

# Third debate Tuesday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—George W. Bush and Al Gore are simulating town hall-style meetings as practice for their third debate Tuesday, the presidential rivals' last face-to-face showdown before a final sprint to Election Day.

The format isn't his favorite, but Texas Gov. Bush was not considering major strategy shifts as he practiced answering questions, perched on a stool in the governor's mansion and taking questions from aides, campaign officials said Sunday.

His advisers believe the Republican nominee's laid-back style and comfort level with foreign and domestic issues have paid off in the polls, which show

the race essentially even.

On Monday, Bush planned to tweak President Clinton with a rally in his home state of Arkansas on the way to St. Louis for the debate.

Gore, meanwhile, arrived in that city Sunday night and was preparing for the debate format that advisers say is his strongest — honed during years spent representing Tennessee in Congress and answering questions from voters in scores of town hall meetings.

On Monday, the vice president was holding an hourlong mock town hall — plus at least 30 minutes of review and critique afterward — with 23 "real people" debate coaches, a group that Gore called "our happy band."

# Duo installs docking port

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—A spacewalking duo prepared to install a docking port on the international space station as part of exterior work on the orbiting complex by the crew of space shuttle Discovery.

Astronauts Jeff Wisoff and Michael Lopez-Alegria planned to head outside Monday to help guide the new docking port into its permanent berth aboard the station.

From inside Discovery, shuttle robot arm operator Koichi Wakata will grab the structure and lift it up to the 140-foot space station, where Lopez-Alegria and Wisoff will help connect its multitude of cables. The pair also was to perform the mission's final spacewalk on Wednesday.

Spacewalkers Bill McArthur and Leroy Chiao kicked off the four days of exterior work Sunday, spending six

# matters of record

**Sherman County Traffic**  
**Sept. 29** — Bennie L. Shelton, 28, Henderson, Nev., speeding 93/70, \$93.  
**Oct. 2** — Adrian D. Hill, 21, Cedar Hill, Texas, speeding in construction zone 78/60, \$106.  
 Daniel W. McKay, 21, Indianapolis, speeding 90/70, \$84.  
 Sharon D. Strouse, 54, Allentown, Pa., speeding 82/70, \$68.  
 Tania L. Barnes, 21, Abingdon, Ill., speeding 86/70, \$76.  
 Janet L. Petersen, 47, Wichita, speeding in construction zone 83/60, \$132.  
 Timothy B. Wiedermann, 23, Ocean Springs, Miss., speeding 85/70, \$74.  
 Joyce A. Witzel, 42, Burlington, Colo., speeding 65/55, \$64.  
 Joshua D. Eisenbart, 19, Goodland, expired registration, \$64.  
 Trinh Van Do, 36, San Jose, Calif., speeding 98/70, \$108.  
**Oct. 3** — Sandra K. Barber, 40, Goodland, speeding 65/55, \$64.  
 Lara E. Carpenter, 18, Indianapolis, speeding 88/70, \$80.  
 Eric D. Cullens, 21, Weatherford,

Okla., speeding 85/65, \$84.  
**Oct. 4** — Lisa A. Cossio, 46, Berthoud, Colo., speeding in construction zone 82/60, \$126.  
 Maria I. Herrera, 27, Burlington, Colo., speeding 73/55, \$80.  
 Benjie M. Skarphol, 22, Burlington, Colo., speeding 76/55, \$87.  
 Albert G. Crump, 18, Garden City, speeding 85/70, \$74; no seat belt, \$10.  
 Stan J. Lee, 44, River Edge, N.J., speeding 89/70, \$82.  
**Oct. 5** — Trevor S. Brown, Jr., 22, Denver, speeding 89/70, \$82.  
 Meaghan A. Curry, 97, Alexandria, Va., speeding 87/70, \$78.  
 Courtney J. Hill, 22, Denver, speeding 86/70, \$76.  
 Carl G. Branscum, 36, Roswell, N.M., 2800 overweight, \$149.  
 Darryl W. Goodding, 36, Loris, S.C., 3200 overweight, \$169.  
 Cathleen D. Reed, 40, Parker, Colo., speeding 86/70, \$76.  
 Phillip D. Strickland, 22, Laramie, Wyo., speeding 85/70, \$74.  
**Oct. 6** — Billy J. Stephenson, Jr., 30, Albany, Ga., 2500 overweight, \$134.

