

The negotiations themselves are to open shortly after Britain holds an early election on June 8. 'Guidelines adopted unanimously. EU27 firm and fair political mandate for the #Brexit talks is ready,' EU Council President Donald Tusk tweeted."

<http://apne.ws/2pg4dT>

**TRUMP'S SATURDAY** -- Trump will head to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, tonight for a rally. **VP MIKE PENCE** is going to Newport News to attend the christening of the USS Indiana. He's going to Harrisburg as well.

**HAPPENING TODAY** -- On Trump's 100th day in office, the League of Conservation Voters is joining thousands of people at the People's Climate March in Washington with satellite marches across the country and around the world, to send a message to the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress about their environmental policies.

**YOU'RE INVITED -- SEN. JOE MANCHIN** (D-W.Va.) will join us for the Playbook Interview Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Washington Court Hotel (525 New Jersey Avenue, NW). The government funding fight will be in full swing, and Manchin will be fighting for coal miner benefits. Manchin is a fascinating figure, and we hope you'll join the conversation, which is being sponsored by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. **RSVP**

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**SPORTS BLINK -- "John Wall and Wizards turn back Hawks, 115-99, move on to Eastern Conference semifinals,"** by WaPo's Candace Buckner in Atlanta:

"Washington Wizards point guard John Wall ended his night early, walking off the court with the clock stopped late in the final quarter. He deserved the proper ovation for a road villain - hard handshakes from teammates and scattered boos from a salty crowd - after closing out the Atlanta Hawks.

"**As the Wizards defeated Atlanta, 115-99**, in Game 6 of a first-round playoff series and advance to meet the top-seeded Celtics in the Eastern Conference semifinals, Wall stamped this elimination game with a performance suited for franchise lore. In the final quarter, as the Wizards nearly lost a huge lead, Wall outscored the Hawks by two, pouring in 19 of his game-high 42 points. The performance earned Wall and his team a date with Boston, where the best-of-seven series starts Sunday at 1 p.m."

<http://wapo.st/2qpOOGJ>

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## PLAYBOOK READS

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** First lady Melania Trump hugs a boy who presented her with a gift during the opening ceremony for the Healing Garden at the Children's National Medical Center on April 28 in Washington, D.C. | Mandel Ngan/AFP/Getty

**SCOOP - "White House eyeing Clarke for Homeland Security post,"** by Andrew Restuccia, Josh Dawsey and Daniel Lippman: "The White House is considering David Clarke, the sheriff of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, for a position at the Department of Homeland Security, three people familiar with the administration's planning told POLITICO. Clarke is in line to be appointed as assistant secretary at DHS' Office of Partnership and Engagement, which coordinates outreach to state, local and tribal officials and law enforcement. ... He has come under fire in recent days amid revelations about the case of Terrill Thomas, who died of dehydration last year at the Milwaukee County Jail after guards turned off the water in his cell."

<http://politi.co/2oVvZ5T>

-- **"Former Director of Anti-Immigration Group Set to Be Named Ombudsman at U.S. Immigration Agency,"** by ProPublica's Marcelo Rochabrun and Jessica Huseman: "Julie Kirchner is expected to be named as ombudsman to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on Monday ... Kirchner was from 2005 to 2015 director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, a group that has advocated for extreme restrictions on immigration." <http://bit.ly/2prMmrD>

-- **"White House Weighs Kicking Out Sebastian Gorka,"** by The Daily Beast's Lachlan Markay and Asawin Suebsaeng: "The Trump administration is actively exploring options to remove controversial national security aide Sebastian Gorka from the White House and place him at another federal agency, multiple sources tell The Daily Beast. ... Another said he has been entirely excluded from day-to-day policy-making at the National Security Council in the meantime. Gorka's looming departure from the White House, which one of the sources described as imminent, comes amid mounting controversy over his involvement with a far-right Hungarian group notorious for its collaboration with the Nazi regime during the second World War. ... [T]he White House has been seeking a position for Gorka that does not require a security clearance." <http://thebea.st/2oSFuBP>