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Skin cancer cases continue to rise, study says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed every year than all other types of cancer combined, a new study finds.

Dr. Martin A. Weinstock of Brown University reports in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology this month that there are between 900,000 and 1.2 million new cases of nonmelanoma skin cancer a year in the United States.

"We see no evidence that the skin cancer epidemic has peaked," Weinstock said in a statement released Monday. "Skin cancer now

appears to be as common as all other types of cancer combined."

The study was based on data gathered by the National Cancer Institute, the Canadian province of British Columbia, and the Kaiser-Permanente Health Maintenance Organization of Portland, Ore.

Nonmelanoma skin cancer is seldom fatal and is usually treated on an outpatient basis.

The study said that about one in every three Caucasian children born this year will eventually develop basal cell carcinoma, one type of nonmelanoma skin cancer, and about one in nine will develop squamous cell carcinoma.

Malignant melanoma is the more often lethal of the skin cancers but is also less common than most other forms of skin cancer.

The American Academy of Dermatology estimated that about 32,000 Americans will be diagnosed with malignant melanoma in 1994.

The academy estimated that about 7,000 will die of malignant melanoma in 1994 and 2,000 will die of other forms of skin cancer.

Skin cancer is generally associated with damage caused by excess exposure to the sun. Light-colored skin is the most susceptible.

Paraguay protest paralyzes businesses, pulls out police

The Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay — Protesters and police battled in Paraguay's first general strike in 35 years Monday. One person was killed and at least three were injured.

Though government offices were open, businesses were paralyzed by the strike, which was organized by the nation's three leading labor federations.

Farmer Sebastian Larrosa, 18, died after being shot in the head while scuffling with police in the town of Tacuara, 145 miles north of Asuncion, police said.

National Police spokesman Pedro Villar confirmed Larrosa's death but did not say whether he was shot by police. Villar said some police officers were injured by bullets, but gave no details.

Journalist Mariano Godoy of the newspaper ABC Color was shot in the hip, and two unidentified farmers were wounded, said Celso Aguilera, a journalist from the daily Noticias-El Diario who was covering the Tacuara protest.

Aguilera said about 2,000 farmers were blocking a highway when police ran toward them.

"This repression, it's evident, was planned," said Alan Flores, general secretary of the Central Workers Unit, one of the three main labor groups. "For these people (the government) it's difficult to deal reasonably with society. They want a fearful society."

In Ciudad del Este, 205 miles east of Asuncion, police used truncheons to beat protesters blocking a road. Newspaper and television journalists said they also were beaten by police.

What's Up

Wednesday

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.: Looking for qualified high school students to participate in the Alpha Institute in Snook, TX June 3-5. Concentrating on "Un-Endangering the Black Male". Deadline is Sunday, May 15.

Brazos Arabian Riders and Breeders: 5th annual "very open" spring horse show on Saturday May 21 at Dick Freeman Arena (Off of FM 2818, north of TAMU and FM 60).

Friday

Hillel Jewish Student Center: Shabbat services at 8

p.m., 800 George Bush Dr. For more information call Rabbi Peter Tarlow at 696-7313.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

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