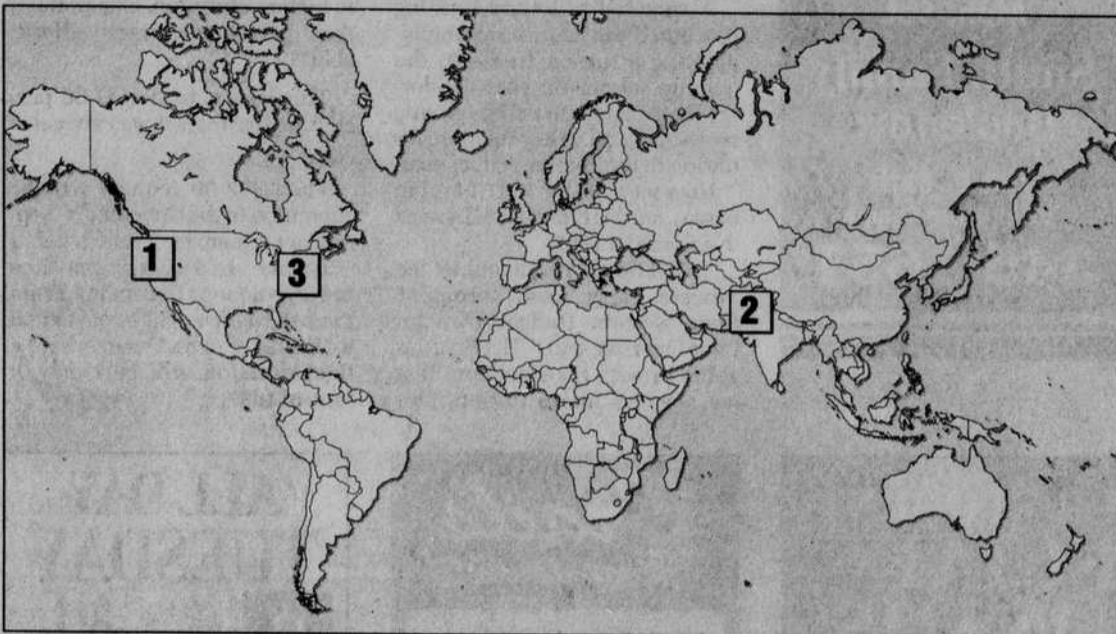


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Local doctor engages in 'active euthanasia'

1 CORVALLIS — The Oregon Board of Medical Examiners has accused a Corvallis doctor of ordering a lethal injection against his patient's wishes, *The Oregonian* reported.

In a complaint filed late last week, the board accused Dr. James D. Gallant, 44, of engaging in "active euthanasia," a term defined in medicine as the direct and intentional killing of a patient.

The board alleges that Clarietta Day, 78, was given a lethal injection without her knowledge or consent. The injection paralyzed her breathing.

In the hours before her death, the board alleges, Day was given massive doses of painkillers, had a magnet applied to her pacemaker in an effort to shut it off, and was taken off life support. Those measures were in violation of her wish to be kept alive for at least 48 hours before such a decision.

Bombing of Pakistan airport kills nine

2 LAHORE, Pakistan — A bomb that evaded airport security ripped through Lahore's international airport Monday, killing nine people.

Twenty people were seriously injured in the explosion, which blackened walls inside the terminal and scattered luggage and debris. At least four airline ticket booths were heavily damaged.

The bombing was the 13th blast this year in Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province. There was no claim of responsibility.

Monday's bomb was slipped through airport security inside a briefcase and exploded near a telephone booth by the main departure lounge.

Police said the bomb may have been intended for a departing Pakistan International Airlines flight bound for the southern port of Karachi.

Park ride breaks down; 16 people hurt

3 AGAWAM, Mass. — A section of steel track on an amusement park ride apparently broke, jolting cars as they rolled over the area and slightly injuring 16 passengers.

The "Musik Express" ride malfunctioned Sunday night, shaking its cars with an impact akin to "hitting a pothole in your car," said Kate Horner, director of operations at Riverside Park.

She said 47 people were on the ride in vehicles that are attached to one another and travel in a circle around the steel track. When the track broke, the cars' wheels bumped over a depression, but the cars did not derail.

An operator stopped the ride after hearing a strange noise. All 16 people were treated at hospitals and released, she said.

Horner said the ride was inspected Sunday morning and has never had a problem before.

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