# Checking out an ambulance



Tiger cub scouts checked out the inside of an ambulance at their Fun Day Camp held at the Knights of Columbus building in Goodland.  
 Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Board will consider contract

Sherman County commissioners will consider the contract for the 2000 audit with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt during Tuesday's regular meeting at 8 a.m.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked to have an accounting of how much time the auditor had spent on the budget review process, which had been included in the total price. This information has been received and the commissioners will now consider the contract.

With the resignation of Randy Schoenthaler from the Goodland Regional Medical Center board, the commissioners will be considering a recommendation for a person to fill the vacancy.

The proposal to move the clerk's supply room from the third floor to the first floor will be updated by William McKnight, building maintenance supervisor, and Mary Ann Sneathen, deputy county clerk.

Moving the supply room to the old men's room on the first floor would open a space for the county administrator who the commissioners are working to hire by the first of the year.

Having attended a meeting in Norton on the specifics of a proposed upgrade to the software for the Noxious Weed Department, Daryl West and Paula Geist will review the details with the commissioners and ask for approval to purchase the upgrade software.

The commissioners will also consider signing a letter of support for the city of Goodland's transportation plan for the next year.

The commissioners will also see a presentation of a quick retrieval program for storing county records.

The board meets in the commission room on the first floor of the county courthouse at Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.

# Conditions improve for sailors aboard damaged ship

ADEN, Yemen (AP)—Conditions improved slightly Monday for sailors aboard the USS Cole working to stabilize their cripple warship even as they mourn 17 of their colleagues killed in a suspected terrorist blast.

Damaged electricity facilities were restored to the point where the air con-

ditioning could be turned on for the crew, said Lt. Terrence Dudley, spokesman for the U.S. 5th Fleet. Temperatures have been in the 90s Fahrenheit in Aden, and the crew has been without air conditioning since the explosion Thursday.

Other officials said Cole sailors were

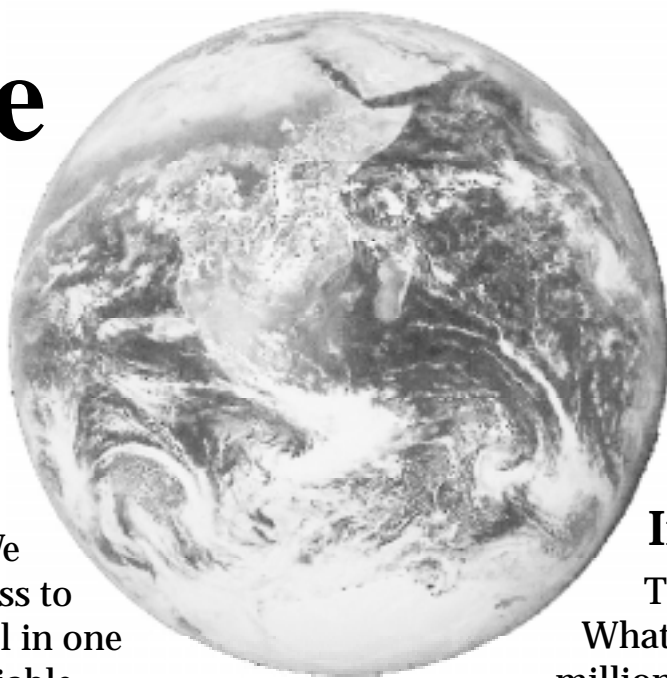
spending some of their time resting aboard two other Navy ships. The crew worked through Saturday night to control flooding after another bulkhead collapsed.

There has been no credible claim of responsibility for the apparent suicide attack, which killed 17 sailors,

wounded 39 others and punched a 40-by-40-foot hole in the hull. Yemeni security forces have detained more than a dozen people for questioning, but no arrests have been announced.

The bodies of 10 victims remained missing.

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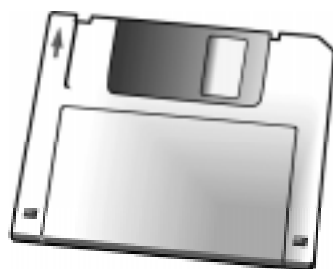
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