

Man held in homicide

Warm Springs police and the FBI are investigating an alleged homicide.

Aaron Wewa, 23, was being held in jail in relation to the case, according to police. Police on Tuesday (press time for this paper) were not yet releasing the name of the victim. The incident apparently happened in the West Hills area, according to police. The arrest was made early Monday, police said.

Construction to resume on Lewis and Clark landing site

(AP) — Archaeologists and the Chinook Indian Tribe have reached an agreement that will allow construction to resume on a waterfront park at the site where the Lewis and Clark expedition reached the Pacific Ocean nearly 200 years ago.

The first stage of the project — the \$1.1 million rerouting of U.S. 101 near the mouth of the Columbia River — was suspended in January after Indian artifacts and trade goods were unearthed at the site.

The road work near McGowan will make room for an 8-acre waterfront park commemorating Station Camp, the westernmost point reached by the Meriwether Lewis and William Clark in November 1805. The Chinooks helped the party get through the winter.

The artifacts, including stone tools, arrowheads and glass beads, were found during a pre-construction archaeological survey conducted earlier this year.

The state Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that the Chinook Nation, whose ancestors' use of the land may be documented by the finds, and the Washington State Historical Society had reached an agreement on the road project and related archaeological work.

The agreement gives archaeologists from the National Park Service and Portland State University additional time to study the site, which is near an early Chinook trade settlement known as Qiyawaqilxam or "Middle Village." The Transportation Department expects park construction to resume next winter or early spring.

Tribal Chairman Gary Johnson said he was pleased the park would include references to the village.

"It is very important that the story of the first people of the Great River be told," said Johnson, whose people are still seeking federal recognition.

The agreement includes a one-time \$120,000 payment to the Chinook Nation and money for staff support from the historical society. Jim Sayce, Station Camp project coordinator for the historical society, will work with the tribe to evaluate the site and on development of a plan to build a tribal cultural center, museum, library and research center.

Meeting

There will be a meeting at the Agency Longhouse beginning at 6 p.m. this evening, Thursday, August 4. Members of each of the three districts are invited to attend.

Enduring petroglyphs continue to intrigue

CULVER (AP) — Try standing in front of the Crooked River Petroglyph Boulder at Cove Palisades State Park, armed with the knowledge that the images chipped into its surface are thousands of years old, and see if you can remain impassive, oblivious to the possibilities. But you can't.

Who left these enduring marks?

He or she was almost certainly a Wasco, Warm Springs or Northern Paiute Indian who lived lightly on this air-dried

landscape of towering rimrock, shimmering sunlight and rivers glinting like ribbons far below.

What do these images depict? Was the artist absently doodling or reaching out to the future, cognizant that the renderings would endure? Was the artist a hunter? Was she a mother, a sister, a visionary?

No one knows for sure.

"It could be a recording of a major feast event as a record for the future generations," according to Tribal Relations director Rudy Clements.

Or it could be a sign of something less tangible.

"What we tend to forget about are the things that can't be seen," Clements said. "The principles behind the actions. The (petroglyph) is a reminder of those, the unseen behaviors in the soul. Most of us agree that (the petroglyph) is there to provide direction."

And it was direction — the compass point kind — that led the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the Confederated Tribes to move and

reorient the 15-ton boulder recently.

The story began as much as 8,000 years ago, when the artist took stone in hand and pecked the images into the boulder. The boulder was then a mile-and-a-half downstream on the west bank of the Crooked River.

There it sat for thousands of years until it was discovered and moved in 1963 before that reach of the river was flooded to create Lake Billy Chinook. It ended up on display midway between the Crooked River and

Deschutes River arms of the lake. The petroglyph boulder had been saved from the dam builders and was preserved in an outdoor exhibit that "looked like a 1970s roadside attraction," said the parks district's Paul Patton, who spearheaded a 10-year campaign to move the hefty artifact one more time.

The result is a display that's remarkably faithful to the original placement and circumstances.

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