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Quick Quotes

Bureaucracy Causes Royal Dutch Shell to Cancel Arctic Drilling



Peter R. Voser

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"I'm not about to take the uncertainty and pay the money and then not get to the drilling."

*After investing \$3.5 billion, enduring five years of delays imposed by several regulatory agencies, and facing a new hurdle imposed by the EPA, Shell's chief executive officer **Peter R. Voser** gave up plans to drill for oil in Alaska's Arctic waters.*

Arizonans Angry at New York City's Gun-sale Sting

"Let me get this straight: From New York City, they are going to send people to Arizona to look into this. They might take a look a little closer to home if they are concerned about guns getting in their state."

*After New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent \$100,000 to have undercover operatives seek to buy guns illegally in Arizona, state Senator **Ron Gould** registered an appropriate protest. Later, federal agents confirmed that no laws were broken by Mayor Bloomberg's undercover agents during the sales.*

WikiLeaks Founder Claims Army Private Innocent

"I never heard of the name of Bradley Manning before it appeared in the media. [Blaming him for the material I have published is] absolute nonsense."

*U.S. officials have jailed Bradley Manning, but **Julian Assange** insists that Manning had no role whatsoever in the release of sensitive documents.*

Costs for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Continue to Pile Up



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John Sununu

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“Since the beginning of the financial crisis, the two private companies have cost the American taxpayers over \$130 billion. Adding insult to injury, it was revealed that taxpayers have also been stuck with \$160 million in legal bills to defend former executives against fraud claims.”

*Former New Hampshire Senator **John Sununu** does not expect the kind of meaningful reform merited by the dismal and costly performance of these two firms.*

Britain’s Leader Worried About “Multiculturalism”

“Europe needs to wake up to what is happening in our own countries. We have to get to the root of the problem.”

*Pointing to his own country as a base for terrorist plotting, British Prime Minister **David Cameron** told a security conference in Munich, Germany, that all Europeans had to abandon the “hands-off tolerance” that has encouraged immigrant Muslims to congregate in “segregated communities.”*

Chicken Chain’s Christian Perspective Not Appreciated by Homosexuals

“If you’re eating Chick-fil-A, you’re eating anti-gay.”

*After a Pennsylvania Chick-fil-A outlet sponsored a defense of marriage seminar, gay activists began a national Internet campaign featuring the above **headline**. They urged customers to purchase sandwiches elsewhere. Founded by and managed by ardent Christians, the entire chain is closed on Sunday to acknowledge the Sabbath.*

President Jokes About Ambassador to China Seeking GOP Political Office



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Barack Obama

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“I’m sure that him having worked so well for me will be a great asset in any Republican primary.”

*After John Huntsman announced his intention to leave his Beijing post and run for the GOP’s presidential nomination, President **Barack Obama’s** comment drew a few laughs.*

A Quote President Obama Would Like Everyone to Forget

“If a mandate was the solution, we can try that to solve homelessness by mandating everybody to buy a house.”

*Unless it is nullified, his ObamaCare measure will force everyone to buy health insurance. But when he was campaigning for President in 2008, **Barack Obama** maintained that forcing people to buy a home was absurd.*



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