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Quote of the Day

Break off, lower your pirate flag, and raise to the top mast your allegiance to the High Admiral of the sea – it is time to seek the Lord.

Great vessels are unashamed to fly the flag of their destination.

by Charles H. Spurgeon, Metropolitan Tabernacle, Sermon #2098, Whither Goest Thou?, 8-4-1889, Vol. 35.

Thankgivukkah? Or Chanksgiving?

by Michael Maness

Since the first proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and for the first time since, Thanksgiving will coincide precisely with the first day of Hanukkah this November 28, 2013. Because the Hebrew calendar calculate days differently, the Jewish Hanukkah or Chanukah appears at a different time each year on our Gregorian calendar.

Astronomers say the next time will be the year **79811!**

Hence, a new word enters English: Thankgivukkah or Chanksgiving.

“Hanukkah” by English speakers (“Chanukkah” by Jews) is a transliteration of the Hebrew word for Festival of Lights, an eight-day Jewish Holiday that commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem during the Maccabean Revolt. In 167 B.C., Antiochus IV Epiphanes had an altar to Zeus erected in the Temple and killed pigs on the alter, sparking the Jewish Revolt led by a Jewish Priest Mattityahu and his five sons. By 165 they had won, and the third son Judas Maccabeus ordered the Temple cleaned and new vessels made and initiated the eight days of festival.¹

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days and nights, starting on the 25th day of Kislev, which may come between late November to late December by the Gregorian calendar. One candle on the Menorah is lit each night progressing to the eighth on the final night. The extra light called the shamash “attendant” is usually raised for general light and practical purposes, while the other eight may only be used for Hanukkah remembrance. Jews will light one candle after sundown on Wednesday evening, and it is preferred to alter the order of lit candles at random.

See and like: www.facebook.com/Thankgivukkah.

For special recipes, see www.BuzzFeed.com/christinebyrne/thanksgiving.



US. Supreme Court to Debate Prayers at Local Government Meetings!

Edited by Michael Maness

Pray for US Supreme Court that will (11-6-13) begin arguments on *Town of Greece (NY) v. Susan Galloway*, Case No. 12-696, whether the est. Facts of the case: The town of Greece, New York, at monthly public meetings, began in 1999 with a prayer given by an invited member of the local clergy. With no policy regarding who may lead the prayer or its content, but in practice, Christian clergy members delivered the vast majority of the prayers at the town’s invitation. In 2007, Susan Galloway and Linda Stephens complained about the town’s prayer practices, after which there was some increase in the denominations represented. In February 2008, Galloway and Stephens sued the town and John Auberger, in his official capacity as Town Supervisor, and argued that the town’s practices violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment by preferring Christianity over other faiths. The district court found in favor of the town and held that the plaintiffs failed to present credible evidence that there was intentional seclusion of non-Christian faiths. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed and held that the practices violated the Establishment Clause by showing a clear preference for Christian prayers.

The question before the court, then, is:



¹ I & II Maccabees, esp. 1 Macc. 4:36, though the terms *Hanukkah* or Festival of Lights does not appear there.

Does the invocation of prayer at a legislative session violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment even in the absence of discrimination in the selection of prayer-givers and content?

See docket www.SupremeCourt.gov/Search.aspx?FileName=/docketfiles/12-696.htm. See for the huge number of amicus briefs see: www.ScotusBlog.com/case-files/cases/town-of-greece-v-galloway/

Potentially Fatal ‘Knockout’ Game Targeting Strangers May Be Spreading

by Chris Lingeback, Nov. 16, 2013

A terrifying new ‘game’ that’s already caused deaths in Syracuse, St. Louis and New Jersey is sweeping the nation, and it preys upon unsuspecting people walking the streets, anywhere. A recent report from [New York-based CBS 2](#) shed light on the growing trend, displaying unsettling footage of teens participating in this game – which goes by the name ‘Knockout’ – and involves randomly targeting a passerby, with the ultimate goal being to **knock them out with one punch** as they walk by.

See washington.cbslocal.com/2013/11/16/potentially-fatal-knockout-game-targeting-strangers-may-be-spreading-to-d-c/.

Obamacare Regs 30x as Long as Law

by CNS News, October 14, 2013, edited by Maness²

Bureaucracies in the Obama Administration have thus far published approximately 11,588,500 words of final Obamacare regulations, while there are only 381,517 words in the Obamacare law itself, which includes both the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA). That means unelected federal officials have now written 30 words of regulations for each word in the law. Since these were signed into law in March 2010, agencies have published 109 final regulations spelling out how they are to be implemented that account for a combined 10,535 pages in the Federal Register, which itself presents the regulations in relatively small type with three columns of text on each page. CNSNews.com calculated that there is an average of 1,100 words on each of these pages by counting the actual words in one 78-page Obamacare regulation and then dividing by 78. At an average of 1,100 words per page, the 10,535 pages of Obamacare regulations consist of approximately 11,588,500 words.



Belgium Considers Euthanasia for Children and Dementia Patients

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An unprecedented law: should children have the right to ask for their own deaths? In Belgium, euthanasia is *already* legal for those over 18. Of course, the bill requires parental consent for children. Since 2002, Belgium took the lead, and doctor-assisted deaths have risen from 235 in 2003 to 1,432 in 2012. Also allowed in the Netherlands for specific circumstances and for children over the age of 12 with parental consent. In Europe, only it is only legal in Luxembourg. In Switzerland, doctors can only “help” as the *patients* actively kill themselves. In Belgium, “the ruling Socialist party has proposed the bill expanding the right of euthanasia. The Christian Democratic Flemish party vowed to oppose the legislation and to challenge it in the European Court of Human Rights, if it passes. A final decision must be approved by Parliament and could take months.” Catholic Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard testified, “It is strange that minors are considered legally incompetent in key areas, such as getting married, but might (be able) to decide to die.” Okay ... what do you think of “socialized medicine” now?

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² See www.CNSNews.com/news/article/penny-starr/11588500-words-obamacare-regs-30x-long-law.

³ www.WashingtonPost.com/national/health-science/belgium-considering-unprecedented-law-to-grant-euthanasia-for-children-dementia-patients/2013/10/31/67fd55be-4200-11e3-b028-de922d7a3f47_story.html.