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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Post and Courier: Haley says Mike Pence will fix Washington but no mention of Trump

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160715/160719623/haley-says-mike-pence-will-fix-washington-but-no-mention-of-trump>

Gavin Jackson

Gov. Nikki Haley applauded presumptive GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump's selection of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate. "Mike Pence is a friend, but more than that, he is a strong conservative reformer who has delivered results for the people of Indiana," Haley said in a statement Friday. "Washington is broken, but we don't have to look any further than leaders like Mike Pence for the solutions to fix it." Haley did not mention Trump in her statement or in the email from her office. Rather, the note said, "Governor Nikki Haley today issued the following statement regarding the selection of Gov. Mike Pence as the Republican nominee for Vice President of the United States." Haley and Trump have butted heads throughout the presidential campaign. Haley even alluded to Trump in her nationally televised response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address in January.

The State: SC Gov. Haley praises Trump's VP pick as 'strong conservative reformer'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article89825212.html>

Jamie Self

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley Friday praised Donald Trump's selection of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence to be his vice-presidential running mate. "Mike Pence is a friend, but more than that, he is a strong conservative reformer who has delivered results for the people of Indiana," Haley said in a statement. Haley went to Indiana last year to campaign for Pence during his re-election bid. "Washington is broken, but we don't have to look any further than leaders like Mike Pence for the solutions to fix it," Haley said. Trump confirmed on Twitter Friday that Pence was his choice, adding he would hold a press conference Saturday to discuss the pick.

Herald Net: How Boeing's relations with unions have evolved

<http://www.heraldnet.com/news/how-boeings-relations-with-unions-have-evolved/>

Dan Catchpole

The Boeing Co. turned 100 on July 15. Throughout the year, The Daily Herald is covering the people, airplanes and moments that define The Boeing Century. More about this series Organized labor's influence on Boeing runs back to the company's earliest days. In 1917, the company changed job titles to make it harder for trade unions to organize its workers. When workers unionized in 1935, Boeing didn't support the effort, but the company didn't vigorously oppose it, either. Violent clashes between pro- and anti-labor groups were not uncommon at the time. Boeing generally had good labor relations for the next few decades. However, those relationships have deteriorated in more recent times, a decline exacerbated by workers' and corporate executives' feelings of increasing

vulnerability to global economic forces. During that time, those executives have increasingly come to define the company's success in terms of the size of shareholder dividends. Anti-unionism runs deep in the aerospace industry. Many of its early leaders were staunch labor opponents. A 50-day strike in 1935 prompted Reuben Fleet to move his company, Consolidated Aircraft, from Buffalo, New York, to sunny San Diego, which offered tax concessions, better conditions for flight tests, and, most important, a low rate of organized labor.

NOTE: The IAM couldn't stop Boeing from opening a second 787 line in South Carolina, a bastion of the growing anti-labor movement. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley didn't shy away in her 2012 state of the state address: "We'll make the unions understand full well that they are not needed, not wanted, and not welcome."

SC after Dallas Shootings:

Associated Press: 2 rallies planned at Statehouse following police shootings

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=z2TATc8K

SC State Wire

Black Lives Matter and the nonprofit Building Communities and Families are holding separate rallies outside the Statehouse. Spokesman Chris Sullivan says the BCF event from 9:30 a.m. until noon Saturday is meant to provide people a safe, peaceful way to voice their concerns about racism and get involved. Attendees can register to vote and sign up to volunteer with various organizations. Sullivan says the event will include role playing on how people can help themselves during a traffic stop. Attendees are encouraged to bring water, school supplies and nonperishables for distribution. Black Lives Matter will rally from 3-7 p.m., according to its reservation application. Last Sunday, Black Lives Matter protesters temporarily blocked an intersection near the Statehouse and a section of Interstate 126. There were no arrests or injuries.

