration. He heads up many Neoconservative groups including being the Chairman of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, and Founding Member of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.”

Elliot Abrams: “who helped craft Ted’s foreign policy. Abrams is a leader in the neocon world, and he is a leader of what is perhaps the most powerful and pernicious group in the neocon network: the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).”

Dan Gabriel: “Ted’s ex-CIA PR guy... Gabriel is involved in SIGINT aka interception—which is turned into propaganda. His twitter handle is @danpgabriel and he was one of the people pushing the angle that it was confirmed to the Cruz campaign that Carson was dropping out. After called out on the lie, the agent deleted the tweet and denies everything in typical spook fashion.”

Heidi Cruz: “Ted Cruz’s wife, a member of the CFR for five years, she co-sponsored the Independent Task Force on the Future of North America, which was launched in October 2004. The goal of the task force was to coalesce a plan for the full integration of Canada, Mexico and the United States into a E.U.-style superstate called ‘The North American Union [NAU].’”

Robert Pastor: “a CFR director and key architect in creation of the NAU, said in the January/February 2004 issue of Foreign Affairs magazine that the current concept of ‘sovereignty’ obsolete and said U.S., Canadian, and Mexican citizens need to be ‘reeducated’ to view themselves as ‘North Americans.’” [87532, 87541, 87542, 87647]

Rick Santorum suspends his campaign and endorses Marco Rubio. (The Rubio campaign agrees to pay off Santorum’s campaign debt). [87510]

The establishment circles the wagons, with Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) also endorsing Rubio. (Toomey faces a tough reelection battle, and has apparently concluded either that Rubio on the top of the ticket helps him or that resisting the establishment will cost him Republican National Committee support.) [87500]

Former president Jimmy Carter says he would choose Donald Trump over Ted Cruz: “I think I would choose Trump, which may surprise some of you. The reason is, Trump has proven already

he's completely malleable. I don't think he has any fixed positions that he'd go the White House and fight for. On the other hand, Ted Cruz is not malleable. He has far-right wing policies he'd pursue if he became president." (Carter will, of course, vote for the Democrat candidate. His comments are meant to discredit both Trump and Cruz and push Republican voters toward establishment favorite Marco Rubio.) [87498, 87503, 87563]

At WashingtonPost.com Fred Barbash writes, "[T]he courts are unlikely to go near the question [of whether Ted Cruz is eligible to serve as president] just because someone brings a lawsuit. If some gadfly, for example, were to sue in federal court to keep Cruz off the ballot, the chances of any judge stepping in to settle the question is close to zero. ... There are at least a half-dozen reasons why. All stem from Article III of the Constitution, which restricts the jurisdiction of the federal courts, and from general constitutional principles of separation of powers which dictate that some decisions belong to elected officials and others to judges. ... While Supreme Court questions in oral argument are often abstract and hypothetical—'what if,' 'suppose,' 'imagine'—the cases must be concrete. Someone must suffer, or be at risk of suffering, a loss or injury separate and apart from the general public. And it's impossible for ordinary voters or any non-candidate to argue successfully that Cruz's presence on the ballot prevented them from voting for someone else. So what's the harm?" [87504]

"Were a competing candidate, who could conceivably show that Cruz could illegitimately deprive her of votes, willing to take the huge political risk of filing suit to eliminate the competition, chances are a federal judge would say the decision on a candidate's eligibility is a 'political question' not for the courts but for the elected branches of government. ... But state courts, which are not bound by the Article III restrictions on U.S. court jurisdiction and have their own standards, might be more inclined to take up a challenge... If a state, perhaps through a renegade secretary of state, were to actually wipe a candidate's name from the ballot, the issue might then truly be aired if not answered. The candidate would challenge the decision, and that challenge would then probably wind up at the Supreme Court." [87504]

In other words, the system is rigged. An average citizen cannot challenge Cruz in court because no court will give that citizen standing. (That was the case with a multitude of lawsuits challenging Obama's eligibility.) The argument that no one is "harmed" by an eligible individual serving as president is absurd—but that is precisely what the courts have claimed with the Obama challenges. ("If you don't think he is eligible, then don't vote for him—the U.S. Constitution be damned.") In the case of Obama, few public officials had the courage to challenge Obama because they did not want to be called racists. The Supreme Court refused to hear *Kercher v. Obama* because the Justices feared race riots if Obama was ruled ineligible. (The Court could easily have accepted the case and ruled that he was eligible if that is what they believed. That it refused to hear the case indicates the Justices knew they would have had to rule against Obama.)

But Ted Cruz is neither black nor liked by most members of Congress. In fact, he is almost universally disliked. That increases the chances of legal challenges against Cruz. If even one state declares Cruz ineligible and keep him off the ballot, he will be forced to sue the state. That brings the issue to the Supreme Court—because no court will claim Cruz does not have standing to sue. Cruz then runs the risk of being ruled ineligible. (That *should* be a 9-0 slam dunk

unanimous opinion by the Supreme Court—but that does not mean it would be.) If Cruz does not challenge the state or states that declare him ineligible, voters will ask, “What is he afraid of?”

But the Democrats risk the Court defining “natural born citizen” in historical terms (born on U.S. soil to two U.S.-citizen parents), and that would mean Obama is also ineligible. The Court would not have the courage to issue such a ruling (even though it would be proper), and may take the cowardly way out and rule that the term means born on U.S. soil to one or more citizen parents. That would “save” Obama yet sink the Cruz candidacy. If the Court refuses to hear such a case, then Cruz’s name would remain off the ballot in whatever states chose to declare him ineligible. (It can be assumed that the “establishment” would prefer the issue to go away—with Cruz sinking in the polls and having no chance to win the nomination.)

