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## Reagan nominates judge for high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, making good on his promise to pick another hardline conservative, nominated federal appeals court Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg to the Supreme Court on Thursday, risking a second confirmation battle in the Senate.

Reagan praised Ginsburg as an advocate of judicial restraint and a believer in law and order. He said Ginsburg "will take a tough, clear-eyed view" of the Constitution "while remaining sensitive to the safety of our citizens and to the problems facing law enforcement professionals."

If confirmed, Ginsburg would be one of the youngest justices ever to sit on the court. He is 41. A former Harvard Law School professor and head of the Justice Department antitrust division, he also would be the first Jew to sit on the high court since the resignation of Abe Fortas in 1969.

Seeking to head off the lengthy debate that led to Bork's defeat, Reagan said, "If these hearings take more than three weeks to get going,

the American people will know what's up."

Ginsburg was reported to be the choice of Attorney General Edwin Meese III, while White House chief of staff Howard H. Baker Jr. was urging the appointment of federal appeals court judge Anthony Kennedy of Sacramento, Calif., who would have been a less controversial choice.

On Monday, Baker sounded out five key Republican senators about 13 or 14 potential nominees and, according to Republican sources, half of those named drew at least some opposition — and Ginsburg was among those whose name drew objections.

Sources familiar with the struggle said that the chances for Kennedy's nomination collapsed when Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., threatened to filibuster a Kennedy nomination on the grounds he was not conservative enough.

Ginsburg and Kennedy, along with federal appeals court judge William W. Wilkins Jr., were summoned to the Justice Department on Wednesday night for interviews with

Baker, Meese, William Bradford Reynolds, an assistant attorney general, White House counsel A.B. Culvahouse and deputy chief of staff Kenneth Duberstein.

Reagan's challenge to the Senate to begin confirmation hearings quickly was seen as an effort to correct what White House officials say privately was a tactical error in handling the Bork nomination — allowing opposition to develop in the weeks between the nomination and Senate hearings.

"It is up to all of us to see to it that Senate consideration of Judge Ginsburg's nomination is fair and dispassionate, and above all, prompt," Reagan said.

Ginsburg joined the Reagan administration in 1983 as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's antitrust division, and then moved over to the Office of Management and Budget as administrator for information and regulatory affairs.

Ginsburg returned to the Justice Department as assistant attorney general for antitrust and held that position.

## Superpowers approve agenda for summit talks

MOSCOW (AP) — The superpowers agreed on a summit agenda and cleared the way for Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to meet President Reagan in the United States later this year, a Soviet spokesman said Thursday.

No date was announced, but one official said privately that the Soviets are proposing the two leaders meet the first week in December.

U.S. officials, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the third meeting between Reagan and Gorbachev could be arranged for late November or early December.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Boris D. Pyadyshev told reporters the leaders would sign a treaty to scrap intermediate-range nuclear missiles and discuss cuts in long-range strategic arsenals.

He said they also would discuss limits on developing the proposed U.S. space-based missile defense program known as "star wars." The Soviet-U.S. dispute over the system

prevented agreement on a summit date during Secretary of State George P. Shultz's visit to Moscow last week.

Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, carrying a letter from the Soviet Communist Party general secretary to Reagan, was to arrive in Washington on today for further talks. The Soviet official said the letter contains the proposal for a summit date.

Shevardnadze was in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Thursday to meet with Warsaw Pact foreign ministers.

Pyadyshev said, "Presently, we have an understanding that together with the agreement on medium-range and shorter-range missiles, questions relative to strategic offensive weapons and the ABM (anti-ballistic missile) treaty will be thoroughly discussed at a summit meeting."

"This is sufficient for a summit to take place this year."

He said a summit "is fixed for the end of this year."

In Washington, Reagan said the date of the summit had not been set and said the timing would have to wait for the talks with Shevardnadze.

