

Officers describe faint whimper, finding abandoned infant in woods

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MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A faint whimper in the darkness was all it took.

Missoula County Sheriff's Deputy Ross Jessop and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Nick Scholz rushed toward the sound after hours spent searching the Montana woods for a missing infant.

Jessop was about to take another step when he heard a stick crack underfoot. He looked down to find a cold, wet, soiled 5-month-old boy face-down under a pile of debris.

"I abandoned any police training or any chance of saving evidence there — I didn't care," Jessop, a father of three, told reporters on Tuesday. "I scooped up the baby, made sure he was breathing. He had a sparkle in his eye. (I) warmed him up, gave him a couple of kisses and just held him."

The baby, who had been abandoned for at least nine hours before Jessop and Scholz found him at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, was cold, hungry and had scrapes and bruises, but was otherwise in good condition. They wrapped him in a coat and carried the boy out of the woods to safety.

"It was the happiest 15-20 minutes of my career," Scholz said of the walk out. "I was just stunned. Walking in to this situation, you were mentally prepared for the worst."

The baby drank a whole bottle of Pedialyte in under a minute, then drank two more, said Missoula County Sheriff's Capt. Bill Burt. The baby's tiny, dirty hand grasped Burt's finger with surprising strength, then he fell soundly asleep as hospital officials hooked him up to an IV, Burt said.

The rescue that Sheriff T.J. McDermott called a miracle was recounted moments before Francis Crowley, 32, appeared in court to hear charges against him that



This Sunday photo provided by the Missoula County Sheriff's Office shows a 5-month-old infant with dirt under his fingernails after authorities say the baby survived about nine hours being buried under sticks and debris in the woods.



From left, Missoula County Sheriff's Deputy Ross Jessop, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer Nick Scholz and Sheriff T.J. McDermott answer questions on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, in Missoula, Mont.

included assault on a minor and criminal endangerment.

Crowley told investigators he left the boy in the woods after crashing his car because the baby was heavy, according to court records. He appeared in Missoula County Justice Court from jail by video, and he broke down repeatedly as he heard the allegations against him.

Crowley doubled over, then fell to the floor and covered his face with his hands, sobbing. He exclaimed twice, "I love that f----- kid," and implored the judge not to take him away.

Public defender Ted Fellman said Crowley had no money and was living near Lolo Hot Springs. Sheriff's officials said Crowley, the child's mother and the boy were living in a camp near the hot springs in Lolo National Forest.

Crowley is from Portland, Oregon, and was previously arrested in June in Missoula

on a fugitive warrant from Oregon for a probation violation, Missoula County prosecutors said. He has a string of prior arrests that include burglary, assault, drug and criminal mischief charges, Deputy County Attorney Brittany Williams said.

The nature of Crowley's relationship to the baby was not immediately clear.

Crowley did not enter a plea during the court hearing. Judge Marie Andersen set bail at \$200,000 and scheduled his next court date for July 25.

Deputies were called to Lolo Hot Springs at 8 p.m. Saturday because Crowley was creating a disturbance and threatening to fire a gun, Missoula County prosecutors said.

Crowley was disoriented, likely because of drug use, and unable to help officers find the baby or say how long ago the crash had occurred, charging documents said. He variously said the baby was lying on the side of the road or had died and was buried in the woods.

BRIEFLY

Herbicide may have killed other trees in central Oregon

BEND (AP) — A weed-killer that killed thousands of ponderosa pines near Sisters has been linked to the deaths of other trees outside the Sunriver resort community and possibly across Oregon.

An investigation spurred by the incident in Sisters found that the active ingredient in the product known as Perspective may have killed dozens of ponderosa pines outside Sunriver and other trees in central Oregon, said Dale Mitchell, an Oregon Department of Agriculture program manager. The department monitors pesticides and herbicides in Oregon.

"We are looking at gathering additional information on this ingredient," Mitchell said. The Deschutes County Road Department sprayed the herbicide along two main roads that lead in and out of Sunriver in 2013 and 2014, the Bulletin reported. The roadside spraying is done to reduce the amount of flammable grass, said Chris Doty, the road department's director.

Employees for the road department and the U.S. Forest Service found ponderosa pines with brown and ill-formed needles in the area where the herbicide was applied and reported it to the agriculture department. Results from testing in 2015 showed that the damage had spread, according to a U.S. Forest Service report.

