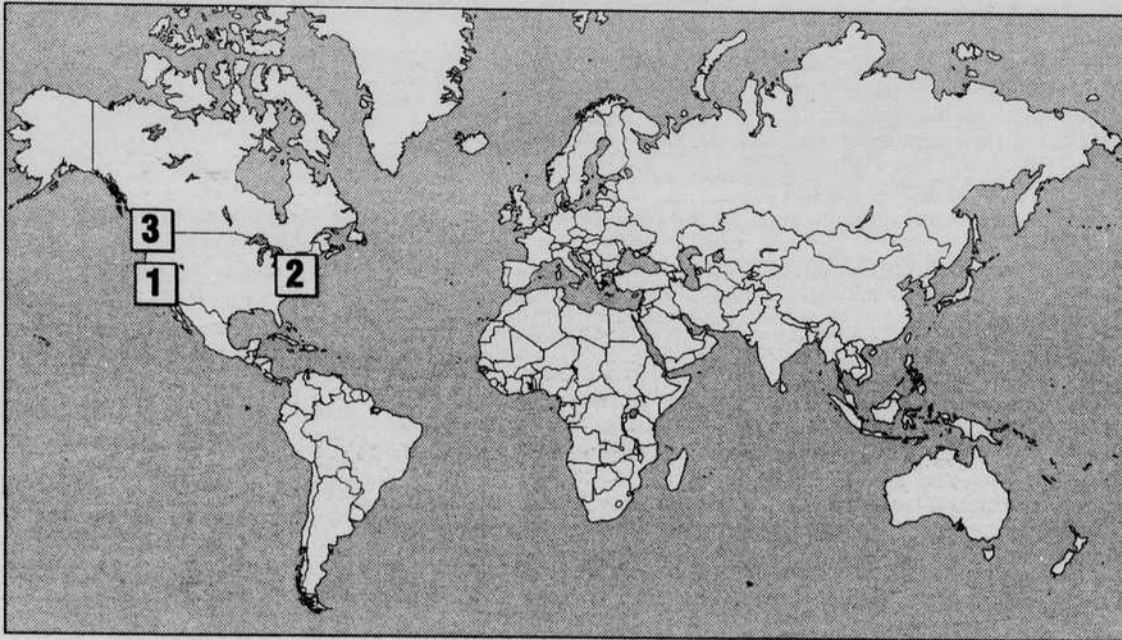


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Simpson damages total \$33.5 million

1 SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A jury Monday heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, saddling him with more than twice the debt even his pursuers say he can pay.

The judgment is on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded last week when the jury repudiated his murder acquittal and found Simpson liable in the 1994 slaying deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

"Finding O.J. Simpson liable of the murders and acting with oppression and malice was one of the easiest decisions I have ever had to make," juror No. 11, a white woman in her 30s, said at a news conference.

College student dies after fraternity party

2 FROSTBURG, Md. — Eight students at Frostburg State University were charged with manslaughter in the alcohol poisoning death of a freshman who got drunk at a fraternity party.

The freshman, John Eric Stinner, 20, consumed at least six beers and 12 shots of vodka in two hours at the off-campus Kappa Beta Zeta party, Allegany County State's Attorney Lawrence V. Kelly said Monday.

Friends carried Stinner back to his dormitory room, where he was found dead on Nov. 9 with a blood alcohol content of 0.34 percent.

Hosts of the party were also charged with reckless endangerment and sale of alcohol without a license.

Natural gas explosion lights up Washington

3 KALAMA, Wash. — Investigators were looking at unstable ground as a possible reason for a second natural gas explosion in as many days in Washington state.

The blast in a rural area near Kalama created a fireball that lit up the sky Sunday night across much of southwestern Washington. No one was hurt in the explosion on a section of pipeline that ran along a ridge above the Kalama River, about five miles east of Interstate 5 between Kalama and Kelso.

The blast created an eerie orange glow across the western horizon in Vancouver and Portland, 35 miles to the south.

It took firefighters about two hours to extinguish the flames the fireball had ignited in nearby trees and underbrush.

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Gangs, drugs to be focus of conference

The University Substance Abuse Prevention Program will be sponsoring the "Inmates, Drugs and Gangs" conference this Friday and Saturday. Steve Nawojczyk of Little Rock, Ark. will be a guest speaker at the conference. Nawojczyk has been a consultant to the U.S. Attorney's office for the Eastern District of Arkansas on gang-related cases. The conference offers two college credits for graduate and undergraduate students. Registration is \$80 for students; community members may enroll for \$40 per day. It takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. on Friday and Saturday at the Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Ave.

Monitor to show film on Measure 9

The human rights advocacy group, Monitor, will be showing a documentary film tonight entitled *Ballot Measure 9* on the anti-gay rights measure of 1992. After the movie, Dave Fidanque of the American Civil Liberties Union will be speaking. The movie will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in Room 221 of the Law School.



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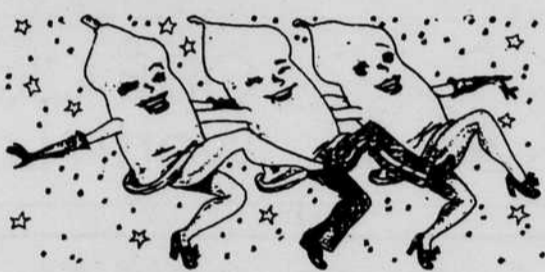
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