The Herald: Extra law enforcement added for Sunday's York Black Lives Matter march

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/andrew-dys/article89917267.html>

Andrew Dys

Police in York have added extra officers and security measures for Sunday's Black Lives Matter protest march, to ensure the safety of the protesters, the police and spectators. York Police Department Chief Department Chief Andy Robinson said Friday that the department has security measures in place, saying "safety for all is our primary concern." Specifics of the extra security measures were not detailed. York County Sheriff's Office agents, along with state agents, will be on hand Sunday to augment the York Police Department, Mayor Eddie Lee said. "The safety of all who will participate, the officers, and those in attendance is our top priority," Lee said.

Herald-Journal: Group marches for peace, unity in downtown Union

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20160715/articles/160719789>

Allison M. Roberts

Under stormy skies that threatened rain, a group of about 50 people marched together in peace Friday night down Main Street in Union. Tommy Mann, the pastor at Putman Baptist Church and one of the organizers of the march, said the event was in response to the fatal shootings last week in Dallas, Louisiana and Minnesota. After all that has happened, Mann said, it's extremely important for Union County residents to stay united. "I think a lot of people have heavy hearts and strong emotions right now, and so we wanted this to be a chance to bring people together to offer some words of hope and encouragement," Mann said. "We want people from all walks of life to come together and I think that's a big part of what Union County is and who the people of Union County are."

Dylann Roof Case:

Post and Courier: \$61K from grant will let more people watch Dylann Roof trial

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160715/160719577/61k-from-grant-will-let-more-people-watch-dylann-roof-trial>

Andrew Knapp

Charleston County plans to use \$61,000 in federal grant money to let more people watch Dylann Roof's upcoming death penalty trial. Under the plan by Clerk of Court Julie Armstrong, video footage from a courtroom that seats 75 gallery members will be fed into an overflow room that holds 150 people. The County Council's Finance Committee approved the plan Thursday. Its agenda contained details of how the money would be spent. The funds come from the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program at the U.S. Department of Justice. The agency's Office for Victims of Crime awarded a total \$3.6 million to help survivors, family members of those slain and authorities who handled Roof's June 2015 attack that killed nine worshippers at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. Roof's murder trial in state court is expected to start sometime early next year. It's set to take place after his trial in federal court, where the 22-year-old from Eastover also faces execution.

Michael Slager Case:

Post and Courier: Refusing to pay legal fees, police group says Walter Scott shooting and lies not part of officer's duty

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160715/160719620/refusing-to-pay-legal-fees-police-group-says-walter-scott-shooting-and-lies-not-part-of-officers-duty>

Andrew Knapp

A police advocacy group does not want to pay former North Charleston officer Michael Slager's legal fees because shooting Walter Scott to death, planting evidence and lying were not in his job description, a court filing says. Slager had been paying the Southern States Police Benevolent Association a \$23.50 monthly fee for legal representation should he ever find himself fending off civil claims or criminal charges. After Slager shot Scott on April 4, 2015, he hired an attorney through the association. But Charleston lawyer David Aylor dropped the client three days later when video showed Slager firing as Scott tried to run away, and the association refused to fund Slager's defense any longer. Slager sued in U.S. District Court, saying the group violated an insurance contract that promised unlimited legal aid if he were involved in a shooting. The association on Thursday asked a judge for "summary judgment," an order that would end Slager's claims before trial.

SC Political News:

Aiken Standard: New law to change deer harvesting in S.C. starting in 2017 season

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/20160715/160729999/new-law-to-change-deer-harvesting-in-sc-starting-in-2017-season->

Christina Cleveland

It's business as usual this deer season, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources said, but starting next season, a new law will generate changes that one official calls "historic" for deer harvesting in the state. Next year, there will be a uniform limit on antler bucks across the state, which DNR Deer Project Supervisor Charles Ruth said is the first time the state has enacted such measure. Aiken County does not have a limit on the number of deer harvested this year; however, the new limits will take place next year. "All deer taken must be tagged – that's a historic change," Ruth said.

