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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Fox & Hounds: Dark Horses

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John J. Pitney Jr.

The Republican National Convention is probably going to pick Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, or (much less likely) John Kasich. Since 1972, every major-party presidential nominee has come out of the primaries and caucuses, and GOP voters seem to have little appetite for breaking with that practice. Moreover, it is not even certain that the convention will adopt rules allowing for the nomination of another candidate. A dark-horse nominee seems impossible. And yet, 2016 is the year for believing six impossible things before breakfast. Just 12 months ago, who would have thought that Trump would be the leading candidate – or that many “establishment” Republicans would see Cruz as the best alternative? So imagine that multiple ballots result in deadlock, and that convention procedures allow delegates to pick anybody they want. Who could emerge?

Note: Republicans might want someone with political experience, the ability to unify the party, and the potential to broaden its reach. Two South Carolinians fit this description. Governor Nikki Haley is a fiscal and social conservative who won acclaim last year for her response to the Charleston massacre, and her support for removing the Confederate battle flag from the state capitol grounds. As 44-year-old Indian American woman, she would undercut the stereotype of the GOP as the party of elderly white guys.

General Assembly:

Associated Press: Fate of school for troubled teens rests with Legislature

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Mbni7ELC

Seanna Adcox

A public residential school that seeks to transform the lives of South Carolina's troubled teens has lost its accreditation, leaving its fate to the Legislature. Lawmakers have long wanted to revamp John de la Howe School in rural McCormick County but couldn't agree how. The state education agency's decision this month to yank the school's accreditation effectively forces the school to close unless another plan is approved. A House proposal transfers the school's money to the Department of Juvenile Justice and requires a coalition of state agencies to recommend a less costly way to help at-risk youth. State officials say the school spends \$92,000 annually per student. Senators are working on their plan. Sen. Wes Hayes says he thinks the 1,200-acre property needs "to get out of the education business."

Post and Courier: Palmetto Sunrise: Legislature's Crossover week approaches

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC1603/160419381>

Cynthia Roldan

With just seven days to go until Crossover week arrives, the schedule of South Carolina's lawmakers

is filling up fast with committee meetings. You see, any bill that doesn't pass either chamber by May 1 — whether it's the House or the Senate — essentially dies. That's because lawmakers feel like if a bill has languished at the committee level this long, then it has very little chance of passing both the House and the Senate by the end of session on June 2. That doesn't mean that bills that are filed last minute can't be fast tracked. But that happens mainly when a proposal is urgent. A perfect example of a fast-tracked proposal is the bill that led to the removal of the Statehouse's Confederate battle flag in 2015. So, prepare for a whirlwind of bills making it through the committees of both chambers in the next two weeks. Any bill that doesn't pass by the end of this second half of the General Assembly's two-year session get scrapped permanently. Lawmakers who are left standing after this year's election cycle have to refile their bills and start the process all over again in 2017.

LGBT Laws:

Charlotte Observer: Between bathroom bill supporters and college campuses, a cultural divide
<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/education/article72096322.html>

Pam Kelley

Jesse Howie, a UNC Charlotte junior, is an articulate, involved student with a silver nose ring and hair color that's apt to change from week to week. Howie, whose birth certificate says female, is also a transgender student who declines to be identified as male or female, preferring the gender-neutral pronoun "they." Few people would call UNCC a radical hotbed. It's no Berkeley or Oberlin, not as liberal as Chapel Hill. But Howie, who grew up in Charlotte, has found the school supportive of LGBT students. "I have never felt discriminated against for being trans," Howie says. While North Carolina's House Bill 2 puts new restrictions on transgender people, requiring them to use public restrooms matching the sex on their birth certificates, an opposite trend flourishes on many college campuses: They're broadening support for students like Howie. On a growing number of U.S. campuses, including UNCC, students can indicate their gender identity by choosing a preferred pronoun. Many campuses, including Duke University and Davidson, Guilford and Warren Wilson colleges, offer gender-neutral bathrooms and gender-neutral housing, where students of different genders can room together.

