

# Officer hurt, suspect killed in shootout

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Associated Press

PORTLAND — A Christmas Day shooting that left a woman dead triggered a car chase and gunbattle in suburban Portland. The exchange critically wounded an Oregon State Police officer and killed the slaying suspect, who had a troubled home life, authorities and court records said.

Trooper Nic Cederberg, 32, an Army veteran who has been with the department for seven years, underwent surgery Monday and remains in critical condition, state police said on their Facebook page.

The incident began when police in King City found the woman's body after

responding to a call about shots being fired late Sunday, Washington County sheriff's Sgt. David Thompson said.

The suspect, James Tylka, 30, was seen driving away and officers pursued him, police said. The chase ended with an exchange of gunfire about 20 miles south of Portland.

Authorities did not release other information about the chase and shootout, except that officers from three police departments were involved and have been placed on paid administrative leave, a routine move.

But details emerged about Tylka's problems at home. He was locked in a protracted dispute with his former wife over custody of their son and child support payments,

according to court records.

Social media and court records indicate he was married to Kate Armand and that the couple had a baby girl.

Tylka posted a photo on Facebook early this month of the couple kissing in happier times and commented: "We aren't divorced." Someone responded that she hoped they work things out.

Police have not released the name of the woman he is believed to have killed, but Megan Armand told media outlets that the victim was her sister, Kate.

"We are still in shock and devastated from last night's events," she said in a statement. "My heart is broken from the loss of my only sister. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the

wounded OSP Officer and his family."

Several Facebook posts by Kate Armand's friends expressed grief, describing her as a good person and an amazing mother to the nearly 1-year-old girl.

Tylka updated his Facebook profile photo shortly before his death, displaying a picture of the couple. He also updated his cover photo, showing his two children, a boy and a baby daughter.

Tylka's ex-wife, Sabrina Starks, had filed for immediate temporary custody of their son in September, saying the boy was in danger of potential abuse. She said Tylka spoke about suicide in September 2015, drawing a call to police, before leaving town for four months.

## BRIEFLY

### Baker City sets coldest Christmas on record

BAKER CITY (AP) — Baker City had its coldest Christmas on record and maybe its whitest.

The *Baker City Herald* reports the temperature at the airport fell to 6 below zero in the final hour of Christmas.

That's the coldest holiday temperature on record at the airport, where statistics date to 1943. The previous record was 3 below zero, set on Christmas Day 1948.

That same year, the city had 7 inches of snow on the ground for Christmas. The newspaper reports that the current depth, though not official, is more than 7 inches.

The temperature was just 6 degrees late Monday morning. With freezing temperatures expected for the rest of the month, this December will likely be one of the coldest on record.

The temperature hasn't been above freezing at the airport since Dec. 11.

### Northwest nuclear power plant back online

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Northwest's only nuclear power plant is reconnecting to the regional power grid after an unplanned shut down.

The *Tri-City Herald* reports that the 1,190-megawatt Columbia Generating Station resumed late Saturday night.

Energy Northwest says power levels are slowly rising and should reach 100 percent within 72 hours of restarting. The plant shut down following a malfunction at a substation.

The newspaper reports that the malfunction caused the line that connects the plant's main output trans-



formers to the substation to reject the load. A primary breaker opened too slowly and a secondary system kicked in and opened other breakers, causing the plant to separate itself from the grid and shut down.

Columbia Generating Station sends enough power to the Northwest grid to power a city the size of Seattle.

### Boy dies, three hurt in crash after night of caroling

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland police say a 16-year-old boy died and another teenager was critically injured when the car they were in crashed after a night of caroling.

Sgt. Pete Simpson says five teenage boys were in the vehicle early Christmas morning, traveling from Happy Valley to Wilsonville after singing at the homes of those who attend a Romanian church in southeast Portland.

Simpson says the Volkswagen Cabriolet was part of a three-vehicle caravan. The 17-year-old driver passed one of his friends and missed a sharp turn, driving off Mt. Scott Boulevard.

Dense fog may have been a factor.

The boy who died has been identified as Samuel Chiriac of Battle Ground, Washington. The driver, Seba Pop of West Linn, was in critical condition at a Portland hospital.

Two other teen passengers suffered serious injuries and a 14-year-old boy wasn't hurt.

The investigation remains active, but Simpson says it doesn't appear the boys were impaired by drugs or alcohol.

