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A Mexican police officer shines his flashlight in a tunnel used to smuggle drugs across the Mexico-U.S. border. (AP photo)

2 Tons of Pot in Border Tunnel

Passage stretched from Mexico to California warehouse

(AP) — Authorities said they discovered more than 2 tons of marijuana in a cross-border tunnel that began near the Tijuana airport and ended inside a warehouse on the U.S. side.

The 2,400-foot passageway is longer than most of the 21 cross-border tunnels that have been discovered since authorities began keeping track after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said.

"It was like being in a cavern or a cave," said Michael Unzueta, customs special agent in charge in San Diego.

The tunnel's discovery prompted the U.S.

Attorney's office in San Diego to open a criminal investigation, said Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Mexican authorities found the entrance about 100 yards south of the border on Tuesday, and officers on the U.S. side found the exit Wednesday. Mexican officials allowed reporters and photographers, including an Associated Press photographer, into the tunnel late Wednesday.

The tunnel was about five feet wide and high enough for an adult to stand inside, had a cement floor, and lights mounted on one of the hard soil walls. It was equipped with a pulley system on the Mexican side.

Four tunnels have been discovered this month in the Tijuana-San Diego area, including more a primitive tunnel that was also found Wednesday when a U.S. Border Patrol vehicle struck a sink-hole.



Ebony Woods (KGW photo)

Driver Survives Shooting

A 23-year-old woman narrowly missed being shot and killed Jan. 24 as she was driving home from a basketball game at Benson High School.

Ebony Woods told KGW that she thinks the gunfire was directed at another car involved in a drug deal.

A bullet came inches from her head when it entered through her driver's side window. She suffered cuts to her face and eye from shattered glass. Her passenger, Allison Prasad, 22, also suffered cuts from glass.

Police said they don't believe either woman was the intended target of the shooting.

No arrests have been made. Anyone with information is asked to call the Gang Enforcement Team at 503-823-4106.

80 Marijuana Plants Seized

Police seized 80 marijuana plants from a home at 8845 N.E. Beech St. and arrested three people Thursday on drug charges.

Dan Bennett, 22, Joseph Bailey, 22, and Eric Osperberg, 23, are charged with manufacturing, distribution and possession of a controlled substance.

Eight pounds of marijuana, \$17,133 in cash, scales, packaging material and equipment used to manufacture marijuana were also seized.

Man Shot in the Face

A local resident suffered serious injuries after getting shot once or twice in the face at his home in the 6200 block of North Mississippi Avenue Thursday.

Police said Eddie Miller, 53, answered a knock at his front door about 10:25 p.m. and was immediately shot in the face.

Neighbors told police they saw a man running from the house to Peninsula Park, about a block away. A police dog was used to searched the area but no one was found.

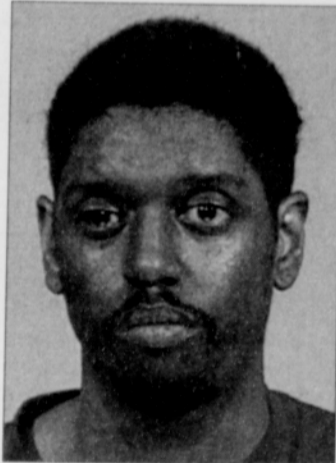
Man Charged in Downtown Murder

A man is charged with murder in the beating death of another man on a downtown sidewalk.

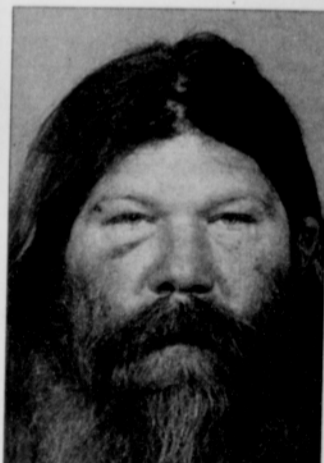
Richard Paul Koehrsen, 45, is accused of killing Christopher Darry Carter, 42, on Jan. 23 around 10 p.m. near Southwest 12th Avenue and Alder Street.

