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Quick Quotes

President Pardons Turkeys Whose Names Are Peas and Carrots

"This was a fair election. Unfortunately Carrots refused to concede and demanded a recount. Even though Peas and Carrots have received a presidential pardon, I have warned them that House Democrats are likely to issue them both subpoenas."

President Donald Trump jokingly indicated that an election was held to determine which of two turkeys would receive the traditional presidential pardon just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. But he then pardoned both, countermanding the voters' decision.

Three Million Died in Ukraine's 1933 Induced Famine

"The village was scary, everything was dead. No dogs or roosters were heard. People ate everything. Frogs were delicacies in spring."

Six years old when the Stalin-induced famine ravaged Ukraine, Mykhailo Matvienko recalled the devastation caused by the deliberate starvation inflicted on the Ukrainian people by their Soviet rulers. Upwards of three million people perished, but no Soviet leaders responsible for the atrocity were held accountable.

Congressman Notes Saudi Arabia's Part in the Khashoggi Murder

"A country that can't be trusted with a bone saw shouldn't be trusted with nuclear weapons."

Referring to evidence that Jamal Khashoggi's body was cut up after he was murdered, Congressman Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) uttered a very stern view of the incident.

President Seeks Fast Action on His Ban of Transgenders in Military

"This highly unusual step is wildly premature and inappropriate. There is no valid reason to jump the line now and seek U.S. Supreme Court review before the appellate courts have even ruled on the preliminary issues before them."

Peter Renn, an attorney representing the pro-transgender group Lambda Legal disagrees with President Trump's order that transgender personnel not be allowed to serve in the military. An appeals court is considering the matter, but President Trump wants the issue taken from the lower court and decided promptly by the Supreme Court.

He Lost a Senate Race and Is Now Thinking of Running for President

"We're thinking through a number of things and Amy and I made a decision not to rule anything out."





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Congressman Beto O'Rourke lost in his bid to unseat Texas Senator Ted Cruz. Some of his supporters seem to believe that the way to achieve the office of the president is to first lose a significant election.

Black Celebrity Has Advice for Reaching Young Blacks

"Republicans should highlight for young blacks the critical importance of capitalism and a free economy for upward mobility. However, they also need to inform them that the same Federal Reserve report showing large gaps in income and wealth between blacks and whites also shows 61 percent of white households as having a married couple or romantic partners, compared with 37 percent of black households."

Author, columnist, and Republican politician Star Parker has often offered sound advice to aspiring young black Americans.

Democrats Hide Behind a Desire to Give Illegal Immigrants the Vote

"Our Democratic colleagues seem to come up with a lot of criticism, but have no answers when you ask the question: What are we supposed to do about people breaking through barricades and coming into our country illegally and not following the rules?"

Texas Senator John Cornyn made his point during a weekly GOP leadership conference. Many GOP lawmakers are concerned about granting voting privileges to illegal immigrants.

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