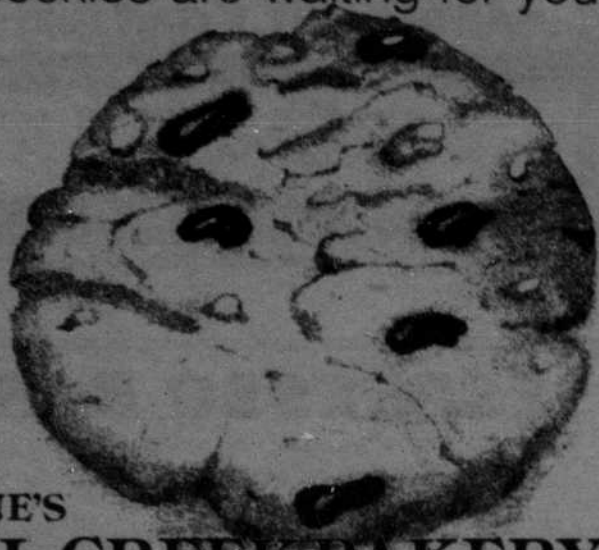


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World news

Dollar cost of AIDS estimated

CHICAGO (AP) — The cost of the nation's first 10,000 cases of AIDS will come to more than \$6.3 billion in hospital fees and lost income, says a study thought to be the first to estimate the economic impact of the deadly disease.

Researchers were not trying "to put a dollar figure on a life, which seems kind of heartless, but (to show) that this is a loss that everybody shares," said public health specialist Ann Hardy of the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

"It's not just these health-care costs that are important, but we're losing people in the prime of their lives," Hardy, who led the study, said in a telephone interview.

More than 90 percent of AIDS patients are between 20 and 49, she said.

"The first 10,000 patients with AIDS will lose approximately 8,387 years of work and \$189 million in potential earnings due to disability," said the report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Lost earnings due to early death were

calculated at \$4.69 billion. All lost-income estimates were determined using 1980 data.

The first 10,000 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome had been reported to the CDC by May 4, 1985. By Monday, the total had risen to 16,138, with 8,220 deaths.

"We estimated that approximately \$147,000 is being expended for the hospital care of each patient with AIDS," researchers said.

Estimated hospital costs may be high, they said, because data on total time spent in hospitals came only from New York, where AIDS patients may spend more time in hospitals.

Still, the hospitalization estimate is good enough to be compared with totals for other ailments — \$1.6 billion for lung cancer and \$6.7 billion for motor-vehicle injuries in 1980, the latest year for which good data are available, Hardy said.

The AIDS hospitalization figures are based on 1983 and 1984 data, she said.

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Apartheid protesters praise Bishop Tutu

WASHINGTON (AP) — Waving signs and chanting their theme phrase, "Freedom Yes! Apartheid No!" more than 300 protesters ignored freezing temperatures outside the South African Embassy to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize and a symbol of the anti-apartheid movement, praised the demonstrators Wednesday for their role in trying to force change in the white-ruled nation.

"Freedom is coming to us in South Africa — black and white," the South African cleric said, adding that protests are

"undermining the morale of the perpetrators of apartheid."

In South Africa, he said, "Peaceful demonstrations are virtually impossible."

In Washington, daily protests, which culminated in the arrests of more than 3,000 people, took place outside the embassy between Thanksgiving 1984 and the same holiday in 1985. The demonstrations are now held occasionally.

Tutu's visit to the nation's capital came during a three-week trip to the United States to raise money for his Southern Africa Refugee Scholarship Fund and the Bishop Tutu Refugee Fund.

Portland fire investigated

PORTLAND (AP) — A 20-minute delay in activation of a fire alarm system contributed to the deaths of four people in a New Year's Day blaze in an apartment building, a preliminary investigation shows.

In addition, if the Hollywood East apartment building had automatic sprinklers throughout instead of only where city code required them when the 15-story structure was built, no one may have died, City Fire Marshal Robert Hayden said Wednesday.

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