“At the hunter level, these types of changes will require some education. We’re going to embark on that either (in) very late 2016 or early next year.” The bill was signed into law by Gov. Nikki Haley on June 8 and takes effect on July 1, 2017.

Associated Press: Cellphone app to promote black history in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4tvrxrAe

Seanna Adcox

A cellphone app could soon lead drivers to a plantation site near Lake City, the birthplace of jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie in Cheraw, and Rosenwald schools across the state. A state commission is developing the app in hopes of encouraging drivers to explore African-American historic sites in rural South Carolina. The idea is to "get people off of I-95 and I-77 ... and into the rural communities," said Jannie Harriot, vice chairman of the state's African-American Heritage Commission. The app should be ready in January, just ahead of Black History Month. Hundreds of sites will be searchable by county or subject, including churches, schools and cemeteries, she said. The commission annually publishes a book of historic sites of African-American significance.

NOTE: Legislators gave the Department of Archives and History \$100,000 for the project, overriding Gov. Nikki Haley's veto. Sen. Vincent Sheheen, who pushed to include the agency's request in the budget, said Friday that South Carolina has a "really rich history of African-American culture" that's under-recognized. "We should promote it and be proud of it and tell the story," said Sheheen, D-Camden.

The State: SC Congressman calls for immigration limits, deportations after Nice

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article89803087.html>

Bristow Marchant

In the aftermath of Thursday's terrorist attack in France that left around 100 people dead or injured, one SC congressman took to Twitter to offer his suggestions for what should be done next.

Congressman Jeff Duncan, R-Laurens, tweeted that after the Nice, France, attack, America needs to halt plans to resettle thousands of refugees from the war in Syria, and "indefinitely suspend all forms of immigration" from "hotbeds of terrorism," a similar proposal to GOP candidate Donald Trump's calls to limit immigration that some fear would allow terrorists to covertly enter the United States. For those already here, Duncan proposes President Barack Obama "immediately deport any non-citizens listed on a terror-watch list." The congressman's tweets were critical of the Obama administration's handling of terrorist issues to this point.

SC Elections:

Post and Courier: Leatherman spends more than \$1 million in Senate race

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160715/160719555/leatherman-spends-more-than-1-million-in-senate-race>

Gavin Jackson

S.C. Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman won his Republican Party primary in mid-June, but state financial disclosures show it came with the heftiest price tag of any state Senate race, possibly in history. Leatherman, R-Florence, spent more than \$1.1 million this cycle to defeat two Republican challengers — while also taking on Gov. Nikki Haley — in the June 14 primary, campaign records show. His spending equaled 65 percent of what House incumbent lawmakers spent this cycle — or roughly the total spent by the next four highest spending Senate candidates. As the top-tier target of the pro-Gov. Nikki Haley political advocacy group A Great Day SC and other groups, Leatherman

also took out a \$750,000 loan for his Senate seat defense — an amount unheard of for a Statehouse race. But recent State Ethics Commission filings show Leatherman was buoyed by enough contributions from medical, legal and business professionals — among other donors — that he didn't need to touch the loan. "We used it to make it to make sure our area kept the senator they wanted," Leatherman said of the money spent in defense of his seat. "The governor raised money to go against me. The S.C. Club for Growth came in, and Americans for Prosperity came in. And my people said 'we don't want outside groups like them coming in trying to buy a Senate seat.' "

SC Agency News:

Associated Press: Former SLED agent charged with kidnapping, domestic violence

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

SC State Wire

A former agent with the S.C. Law Enforcement Division has been charged by the agency in connection with several domestic violence incidents. SLED said in a statement on Friday that 26-year-old Rodney Sinclair Bostick is charged with kidnapping, two counts of second-degree domestic violence as well as third-degree domestic violence. An affidavit said Bostick threatened the life of the alleged victim, who authorities said suffered bruises and scratches to her back, chest, arm and face. Arrest warrants also say the woman was choked on two other occasions, once as her son watched. Bostick is also charged with misconduct in office for obtaining motor vehicle records under false pretenses. He is in the Lexington County jail. No other details were available and it's not known if he has an attorney.

