



QuickQuotes

GOP Senator Doesn't Back Trump's Call for National Emergency

"I can't vote to give the president the power to spend money that hasn't been appropriated by Congress. If we take away those checks and balances, it's a dangerous thing."

*Obviously concerned about President Trump's declaration of a national emergency because of illegal immigration, Senator **Rand Paul** (R-Ky.) isn't against building a wall, but is against trampling on the Constitution to get funds to build one.*

He Just Missed Boarding the Ill-fated Ethiopian Plane That Crashed

"When I got there, boarding had closed and I was demanding to get in too. But they didn't allow it."

*Businessman **Antonis Mavropoulos** arrived two minutes after the doors closed to Ethiopian Flight 302, which he was supposed to board. It had backed away from the gate. He later learned that the plane had crashed, and 149 passengers plus eight crew members had perished. He now considers March 10, the date of the tragedy, his "lucky day."*

As President Trump Often Stated, It Really Was a "Witch Hunt"

"The Mueller investigation employed 19 lawyers and 40 FBI agents. It took two years. It issued 2,800 subpoenas. It executed 500 search warrants. It interviewed 500 witnesses. And it failed to indict a single member of Trump's campaign for collusion with Russia to influence the 2016 election."

*In his commentary about the findings of the Mueller investigation, columnist **Patrick Buchanan** pointed to all of the effort expended and the resulting exoneration of Donald Trump and his colleagues. It could be added that the \$35 million expended would have been better spent building a wall to block entry of illegal immigrants.*

Refugees From Syria Became Victims of Terrorism in New Zealand

"They escaped death and torture in Syria then came to New Zealand only to be killed here."

*Some who perished in the New Zealand rampage that killed 50 persons had recently fled to their new country. **Ali Akil**, an official of a group known as Syrian Solidarity New Zealand, lamented their fate.*

Last ISIS Village Falls, but Caliphate Still Exists

"But we cannot say that ISIS is finished. It is true that they are finished on the ground as a standing army. But the ISIS threat remains around the globe."

*Syrian Democratic Forces spokesman **Kino Gabriel** announced the anti-ISIS campaign's success. But*



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he simultaneously warned that ISIS remains a terrorist threat willing to murder foes anywhere on Earth.

President's Proposed Budget Establishes a Record

"Given the important budget hurdles we face this year that will require bipartisan and responsible solutions, the president's budget is a dereliction of duty."

*Seeking \$4.75 trillion for the coming fiscal year, President Trump faces opposition from House Budget Committee Chairman **John Yarmuth** (D-Ky.), who believes the requested amount is irresponsibly high.*

Paper Mill Closes, Then Reopens and Spreads Joy to Workers

"No one is shocked when a paper mill closes anymore. The shocking comes when one reopens."

*The town of Combined Locks, Wisconsin, recently saw its 128-year-old paper mill close. Midwest Paper Group's president, **Kyle Putzstuck**, bought the shuttered factory. He did so because of the rising demand for cardboard to ship packages everywhere by Amazon and other online retailers. The reopened factory brought great joy to the community.*

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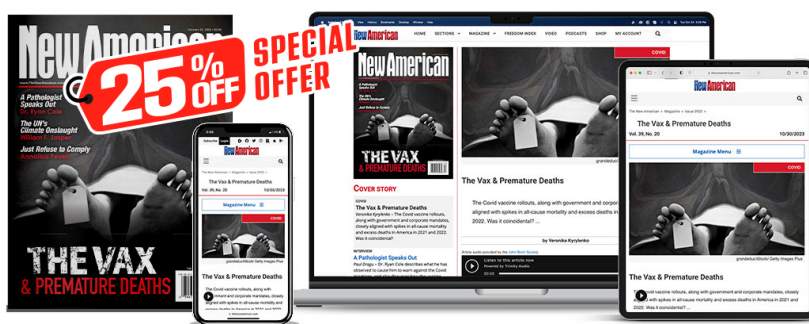
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