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WEATHER

TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers in the afternoon.
HIGH: 90s LOW: 70s

Islamic Dawn may free second hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A group calling itself the Organization of Islamic Dawn announced Sunday it will free American hostage Frank Reed within 48 hours and said he will carry a message for the U.S. government.

In Iran, a newspaper quoted an Iranian official as also saying Reed's release was expected by Tuesday night after "extensive talks" between the kidnapers and Iran.

The announcement from the previously unknown Islamic Dawn group was delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper *An-Nahar* three hours after an earlier un-identified communique said the U.S. educator — held for more than 3½ years — will be freed by Tuesday.

The later statement was accompanied by a black-and-white picture of a bearded, smiling Reed to prove its authenticity. It claimed responsibility for the earlier statement, sent with two other pictures to the independent newspaper and a Western news agency.

The communiqués were released one week after a pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group freed American hostage Robert Polhill, Polhill, the first American hostage to have been freed since November 1986, was released with the help of Syria.

Reed, 57, of Malden, Mass., is married to a Syrian Moslem woman.

Both statements were typewritten in Arabic. The later one contained a denial of news reports that the first communique promising Reed's release was signed by the Organization of Arab Revolutionary Cells-Omar

Moukhtar Brigade, a shadowy group that had initially claimed Reed's abduction on Sept. 9, 1986.

The statements, which did not say what the message to Washington would contain, left President Bush and Reed's relatives hopeful but cautious.

"I just won't say anything," Bush said while golfing at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington. "If that proves to be true, that's wonderful."

Leota Sprague, Reed's 91-year-old mother, said she has "to keep faith."

"It's an awful thrust in your side when you find out these things aren't true," she said from her home in Malden, Mass.

Bob Langston, Reed's son-in-law, said from his Malden home, "We're feeling cautious. It would be wonderful if this really happened. But there have been so many false alarms with the other hostages."

In Iran, the *Tehran Times* quoted the unidentified Iranian official as saying "extensive talks" were going on between the kidnapers and Iran and a release was expected by Tuesday night.

The English-language newspaper, considered close to Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, said in its Monday edition that Iran asked the kidnapers to free another captive.

The statements in Beirut were accompanied by the first two photographs of Reed to be released since he was kidnapped and contained the first news of Reed since his abduction.

Playing in the mud



Two A&M students get a little wet while playing a friendly game of mud football on the Simpson Drill Field Friday afternoon.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Student shoots man, faces charges

By CHRIS VAUGHN
Of The Battalion Staff

A Texas A&M student faces aggravated assault charges after allegedly shooting a man Friday afternoon during target practice outside a Bryan fraternity house.

A&M junior Heath Patrick Abernathy, 21, was shooting a .22-caliber rifle Friday outside the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house in Bryan, when a bullet went through the shed he was shooting at and struck a man, said Sgt. C. Farris of the Bryan police.

Bart Collinsworth, 31, of Bryan, was shot in the left arm and shoulder outside Brueggling Paper Stock, 1919 S. FM 2818, while delivering paper to be recycled.

Collinsworth, an employee of the A&M Ocean Drilling Program, suffered minor injuries and was treated and released from St. Joseph's Hospital.

Abernathy was arrested on aggravated assault charges and released on bond Friday.

Farris said the target was a plywood sign hanging in a tin shed behind the fraternity house where

Abernathy lived. At least one of the bullets fired at the target went through the shed and metal and hit Collinsworth, Farris said.

The shed is about 50 ft from the Brueggling building, he said.

Several fraternity members were present near the house when the shooting occurred, but only said Abernathy was the only person near the shed when Collinsworth was shot.

Aggravated assault is a third-degree felony carrying a maximum punishment of up to five years in prison and/or a \$10,000 fine.

Speaker discusses reforms in Poland

By CHRIS VAUGHN
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A member of the Polish Academy of Sciences said Friday that *perestroika* played a large role in the downfall of the communist Poland government and allowed major reforms to occur in the former Warsaw Pact country.

Dr. Janusz Reykowski, a Polish psychologist and a former member of the Polish Politburo, spoke during a symposium on conflicts within and among groups.

The symposium was sponsored by the Texas A&M Department of Psychology.

The lecture centered around the recent negotiations between the former communist government in Poland and Solidarity, the country's

most powerful labor union.

Reykowski said Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's *perestroika* policy was a large influence on the reforms.

"*Perestroika* undermined the support for the Polish government gradually," he said. "As a result, the reformists got the upper hand."

Reykowski said another major influence leading to negotiations was the Polish people had grown weary of the government and openly opposed it.

"The control of the government gradually diminished," he said. "The government based on this (communist) system lost its use. They faced growing opposition."

A dramatic increase in college-ed-

Students stage demonstrations in South Korea

ULSAN, South Korea (AP) — Thousands of workers and students fought running street battles with riot police Sunday, and a dissident labor group called for sympathy strikes to protest a police raid on a strike-bound shipyard.

In Seoul and elsewhere, radical students staged violent street demonstrations in protest against the raid Saturday that crushed a three-day strike at the world's largest shipyard, the Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. complex in this port city 200 miles southeast of Seoul.

