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Teamsters Union disappointed in latest pipeline decision
Dec. 5, 2016 | The Teamsters Union is disappointed in a decision by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to not grant an easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline. The decision blocks two years of review, approvals by four states and approval from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and two federal courts upholding the project. The decision will have a direct and negative impact on the hardworking men and women – including Teamsters and other union members – who have invested their lives in building the infrastructure that makes this country run... teamsters.org

Applications now being accepted for the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship
Dec. 7, 2016 | The James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications for scholarship awards. The Fund is committed to distributing $1.4 million in 2017. Along with the Academic Scholarship, the Fund has initiated a Training and Vocational Programs scholarship. The training and vocational programs must be related to work in a Teamster-represented industry, class or craft. The deadline for receipt of completed materials is March 31, 2017. Materials will be sent to the Local Union office, but if you would like additional information and application materials for download, click the Hoffa Scholarship link in the right column.

Alliance for Retired Americans launch campaign to protect Medicare from privatization
Dec. 7, 2016 | Alarmed by the House Congressional Leadership’s plans to dismantle Medicare, the Alliance for Retired Americans today kicked off a grass roots campaign to block any attempts to cut or convert guaranteed, earned health benefits into a voucher or privatized scheme. Continue reading...

Pursuing different results to solve income equality
Dec. 9, 2016 | Income equality continues to be a significant issue, even with the economic improvement that has occurred over the last few years. But many in the private sector still don’t seem to get it. Take XPO Logistics [Con-way], for example. The Teamsters joined with labor leaders this week representing 15 European unions who represent XPO to challenge a plan that could give XPO CEO Bradley Jacobs a windfall stock worth $110 million. “We condemn this plan that could lavish Jacobs and other executives at XPO with massive stock awards that would be on the backs of workers in the United States and Europe,” Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa said... teamster.org

‘Tis the season for labor organizing
Dec. 15, 2016 | Efforts to unionize port truck drivers around the country have been met with resistance from private trucking companies, sometimes with the support of public servants. Last June, local police ran a group of organizers out of Port Wentworth for handing out leaflets outside of XPO Cartage, a subsidiary of XPO Logistics, the port’s largest trucking company with over 150 contract drivers. Three members of Teamsters Local 728 were charged with impeding traffic in a public roadway, though the incident took place on a dead end street. connectsavannah.com

Merry Christmas!
Dec. 23, 2016 | Teamster 570 will resume posting on Wednesday, January 3, 2017. Have a safe and happy holiday season.