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The Weather

Yesterday

High 86
Low 63
Rain 0.02 inches

Today

High 55
Low 47
Humidity wet
Chance of rain .. excellent



Photo by Bob Lewis

A bath? It's not even Saturday...

Children from Bryan/College Station look a tad intimidated by McClain, an elephant from Circus Vargas. One little girl got a special treat as she got to hose McClain

down while he visited a car wash on Texas Avenue Monday for a bath. Tonight is the last night for Circus Vargas.

K.A.O.S. considers disbanding

By JANE G. BRUST
Battalion Staff

Because of an Oct. 18 shooting incident that left a man dead and a woman wounded, a Texas A&M University club might temporarily disband.

Andrew Getz, former officer of Killing As Organized Sport, K.A.O.S., said Dr. Rod O'Connor, the club sponsor, suggested that club members disband their organization.

Getz said O'Connor told him this was an "inopportune time" for K.A.O.S. agents to play their game.

K.A.O.S. members stalk each other with plastic guns that shoot suction-cup darts. Once an assassin kills his target, he then stalks the victim's victim. The object of the game is to elude one's own assassin while everyone else is being killed. The lone survivor at the end of the semester wins the game.

Twenty of the original 120 players have been hit since the game began here Oct. 13.

Club officers asked O'Connor to sponsor the group so that they might receive University recognition. Sean Patrick, K.A.O.S. vice president, said the officers have completed the necessary application forms, but have not yet submitted them to the University.

Getz resigned his position Wednesday saying he would not play the game for at least the rest of the semester. However, current K.A.O.S. President Mark Ollington said he simply wants to freeze the game until Monday, Nov. 3.

"Two weeks is enough time for the whole thing to cool off," he said. "I can see how it would be in good taste not to play it for a while, but I don't think we should cancel the whole thing."

O'Connor said his main concern was that other students

may be upset by K.A.O.S. agents shooting each other now that a real shooting has occurred on campus.

The man, Michael Bruce Duchin, 19, of Houston, committed suicide with a .22-caliber automatic pistol. The woman, Janie Koester, 18, of Cypress, received two gunshot wounds in the stomach. She was transferred to a Houston hospital last Thursday in stable condition. She is a freshman at Texas A&M.

Two Texas A&M students found Duchin and Koester at the All Faiths Chapel the night of Oct. 18.

O'Connor said another concern was the potential danger involved with students carrying toy guns around campus. Getz said O'Connor told him a campus policeman might mistake a toy gun for a real one.

Thomas Parsons, director of security and traffic for the University Police, said, "There's always the possibility of a serious mistake with such guns."

Parsons said he told Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services, that the gun found at the chapel Saturday night resembled the gun pictured in The Battalion's Oct. 16 issue of Focus. The Battalion ran a feature story about K.A.O.S.

Parsons said that early last week a student armed with a toy gun confronted an officer.

"The officer said someone pulled a gun and said, 'Bang! Bang!'" Parsons said. "I asked him what his reaction was, and he said he almost drew his gun. To us, that's a danger."

Parsons said he did not know if that student was a K.A.O.S. agent.

A local FBI agent had heard of the K.A.O.S. game being played elsewhere, but had not heard of any related problems, Parsons said.

Parsons said that if he sees anyone walking around

campus with a gun in a sleuth-type operation, he will report it to Ron Blatchley, director of student affairs.

"It's just not very wholesome to me to play like you're murdering somebody," he said.

Ollington said he does not know how his club will be affected by the incident with the campus policeman.

Patrick said the K.A.O.S. rules state that agents are not to shoot anyone who is not playing the game. Getz said people have asked him if it was a K.A.O.S. agent involved in the campus shooting. The man was not a student here and had withdrawn from the University of Texas at Austin.

Getz said one agent who is a friend of Koester quit the club and other members who know her may also want to discontinue the game. He said he would join K.A.O.S. again only with the approval of Dr. Charles H. Samson Jr., acting president of Texas A&M.

Patrick said he would like to continue the game if the other players want to. However, he said, targets may have to be reassigned because some players, thinking the game has been officially canceled, have begun turning in their victims' files.

Getz said getting new players would be no problem because the officers have received a lot of calls from other students wanting to play the game. That response came after the article appeared in The Battalion.

Ollington said he wants to continue the game as it is presently set up.

"The game can go on without officers, without directors," he said. "I'm leaving it up to the players—they put money into it."

Each K.A.O.S. member paid \$2 to cover cost of the guns and the winner's prize.

Ollington began the club after reading about the game in a magazine.

No pre-election freedom for hostages, Iran says

United Press International
Iran's parliament interrupted its debate on the U.S. hostages for a one-day Moslem holiday today, but Iranian diplomatic sources said the captives will not be freed until after next week's presidential election.

The United States said Monday a piecemeal release of the 52 Americans, hearing one year in captivity, was "unacceptable" and warned Iran of "grave consequences" if any of the captives were tried as spies.