Police ID Oregon woman suspected of killing 8-year-old son

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Authorities have identified a woman who they say fatally shot her 8-year-

old son and then herself at a home in Grants Pass.

Grants Pass police Lt. Todd Moran says 27-year-old Rachel Shoemaker died at a local hospital and the boy died as he was being prepared for an airlift to a Portland hospital.

Shoemaker's boyfriend alerted police Sunday morning. He is not the child's father.

A neighbor told the Daily Courier newspaper she heard commotion at about 9:30 a.m., and saw a man using a cellphone leave the house. She said he was yelling, "Where's the ambulance?"

Moran said detectives believe it was a murder-suicide, and the investigation is coming to a close.

Junction City building explodes; racial slur, symbol found

JUNCTION CITY (AP) — A building northwest of Eugene in Junction City exploded and burst into flames.

The Register-Guard reports that authorities, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Junction City police are investigating the cause of the early Monday explosion and fire.

Authorities say a swastika and a racial slur were found spray painted at the scene.

Junction City Police Chief Bob Morris says the cause of the fire is suspicious. Authorities on Monday had not been able to contact the building's owners.

State business records show Irene and Devon Huntley bought the building in 2015. Morris said they were renovating the building, which had been used as an insurance office, to become a restaurant.

No further information was immediately available.

Correction

The July 7 story "Vines with a View" misstated one of the varieties of wine Force Majeure Vineyards produces. It does not produce Bordeaux. The EO regrets the error.

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TODAY **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY** **SUNDAY**

Plenty of sun Mostly sunny and hot Sizzling sunshine and very hot Sunshine and a few clouds Hot with plenty of sunshine

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
88° 60° 96° 63° 102° 64° 94° 57° 95° 63°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
93° 58° 100° 63° 106° 66° 98° 62° 100° 59°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	81°	61°
Normals	88°	58°
Records	106° (1975)	40° (1911)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	6.49"
Last year to date	11.30"
Normal year to date	7.67"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	84°	64°
Normals	88°	58°
Records	106° (1975)	46° (2009)

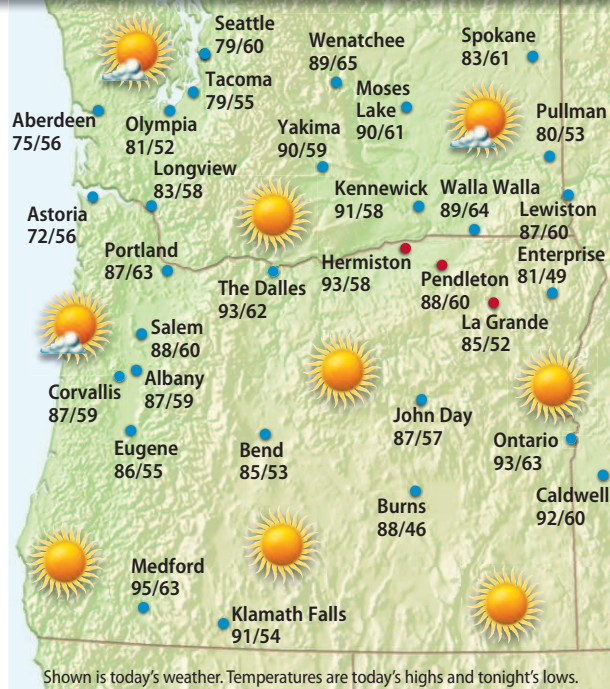
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.07"
Year to date	5.10"
Last year to date	6.59"
Normal year to date	5.77"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:52 a.m.
Moonset today	7:27 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	July 12	July 19	July 27	Aug 4



