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Governor Nikki Haley News

The State: SC Gov. Nikki Haley setting run for 2nd term

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2656266/sc-gov-nikki-haley-setting-run.html>

Andy Shain

Nikki Haley, the self-proclaimed jobs governor, has sold a business on South Carolina again. Haddon House Food Products chose to expand its 25-year-old distribution center in Chester County rather than build a new one in Florida because of incentives and support Haley offered during a 45-minute phone conversation with the New Jersey-based company's chief executive.

Note: "What would you think if the governor came in on a Sunday morning to talk with you?" Chester County supervisor Carlisle Roddey said. "That would make a big difference to me. I think what she's doing helps a lot."

Aiken Standard: Aiken will host 23rd annual S.C. Rural Summit

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20130303/AIK0101/130309900/1004/aiken-will-host-23rd-annual-sc-rural-summit>

Staff Report

The City of Aiken plays host to the 23rd annual South Carolina Rural Summit today, during which attendees will be challenged to return home to improve their local communities. The summit will be held at the Municipal Center downtown and will feature Gov. Nikki Haley and rural and economic development leaders from across the state. More than 150 people have registered, and the Aiken-Edgefield Economic Development Partnership has cautioned that parking will be limited downtown today.

Note: Haley will give the keynote address and preside over the Rural Summit awards ceremony. Each award recognizes an individual or group that has contributed to the improvement of rural South Carolina. The winning photograph for the Amateur Rural Summit Photography Contest will also be selected during the program.

Associated Press: Haley, Commerce hosting rural summit in Aiken

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

Staff Report

Gov. Nikki Haley and officials from the state Department of Commerce are talking about ways to foster economic development in rural areas. The 23rd annual South Carolina Rural Summit is happening Monday in Aiken.

Note: Haley is giving a keynote address at the meeting and presiding over an awards ceremony. She says the gathering gives local leaders the opportunity to share ideas about how to improve their communities and make them more competitive.

Greenville News: South Carolina's exports reach record: nearly \$25.3 billion in 2012

State ranks first among U.S. states in tire exports; Canada, Germany and China top export markets

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130302/BUSINESS/303020011/South-Carolina-s-exports-reach-record-nearly-25-3-billion-2012>

Staff Report

State officials said Friday that South Carolina's exports reached a record in 2012, totaling nearly \$25.3 billion in goods sold to 197 countries. The figures represent a 2.23 percent increase over 2011 totals, state officials said, citing data from the U.S. Commerce Department. South Carolina's export growth ranked the state 17th in the U.S. in 2012, the officials said.

Greenville News: Inland port in Greer already spurring development (Video)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130302/BUSINESS/303020009/Inland-port-Greer-already->

spurring-development

Rudolph Bell

A freight-handling facility planned by the South Carolina State Ports Authority in Greer is already spurring warehouse development. Officials with Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport say they'll lease 45 acres of land next to the South Carolina Inland Port site to a national developer of intermodal centers, CenterPoint Properties of Oak Brook, Ill., which plans to develop up to 750,000 square feet of warehouse space on the property for an undisclosed user.

Note: Also on hand for Friday's ceremony were Gov. Nikki Haley, U.S. Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott and numerous state lawmakers and other state and local official

Associated Press: Ground broken on inland port near Greer

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/2013-03-01/ground-broken-inland-port-near-greer?v=1362179684>
(Photos)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/01/2655448/inland-port-groundbreaking-in.html> (Photo Gallery)

Jeffrey Collins

South Carolina leaders stood on an expanse of gravel and mud Fri-day, promising that in six months the patch of land in Greer would boost the state's economy in ways not seen for a generation. The state Ports Authority held a groundbreaking for what it calls an inland port. There, shipping containers will arrive by rail from the port in Charleston and be put on trucks, planes or other trains to be shipped across the country and around the world.

Patch: Haley, Scott, Graham Laud Inland Port (Video)

Both U.S. Senators representing South Carolina and Gov. Nikki Haley help break ground at South Carolina's Inland Port here in the Upstate.

<http://lexington-sc.patch.com/articles/video-haley-scott-graham-laud-inland-port#video-13529168>

Andrew Moore

Gov. Nikki Haley was joined by Sen. Tim Scott and Sen. Lindsey Graham in Greer on Friday to celebrate the groundbreaking at South Carolina's Inland Port. Haley said the inland port, which will utilize an existing overnight train service through Norfolk Southern, will spur widespread job creation. She confirmed that she had been in talks with companies interested in locating in the Palmetto State after hearing of the development of the port.

