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Trump off to a strong start in Electoral College votes

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump started racking up electoral votes today even as anti-Trump protesters across the country tried to persuade the Electoral College to prevent him from winning the White House.

Trump didn't lose any electors with votes counted in a half dozen states he won Nov. 8: Tennessee, West Virginia, Arkansas, South Carolina, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

Initial results gave Trump 44 votes and Democrat Hillary Clinton, 10. It takes 270 votes in the Electoral College to win the presidency. Electors were voting throughout the day and there was scant evidence many GOP electors would peel away from their Election Day winner. More than three dozen would have to abandon him to complicate his path to the presidency.

More than 200 demonstrators braved freezing temperatures at Pennsylvania's capitol, chanting, "No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!" and "No treason, no Trump!"

Protesters also gathered in Colorado, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Nebraska and other states.

The protesters, however, were unlikely to persuade the Electoral College to dump Trump. An Associated Press survey of electors found very little appetite to vote for alternative candidates. Only one Republican said he would vote for someone else.

Trump aides: Democrats' complaints are sour grapes

WASHINGTON — Sour grapes. That's how Donald Trump's closest advisers see Democrats' complaints that Moscow hacked their private emails this election season in a bid to sow discord among their supporters and sway the election toward Republicans.

The pushback comes ahead of the Electoral College vote, which was expected to make official Trump's election win and pave his way to take office on Jan. 20.

"Let's assume it's true," Reince Priebus, Trump's incoming chief of staff, said Sunday of Russian interference in the election. "There's no evidence that shows that the outcome of the election was changed because of a couple dozen John Podesta emails that were out there."

The number of leaked emails by Podesta, Hillary Clinton's campaign manager, was actually closer to tens of thousands. And it'd be difficult to prove exactly what influenced voters.

But Democrats said it was a personal attack and a threat to democracy.

Gov-elect: North Carolina will repeal LGBT law on Tuesday

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina legislators will repeal the contentious HB2 law that limited protections for LGBT people and led to an economic backlash, the state's incoming governor said today.

Gov-elect Roy Cooper made the surprising announcement just weeks before he takes office and shortly after the Charlotte City Council voted to repeal its own local nondiscrimination ordinance enacted in early 2016. It was that ordinance that Republicans blamed for the statewide law.

"Senate Leader Phil Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore assured me that as a result of Charlotte's vote, a special session will be called for Tuesday to repeal HB2 in full. I hope they will keep their word to me and with the help of Democrats in the legislature, HB2 will be repealed in full," the Democrat said in a statement.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, who narrowly lost the November election to Cooper, issued a statement saying he will call the special session but also accusing Democrats of using the issue for political gain.

Repealing the law would be a remarkable sign of cooperation for the incoming governor and the GOP-controlled legislature. Just last week, lawmakers called a special session and stripped Cooper of some of his authority when he takes office next month.

Buses resume taking remaining civilians, rebels from Aleppo

BEIRUT — A fragile cease-fire was back on in Syria today, as buses resumed evacuating those still remaining in eastern Aleppo following days of delays and others departed with the sick and wounded from two rebel-besieged Shiite villages in the country's north.

At the United Nations, the Security Council was expected to vote within hours on a resolution seeking to deploy U.N. monitors to Aleppo immediately in order to prevent what France has warned could be "mass atrocities" by Syrian forces and allied pro-government militias as they assume control of all of the rebel enclave.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and

the pan-Arab Al-Mayadeen TV said that 10 buses left with civilians from the two Shiite villages long besieged by rebels — Foua and Kfarya — and were on their way to government-controlled areas today.

According to the deal, more than 2,000 sick and wounded are supposed to leave the villages. The Observatory and the pan-Arab TV said 15 additional buses entered the two villages to bring out more people.

The evacuations from the villages were added on as conditions to a Turkey- and Russia-brokered cease-fire deal that paved way for the last rebels and civilians to leave the remainder of the rebel enclave in the eastern half of Aleppo.

China disputes US claim it is top source of synthetic drugs

BEIJING — U.S. assertions that China is the top source of the synthetic opioids that have killed thousands of drug users in the U.S. and Canada are unsubstantiated, Chinese officials told the Associated Press.

Both the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy point to China as the main source of fentanyl, fentanyl analogs and fentanyl precursors that end up in North America.

Such statements "lack the support of sufficient numbers of actual, confirmed cases," China's National Narcotics Control Commission told DEA's Beijing field office in a fax dated Friday.

In its letter to the DEA, which the commission also sent to AP, Chinese officials urged the U.S. to provide more evidence about China's role as a source country.

It's a point the state-run China Daily newspaper drove home publicly in an article this month stating that made-in-China carfenitanil was not the cause of overdose deaths in the U.S.

