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Quick Quotes

Australians Facing Gangs

"We need to call it for what it is: African gang violence. The reality is people are scared to go out to restaurants at nighttime because they're followed home by these gangs."

Australian Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton blames "political correctness" for the unwillingness of Victoria State's political leaders to target the crime wave engulfing them.

He Won Reelection When His Name Appeared on a Slip of Paper

"The election is behind us, the outcome is clear, and my responsibility now is to begin the work I was reelected to do."

When the votes were counted after election day last November, Virginia State Representative David Yancey, a Republican, was declared the loser by a single vote. A recount produced one more vote for him, which made the result a tie. State law then called for a drawing where the names of the two candidates were put on slips of paper and a state official picked one out of an ornate bowl. It had Yancey's name on it and he was immediately declared the winner in the drawn-out and unusual election.

Trump Foe Willing to Spend \$30 Billion to Counter Trump

"I am willing to do whatever it takes to save our country. A year ago, no one knew what a Donald Trump presidency would look like, or how he would behave. We now know that the Oval Office cannot shape a man who does not believe in constitutional democracy."

Billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer spent \$74 million to elect Democrats in 2014, and \$87 million for the same purpose in 2016. Most of the candidates he backed lost. Now he hopes his money will unseat Trump via impeachment or at least cause problems for the president.

Putin Government Muzzles Political Opponent

"We won't be having an election because Vladimir Putin is horribly afraid. He sees a threat in competing with me."

If polls can be believed, Putin has a huge lead over opposition candidate Aleksei Navalny. Yet the Putin government has barred him from competing in the upcoming March election and warned Navalny not to start a campaign to have people boycott the election.

Guatemala's High Court Orders Withdrawal of UN's Pro-abortion Manual

"The Court surpassed all our expectations in defending the protection of life from inception."

Attorney Astrid Rios was very pleased her country's highest court issued a ruling that explicitly protects children from the moment of conception. The pro-abortion manual in question was created with help



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from the United Nations Population Fund.

Islamic State Continues Its Dominance in Portions of Afghanistan

"It's like a balloon. We squeeze them in this area and they'll try to move out elsewhere."

Regions of Afghanistan still remain controlled by ISIS militants as the United States marks 17 years of fighting in the war-torn nation. General John Nicholson, Jr., the American and NATO commander in the country, knows the difficulty facing his forces in Afghanistan.

Will the Wall Promised by Trump Ever Be Built?

"Look, he's got to save face."

A portion of the border between the United States and Mexico can be found in the district represented by Texas Democratic Congressman Henry Cuellar. He believes there will eventually be a wall at the border that President Trump can point to as the fulfillment of his major promise.

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