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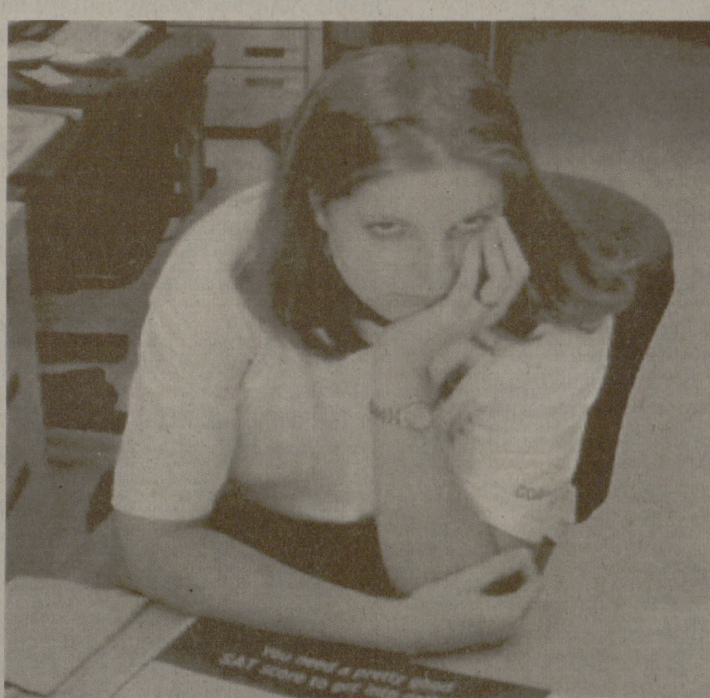
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## Four men questioned in USS Cole bombing

Suspects tracked down via phone records

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Four men arrested over the past two days are being questioned about the fatal bombing of the USS Cole last month, sources close to the investigation said Monday.

The newest suspects were tracked down through phone records showing that the suspected bombers had been in contact with them, the sources said on condition of anonymity.

All four live in the southern port city of Aden, where the two suspected suicide bombers blew up a small boat filled with explosives alongside the Cole on Oct. 12 as it prepared to refuel. Seventeen Americans were killed.

Investigations have also revealed that officials in Lahej, a stronghold of the militant Islamic Jihad, provided the suspected bombers with government cars for use within Aden and between Aden and Lahej, 22 miles to the north.

The sources said the suspected bombers knew the officials from their time together fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

The officials are believed to be affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, a group formed by veterans of the Afghan war, and had met several times with the suspected bombers since March, when preparations for

the bombing are believed to have started.

According to the sources, the men took their boat for a test run in the harbor where the Cole docked, one month before the bombing. One of the fishermen who took the boat down into the harbor is believed to have been a complice, the sources said.

The United States is requesting Yemeni authorities leading the investigation to allow U.S. agents a greater role in the investigation.

A Yemeni official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that authorities have turned down an American request to release questions to the detainees, but that the Americans cannot interfere with the investigation.

There has been no claim of responsibility considered credible for the strike on the Cole. American officials have said Osama bin Laden, America's No. 1 terrorist, is the man who has pledged to drive the military out of the Middle East. The Saudi millionaire, who was in Afghanistan, is accused of financing the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

### News in Brief

#### Florida smokers receive record amount

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida circuit judge Monday upheld a record \$145 billion award to Florida smokers, rejecting tobacco industry requests to reduce the award and conduct a new trial.

Circuit Judge Robert Kaye issued the comprehensive 68-page decision the same day he received a federal judge's decision rejecting federal jurisdiction and sending the case back to him.

There was no immediate reaction from attorneys on either side. The judge received the unexpected order shortly after the tobacco industry announced plans to file a notice of appeal on the jurisdiction issue.

The final judgment opens the door on what is expected to be a prolonged appeals process in state courts.

## Distinguished Lecture Series TAMU Christian Faculty Network Fall 2000

### “Don't Mix Religion and Politics, Unless It's the 2000 Presidential Race”

**Dr. Byron Johnson**

Distinguished Senior Fellow, Center for Research on Religion and Urban Society (CRRUCS) and Director of the Office for the Study and Prevention of Domestic Violence, U. of Pennsylvania

**Abstract:** George W. Bush and Al Gore agree on one controversial domestic policy: giving government money to churches and religious groups to run social-service programs.

- Why do both candidates plan to expand this practice?
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- Has the “Christian” prison in Sugarland, Texas and supported by the State of Texas based on earlier research by Dr. Johnson been a success?

Rudder Tower, Room 601

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