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Quick Quotes

Trade War With China Was Lost Years Ago

"We are not in a trade war with China; that war was lost many years ago by the foolish or incompetent people who represented the U.S. Now we have a trade deficit of \$500 billion a year with Intellectual Property Theft of another \$300 billion. We cannot let this continue."

Insisting that the United States is already the loser when trade with China is the issue, President Donald Trump said he would take action to alter the situation.

Chinese Official Insists Catholics Must Submit

"I think there is no religion in human society that is above the state."

Any hope of Chinese Catholic clergy openly maintaining their ties with the Vatican was dashed by Chen Zongrong, a senior government official based in Beijing.

Budget Office Chief Wants Action to Ease U.S. Indebtedness

"The longer you wait [to deal with debt], the more draconian the measures have to be to fix the problem."

Already past \$21 trillion and rising steadily, the national debt frightens Keith Hall, the director of the Congressional Budget Office.

Ryan's Retirement Won't Affect GOP's 2018 Election Chances

"[No one] will win or lose an election based on whether Paul Ryan is the Speaker. But all [candidates and incumbents] will have to really learn how to run a real race."

Veteran congressman Peter King (R-N.Y.) disputes the claims of pundits who insist that the speaker's retirement will likely lead to the GOP losing its majority in the House.

Polar Bear Numbers Not Declining

"This [opposition] paper is a smack-talk response to my pointing out that polar bear numbers did not plummet as predicted when mid-century-like sea ice conditions arrived unexpectedly in 2007. The paper is not only devoid of science, it lacks the professional decorum that other science journals demand."

Referring to an article appearing in the journal BioScience that sharply disagreed with her claims about polar bears, Dr. Susan Crockford, a professor at Victoria University in British Columbia, did not back away from her assertion that polar bears are doing quite well in their traditional habitat.

Republican National Committee Responds to James Comey

"[He is a] disgraced former official and a consummate Washington insider who knows how to work the media to protect his flanks. [He was] strongly criticized by members of both parties for his history of bizarre decisions, contradictory statements, and acting against Department of Justice and FBI protocol."

After publication of James Comey's A Higher Loyalty, the Republican National Committee issued talking





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points that rendered a negative opinion of Comey while defending President Trump.

Harvard Law School Professor Defends Trump

"[The Mueller Investigation is] a legal colonoscopy. The President has the right to seek the firing of anybody in the executive branch. But I would think that it would be a mistaken political decision to fire anybody."

Famed legal authority Alan Dershowitz has rightly been categorized as a leftist. But he has customarily been a defender of civil liberties.

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