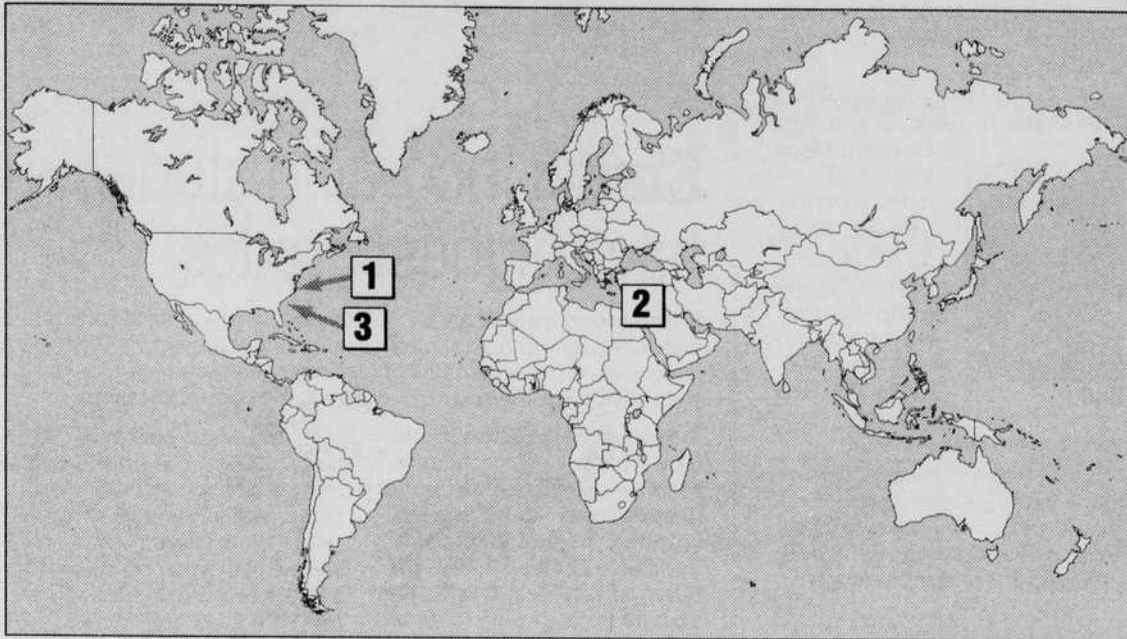


NEWS DIGEST

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Price of programs for poor biggest concern

1 WASHINGTON — The real treat at a recent brown-bag lunch for 16 anti-poverty activists was supposed to be a briefing on President Clinton's forthcoming welfare initiative.

But by the time White House domestic policy adviser Jeremy Ben-Ami finished, it seemed that the administration's chief concern wasn't improving programs for the poor, but the price tag.

"We'd suggest something and he'd say, 'If we fix that, here's what it costs,'" said Jennifer Vasiloff, executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs. "It was discouraging to have that as the overriding concern."

In the zero-sum game of eliminating annual deficits by 2002, many programs for low-income Americans may be on the chopping block.

Yasser Arafat accepts Israeli withdrawal

2 TEL AVIV, Israel — Jordan's King Hussein persuaded Yasser Arafat Sunday to accept a prolonged Israeli withdrawal from West Bank rural areas, sources said, in a concession that could hasten a comprehensive accord on expanding Palestinian autonomy.

"We can envision the end of the negotiation in sight," said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after meeting with Hussein. "Because of the important initiative His Majesty took, we have made considerable progress."

Earlier in Gaza, Yasser Arafat agreed to Hussein's proposal that Israel could prolong its three-stage withdrawal from West Bank rural areas, narrowing the gap on the key sticking point in the talks, a top Palestinian official told The Associated Press.

Two female Citadel cadets will not return

3 CHARLESTON, S.C. — Two female Citadel cadets who said they endured freshman hazing that included having their clothes set afire announced Sunday they would not return to the military college.

"The school's promises to me and my family that knob life would be rough but safe were critical to me," Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C., said in a statement released by her attorney. "Because The Citadel broke its promise, I cannot return."

While a federal judge had offered to take steps to assure the women's safety, "it is apparent to me...that while I might be physically safe on campus, I would not be welcome," Kim Messer of Clover said in a similar statement.

Eleven male cadets face disciplinary action.

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RIVER PERMITS NIGHT

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Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 PM
 Outdoor Program Room, EMU

FRIDAY SKIING

Play hooky and avoid those weekend crowds!!! The Outdoor Program will be heading up to Willamette Pass every Friday to frolic in the snow. All kinds of snow toys are welcome. Show up fully prepared for your day's sport. If you're interested in becoming a ski trip initiator, check out the ski initiator's clinic. Outdoor Program ski trip initiators who get the ball rolling to head up Willamette ski free! Also, watch for those traditional Mt. Bachelor ski trips, or create your own snowy adventure!

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