Mexicans fear for human rights fter stricter border enforcement

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In response to a new crackm on illegal immigration along the Texas border, ican consuls from throughout South Texas met ursday and warned the policy may lead to human

We are worried about what kind of effects measures has these might have and the general atmosphere neborder," said Enrique Loaeza Tovar, Mexico's conator of consular affairs.

Border crackdowns in populous areas shift the imation flow to more deserted regions where immiats' rights may not be protected, Loaeza said.

We want this message to trickle down in a way that yagent, every individual, every single person inved in implementation of this operation should eit with him and behave in a way that shows respect e dignity and to the rights of our fellow country-"Loaeza said.

Loaeza is presiding over a two-day closed-door eting of Mexican consuls called by his country's forministry as Operation Rio Grande got under way week in Brownsville.

More Border Patrol agents are now on duty in down-

Rio Grande south of downtown.

Although the 10 consuls meeting in San Antonio are not calling for an end to Operation Rio Grande, they said they hope to continue talks with U.S. officials about the impact of the policy.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service insists it has tried to allay Mexican officials' fears about the border initiative and rejects the notion that human rights abuses will grow under the new program.

"We don't anticipate that there's going to be any increase in allegations against the Border Patrol. Our presence is enhanced, but our procedures are not changing," said INS spokesperson Mario Ortiz.

Stepped-up border patrols also may suggest immigrants are criminals and incite anti-immigrant sentiment in the United States, Loaeza said.

We all know that the reason why our migrants come to the United States is economic," he said.

"They don't come to the United States to commit crimes. They come to work and through their work to contribute to the prosperity of the communities where they reside.

Green tea tested as possible cancer cure

ts at the Texas Medical Center e to prove with a new study that en tea helps to fight and prevent

lests on laboratory animals and ies of populations in Japan and na, where green tea is popular, port the idea that it can poste or even prevent cancer develent, said Dr. Waun Ki Hong of University of Texas M.D. Ander-Cancer Center.

The epidemiologic studies are resting," said Hong, chairman nethoracic and head/neck canmedical oncology department a pioneer in the use of chemito prevent cancer.

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Astudy in Shanghai, China, citnarecent issue of the Nutrition earch Newsletter, showed ntea drinkers statistically had ificant reductions in the risk of eloping rectal and pancreatic

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ductions seen in colon cancer, they Dr. Katherine Pisters, the assistant were not statistically significant, the researchers reported.

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A recent study in the scientific journal Nature showed that a component of green tea called epigallocatechin gallate, or EGCG, binds an enzyme called urokinase, thus preventing it from carrying out its mission. Urokinase is an enzyme that has been shown to have a connection with cancer metastasis, Hong said.

The family of chemicals to which the EGCG belongs seems to have some anti-tumor effect, said professor at Anderson who will lead the study.

The first study, planned for 30 patients with advanced cancer of the lung, breast, prostate, ovaries or head and neck, will determine if the material is safe and how much patients can tolerate, Dr. Pisters said.

The patients will receive capsules of green tea equal to six or seven cups, Hong said. Doctors will escalate the dose if they don't see any side effects.

Using capsules makes it easier to determine how much tea and chemicals each patient is receiving. Hong believes the capsules will

prove more effective in preventing cancer than in treating it Dr. Pisters said patients aren't

given false hopes. "We tell them we have a new and interesting compound that we are testing. We say it might be a reasonable thing for them to try," she said.

She hopes the study, which is being conducted with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute in New York, will be completed within two years.

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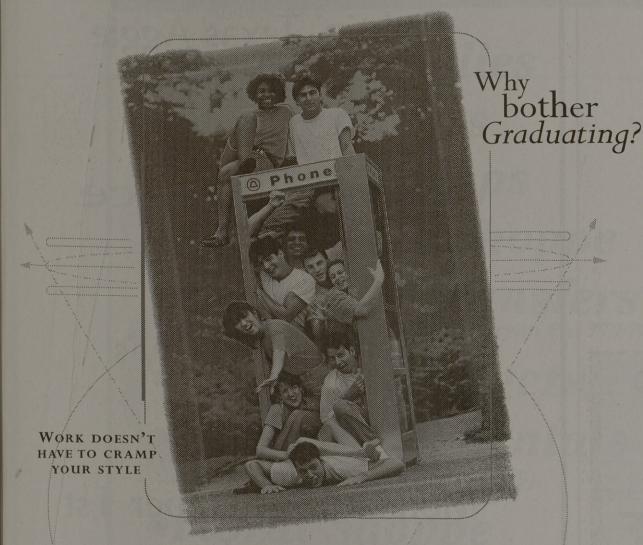
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