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Man Dies After Chemical Bath Fall

(AP) - A metal manufacturing employee died Thursday after falling into a tank of 180-degree caustic chemicals, fire officials said. The man, who was not identified, tumbled into the elevated tank full of degreaser at Precision Castparts Corp., said Neil

Heesacker, a Portland Fire Bureau spokesman. Two other workers at the southeast Portland plant suffered minor chemical burns when they tried to help the man, Heesacker said. The two workers were taken to Legacy Emanuel

Hospital, where they were treated and released, Heesacker said. A third worker who tried to help the victim into a safety shower was treated and released at the scene. Two Occupational Safety and Health Administrators agents were investigating the accident.

Four grief counselors also went to the plant to help workers cope with the death. "Whether I know him or not, it's just depressing, because you know there's a family out there," said a tearful employee who didn't want her name used.

Armed Robber Sought by Police

Portland Police Bureau Robbery Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect responsible for a robbery at a local jewelry store

On Thursday, July 12 at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the suspect walked into Carl Greve Jewelers, 731 S.W. Morrison St. asking to see an expensive Rolex watch. Implying he had a weapon, the suspect left the store with the watch.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'1" tall, with a slim build, dark blond/light brown hair, and a slight mustache. He was wearing a



An expensive Rolex watch is taken during a daring robbery.

light color polo shirt, dark color shorts, sandals, sunglasses, and a baseball style cap. Both the shirt and cap had unknown logos on them. During the incident, he was wearing a replica Rolex watch.

The stolen watch is a gold Rolex, with a slate gray colored face and diamonds

around the movement. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.



Store surveillance video shows an armed robbery suspect.

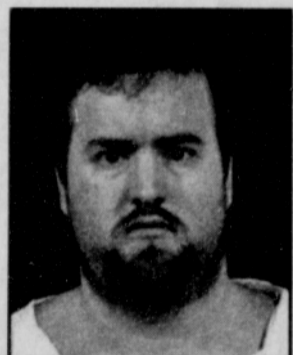
Survey Finds Racial Profiling Common

(AP) - About half of all black men report that they have been the victims of racial profiling by police, according to a survey published in the Washington Post.

Overall, nearly 4 in 10 blacks - 37 percent - said they had been unfairly stopped by police because they were black, including 52 percent of all black men and 25 percent of all black women.

The survey was conducted by The Washington Post, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University. The Kaiser Foundation is an independent philanthropy focusing on major health care issues.

Blacks are not the only Mother Shot Dead in West Hills Home



Stephen Howard

A Portland man is suspected of shooting to death his mother, July 31 at the family home at 2700 S.W. Talbot Rd. near Council Crest. Police said Stephen Crittenden Howard, 25, has been charged with murder. Howard apparently called 911 from a house in the city's upscale West Hills neighborhood to say that his mother was dead.

Officers arrived and found Susan Mercado Howard, 63, shot to death in the kitchen. Police found a handgun at the residence.

Americans who say they have been the targets of racial or ethnic profiling by law enforcement. One in five Latino and Asian men reported they had been the victims of racially motivated police stops.

But racial profiling is only one of many examples of intolerance that minorities say they continue to confront.

More than a third of all blacks interviewed said they had been rejected for a job or failed to win a promotion because of their race.

One in five Latinos and Asians also said they had been discriminated against in the workplace because of their race or ethnicity.

Overwhelming majorities of

blacks, Latinos and Asians also report they occasionally experience at least one of the following expressions of prejudice: poor service in stores or restaurants, disparaging comments and encounters with people who clearly are frightened or suspicious of them because of their race or ethnicity.

New Law Toughens Booster Seat Rules

Gov. John Kitzhaber signed into law a bill that's aimed at reducing traffic-related deaths and injuries among children by requiring children up to 6 years old to be secured in booster seats.

Oregon law currently requires only that children younger than 4 or weighing less than 40 pounds to be buckled into a safety seat.

After children turn 4, it's legal to strap them into the car's adult seat belts.

The bill signed by the governor today will require children weighing 40 to 60 pounds to be secured in a safety seat or other device that elevates them so that a vehicle's seat belt fits properly.

The new law takes effect on Jan. 1.

Witness to Beating Wanted

Portland police investigators, in corporation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for help in locating a witness to an altercation between two men that resulted in a death.

On Wednesday, May 9, at approximately 6 p.m. on S.E. 30th and Hawthorne, near the Express Grocery, 45-year-old Joseph Nesby, who was a transient, was seriously injured in a fight with another man.

Nesby was transported

to a local hospital and later to a care facility, where he eventually died from his injuries.

Investigators believe there were several people in the time that witnessed the altercation. Investigators are asking for anyone who witnesses the altercation to call either sergeant Paul Larson, at (503) 823-0835, sergeant John Brooks at 503-823-0757 or Crime Stoppers, at 503-823-4357 (HELP).

Guards Investigated for Supplying Contraband

(AP) - State police detectives are investigating allegations that four corrections officers supplied contraband to prisoners at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem.

The four officers have been ordered not to work at the maximum-security prison pending the out-

come of the investigation. Officials would not make public the officers' names. Nor would they identify the type of contraband allegedly supplied to inmates.

Tobacco is the most common type of contraband within Oregon's prison system.



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