The State: SLED fires, charges agent with domestic abuse

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89923072.html>

Cynthia Roldan

A State Law Enforcement Division agent in Columbia was fired from his job after allegations of repeated domestic abuse surfaced against him. Rodney Sinclair Bostick, 26, is facing charges of kidnapping, misconduct in office and three counts of domestic violence. He was fired and booked into the Lexington County Detention Center on Friday. He's expected to have a bond hearing Saturday. According to the arrest report, Bostick hurt his live-in partner several times. His first reported incident happened on Aug. 1, when he threatened to kill the woman, whose name was redacted in the report, during a dispute.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Lawyer files restraining order against Charleston County coroner after inquest

<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160715/160719566/lawyer-files-restraining-order-against-charleston-county-coroner-after-inquest>

Andrew Knapp

As Coroner Rae Wooten on Friday sought the attorney general's legal advice after an inquest named two suspects in a Mount Pleasant toddler's death, defense lawyers asked for a restraining order preventing her from making arrests. Questions arose earlier this week after six inquest jurors implicated Elijah Washington's caretaker with homicide by child abuse and the toddler's grandmother as an accessory to the crime. But prosecutors, who had already dropped the charge in a previous case against Bryan Seabrook, 29, have said they wouldn't prosecute him again because the inquest failed to reveal any new information and didn't bring up evidence favorable to him.

Island Packet: Skeletal remains ID'd as missing Florida man

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/crime/article89835597.html>

Caitlin Turner

The skeletal remains found Wednesday in marsh grass off Hunting Island have been identified as belonging to a missing Florida man. Forensic examination revealed the remains belong to 27-year-old Connor Pace, of Gainesville, according to a Beaufort County Sheriff's Office release. The remains were found by a fisherman near Russ Point Landing. The cause and manner of death has not yet been determined, the release said, and no indication of foul play has been identified.

The State: Lexington man gets 5 years for DUI death of motorcycle rider

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article89936672.html>

John Monk

A 21-year-old Lexington County man has been sentenced to five years in state prison for the 2015 death of a young woman killed on the back of the motorcycle he was driving while drunk. James Gainey Jr. pleaded guilty to reckless homicide and DUI in the death of Caitlin Clark, 19, who died in August while a passenger on Gainey's motorcycle. Gainey, then 20, had been on a drinking spree in Columbia's Vista before picking up his friend Clark and heading down Saint David's Church Road in West Columbia at a high rate of speed, according to evidence in the case. Gainey lost control of his 2012 Honda motorcycle, which left the road, struck a fence and threw Clark. She died from massive injuries received in the crash.

The Item: Boat driver gets 5 years

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/sumter-man-sentenced-to-five-years-for-fatal-boat-crash,272138>

Konstantin Vengerowsky

A Clarendon County jury found a Sumter man guilty on Friday for failure to render aid for his part in a July 2014 boating incident that claimed the life of Hailey Joanne Bordeaux, 21, of Sumter. Chad Morris, 40, of 2661 Tindal Road, received a five-year sentence for failure to render aid and a 30-day sentence and \$500 fine for negligent operation of a watercraft after the boat he was operating struck an idling boat with four passengers, including Bordeaux, on Lake Marion during the early morning hours of July 4, 2014. "You have a duty when you are the operator of a boat to come to the aid of the victim," Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Judge Roger Young Sr. said. "What hurt you is your conduct after the accident; the way you and the people in your boat acted did not do you justice. You needed to make sure people who were injured were assisted."