Carter's body had signs of sharp force trauma leading officers to believe he had been the victim of a homicide.

Detectives are looking for anyone who may have seen any portion of the assault or know either the suspect or victim. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Rich Austria at 503-823-0449 or detective Ken Whattam at 503-823-0696.



Christopher Carter



Richard Koehrsen

Five Teens Charged in Jogger Attack

Robbery suspected motive

Five teenage boys have been arrested for attacking a man jogging on a bike path in north Portland.

Andrew Yarusso, 32, was on the bike path near the 6800 block of North Lombard Street just after 10 p.m. on Jan. 23 when he encountered the five young men.

Police said he was punched by one of the suspects, struck in the head by another and was beaten by all five males when he fell to the ground. Yarusso



Trevor Smallwood

North Precinct police officers found three of the suspects right away, arresting 18-year-old Trevor Smallwood, 17-year-old Marty Smallwood, and 15-year-old Sean Tapio. Two days later, officers located and arrested 15-year-old Alan Jamerson and 17-year-old Antione Robinson.

Police believe robbery may have been the motive for the assault. They also believe the young men are suspects in recent similar, but unreported crimes.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Jim McCausland at 503-823-0871.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #06-01 Humboldt Gardens HOPE VI Construction Manager/ General Contractor Services

The Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) is soliciting written proposals from qualified entities capable of providing Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) Services for redevelopment of the Humboldt Gardens public housing development. The revitalized project, formerly named Iris Court, will enhance the quality of life for residents and link people to opportunities that will increase self-sufficiency. In service of HAP's Economic Participation goals, partnerships between larger firms and Targeted Businesses (D/M/W/ESB firms) are encouraged. HAP's interest in this type of arrangement is two fold: (1) identifying CM/GC entities capable of delivering a project on budget and within the established schedule, and (2) building the capacity of Targeted Businesses.

The scope of work shall include demolition of existing buildings and infrastructure and construction of 129 new housing units with new public and private infrastructure. Building types are likely to include two- and three-story wood framed townhouses and flats and mixed-use commercial/residential apartment buildings. The value of the work is estimated at approximately \$21.5 million.

Pre-Proposal Conference and Walk-Through: Those interested in responding to the Request for Proposals (RFP) are strongly encouraged to attend a Pre-Proposal Conference at 4:00 p.m. on **February 8, 2006**. The Conference will be held at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME), 4134 N. Vancouver, Portland, Oregon.

Obtaining the RFP: Hard copies of the RFP package can be obtained at the HAP Development Office, 135 SW Ash St., Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204 between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Electronic copies may be obtained from the HAP website, www.hapdx.org.

Questions: All communications and submissions pertaining to this RFP must be directed to:

Housing Authority of Portland
Attn: Jerry Walker, Purchasing Manager
135 S.W. Ash Street, 4th floor
Portland, Oregon 97204
(503) 802-8509
email: jerryw2@hapdx.org

Proposal Deadline: Sealed Proposals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. on **February 28, 2006**. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.

Diversity: The Housing Authority is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and strongly encourages minority-owned and women-owned businesses, socially and economically disadvantaged businesses and small businesses to submit proposals or to participate as subcontractors and suppliers on this and all HAP contracts.

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Application times are 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM on the above specified dates only.

Applications must be filled out in person at 6915 NE 42nd Avenue Portland, OR 97218

For more information about program requirements please visit our web page at www.area1jatic.com or call 503-459-4056

Women and Minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.

PARTICIPANTS WANTED
(Ages 18+) Residents of Multnomah county to participate in a 1 day decision making study to be held in Portland on Saturday 2/25. Must be registered voter or have valid drivers license. Reward: \$175. For more info and to apply, call 888-836-6848 between noon-7pm Wed 2/1 thru Fri 2/3 & Sun 2/5 thru Tues 2/7.

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