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By Brett Younger

On Saturday, Feb. 14, we had the best snow in Fort Worth in years, so our family decided to take a long walk. I assumed I would end up catching snowballs with my back and wore old clothes—a pair of jeans that Carol doesn't allow me to wear in public because they're holy in a bad way, tennis shoes, sweatshirt and an overcoat. The only thing I took with me was my keys, which I carefully put in my pocket.

The snow was gorgeous. The kids on our block were making anorexic snowmen. Years of living in Fort Worth have kept them from any understanding of how to make a proper snowman. We had a street full of snow pillars that would embarrass Frosty.

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By Marv Knox

Editor

WACO—A Baylor University student newspaper editorial supporting gay marriage deviates from “traditional Christian teachings” and “comes dangerously close to violating university policy,” Baylor President Robert Sloan said.

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By Brent Thompson

Amid all the publicity from Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ," few Christians will likely notice that the Supreme Court quietly published an opinion that may have just as much impact on the lives of churches and ministers as the movie. On Feb. 26 in the case of *Locke vs. Davey*, the Supreme Court decided 7-2 that the neither the establishment nor free exercise clauses of the First Amendment require states to fund religious instruction.

High-profile advocates such as Jay Sekulow of the American Center for Law and Justice and Solicitor General Theodore Olsen argued that states should be required to fund religious instruction if they also fund secular instruction. The state of Washington argued that the principle of separation of church and state prohibits funding of religious studies.

If groups of churches or denominations want well-trained ministers, they should set up and fund their own seminaries, colleges and Bible schools
-Brent Thompson

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By Robert Marus

Associated Baptist Press

WASHINGTON (ABP)—The reviews of “The Passion of the Christ” are in—and while both Christian and secular observers offered praise for it, many of the same reviewers also took significant issue with the movie.

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Church connection key in marketing ‘Passion’

By Ted Parks

Associated Baptist Press

LOS ANGELES (ABP)—Once upon a time, pastors warned churchgoers against the evils of the silver screen. Now they are packing believers and unchurched guests alike into movie houses across the land.

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By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Christians may want everyone to hear the gospel, but parents should be wary of letting their younger children view Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," according to faith leaders.

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While many Christians have geared up for Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" to be the greatest evangelistic opportunity since Pentecost, non-

Christian reaction to the film has been mixed.

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By John Pierce

Baptists Today

ATLANTA (ABP)—“We are not going to be involved in secular politics,” Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinator Daniel Vestal told the CBF Coordinating Council at its winter meeting in Atlanta.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—A federal panel charged with monitoring global religious freedom conditions has picked 11 countries as the world's worst violators of that basic human right.

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ATLANTA (ABP)—Leaders of the American Baptist Churches in the USA and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship say they are excited about potential opportunities for formal dialogue with other U.S. Christians, including Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants, Evangelicals and Pentecostals.

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NASHVILLE (ABP)—Baptist historian Albert Wardin, a member of the

Baptist World Alliance membership committee that recommended including the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in the worldwide group, said blame for the reaction from Southern Baptist leaders can be placed on several shoulders.

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WASHINGTON (ABP)—For the second time, President Bush has used a special administrative maneuver to install a controversial nominee to a federal court.