Pyadyshev denied there had been any change in the Soviet position since Friday, when Gorbachev refused to set a summit date. But he said U.S. and Soviet officials accomplished "good and constructive work" after Shultz's meetings last week with the Soviet leadership in Moscow.

During his meeting with Shultz, Gorbachev said he was not yet satisfied there had been sufficient progress on the star wars dispute to warrant another meeting with Reagan.

The president's determination to proceed with star wars, the proposed shield against nuclear attack called the Strategic Defense Initiative, and Soviet opposition to the program scuttled agreement at the Reykjavik summit a year ago.

## Local churches complain of vandalism of bar-goers

By Jamie Russell  
Reporter

In the United States, an ongoing debate is the relationship between church and state, but on Northgate the ongoing debate is between church and bar.

Vandalism has caused concern over the operation of various drinking establishments located close to churches on Northgate.

In January, an 8-foot brick column and two sections of a fence were destroyed at the Wesley Foundation by one of Rocco's customers.

Northgate didn't have conflicts with churches before Rocco's opened, says Richard Benning, owner of Duddley's Draw. Rocco's, formerly Rita Street, hadn't properly addressed problems with church officials in the past, he says.

Employees from Duddley's Draw and the Dixie Chicken pick up trash and sweep the church lots around the bars, he said, especially after Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. They try to have the church grounds cleaned for Sunday worship services, he says.

Lack of communication also has been a source of conflict between Rocco's and churches, a conflict Rocco's new management, which has owned it for about a month, hopes to resolve.

"I want to have a working relationship with the churches," says Eddie Henson, the restaurant's new owner. "Let's cure the problem before there is some kind of legislative action. We can save taxpayers' time and money."

The biggest problem the Northgate churches have with the area bars is vandalism, says the Rev. Mel Brinkley, of A&M Methodist Church.

"The whole problem stems from lack of planning by the city," Brinkley says.

The law states that a bar's front door must be at least 300 feet from the front door of a neighboring church. Although there may be 200 feet between a bar and a church, the distance between front doors is 300 feet, so all the Northgate bars are in compliance with the law.

Jim Calloway, director of planning for College Station, says the problem is a technical situation

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between the churches and the bars. They both are attracted to the same location because of the high concentration of students, Calloway says.

Ron Stone, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission's assistant district supervisor for Bryan, says there must be legal grounds for a protest, and no laws have been broken in this situation.

The only answer to the problem, Brinkley says, is for the bars and churches to promote a neighborly relationship.

But Rev. Leon Strieder, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, says his church's argument is specifically with Rocco's. The clientele Rocco's attracts is different from the "good ol' boys" at the Dixie Chicken and Duddley's Draw, Strieder says.

"They (crowd at Rocco's) are kids with an attitude problem," Strieder says, "yuppies who give a flip about nothing . . . (and) drive BMWs, Porsches and Mercedes."

Although Strieder isn't opposed to the existence of bars or people having a good time, he says, he is opposed to the kind of crowds certain bars attract.

Rocco's has been in operation for a little over a year. Both as Rita Street and Rocco's, Strieder has had problems with its neighboring establishment.

Strieder says St. Mary's didn't have vandalism problems before the restaurant opened.

"We live on the church premises, so it's our home being subjected to ludicrous behavior," he said.

The vandalism includes destruction of the volleyball poles, loud talking, screaming and cursing at late hours, urinating on the priest's house, tearing up shrubberies and littering.

"We're an entity that exists — the catch all," Henson exclaimed. "The churches have someone to blame now. The clientele Father Leon generalizes is the people he preaches to on Sunday. Our clientele is his flock."

Rocco's has a good clientele, Henson says. There is no trouble and little damage inside the club, and Henson would like to establish a working relationship with St. Mary's.

"I'm willing to open negotiations with him (Father Leon)," Henson said.

Henson said he is willing to fix damages caused by vandals coming from Rocco's. Henson said he is willing to handle his end of the responsibility and be a good neighbor.