Greer Today: 'Historic' day in Greer with groundbreaking for inland port

\$35 million project will connect Greer with Charleston by rail

<http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/historic-day-in-greer-with-groundbreaking-for-inland-port/2013/03/01/>

Staff Report

"Historic." That's the label Greer Mayor Rick Danner put on today's groundbreaking ceremonies at the \$35 million Inland Port that is being constructed on East Poinsett Street. Governor Nikki Haley, U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott, South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA) executives, state legislators and economic leaders/stakeholders/users of the inland port attended the event.

The State: SC food stamp restrictions face tall hurdles

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/02/2657487/sc-food-stamp-restrictions-face.html>

Joey Holleman

South Carolina's leaders want permission to limit the types of food that poor people can buy with food stamps, an effort that they say is aimed at improving health and reducing obesity. Gov. Nikki Haley plans public meetings in the coming months to gather input for a potential request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture — which runs the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly called food stamps — for a waiver to restrict food-stamp purchases.

Note: Haley is taking a slightly different route, asking Social Services and Health and Environmental Control to come up with a waiver request, and avoiding the legislative debate. But even that approach faces high hurdles.

The State: Tackling root causes of our bad health

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2655053/scoppe-tackling-root-causes-of.html>

Cindi Ross Scoppe

I always thought the huge flaw of Obamacare was that it didn't do nearly enough to encourage prevention, which is the only way to improve our health while reducing our medical costs. Little did I realize the perverse power of anti-Obamaism. It turns out that Obamacare already is making South Carolina healthier. Or at least

it's about to, if all the Republican initiatives to counter it take hold.

Note: The budget that the House will take up in a week includes two fine public-health initiatives that support efforts by Gov. Nikki Haley's pro-public-health, anti-Obamacare Medicaid Director Tony Keck and our new obesity-fighting DHEC Director Catherine Templeton.

Associated Press: SC House budget proposal boosts law enforcement

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=N0NLerKr

Seanna Adcox

The budget proposal headed for debate by the South Carolina House includes roughly \$50 million to boost state law enforcement and better secure prisons. The House Ways and Means spending plan for 2013-14 calls for hiring 25 agents to supervise parolees, 10 natural resource officers and 15 people at the State Law Enforcement Division. It would also add 18 highway troopers through a personnel shift.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley recognized Warden Mike McCall during her State of the State address as an unsung hero of state government. "As a legislator, it was always my belief that giving money to corrections was giving money to criminals, and that there were better, more noble places our tax dollars should go," the Republican governor said in her January speech. "Warden McCall will tell you that if we give money to his facility, it's not going to the prisoners; it's going to the guards. And that for them, it's a matter of life or death."

The State: Nothin' like mud to mess up a picnic (Opinion)

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/02/2657665/the-buzz-nothin-like-mud-to-mess.html>

Jamie Self

A House bill aimed at reforming the state's sunshine law – curbing excessive fees and long waits for requests for public information – made it out of subcommittee and was making good progress.

Disagreements had been resolved, supporters were basking in the sunshine and the bill's sponsor, state Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken, felt confident it would succeed.

Note: During a visit to D.C. Monday for meetings of the Republican and national governors associations, Republican Gov. Nikki Haley railed against Democratic President Barack Obama and Washington lawmakers for failing to find cuts to the federal budget and bringing on Friday's sequester.

Post and Courier: Possible solutions: Improving education

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309834/1006/possible-solutions-improving-education>

Doug Pardue

Problem: South Carolina's children consistently lag behind those in most other states in their educational performance. Multiple factors are responsible for this, but one of the main ones is the failure of the state to make quality public education a priority. Currently the only educational requirement for the state is to provide a "minimally adequate, open and public education."

Note: In her State of the State address in January, Gov. Nikki Haley called for a conversation with legislators to find a way to improve funding for the state's poorer schools. In that address she said, "We do have to figure out a better way to bring up the schools in the poorer parts of our state, and history shows that we cannot count on their own depressed local tax bases and restrictive federal dollars to do it."

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South Carolina News

Post and Courier: S.C. ethics forum to take place in Charleston on March 13

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130304/PC16/130309743/1006/sc-ethics-forum-to-take-place-in-charleston-on-march-13>

Robert Behre

South Carolina ranks near the bottom when it comes to legislative ethics, and the Charleston Area League of Women Voters will hold a forum on March 13 to consider what can and should be done about that. Lynn Shuler Teague, the league's advocacy director for the state, will lead the forum along with Charleston School of Law professor John L.S. Simpson.

