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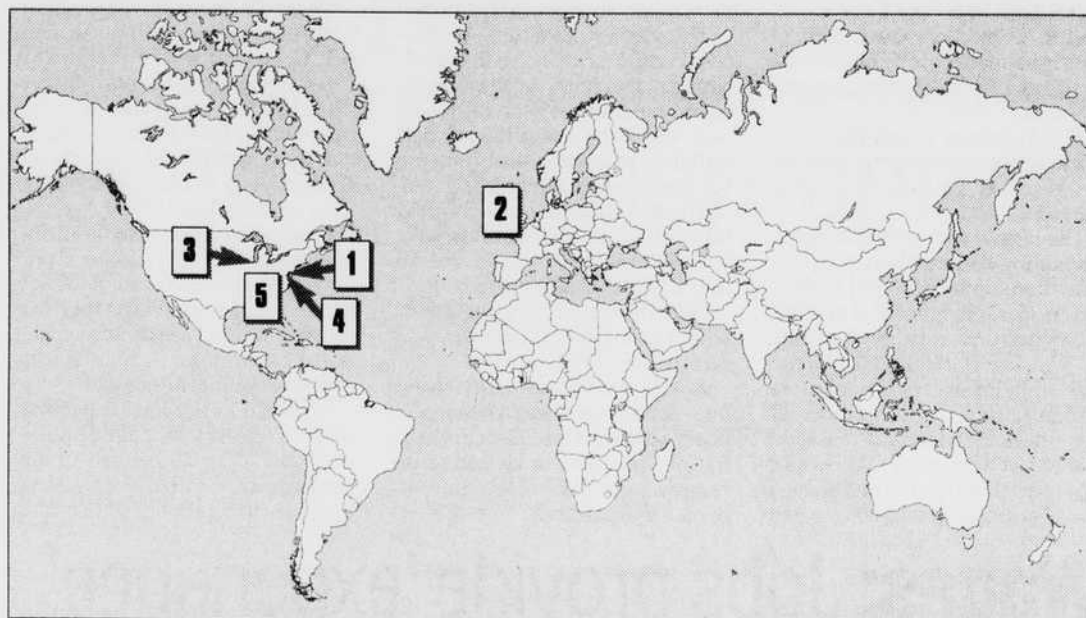
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NEWS DIGEST



Fatalities rise among 16-year-old drivers

1 WASHINGTON — More 16-year-old drivers are dying in car accidents even as traffic fatalities drop for older teens, prompting an insurance group to call for limits on the privileges of America's youngest drivers.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which analyzed fatal accident reports between 1975 and 1996, reported Tuesday that the death rate for 16-year-olds nearly doubled, from 19 per 100,000 licensed drivers in 1975 to 35 per 100,000 in 1996.

At the same time, the overall number of deaths declined, from 15 per 100,000 in 1975 to 12 deaths per 100,000 in 1996. The numbers also fell slightly for 17- to 19-year-olds, from 27 deaths per 100,000 in 1975 to 25 deaths per 100,000 in 1996. That age group had accounted for the most teen driving deaths until the mid-1980s, when it was surpassed by the 16-year-olds.

The insurance institute said it suspected a number of factors, including the belief that more 16-year-olds are driving in high-risk circumstances, including at night and with friends in the car.

The institute, which is financed by insurance companies, urged more states to adopt a graduated licensing system, which increases driving privileges as experience increases.

Irish say Clinton visit could be bad idea

2 BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Northern Ireland's two major Protestant parties bitterly disagree about the landmark peace accord, but they agreed on one thing Tuesday: President Clinton shouldn't try to sell it to people here.

The government of the Irish Republic, meanwhile, freed nine Irish Republican Army prisoners in a bid to boost support for the accord among the outlawed group's supporters.

The Ulster Unionist Party, already split over its leaders' decision to accept the deal, said a possible Clinton visit the week before a May 22 referendum might be "misunderstood" by Protestants resentful of foreign pressure to

compromise, making rejection more likely.

"I think it might be misunderstood if he was to directly involve himself in an electoral process here in the province," said a senior Ulster Unionist negotiator, Reg Empey, arguing that Protestants "want to make up their own minds."

Leaders of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party spent Tuesday at a secret location considering how to sell to their hard-line supporters an accord that the party's negotiators accepted, but falls far short of a united Ireland.

Reactions to medicine can kill, doctors say

3 CHICAGO — Bad reactions to prescription and over-the-counter medicines kill more than 100,000 Americans and seriously injure an additional 2.1 million every year — far more than most people realize, researchers say.

Such reactions, which do not include prescribing errors or drug abuse, rank at least sixth among U.S. causes of death — behind heart disease, cancer, lung disease, strokes and accidents, says a report based on an analysis of existing studies.

"We're not saying, 'Don't take drugs.' They have wonderful benefits," said Dr. Bruce H. Pomeranz, principal investigator and a neuroscience professor at the University of Toronto.

"But what we're arguing is that there should be increased awareness also of side effects, which until now have not been too well understood."

The harm may range from an allergic reaction to an antibiotic to stomach bleeding from frequent doses of aspirin, Pomeranz said. The study, by Pomeranz and two colleagues at his school, Jason Lazarou and Paul N. Corey, did not explore which medications or illnesses were involved.

Tax filers can ease stress at dunk booth

4 WASHINGTON — Last-minute tax filers in Pleasanton, Calif., might not be able to drown their sorrows at the post office Wednesday night, but they can pretend to drown the tax man in a

dunking booth set up near the mail boxes.

Other post offices around the country are also offering ways to cope with the final hours of the tax season, from back rubs for the overstressed in Boise, Idaho, to blues bands in Arlington, Va., for those who just want to whine and moan.

"It's a way we can get together and make it a little less taxing for them," said Beth Barnett, spokeswoman for the Memphis, Tenn., post office, where taxpayers can blow off steam by bashing a Buick with a sledgehammer.

Tax forms must be postmarked by midnight Wednesday, and many post offices expect long lines as procrastinators send an estimated 44 million pieces of mail. Many post offices will stay open late and offer some amenities, such as curbside pickup of tax forms or free coffee.

Curvy coke can pulled from test markets

5 ATLANTA — Coca-Cola's new curvy can is being pitched into the recycle bin.

The company pulled the contoured, red 12-ounce can from four of five test markets as it tries to resolve problems and come up with a can that repeats the success of its curvy bottles that lit up sales four years ago.

Consumers liked the cans, but not enough to pay extra for it, company officials said. There also were problems fitting the cans into some vending machines.

"This is just a natural part of the testing [and] learning," company spokeswoman Polly Howes said Tuesday. "We continue to work on it."

The company had tested the cans for about a year in Terre Haute, Ind.; Tucson, Ariz.; Las Cruces, N.M.; and Brownsville, Texas. The cans are still available in El Paso, Texas, as development continues.

One problem to work out is the cost of production. Mike Harris, sales manager at Coca-Cola Bottling in Tucson, said some consumers balked at paying the extra 10 percent to 12 percent it added to the cost of a Coke.

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