Gunmen kill 10, including Canadian, in attacks on police

KARAK, Jordan — Gunmen assaulted Jordanian police in a series of attacks Sunday, including at a Crusader castle popular with tourists, killing seven officers, two local civilians and a woman visiting from Canada, officials said. Several armed men barricaded themselves inside the castle for hours, hemmed in by special forces soldiers.

At least 34 people, including two foreign nationals, were wounded in the day's violence, which was one of the bloodiest attacks in Jordan in recent memory.

Security officials announced late Sunday, several hours after reports of the first shooting, that the operation had ended and that four gunmen were killed. They said troops continued to search the area.

Trial starts for confidante of impeached S. Korean president

SEOUL, South Korea — The jailed confidante of impeached South Korean President Park Geun-hye denied on the first day of her trial today that she used her ties to Park to extort money from big companies.

The hour-long hearing at the Seoul Central District Court was the first public appearance in weeks for the woman at the heart of a scandal that led to Park's impeachment after millions took to streets in protests.

Choi Soon-sil, Park's friend of 40 years, wore white prison clothes and bowed deeply to the three judges before her lawyer, Lee Kyoung-jae, denied that Choi conspired with Park and her presidential aide to pressure companies to donate tens of millions of dollars last year to foundations controlled by Choi. When directly asked by a judge about the extortion charges, she denied the charges.

Cremer: 'I love working outside, even in the rain'

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family. I think that's why I continue it, just the love of it and wanting to continue to help people, to try and make people's lives easier."

"Sometimes you have calls that aren't all roses," she added.

Training

Cremer has been the Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue safety officer for seven years. She oversees the scene at car accidents, fires or medical calls to ensure volunteers are wearing personal protective equipment and heads a safety committee, discussing policies each month.

Volunteer firefighters participate in regular Wednesday trainings. "Sometimes the drills are really exciting," Cremer said.

Trainings might involve "burn to learns," in which people donate their old homes or motor vehicles for the team of volunteers to burn for a period of time. These drills allow volunteers to gain experience with handling actual fires.

"We might set up a smoke machine and a 'body' in there that we might have to find to keep us in touch with what could honestly happen in a real fire," Cremer said. "We have mock motor vehicle accidents, and sometimes in the summer we have a mock rescue in the ocean where we deploy our Jet Skis."

Cremer holds certifications in fire fighter II, apparatus operator, emergency medical responder and water rescue technician. Cannon Beach volunteer firefighters have access to courses that provide continued education, she said.

Cremer was also a Cannon Beach lifeguard for 25 years, more than 15 years full time. Though she remembers some serious rescues, Cremer also recalls the camaraderie among her fellow lifeguards.

"It was wonderful," she said. "You're paid to be at the beach."

Outdoor adventurer

For 21 years, Cremer has worked at the same landscaping company, where she enjoys "being able to beautify things."

She likes walking away from a yard and thinking, "Wow, that looks so good."

"I love working outside, even in the rain," she added.

Cremer has also fished commercially for sockeye salmon in Alaska's Bristol Bay, taught in the experimental education unit at the University of Washington and taught preschool in Cannon Beach — "when it was down by the kite shop."

Cremer grew up in Portland and moved to Cannon Beach in 1980.

"I always wanted to live at the coast, even as a little kid," she said. She appreciates "the close-knit community and the amazing beauty of the beach and our surroundings."

In her spare time, Cremer enjoys taking her active dog, Sailor, on walks, hiking, mountain biking and cycling.

An avid cyclist, Cremer often bikes to Astoria and around Fort Stevens. She has also started century riding — biking 100 miles.

"You start at a certain time and you pedal 100 miles," Cremer said. "You're out there and it's like, 'Yep, I'm doing this.'"

