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Quick Quotes

With His Hat Already in the Ring, He Challenged Other Potential GOP Nominees

"If you said you opposed the president's unconstitutional executive amnesty, show me where you stood up and fought. If you oppose Common Core, show me where you stood up and fought."

*Sparks flew at the Iowa Freedom Summit where Senator **Ted Cruz** threw sharp questions at fellow Republicans Chris Christie, Scott Walker, Rick Santorum, Mike Huckabee, Rick Perry, Carly Fiorina, and Donald Trump in the first gathering of many prospective candidates for the GOP presidential nomination.*

Columnist Disagrees With Fawning Praise Heaped on Saudi Arabia's Late King Abdullah

"Abdullah resided over one of the world's most wicked nonpariah states, whose domestic policies are almost cartoonishly repressive and whose international influence has been strikingly malign. His dynasty is founded on gangsterish control over a precious natural resource, sustained by an unholy alliance with a most cruel interpretation of Islam and protected by the United States and its allies out of fear of worse alternatives if it fell."

*Writing in the New York Times, **Ross Douthat** stated what very few are willing to say. He even disdainfully cited the opposite view of Secretary of State John Kerry, who gushed that the recently deceased Saudi leader was "a man of wisdom and vision."*

Key Republican Favors Trade Promotion Authority for President Obama



Paul Ryan

AP Images

"But before we can conclude any of these [trade pacts], there's one thing we have to do: And that's pass



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trade promotion authority. We simply can't get the best deals without TPA."

*Confirming his support for the controversial "fast track" authority for President Obama, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman **Paul Ryan** (R-Wis.) delivered his message in a speech before the Washington International Trade Association.*

Intruder Gained Telephone Access to Britain's Prime Minister on Closely Guarded Phone

"I've just made complete monkeys out of GCHQ. I've got the mobile number of the director."

*The **unidentified prankster** told The Sun newspaper that he was high on alcohol and drugs when he successfully hacked Britain's Government Communications Headquarters, the British electronic surveillance agency. He then surprised Prime Minister David Cameron by telephoning him on a "secure" line. Cameron later acknowledged receiving the call.*

Fort Hood Victims Will Receive Purple Hearts

"In essence, what we have now is recognition from the Pentagon of what the whole world knew right away, that this was an act of terror — not the insulting and disingenuous insinuation that this was an incident of workplace violence."

*The victims of Nidal Malik Hasan's Fort Hood rampage, where he killed 13 and wounded more than 30, had to get legal help to have the crime relabeled. The new designation of the crime was announced by lawyer **Neal Sher**, who reported that the military personnel affected by the assailant will receive the Purple Heart and its accompanying benefits.*

Chinese Officials Clamp Down on "Western Values"

"Never allow statements that attack and slander party leaders and malign socialism to be heard in classrooms. Never allow teachers to grumble and vent in the classroom, passing on their unhealthy emotions to students."

*In a message sent to Chinese universities, China's Education Minister **Yuan Guiren** announced strictures on textbooks intended to prevent ideas about "Western values" getting to students.*



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