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Children get \$1.6 million for father's cancer death

United Press International BEAUMONT — The U.S. government, B.F. Goodrich companies have agreed to pay \$1.6 million to six children of a former Goodrich employee who known as PBNA. died of bladder cancer.

behalf of a prisoner charged

with killing a warden was stab-

Peacock is the second inmate

to sustain knife wounds after refusing to testify in the trial of

Eroy Edward Brown, charged in

the murder of Ellis Unit Warden

State District Judge Henry Dalehite of Galveston held Peacock in contempt Feb. 15

said.

Tuesday.

Wallace Pack.

Chemical Co. and nine other tended that Bourgeois was exposed to phenyl butanaphthlamine, an antioxidant better

Bourgeois' wife, Jo Ann, also Albert D. Bourgeois Sr., of Port Neches, died in 1979 at the Walter Umphrey said it could

age of 47. He had been an em-ployee of Goodrich between 1959 and 1968. His family con-terded to the plants. suit, but the settlement was ber at the plants. suit, but the settlement was related to the production of rub-ber at the plants. He explained that the Good-

rich plant was one of several synthetic rubber plants built in efferson County in the early 1940s after the Japanese cap-tured the Dutch East Indies and Indochina, cutting off Amer-ica's main source of natural rubber. The plants used a U.S. government formula for synthetic rubber, which included PBNA. Studies conducted in the early 1900s indicated that when PBNA is absorbed into the human body it changes into another substance that the body cannot get rid of, Umphrey said. Later studies showed that PBNA often causes bladder cancer 16 to 20 years after exposure. The plants stopped using PBNA more than 10 years ago.

The settlement calls for \$120,000 to be split among the children immediately, as well as an immediate payment of \$120,000 to the Bourgeois estate. Each child is also to get \$20,000 every five years for the next 20 years and \$80,000 in the year 2007.

Umphrey will be paid \$60,000 immediately, plus \$31,250 a year for eight years.

The money will be paid by the federal government, Goodrich Chemical, Atlantic Refining Co., the B.F. Goodrich Co., E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Fires-tone Tire and Rubber Co., Gulf Oil Corp., Gulf Oil Chemicals Division, Monsanto Co., Neches Butane Products Co. and Phillips Chemical Co. They all pro-

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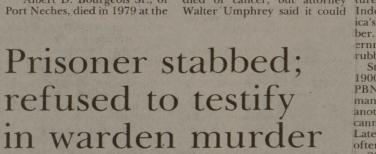
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Joe Bailey Peacock, 42, received several superficial stab wounds in his back during the attack in his cell at the Ellis Unit in Huntsville last week, TDC spokesman Jay Byrd said them

Byrd said Peacock has rehave been filed, he said.

Peacock had told Dalehite he er protection." The Brown trial ended in a

bed in his cell, a Texas Department of Corrections official Peacock was among 10 in-

mates held in contempt for re fusing to testify on grounds that either TDC guards or inmate would seek revenge againt

fused to cooperate with prism officials investigating Wednesday's attack. No charges

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United Press International OAKLAND - A tanker-truck carrying 8,800 gallons of gasoine jackknifed and exploded in lames inside a heavily traveled ighway tunnel early Wednes-

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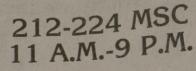


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