Greenville News: Police in schools may be too costly (Opinion)

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130303/OPINION/303030010/Greenville-News-editorial-Police-schools-may-too-costly>

Editorial

There are real reasons to be concerned about the cost to the state, local school districts and law

enforcement agencies that would be related to a pair of proposals in the General Assembly that would require armed law enforcement officers in every South Carolina public school. The suggestion has been raised in the Legislature following the December school shooting in Newtown, Conn., in which 20 children and six adults were killed. It's an idea that carries strong public support in South Carolina, according to a recent Winthrop poll that found two-thirds of state residents support such a requirement. One of those bills was debated this past week by a House subcommittee, and multiple law enforcement officials expressed reservations.

Associated Press: SC mothers demand new gun laws at rally

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2657648/sc-mothers-demanding-new-gun-laws.html>

Staff Report

A group of South Carolina mothers is calling on state lawmakers to address gun violence. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America gathered Saturday morning at the State House. Speakers included a Columbia mother whose daughter was killed by someone using a stolen gun. Also present were representatives from Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin's office and the League of Women Voters.

Associated Press: A look at the budget plan for law enforcement

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=RY8u2Etu

Staff Report

The House Ways and Means budget plan for 2013-14 provides law enforcement agencies an additional \$50 million. A look at some highlights:

The State: SC lawmakers may change workers comp law for police, firefighters

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/02/2658905/sc-lawmakers-may-change-workers.html>

Adam Beam

Brandon Bentley killed a man on Oct. 21, 2009. Bentley was a Spartanburg County sheriff's deputy. The man he killed was running at him with a stick, threatening to kill him. Bentley shot the man once in the chest. He died a few hours later. Bentley has not worked since the shooting. He has tried to kill himself at least twice – once with a knife and another time with pills. At a fall festival with his family shortly after the shooting, he heard a balloon pop, dropped to the ground and reached for his gun. Luckily for him – and everyone else – he didn't have one.

Greenville News: ID theft victims blame hacking

State, target of criticism, says there's no way to know

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130303/NEWS09/303030005/ID-theft-victims-blame-hacking>

Tim Smith

Tina Mather had just buried her husband three days earlier when the notice came from the state Department of Revenue telling her what she knew painfully well two months earlier. She was officially a victim of the massive data breach that exposed 3.8 million Social Security numbers, 3.3 million bank account numbers and information for nearly 700,000 businesses.

The State: Rantin: An investment in education

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2658941/rantin-an-investment-in-education.html>

Bertram Rantin

Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina is looking for 100 entrepreneurs and business leaders to share their experiences with area school students. As JAVolunTeachers, the professionals devote as little as five hours during a four-week period going into South Carolina schools and classrooms to teach Junior Achievement's financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship programs.

The State: SC school leaders want flexibility in tech purchases

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/01/2655473/sc-school-leaders-want-flexibility.html>

Jamie Self

When Diane Gilbert, a teacher at Kelly Mill Middle School, taught her students about the business aspects of running a theme park, she beamed a Disney representative into the classroom for an interview. When she teaches Shakespeare, or literature, she has a list of go-to websites and apps that her students, working on tablets and computers, use to learn.

Post and Courier: Harrell investigation highlights complex Statehouse politics

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309789/1006/harrell-investigation-highlights->

complex-statehouse-politics

Stephen Largent

S.C. Democratic lawmakers typically have little hesitation in bashing Republican officials and their policies. Democrats in the House and Senate, for example, frequently criticize Gov. Nikki Haley's administration and her policy moves. But when it comes to House Speaker Bobby Harrell, a Charleston Republican who is under fire for allegedly using his campaign account and office for personal gain, legislative Democrats have essentially been silent, generally not uttering a word of criticism or concern.

Post and Courier: Larry Grooms wins Berkeley County straw poll

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309798/1006/larry-grooms-wins-berkeley-county-straw-poll>

Robert Behre

State Sen. Larry Grooms won a Berkeley County straw poll Saturday among Republicans there, with former Gov. Mark Sanford finishing second. Both are among 16 candidates seeking the Republican nomination to the 1st Congressional District. The primary is set for March 19.

Post and Courier: Curtis Bostic running for 1st Congressional District on his community roots

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130302/PC16/130309850/1006/curtis-bostic-running-for-1st-congressional-district-on-his-community-roots>

Robert Behre

Ask Curtis Bostic why he is running for the 1st Congressional District seat, and the former Charleston County councilman offers an answer much like many of his opponents. "This sounds political, but it's the truth: the sincere belief that we Americans have to make a change of course over the next few years or we're going to have catastrophic problems," he said.

Post and Courier: Violence Against Women Act renewal was essential for S.C.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130302/PC16/130309851/1006/balog-column-violence-against-women-act-renewal-was-essential-for-sc>

Melanie Balog

What Timothy Fred Glines is accused of doing to his girlfriend is exactly the reason the Violence Against Women Act needed to be renewed. Glines is accused of kidnapping and beating the mother of his 16-month-old child and forcing her to take money out of her account at an ATM.