Greenville News: Man held in Greenville County jail nearly 2 years before charges dismissed

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/crime/2016/07/15/man-held-greenville-county-jail-nearly-2-years-before-charges-dismissed/87038876/>

Amanda Coyne

For nearly two years, Demetrius Sims sat in the Greenville County Detention Center maintaining his innocence after being accused of robbing a pizza restaurant near Cherrydale in July 2014. He said he couldn't afford an attorney or the \$35,000 bond to get out of jail. He fired a court-appointed attorney who he said never met with him, attended a preliminary hearing or returned phone calls or letters. Ten days before his trial was to begin, prosecutors dismissed the charges he faced – armed robbery and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime, according to court records. When Sims walked out of jail after spending 711 days behind bars, the calendar had flipped past two birthdays and two Christmases. Sims maintained his innocence for each of those 711 days. The dismissal, at the request of the prosecutor, came after evidence that had been in the case file "since day one" led the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office to conclude prosecutors "could possibly lose the case,"

said Solicitor Walt Wilkins.

The Item: Fire department to receive pet oxygen masks

<http://www.theitem.com/stories/fire-department-to-receive-pet-oxygen-masks,271558>

Jim Hilley

On Thursday morning, Pet Oxygen Kit Project Inc. provided 24 oxygen masks specifically designed for pets to Sumter Fire Department. Phil Leventis, former South Carolina senator and director of development for South Carolina Firefighters' Foundation, said the oxygen masks will help empower Sumter's firefighters. They already do so many things to save lives, and the masks will give them an extra capability, he said. He also said the success of the project shows how much of a difference a few individuals can make. Mary Ellen Tobias, project coordinator, said all of the money to purchase the kits that were provided on Thursday was donated by Midlands Gives, a public charity with the goal of improving the quality of life in South Carolina's communities.

Aiken Standard: Former Williston principal: I didn't feel supported

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20160715/AIK0101/160729998>

Charnita Mack

In a resignation letter sent to Williston School District, former Williston-Elko High School principal Joel Mitchell said he did not feel supported "by those in power above me," and it was making his job "even more difficult," according to a May 17 resignation letter. The Aiken Standard obtained the letter, along with copies of Mitchell's emails between he and school administration and board members, on Friday in response to a South Carolina Freedom of Information Act request. The FOIA request was sent on June 2. The former principal is now facing a felony assault charge. Mitchell's attorney could not be reached by press time.

NOTE: When the deposit was made, a veto message from Gov. Nikki Haley that was sent to the House of Representatives vetoing "a bill limiting public disclosure of certain records relevant to teacher evaluations currently subject to the Freedom of Information Act," was also provided to Ashe. Ashe had previously said that she would not be releasing the evaluations. "We do not provide the evaluations of the principal. That's just the rule," Ashe said. "We never have. It's based on FOIA handbooks. We do not provide evaluations. It's confidential," she told the Aiken Standard earlier this month.

Independent Mail: Clemson board approves \$1 billion budget

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/clemson-board-gets-diversity-inclusion-update trustees-give-final-approvals-for-dorm-demolition-1-37-387026881.html>

Mike Eads

Diversity and inclusion are central to preparing Clemson students for the world, according to the students, faculty and administrators who addressed the university's Board of Trustees on Friday. Chief Diversity Officer Lee Gill made the case plain for the trustees during summer quarterly meeting at the Madren Conference Center on campus. "This is not social engineering, it's not affirmative action, it's not that we're trying to change any organizational constructs; it is simply the fact that the world has changed," said Gill, in his first appearance since being hired from the University of Akron last April. "... We have to be willing and able to enhance our student body's involvement and engagement. We would be doing our students a grave disservice if we didn't prepare them with the global and social competencies needed to succeed in this world."

The State: S.C. State needs culture change, new president says

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/education/article89967072.html>

Avery G. Wilks

S.C. State University needed a reality check when state lawmakers replaced the school's board of trustees a year ago, new school president James Clark says. Clark, who was one of those new trustees, remembers being struck by the apparent disconnect between how some S.C. State community members viewed the school's problems – largely financial – and what the actual causes were. "Sometimes when you're part of an organization ... your perception may be off from what most of the rest of the world thinks," said Clark, who was the longtime head of a division of AT&T's computer business. "And I just saw that in a lot of places."