Marco Rubio is also not a natural born citizen. He was born in Florida to two Cuban-citizen parents, which means he was a Cuban citizen at birth—*not* a U.S. citizen. Millions of Americans *incorrectly* interpret the Fourteenth Amendment and argue that Rubio was born a U.S. citizen, but that amendment was for the purpose of declaring U.S. citizens the freed slaves born on U.S. soil to other slaves. It was *never* intended to be an “anchor baby” loophole. Of course, even if one considers Rubio to be a U.S. citizen because of the “anchor baby” argument, he nevertheless is not a natural born citizen—which historically has meant birth on U.S. soil to two U.S.-citizen parents. Even if one generously interprets the requirement and wants to apply natural born citizen status to someone born on U.S. soil to only one citizen parent (as has been the argument for Obama), Rubio fails that test as well. He was born a Cuban citizen because he had two Cuban citizen parents—just as a child born in France to two American parents would be considered a U.S. citizen. If one argues that such a child is born a French citizen because of the place of birth, then one must consider Ted Cruz a Canadian citizen because of the place of birth. One cannot have one rule for Cruz, another for Obama, and yet another for Rubio—but that is precisely what their supporters have been doing. (At the time of Cruz’s and Rubio’s births, neither Cuba nor Canada allow dual citizenship.) [87604]

Congressman Chris Stewart (R-UT), a member of the House Intelligence Committee, tells Americas’ Newsroom, “I have never read anything that’s more sensitive than what these [Hillary Clinton emails contain]. They do reveal classified methods, they do reveal classified sources, and they do reveal human assets. I can’t imagine how anyone could be familiar with these emails, whether they’re sending them or receiving them, and not realize that they’re highly classified.” [87477, 87478]

Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) states, “The Director [of the FBI, James Comey] is somebody who cares a great deal about national security and with the body of evidence, he really has no choice but to refer this [Clinton investigation results] for indictment. We have communications back and forth to [Obama] from Hillary Clinton’s private email, we have 1,300 sensitive documents, 22 classified at the highest level, this is well past anyone claiming that they didn’t know. ...In this case she made a choice. She made a choice to have a private server, she made a choice to use it with highly sensitive material, she made a choice to receive and re-transmit documents that should have been classified and have later been classified. These choices are what the prosecution will really be about.” [87493]

Donald Trump addresses a rally at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock, Arkansas—and claims he broke an attendance record for the venue. (The prior record was held by the rock band ZZ Top.) [87479]

At a Democrat town hall event in New Hampshire, CNN's Anderson Cooper asks Hillary Clinton why she accepted \$675,000 in speaking fees from Goldman Sachs. Her response: "Well, I don't know, um, that's what they offered. ...Every secretary of state that [sic; who] I know has done that." (By "that's what they offered" Clinton means, "that's what I demanded.") [87499, 87501, 87631]

One audience questioner lobs a softball to Clinton: "Once you become the nominee and [are] elected, how are going to defend yourself against right-wing attacks?" Anderson Cooper than lobs another, asking Clinton, "Do you still believe there's a vast right-wing conspiracy." [87514]

Commenting on Obama's visit to a mosque in Baltimore, Donald Trump tells Greta Van Susteren, "I think that we can go to lots of places. I don't know, maybe he feels comfortable there. We have a lot of problems in this country, Greta. There are a lot of places he can go, and he chose a mosque." [87518]

On February 4 Rick Santorum—who has endorsed Marco Rubio—appears on *Morning Joe* and has trouble naming three major Rubio accomplishments. [87496, 87564, 87574]

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad tells Radio Iowa, "This thing that they [the Ted Cruz campaign] distributed on caucus night saying that Dr. [Ben] Carson was likely to drop out and his supporters should support Cruz, that is, I think, unethical and unfair. I think there'll be repercussions to that. ... You know, we have a strong sense of fairness in Iowa. Distributing information that was not true about a candidate right at the time people are voting in the Caucuses is an inappropriate thing." [87540]

TheConservativeTreehouse.com posts two February 1 recordings of Ted Cruz operatives' telephone calls to voters telling them to vote for Cruz because Ben Carson is dropping out of the race. (Cruz has falsely claimed denied that his campaign made such calls.) [87549, 87581]

Judge Andrew Napolitano writes at LewRockwell.com, "What do the Iowa Democrats know that caused thousands of them to flee from [Hillary Clinton]? They know she is a crook. ... Legally, the ground under Clinton continues to crumble. The more she denies, the more she admits. How can that be? That is so because her denials are essentially an admission of ignorance, forgetfulness or negligence, and, under the law, these are not defenses to the failure to safeguard state secrets entrusted to the secretary of state. They are, instead, recognition of that failure. ... Let's be as blunt about this as the FBI will be: Causing state secrets to reside in a nonsecure, nongovernmental venue, whether done intentionally or negligently, constitutes the crime of espionage. And there is more. When asked about the consequences of Clinton's brazen exposure of state secrets to anyone who knows how to hack into a nonsecure computer, an intelligence operative winced as if in pain when he remarked that the nation's then chief diplomat surely compromised the 'sources, methods, and lives' of her colleagues. Even Democrats who see Clinton as a symbol of their long-time wish for a progressive female in the Oval Office are

beginning to recognize that anyone who has jeopardized American lives for political gain is unworthy of their votes, unworthy of their trust and unworthy of public office.” [87488]

Peter Schiff writes at the same site, “The United States financial system—including the viability of the U.S. dollar—is analogous to the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. A lot of people know something is wrong—evidenced by the growing support for the Trump candidacy—and yet 99.5% of the population is ignoring the warning signs of a systemic eruption of unknown magnitude. It’s an event that draws closer with each passing day. ...It’s as if everyone knows a catastrophe is about to occur and yet most remain embalmed with the hope that it can’t really happen.” [87489, 87490]

