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Turkey

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"We understand these are difficult issues," the spokesman said while repeatedly praising Turkey as a valued U.S. ally.

At issue is the size of an economic aid package that would open the way for Turkey's parliament to approve the deployment of tens of thousands of U.S. combat soldiers.

Turkey has delayed a vote on the troops, saying a multibillion-dollar aid package must first be approved that would compensate Ankara for any losses during a war with Iraq.

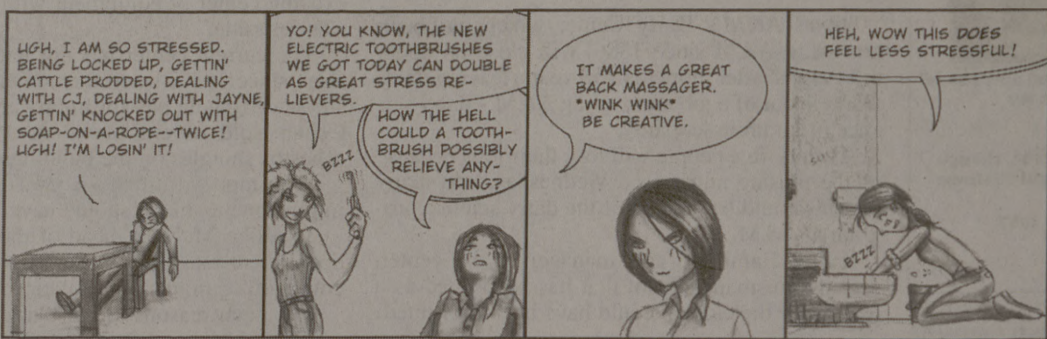
Ships carrying equipment for a U.S. infantry division are already at sea and Washington is pressing for an answer.

The United States wants to base tens of thousands of soldiers in Turkey to open a northern front against Iraq should there be war.

The support of Turkey for force as an option to disarm Iraq would be in sharp contrast to statements by France and other NATO allies that more U.S. inspections — not war — is the best remedy.

By C.J.

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Noise Pollution



by Josh Darwin

Dairy

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and USDA regulations for the year."

Sixteen of A&M's 1,001 annual science students are majoring in dairy science.

The 400-acre dairy center is home to 115 milk cows. Half of the land is used for pastures and hay production. The center's lecturer and maintenance workers will be reassigned within A&M, McNeill said.

"The vet school, as well as several animal science classes, use the center,"

Hamilton said. "Practically everyone uses us." She also said the dairy science department has had a high employment rate for all graduates for the past 10 years.

Jeff Kirkwood, head milkster at the Dairy Center, said no one knows yet what will happen to the center and all its supplies.

"We're pretty sure the buildings will be torn down due to the lack of repairs for so many years," he said.

Kirkwood is one of four people who live in a house on the Dairy Center's property and said the job is very personal. Workers spend time off the clock taking care of sick animals and nursing them back to health, he said.

Martindale said students interested in dairy science may choose not to come to A&M because of the lack of hands-on experience offered from now on.

"Closing the Dairy Center is like trying to take the 'A' out of A&M," he said.

The Dairy Center will fulfill its requirements of participating in state competitions until they officially close. Its livestock will be sold at a private auction when the doors finally shut.

Council

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charter must be voted on by College Station citizens, said Kelly Cole, director of public communications for the city.

Hooks said a decision has not been made on this issue, but she encourages people to vote on the age requirement during the November elections.

The council will survey other Texas cities that are the same size as College Station and get information on their age restrictions, she said.

Jennifer Johnston, a senior biomedical engineering major, said she was against raising the age requirement.

"Students are a large percentage of the population of this city," she said. "If they are afraid that students are not aware of the running procedures, there are better ways of informing them than raising the age requirement."

Kyle Whatley, a member of Aggies for Democracy and a senior political science major, said he does not agree with the change because it would exclude a large portion of the population.

He said the council has legitimate reasons to believe there is apathy among students, but the change will only decrease students' interest in government involvement.

"(The city council) is trying

to cut our legs off from under us before we get our footing," Whatley said.

Nick Welp, a senior philosophy major, said the council is reasonable in requesting the change in requirements.

"These kids are concerned with their own resumes and look at the city as a temp job," he said.

Welp said 18- and 19-year-olds don't know enough about city management or services such as sewer, power, police and fire.

"(Students) are nothing for the city of College Station," he said, "and are looking out for their own ambitions and agendas."

The November vote affects the May 2004 elections for city council.

Trial

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U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Wednesday the conviction "stands as a stark reminder that we are united in our efforts to hunt down al-Qaida terrorists and bring them to justice. Together, the United States and all freedom-loving nations will defeat international terrorism."

While suspects in the plot detained in the United States face possible death sentences if convicted, el Motassadeq's 15-year sentence is the maximum allowed under German law. However, he becomes eligible for parole after the minimum of 10 years with 15 months off for time served. Even defendants in Germany sentenced to life in prison generally serve at most 15 years.

El Motassadeq, a slight, bearded man who admitted receiving al-Qaida training in

Afghanistan, denied the charges during his 3 1/2-month trial. The defense, which had argued the evidence was circumstantial, said it would appeal.

In addition to 3,066 counts of accessory to murder, el Motassadeq was convicted of five counts of being an accessory to attempted murder and an accessory to bodily injury — charges introduced so five wounded survivors of the attacks, including a Navy officer at the Pentagon, could join the trial as co-plaintiffs.

Mentz said it was hard to give a man with two small children the maximum sentence, but that he had to consider the enormity of the crime and el Motassadeq's lack of contrition even after American co-plaintiffs told the court of their suffering.

Witnesses illustrated el Motassadeq's enthusiasm for the plot, the judge said.

"Al-Shehhi said, 'There will be thousands of dead', and the defendant said, 'We will dance on their graves,'" Mentz said.

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