Associated Press: Historic Presbyterian church gets award-winning revival

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=OfYCXaf0

Angela Davis

Members of Trinity Church of Greenville said they got used to witnessing miracles during the restoration of their 100-year-old sanctuary. And now they believe they have been blessed with another even though the project is complete. Trinity received a 2016 State Preservation Honor Award from the Governor's Office, the S.C. Dept. of Archives and History and the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation. The award is a very competitive one, said Anne Peden, chair of the Greenville County Historic Preservation Commission, which nominated Trinity for the award. Trinity is the first in downtown Greenville to receive it since the Westin Poinsett Hotel earned it in 2005, Peden said.

Times and Democrat: Presbyterian Church elects black leader for the first time

http://thetandd.com/news/a-time-of-great-transition-presbyterian-church-u-s-a/article_4d97ed01-c257-56ad-97af-6fa39a8d977c.html

Dionne Gleaton

An Orangeburg native is the first black man in the more than 300-year history of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. to be elected as its top ecclesiastical leader. The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II was elected Stated Clerk of the PC (USA) last month during the 222nd General Assembly meeting held in Portland, Oregon. The denomination is more than 90 percent white and his election was deemed a new direction for inclusivity at the meeting. "I felt both humbled and heartened by this opportunity as the first person of color in the history of this denomination to assume this position," he said.

Island Packet: Hilton Head Committee recommends shuttles, promotion of north beaches to reduce traffic

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/business/article89959182.html>

Teresa Moss

The promotion of lesser known beaches and shuttles are some of the recommendations the Hilton Head Circle to Circle committee plans to bring before Town Council next month in an attempt to reduce traffic on the south side of the island. More than a year ago, the Town Council charged the committee with coming up with a solution to reduce traffic near Sea Pines Traffic Circle after concerns about congestion were raised. On Friday, the committee held its last of more than 30 public meetings on the issue. A 100-page report produced by the committee will go before the council during its regular meeting in August. The report lists 26 recommendations such as adding turn lanes at New Orleans Road and asking the planning commission to make revisions to the Land Management Ordinance that will promote walkability. A 100-page report produced by the committee will go before the council during its regular meeting in August. The report lists 26 recommendations such as adding turn lanes at New Orleans Road and asking the planning commission to make revisions to the Land Management Ordinance that will promote walkability.

Morning News: Timmonsville council member to seek state investigation of town finances

http://www.scnw.com/news/local/article_323cb0ba-4b02-11e6-9afb-d32a50f4b4cb.html

Shamira McCray

A town council member said Friday that she and another member will seek a SLED investigation of the town's finances. The council member, Cheryl Qualls, said the mayor and town administrator should step down while an investigation is in progress. Qualls made the remarks as she and Councilman Jimmy Pigate met with residents at town hall for what was supposed to be a called meeting. The called meeting could not be held because four council members are required for a quorum. Only Qualls and Pigate appeared. But nearly 15 residents showed up and questioned the two council members about how the taxpayers' money is being used. According to Pigate, the meeting was called to discuss Mayor Darrick Jackson's power and the taxpayers' money that was borrowed to have former town Police Chief Gregory Palmer released from jail.

Sun News: Will beach parking meters threaten millions in federal funding?

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article89944522.html>

Audrey Hudson

Federal officials are reviewing Myrtle Beach's new beach parking fees to determine whether they comply with a contract that provides the city millions of federal taxpayer dollars for beach renourishment projects. The dispute arose Friday after Horry County Councilman Harold Worley provided a copy of the 1995 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers contract to The Sun News, pointing out key language that possibly indicates the new parking fees run counter to the intent of the contract. The contract says the city "shall provide and maintain necessary access roads, parking areas and other public use facilities open and available to all on equal terms."

