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City vote confirms replacement

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asked. "Unless you go to the doughnut shop, I guess you don't know what to believe and what you don't believe," Voss said.

Councilman Mike Hake said he was a little surprised and disappointed. He said he would have liked to have had some knowledge of what was happening even though it probably wasn't required. Hake said when he heard about it, he didn't even

know why Weber resigned and wondered if he was moving out of town.

"I think when you're hiring a department head, especially when it's a council person, (public perception) should be considered as well," Hake said. "I'm not saying there was (anything wrong); I fully support the decision ... just not good public perception."

Adrian then said the selection process for the public works opening, which had been adver-

tised, was all Armstrong. Hake said he understood that, but to him, it was more relevant that the council wasn't notified since a council person was hired.

Mallory asked Armstrong when she made the announcement about hiring Weber to city employees, and she said last Wednesday afternoon. Then Mallory asked when she actually hired Weber, and she said last Wednesday morning.

Voss asked how Councilman Stan Schmidt found out, and he

said he heard from a neighbor.

Voss concluded that he had no problem with DeYoung, but that he was going to vote against the motion just because of the way the issue had been handled.

Adrian then took the vote and the motion passed 4-3, with Voss, Huffles and Schmidt voting against.

DeYoung was sworn in after the vote and sat as a councilman for the remainder of the meeting.

College board hears plans for program

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100 students the first year, 500 the second year and wants to be at 2,500 the third year.

He said a company in Turkey has about 1.3 million possible graduates and the government has allocated 300,000 spots, so those other 1 million students have to go somewhere else if they want to go to college.

Sarver said there's another company in Indonesia that has 275,000 English-speaking employees and wants to provide education for them.

"This one's kind of far-reaching," he said,

"but we'll have the details. The cool thing about that program is the last semester, they want their employees to come to the college and physically take their last semester so they get an American experience."

Sarver said the company talked about sending a sample of 500 students to try it out, which he said is a small number out of 275,000, but is a great number for EduKan. He then gave the board the check for \$60,000, which is up from the \$50,000 EduKan gave the college last semester.

Dr. Keegan Nichols, vice president of student affairs and marketing, told Sarver that one student had been able to graduate be-

cause of EduKan and she thinks the partnership is really beneficial.

Board treasurer and vice chair Arlen Leiker asked how many new courses the college added from EduKan this year, and Sarver said four. Leiker then asked if there were any plans for new ones next year, and Sarver said the deans are talking about a few, but their main project right now is converting classes from textbook to digital (textbook-free) and he said they will have 46 in the fall. Sarver said by doing this, they saved their students about \$75,000 last year in textbook costs.

Pakistan convicts doctor who found bin Laden

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Afridi's conviction comes at a sensitive time because the U.S. is already frustrated by Pakistan's refusal to reopen NATO supply routes to Afghanistan. The supply routes were closed six months ago in retaliation for American airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers.

Afridi was detained sometime after the May 2, 2011, raid, but the start of his trial was never publicized.

He was tried under the Frontier Crimes Regulations, or FCR, the set of laws that govern Pakistan's semiautonomous tribal region.

Human rights organizations have criticized the FCR for not providing suspects due process of law. There is no right to legal representation, to present material evidence or cross-examine witnesses.

The verdict was handed down by a Khyber government official in consultation with a council of elders, according to Nasir Khan, a government official in the Khyber tribal area, where the doctor was arrested and tried.

As well as the prison term, Afridi was ordered to pay a fine of about \$3,500 and will spend an additional three and half years in prison if he does not, Khan said.

Afridi can appeal the ver-

dict to the FCR commissioner within a period of two months, said Iqbal Khan, another Khyber government official.

The U.S. operation that killed bin Laden severely strained ties with Pakistan. The Pakistani government kicked out U.S. military trainers and limited counterterrorism cooperation with the CIA.

The relationship got even worse in November when the U.S. killed the 24 Pakistani soldiers at two posts along the Afghan border, an attack that Washington said was an accident but the Pakistani army insisted was deliberate.

Pakistan immediately retaliated by closing the NATO supply routes and kicking the U.S. out of a base used by American drones.

