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"WHAT'S THE LEAD, AP?"

This combination of two photos shows U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, left, speaking during a "USA Thank You" event in Cincinnati, Ohio Thursday, Dec. 1, 2016, and Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen, delivering a speech during National Day celebrations in Taipei, Taiwan, Monday, Oct. 10, 2016. Trump spoke Friday, Dec. 2, with Tsai, a move that has caused controversy in China. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci, Chinag Ying-ying, File)

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[Trump renews defense of his call with Taiwan leader](#)

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump is using Twitter to renew his defense of his engagement with Taiwan, a breach of diplomatic protocol as the U.S. shifted recognition from Taiwan to China nearly 40 years ago. Sunday evening tweets, Trump groused about criticism that he didn't work with China ahead of the contact. China is Taiwan a rogue province.

[Supreme Court takes up cases about race in redistricting](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is taking up a pair of cases in which African-American voters maintain states discriminated against them in drawing electoral districts. The justices are hearing arguments Monday in redistricting disputes from North Carolina and Virginia.

[Democrats looking to reclaim Midwestern supporters](#)

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — With the dust now settled from the election, Democrats are looking to rebuild the political base of traditionally Democratic upper Midwest and Great Lakes states that Republican Donald Trump captured with a focus on white, working-class voters.

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In this Nov. 15, 2016 photo, inaugural preparations continue on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The National Mall and Washington Monument are visible in the background. One thing you can count on during inauguration season in the nation's capital is that people of all stripes will find a reason to show up. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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