National News:

Associated Press: Political outsider Trump introducing insider Mike Pence

<http://bigstory.ap.org/c492f508d5ca4980a0c6c40afa52c47b>

Jill Colvin and Jonathan Lemire

His running mate largely unknown to the public, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is introducing Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a steady conservative with governing experience inside and outside of Washington. Trump and Pence will appear together Saturday morning at a midtown Manhattan hotel, an unofficial kickoff event to the Republican National Convention two days before it opens in Cleveland. While Trump showcases his choice, Democrat Hillary Clinton's team is already painting Pence's conservative social viewpoints as out of step with the mainstream. Trump chose Pence in part to ease some Republicans' concerns about Trump's temperament and lack of political experience. The billionaire's freewheeling, impulsive style and unorthodox policy positions has alienated many in his party.

World News:

Associated Press: Turkey quashes coup; Erdogan vows 'heavy price' for plotters

<http://bigstory.ap.org/8869f593dc5d4694b9a0e638cdb31848>

Suzan Fraser and Dominique Soguel

Forces loyal to Turkey's president quashed a coup attempt in a night of explosions, air battles and gunfire that left at least 161 people dead and 1,440 wounded Saturday. Authorities arrested thousands as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed that those responsible "will pay a heavy price for their treason." The chaos came amid a period of political turmoil in Turkey — a NATO member

and key Western ally in the fight against the Islamic State group — that critics blame on Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian rule. Staying in power by switching from being prime minister to president, Erdogan has shaken up the government, cracked down on dissidents, restricted the news media and renewed fighting with Kurdish rebels. The government has also come under pressure from the millions of refugees in Turkey who have fled violence in neighboring Syria and Iraq, and a series of bloody attacks in Turkey blamed on the Islamic State group and Kurdish rebels.

Associated Press: US would consider extradition request for exiled cleric

<http://bigstory.ap.org/fd1bd31fed39440cbf95ffd76a7550bf>

Bradley Klapper

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says the United States would entertain an extradition request for exiled cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Turkey's president blames for a failed coup. But Kerry adds Turkey's government would have to present evidence of Gulen's wrongdoing that withstands scrutiny. While visiting Luxembourg, Kerry says Turkey hasn't made a request to send the Pennsylvania-based Gulen home. But he says he anticipates questions about Gulen, who has condemned the coup. Kerry says on Saturday the U.S. opposed any attempt to overthrow a democratically elected leader. He says change must come through a constitutional process.

Associated Press: Islamic State group claims Nice attacker as a 'soldier'

<http://bigstory.ap.org/dfbc18732f4f4e8797009fbae5b8f934>

Colleen Barry

The Islamic State group claimed Saturday that the Tunisian man who barreled his truck into a crowd in the French resort city of Nice was a "soldier" of the group. It's the first claim of responsibility for an attack that claimed 84 lives at a July 14 fireworks display for France's national holiday. The claim — circulated on social media by a news outlet affiliated with the group — didn't name Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, the 31-year-old Tunisian who authorities say was behind the wheel as a truck crashed into revelers Thursday night. But the statement quoting an IS security member said the man was following calls from the group to target citizens of countries fighting it. The veracity of the group's claim couldn't immediately be determined, but French officials didn't dispute it.

Associated Press: France attacker called volatile, showed no jihadist links

<http://bigstory.ap.org/6ed600aab4df409ab8ed3e19e488831f>

Frank Jordans

The man responsible for turning a night of celebration into one of carnage in the seaside city of Nice was a petty criminal who hadn't been on the radar of French intelligence services before the attack. The Islamic State group claimed Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel as a "soldier" on Saturday, but what is known so far about Bouhlel suggests a troubled, angry man with little interest in Islam. The 31-year-old was born in Msaken, a town in Tunisia, but moved to France years ago and was living in the country legally, working as a delivery driver. At an apartment bloc in the Quartier des Abattoirs, on the outskirts of Nice, neighbors described the father of three as a volatile man, prone to drinking and womanizing, and in the process of divorcing his wife.

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