Publisher Harper Collins announces it has signed a book deal with Fox News’ Megyn Kelly. The book will have a fall release date. (She may perhaps be trying to push some anti-Trump tales right before the election.) Jim Kouri notes at NewsWithViews.com that HarperCollins Publishers is a subsidiary of NewsCorp, which owns Fox News, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Weekly Standard*. [87625, 87626]

At the National Prayer Breakfast, Obama criticizes Americans who fear Muslims, saying, “...Fear does funny things. Fear can lead us to lash out at those who are different. Or get some sinister ‘other’ under control. ...If we let it consume us, the consequences of that fear can be worse than any outward threat. ...Faith is the great cure for fear. Jesus is a good cure for fear.” (Obama is pandering to the mostly Christian audience. He knows full well that Muslims consider Mohammed to be their prophet and do not believe Jesus Christ is the son of God.) [87519, 87533]

Perhaps for the benefit of Americans who are not supposed to fear Muslims, ISIS releases a video of an English-speaking teenager (age 13 or 14) beheading a prisoner. [87545, 87546]

The Associated Press reports, “The Belgian who led the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris [Abdelhamid Abaaoud] bragged that he slipped into France with a group of 90 extremists from Europe and the Middle East, according to testimony from the woman who tipped police to his location.” [87547, 87551]

Rush Limbaugh observes “[Obama] talks about how awesome Islam is all the time, one of the most beautiful sounds he’s ever heard is the morning call to prayer in an Islamic country. He says it’s the most peaceful, most giving religion out there, that the mosque called a prayer one of the most beautiful sounds in the world. And, at the same time, he’s out there, and look what he says about Christians. He says he is one. Look, he talks about ‘em as bitter clingers and they hold on to their guns when they’re nervous. My question is, given all this, why did he choose to become a Christian? I’ve always wondered that. He’s such a defender and promoter of Islam, and, on the other hand, he and his party are constantly denigrating Christians. I don’t care what the issue is, whether it’s guns, whether it’s gay marriage, any cultural or social issue, or the bitter clinger comments. I’ve always wondered about this. ...I’m just asking a question.” [87585, 87586, 87587]

Brandon Judd, president of the National Border Patrol Council, testifies before the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security. Judd states that illegal immigrants caught crossing the border have been “given an official document that ordered them to appear before an immigration judge at some future date. These orders are called Notices to Appear (NTA). The only problem, however, is that these official orders are usually ignored; so much so that Border Patrol Agents have dubbed them Notices to Disappear. The latest data that I have seen shows that approximately 40 percent of the individuals being issued NTAs do not show up. The willful failure to show up for court appearances by persons that were arrested and released by the Border Patrol has become an extreme embarrassment for the Department of Homeland Security. It has been so embarrassing that DHS and the U.S. Attorney’s office has come up with a new policy.” [87515, 87516]

“Simply put, the policy makes mandatory the release, without an NTA, of any person arrested by the Border Patrol for being in the country illegally, as long as they do not have a previous felony arrest conviction and as long as they claim to have been continuously in the United States since January of 2014. The operative word in this policy is ‘claim.’ The policy does not require the person to prove they have been here which is the same burden placed on them during deportation proceedings. Instead, it simply requires them to claim to have been here since January of 2014. Not only do we release these individuals that by law are subject to removal proceedings, we do it without any means of tracking their whereabouts. Agents believe this exploitable policy was set in place because DHS was embarrassed at the sheer number of those who choose not to follow the law by showing up for their court appearances. In essence, we pull these persons out of the shadows and into the light just to release them right back to those same shadows from whence they came.” [87515, 87516]

“Immigration laws today appear to be mere suggestions. There are little or no consequences for breaking the laws and that fact is well known in other countries. If government agencies like DHS or CBP are allowed to bypass Congress by legislating through policy, we might as well abolish our immigration laws altogether. I believe it is all our hope that people choose to govern themselves by honoring and sustaining the laws without compulsion. However, if they do not, there must be consequences and an enforcement mechanism that oversees compliance. In the absence of consequences and enforceable laws innocent people are hurt, criminals are rewarded, chaos abounds, and cartels reap huge financial benefits.” [87515, 87516]

Judd tells the subcommittee, “Right now the Border Patrol [management] has actually told us that we can no longer ask them [illegal immigrants] that question, ‘why are they coming?’ any more. We can’t even ask that question.” Congressman Raul Labrador (R-ID) asks, “What do you think are the consequences for agents who are unwilling to comply with these limiting policies?” Judd: “They’ll be terminated.” Labrador: “So for wanting to enforce the law that is in the books, they are going to be terminated from their jobs?” Judd: “Absolutely.” [87538]

The Center for Immigration Studies’ Jessica M. Vaughan tells the subcommittee, “The vast majority [of the illegal immigrants] are coming because they understood that they would be allowed to stay, and that the smugglers are telling them and advertising in their home countries that if they get to the border that they will be released and allowed to stay for an indefinite amount of time.” [87538]

Turing Pharmaceutical CEO Martin Shkreli appears before the House oversight and Government Reform Committee to be grilled for having increased the price of a drug by more than 5,000 percent. Rather than answer questions, he invokes his Fifth Amendment right. (In July 2015 Shkreli gave \$33,400 to the Democrat Senatorial Campaign Committee.) [87575]

Donald Trump loses ground in a national Public Policy Polling survey. He leads with 25 percent (down 9 points), followed by Marco Rubio (21), Ted Cruz (21), and Ben Carson (11). [87494]

In a WHDH/UMass Lowell poll, Trump leads in New Hampshire with 36 percent (down 2 from the prior poll). Rubio has 15 (up 7); Cruz 14 (up 2); Bush 8 (down 1); Kasich 7 (down 2); Chris Christie 5 (down 2). [87599]

