

WORLD IN BRIEF

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Early voting: More good signs for Clinton in key states

WASHINGTON — The millions of votes that have been cast already in the U.S. presidential election point to an advantage for Hillary Clinton in critical battleground states, as well as signs of strength in traditionally Republican territory.

The strong early-voting turnout by those likely to support Clinton — registered Democrats, minorities, and young people among others — could leave Donald Trump with virtually no path to the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

Clinton is showing strength in Florida and North Carolina, both must-win states for Trump, as well as the battleground states of Nevada, Colorado and Arizona. There are even favorable signs for Clinton in Republican-leaning Utah and Texas.

"It's going to be a very tall order for Trump to win," said Michael McDonald, a University of Florida professor who specializes in election turnout. Other analysts also point to a strong finish for Clinton based on the early vote.

Early voting, via mail or in-person, is underway in 37 states. More than 12.5 million votes have been cast, far higher than the rate in 2012, according to Associated Press data. In all, more than 46 million people — or as much as 40 percent of the electorate — are expected to vote before Election Day, Nov. 8.

Officials in quake-ridden central Italy assess damage

VISSO, Italy — Officials in central Italy began early today to assess the damage caused by a pair of strong earthquakes in the same region of central Italy hit by a deadly quake in August, as an appeal went out for temporary housing adequate for the cold mountain temperatures.

Thousands of people spent the night in their cars following the pair of quakes that struck late in the evening, sending residents into the streets in pouring rain, too late for authorities to come up with adequate shelter. A series of small shocks overnight, including two registering magnitudes above 4 before dawn, further unsettled residents.

The morning after the quakes, there remained no reports of serious injuries or signs of people trapped in rubble. The head of Italy's civil protection agency, Fabrizio Curcio, said it appeared that the situation "is not as catastrophic" as it could have been. A 73-year-old man died of a heart attack, possibly brought on by the quakes, local authorities told the ANSA news agency.

Mayors of towns scattered in the mountain region spanning the Umbria and Marche regions say many more homes were rendered uninhabitable, on top of those damaged in the August quake, while historic structures that survived previous quakes had succumbed this time.

Camerino Mayor Gianluca Pasqui said the town's historic bell tower had collapsed, but emphasized that reconstruction work after a 6.1 quake in 1997 appeared to have contributed to the absence of serious injury.

UNICEF says school attack a potential war crime

BEIRUT — The U.N. Children's agency called the airstrikes in Syria's rebel-held northern Idlib province a day earlier an "outrage," suggesting it may be the deadliest attack on a school since the country's war began nearly six years ago. The attack, according to UNICEF, killed 22 children and six of their teachers.

A series of airstrikes in the village of Hass around midday Wednesday hit a residential compound that houses a school complex as children gathered outside. The Syrian Civil Defense first responder team and the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said today the airstrikes killed at least 35, most of them children. Initially, the estimated death toll was 22.

The Observatory put the death toll among children at 16 children and five women. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the two figures, but divergent death tolls are not uncommon in a conflict-torn Syria that has been largely inaccessible to international media for over two years.



AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

A view of the collapsed bell tower of the Santa Maria in Via church in the town of Camerino, in central Italy today, after a 5.9 earthquake destroyed part of the town. Authorities began early this morning to assess the damage caused by a pair of strong quakes in the same region of central Italy hit by the deadly August temblor, as local officials appealed for temporary housing adequate for the cold mountain temperatures with winter's approach.

UNICEF and the Civil Defense said the death toll is likely to rise, as rescue efforts continue. The civil defense said there were two schools in the area hit with 11 airstrikes around midday.

UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake called the airstrikes an "outrage." He added if found to be deliberate, the attacks would be considered a war crime.

Some question Pendleton's marijuana odor ordinance

PENDLETON — City officials say Pendleton's marijuana odor ordinance is necessary, but some residents say the law is bound to bring trouble.

The East Oregonian reports (https://is.gd/K46Vt) that the Pendleton City Council in June passed an ordinance prohibiting "unreasonable" amounts of marijuana odors from leaving a property and entering another.

Pendleton attorney Will Perkinson says the ordinance is too vague and it doesn't distinguish between medical and recreational marijuana or properly establish the level of odor a marijuana smell would need to reach to be considered harmful.

Since the odor law went into effect, there have been two cases where it has been enforced.