Before the attack, the U.S. and other NATO countries fighting in Afghanistan shipped about 30 percent of their nonlethal supplies through Pakistan. Since then, the coalition has used far more expensive routes through Russia and Central Asia.

The U.S. has pressed Pakistan to reopen the supply line, but negotiations have been hampered by Washington's refusal to apologize for the attack and stop drone strikes in the country as demanded by Pakistan's parliament.

Many observers view the

latter demand with skepticism because elements within Pakistan's government and military have supported the attacks in the past.

The latest drone strike took place Wednesday, when two missiles hit a compound in Datta Khel Kalai village in the North Waziristan tribal area, killing four suspected militants, said Pakistani intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

The U.S. does not discuss the cover CIA drone program in Pakistan in detail.

The Obama administration has expressed regret for the attack on Pakistan's troops, but is not willing to tender an apology out of concern that it could open the president up to attacks by Republicans angry at Pakistan's lack of cooperation on the Afghan war.

Despite its disagreements with the U.S., Pakistan appeared close to reopening the supply routes last week, prompting NATO to invite President Asif Ali Zardari to a major summit earlier this week in Chicago.

But negotiations have faltered on Pakistan's demand for much higher transit fees, and the U.S. made its frustration clear at the summit.

President Barack Obama refused to meet one-on-one with

Zardari and did not mention Pakistan in the list of countries he thanked in his speech Monday for helping get war supplies into Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, a Senate panel approved a foreign aid budget for next year that slashes U.S. assistance to Pakistan by more than half and threatens further reductions if it fails to open the NATO supply routes.

American lawmakers are also frustrated by suspicions that Pakistan is aiding militants who use its territory to attack U.S. troops in Afghanistan - allegations Islamabad has rejected.

There is also lingering resentment over the fact that bin Laden was found hiding deep inside Pakistan.

But the U.S. cannot afford to turn its back on Pakistan entirely.

Pakistan is seen as vital to negotiating a peace deal with the Afghan Taliban and their allies given the country's historical ties with the militants.

The Pakistani government is also keen to repair relations with the U.S., partly to receive over a billion dollars in American aid it needs to fill out its budget as it looks ahead to national elections scheduled for 2013.

But patching up ties is politically sensitive in a country where anti-American sentiment is rampant.

Briefly

Kids Fishing Derby set for June 2 at Villa High

The fourth annual free Kids Fishing Derby sponsored by Colby Community College and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, at Villa High Pond. Enrollment forms are available from Barry Kaaz or Kathy Britton at the college. Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Twenty-five fishing poles and other prizes will be given away; food will be available. For information, call Kaaz at (785) 460-5429 or Britton at (785) 460-5550.

Pool passes on sale through Thursday

The Colby Aquatic Park opens Saturday. To avoid long lines on opening day, buy your passes early. Staff will be at the pool from 6 to 9 p.m. through Thursday to sell them to early birds. For information, call the city office at (785) 460-4410.

Girl Scouts conducting flag disposal drive

The Colby Girl Scouts are conducting their annual U.S. flag disposal drive. A collection box will be in the lobby of the Pioneer Memorial Library from Friday through Friday, June 8. Flags should be retired if they appear to be dirty, no longer rectangular, faded or in general disrepair. For information, call Katherine Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer at 443-2479.

College pool closed for painting, renovation

The Colby Community College swimming pool will be closed through Saturday, June 30. As part of a major renovation and energy-savings project, the indoor pool will be drained to allow for repainting, renovating and painting the deck, repainting the locker rooms and installing a new ventilation system. The pool will reopen Sunday, July 1. Water exercises classes will be held at the Comfort Inn indoor pool on South Range Avenue. For pool information, contact Kipp Nelson at 460-5473. For information about the classes, contact Penny Cline at 460-5404.

Oregon group to sing at Mingo Church

SONrise Ministries will be performing at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mingo Bible Church. The group consists of Harlow and Jarene Rudolph, members of the Salt Creek Baptist Church in Dallas, Ore.. For information, call Pastor Tom Peyton at 462-2992 or 462-2930.

Federal employees to meet at Colby site

The Colby Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Montana Mike's. Visitors and prospective new members are welcome. Call Maxine Nelson at 462-3571 for information.

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