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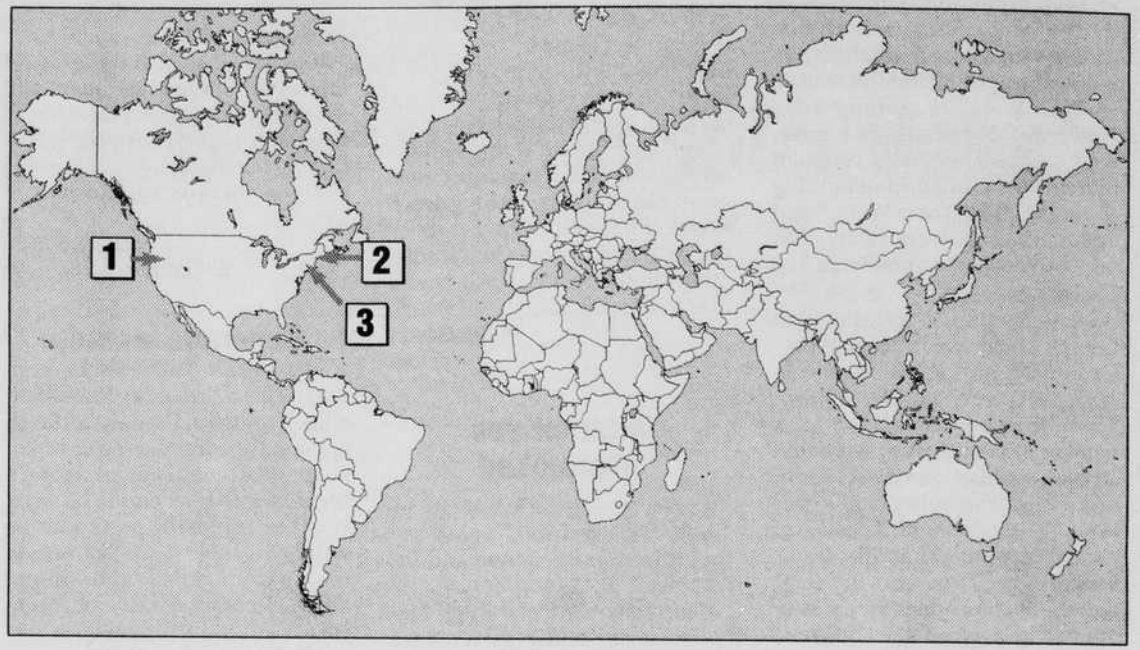
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Oregon court rejects cap on campaign gifts

1 SALEM — Voter-approved limits on the amount of money that can be contributed to political candidates were struck down Thursday by the Oregon Supreme Court.

In a unanimous ruling, the court said restricting maximum donations to \$500 for statewide candidates and \$100 to legislative contenders violated rights of free speech and expression contained in the Oregon Constitution.

"It takes little imagination to see how many political contributions constitute expression," the court said in its opinion by Justice Michael Gillette.

Gillette compared making campaign contributions to the right of a citizen to buy a newspaper advertisement backing a particular candidate or cause.

The court also overturned prohibitions on contributions by labor unions and corporations to candidates or political committees.

At the same time, the court upheld the law's voluntary campaign spending limits.

The ruling, by removing restrictions on individual donors, eliminates the need for supposedly independent campaigns.

Proof that SATs don't have all the answers

2 It's the mantra of the SAT: Check your work. Apparently, the testers didn't do it carefully enough.

The College Board made a mistake on the math portion of the exam, and it was a 17-year-old from Peterborough, N.H., who recognized it.

As a result, the scores of up to 45,000 high school students who took the Scholastic Assessment Test last fall will be boosted as much as 30 points. The math portion of the test is worth 800 points.

"We made a mistake. We screwed up," Brian O'Reilly, director of the SAT program, said Thursday.

Colin Rizzio, who took the test Oct. 12 along with about 350,000 other college-bound students, found the flaw in the multiple-choice answers to an algebra problem.

The algebra problem used the letter "a" to stand for a number. The test writers intended for students to assume that "a" is a positive number, in which case the correct answer is C. However, if you assume that "a" could also be a negative number, the correct answer is D: "Cannot be determined."

AOL customers endure another system crash

3 NEW YORK — A week after agreeing to give frustrated customers refunds for bad service, America Online suffered more outages while trying to upgrade its system.

Customers nationwide were unable to log on to AOL beginning shortly after 5 p.m. EST Wednesday because of an outage at the company's Vienna, Va., equipment center.

Some users were able to log on by 6:30 p.m., and the problem was cleared up by 7:30 p.m., AOL said.

The trouble began as technicians upgraded computer software Wednesday as part of the company's drive to accommodate the recent surge of members. During the software overhaul, the AOL system stopped accepting log-ins, spokeswoman Tricia Primrose said.

The service was down again Thursday for what AOL said was a scheduled 4 a.m. to 7 a.m. EST software upgrade, but some users still couldn't get in as late as 8 a.m. AOL has said in the past that it is normal for there to be some lingering disruptions after its system is taken down for maintenance.

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