Associated Press: McCain, Graham warn on CIA nominee vote

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

Staff Report

Republican Sens. Lindsey Graham and John McCain say they want answers from the Obama administration and are willing to oppose the administration's choice to be the new CIA director until they get them. Graham said Sunday he and McCain "are hell-bent on making sure the American people understand this debacle called Benghazi." The South Carolina Republican says he wants to understand what happened in September at the U.S. consulate in Libya that left four Americans dead.

Post and Courier: Graham optimistic on sequestration solution

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130302/PC16/130309845/1006/graham-optimistic-on-sequestration-solution>

Stephen Largent

"Happy Sequestration Day" U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham jokingly declared here Friday, drawing a round of nervous laughs. "To me, sequestration in Latin means 'dumb politics.'" Friday marked the official launch of sequestration, \$85 billion in domestic and military spending cuts that lawmakers from both parties once said would be avoided through negotiation.

Greenville News: Graham worried about cuts to military

[http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130304/NEWS/303040009/Graham-worried-about-cuts-military?](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130304/NEWS/303040009/Graham-worried-about-cuts-military?nclink_check=1)
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Clark Brooks

While leaders in the House and Senate continued pointing fingers and warning of sequestration gloom and doom, U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham was looking forward Sunday toward a deal that could end the pattern of creating crises that both sides say are holding back the U.S. economy. If nothing changes, spending cuts that were designed to force a compromise on a better way to reduce the nation's deficit will total \$85 billion

by the end of September and \$1.2 trillion after nine years. President Barack Obama and most lawmakers agree that the longer sequestration remains in force, the more damage will be done.

Associated Press: Severe weather awareness week kicks off in SC

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Yz67XS1O

Staff Report

The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is kicking off severe weather awareness week in the state. The goal of the week is to make people more aware about the dangers of all kinds of severe weather in South Carolina - from tornadoes to severe thunderstorms to floods.

Associated Press: Some leaders souring on nuclear power costs

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

Ray Henry

As the cost of building a new nuclear plant soars, there are signs of buyer's remorse. The second-guessing from officials in Georgia and Florida is a sign that maybe the nation is not quite ready for a nuclear renaissance. On top of construction costs running much higher than expected, the price of natural gas has plummeted, making it tough for nuclear plants to compete in the energy market.

Post and Courier: Forgotten South Carolina: Solutions can be found for state's disparities

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309833/1006/forgotten-south-carolina-solutions-can-be-found-for-states-disparities>

Doug Pardue

Can anything be done to alleviate or end the disparities in health, education and economic opportunity that keep so much of South Carolina struggling, particularly in the 28 rural counties of the Mill Crescent and Interstate 95 Corridor? Yes. That's the answer The Post and Courier has learned from reviewing numerous studies and interviewing dozens of economists, health officials, educators, historians, social workers, business people and private citizens across the state.

Post and Courier: Possible solutions: Improving health care

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309835/1006/possible-solutions-improving-health-care>

Doug Pardue

Problem: Two out of every three adults in South Carolina are overweight or obese. And children are quickly catching up: About one-third of high school students are overweight or obese. Among blacks it's two out of five. Obesity, which affects about one-third of the adult population, has been declared the state's No. 1 health issue. It prompts numerous other health issues, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. More than \$1 billion a year is spent in the state due to problems caused by obesity, and the state projects that to rise to \$5.3 billion a year by 2018.

Post and Courier: Possible solutions: Improving economic opportunity

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309836/1006/possible-solutions-improving-economic-opportunity>

Doug Pardue

Problem: A poorly educated workforce makes it difficult to lure industry. A study of the I-95 Corridor by Francis Marion University and S.C. State University noted that "the undereducated workforce is a significant brake on economic development." Solution: Work to improve public school education at all levels. Increase adult education opportunities through the state's technical colleges and through other public/nonprofit partnerships.

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Hyperlocal News

The State: More growth planned near Chapin technology hub

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2658924/more-growth-planned-near-chapin.html>

Tim Flach

Homes, stores and offices could sprout soon around a technology hub planned in Chapin. Plans are in the works to start residential and commercial development on more than 200 acres adjoining the hub as soon as mid-2014, Midlands developer Stewart Mungo said.