Iran's parliament, the Majlis, met in two separate closed-door sessions Monday without reaching a decision on freeing the Americans and adjourned until Wednesday.

But even the Wednesday session may not produce a decision on the Americans, as an official Sunday told UPI the legislature has scheduled an "open session" on Thursday.

As the legislators broke for the Shiite Moslem holiday, Tehran Radio brushed aside rumors of an imminent release of the hostages as U.S. "daydreaming" and "wishful thinking."

Senior Iranian diplomatic sources in Beirut, Lebanon, focused attention on the Nov. 4 anniversary date of the captives' seizure, also the U.S. election day.

A special envoy from Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said the hostages will not be

freed before the U.S. elections because Khomeini doesn't want their freedom to sway the election.

"Khomeini is neither pro-Carter, nor pro-Reagan," the envoy said. "He does not want the hostage issue to be decisive in the American elections. He does not care who wins."

The envoy said the message, directed to Carter, that the Americans will be freed after the elections at the earliest, was passed to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim by Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai when he visited New York earlier this month.

At the world body, Waldheim's spokesman Rudolf Stadjuhar said, "I'm not aware of any message relayed through the secretary-general to President Carter."

In Washington, State Department officials said there has been no communication from the Iranian authorities about the timing of the release of the Americans, held for 360 days.

The State Department, however, reacted strongly to reports the Americans might be freed from their 12-month ordeal in stages or that some might be tried as spies, calling this "totally unacceptable."

"We seek the release of all the hostages," State Department spokesman John Trantner said in Washington. "Holding one would be just as unacceptable as holding 52."

"The trials of any of our hostages would be totally unacceptable and would have grave consequences for Iran," Trantner said, adding, "I am not going to spell this out."

The Iranian parliament debate on the hostages began Sunday with the introduction of a secret report by a seven-man commission to the legislators, who are charged with deciding the fate of the Americans.

But the parliament immediately voted to make its deliberations secret because of an Iraqi rocket attack on Dizful, and to protest "U.S. interference" in the 5-week-old Persian Gulf war, and nothing of substance has leaked out of the debate since.

"Today's program is a continuation of yesterday's," a member of the Iranian parliament secretariat told UPI in London by telephone Monday, from Tehran. The twin sessions together lasted seven hours.

But earlier Hojratleslam Mousavivi Khoyeni, head of the hostage commission, said there would be no stiffer terms laid out besides Khomeini's four principles for freeing the Americans.

Khomeini's four conditions are release of about \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets in the United States, return of the late shah's wealth, a pledge to drop all legal claims against Iran and a promise not to interfere in Iranian affairs.

Candidates debate today

United Press International
Tonight's debate between President Carter and Ronald Reagan will last only 90 minutes — but will be viewed by an estimated 55 million to 60 million Americans and could determine the nation's course for the next four years.

The president arrived in Cleveland Monday, telling reporters "I feel good," but smilingly declining to answer whether he thought he would win.

Reagan, who has been in six debates already this year and who practiced for tonight's event with an unidentified stand-in for the president, was reported by aides to be relaxed and confident.

He remained in his rented estate in Middleburg, Va., today, planning a late afternoon flight to Cleveland, where the debate will begin at 9:30 p.m. EST at the Convention Center.

Three new polls released Monday show the race to be so close a perceived winner of the debate could well acquire the needed push to win the election a week from today.

But Baker did not agree Reagan needed a debate victory. He argued the "burden of proof on President Carter is far greater because he's the incumbent," and said, "We don't have to win it. We don't even have to tie. A close loss is a good performance."

A Gallup Poll published in today's Washington Post said Carter gained six points in two weeks and now leads by 3 points — 45 percent to 42 percent. A survey by Louis Harris had the exact reverse: Reagan with 45 percent to Carter's 42 percent. And an NBC-Associated Press poll

indicated Reagan leading 47 percent to 41 percent among decided voters, and holding a slight edge among the undecided.

The debate format will be different from the one used for the Reagan-Anderson confrontation or any of the other League of Women Voters debates in previous elections.

During the first 40 minutes, each candidate will be questioned in turn by a member of the panel, with time provided for a follow-up question and answer session and a rebuttal by the opposing candidate. There will be four rounds, each 10 minutes long.

During the second half there will be no follow-up questions, but each candidate will be allowed not only to rebut his opponent, but to respond to his opponent's rebuttal.

At the end, each candidate will have three minutes for a closing statement — not subject to challenge. Carter, who won the toss of a coin, will have the last word.

Gerald Ford had lunch with Reagan Monday and told him to "anticipate some show of typical Carter meanness, typical Carter vindictiveness," he told reporters.

Carter previewed the tack he will take tonight when he addressed an airport rally in Huntington, W. Va., en route to Cleveland. He said he didn't know what "role" Reagan will be playing, "because as we get closer and closer to the voting time, he has flip-flopped on almost every conceivable issue, depending upon what audience happens to be listening to him at the particular time."