The City Council has not reconsidered the ordinance, but the planning commission is set to consider zoning regulations for marijuana retailers at a meeting today.

Weed as way of life: California farmers divided on legal bud

GARBERVILLE, Calif. — Laura Costa's son and husband moved quickly with the pruning shears to harvest the family's fall marijuana crop, racing along with several workers to cut the plants and drop them in plastic bins ahead of an impending storm.

The rain could invite "bud rot," Costa said, "a big no-no." The farm, hidden along a winding mountain road in a remote

redwood forest, is just one of many illegal "grows" that make up Northern California's famous Emerald Triangle, a rural region that developed over decades into a marijuana-producing mecca at the intersection of Humboldt, Mendocino and Trinity counties.

California voters will decide Nov. 8 whether to legalize marijuana for recreational use — an issue that has sown deep division here among longtime growers. The Costa family and many other pot farmers have yearned for the legitimacy and respectability that growers of legal crops enjoy.

But they also fear Proposition 64 will bring big changes, including costly regulations and taxes, lower prices and the risk that corporate interests could put smaller operations out of business.

Man arrested in Internet hoax that flooded 911 with calls

LACEY, Wash. — Police have arrested an 18-year-old man in connection with an internet hoax that flooded 911 Tuesday night with non-emergency calls in a western Washington county.

The Olympian reports (https://goo.gl/kxmf6) the man was booked into Thurston County Jail on felony suspicion of electronic data service interference Wednesday.

Lacey police Sgt. Terence Brimmer says the man told police he received a link from a friend, tested it and posted it on his Facebook page as a joke.

Brimmer says smartphone users who clicked on the link watched as their phones became "hijacked," repeatedly dialing 911. Some users apparently had to remove their phone's batteries to get them to stop.

Officials say the non-emergency calls tied up Thurston 911 lines for about 30 minutes although anyone trying to make an emergency call was able to get through.

Accidental thief returns Subaru with apology, gas money

PORTLAND — A Portland woman says her red Subaru was stolen from her driveway -- and then reappeared with an apology note and gas money.

Erin Hatzl tells The Oregonian/OregonLive (http://bit.ly/2ee-HeRh) that her husband noticed the missing Subaru Impreza on Tuesday night and she posted security camera stills on Facebook, asking for help finding her car.

Police caught a woman returning the vehicle to Hatzl's driveway Wednesday evening. The accidental thief had instructions from a friend to pick up a different red Subaru in Hatzl's neighborhood and returned when the friend said it wasn't her car.

Police told Hatzl that some older Subaru keys are interchangeable, making it easy for the woman to make off with the wrong car.

