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Trump says he's trying to get Carrier to keep jobs in US

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President-elect Donald Trump didn't take off all of Thanksgiving Day while enjoying a long holiday weekend with his family at his Mar-a-Lago estate.

Trump said he was trying to stop the makers of Carrier air conditioners from relocating its Indianapolis manufacturing operations to a company facility in Mexico.

Meanwhile, his transition team was stepping up its effort to raise money for inaugural festivities. And Trump offered a holiday prayer for a politically divided nation.

After Thanksgiving Day, Trump and his transition team are expected to turn their attention back to building his administration. Two possible appointments loom: retired neurosurgeon and former presidential candidate Ben Carson as secretary of housing and urban development and billionaire investor Wilbur Ross Jr. as commerce secretary.

The most recent Cabinet-level picks to be announced were South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and charter school advocate Betsy DeVos to lead the Education Department.

Trump's stock in oil pipeline company raises concern

WASHINGTON — President-elect Donald Trump holds stock in the company building the disputed Dakota Access oil pipeline, and pipeline opponents warn that Trump's investments could affect any decision he makes on the \$3.8 billion project as president.

Trump's 2016 federal disclosure forms show he owned between \$15,000 and \$50,000 in stock in Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners. That's down from between \$500,000 and \$1 million a year earlier.

Trump also owns between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in Phillips 66, which has a one-quarter share of Dakota Access.

While Trump's stake in the pipeline company is modest compared with his other assets, ethics experts say it's among dozens of potential conflicts that could be resolved by placing his investments in a blind trust, a step Trump has resisted.

The Obama administration said this month it wants more study and tribal input before deciding whether to allow the partially built pipeline to cross under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota.

Black Friday is a big shopping day, ven with holiday creep,

NEW YORK — Stores open their doors today for what is still one of the busiest days of the year, even as the start of the holiday season edges ever earlier.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, used to launch the holiday season, but the competition to grab customers first is keen. Stores like Macy's, Walmart, Target and more were open Thursday evening in what they hope will be a new holiday tradition.

Bree Colley, 30, said she plans to go to Columbia Mall in Missouri today with her mom in their yearly tradition. She and her husband were out after Thanksgiving dinner, as well, driving from Harrisburg, Missouri, to pick up a 55-inch television a friend bought for them during a deal at Walmart.

Colley said the 55-inch television, which was about \$200 cheaper than its original \$500 price tag, was sold out online earlier Thursday. But a friend was first in line for the deal and bought one for her.



Roger Pawlowski via AP

The cabin and tiller of the "Black Duck" is shown in 350 feet of water off Oswego, N.Y. Underwater explorers say they've found the 144-year-old Lake Ontario shipwreck of the rare sailing vessel that typically wasn't used on the Great Lakes. Underwater explorer Jim Kennard says the Black Duck is believed to be the only fully intact scow-sloop to exist in the Great Lakes.

NY explorers find 1872 shipwreck of rare Great Lakes vessel

ALBANY, N.Y. — Underwater explorers say they've found the 144-year-old Lake Ontario shipwreck of a rare sailing vessel that typically wasn't used on the Great Lakes.

Western New York-based explorers Jim Kennard and Roger Pawlowski announced today that they identified the wreck as the Black Duck in September, three years after initially coming across it using side-scan sonar in 350 feet of water off Oswego, New York.

The 51-foot-long, single-mast ship known as a scow-sloop sank during a gale while hauling goods in August 1872. The ship's captain, his wife and a crewmember, the only people on board, all survived.

Kennard told The Associated Press that only a few of the flat-bottomed vessels sailed the Great Lakes. He says the Black Duck is believed to be the only fully intact scow-sloop to exist in the Great Lakes.

32 bodies found in clandestine graves in southern Mexico

ACAPULCO, Mexico — Investigators searching clandestine graves have found 32 bodies and nine human heads in a municipality in southern Mexico where rival drug gangs have been engaged in a wave of extortion, kidnappings and turf battles, authorities said Thursday.

Soldiers and police found the graves on Tuesday at an out-law camp in Guerrero state after receiving a tip that people were being held at the site located near a mountain in the municipality of Zitlala. They said they rescued a kidnap victim and discovered 12 bodies and human remains in coolers.

On Thursday, officials announced that further excavations of the site had found a total of 32 bodies and nine human heads.

Roberto Alvarez Heredia, spokesman for the Guerrero Coordinating Group, said soldiers were combing the area to see if there were any more clandestine graves. Investigators were working to identify the bodies and the killers. Drug gangs frequently decapitate their victims.

Residents of the community of Tixtla, Guerrero found nine decapitated bodies on Monday along a highway. Prosecutors are looking into whether the nine heads found in Zitlala correspond to these bodies.

Death toll in Iraq bombing claimed by IS rises to 73

BAGHDAD — The death toll from a car bombing south of Baghdad claimed by the Islamic State group rose to 73 today, including about 40 Iranian pilgrims, Iraqi hospital and police officials said, the deadliest IS attack in four months.

The officials said 65 other people were wounded in the attack, which took place on Thursday night at a gas station on a major highway near the city of Hilla, about 95 kilometers (60 miles) south of the Iraqi capital.

IS claimed the attack in a brief statement on its Amaq media arm, saying it was a suicide truck bomb. Earlier, Iraqi officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, had put the death toll at 56.

The attack appears to have targeted a bus with Iranian pilgrims heading home after a major Shiite religious observance in the holy city of Karbala.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Hassan Qashqavi was quoted by the semi-official Tasnim news agency on Thursday night as saying that 80 people were killed, including 40 Iranians. Conflicting death tolls are common in the aftermath of large attacks.

An identity lost in post-war Japan took 67 years to reclaim

KASHIWA, Japan — At a public bath in a Yokohama slum in the 1950s, a red-haired girl scrubs her skin with a pumice stone, hard, to try to get the white out.

Other kids sometimes taunt her. "American, American." She yells back, "I'm Japanese!"

There are more hints that she is different. Once a year she's taken to a grave in the cemetery for foreigners. Once she is made to listen to a record of people singing "Happy Birthday" in English. The reasons are as unknown to her as the Western-looking couple she sees in photos hidden in a brown leather suitcase in the closet.

She is told she was abandoned. Only much later would she learn that her family had been a casualty of anti-Asian immigration policy in the United States. Her American father got Congress to pass a special bill that would have allowed her to enter the U.S., yet she would go most of her life without knowing that.

Her life became headline fodder in two countries — Japan and Sweden — as a custody battle waged, yet she would be the one to sort out her own fractured identity. It took decades, and the last piece was put into place only this year.

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