Charlotte Observer: NC pediatric specialists say HB2 'flawed' and 'harmful,' call for repeal
<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/politics-government/article72408647.html>

Eric Frederick

Twenty pediatric endocrinologists from across North Carolina have called on Gov. Pat McCrory to push for repeal of House Bill 2, saying the law is "inherently flawed and potentially harmful to a group of children that we care for." "As professional experts in the field of chromosomes and genital anatomy," they write in a letter to the governor, they describe reasons why it is sometimes impossible to assign gender to a child at birth, and also why such a designation may need to change later in life. HB2, formally known as the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, was enacted in a special legislative session March 23. Among its provisions, it mandates that people can use only restrooms and locker rooms at schools and public facilities that match the gender on their birth certificate. The petitioners say that mandate raises problems. "There are babies born in whom chromosomes suggesting one sex do not match the appearance of the genitalia," they write. "This can be due to multiple biological causes such as chromosome abnormalities, abnormalities in anatomic development, environmental exposures during pregnancy, genetic mutations in the synthesis and actions of adrenal and gonadal hormones, and tumors that make sex hormones.

Charlotte Observer: Boston cancels North Carolina shows because of LGBT law

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/business/article72455377.html>

Katherine Peralta

The band Boston is the latest musical group to cancel North Carolina shows because of its opposition to the controversial House Bill 2, which the rock band calls an “ugly expression of intolerance.” Boston was scheduled to perform May 4-6 in Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh. “HB2 has the appearance of an oppressive discriminatory law against a small minority, who already have to deal with a narrow-minded world regarding issues beyond their control which they did nothing to bring upon themselves,” the band wrote in a Facebook post Monday. The band said it was canceling the shows in order to protest and raise awareness about HB2. The measure sets a statewide nondiscrimination standard that excludes sexual orientation and gender identity. Lawmakers had said they were responding to Charlotte’s nondiscrimination ordinance, which would have allowed transgender people to use the bathroom that corresponds with the gender with which they identify. Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr and Cirque de Soleil have also canceled their North Carolina shows because they oppose HB2.

SC Political News:

Post and Courier: Former Gov. David Beasley endorses Hugh Leatherman

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC1603/160419362>

Cynthia Roldan

Former South Carolina Gov. David Beasley is lending his support to the state Senate’s leader this election cycle. In the campaign ad for Republican Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman, Gov. David Beasley says that as governor he could always count on “my friend, Sen. Leatherman. “Today, outside groups are attacking our senator,” Beasley said. “Why? Because they know they can’t control Hugh Leatherman. But that’s why we love him. Because he’s our senator, not theirs.” The ad also highlights that Leatherman is the first Senate leader from the Pee Dee region in more than 100 years. Both men live in the Pee Dee; Leatherman in Florence and Beasley in Society Hill in Darlington County. Neither could be reached for comment. Leatherman is facing two challengers during the upcoming Republican primary. According to the State Ethics Commission, Leatherman reported more than \$1 million in his campaign coffers. One of his challengers, Richard Skipper, has raised \$65,000. The other, Dean Fowler, has no money in his campaign account, according to the ethics commission’s April 10 report.

Opinion/Editorial:

The Herald: States boycotting states is a bad way to protest

<http://www.heraldonline.com/opinion/article72371827.html>

Nathan Christensen

Two days later, Ed Lee, the mayor of San Francisco, laid the foundation for a new embargo. He announced that San Francisco’s city workers are banned indefinitely from traveling to North Carolina unless doing so is essential to public health and safety. The embargo is intended to protest North Carolina’s new law prohibiting the state’s local governments from enacting antidiscrimination rules that protect gay and transgender people and limiting transgender people to bathrooms that match the gender on their birth certificate. Since then, more cities and states, including the District of Columbia, have announced similar travel bans. Others will likely follow. At the moment that our country is opening lines of communication and travel abroad, we are closing them within our own borders. The bans apply only to official city or state travel, and it’s unclear how often employees from these cities and states actually travel to North Carolina. But these policies are as much about message as effect.

The problem is: It's the wrong message.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: South Carolina inmate convicted in killing seeks sex change
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CMHwsoGV

SC State Wire

A South Carolina inmate serving a life sentence for killing a Charleston woman in 2003 wants the state to help with a sex change. The Post and Courier of Charleston (<http://bit.ly/1VxHFt4>) reports that Katheryn Brown has asked the corrections department to help her transition from a man to a woman. The agency has rejected the request from 44-year-old Edmonds Tennent Brown IV, who now uses the name Katheryn Brown. Brown pleaded guilty in the strangulation of a 53-year-old teacher Mary Lynn Witherspoon. State law prohibits the use of state funds for gender changing operations. The department does provide hormonal therapy if the inmate was using the drugs when sent to prison. Brown says she was using hormonal therapy before the crime. The corrections department would not comment on Brown's request.

