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Deaths

SINGING FOR SENIORS: Danny Bracke serenades residents of the Birchwood Health Care Center in Belleville and their guests Sunday as part of the center's Valentine's dance. Bracke and other members of the band Rerun event, and the Swansea Bakery prov comprised of area musicians who sir

Monsanto employees told about cancer risk

By Fredrick L. McKissack
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BELLEVILLE — Workers at Monsanto's Sauget plant were in the minority when it came to being notified they may have a high risk of developing cancer, according to a Washington, D.C.-based consumer group.

The Public Citizen advocacy group released a 10-year-old epidemiological study completed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health that discovered 240,450 at-risk workers at 203 plants throughout the U.S.

But 170,000 workers at plants in 38 states still have not been contacted, the group said.

Workers at the Sauget plant who had come in contact with low levels of dioxin, a toxic waste, during a period between 1949 and 1969 had been notified of the risk of developing cancer, according to the report and company officials.

Monsanto officials said that less than 60 workers were exposed to dioxin during the period. Jim Collins, director of epidemiology for Monsanto, said three of the workers who were exposed have died of cancer.

The institute and its parent, the Centers for Disease Control, concluded that workers needed to be notified so that could be tested for cancer. But the Reagan administration only allotted $300,000 for an effort that CDC said would cost $4 million.

According to Public Citizen, 25 workers at St. Louis-based Union Electric Co. have not been contacted that they had come in contact with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Prolonged exposure to PCBs can cause cancer.

In a letter to President Clinton and his top health officials, Public Citizen urged the administration to end the "unethical coverup."

"Some of the workers may be dead now," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizen. Others "have early evidence of cancer and could, if they were notified, go in for screening that might save their lives."

Collins said those workers who were exposed to low levels of dioxin at the company's Sauget plant have been notified through a variety of methods, including letters and company literature.

Monsanto monitors the health of a "large portion of our employee population," he said.

Although he would not comment on why so many workers at other companies had not been notified, Collins said notifing potential cancer victims is "the right thing to do."

Dr. David Satcher, director of the Centers for Disease Control, said he hadn't known about the lack of notification, but now will push for money to complete it.

Alan Dixon t... the Order o...

By Jamie Riley
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SPRINGFIELD — Former Sen. Alan Dixon of Belleville recently was awarded the state's highest honor for his accomplishments in education, science, arts, business and government.


Alan Dixon

Dixon, along with five other Illinois residents, has been named a Lincoln laureate and will receive the Order of Lincoln Medallion.

"The accomplishments of each of the laureates are examples to all of us that Illinois remains full of opportunity," Gov. Jim Edgar said.

Dixon, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1981 to 1993, also held office as Illinois secretary of state, state treasurer and terms as a state senator and representative in the Illinois General Assembly.

The five other laureates are:

- Robert Galvin, who directed Motorola's transformation to a multibillion dollar producer of commercial and industrial high-tech

Command fine-tunes medical evac...

By Rod Hafemeister
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