

Woman wants prison for Pasco officers who shot son

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KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — The first day of Agapita Montes-Rivera's first trip to the United States included viewing the body of her son, who was shot and killed by police in Washington state in a case that has sparked protests and calls for a federal investigation.

The woman from tiny Parotita, Mexico, said Tuesday the three officers involved should go to prison.

Antonio Zambrano-Montes was shot to death Feb. 10 after allegedly throwing rocks at police near a busy intersection in Pasco, an agricultural center along the Columbia River. His death is under investigation.

Montes-Rivera, 60, spoke to The Associated Press through an interpreter during an interview at a library.

She said she watched video of the shooting in Mexico and rushed to the television in a futile effort to help her son, one of her 16 children. She said she wished she could take his place.

"She saw him lift his hands to stop the bullets," said Fabian Ubay, who translated for Montes-Rivera. "She ran to the TV to try to stop it."

Police say the night of the shooting, Zambrano-Montes was acting erratically and throwing rocks at officers. They said a stun gun failed to subdue the 35-year-old agricultural worker.

In a bystander's video recording, five "pops" are audible, and Zambrano-Montes can be seen running away, pursued by three officers. As the officers draw closer, he stops, turns and faces them. Multiple "pops" are heard, and he falls to the ground.

The Franklin County coroner has ordered an inquest into the death, which is being reviewed by a regional task force. Federal authorities are monitoring the investigation.



AP Photo/Nicholas K. Geranios

In this Feb. 19 photo, a photo of Antonio Zambrano-Montes, is displayed at a memorial in Pasco at the site where Zambrano-Montes, an unarmed man who was fatally shot by police.

Montes-Rivera said Tuesday she was not aware of any erratic behavior in her son's past.

"He was cheerful, a hard worker," the mother told the AP. He came to the United States a decade ago to find work and help out his family, she said.

The family's high-profile attorney, Benjamin Crump, has said Zambrano-Montes was in the country illegally and spoke little English. Crump also represented the family of Michael Brown, a black man killed by an officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

Montes-Rivera arrived in Pasco on Monday and went straight to a funeral home to see her son's body. Crump said she fainted there.

"She hadn't seen him for 10 years," said Ubay, who is serving as a family spokes-

man. "The next time she's seen him, he's dead."

Montes-Rivera has had no contact with law enforcement yet. As for the three officers, who are in paid leave, "she definitely thinks they deserve to go to prison," Ubay said, "so their mothers can miss their sons, as well."

The last time Montes-Rivera spoke with her son was Dec. 30, when she asked him to come home for a visit. He replied that he needed to make more money to do that.

The Mexican government is paying for Zambrano-Montes' funeral home expenses and to transport the body back to Mexico, according to the Mexican counsel in Seattle. Mexico's president earlier criticized the shooting.

Zambrano-Montes' death has sparked two weeks of protests in Pasco.

GOP leader offers vote to sidestep Homeland Security Dept. impasse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Days from a Homeland Security Department shutdown, Senate Republicans sought a way out Monday by splitting President Barack Obama's contested immigration measures from the agency's funding bill.

It was not clear whether the gambit by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell would succeed ahead of Friday's midnight deadline to fund the department or see it shut down.

It was far from certain whether it would win any Democratic support, and House conservatives remain firmly opposed to any funding bill for the Homeland Security Department that does not also overturn Obama's executive actions on immigration.

But with Senate Democrats united against a House-passed bill that funds the agency while blocking the president on immigration, McConnell said it was time for another approach.

"It's another way to get the Senate unstuck from a Democrat filibuster and move the debate forward," McConnell said on the Senate floor after a vote to advance the House-passed bill failed 47-46, short of the 60 votes needed. Three previous attempts earlier in the month had yielded similar results.

A spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, welcomed McConnell's move, though without predicting its chances of success in the House.

"This vote will highlight the irresponsible hypocrisy of any Senate Democrat who claims to oppose President Obama's executive overreach on immigration, but refuses to vote to stop it," said Boehner spokesman Michael Steel.

McConnell left unclear whether a vote overturning Obama's immigration moves would be followed by a stand-alone vote

to fund the Homeland Security Department — an omission not lost on Senate Democrats.