Associated Press: Judge says lawsuit to integrate SC war monument can proceed
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=uCbD4EOY

SC State Wire

A South Carolina judge says members of the American Legion can press their lawsuit seeking to bring long-delayed integration to a World War I memorial that separates the soldiers' names by race. Circuit Judge Frank Addy late last week refused to dismiss the lawsuit. An American Legion statue in Greenwood memorializing soldiers who died in World War I separates their names into "colored" and "white." The group and the city of Greenwood want to change it. But a 2000 law that removed the Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse dome also requires two-thirds approval from the General Assembly to change any historical monument in the state. Lawyers for the state had said American Legion members cannot sue because lawmakers have never voted on that particular monument.

Post and Courier: Judge keeps legal challenge to Heritage Act alive
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC1603/160419380>

Gavin Jackson

A move by the state of South Carolina to throw out a civil rights case involving a segregated war memorial and top state leaders was denied by a circuit judge Friday. Judge Frank Addy Jr. said the case by five Greenwood residents, some associated with the American Legion Post 20, challenging the state's controversial Heritage Act will go forward. The group's lawyer said this is a necessary step for the group's attempt to replace plaques on a monument listing the dead soldiers from the world wars as "colored" and "white." "Although the defendants may allege plaintiffs are without sufficient standing, this is merely an allegation and is insufficient to dismiss the case at this stage," Addy wrote. The move for dismissal was filed on behalf of defendants Attorney General Alan Wilson, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster and House Speaker Jay Lucas.

Associated Press: Correction: Unemployment-South Carolina story
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=qzSwA2dp

SC State Wire

In a story April 15 about South Carolina's unemployment rate, The Associated Press reported erroneously that nearly 2 million people were working in the state last month. Nearly 2.2 million people were working in March. A corrected version of the story is below: South Carolina's jobless rate

edges up a bit in March South Carolina's unemployment rate increased slightly last month for the first time in more than a year.

Post and Courier: S.C. gasoline prices back on the rise

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC05/160419375>

Warren L. Wise

After rising for six weeks and then falling for two more, the cost of gasoline across South Carolina took an upward turn last week. The price per gallon across the Palmetto State rose 7.3 cents a gallon last week to an average of \$1.89, according to gas price service GasBuddy and motor club AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report. That's still about 30 cents lower than this time last year. Nationally, prices jumped 6.9 cents to an average of \$2.11 a gallon, according to both gas price services. That's about 33 cents less than this time one year ago. In South Carolina, the lowest gasoline prices can be found in Myrtle Beach at an average of \$1.88 a gallon, according to AAA. The average price in the Charleston-North Charleston market is \$1.91 a gallon.

The State: Two SC universities make list of public institutions with most out-of-state freshmen

<http://www.thestate.com/news/databases/article72430137.html>

Nick Selbe

Since the beginning of the recession in 2008, funding for the country's public universities has experienced a significant decline. In its April 2016 Lincoln Project study, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences reported that states reduced financial support to top public research universities by close to 30 percent. One way for public schools to subsidize this loss of funding is to admit a higher percentage of out-of-state students, who pay higher tuition prices than in-state students. With this in mind, StartClass found the 30 public colleges with the lowest percentage of in-state freshmen students using data from the 2014-15 academic year provided by the National Center for Education Statistics. For this list, we wanted to focus on large universities, so only schools with at least 15,000 undergraduate students were included. Universities are ranked according to their percentages of in-state students. We also list the percentage of out-of-state students, international students and students of unknown residency. Seven schools on the list had 50 percent or fewer of its freshmen class made up of in-state students, including three schools in the south: the University of Alabama, University of Mississippi and University of South Carolina-Columbia. In the event of ties, the school with the higher undergraduate enrollment was ranked higher on the list.