# Blizzards wreak havoc on northern Plains

CHICAGO (AP) — Travel conditions remained hazardous as a winter storm swept across much of the northern Plains on Monday, with blowing and drifting snow forcing the closure of an airport and creating near-zero visibility on some roads.

The combination of freezing rain, snow and high winds that forced vast stretches of highways in the Dakotas to be shut down Sunday continued on Monday, and authorities issued no-travel warnings for much of North Dakota.

Meanwhile, in parts of the South, unseasonably warm temperatures was raising the risk of tornadoes and damaging thunderstorms. About 3 million people in parts of Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee could see damaging wind gusts and isolated tornadoes Monday, the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma, said, but no major outbreak is expected.

Most of North Dakota was to remain under a blizzard warning through Monday afternoon or early evening, according to the National Weather Service in Bismarck. Severe whiteout conditions led to the closure of Minot International Airport, and the facility wasn't expected to reopen until 3 a.m. Tuesday. The airports serving Fargo



Tom Stromme/The Bismarck Tribune via AP

**Madori Griffin, who says her car was snowed in, makes her way through an intersection while walking to work in the intensive care unit of Sanford Hospital early Monday in Bismarck, N.D.**

and Bismarck also list flight cancellations on their websites.

Winds gusting 40 mph to 50 mph associated also led to delays and cancellations at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. The storm also has caused power outages in the Dakotas and Nebraska.

The South Dakota Rural Electric Association said roughly 19,000 of its customers were without

power Monday afternoon. In Nebraska, winds gusting up to 70 mph were cited for hundreds of power outages in central and eastern portions of the state Sunday, although by Monday morning, utilities reported that power had been restored to most customers.

The North Dakota Transportation Department closed most of a 240-mile stretch of Interstate 94 Sunday night, from the Montana border

to Jamestown. That stretch remained closed Monday. Portions of U.S. Highways 2, 52 and 281 were also closed because of snow, ice and "near zero visibility." Motorists who drive past the roadblocks can be fined up to \$250.

No-travel advisories were issued for much of North Dakota, including the Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City and Grand Forks areas.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A bit of snow and rain at times	Times of clouds and sun	Cloudy	Some sun; rain and snow at night	Mostly sunny and chilly
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
41° 32°	39° 26°	39° 30°	38° 24°	37° 28°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
43° 33°	42° 25°	39° 31°	41° 24°	39° 28°

## ALMANAC

PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW

Yesterday	38°	20°
Normals	39°	25°
Records	67° (1980)	-9° (1924)

PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date	2.10"
Normal month to date	1.33"
Year to date	13.40"
Last year to date	10.07"
Normal year to date	12.84"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW

Yesterday	29°	26°
Normals	39°	27°
Records	67° (1980)	5° (1948)

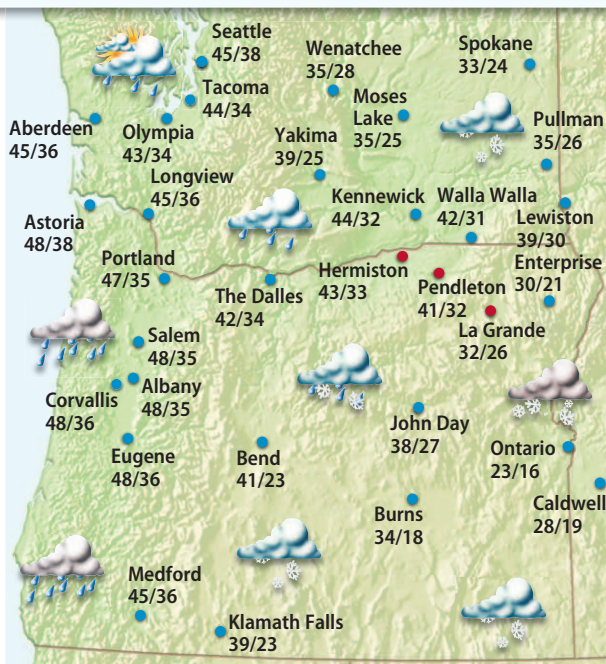
PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date	1.23"
Normal month to date	1.24"
Year to date	9.13"
Last year to date	7.16"
Normal year to date	9.74"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:35 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 4:18 p.m.  
Moonrise today 5:53 a.m.  
Moonset today 3:34 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 28	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19



## REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Periods of rain today. A brief shower or two tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Mostly cloudy today with a bit of snow and rain at times; a couple of inches east above 3,000 feet.

