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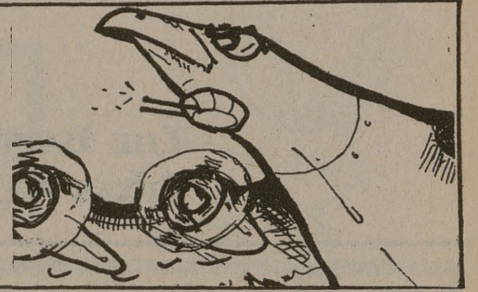
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Carter signs today

A peace treaty between Egypt and Israel has been a long time coming, but today it is scheduled to be signed in ceremonies on the White House front lawn. For more details see page 8.



Judge withdraws from Davis trial

From staff and wire reports
District Judge John M. Barron of Bryan Saturday withdrew as judge in the multimillion-dollar divorce trial between Cullen and Priscilla Davis after the Fort Worth Star-Telegram discovered he had met privately with Davis to discuss the case.

He said Sunday there was no chance he would get back into the case.

Barron called the paper and announced

his withdrawal Saturday after it learned he and Davis had met twice in Barron's hotel room to talk about the case.

"After full consideration I now withdraw from the Davis case after declaring a mistrial," Barron told the Star-Telegram.

He said he invited Davis to his room twice "about two or three weeks ago" to suggest the Fort Worth millionaire try to reach a settlement in the divorce. He said they talked for about half an hour on each occasion.

"There was no impropriety that I can think of," Barron said when asked by the paper about the meetings.

"I suppose you all are going to make a big deal out of this. Well, I'm just going to quit. I'm tired of having my — kicked around down here." Two hours later he called back to announce his withdrawal.

"The local news media and others have impugned my integrity," Barron said. All I have tried to do is help. I doubt that anyone involved really could have foreseen the disaster and the results which have occurred, including the district attorney's office.

Jerry Loftin, an attorney for Mrs. Davis who has engaged in several sharp exchanges with Barron during the five-week trial, said Sunday he had heard only media reports of Barron's intentions.

Should Barron follow through with his mistrial, Loftin's co-counsel Ronald Aultman estimated the divorce, in which several million dollars is at stake, would be delayed until August.

He returned to Bryan Thursday, angered that the district attorney had subpoenaed his civil trial records to be used in criminal actions pending against Davis.

Aggies compete for blood

By JAMES HAMILTON
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University and the University of Texas are fighting it out once again, and this time both sides are really out for blood.

The Aggies were challenged by UT this semester to compete in a contest to see which university can collect the most blood through group donations.

The Aggie Blood Drive will begin its spring effort this week by signing up student groups and organizations that will give blood next week.

Last semester the Aggie Blood Drive collected 1,072 pints of blood. This semester's drive will be shooting for 1,500 to 2,000 pints, an increase of up to 86 percent.

"I think we can do it," said John Groce, student blood drive chairman. "The people this semester are more familiar with the contest, and the contest is bigger and better."

Groce said that having a chance to beat UT would be an incentive that might get more people to give blood.

There are also other incentives: three kegs of beer, or the equivalent in any other beverage, will be awarded to the Texas A&M team that provides the highest percentage of blood per member; two kegs and one keg will be awarded to the second- and third-place teams, respectively; gift certificates will also be awarded.

To qualify for the blood drive contest, student teams must donate at least 20 pints.

"Anybody can make up a team," Groce said, "but we're really looking for big teams." He added that students do not necessarily have to belong to a group or organization in order to give blood in its behalf, but that students cannot give blood for more than one team.

Students who wish to donate blood should sign up at one of the booths on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center between Tuesday and Thursday of this week.

The actual collecting will take place on the second floor of the MSC between Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

Tonight at the 3-C Bar-B-Q in Bryan, plaques will be presented to last semester's top three blood donor teams: Squadron 12, Squadron 14 and the Texas Aggie Band.

The Aggie Blood Drive, which has the motto "Put a little Aggie in everyone" and "Give blood — it's made to circulate," is run by committees from Student Government, Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Omega Phi Alpha service sorority. The blood will be collected by the Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine, Dallas, which has worked with the Aggie Blood Drive for more than 20 years.



Face to face

Dave St. Gormaine, left, growls at Craig Russell as the two close quarters during their bout Saturday at Sigma Phi Epsilon "Fight Night." St. Gormaine, from Tomball, represented Puryear Hall in the

fight, in which he defeated Russell. Russell, from San Antonio, was fighting as an independent. Sports writer Mark Patterson talks about the fights on page 9.

Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr.

'Warriors' producer refuse pull-out despite charges of inciting violence

By ROY BRACC
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"The Warriors," the Paramount Pictures film claimed to have caused three deaths, will neither be pulled out of national distribution nor edited, say the movie's producer and marketing director.

"I, as a producer, would be opposed to any pull-out or editing," Frank Marshall said in a telephone interview last week from Hollywood.

"Where do you start censoring art?" asked John Gould, director of marketing administration for Paramount.

Civic leaders and police in several cities have attributed an increase in gang violence with the movie.

An employee of Bryan's Manor East III Theater, where the movie is showing now, said there's been no problem with the film.

The movie's plot concerns the journey of the Warriors, a teen-age street gang, to their home on Coney Island from the Bronx. Along the way, the group battles various other gangs and police, attempting to get home.

Three deaths have been blamed on the movie since its release less than two months ago.

In Oknard, Calif., on Feb. 9, a teenager was stabbed to death in a theater lobby where the movie was being shown.

