

# News

## World News Briefs

### Clinton on Brink of Dem Nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton emerged from New York's presidential primary closer to clinching the Democratic nomination and becoming the first woman to reach that milestone. Republican Donald Trump strengthened his own

path to the general election with a commanding victory, but has little room for error in the states ahead.

The front-runners now hope to replicate their strong showings in New York in the cluster of Northeastern states next up on the primary calendar.

Clinton was scheduled to spend Wednesday campaigning in Pennsyl-

vania, while Trump had a rally planned in Maryland, as well as Indiana.

Following her win in New York, a jubilant Clinton made clear she was moving past her unexpectedly competitive primary battle with Bernie Sanders and setting her sights on the general election.

"The race for the nomination is in the home stretch, and victory is in

sight," Clinton declared to cheering supporters.

### Three to be Charged in Flint Water Crisis

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's attorney general will announce criminal charges Wednesday against two state regulators and a Flint employee, alleging wrongdo-



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Flint native and former Michigan State Police inspector Ellis Stafford looks to Jeff Seipenko, special agent at State of Michigan Attorney General, as they sit in court with warrants on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Floyd J. McCree Courts & Human Services Center in Flint, Mich. Two state regulators and a Flint employee were charged Wednesday with evidence tampering and several other felony and misdemeanor counts related to the Michigan city's lead-tainted water crisis.

ing related to the city's lead-tainted water crisis, according to government officials familiar with the investigation.

The charges — the first levied in a probe that is expected to broaden — will be filed against a pair of state Department of Environmental Quality officials and a local water treatment plant supervisor, two officials told The Associated Press late Tuesday. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

The felony and misdemeanor charges include violating Michigan's drinking water law, official misconduct, destruction of utility property and evidence tampering, according to one official.

For nearly 18 months after Flint's water source was switched while the city was under state financial management, residents drank and bathed with improperly treated water that coursed through aging pipes and fixtures, releasing toxic lead.

The city has been under a state of emergency for more than four months, and people there have been drinking bottled water.

### Ruling Threatens Key Provision of N.C. Law

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling on transgender bathroom access in public schools threatens a key provision of a North Carolina law limiting protections for the LGBT community.

The court decision has prompted swift condemnation from the state's Republican leadership.

The 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond sided Tuesday with a transgender teen's ar-

guments that a Virginia school board violated Title IX by forbidding him from using the boys' restroom. The interpretation of the federal education law directly affects North Carolina.

The court's ruling imperils a provision in the North Carolina law — called HB2 — that requires transgender students in public schools and universities to use bathrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificate, said Maxine Eichner, a University of North Carolina law professor.

### Judge Approves Deal Between Ferguson, DOJ

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A federal judge approved an agreement Tuesday between Ferguson and the U.S. Justice Department that calls for sweeping changes in the Missouri city where 18-year-old Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Perry issued her ruling after a public hearing of several hours in St. Louis, where nearly three dozen people spoke, and many others had submitted written comments.

The settlement calls for diversity training for police; the purchase of software and the hiring of staff to analyze records on arrests, use of force and other police matters; outfitting all officers and jail workers with body cameras; the hiring of a team to monitor progress; significant municipal court reforms; and other changes.

Mayor James Knowles III said after the hearing that the city has already implemented many reforms, and will act swiftly on others to "move into compliance as soon as possible."

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