**Western Washington:** Periods of rain today. A couple of inches east above 3,000 feet.

**Eastern Washington:** A bit of leftover snow today, mainly near the Idaho border; clouds and breaks of sun.

**Cascades:** Snow today with 4-8 inches additional. Snow level 2,000 feet north; 4,000 feet south.

**Northern California:** Mostly cloudy today with a shower far north coast; partly sunny elsewhere.

## REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	48	38	r	48	39	c
Baker City	23	15	sn	23	8	pc
Bend	41	23	sn	35	21	pc
Brookings	50	40	r	51	38	c
Burns	34	18	sn	28	4	pc
Enterprise	30	21	sn	28	14	pc
Eugene	48	36	r	45	30	c
Heppner	39	28	c	36	24	pc
Hermiston	43	33	c	42	25	pc
John Day	38	27	c	35	22	c
Klamath Falls	39	23	sf	37	16	c
La Grande	32	26	sn	32	22	c
Meacham	30	25	sn	31	22	pc
Medford	45	36	r	46	29	pc
Newport	48	38	r	48	38	c
North Bend	52	40	r	52	37	pc
Ontario	23	16	sn	24	7	c
Pasco	44	32	pc	43	24	pc
Pendleton	41	32	c	39	26	pc
Portland	47	35	r	46	33	c
Redmond	42	22	c	37	19	pc
Salem	48	35	r	45	31	c
Spokane	33	24	sn	31	21	c
Ukiah	35	23	sn	32	18	c
Vancouver	46	35	r	44	34	c
Walla Walla	42	31	c	39	26	pc
Yakima	39	25	sf	40	24	pc

## WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	36	13	s	37	11	s
Hong Kong	66	53	pc	62	57	c
Jerusalem	45	40	sh	51	41	pc
London	45	32	s	45	34	s
Mexico City	72	50	pc	74	47	pc
Moscow	34	25	sn	29	24	sf
Paris	45	30	s	46	29	s
Rome	60	37	s	56	37	s
Seoul	32	16	s	32	24	pc
Sydney	83	71	pc	86	74	pc
Tokyo	67	41	r	48	39	pc

## WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	SW 10-20	SW 6-12
Pendleton	SW 10-20	SSW 7-14

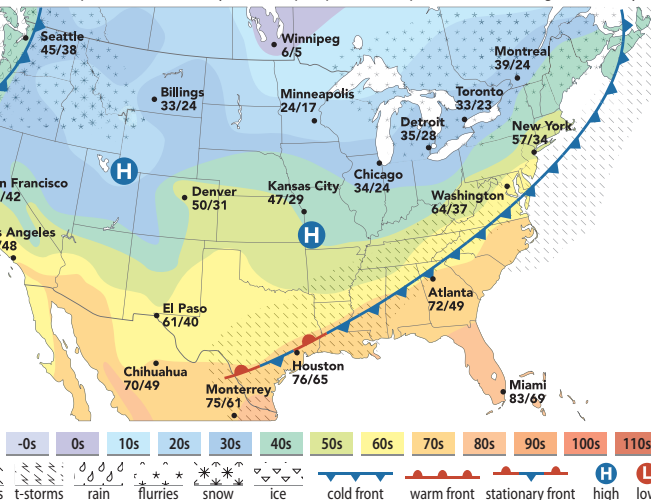
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## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



## NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	48	29	s	52	29	pc
Atlanta	72	49	t	66	57	r
Atlantic City	59	36	sh	45	32	s
Baltimore	62	32	sh	46	31	s
Billings	33	24	pc	33	17	c
Birmingham	68	47	c	65	54	c
Boise	29	18	sn	29	11	pc
Boston	54	31	sh	41	30	s
Charleston, SC	74	58	pc	70	57	c
Chicago, IL	57	32	pc	47	38	s
Chicago	34	24	c	42	29	pc
Cleveland	35	30	c	39	34	c
Dallas	63	53	pc	72	46	c
Denver	50	31	s	46	22	pc
Detroit	35	28	sf	37	21	c
El Paso	61	40	pc	66	39	pc
Fairbanks	3	-7	sn	-1	-14	c
Fargo	19	17	pc	33	22	sf
Honolulu	81	70	s	80	68	sh
Houston	76	65	pc	78	66	c
Indianapolis	40	26	s	44	29	pc
Jacksonville	80	57	pc	78	57	c
Kansas City	47	29	s	49	31	s
Las Vegas	51	38				