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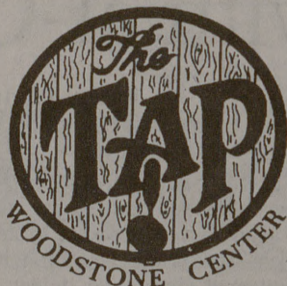
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Taliban

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have just reached to Faryab province. There are 10,000 American soldiers. They can't be everywhere. We are not afraid.... we know we can move freely," Faruqi said.

The Taliban have appointed military councils in each Afghan province, re-established military bases in the country, developed a command structure and injected discipline into the ranks, he said.

Democrat

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to Houston through media reports.

"We are going to stay," Zaffirini said. "We will consider all of our options. We haven't made any decisions."

Whitmire said last week he was getting increasingly anxious and wanted an end strategy. A spokeswoman in Whitmire's Houston office said he was returning Tuesday night.

The mood at the Albuquerque hotel where the Democrats were staying was somber as they each expressed deep disappointment at Whitmire's departure.

"While I understand Senator Whitmire's frustration and anger, I am disappointed to see him surrendering so easily," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-

On the newest battlefield in southeastern Zabul province — where U.S. special forces, the 10th Mountain division and Afghan government soldiers are waging "Operation Mountain Viper" — Faruqi said the Taliban's military command structure is fixed: Abdul Jabbar, a former aide to the Taliban's Balkh governor, is in charge. His field commanders are Amir Khan Haqqani and Ghulam Nabi. All three are from Zabul province.

The Zabul provincial chief of intelligence for Karzai's

government, Khalil Hotak, agreed that the Taliban have strengthened.

"The Taliban are regrouping, having meetings in districts. In Zabul province 80 percent of the people in every district are loyal to the Taliban," Hotak told AP on Tuesday.

"They are uneducated people," he said. "They are close to the religious people. The Taliban are preaching in the districts and have convinced people that the U.S. people are infidels and that the Afghan government is supporting infidels against Islam."

Perry

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a potential opponent for Perry. "Kay Bailey Hutchison, at home," the editorial said.

Speculation also has been mounting about whether Strayhorn intends to run for higher office, possibly governor in 2006.

Strayhorn isn't ruling out running for another office but is concentrating on serving as controller right now, said a spokesman, Mark Sanders.

"It is way early to be talking about what may or may not occur in the spring of 2006? I have more important issues, like a special session like dealing with trauma funding, like dealing with transportation funding that we need to be doing right now," he said.

Communication

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provide experience in marketing A&M and communicating a message.

Eddie Joe Jones, president of the Texas A&M Foundation, said he believes his appointment to the steering committee comes from the Foundation's dealings with constituencies such as alumni groups, academics, students and professors.

"I'm on this committee in part because the Foundation does have a sort of unique view," Jones said.

Gates said the task force will be made up of faculty, administration, staff and students. He said letters have already been sent out to potential members.

University Relations is not to any changes the steering committee might recommend.

"At the end of the day," Lawson said, "the recommendations that come out of the task force will serve to get A&M's story out more consistently and cohesively."

Mourning

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Police on loudspeakers urged the crowds, jammed shoulder-to-shoulder in the streets surrounding the shrine, to allow the truck carrying the coffin to pass. Despite their efforts, the truck was unable to make it to the entrance of the mosque in this holy city, 110 miles south of Baghdad.

Unable to recover al-Hakim's body after the blast, the family buried a coffin containing his watch, pen and wedding ring. The coffin was lowered below the parched

Houston. "All eleven of us have made true sacrifices to be here in Albuquerque. I have a newborn baby at home that doesn't even know what I look like. ... I hope that Senator Whitmire feels as we all do, that no personal sacrifice is so great as to outweigh the constitutional issues at stake."

Leaders of the Democratic pack who left Austin to block congressional redistricting insisted last week that the whole group was committed to staying another month, until Republicans meet their demands or until the threat of arrest is gone.

Whitmire said Republicans will stop at nothing to push through a map of political districts ordained by top GOP officials and U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Sugar Land to give Republicans more seats in the state's congressional delegation.

ground in the 1920 Revolution Square, a cemetery set aside for martyrs in the Shiite Muslim uprising against British occupation. Al-Hakim's 15 bodyguards, who died with him in the car bombing, were buried in neighboring plots.

A senior Iraqi police official told The Associated Press there were nine key suspects in the bombing in custody — two Saudis, one Palestinian carrying a Jordanian passport and six Iraqis. All nine admitted ties to the al-Qaida terror network, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

As Tuesday's funeral was

about to begin, the car bomb exploded outside police headquarters in Baghdad, killing one officer and wounding 13 others in the latest attack apparently targeting Iraqis working with the American-led occupation. An unknown number of bystanders also were wounded.

Acting police chief Hassan al-Obeidi, who has offices in the headquarters building and is closely associated with the occupation authority, was not harmed. There were U.S. soldiers in the nearby Baghdad police academy, but they also were unharmed.

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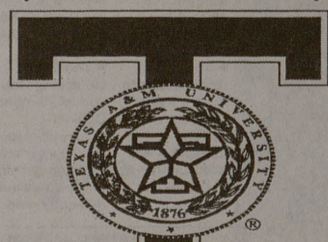
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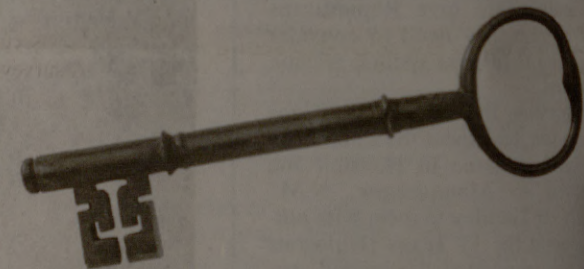
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