Trump draws a huge crowd at a campaign event in Exeter, New Hampshire, and fire marshalls are forced to turn people away—including *Fox News Sunday's* Chris Wallace and *The Washington Post's* Dana Milbank. [87513, 87517]

According to CNN, former NAACP head Benjamin Jealous will endorse Bernie Sanders for president. [87495]

At an event in New Hampshire, a young man asks Ted Cruz how he could have been unaware that he was born a Canadian citizen, which he did not renounce until May 14, 2014. He adds, “This isn’t a question about your eligibility; it’s a question about your credibility.” Cruz replies that “under U.S. law, the child of a U.S. citizen born abroad is a natural born citizen.” (Cruz is lying and he knows it. The statute only considers the child to be a generic U.S. citizen under certain condition. It does *not* ascribe natural born citizen status. In fact, the term “natural born citizen” does not even appear in the statute.) ThePostEmail.com notes, “When the questioner attempted to object to the response, Cruz cut him off and went on to take a question from another individual.” [87640, 87641]

The Des Moines Register writes, “What happened Monday night at the Democratic caucuses was a debacle, period. Democracy, particularly at the local party level, can be slow, messy and obscure. But the refusal to undergo scrutiny or allow for an appeal reeks of autocracy. The Iowa Democratic Party must act quickly to assure the accuracy of the caucus results, beyond a shadow of a doubt. First of all, the results were too close not to do a complete audit of results. Two-tenths of 1 percent separated Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. A caucus should not be confused with an election, but it’s worth noting that much larger margins trigger automatic recounts in other states. Second, too many questions have been raised. Too many accounts have arisen of inconsistent counts, untrained and overwhelmed volunteers, confused voters, cramped precinct locations, a lack of voter registration forms and other problems. Too many of us, including members of the Register editorial board who were observing caucuses, saw opportunities for error amid Monday night’s chaos.” (Iowa party chairwoman Andrea McGuire is a Clinton supporter and is not about to take any action that will help Sanders. She has contributed \$7,139 to Clinton campaigns.) [87512, 87537]

In a debate with Bernie Sanders in New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton insists she is “100 percent certain” she will have no problems with the investigation of her emails and server—which she refers to as nothing more than a “security review.” (Former FBI official Steve Pomerantz tells Fox News, “They [FBI agents] do not do security reviews. What they primarily do and what they are clearly doing in this instance is a criminal investigation. There is no mechanism for her to be briefed and to have information about the conduct, the substance, the direction or the result of any FBI investigation.”) [87511, 87522, 87560, 87580]

One of Clinton’s gems from the debate: “I don’t want to just stop bad things from happening, I want to start good things from happening.” [87525]

Clinton also says, “I always wanted to be of service. I met my husband who was such a natural, knew exactly what he wanted to do. I was happy to support him while I worked for the Children’s Defense Fund, taught law, and, you know, had our daughter... I never thought I would do this [run for office], and so, I have had to come to grips with how much more difficult it often is for me to talk about myself than to talk about what I want to do for other people. So I’m constantly trying to balance how do I assume the mantle of the position as essentially august as president of the United States and not lose track of who I am, what I believe in, and what I want to do to serve.” (Whether barf bags were available and used by members of the audience is not known.) [87555]

On February 5 Breitbart.com reports, “An Iraqi migrant has admitted to raping a ten year old boy in a Viennese swimming pool so ferociously that the boy had to be hospitalised for his injuries. ...Police investigators have ascertained that the 20 year old man entered Austria on the 13th [of] September, travelling into the country via the Balkans.” (Although the incident occurred on December 2, it was not reported for months—because the European governments and the media do not want the public to know how much trouble the Muslim refugees are causing. Pamela Geller writes, “A society that imports this savagery and then covers for it is finished.”) [87591, 87592, 87610]

At an asylum center in Bern, Switzerland, an illegal immigrant from Gambia is arrested for the January murder of a 25-year-old American, Lauren Mann, in her Vienna apartment. Mann, who had been working as a nanny, had given shelter to Abdou I.—who was about to be deported. (Pamela Geller asks, “Why would a young American girl take in a Muslim migrant and provide him with shelter to stop him from being deported? Because the European and American media, the left and the political establishment insist that the ‘refugees’ are harmless, and that we should welcome them, and that any concern about them is islamofauxbic. Because Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who enjoys the unimaginable riches of living in a free society, agreed to impose [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel’s sharia-compliant restrictions on free speech and block all migrant stories. This is the result. Notice how freely these savages move about Europe. From Austria to Switzerland to Syria, thanks to the Euro-Med agreement.”) [87612]

A children’s carnival scheduled for February 7 in Herne, Germany is canceled as a result of a threatening letter to German “infidels.” [87595, 87596]

RT.com reports, “Belgian police investigating a tip-off about the possible radicalization of a 14-year-old male student have discovered a video implicating him and six others in the gang rape of an unconscious girl. Five of the suspects are Iraqi immigrants. The video was shot on a phone camera and reportedly shows the assailants laughing, singing and dancing around their victim, who has passed out after drinking too much alcohol. The men pulled the girl’s pants down then groped and raped her, police told the Belgian media. Police officials in Ostend, Belgium’s largest coastal city, discovered the evidence of the sex crime as they were investigating a 14-year-old student of the Ostend Technical Institute, who had been seen showing his friends a photo of himself wearing military garb and holding a sub-machine gun. The gang rape video was found on the boy’s phone. Of the seven people arrested in connection with the gang rape, two are Belgium nationals and five are Iraqi immigrants. The oldest suspect is 25 years old. ...Several of the suspects showed little remorse for the incident, which happened in November, and didn’t even believe it was a crime at all, the police said. ‘She has nothing to complain about. Women must obey men,’ one of them reportedly told the police.” [87615, 87616]