Fear of child-killer may halt trick-or-treat

United Press International
ATLANTA — Fear may halt Halloween celebrations this year in the poor neighborhoods and housing projects where 14 black children have been abducted in the past 14 months.

A black mother and anti-crime activist, haunted by the specter of a killer in costume, is urging parents in those areas to keep their children indoors for Halloween.

"We have got to ban trick-or-treating this year," Grace Davis, a founder of Women Against Crime, said Monday. "We have been tricked enough. Our 'trick' has been 14 missing and killed kids."

Davis warned the killer may roam public housing complexes and poor neighborhoods "dressed up in costume. It could be disastrous."

Parents are being urged to plan Halloween activities for daylight hours Saturday, the day after Halloween, instead of allowing any wearing of costumes or parties Friday night.

Police said Monday there were no new developments in the cases.

Police say the only certain links among the killings that began July 20, 1979, are that all victims were black youngsters — 12 of them boys — from impoverished areas and all were between the ages of 7 and 15.

Prompted by the fear that has galvanized the community, Mayor Maynard Jackson and the City Council have declared an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew for youngsters 15 and under, and the council also passed a resolution asking parents to keep their children home Halloween night.

"We are all afraid," says Theresa Cofer, 20, a neighbor of Camille Bell in the hard-core poverty of the McDaniel-Glenn housing project. Bell's 9-year-old son, Yusef, who disappeared on Oct. 21, 1979, was found strangled in an abandoned school three weeks later.

Cofer, who is blind in one eye, says she keeps a constant watch on her daughters, Iona, 2, and 8-month-old Lakesha.

"I go to the clothesline, I'm gonna carry mine with me," she said. "I just ain't gonna let mine go to nobody, unless they my own mother or father."

30 Americans return from Cuban prisons

United Press International
MIAMI — After 17 months of fish heads and rice in a Cuban prison, Michael Seitter, a "New York boy," came home to pepperoni pizza; Walter Clark, a Southern man, sat down to fried chicken.

They were among 30 Americans who returned to Miami Monday following their release from Cuba's Combinado del Este prison, with food and freedom uppermost on the minds of all but five of them.

Five of the repatriates were taken into custody by U.S. marshals. The quintet included Melvin Charles Cale, 29, Henry Dee Jackson, 33, and Lewis Douglas Moore, 35, all accused of the 1969 hijacking of a Southern Airways jet, Anthony Garnet Bryant, 42, accused of another plane hijacking, and Terry Lee Byerly, 34, wanted at Greensboro, N.C., for parole violation.

Three men, Jeffrey John Hoban, 33, Lester Perry, 33, and Charles Hill elected to remain in Cuba. Hill and Perry are both wanted in the U.S. for plane hijackings and Hoban for parole violation. The Miami Herald reported in a dispatch from Havana that Hoban and Perry planned to leave Cuba and go to some other non-Communist country. It said Hill planned to stay in Cuba.

The 30 — convicted on charges rang-

ing from drugrunning to religious pamphleteering — returned from Havana's Jose Marti Airport to Miami's Tamiami Airport aboard a chartered Air Florida Boeing 737 Monday afternoon. Relatives and friends were on hand to greet them.

One of the arriving men shouted, "I haven't had a beer in a year."

Melvin Bailey, 33, jailed in Cuba for distributing religious tracts, said, "Praise the Lord, I feel great."

Edward King, 37, said, "I flew 222 combat missions in Vietnam and never really saw the enemy. I have seen him now."

Douglas Miklos, 27, said, "Now we know what this thing called liberty and freedom is all about."

Sonny Seitter, Michael's mother, said she let her son choose his welcome-home dinner. "He's a New York boy. He wanted pizza. He had his with pepperoni, sausage and mushrooms. We had ours plain."

Clark's wife prepared fried chicken and all the trimmings with both cake and pie for dessert. But Clark said, "I had a very small appetite. I haven't had this type of food for 20 months."

"Then I had a drink of Heineken (beer) — just one — I never was much of a drinker. But you wouldn't believe how good it tasted."

Scary stories featured for Halloween

Odd things happen in the "Dead of Night."

Blood coming from elevators, hands reaching from rubble, a heart beat coming from a house, and a bird crying, "Nevermore."

"The Dead of Night" is a program being presented by the speech faculty of Texas A&M University to honor Halloween, according to Bill Strong, a lecturer in English at Texas A&M. The free presentation will be October 29 in 701B Rudder Tower at 9:30 p.m.

The works of Edgar Allen Poe and Stephen King will be featured in the hour-long program. Poe is one of the best known horror writers of all time. Some of his works include *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Raven* and *Murders in the Rue Morgue*. King, Poe's modern day counterpart, is known for his books, *Carrie*, *The Shining*, and *Fire Starter*.

"The program will be along the lines of 'Twilight Zone' or 'Night Gallery,' in that we will have a narrator, and then someone telling the stories," Strong said. "We will use sound and slides to help present the stories."

"This program will be like the ghost telling sessions when we were kids," Strong added. "Everyone will sit on the floor in a circle and listen to the stories."