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High court hears death penalty issue

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court should halt the use of a new legal shortcut that could send death row prisoners to their executions more quickly, argue lawyers for Texas inmate Thomas "Andy" Barefoot. In a case with implications for the 1,163 condemned prisoners nationwide, Barefoot's lawyers told the justices Tuesday that death row inmates cannot have their cases fairly heard if they must operate under a crash schedule. "(It) does not help the federal courts, does not help criminal justice and is certainly to the detriment of criminal defendants" facing immediate execution, argued Jack Greenberg of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

In opposition to Greenberg, Texas Assistant Attorney General Douglas Becker contended the processing of death penalty appeals should be sped up, at least when a prisoner fails to raise solid challenges in the final stages of the process. "We want people off death row," Becker said, either by executing them or having their sentences quickly set aside if they are unconstitutional. So far, the New Orleans appeals court is the only in the nation to try the legal shortcut. Both times it used the technique, the court combined its consideration of a prisoner's request for a stay of execution with his constitutional challenges. By denying both prongs of the prisoner's legal request at the same time, the court cleared

the way for the inmate to be executed without further delay. Under ordinary procedures, it would have taken months to process the inmate's appeal and meanwhile, the execution would have been postponed. The first use of the procedure was in an appeal by Charlie Brooks. In that case, the nation's highest court refused 6-3 to intervene and let him be executed in Texas on Dec. 7, 1982. The justices reconsidered when Barefoot, 37, was to go his death for fatally shooting Harker Heights policeman Carl Levin in August 1978. The high court agreed to review how federal appeals courts, generally the next-to-last hope for condemned prisoners, should handle final-hour requests for stays of executions.

Fed role in education debated

Schools 'need reforms'

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan and major education groups favor a commission's proposals to upgrade America's schools, but remain at odds over the government's role in the classroom. Reagan stood firm Tuesday in his position that education remains less, not more, federal intervention. The education organizations argued that greater government involvement is needed — particularly in financing. Regardless, both embraced the report by the National Com-

mission on Excellence in Education that cited slumping achievement scores and concluded that schools are in a dire need of reform. The 18-member commission, appointed 20 months ago by Education Secretary Terrel Bell, made several recommendations — including a greater emphasis on math, science and English, better-paid teachers and more homework. It also asked state legislatures to consider lengthening the school year, asked colleges to stiffen entrance requirements, and asked parents, students and

the nation to make an increased commitment to education. The president, in an address to a group of educators at the White House, linked future progress in education to his political agenda. "We'll continue to work in the months ahead for passage of tuition tax credits, vouchers, education savings accounts, voluntary school prayer and abolishing the Department of Education," Reagan said. He said the declining quality of education in America dates directly to the growth of federal intervention in school system.

"Our education policies have squandered the gains of the Sputnik era," he said, referring to the science programs that were popularized with the 1957 launch of the first Soviet satellite. "Financing education is primarily the responsibility of the states and local governments," Bell said. But Albert Shanker, president of the 580,000-member teachers federation, warned, "State and local governments will not heed these recommendations without financial help."

Researchers testing vaccine for gonorrhea

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PITTSBURGH — A promising gonorrhea vaccine being tested on U.S. military personnel in Korea could lead to complete eradication of the venereal disease that strikes up to 4 million Americans a year, a researcher says. Initial testing in the United States on more than 200 volunteers showed the vaccine is the first safe and effective prevention medication for the disease, said Dr. Charles Brinton, who helped develop it over the past decade in his microbiology laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh.

The vaccine also is being tested on 3,500 soldiers in Korea as part of a worldwide project, Brinton said Monday. "If all tests prove successful, Brinton hopes to have the vaccine on the market in two to four years. "Gonorrhea (bacteria) has tiny protein hairs called pili that stick to human cells and tissues, and that's the first step in infection," Brinton said. "If you can stop that step, you can stop all the other steps." The vaccine contains these pili, and injecting it spurs the development of antibodies that prevent the bacteria from latching onto host cells, he said.

Gonorrhea strikes only humans. "You interrupt the chain of disease," said Brinton, who jointly developed the vaccine with doctors from Washington's Walter Reed Army Institute. "We hope to eradicate the disease through vaccine, like smallpox has been eradicated." He said initial results of the Korean tests, conducted by the Army, are expected in about a month.

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