Post and Courier: Durham School Services, Charleston County bus drivers reach deal

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130303/PC16/130309790/1006/durham-school-services-charleston-county-bus-drivers-reach-deal>

Diette Courrage Casey

Charleston County residents no longer have to worry about a school bus driver strike. Union school bus drivers in Charleston County agreed 138-9 Saturday to accept a new five-year contract from their employer, Durham School Services, which includes a pay raise. "The members seemed happy," said L.D. Fletcher, president of Teamsters Local 509, which represents school bus drivers in Beaufort County, Charleston County and Dorchester 2.

Greenville News: Greenville, Columbia accounting firms announce plans to merge

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20130304/BUSINESS/303040023/Greenville-Columbia-accounting-firms-announce-plans-merge>

Staff Report

Greenville-based Johnstone, Graydon & Thompson CPA's, P.A. and Columbia-based Scott and Company LLC have announced their intent to merge, effective at the close of business on June 30, 2013. Leaders of both firms, each of which provides audit and assurance, tax and a range of consulting services to clients across the Southeast and internationally, voted to approve the merger.

Associated Press: Bond denied for SC man charged in CCU murder

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bcl8XZt4

Staff Report

A Conway man charged with murder in the death of a Coastal Carolina University is staying behind bars after a bond hearing. The Sun News of Myrtle Beach reported (<http://bit.ly/WBAZtZW>) that Judge Aaron C. Butler denied bond Sunday for 20-year-old Marquis Spencer McDonald. McDonald's initial hearing is scheduled for April 26.

The Sun News: A glimpse into 'Myrtle Manor'

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/01/2655336/a-glimpse-into-myrtle-manor.html>

Maya T. Prabhu

With only a few days until their show premieres, "Welcome to Myrtle Manor" cast members said Thursday they were excited and nervous about how their lives could change if the reality program becomes successful. "Myrtle Manor," which was filmed in a portion of Patrick's Mobile Home Park off Highway 15 in Myrtle Beach last year.

The State: Foes focused attention on Murphy residency

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2658908/foes-focused-attention-on-murphy.html>

Tim Flach

Kim Murphy's opposition to school improvements laid the groundwork for her possible ouster as a member of the Lexington-Richland 5 School Board, supporters and opponents say. Her persistent efforts to block parts of a package approved by voters in 2008 prompted its supporters to scrutinize whether her home is in Richland County as long accepted.

The State: Columbia moves toward becoming more business-friendly

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2657640/columbia-moves-toward-becoming.html>

Clif LeBlanc

Columbia city government is taking steps – albeit halting ones – to become more business-friendly. The city is going to hire an advocate to shepherd businesses through the maze of city licenses, permits, fees and approval processes for starting, expanding or operating a commercial enterprise. And the job of Columbia's chief business recruiter is to be reorganized, the new city manager said last week, without providing details.

Post and Courier: Solicitor for Charleston, Berkeley counties wants to keep efficient docket system

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20130304/PC16/130309742/1006/solicitor-for-charleston-berkeley-counties-wants-to-keep-efficient-docket-system>

Natalie Caula

Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson (left) and Ninth Circuit chief public defender Ashley Pennington. Doing more with less. It's how Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett Wilson has been operating as Charleston and Berkeley counties' chief prosecutor. Despite financial constraints and a tremendous case load, Wilson said she's made it work. But, as the S.C. Supreme Court considers c

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National News

Associated Press: How budget cuts could affect you

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/01/2655545/how-budget-cuts-could-affect-you.html>

Pauline Jelinek

Automatic spending cuts that took effect Friday are expected to touch a vast range of government services. Some examples

McClatchy Newspapers: Kerry tells Morsi that Egypt must change before U.S. will send more aid

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/03/03/2658399/kerry-tells-morsi-that-egypt-must.html>

Nancy A. Youssef

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry vowed Sunday to provide \$190 million to help Egypt's government pay its bills, but said any additional money would require that Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi move quickly to resolve the country's differences with the International Monetary Fund, reform its security services and take steps to provide equal rights for women and religious minorities. Kerry's statement, which came at the end of "very candid and constructive" talks with Morsi, was the closest the United States has come to date to criticizing the Egyptian president, who took office as the country's first democratically elected leader last summer. But Sunday's announcement also exposed the limits of U.S influence on a country that was once considered a major ally.

Associated Press: Scientists say baby born with HIV apparently cured

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/viewart/20130304/NEWS/303040025/Scientists-say-baby-born-HIV-apparently-cured>

Lauran Neergaard

A baby born with the virus that causes AIDS appears to have been cured, scientists announced Sunday, describing the case of a child from Mississippi who's now 2½ and has been off medication for about a year with no signs of infection. There's no guarantee the child will remain healthy, although sophisticated testing uncovered just traces of the virus' genetic material still lingering. If so, it would mark only the world's second reported cure.

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