"With four days left to go before Homeland Security runs out, he's bringing a bill to the floor that doesn't fund Homeland Security," said Adam Jentleson, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

McConnell's move came after Obama warned the nation's governors that states would feel the economic pain of a Homeland Security shutdown, with tens of thousands of workers in line to be furloughed if the agency shuts down at midnight Friday, and many more forced to work without pay.

"It will have a direct impact on your economy, and it will have a direct impact on America's national security," Obama told governors as they visited the White House as part of their annual conference.

Within hours of Republicans securing the Senate majority last November, McConnell vowed there would be no government shutdowns, but the immigration fight threatened to shut down the Homeland Security Department and undermine GOP promises that they would show the nation they could govern.

McConnell's move seemed aimed at dividing Senate Democrats who have been united against the \$39.7 billion House-passed legislation that funds the Homeland Security Department through the Sept. 30 end of the budget year, while also rolling back Obama's executive actions granting work permits to millions of immigrants in this country illegally.

The move came as growing numbers of Senate Republicans called for Congress to jettison the immigration fight and pass a "clean" Homeland Security spending bill without immigration language.

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UO vaccinating thousands

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon is moving a vaccination clinic to Matthew Knight Arena as it steps up a fight against a blood stream infection that can cause a form of meningitis, called meningococemia.

The university hopes to inoculate as many as 22,000 students.

The disease is believed to be responsible for the death of one student last week and for making three other students seriously ill this winter.

KVAL reports a university spokeswoman, Rita Radostitz, says

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many students previously received their meningitis shots, but the strain on campus is different.

The school started vaccinating students in late January, and it's moving the effort to the arena on Monday.

The vaccine can cost up to \$170 per student. School officials are working with insurance companies.

OSP recover archaeological artifacts

KLAMATH FALLS, (AP) — Oregon State Police say they recovered numerous archaeological artifacts when they

recently executed a search warrant at the home of a Klamath Falls man.

Lt. Josh Brooks said state police fish and wildlife division officers in southern Oregon have wrapped up a seven-month-long investigation into the unlawful taking, possession and sale of such artifacts.

Sgt. Randall Hand of the Klamath Falls office said an extended drought has exposed many archaeological areas normally hidden by water. Oregon law says no one may remove any archaeological object located on public or private lands unless authorized by permit.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny	Cloudy with a shower or two	Rather cloudy, showers around	Mostly sunny and chilly	Sunshine, but chilly

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
50°	36°	49°	35°	47°
36°	49°	29°	43°	22°
44°	27°			
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
51°	35°	51°	32°	46°
32°	46°	29°	47°	20°
48°	26°			

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	56°	27°
Normals	49°	31°
Records	72° (1986)	10° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.77"
Normal month to date 0.98"
Year to date 1.49"
Last year to date 2.32"
Normal year to date 2.36"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

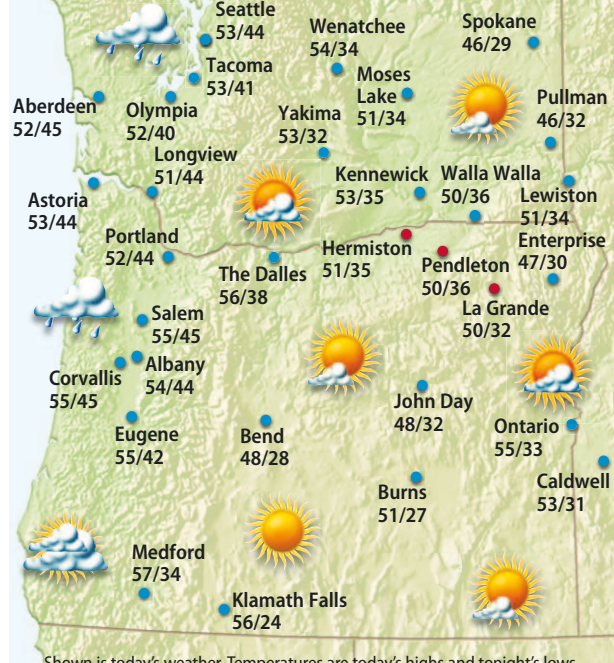
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	57°	21°
Normals	51°	30°
Records	67° (1964)	15° (2005)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.61"
Normal month to date 0.82"
Year to date 1.05"
Last year to date 1.70"
Normal year to date 2.10"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:47 a.m.
Moonset today	12:50 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 25	Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 20



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today; a passing shower across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today, except mostly cloudy near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a passing shower, but dry across the south.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today.