The State: Cost of child care varies widely among states

<http://www.thestate.com/news/databases/article72410637.html>

Christina Lavingia

#44 South Carolina. Deciding to have a child is arguably the biggest decision a person makes in her life. With parenthood comes a profound responsibility that ranges from protecting to educating. While countless joys accompany parenting, there are costs too — and they take effect even before birth. Child care is an incredibly common expense for American families. According to a 2015 report published by ChildCare Aware of America, an advocacy group supporting access to high-quality child care, 11 million children under the age of 5 are in child care for an average of 36 hours per week in the United States. Though the arrangement can vary from in-home care to the aid of grandparents and neighbors, 35 percent of children receive center-based care at child care centers, preschools and Head Start programs. The team at Credio wanted to see how child care costs vary for families in every U.S. state. To do this, they analyzed data from ChildCare Aware of America's "Parents and the High Cost of Child Care" report — which details the cost of full-time child care in centers — along with 2014 median household income from the U.S. Census Bureau, which includes income generated by

all members of a household.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Federal, state officials discuss barriers to opioid addiction treatment

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC16/160419355>

Derrek Asberry

In many rural, impoverished parts of South Carolina, residents fighting opioid addiction have to travel more than an hour away to get treatment, reducing the likelihood of recovery from a disease that kills hundreds each year in this state. "What we want is for everyone who has an addiction problem to have access to every resource available," said Sara Goldsby, a public health social worker with the S. C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. Access to opioid addiction treatment in rural parts of the state and the country was addressed Monday by state and federal officials during a meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services. Goldsby explained to the board that, in this state, more than 291 million opioids were prescribed from July 2014 to June 2015 — 14.5 million opioids in Charleston County, 10.5 million in Berkeley County and 7.9 million in Dorchester County. Last month, the federal government awarded \$1.1 million to three facilities in Orangeburg, Florence and Horry counties to fight opioid addiction. The money is only a small slice of the \$94 million given to 45 states, Washington and Puerto Rico.

Independent Mail: Oconee officers out of hospital after fight with inmates

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/oconee-officers-out-of-hospital-after-fight-with-inmates-30c3526c-bbc1-4422-e053-0100007ffcb0-376092941.html>

Mike Ellis

There have been no charges so far after a fight at the Oconee County Detention Center sent two inmates and two officers to the Oconee County Memorial Hospital. The two officers have been treated and released. Oconee County Sheriff's Office spokesman Jimmy Watt said he is not sure about the conditions of the two inmates, but one was taken at some point to Greenville Memorial Hospital for additional treatment. Investigators are looking into whether, and what, criminal charges would apply to the two inmates and whether others would face charges as well, Watt said. "We don't want to get into any specific numbers of people who are believed to have been involved," he said. Watt said the names of the inmates and officers are being withheld at this point of the investigation, which is going on alongside an internal review of policies. The fight happened Sunday afternoon in a unit at the jail that housed 16 male presentencing inmates.

Aiken Standard: ICYMI: FBI in contact with Aiken authorities

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160418/AIK0101/160419481>

Aiken city leaders this week confirmed the FBI and a second external investigator will look into illegal search complaints made by an Aiken County couple that stem from an October 2014 traffic stop. On Thursday, Aiken City Manager John Klimm said the City sought the help of the FBI Columbia division, which has since been in contact with Aiken authorities and is looking into complaints made against four Aiken police officers – Chris Medlin, Penny Shultz, Clark Smith and Brian Hall – who are now at the center of a federal lawsuit filed in November.

ABC Columbia: Program Will Give Fugitives Chance to Surrender

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/2016/04/18/program-will-give-fugitives-chance-to-surrender/>

Kimberlei Davis

Fugitives who turn themselves in at a Columbia church in May can see a judge and possibly pan

ines without having to spend time behind bars. The Richland County Sheriff's Department is offering a safe surrender program at Greater St. Luke Baptist Church M.L. Smith Child Development Center 5213 Farrow Road on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. during Mother's Day Weekend. Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said, "This is the opportunity to get your charges taken care of, so your time can be better spent with mom." "Pastor Michael Baker, pastor of Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, has graciously allowed for the use of the M.L. Smith Child Development Center as the location where mom's precious treasures can turn themselves in," Lott said. "This will be a safe environment where you can be seen quickly, and it allows us to help you do the right thing." Sheriff Lott, the Richland County Magistrates Office, Clerk of Courts Office, and the Richland County Sheriff's Department Warrant Division will make available for those wanted by the law, the chance to see a judge immediately to have a bond set and possibly pay fines owed without first going to jail, officials say.