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THURSDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 27	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Roar" (N)		Notorious "Kept and Broken" (N)		Murder "Is Someone Really Dead?" (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "Roar" (N)		Notorious "Kept and Broken" (N)		Murder "Is Someone Really Dead?" (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Alternative Medicine" (N)		The Blacklist "The Thrushes" (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Indoor (P) (N)	Mom (SP) (N)	Life Pieces (SP) (N)	Pure Genius "Pilot" (P) (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Indoor (P) (N)	Mom (SP) (N)	Life Pieces (SP) (N)	Pure Genius "Pilot" (P) (N)		KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Alternative Medicine" (N)		The Blacklist "The Thrushes" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Legends of Tomorrow "Shogun" (N)	Supernatural "The Foundry" (N)	Chicago Med "Alternative Medicine" (N)		The Blacklist "The Thrushes" (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
10	KOPB	(10) Travels Darley	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Shetland		Scott & Bailey "Home Fires"		Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Rosewood "Spirochete and Santeria" (N)	Pitch "Alfonzo Guzman-Chavez" (N)	10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad		Cleveland Show	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood "Spirochete and Santeria" (N)	Pitch "Alfonzo Guzman-Chavez" (N)	Q13 News at 10		Q13 News		The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Conan (N)	
22	KZJL	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Football Vir.T/Pit. (L)		Football Score.	NCAA Football	California at USC Site: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) H.S. Football (L)						SportsCenter	Jalen & Jacoby (N)			Drone Racing	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Rank the Prank (N)	The Thundermans	Escape From Planet Earth ("13) Voices of Rob Corddry, Brendan Fraser.		Full House	Full House	Friends		Friends	
32	DISN	(32) (5:25) HalloweenTown High		★★ Return to HalloweenTown ("06) Sara Paxton.		(:40) Milo Murphy	(:05) Cali Style	Full House	Full House	Friends		Friends	
34	FAM	(34) (1:10) ★★★ Sleepy Hollow (1999, Horror)		Christina Ricci, Miranda Richardson, Johnny Depp.		(:50) ★★★ Hocus Pocus (1993, Comedy)	Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, Bette Midler.	Babysit/ Vampire	The Lodge	Austin & Ally		Bizaardvark	
35	FMC	(35) (3:00) Non-Stop ("14, Thriller) Liam Neeson.		(:10) Non-Stop (2014, Thriller) Julianne Moore, Michelle Dockery, Liam Neeson.		(:20) FXM Presents	★★ The Missing (2003, Suspense) Cate Blanchett, Evan Rachel Wood, Tommy Lee Jones.			The 700 Club			
36	ROO	(36) Project Runway "Sink or Swim"		Runway "There's No 'I' in 'Team'"		Runway "There IS Crying in Fashion"		Project Runway "Welcome to the Urban Jungle" (N)		Project Runway: Fashion Startup (N)		Tiny House (N)	
38	LIFE	(38) Ship Shape TV	Champions Tennis	Legends			AMA Supercross -- Arlington, Texas.			NCAA Football			
39	FST	(39) (4:00) MLS Soccer	UFC Knockouts	UFC Unleashed "Diaz vs. Gomi"		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops	
44	COM	(44) (5:55) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars (N)	Counting Cars	Counting Cars		Counting Cars	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Bound and Burned"		The First 48 "Jacked/ Fallen Idol"		60 Days In	(:45) 60 Days In	60 Days In (N)		Behind Bars: Rookie "Zero to 100" (N)		The First 48 "Graveyard Love"	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Donald's Story"		My 600-lb Life "June's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"		My 600-lb Life "To Be Announced"		My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"	
48	DISC	(48) Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (SP) (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		Fast N' Loud "The Pickup Artist"			
49	NBA	(49) China's Golden Monkeys		Giant Pandas		Wild China "Beyond the Great Wall"		Wild China "Valley of the Giant Panda"		Wild China "Heart of the Dragon"		Panda Babies: Mission Critical	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls (L)		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers Site: Moda Center -- Portland, Ore. (L)				Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Boston vs Chicago			
51	AMC	(51) ★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street ("10) Kyle Gallner, Kellan Lutz, Jackie Earle Haley.		★★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street ("84) Johnny Depp, Robert Englund.		★★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street ("84) Johnny Depp, Robert Englund.		★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge ("85) Mark Patton.					
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ballerina"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hell"		Law&O: SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"		Law&Order: SVU "Collateral Damages"		Water "Monsters, Most Familiar" (N)		Eye. "Bless the Beast and the Children"	
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Mix and Mache"		Chopped "Tailgate Fate"		Chopped "Tailgate Greats"		Chopped (N)		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Halloween Wars "Grave Robber"	
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Desert Flippers	Flip or Flop
55	FX	(55) (5:00) The Purge: Anarchy Frank Grillo.		★★ Snow White and the Huntsman (2012, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Charlize Theron, Kristen Stewart.				Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things		Movie	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Millionaire "Millennial Markets" (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Millionaire "Millennial Markets"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Million Listing "The War of Real Estate"		Million Dollar List "Bye, Felicia"		Million Dollar List "Fuschia My Life!"		Million Dollar List "Back on Market" (N)		Yours Mine Ours	Yours Mine Ours	WatchWhat (N)	Million Dollar List
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The China Syndrome Jane Fonda.		(:15) ★★★ The Way We Were (1973, Romance) Robert Redford, Bradford Dillman, Barbra Streisand.		★★★ The Thin Man ("34, Mst) William Powell, Myrna Loy.		Yours Mine Ours	Yours Mine Ours	WatchWhat (N)		Million Dollar List	(:15) Joe (1970, Drama) Peter Boyle.
65	SYFY	(65) ★★ Legion (2010, Action) Lucas Black, Tyrese Gibson, Paul Bettany.				★★★ Angels and Demons (2009, Mystery) Ewan McGregor, Ayelet Zurer, Tom Hanks.				Lake Placid (1999, Action) Bill Pullman.			
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live"		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	

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