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny and pleasant today.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Plenty of sunshine today; hot in the south. A starlit sky tonight. Hot tomorrow.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. A starlit sky tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Plenty of sun today. A star-studded sky tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today. Hot in central parts; pleasant in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	72	56	s	73	57	s
Baker City	84	47	s	90	48	s
Bend	85	53	s	94	59	s
Brookings	76	57	s	69	54	pc
Burns	88	46	s	94	51	s
Enterprise	81	49	s	87	54	s
Eugene	86	55	s	96	58	s
Heppner	85	56	s	94	63	s
Hermiston	93	58	s	100	63	s
John Day	87	57	s	93	63	s
Klamath Falls	91	54	s	96	57	s
La Grande	85	52	s	91	55	s
Meacham	82	48	s	89	52	s
Medford	95	63	s	104	70	s
Newport	65	54	s	67	54	s
North Bend	69	56	s	69	56	s
Ontario	93	63	s	98	63	s
Pasco	91	56	s	100	59	s
Pendleton	88	60	s	96	63	s
Portland	87	63	s	95	63	s
Redmond	88	52	s	97	57	s
Salem	88	60	s	98	60	s
Spokane	83	61	s	90	64	s
Ukiah	80	46	s	89	51	s
Vancouver	85	61	s	94	60	s
Walla Walla	89	64	s	98	68	s
Yakima	90	59	s	97	63	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	74	70	sh	80	73	r
Hong Kong	92	84	c	90	80	t
Jerusalem	85	67	s	84	66	s
London	78	58	c	81	60	pc
Mexico City	72	53	t	75	52	t
Moscow	74	59	sh	76	58	pc
Paris	77	58	pc	79	63	pc
Rome	83	70	s	84	67	s
Seoul	85	75	c	85	74	c
Sydney	64	47	s	65	45	pc
Tokyo	89	77	c	85	78	t

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NNE 3-6	E 3-6
Pendleton	NNW 4-8	N 4-8

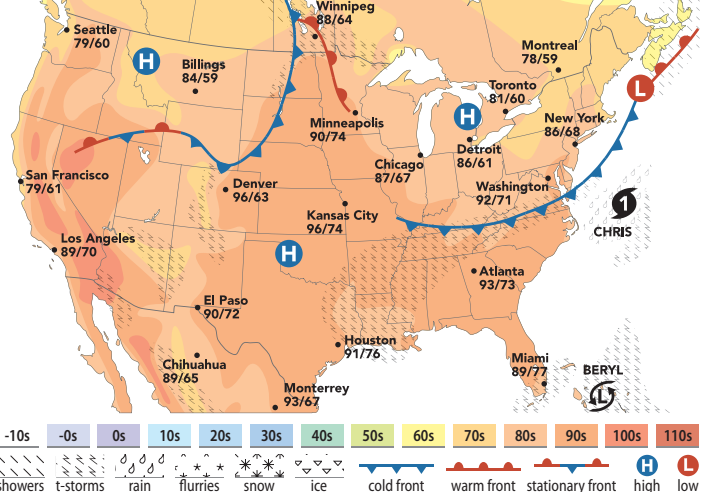
UV INDEX TODAY

2	5	9	9	5	2
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.					
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme					
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.					

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



National Summary: As Chris spins over the Atlantic, thunderstorms will focus on the South Central and Southwestern states today. Spotty storms will dot the interior Southeast. Severe storms will riddle the Upper Midwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 105° in Needles, Calif. **Low 35°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	68	t	86	66	t
Atlanta	93	73	pc	91	73	t
Atlanta City	83	69	pc	79	66	t
Baltimore	91	65	pc	86	65	s
Billings	84	59	s	87	62	pc
Birmingham	92	74	pc	92	74	t
Boise	92	61	s	96	65	s
Boston	76	65	pc	78	64	pc
Charleston, SC	87	67	s	90	71	pc
Chicago	86	62	s	86	64	s
Cleveland	81	59	s	82	64	s
Dallas	95	78	t	93	77	t
Denver	96	63	pc	91	62	pc
Detroit	86	61	s	84	64	s
El Paso	90	72	pc	90	72	t
Fairbanks	63	51	sh	67	49	pc
Fargo	91	65	t	85	62	s
Honolulu	88	75	pc	87	75	pc
Houston	91	76	t	92	76	t
Indianapolis	87	66	s	87	67	s
Jacksonville	95	72	pc	95	73	pc
Kansas City	96	74	s	96	75	s
Las Vegas	95	82	t	96	84	t
Little Rock	94	74	t	94	76	t
Los Angeles	89	70	pc	87	68	pc
Louisville	91	69	s	90	70	s
Memphis	94	77	t	93	78	t
Miami	89	77	pc	91	76	t
Millwaukee	81	66	s	86	72	