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Photo by Melinda Selph

Coach Jackie Sherrill gets into the Halloween spirit by striking a pose for some students on a student's

decorated scooter. The students coerced Sherrill into posing for the picture.

## Mustang band officials angered by WFAA reporter's commentary

By Hal L. Hammons  
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A news story about the Southern Methodist University band playing at the Texas A&M football game Saturday, which originated at a Dallas television station and was picked up by local station KBTX has made the rounds, and Mustang Band officials are not happy about it.

The story started at WFAA (Channel 8) in Dallas Wednesday night, when WFAA reporter Jerry Oher did a story previewing the Mustang Band trip to Kyle Field. Most of the complaints from the band were about Oher's closing statement.

He ended the story with, "If you think the Aggies are offering this invitation just out of kindness and sincerity, think again. It's more out of necessity. Because Louisiana Tech isn't bringing its band to the game Saturday."

Louis Dorfman, an administrative assistant for the Mustang Band, contacted *The Battalion* by phone Thursday to express his apologies for the band about the incident.

Dorfman said, "What we did was something real, real positive. What Channel 8 did with it was a slap in the face to A&M."

Dorfman said the statement downplayed the generosity extended to the Mustang Band by A&M officials, including Aggie Band Director Col. Joe T. Haney and Athletic Director and Head Coach Jackie Sherrill.

Sherrill said the story did not disturb him very much, attributing the story to the station trying to sensationalize a story.

"I don't have a problem (with the story)," Sherrill said. "They're the ones with the problem."

Dorfman said, "Our hats are off. It was a real class thing for A&M to do."

"It wasn't necessary to invite the SMU band. I know the Aggie Band didn't need to do it to share half-

time. . . I don't want to be coming down to A&M having (the Aggies) thinking we're a bunch of ingrates."

Jerry Oher, in a telephone interview, said he had received no comments on the story from the Mustang Band, and he said he did not mean any slight against A&M's generosity.

"No malice," Oher said, "I was just bringing up a point."

"I just did the story. I know for a fact one of the reasons the SMU band was invited to play was because Louisiana Tech wasn't bringing their band."

He said he realized that the Aggie Band was used to playing halftimes alone but not during conference season.

"(The Aggie Band doesn't play alone) when you play SMU, and this was the SMU weekend," Oher said.

"I don't want to give the impression that SMU was invited just to fill a slot."

Mustang band member Rich Cawood was not pleased with the story, however. He said he thought the story was presented the way it was because that's the way Oher wanted to do it from the first.

"They showed up wanting to do it that way," Cawood said. "The interviews (that ran in the story) came after rehearsal. He did the finish before. . ."

"It was awful nice of (A&M) to invite us. We're going down there, and we hope (the Aggies) win."

## Nicaragua refuses to talk if U.S. Contra aid continues

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaragua will never talk directly or indirectly with Contra rebel leaders and will not declare an amnesty as long as the U.S.-backed insurgency continues, the ruling Sandinista National Liberation Front said Thursday.

The Sandinista communique appeared to eliminate hopes that a Central American peace agreement would be put into effect by Nov. 5, a deadline reaffirmed by five Central American foreign ministers Wednesday after a meeting in Costa Rica.

"As long as the platforms of aggression against Nicaragua continues in neighboring countries, as long as the counterrevolution is not ordered to quit its war against the legitimate government of Nicaragua, the Esquipu-

las agreements will not be fulfilled," the Sandinistas said.

The peace pact is known as Esquipulas II, after a town in Guatemala where the presidents met a little over a year before signing the agreement Aug. 7 in Guatemala City.

The communique from the front followed relay Wednesday of a request from the Contras to have Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo arrange talks with the government to end the 6-year-old war.

Obando y Bravo, who heads the National Reconciliation Commission formed under a Central American peace plan and has been one of the most vocal Sandinista critics, met Saturday in New York with rebel leaders.