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By Robert Marus

ABP Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON (ABP)—Iraq has a new interim constitution that offers high levels of protection for religious freedom, but one of its provisions still gives pause to some human-rights watchdogs.

Cybercolumn by John Duncan: Snow flakes falling_30804

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CYBERCOLUMN: Snow flakes falling

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, thinking of snow. Just a couple of weeks ago, snow covered this old oak tree in Granbury. Three inches of snow made Granbury postcard pretty, if there is such a thing.

In the North Carolina mountains, where my family history plunges deep roots in the soil, blizzard conditions dumped snow like loads of white sand on the earth. Roads closed. The rush to Wal-Mart to stock up on groceries before the snowstorm hit was unbelievable. The icy conditions meant that a few folk could not escape their mountain homes for a few days.

John Duncan

Commentary by Reagan White: Atonement and ¶The Passion¶_30804

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COMMENTARY: Atonement and “The Passion”

By Reagan White

Show business has always liked the logic of making a fortune by standing convention on its head. But sometimes, it's the logic that gets upended.

Recent investments by Rosie O'Donnell and Mel Gibson are a case in point. O'Donnell bet \$10 million on a Broadway musical about Boy George called “Taboo” and lost every nickel. Mel Gibson put down \$30 million on a movie about Jesus' crucifixion, voiced the dialogue entirely in Aramaic and Latin, and quadrupled his money in less than a week.

Cybercolumn for 2/9/04 by John Duncan: God & fishermen_20904

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CYBERCOLUMN: God & fishermen

By John Duncan

I'm sitting here under the old oak tree, wondering about fishing. Christ loved fishermen.

Last fall, I went fishing in Central Texas on a private pond. The heat of the fall reigned over me and the other fishermen. We ate peanut butter crackers and drank bottled water chilled over ice. The teacher, knowing I seldom fished, instructed me on the ways of baiting the fish and setting the hook.

Commentary by Brett Younger: Questions about "The Passion"_30804

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COMMENTARY: Questions about "The Passion"

By Brett Younger

When I was much younger (and I have apologized to God for this) I participated in my church's Evangelism Explosion program.

In this outreach method, the witnesser wore an unattractive gold lapel pin consisting of two question marks. When the victim asked, "Why are you

wearing two questions marks?" we answered, "There are two questions I'd like to ask you. 'If you died tonight, where would you spend eternity?' and 'Why should God let you into heaven?'" I learned that beginning a conversation with "If you died tonight" seldom leads to a helpful exchange of ideas.

Richardson church helps Latvian Christians break down walls with music_30804

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By George Henson

Staff Writer

RICHARDSON-Nehemiah, the Old Testament figure, was best known for building walls. But a Latvian project that bears his name focuses on breaking down walls-between a people's desire and their ability to praise God in their own tongue.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

Spring semester enrollment numbers at universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas are a mixed bag.

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Court rules states can't be forced to fund religion

By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-The Supreme Court has ruled that, while the First Amendment may allow a state to fund scholarships to religious schools, it doesn't require all states to do so.

Ministers turned away from schools during lunch_30804

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Ministers turned away from schools during lunch break

By Erin Curry

Baptist Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)-A Kentucky school board has upheld its decision to prohibit ministers from visiting students at school during lunch, despite protests from a local church.

Whistleblower tells chilling tale of ruin_30804

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Whistleblower tells chilling tale of ruin

By Sean Flynt

Samford University

BIRMINGHAM (ABP)-Avoid "the slow steps to disaster" that result in ethical failure, Enron whistleblower Sherron Watkins warned Samford University students.

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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

ATLANTA (ABP)-Cooperative Baptist Fellowship support for the Baptist World Alliance will double to \$40,000 next year if the Fellowship's general assembly adopts the \$16 million budget approved by its Coordinating Council.

Pressure mounts as Bush backs gay marriage ban_30804

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Pressure mounts as Bush backs gay marriage ban

By Robert Marus & Greg Warner

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)-Ending months of silence and under increasing pressure, President Bush has announced he will support a constitutional

amendment to ban same-sex marriage.