

Analysis: Supreme Court searches for way around same-sex marriage

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In nearly two hours of arguments March 27, the Supreme Court heard many of the expected cases for and against recognizing same-sex marriage. The justices reflecting what seemed to be a desire to find a way for the court to sidestep a definitive up-or-down ruling on one of the most divisive social issues.

Poll: Americans see gay marriage as inevitable

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Nearly two-thirds of Americans believe legalized same-sex marriage in the U.S. is inevitable, according to a study by LifeWay Research, a Nashville polling firm with ties to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptist church-state expert named to White House post

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(ABP)—The White House announced March 13 that Melissa Rogers, a Baptist church-state specialist who formerly worked at the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, will serve as special assistant to the president and director of the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

Computer simulator preps chaplains for the battlefield

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A computer simulation company in Orlando, Fla., is working with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's simulation-technology center to develop a program designed to help prospective military chaplains.

Christian worker quits over 666

on tax form

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Walter Slonopas resigned as a maintenance worker at his company in Clarksville, Tenn., after his W-2 tax form was stamped with the number 666.

Religious sponsors loom large in Boy Scouts' policy debate

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The decision by Boy Scouts of America to postpone any change in policy about gay membership was fueled by an "outpouring of feedback," much of that coming from religious sponsors.

Contraceptive mandate opt-out expanded

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The Obama administration has proposed a broader opt-out for religious organizations that object to mandated coverage of contraceptives in employee health care plans.

Georgia guns-in-church ban upheld

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Georgia's law banning carrying guns in churches will remain on the books after the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to revive the case of a Baptist minister who claimed it burdens his free exercise of religion.

Giglio out of inauguration

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An evangelical preacher withdrew acceptance of his invitation to pray at President Obama's inauguration after coming under fire when an old sermon denouncing homosexuality circulated on the Internet.

Huckabee links violence to

removal of God from public square

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Former presidential candidate turned talk-show host Mike Huckabee stood by controversial comments blaming the deadly Dec. 14 shootings in Connecticut on the lack of religion in public schools.

Newtown shooting galvanizes religious gun control advocates

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The shooting deaths of 26 children and adults at a Connecticut elementary school has revived religious support for gun control, galvanizing a movement that has struggled to gain traction against the powerful gun lobby.

Fiscal cliff talks worry charities

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{mosimage}Representatives of the Charitable Giving Coalition, comprised of about 600 nonprofit organizations, descended on Capitol Hill for two

days of lobbying Congress. They want to make sure any federal budget deal does not eliminate or change the deductibility of charitable gifts.