
Today's Headlines:

Trump's national security adviser resigns

Australia's campaign to ban fake aboriginal art

Music good enough to eat

Transcript:

They were oh, so close – politically inseparable. But after just three weeks as national security adviser, Michael Flynn has gone in a stunning **fall from grace**, after a day of chaos and confusion at the White House. The Republican leadership, always uncomfortable about the unorthodox general, were relieved to see him go.

Millions of people visit Australia every year. Many want to take a souvenir home with them and what could be more authentic, more Australian, than a boomerang? These two come with aboriginal-looking designs, but both are fake, both imported from Indonesia. The trade in **rip-off goods** led to calls for a new law in Australia to stop the import and sale of imitation art.

Are they preparing a salad? No, these are musicians from the Vienna Vegetable Orchestra. With instruments good enough to eat, they have been helping to celebrate the centenary of Madrid's famous San Miguel Market. Founded in the Austrian capital in 1998, the orchestra has travelled the world performing their unusual take on **a range of** musical styles to curious audiences.

Words and phrases and definitions:

fall from grace

loss of status or respect

rip-off goods

items which are inferior imitations of others

a range of

a variety of

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Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

fall from grace / rip-off goods / a range of

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