At TheHill.com Philip Haney writes that following the “underwear bomber” attack of December 2009, Obama “threw the intelligence community under the bus for its failure to ‘connect the dots.’ He said, ‘this was not a failure to collect intelligence, it was a failure to integrate and understand the intelligence that we already had.’ Most Americans were unaware of the enormous damage to morale at the Department of Homeland Security, where I worked, his condemnation caused. His words infuriated many of us because we knew his administration had been engaged in a bureaucratic effort to destroy the raw material—the actual intelligence we had collected for years, and erase those dots. The dots constitute the intelligence needed to keep Americans safe, and the Obama administration was ordering they be wiped away. After leaving my 15 year career at DHS, I can no longer be silent about the dangerous state of America’s counter-terror strategy, our leaders’ willingness to compromise the security of citizens for the ideological rigidity of political correctness—and, consequently, our vulnerability to devastating, mass-casualty attack.” [87614, 87620, 87632, 87648]

“Just before that Christmas Day attack, in early November 2009, I was ordered by my superiors at the Department of Homeland Security to delete or modify several hundred records of individuals tied to designated Islamist terror groups like Hamas from the important federal database, the Treasury Enforcement Communications System (TECS). These types of records are the basis for any ability to ‘connect dots.’ Every day, DHS Customs and Border Protection officers watch entering and exiting many individuals associated with known terrorist affiliations, then look for patterns. Enforcing a political scrubbing of records of Muslims greatly affected our ability to do that. Even worse, going forward, my colleagues and I were prohibited from entering pertinent information into the database.” [87614, 87620, 87632, 87648]

“...It is very plausible that one or more of the subsequent terror attacks on the homeland could have been prevented if more subject matter experts in the Department of Homeland Security had been allowed to do our jobs back in late 2009. It is demoralizing—and infuriating—that today, those elusive dots are even harder to find, and harder to connect, than they were during the winter of 2009.” [87614, 87620, 87632, 87648]

Pamela Geller comments on Haney's claims: "Not only did the Obama administration scrub counter-terror programs of jihad and Islam, now we find out that his administration scrubbed the records of Muslim terrorists. If the enemedia were not aligned with the jihad force, this would be front-page news across the nation. ...Who gave the order to scrub the records of Muslims with ties to terror groups? ...How is this not [an] impeachable [offense]? ...The Obama administration is Shariah-compliant at all costs. Its number one priority is to protect Islam, even when it puts American lives at risk. The cold-blooded slaughter of Americans in the homeland by Muslims has not tempered Obama's Shariah enthusiasm. On the contrary, Garland, Fort Hood, Chattanooga, UCMED, San Bernardino, etc., have accelerated it. ...We are being forced to adhere to Shariah mores, but jihad murderers are given sanctuary and protection—to slaughter Americans. The moral, or in this case the immoral, of the story is this: Jihad terror works." [87648]

Caroline Glick writes, "Obama's visit to the radical mosque now is a clear signal of how he intends to spend his last year in office. It tells us that during this period, Obama will adopt ever more extreme positions regarding radical Islam. Obama's apologetics for radical Islamists is the flipside of his hostility for Israel. This too is escalating and will continue to rise through the end of his tenure in office. ...Part of the reason Obama is acting with such urgency and intensity is that he knows that regardless of who is elected to replace him, the next president will not be as viscerally hostile to Israel or as emotionally attached to Islam as he is. ...For all their anti-Israel sensibilities, though, neither [Hillary] Clinton nor [Bernie] Sanders gives the impression that they are driven by them as Obama is. ...This lack of passion makes it safe to assume that if elected president, while they will adopt anti-Israel policies, they will not seek out ways to weaken Israel or strengthen its sworn enemies. On the Republican side, the situation is entirely different. All of the Republican presidential candidates are pro-Israel. To be sure, some are more pro-Israel than others. ...But all of the Republicans candidates are significantly more supportive of Israel than the Democratic candidates. So it is simply an objective fact that Israel will be better off if a Republican is elected in November no matter who he is and no matter who the Democratic candidate is." [87597]

Glick notes, "According to terrorism expert Steven Emerson, before Obama visited the Islamic Society of Baltimore, he asked the FBI for its opinion of the mosque. FBI investigators informed Obama of the mosque's ties to terrorism. They urged him not to confer it with the legitimacy that comes with a presidential visit. Obama ignored the FBI's advice. The next 11 months will be miserable for Israel. But we should take heart. By all accounts, next year will be better. And judging by the way the presidential race is shaping up, next year may be a much, much better year." [87597]

Former ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton comments on Hillary Clinton's "100 percent innocent" claim: "There's no human being in the United States that can make that statement truthfully. She has been blowing political smoke at this thing for months and months." If other nations hacked Clinton's email server, "they're in a better position to be more secure in their communications to try and build defense against collection. So, it impairs our security for years down the road and in some cases is just irreparable. ...She made a fundamental mistake that I think everybody understands, that you use your business email for business purposes, and

you use personal email for your personal purposes. That's not hard to understand, unless you're a Clinton, I suppose." [87511]

The Republican National Committee and ABC exclude Carly Fiorina from the February 6 debate, even though she finished ahead of Chris Christie and John Kasich in the Iowa Caucuses. Fiorina states, "I've been telling you the game is rigged. And here's even more proof: The people of Iowa voted in an election this week, and I beat the establishment's guys. Tens of thousands of you stood with us yesterday to demand a fair debate. But Disney's ABC and the RNC have decided to keep me off the debate stage this weekend, caving to pressure from the same establishment candidates we beat who are afraid to debate me. This isn't about me. It's about you. It's about the people of New Hampshire who are about to vote. This is emblematic of the power that is being taken away from you every day—by the political class, the media establishment, and the bureaucracy. They don't want your votes to count. They don't want your voice to be heard. The network of George Stephanopoulos wants to tell you to sit down and shut up and elect Hillary Clinton." [87520, 87521]

Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) tells Fox Business Channel's Stuart Varney, "You take a guy like Cruz, people are liking the Cruz—they think he's for the free market, and he's owned by Goldman Sachs. I mean, he and Hillary have more in common than we would have with either Cruz or Trump or any of them. So I just don't think there is much picking." [87603]

According to the Department of Labor, only 151,000 jobs were created in January—down from 262,000 in December. The unemployment rate falls from 5.0 to 4.9 percent, mostly because (and usual) more people drop out of the about force and are no longer counted as unemployed. The unemployment rate among white is 4.3 percent; for blacks the rate is 8.8 percent; for Hispanics 5.9; and for Asian-Americans 3.7 percent. [87559, 87568, 87569]

The release of another weak jobs report leads Obama to tell reporters then low labor participation rate—a dismal 62.7 percent—is a "hangover" from the final Bush years. (Exactly how many years Obama would need for his policies to boost the economy is not clear.) [87523, 87524]

The poor economic news prompts a 211-point decline in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. [87579]

Congressman Rod Blum (R-IA) introduces a Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2016, which would implement an annual reduction in the salaries of legislators until the federal budget is balanced. [87601]

Politico.com reports that Obama's next proposed budget will include a \$10-per-barrel tax on oil. (Such a tax will never pass Congress because it has no intention of arbitrarily boosting the cost of gasoline by perhaps \$0.25 per gallon. It would also boost home heating oil prices. According to the White House, the tax would create "a clear incentive for private-sector innovation to reduce our reliance on oil and invest in clean-energy technologies that will power our future." The logic is absurd. Obama may as well propose a \$50,000 tax on gasoline-powered vehicles to encourage the sale of electric Chevrolet Volts.) [87526, 87556, 87562, 87572]

According to Defund.com, “Just before Marco Rubio’s 19th birthday, police reports show that a cop was sent to Alice C. Wainwright Park in Miami, Florida. Apparently at age 18, he violated the municipal code rules about drinking in a park. However, the police incident report never mentions alcohol! Instead, Marco was arrested for being in a car after the park’s closing time with his male friend Angel Barrios. To locals, the park was well-known as a place for homosexuals for cruising. The Washington Post implies what really happened (noting the park’s problem with people having sex in the park and the frequency of gay prostitution) and it’s clear this arrest is something that Marco Rubio would rather not talk about.” (Barrios reportedly later owned a coin-operated laundromat and a gay pornography studio.) [87527, 87528, 87529, 87530, 87557, 87558, 87571]

The “establishment” plan is for the political operatives to go after Donald Trump. They will dig up (or create) whatever dirt they can find on Trump and get the media to push the stories in order to destroy his candidacy. Meanwhile, the “minor” candidates will continue to drop out because of a lack of campaign funding. If Trump can be damaged enough, the establishment will then go after Ted Cruz, initially using his anti-Carson dirty tricks, and then his “dominionist” religion. If that does not work, the natural born citizen issue will end his bid for the presidency. With Cruz’s candidacy destroyed, Marco Rubio will then become the target—using rumors of past homosexuality. The only one left will be Jeb Bush—who has been the establishment’s first choice all along. Bush can be defeated only if Trump can survive the attacks and only if he is willing to spend his own money. [87566]

On the Democrat side, Hillary Clinton’s campaign suffered a setback because Bernie Sanders has gained far more support than had been anticipated. The “plan” was to have Sanders run against Clinton solely to make the voters believe there was a contest. Sanders was not “supposed to” manage a tie with Clinton in Iowa, let alone defeat her in New Hampshire (which he may end up doing). The unexpected email scandal is costing her considerable support. In the event Clinton self-destructs, the “establishment” will have Vice President Joe Biden enter the race, probably with his eventual running mate being Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). But Clinton will not go down without a fight. In the February 4 debate she defended herself on the email issue by complaining about the “retroactive classification” of emails and implied that if she has problems then so do many other people. That was her way of saying, “If I go down, I’m taking others with me!” If Clinton is indicted, she will destroy the political careers of dozens of politicians—including Obama. She certainly “knows where the bodies are buried” over decades of shady deals and activities, and if that means avoiding prison she will spill her guts on as much as she can in an effort to ruin as many lives as she can. The choice in November may be Jeb Bush versus Hilary Clinton—which is what the “establishment” has wanted all along. [87511, 87522, 87573]

According to *The Washington Post*, “A full account of what led to Rubio’s arrest and the dismissal of the charge are not included in available public records. The court file has been destroyed, according to Miami-Dade County court clerk’s records.” [87528]

Fox News reports that Megyn Kelly, Chris Wallace, and Bret Baier will moderate a March 3 Republican candidate debate, in Detroit, Michigan. [87539]

In a CNN poll in New Hampshire, Donald Trump leads with 29 percent, followed by Marco Rubio (18), Ted Cruz (13), John Kasich (12), Jeb Bush (10), Chris Christie (4), and Carly Fiorina (4). [87561]

In a Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll, the numbers in New Hampshire are: Trump (29), Rubio (19), Kasich (13), Bush (10), Cruz (7), Christie (5), Carson (4). On the Democrat side: Sanders (50), Clinton (41). [87605]

In a national February 2-4 Quinnipiac University Poll, Trump leads with 31 percent, followed by Cruz (22), Rubio (19), Carson (6), Bush (3), Christie (3), Kasich (3), Fiorina (2). Among Democrats, Clinton leads Sanders 44-42. [87606]

