

# **Supreme Court: Sect can't force Utah city to erect monument**

March 6, 2009

In a groundbreaking free-speech case, the Supreme Court said the city of Pleasant Grove, Utah, can't be forced to accept the gift of a monument to a small religious sect's precepts—even though the town already displays a donated monument to the Ten Commandments in its city-owned Pioneer Park.

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# **Fairness Doctrine still dead, but groups worry about possible return**

March 6, 2009

A move to require broadcasters to provide equal time to all sides of controversial issues has religious radio programs worried, even though no formal proposal has been introduced and the White House likely wouldn't support it.

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# **School sued for censoring religious message**

March 6, 2009

An elementary school in Mt. Juliet, Tenn., is being sued for censoring the word "God" out of posters promoting a student-led prayer event.

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# **Christians, other torture opponents call for commission to investigate**

March 6, 2009

A coalition of religious leaders who oppose the United States' use of torture in the fight against terrorism called March 3 for a "truth commission" to investigate government policy and allegations of inhumane actions against terrorism detainees under the previous administration.

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# **Proposed Obama budget is**

# **‘major shift’ in poverty policy**

March 6, 2009

President Obama's first proposed budget signals a dramatic shift in prioritizing domestic poverty, centrist and liberal Christian leaders said in a teleconference with reporters March 2.

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# **Supreme Court agrees to hear case involving cross on federal land**

March 6, 2009

The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that could lead to the first major church-state decision under the panel's current makeup.

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# **Survey finds religion a big deal in Mississippi, not so much in**

# Vermont

March 6, 2009

Gallup researchers found 65 percent of all Americans said religion was important in their daily lives. But that percentage varies by what state you live in.

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## **200 years later, Lincoln's faith remains an enigma**

March 6, 2009

As the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth approaches on Feb. 12, the 16th president and his unconventional faith continue to inspire and to confound.

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## **Obama rearranges faith-based office; vows to maintain church-state wall**

March 6, 2009

President Obama announced a revamped version of his predecessor's office on faith-based charities Feb. 5, restructuring it with a broad advisory

council and vowing to pay close attention to church-state concerns.

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## **SCHIP passage to add 4 million children to insurance rolls**

March 6, 2009

President Barack Obama signed a bill expanding the State Children's Health Insurance Program by \$32 billion, providing coverage to an additional 4 million children in families with incomes too high to receive Medicaid but who cannot afford to buy health insurance.

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## **Obama picks religious adviser DuBois for faith-based post; questions remain**

March 6, 2009

President Obama has selected a 26-year-old Pentecostal minister who served as his top religion adviser during the presidential campaign to head a revamped White House office on faith-based social services.

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# **Interfaith leaders call for quick action on Middle East**

March 6, 2009

Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders urged President Obama to act early in his administration to work for peace in the Middle East.