



Quote of the Day



Our stranded mariner has a few comforts ... still longs for home.... Every night he lights his fire that there may be a blaze, so that if ship should go by—per chance of heaven—they may send relief to him....

I would have us look out each night and light a fire of prayer, that it may be burning in case the ships of heaven should go by, that blessings may come to us poor aliens and foreigners who need them so much.

Spurgeon, from my book, *Ocean Devotions: from the Hold of C. H. Spurgeon, Master of Mariner Metaphors* (AuthorHouse, 2008), pg. 119, April 18 of 366 daily devotions – see www.PreciousHeart.net/Ocean



Marry His Computer?

by Michael G. Maness, from *Beaumont Enterprise*, 4-15-16.

Just when you think you’ve heard it all, to protest same-sex marriage, Tennessee lawyer Chris Sevier has filed a lawsuit in the federal court in Houston, protesting his “right” to marry his 2011 MacBook computer.

He’s suing the Harris County District Clerk, Gov. Greg Abbott, AG Ken Paxton, claiming his 14th Amendment right to marry is being denied.

So, with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on marriage, essentially defining marriage as between those two “love,” we have a quagmire from which—I suspect—we may never be able to extricate ourselves.

I suppose there will be no end to this foolishness in our lifetime.

One thing is for certain, this coming presidential election may be the most important in our in our country’s future. For, if we do not get this one right, and the next president fails to appoint decent justices, we may permanently lose the country our Founding Fathers envisioned.

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Man sues to marry laptop in protest

By Gabrielle Banks

Chris Sevier says he’s being denied his right to marry — his computer. The persistent Tennessee lawyer — who has carried his challenge to same-sex marriage to courthouses across the nation — has filed a lawsuit in federal court in Houston saying he and his 2011 MacBook were rejected for a marriage license in Harris County.

He is suing the Harris County District Clerk, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, saying his 14th Amendment right to marry is being denied.

Sevier has filed similar challenges for the right to marry a machine in Tennessee and Utah.

Paxton’s office, however, is asking U.S. District Judge Alfred H. Bennett to hit the delete button on the lawsuit. His office filed court papers asking that the lawsuit be dismissed, arguing that the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark Obergefell decision in June allowing same-sex marriage does not extend to man and machine.

“The right to marry one’s computer is not an interest, objectively, deeply rooted in the nation’s history and tradition such that it qualifies as a protected interest,” Paxton’s brief argued.

For now, the suit is spinning its wheels — buffering, perhaps — in federal court.

Last week, Bennett ordered Sevier to limit his pleadings to 20 pages and denied a motion asking that Sevier’s \$400 in court costs be covered.

On Wednesday, he denied a request from Sevier to reconsider those two rulings.

Sevier, who describes himself as a Christian who makes his living producing electronic music, insists he is not being silly or satirical in his quest.

He said he believes “the Constitution is being hijacked” by giving same-sex couples the right to marry.

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Man-to-Woman-to-Snake – Wants to be called “it”

by Katherine Timpf, *National Review*, 4-6-16

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“Eva Tiamat Baphomet Medusa” identifies as a “mythical beast.” A male-to-female transgender woman who prefers the pronoun “it” says it believes it was born not only the wrong sex, but also the wrong species, and has been undergoing human-to-dragon transition procedures to fix the problem. The 55-year-old, who was born “Richard Hernandez” but now goes by “Eva Tiamat Baphomet Medusa,” has already had a whole slew of transformative work done: Tooth extraction, eye coloring, horn implants, ear removal (!), nose modification and a procedure to give it a forked tongue. *See link for rest of article.*



Maness – just when you’ve thought you heard it all, along comes “it,” the man-woman-snake thingy, who actually wants to be called an “it”—talk about confused! Just because we live in East Texas and may not have to deal with this for many more decades, do not think this will pass us by. If we remain silent, it may be too late by the time “it” has won ladies’ bathroom rights in the big city.

All that to say, you've heard about the restroom laws in some states, where men who think they are women and want to use women's restrooms. As obnoxious as that is to us, this is the culture that will be coming to us in stronger tones if the election is not right this time around.

Pray for your country.

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Supreme Court holds to “one person, one vote”

Richard Wolf, *USA Today*, 4-4-2016,

www.USAToday.com/story/news/politics/2016/04/04/supreme-court-voting-rights-texas-districts-population-scalia/81121876

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Monday to change the way state and municipal voting districts are drawn, denying an effort by conservatives that could have increased the number of rural, mostly white districts at the expense of urban, largely Hispanic ones.

The “one person, one vote” case was among the most consequential of the high court's term, and it delivered a major victory for civil rights groups that opposed opening the door to drawing districts based on the number of voters, rather than total population. The unanimous ruling left intact Texas' method — followed by nearly all states — of counting residents when drawing state and local voting districts.

Challengers had argued only eligible voters should be counted, a method that would have allowed states to ignore non-citizens, children and others who do not vote. In most cases, that would have helped Republican candidates and hurt Democrats; diverse, inner-city districts would include more people and rural districts fewer, increasing the clout of white voters.

If the court had ruled that districts should be based on eligible voters rather than total population, states with large numbers of non-citizens would have seen the biggest change — Texas, California, New York, New Jersey, Arizona and Nevada among them. Cities such as Chicago and Miami also would have been affected....

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The equal protection clause of the Constitution is supposed to guarantee each person the same political power. **The problem is that the Supreme Court still has not decided who should be counted — all people, or just voters. Monday's decision in *Evenwel v. Abbott* merely says states' use of total population is constitutional [bold mine].**

During oral argument in December, several justices appeared to agree that the standard by which election districts are drawn is imperfect. But they couldn't come up with a better way.

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~ a word from one of the great philosophers of our time ~