The same day, another teenager was shot in the head at a Palm Springs, Calif., drive-in theater showing the movie.

A week later in Boston, a gang reportedly stabbed a teenager to death on a subway after seeing the movie.

In addition to these isolated incidents, gang violence in general has stepped up.

In Newport, R.I., black and white gangs have begun fighting over territory in the city's housing projects, its director, Daniel Marvella, said last week.

He says "The Warriors" caused the violence.

Gould disagrees.

"We don't think it is causing anyone to do anything. If people are deranged, they'll get their ideas from anything."

Following the attacks in California, Paramount removed all newspaper and television advertising for the movie that emphasized violence.

The new ones, appearing a week later, were excerpts from a review by Pauline Kael in the New Yorker highlighting the intellectual attraction of the film.

"We didn't feel the previous campaign was representative of the film," Gould explained from New York. "The marketing group that drew up the original advertising campaign worked with director Walter Hill and Marshall, but were unaware of the artistic intentions of the film."

In a recent issue of Rolling Stone, Hill discussed his intentions in making the movie:

"I was trying to do the motion picture as a comic book. The characters were comic-book characters, the relationships were comic-book relationships, the staging was comic-book staging. People say the characters are two-dimensional; I thought the characters were one-dimensional."

Marshall agrees with Hill about the intent of the movie.

"We wanted to make an exciting, adventure-chase movie," he said. "We didn't take the gangs seriously at all. We didn't plan it to incite violence."

Marshall and Hill both said the movie was a "spoof" of teenage films.

"The film is not a sociological feature at all," Marshall said. "It is wholly a fantasy."

Marshall added there was no way to predict the reactions to the film, but placed much of the blame for the reported violence on theater owners and managers.

"All three of the incidents involved teenagers who shouldn't have been there in the first place," he said, referring to the film's "R" rating.

An "R" rating means the film is restricted to audiences 17 years and older unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"We can't blame these occurrences (the deaths) on the movie," Marshall said.

"We should wonder about 16-year-old kids who have guns."

Paramount, however, has offered to finance any additional security measures requested by theaters showing the film.

It is up to the theater owners to enforce the rules, he said.

Both Gould and Marshall said the film has suffered no loss in bookings following the incidents.

"The Warriors" has grossed \$18 million so far, Gould said.

Earliest example of modern ship

A&M prof studies shipwreck

By SALLY DREYFUS
Battalion Reporter

A ship that sank off the southern coast of Turkey in 1025 A.D. is being excavated by Dr. George F. Bass, a Texas A&M University Anthropology professor and president of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology.

The shipwreck was one of 17 found at Serce Liman, Turkey, in the fall of 1973 and is thought to be the earliest known example of a modern ship.

More modern hulls were built "frame first" while Greek and Roman ships were built "shell first."

Bass said he learned of the wreck through a tip from a retired Turkish sponge diver.

Excavation began in 1977 after permission was given by the Turkish government.

"We're the only group allowed to do underwater archaeology in Turkey today," Bass said. "It's illegal in Turkey to even dive."

Twenty Turks and 20 Americans are currently working on the 52½-foot ship, which is 110 feet under water.

More than 200 different shapes of broken glass have been found.

"We found 4½ tons of glass that was to be recycled," Bass said. "We did find about 50 intact vessels. It makes the largest hoard of ancient Islamic glass found."

Ceramic tableware, fire-blackened cooking pots and two wooden combs were found in the bow.

Hundreds of lead weights for fishing

nets, weighing implements, silver and gold jewelry, iron swords with wooden sheaths and many gold, silver and bronze coins were also found.

Bass said the bronze and silver coins are Byzantine, but three gold coins and a number of small pieces cut from other gold coins are Islamic.

"I think it was an Arab trading vessel that sailed from around 1025 A.D. and sank off the southern coast of Turkey," Bass said.

Sheila Matthews, a Texas A&M student helping excavate the ship in Turkey, said, "We're getting examples of where the cooking area was, where the people came from and what type of people came here. Now we'll relate them all together."

Bass said, "When you find something for the first time it's very exciting, but it's also extremely hard work. People think it's

a vacation, but it's not."

Matthews said they now have to preserve and study the wood of the ship. They also must clean, catalogue and store the artifacts.

"I'm beginning to see more and more how important the tedious work is," Matthews said.

Funding for the excavation is from the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, Texas A&M, the National Geographic Society, the National Science Foundation, the Corning Glass Foundation and F. Alex Nason.

The Turkish government gets to keep the artifacts.

"Legally they belong to the Turks," Bass said. "We don't care about the artifacts. We're out there for knowledge."

The ship will be totally excavated by the end of this summer.

Auto crash kills two students; Silver Taps set for Tuesday

Silver Taps ceremonies are tentatively scheduled Tuesday for two Texas A&M University students who were killed in an automobile crash early Friday morning.

Wendy Kathryn Waterman, 19, a freshman biomedical science major from Richardson, and John Robert McCord, 23, a senior biochemistry major from San Antonio, died shortly before 2 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan, about an

hour after their cars collided head-on on the East Bypass.

Investigators said the car driven by Waterman was going south in a north-bound lane when it collided with the car driven by McCord, about a mile north of the Booneville Road crossing.

There were no other injuries. These students are the ninth and tenth student fatalities of the academic year.



These divers are exploring the archeological excavated remains of an Islamic ship off the coast of Turkey. The site has been covered with a metal

grid for mapping out the ship. In the background is an underwater telephone booth that allows the divers to talk to each other.

Courtesy photo