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A report by the Treasury inspector general for tax administration offered [new details](#) on the scope and duration of the Internal Revenue Service's effort to target conservative non-profit groups for scrutiny.

View emails and other [Benghazi related documents](#) recently released by the White House documenting the correspondence and revisions made to the talking points.

## Fundraising Firestorm

The death of the oldest U.S. Senator, [Frank Lautenberg](#), a kind and brilliant Democratic legislator, had long been anticipated. With the announcement of a [special election in October](#), Republican Governor Chris Christie has set off a firestorm of fundraising in the Garden state. Undoubtedly, the seat will go to a Democrat, but which one: Cory Booker, Frank Pallone or another candidate?

Ready for Hillary? The Ready for Hillary Super PAC has recently announced the formation of its [national finance team](#). With nearly 200,000 "friends" on Facebook, the goal of the Super Pac is to establish a broad grassroots web of supporters. Contributions, even in the catchy amount of \$20.16, can be made [online](#).

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## For Obama: Troubled Times or it Must be Summer?

**By James Scott**

"We believe—and we hope you will agree—it is imperative that the Committee, the Congress, and the American people be provided a full and accurate account." - [Bob Goodlatte](#) (R-Va.)



Over the years, the Congress has sought to fulfill its oversight mandate through myriad investigations of all manner of alleged misdeeds. Often, those probes have placed the administration in the crosshairs.

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## Bachmann's Departure is a Big Win for GOP

**By James Scott**



Representative Michele Bachmann won't seek a fifth term in Congress next year, she announced in a YouTube video.



Organizing for Action recently sent out an e-mail blast and Web video directly attacking Republicans as climate-change deniers.

You probably know by now that one of Washington's best-known Republican brands, Rep. Michelle Bachmann of Minnesota, has decided to leave Congress. This is good news for the GOP.

Bachmann [announced](#) last week that she would not seek reelection to the House seat she has held since 2007. No, she said, it wasn't that her reelection chances were dim, or the investigations into her failed 2012 presidential bid or the chill directed her way by mainstream Republican leadership in the House.

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## OFA's Climate Change Offensive

**By James Scott**

To the delight of some environmental advocates and the sighs of others, [Organizing for Action](#) (OFA), the advocacy group formed from the remnants of the 2012 Obama presidential campaign, has launched a nationwide initiative to build support for the administration's climate change agenda.



Climate change advocates have long complained that the Obama administration has failed on its campaign pledge to keep the issue on the front burner. Some applauded OFA's action; others said it doesn't go far enough.

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