— Lyra Fontaine

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TV LISTINGS Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 19	
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	The Great Christmas Light Fight (SF) (N)				The Great American Baking Show		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Great Christmas Light Fight (SF) (N)				The Great American Baking Show		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Holiday Spectacular" (N)				The Wall "John and Angel" (P) (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(7) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Michelle Obama (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	The Odd Couple		Scorpion "Wreck the Halls" (N)		KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Michelle Obama (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	The Odd Couple		Scorpion "Wreck the Halls" (N)		KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert
9	KGW	(3) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Holiday Spectacular" (N)				The Wall "John and Angel" (P) (N)		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Supergirl "Welcome to Earth" (N)	Young Women's Honors (N)			KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Antiques Rd. "The Best of 20" (N)	Ore. Experience	Ore. Experience		Christmas Invitation		Rick Steves' Special	
13	KPDQ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Burn the Witch" (N)	Lucifer "Sin-Eater"			10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Burn the Witch" (N)	Lucifer "Sin-Eater"			Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Gotham "Burn the Witch" (N)	Lucifer "Sin-Eater"			Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons
22	KZJZ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Family Guy	American Dad	People of Earth (N)	People (SF) (N)	Family Guy	Full Frontal (N)	Conan (N)	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:15) NFL Football	Carolina Panthers at Washington Redskins (L)			Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball	Stanford at Southern Methodist University (L)			(20) SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.			NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter	Nación ESPN
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Herbies	30 for 30 "Hit It Hard"		SportsCenter		Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) (6:05) Cali Style	K.C. Undercover	To Be Announced	Arthur Christmas	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(50) *** Elf (2003, Comedy) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.	To Be Announced	Arthur Christmas	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	The Lodge	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Austin & Ally
35	FMC	(35) (4:00) Noah ("14)	(50) Noah (2014, Drama) Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.	To Be Announced	Arthur Christmas	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Full House	Full House	The Lodge	Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Austin & Ally
36	LIFE	(36) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
38	ROOT	(38) Bull Riding Championship		INGL Fitness San Francisco Fire vs. Miami Surge		UFC UFC Fight Night Featuring UFC match-ups. Mark Hunt vs. Roy Nelson		Fight Sports MMA (N)		Fight Sports MMA (N)		Fight Sports MMA (N)	
39	FST	(39) NCAA Basketball	Southeast Missouri vs. DePaul (L)			Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		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	Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
45	HIST	(45) America: The Story of the U.S.		America: The Story of the U.S.		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(05) American Pickers	
46	A&E	(46) The First 48		The First 48		Intervention "Katie S."		Intervention "Tiffany"		To Be Announced		(05) The First 48	
47	TLC	(47) Lost Family "Why Did You Leave Me?"		OutDaughtered "All Eyes on Hazel"		OutDaughtered "A Quint in Crisis"		OutDaughtered "Quint-fluenza"		Daughter "This Little Quint Stays Home"		OutDaughtered "All Eyes on Hazel"	
48	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N)		Street Outlaws "One" (N)		Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (N)		Street Outlaws "One"	
49	NGEO	(49) Mars "Pressure Drop"		Mars "Power"		Mars "Darkest Days"		Mars "Crossroads"		Explorer		StarTalk "William Shatner"	
50	TNT	(50) *** Surviving Christmas	(04) James Gandolfini, Christina Applegate, Ben Affleck.			*** A Christmas Carol	(99, Drama) Richard E. Grant, Joel Grey, Patrick Stewart.			*** A Christmas Carol	(99, Drama) Richard E. Grant, Joel Grey, Patrick Stewart.		
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** Ghostbusters	(84, Com) Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.			*** Deck the Halls	(06, Comedy) Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis, Danny de Vito.			*** Liar Liar	(1997, Comedy) Maura Tierney, Cary Elwes, Jim Carrey.		
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw				(05) Need for Speed	(14) Aaron Paul.		
53	FOOD	(53) Cake Wars: Christmas	"The Nutcracker"	Cake Wars: Christmas		Cake Wars: "Santa's Workshop"		Cake Wars: Christmas (N)		Chopped		Chopped "Chopped Desserts!"	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It		House Hunters	House Hunters	TinyHouseHunters	TinyHouseHunters
55	FX	(55) Turbo (2013, Animated) Voices of Paul Giamatti, Maya Rudolph, Ryan Reynolds.		*** Rio 2	(2014, Animated) Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.			*** Rio 2	(2014, Animated) Anne Hathaway, Rodrigo Santoro, Jesse Eisenberg.			Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon
56	CNN	(56) CNN Report "The Secret Life of G.I. Joe"		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Report "The Secret Life of G.I. Joe"		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		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed: Scam		American Greed "The Bar Girls Trap"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRVA	(63) Vanderpump Rules "Thirsty Girls"		Vanderpump Rules "Cold Feet"		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules (N)		Timber Creek Lodge (N)		Watch (SF) (N)	Vanderpump Rules
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) The Roaring Twenties		*** Footlight Parade	(33, Musical) Joan Blondell, Ruby Keeler, James Cagney.			*** 8 1/2	(1963, Drama) Claudia Cardinale, Anouk Aimée, Marcello Mastroianni.				Movie
65	SYFY	(65) *** Legion (2010, Action) Lucas Black, Tyrese Gibson, Paul Bettany.				*** Maleficent	(2014, Adventure) Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.			*** Salt	(2010, Action) Liev Schreiber, Chivwet Eijofor, Angelina Jolie.		
162	RFD	(162) American Rancher	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live" "Noble Outfitters"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	