Cascades: Clouds and sun today. A little snow at times tonight; however, dry in the south.

Northern California: Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; plenty of sunshine elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	44	c	54	43	sh
Baker City	50	28	s	47	26	sh
Bend	48	28	c	49	29	sh
Brookings	59	45	pc	58	48	c
Burns	51	27	s	48	26	c
Enterprise	47	30	s	43	29	sn
Eugene	55	42	c	54	45	sh
Heppner	50	35	pc	48	36	sh
Hermiston	51	35	pc	51	32	sh
John Day	48	32	s	45	32	sn
Klamath Falls	56	24	s	51	30	c
La Grande	50	32	s	47	31	c
Meacham	46	27	s	42	24	sh
Medford	57	34	s	55	39	c
Newport	54	46	c	54	46	sh
North Bend	57	47	c	56	47	sh
Ontario	55	33	pc	55	30	sh
Pasco	52	34	pc	52	32	sh
Pendleton	50	36	s	49	35	sh
Portland	52	44	c	53	44	sh
Redmond	50	29	s	50	29	sh
Salem	55	45	c	55	45	sh
Spokane	46	29	s	44	28	c
Ukiah	48	32	s	44	32	sn
Vancouver	52	42	c	52	43	sh
Walla Walla	50	36	s	49	36	sh
Yakima	53	32	pc	54	35	sh

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	41	20	s	39	21	s
Hong Kong	75	68	pc	76	67	c
Jerusalem	55	43	pc	65	49	s
London	52	46	pc	53	34	r
Mexico City	78	49	s	77	44	s
Moscow	36	24	pc	35	27	c
Paris	47	39	sh	51	35	sh
Rome	59	45	r	60	42	pc
Seoul	50	30	pc	35	23	pc
Sydney	75	66	sh	81	69	pc
Tokyo	51	44	c	50	44	r

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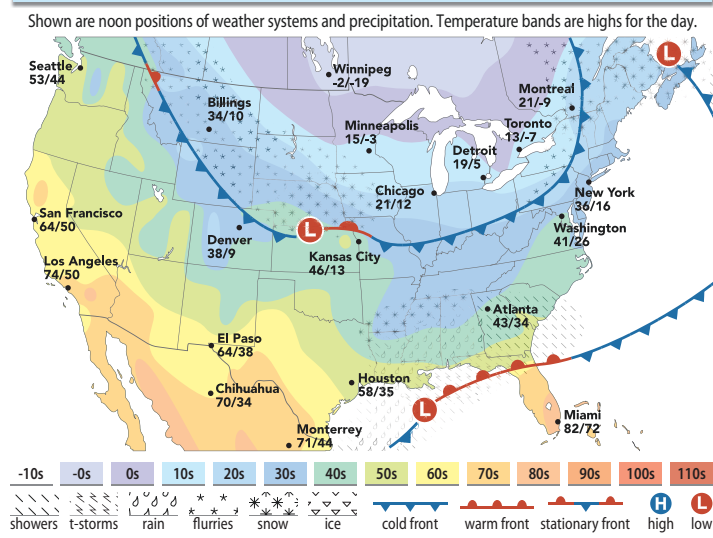
(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 4-8	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 6-12

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NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.			Today			Thur.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	55	27	s	48	25	c	Louisville	37	22	pc	32	12	sf
Atlanta	43	34	r	47	29	c	Memphis	39	27	sn	38	21	c
Atlanta City	37	23	s	30	20	sn	Miami	82	72	s	86	70	t
Baltimore	36	20	s	31	16	sn	Millwaukee	17	7	pc	13	0	pc
Billings	34	10	sn	20	6	c	Minneapolis	15	-3	pc	9	-6	pc
Birmingham	39	27	sn	45	22	pc	Nashville	59	26	sr	40	18	c
Boise	52	32	s	50	31	sh	New Orleans	52	37	r	55	37	pc
Boston	33	12	pc	22	9	c	New York City	36	16	s	26	16	c
Charleston, SC	49	37	r	52	34	r	Oklahoma City	50	21	pc	33	16	pc
Charleston, WV	25	21	pc	15									