The State: 10 Columbia residents indicted on food stamp fraud charges

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article72456487.html>

Richland County's Grand Jury returned indictments for 11 South Carolina residents, including 10 from Columbia, according to a news release. Officials believe applicants falsified information to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits or that local retailers allowed beneficiaries to use SNAP EBT card to obtain cash or improper items. The following are charged with one count of fraudulent acquisition or use of food stamps: Robert Chestnut of Columbia, Brittany Seibles of Columbia, Alana James of Columbia, Latoya Thomas of North, Bessie Williams of Columbia, Davielle Thigpen of Columbia, Latoria Shannell Myers of Columbia, Hayley Nicole Singleton of Columbia, Kristine Darlene Pressley of Columbia, Becky Shawnell Brimfield of Columbia and Tineta Natalie Kinloch of Columbia. Chestnut, Seibles, Kinloch and James are charged with the highest felony and could face a \$5,000 fine and 10 years in prison, according to a news release from S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's office.

The Herald: Candlelight vigil to honor violent crime victims in York County

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article72355912.html>

Teddy Kulmala

A candlelight vigil on Tuesday will honor lives lost to violent crime in York County. The event will be at 7:30 p.m. at the York County Coroner's Office, 933 Heckle Blvd., Suite 103 in Rock Hill. The coroner's office and its CARE Team hold the event to coincide with South Carolina's Victims Rights Week, and families, friends and community members are invited to attend and light a candle to remember violent crime victims in the York County area. The CARE team – which stands for Connecting, Advocating and Responding with Empathy – was established in 2011 by Coroner Sabrina Gast and is made up of trained volunteers who respond with the coroners to assist families when they receive the news of a loved one's death. Events like the vigil and the remembrance tree at Christmas are ways the team stays in touch with families. "Hosting events like our annual candlelight vigil is just one of the ways that we choose to show our families we are and that we continue to honor and remember their loved ones as years go by," Chief Deputy Coroner Christina Westover said.

The State: The Daily Gamecock cutting print production in half

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article72412542.html>

The University of South Carolina's student newspaper announced this morning it will cut the amount of days it prints in half. A letter from the staff on The Daily Gamecock's website stated it will print twice a week, down from four days, starting this fall. The newspaper currently prints Monday through Thursday, though the letter did not state which days it will publish when it enacts the change. The

staff, which typically works late nights for half of the week to meet print deadlines, will move to daytime production closer to a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. work day. The letter stated more than 60 percent of its readership is digital, and having a primarily online platform will allow its staff to produce more content, including multimedia projects, seven days a week. "Come what may, we'll still be doin' it daily," the letter stated.

Post and Courier: Mercedes-Benz Vans permit document shows 3 expansions possible for North Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20160418/PC05/160419377>

David Wren

The Mercedes-Benz Vans plant under construction in North Charleston could be the first phase of at least three expansions depending on whether the U.S. market for its boxy vehicles continues to grow, according to a permit application filed with the Army Corps of Engineers. The application to fill about 18 acres of wetlands at the company's site in Palmetto Commerce Park also provides new details about plans to build a \$500 million manufacturing facility to make the popular Sprinter vans, with the first phase scheduled for completion in 2018. In addition to a revamped assembly facility, which will become a full-fledged manufacturing plant rather than a reassembly site, Mercedes-Benz previously announced plans to build a new paint shop and body shop at 8501 Palmetto Commerce Parkway. Alyssa Hasell, spokeswoman for Mercedes-Benz Vans, said the Army Corps permit "allows for flexibility for future site growth."

National News:

Associated Press: Justices seem divided over Obama immigration actions

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:4430730aafd149ea92d03c323d37ac4a>

Mark Sherman

The Supreme Court appeared divided between its liberal and conservative justices Monday over President Barack Obama's immigration programs that could affect millions of people who are in the country illegally. The administration's best hope for a favorable ruling after 90 minutes of arguments at the high court appeared to rest with Chief Justice John Roberts. Roberts asked questions suggesting he could side with the administration if there were a small change in the proposed programs. The administration is asking the justices to allow it to put in place two programs that could shield roughly 4 million people from deportation and make them eligible to work in the United States. Texas is leading 26 states dominated by Republicans in challenging the programs that Obama announced in 2014 and that have been put on hold by lower courts. The programs would apply to parents whose children are citizens or are living in the country legally. Eligibility also would be expanded for the president's 2012 effort that applies to people who were brought here illegally as children. More than 700,000 people have taken advantage of that earlier program, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. The new program for parents, known as Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, and the expanded program for children could reach as many as 4 million people, according to the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute.

