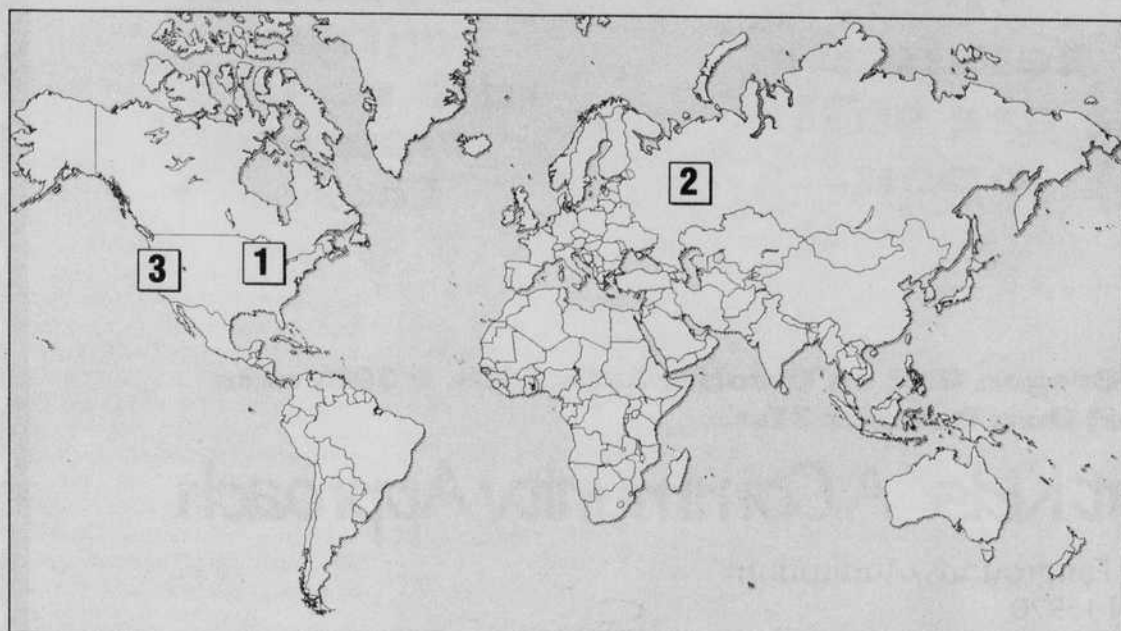


# NEWS DIGEST

your quick guide to news from around the world



## Clinton confident as Election Day nears

**1** COLUMBUS, Ohio — Showing a front-runner's cockiness as Election Day nears, President Clinton brushed off noisy hecklers from Bob Dole's camp Tuesday by declaring, "I'll bet you they won't be doing that a week from now."

Clinton campaigned in Ohio and Pennsylvania in an effort to help in the Democrats' struggle to reclaim control of Congress.

In Columbus, a dozen or more protesters shouted, they waved signs, chanted "Dole-Kemp" and shouted, "Stop lying to the American public."

The president tried to hush them, tried to ignore them and finally lashed back by attacking spending reductions proposed in Republican budgets.

"I would be screaming too if I were in a country that took Head Start and Big Bird away from 5-year-olds, school lunches away from 10-year-olds, summer jobs away from 15-year-olds and college loans away from 20-year-olds. I might be screaming too."

## Yeltsin surgery likely to happen next week

**2** MOSCOW — Boris Yeltsin's condition is improving and the Russian president could undergo heart surgery as early as next week, an American surgeon consulting on the case said Tuesday.

Dr. Michael DeBakey told The Associated Press that he would travel to Russia this weekend to consult with Yeltsin's doctors. No date has been set, but "we hope to go ahead with it next week," DeBakey said from Houston.

He said Yeltsin's condition has been improving, and that doctors had made progress in treating Yeltsin's severe anemia and a thyroid dysfunction. Those problems, he said, appear to have been "pretty well corrected."

DeBakey said Yeltsin needed a triple or quadruple coronary artery bypass, although he would not know specifically what the Russian doctors plan to do until he arrives in Moscow.

DeBakey has said several times that the prognosis for the 65-year-old Russian leader is good.

## Embassy of Heaven leader to be evicted

**3** SUBLIMITY — The leader of the fiercely independent Embassy of Heaven religious sect says if authorities plan to evict him from his property for failure to pay taxes, they'll have to carry him off.

The pastor who goes by the name of Paul Revere added that he has no weapons, although he could not guarantee others would not try to bring them onto Embassy of Heaven property.

Marion County commissioners have given Revere a Nov. 6 deadline to pay the taxes on the church's 34 acres east of Salem. In the meantime, they have asked the FBI for advice on evicting church members.

Revere claims the county never has presented him with convincing evidence that any taxes are owed on the property.

His wife said the Internal Revenue Service recognizes their church as tax exempt and doesn't tax their income.

## Woman's wish to be killed comes true

LENOIR, N.C. — When Sharon Lopatka left her Maryland home, she wrote a note telling her husband she was going to Georgia to visit friends and would not be coming back. She also asked him not to seek vengeance.

Lopatka had planned all along on going to North Carolina,

## stranger

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na, where she expected to be sexually tortured and killed by a man she met over the Internet, police said Tuesday.

Apparently, she got her wish.

Her body was found in a shallow grave last week behind a

mobile home in Collettsville. The home's owner, Robert Glass, was charged with first-degree murder.

Initial tests were inconclusive on whether she was sexually tortured before being killed.

Computer messages from Glass indicate that she traveled to North Carolina knowing what awaited her. Why she willingly went along with a plan that would result in her death remained a mystery.

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