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Agent Orange studied in cancer cases

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nam veterans. Emory University researchers, writing in the recent edi-tion of the New England Journal of Medicine, said one of the men died of the cancer, known as soft-tissue sarcoma. The tumors grew in the veterans' lungs and, in the fatal case, the brain also

was affected. In the cases, two patients, one a member of an Air Force heli-

copter rescue team and the other a Marine, were stationed in areas of Vietnam where defoliants were used in 1966 and 1967 The Air Force man under-

went lung surgery in 1979 for a tumor and died in 1981. The Marine, who claimed to be twice completely soaked with Agent Orange, had his left lung removed because of a tumor.

The third patient, an Army man who served in 1971 in an area where defoliants were used, was discovered to have a lung tumor in 1981.

A spokesman for the Veterans Administration Hospital of officials estimate soft tissue sar-Atlanta, where the doctors work, said three cases is not enough to establish a link between the chemical and cancer. "To jump to conclusions ab-

The cancer spread in 1981 and the researchers said currently he is receiving chemotherapy. out cause and effect would be irresponsible, at the very least, I would say," Charles Grim, the hospital's associate director, said

The doctors, P. Ravi Sarma and Julian Jacobs, were unavail-

able for comment. American Cancer Society comas affect two people per 100,000 a year. A total of 4,500 new cases and 1,600 deaths are expected this year.

Agent Orange is believed to

be linked with various forms of take four to five years.

The Air Force is studying some 1,000 members of air crews who handled and sprayed Agent Orange in Vietnam. The participants will be followed for 20 years.

In addition, the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta is studying 10,000 births to determine if exposure to chemicals such as Agent Orange is related to birth defects. Moen said the VA allows

veterans who believe they have been exposed to dioxins to be Edward Moen, a spokesman for the VA in Washington, said tested. Their cases are filed in a central data bank for future rethousands of veterans and will ference.

City must pay judgment; can up taxes or go broke

United Press International TUCSON — The city of officer. South Tucson, insisting a \$4 mil-Superior Court Judge Robert lion judgment awarded to a paralyzed policeman would bank-

O. Roylston Wednesday granted a motion by attorneys for forrupt the mile-square city, has mer Tucson policeman Roy Garcia that he "is entitled to rebeen ordered to raise taxes if lief by way of special action." A jury awarded damages to Garcia 18 months ago but the

city of South Tucson has main-**AUTO INSURANCE** tained it is too poor to pay. At that time, the city carried only \$100,000 in personal liability in-Farmers Insurance Group 00 S. College 823-8051 surance The judge ordered the com-munity of 6,500 people to make

equal annual payments to Gar-

necessary to pay the former cia over a period of five years. No payment schedule has been

Garcia, 32, was among the officers responding to a call 3¹/₂ years ago involving a barricaded gunman when he was accidentally shot by another South Tucson policeman. Garcia is para-lyzed from the waist down and confined to a wheelchair.

South Tucson, held negligent in the shooting, fought the jury award to the Arizona Supreme Court and lost. The city's legal fees were in excess of \$120,000. South Tucson City Manager Richard Kaffenberger said he will ask the City Council to appeal Roylston's ruling and said the city may again try for a negotiated settlement with Garcia. "By forcing South Tucson into bankruptcy, it is important the attorneys for the plaintiff

understand they're not going to break the resolve of these peo-

ple (South Tucson residents),'

sion and layoffs at nearby cop-

per mines, has threatened to be

come the nation's first city to file

The city, hard hit by the reces-

Kaffenberger said.

since the U.S. Bankruptcy Act was revised five years ago. South Tucson, incorporated

in 1936, is dotted with taverns and rundown housing and has had a running battle with prostitution, drug trafficking and violent crime, some of it created by 4 Cuban refugees.





cancer, paralysis, nerve damage, stomach, kidney and liver prob-lems, loss of libido and other ail-

ments. It also has been shown to

cause chloracne, a severe skin

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Accounting Office reported at least 21,000 Marines and num-

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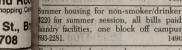
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