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal endorses Marco Rubio for president. [87565]

AL.com reports, “Five Cullman County residents—all supporters of Donald Trump—filed a federal lawsuit this week against 2016 Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz, alleging that the Texas senator is ineligible for the presidency because he’s not a natural born citizen. ... While the plaintiffs concede that Cruz is a citizen, they contend that Cruz is not a natural-born citizen. ... ‘Plaintiffs allege that at the time of Mr. Cruz’s birth, the United States could not confer citizenship upon him under any law or legal theory that exists,’ the lawsuit states. ‘‘Natural born’ means native born within the United States or its dominions/territories. Canada is not a territory of the United States. Whether the Defendant’s mother was/is a United State’s [sic] citizen is irrelevant. If however, she had been an Ambassador to a foreign country; or, stationed in another country while serving in the military, such would not bar Mr. Cruz’s candidacy.’” [87576]

Conservative icon Phyllis Schlafly tells WND.com, “When Marco Rubio ran for the Senate in Florida, I think I was the first one to endorse him. I made a trip down to Florida in 2009 just for the purpose of helping him. Once he got elected, he betrayed us all. He said he was against amnesty and against the establishment. And once he got in, right away, he became an agent of the establishment. And now, of course, he’s big for amnesty and letting all the illegal immigrants in. He betrayed us a number of times on that issue. ... He’s a lackey for the establishment now. There’s no question they’re picking up as Plan B—or maybe Plan C in this election cycle [with Jeb Bush having been Plan A], or whatever we’re on now—but he certainly is an establishment agent. ... Immigration right now is the biggest issue. All you need to do is look at Europe, and you can see that. But there are other issues like trade where Rubio has aligned with the establishment against the American worker. Trade is a big issue. The whole thing with how they are pushing these trade agreements and mass immigration is a cheat and a lie to the American people. And Rubio has joined the group that is pushing it.” [87577]

Donald Trump addresses a massive crowd at the Florence Civic Center in Florence, South Carolina. [87578]

On February 6 North Korea conducts a test of what may be a long-range ballistic missile. According to FoxNews.com, “The rocket was fired from North Korea’s west coast and tracked separately by the governments Japan and South Korea, which immediately convened... an emergency national security council meeting. South Korean media reported that the rocket may

have failed, but provided no other details. The South Korean government couldn't immediately confirm the reports.” [87607]

The Islamic Republic News Agency reports that Iran is now demanding euros, rather than dollars, for oil purchases. [87611]

In Solihull, England, several hundred members of Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West (PEGIDA) hold an anti-Shari’ah rally. Separate rallies are held in more than one dozen cities in Europe. Mohammed Fiaz, an apostate from Islam and Christian convert, addresses the Birmingham crowd and says, “This is not against [Muslims], this is against the ideology that Islam preaches.” Some marchers carry signs that read, “TRUMP IS RIGHT.” [87650, 87651]

The Republican presidential candidates (with the exception of Carly Fiorina and Jim Gilmore) engage oin their final debate before the February 9 New Hampshire primary. Chris Christie has a strong performance; Marco Rubio gives repetitive, rehearsed answers that will cost him some support; John Kasich may do well because New Hampshire Republicans lean liberal; Jeb Bush does a passable job; Donald Trump makes good, strong points that are echoed by the other candidates, but spoils it with some rudeness toward Bush; Ben Carson is his usual polite but boring self; Ted Cruz comes across as a smarmy used car salesman. [87608, 87628, 87629, 87630, 87634, 87642, 87649]

ABC refuses to sell Carly Fiorina advertising time during the debate. (ABC’s despicable decision to keep Fiorina to keep out of the debate is clearly because the network is “in the tank” for Hillary Clinton and wants to portray the Republican Party as engaging in a “war on women.”) [87639]

The debate has an awkward beginning, with both Ben Carson and Donald Trump not walking onstage as their names are called—apparently because they could not hear what was being said by the moderators. [87635, 87636]

Cruz is confronted about his campaign having spread the rumor that Ben Carson had dropped out of the race. Cruz blames CNN, saying, “I regret that subsequently, CNN reported on that, they didn’t correct that story until 9:15 that night, so, from 6:30 P.M. To 9:15, that’s what CNN was reporting.” But CNN never reported that Carson was dropping out of the race, as Cruz’s supporters told Iowa voters. CNN then issues a statement: “What Senator Cruz said tonight in the debate is categorically false. CNN never corrected its reporting because CNN never had anything to correct. The Cruz campaign’s actions the night of the Iowa caucuses had nothing to do with CNN’s reporting. The fact that Senator Cruz continues to knowingly mislead the voters about this is astonishing.” [87609]

Jeb Bush criticizes Trump for using eminent domain to obtain properties for private business purposes. Trump points out that the Keystone XL pipeline cannot be built without relying on eminent domain to buy land. (It is worth noting that George W. Bush relied on eminent domain to obtain property for the construction of the Texas Rangers baseball stadium. Trump does not offer that information and Jeb Bush certainly chooses not to provide it either.) [87647]

Trump is booed during the exchange with Jeb Bush, and Trump explains why: “That’s all of his [Bush’s] donors and special interests out there [booing me]. That’s what it is. And by the way, let me just tell you: We needed tickets [for this event]. You can’t get them. You know who has the tickets? ...Donors, special interests, the people that [sic; who] are putting up the money. That’s who it is. The reason they’re not loving me is I don’t want their money. I’m going to do the right thing for the American public.” (The Trump campaign was reportedly given only 20 tickets to the debate. Republican National Committee donors purchased many.) [87621, 87622, 87623, 87633, 87647]