Police reported some injuries and arrests but gave no overall figures.

In Ulsan, scattered street fighting continued amid a dense fog of tear gas near the shipyard throughout Sunday as about 3,000 workers staged running battles with riot police.

Groups of up to 200 workers attacked police with firebombs, rocks and other projectiles after grouping in alleyways near the shipyard. Some workers used slingshots to shoot rocks at the police, who retaliated with tear gas.

"Down with (President) Roh Tae-woo!" workers shouted as they raised clenched fists into the air.

At one point, about 300 riot police were driven by workers into a small factory, where they were cut off for more than one hour. Workers blocked the exit by piling broken furniture at the plant's gate and setting it on fire. The police were later rescued by colleagues.

Angry workers also used firebombs to torch a janitor's office at a Hyundai subsidiary near the shipyard.

Some residents, believed to be families of shipyard workers, jeered at police. A young woman, carrying a baby on her back, pelted police with several eggs.

A police helicopter flew overhead.

Police in Ulsan and other industrial regions were put on an increased state of alert Sunday as a major dissident labor federation called for a nationwide general strike Tuesday, the May Day workers' holiday, in support of the Hyundai shipyard workers.

The National Consultative Council of Labor Unions, which claims a membership of 180,000, issued the strike appeal, charging the police raid on the shipyard reflected a new government crackdown on labor.

The government has vowed to deal firmly with the current wave of labor unrest, saying the survival of the national economy is at stake.

B-CS escapes area tornado threats

By SUZANNE CALDERON
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Residents of College Station and Bryan had a scare Friday evening as a severe thunderstorm passing through Brazos County spawned numerous funnel

clouds.

The Bryan and College Station police departments and the Brazos County Sheriff's Office said they received reports of dam-

age from the storm.

An official with the College Station Police Department said there were no reports of tornadoes touching down in College Station. The only reports of tornadoes were in surrounding counties.

Jake Canglose, chief of Brazos County Civil Defense said the only reports of destruction were from Camp Allen Navasota and across the Brazos River on Farm Road 60.

Bill Hookf, maintenance manager at Camp Allend the conference center at camp and one of their moteldings received extensive damage from the tornado.

He said approximately 100 people were in the conference center at about 10 p.m. Friday when the tornado hit; but fortunately, there were no injuries.

"There were numerous funnel clouds spotted (B/CS) that never came down," Canglose said. "They looked like classic tornadoes, but were very fortunate none of them got on the ground and on the ground. Most of them weren't what I would classify as real large tornadoes."

He said most reports in Bryan and College Station were hail reports. There were sightings of baseball-sized hail, but most reports of pea-sized, marble-sized and golfball-sized hail.

It is normal to have severe weather this time of year, but tornadoes in this area don't happen very often, Cal said.

"We do have big thunderstorms quite frequently, but they don't always result in tornadoes," he said. "To get a tornado, you have to get a funnel of the vortex within the thunderstorm ... once you get that it's like a miniature hurricane and away she goes."

Closet collects items for student needs

By JULIE MYERS
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If Texas A&M cups threaten to overwhelm cabinet space in the kitchen, there is a place to take them where they will be appreciated.

The International Loan Closet collects sheets, towels, plates, pans, silverware, small appliances and other household items, including toys and A&M cups, for newly-arrived international students.

International students are told during registration that the basement of Bizzell Hall West is left open and they are welcome to take whatever they want or need, Suzanne Droleskey said. She is the assistant international student advisor for the Office of International Student Services.

"That always surprises them," she said. "We operate completely on the honor system, and we've had good success with people taking what they need."

Droleskey said international students especially like the A&M cups because they have the school's name on them. She estimates that if 1,000 cups are donated, at least 500 are Texas A&M cups, and they go fast.

Keeping the closet in operation is hard work, Droleskey said, but campus offices, church groups and individuals in the community have been supportive.

Fish Camp and Student Services donate lost and found items from Fish Camp, like sheets and towels, if they aren't claimed after several weeks.

Items for donation don't have to be in perfect condition or in complete sets.

"If having three mismatched spoons bothers you, give them to us," Droleskey said. "They can make a difference."

"If you have things you want to donate but can't get here because you can't drive or the items are too heavy to lift, call us and we'll either arrange for someone to pick it up or we'll meet you at the bottom of the stairs or the curb and bring it up for you."

Droleskey said that because most airlines only allow two pieces of luggage per person, students do not have room to bring household items or toys for their children.

"They bring enough clothes to get them started and allow their children to bring their favorite toy," Droleskey said. "Toys and children's books go very fast."

Other factors besides airline luggage limits make the closet a necessity for many students.

Like the American student population, the international student population is varied, Droleskey said. Some students are the children of foreign dignitaries or wealthy businessmen while others have to scrape up enough money to afford air fare.

More often than not, students are not wealthy in their own countries. Most could be considered middle class, but the rate of exchange is sometimes skewed in favor of the U.S. dollar, so they end up being poor in the United States, Droleskey said.

For example, someone from a country with a poor rate of exchange might have to work twice as many



A funnel cloud comes down west of Bryan Friday evening.

by Mike Mulvey

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