Associated Press: Give drug felons food stamps, many states now say

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:81bd3a51075a4a478d2d9881af6a70e3>

Grant Schulte and Scott McFetridge

Nebraska is desperate to stop the runaway growth of its prison population, but doing so depends a lot on people like Ronald Tillman. Tillman, 54, a paroled drug dealer who suffers from bipolar disease and a debilitating back injury, has lived since his 2013 release solely on his monthly \$733 disability

check. When his food runs short, he faces a choice that has costly implications for the state— if he gets caught. Nebraska is among a dwindling number of states that still enforce a lifetime ban on drug offenders receiving food stamps. If Tillman had been convicted of robbery, burglary or another crime, he could be eligible for the federal assistance. Now, Nebraska is wrestling with whether it can still afford the restrictive policy even though many residents take a dim view of giving public benefits to drug felons. Eager to help more drug law convicts stay on the streets without committing crimes — those offenders can account for more than a quarter of those released — Alabama, Texas and a number of other states have decided in recent years to end or scale back the federal food stamp ban, which each state has the option to do. Georgia is expected to end its ban soon, leaving only eight states with a lifetime prohibition — Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia. A bill to lift Nebraska's ban was thwarted by a procedural move after receiving majority support this spring, but proponents hope to bring it back again next year.

Associated Press: Ethiopians complete 1st-ever sweep of Boston Marathon

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:f5167006914645c3b289322c5a391cf5>

Jimmy Golen

Ethiopians nearly swept the Kenyans off the podium at the Boston Marathon on Monday, winning both the men's and women's races for the first time in history and taking five of the six spots on the victory stand. Lemi Berhanu Hayle won the men's race in 2 hours, 12 minutes, 45 seconds, pulling away from defending champion Lelisa Desisa as they crossed over the Massachusetts Turnpike heading into Kenmore Square. Hayle won by 47 seconds, with Yemane Adhane Tsegay an additional 30 seconds back to round out an all-Ethiopian top three. Atsede Baysa won the women's race, coming from 37 seconds behind with less than five miles to go. The two-time Chicago Marathon champion finished in 2:29:19 hours, 44 seconds ahead of fellow Ethiopian Tirfi Tsegaye. Joyce Chepkirui was third in the women's race, the lone Kenyan to medal in a race that had been dominated by her countrymen for decades. The results come as the World Anti-Doping Agency put Kenya on probation after more than 40 athletes tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs since the 2012 Olympics — nearly one a month.

Associated Press: US to send 200 more troops, Apache helicopters, to Iraq

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:3327956a32d7485a86725e141caa0b3b>

Lolita C. Baldor

The U.S. has agreed to deploy more than 200 additional troops to Iraq and to send eight Apache helicopters for the first time into the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq, the first major increase in U.S. forces in nearly a year, U.S. defense officials said Monday. The uptick in American fighting forces — and the decision to put them closer to the front lines — is designed to help Iraqi forces as they move to retake the key northern city of Mosul. Speaking to reporters Monday in Baghdad, Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the decision to move U.S. advisers to the Iraqi brigade and battalion level will put them "closer to the action," but he said they will have security forces with them and the U.S. will do what's needed to reduce the risks. A senior U.S. official said that there will be eight Apache helicopters authorized to help the Iraqi forces when Iraq leaders determine they need them. The official was not authorized to discuss the numbers publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

World News:

Associated Press: Brazil president faces fading chances to maintain power

<http://bigstory.ap.org/urn:publicid:ap.org:db9518ff610a4efba78e3bb34f7e5b84>

Jenny Barchfield

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Monday appeared on the verge of losing office after a congressional vote to impeach her and signs emerged that her support was slipping in the Senate, which will decide whether to remove her amid a political and economic crisis. The 367-137 lower house vote in favor of impeachment Sunday sent the issue to the Senate, where 45 of the 81 senators have stated they will vote to hold an impeachment trial, according to local reports. If a majority there votes to put Rousseff on trial, she'd be suspended while Vice President Michel Temer temporarily takes over. Under the complicated guidelines of the impeachment process, it could be about 40 days before that Senate vote is cast. And an eventual trial and final vote could take months.

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