About 13.2 million people watched the debate. [87644]

NBC’s *Saturday Night Live* excoriates Ted Cruz in a comedy skit that references his campaign’s dirty tricks in Iowa. [87613]

On February 7—Super Bowl Sunday—the White House tweets a photograph of Obama throwing a football. [87638]

Dr. Ed Berry writes at NewsWithViews.com, “[H]ere are some problems with the Iowa caucus. A minor point shows a GOP bias. There were a total of 186,874 GOP caucus votes. Cruz got 51,666, Trump 45,427, and Rubio 43,165 votes. Iowa has 27 delegates to distribute. The GOP rules read, ‘The proportional allocation shall be rounded to the nearest whole delegate.’ Delegate means integer. A simple calculation using the above data shows Cruz scored 7.46, Trump scored 6.56, and Rubio scored 6.24. These numbers round to Cruz 7, Trump 7, and Rubio 6 delegates each. But the GOP gave Cruz 8 delegates. The truth is Trump tied with Cruz for 7 delegates each. Have you heard this from the news media? Or Rush or Hannity? Or Newsmax? NO. Even the so-called conservative news media tells us lies.” (At least the Republicans released the raw vote totals. The Democrats merely declared Hillary Clinton their winner and have yet to release the raw vote counts—possibly because Bernie Sanders was the victor. There is no reason not to release the raw vote counts, as was done in the past.) [87624]

“...One caucus observer noticed the reported votes for Cruz maintained exactly 3000 votes ahead of Trump until near the end of the count. Every time Trump got a vote, Cruz got a vote. An Iowa voter reported the GOP caucus turned away about 100,000 voters because they ‘ran out of ballots.’ Another Iowa voter reported the GOP caucus was unlike any before. Before, they went into rooms for their candidate. This year, whole crowds of 4000 went to any table they wanted and they could easily vote more than once. Cruz was the only candidate who was against subsidies to make ethanol from corn. Yet caucus data show Cruz won Kossuth and Sioux counties. These are the first and fourth biggest corn-producing counties in Iowa. Do you really believe Cruz won these counties?” [87624]

“...The GOP contracted with Microsoft to count Iowa votes with new Microsoft software. Microsoft is the second largest direct donor to Rubio. Rubio is a lead sponsor of a bill called I-Squared, which triples the number of H-1B visas. Big technology firms like Microsoft and Oracle support I-Squared. In 2013, they backed Rubio’s ‘Gang of 8’ immigration bill. Oracle’s Larry Ellison hosted a fundraiser for Rubio’s campaign. Ellison also gave \$3 million to the pro-

Rubio super PAC. Why did the GOP allow Rubio donor Microsoft count the votes? ... There are general rules when you implement new software. One rule is to always keep your original method for doing calculations until you can test and certify new software. Yet, the GOP discarded its old vote-counting methods when it let Microsoft count the votes. It's a perfect crime. Neither the GOP nor Microsoft has a paper trail to recount votes." [87624]

Dr. Rich Swier provides additional arguments explaining why Ted Cruz is not only not a natural born citizen who is ineligible to serve as president, he is also ineligible to serve in the U.S. Senate. Swier writes that Cruz "has no legal U.S. citizenship documentation of any kind. He is not a 'natural born' 'native born' or 'naturalized' citizen of the United States. Because someone must be one of the three in order to be a legal citizen of the United States, Senator Ted Cruz cannot possibly be a 'legal U.S. citizen' of any form. ... In the end, the only possible way to consider Senator Ted Cruz eligible for the Oval Office is if every 'undocumented resident alien' is eligible for the Oval Office, which I personally believe is the real agenda of both political parties, as they work to meld the USA into the global commune where there is no legal difference between 'natural born Americans' and 'undocumented aliens.' The fact that so many Americans do not know or care to know the truth about the Constitutional 'natural born Citizen' requirement for the Oval Office, demonstrates just how far down the road of 'hope and change' for the destruction of the Constitutional Republic, the enemy within has already achieved. Soon, 'natural born Americans' will be in the American minority... and they will be ruled by foreigners who have no legal U.S. citizenship at all." [87627]

According to a CNN/WMUR survey, Donald Trump leads GOP candidates in New Hampshire with 33 percent. He is followed by Marco Rubio (16), Ted Cruz (11), John Kasich (7), Jeb Bush (6), Carly Fiorina (4), Chris Christie (2) and Ben Carson (2). [87643]

In a Monmouth University poll in New Hampshire, Trump leads with 30 percent, followed by Kasich (14), Rubio (13), Bush (13), Cruz (12), Christie (6). [87652]

On ABC's *This Week*, Hillary Clinton is confronted with the charge from the GOP debate that she supports abortion even up to the baby's due date. She says, "Well, you know, I've been on the record on this for a long time. You know, I think that the life and health of the mother, obviously, rape and incest, have to be always taken into account. And, you know, when he [Marco Rubio] raises the, you know, very, very difficult issue of late-term abortion, he conveniently overlooks the fact that there are medical reasons, there are health-related reasons. I've met women who have had to face this excruciating choice. This is not something that anyone that [sic; who] I've ever met with enters into without the deepest thought, the most careful consideration. And I remember at an event back in the '90s, where, you know, we sat and talked with some of the women who had to make a very hard decision. You know, it's, it's just so unfortunate that politicians like Senator Rubio are trying to politicize these kinds of very difficult concerns." (Clinton avoids addressing the issue, which is that she supports abortion at any time for any reason. The health excuse is a red herring. Almost no one needs an abortion needs an abortion just days before the baby's due date. Clinton, like many others, also uses the generic term "health," rather than physical health. That is, she would support a late-term abortion

if the justification is nothing more than depression or some other mental health claim.) [87645, 87646]