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PEACING FROM PARIS ... FOR NOW -- PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP in the Rose Garden on a beautiful day in Washington: "In order to fulfill my solemn duty to protect America and its citizens, the United States will withdraw from the Paris climate accord ... but begin negotiations to re-enter either the Paris accord or really entirely new transaction on terms that are fair to the United States, its businesses, its workers, its people, its taxpayers.

"So we're getting out, but we will start to negotiate and we will see if we can make a deal that's fair. If we can, that's great. If we can't, that's fine. ... As someone who cares deeply about the environment, which I do, I cannot in good conscience support a deal that punishes the United States, which is what it does. The world's leader in environmental protection, while imposing no meaningful obligations on the world's leading polluters. ... This agreement is less about the climate and more about other countries gaining a financial advantage over the United States. ...

"At one percent growth, renewable sources of energy can meet some of our domestic demand. But at three or four percent growth, which I expect, we need all forms of available American energy or our country will be at grave risk of brownouts and blackouts. ... Even if the Paris agreement were implemented in full, with total compliance from all nations, it is estimated it would only produce a two-tenths of one degree -- think of that, this much -- Celsius reduction in global temperature by the year 2100. Tiny, tiny amount. ... The United States under the Trump administration will continue to be the cleanest and most environmentally friendly country on Earth."

TRUMP also said his tax bill is "moving along in Congress and I believe it is doing very well." **NOTE:** Donald Trump's tax bill isn't under consideration in Congress, but his aides have been speaking to tax writers on Capitol Hill about their legislation.

NOTICE HOW OFTEN Trump has been saying recently that the United States will no longer be laughed at.

OBAMA SPEAKS -- "WASHINGTON (AP) - Obama: Trump administration is joining 'small handful of nations that reject the future' with climate pact withdrawal." **Full statement** <http://bit.ly/2stfcbx>

WORD FROM CALIFORNIA -- @ElonMusk: "Am departing presidential councils. Climate change is real. Leaving Paris is not good for America or the world."

THE PRESIDENT also addressed the terrorist attack in Manila -- "It is really very sad as to what's going on throughout the world with terror." **More from CNN on the attack at a resort in Manila** <http://cnn.it/2rK0WPY>

-- **WINNERS:** Steve Bannon and Scott Pruitt. **LOSERS:** Ivanka Trump and Rex Tillerson. Gary Cohn last week said the president's view was "evolving" on the accord.

HOT DOCS -- The White House talking points on Paris <http://politi.co/2qGqfBl> ...
From the WH rapid response shop: "Praise For President Trump's Paris Decision"
<http://politi.co/2rgEsnL>

THE CABLES -- MSNBC had Brian Williams as anchor, with Steve Kornacki, Ali Velshi, Josh Earnest and Nicole Wallace joining him. Kristen Welker and Hallie Jackson reported from the Rose Garden. **CNN** had Jake Tapper anchoring, with Chris Cillizza, Dana Bash, Stephen Moore, Van Jones, Nia-Malika Henderson, Gloria Borger and Fareed Zakaria on a panel. **FOX NEWS** had Shep Smith anchoring with extended conversations with Chris Wallace, WSJ's John Bussey and Bret Baier. John Roberts reported from the White House. Neil Cavuto anchored after the speech.

SPOTTED -- REINCE PRIEBUS wearing a green tie.

THE NEW REALITY -- THE EURO-CHINESE AXIS -- "Juncker: 'A Luxembourger is not afraid of an American,'" by POLITICO Europe's Florian Eder on a plane in Belgian Airspace: "President Donald Trump's 'worrying' moves to 'untie' America from the world make it hard for Europe to stay on good terms with it, and are pushing the EU toward China, European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker said Thursday.

"Now that there are signs that the U.S. wants to untie itself from international connections, the relationship with China is becoming more and more important,' Juncker told POLITICO a day before the main sessions of the EU-China summit. 'I am not very happy with the idea that we might now work even more closely with China than we are able to do with the Americans,' he added in the interview aboard the plane bringing him back to Brussels from Berlin, where he spoke about transatlantic relations and met with German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier. 'This does not fit into my old worldview.'" <http://politi.co/2qG1QfK>

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POLITICO EUROPE'S MATTHEW KARNITSCHNIG -- "Trump makes Europe (feel) great again": "Donald Trump just accomplished the impossible -- a united Europe. The spectacle (and specter) of his chaotic presidency has already given the Continent's establishment a powerful weapon in the battle against populism, helping centrist, pro-EU politicians ride to victory in a string of elections from Austria to France. Trump's decision to ditch the Paris climate deal only cements his reputation in Europe as a danger to the planet, transforming Europe's newfound air of superiority into a full swagger.

"At a time of deep tensions within the bloc over matters large and small, the need to fight climate change is the one issue just about everyone can agree on. Even far-right parties have embraced green themes, recognizing the broad societal consensus."
<http://politi.co/2rYSVpB>

NICK JULIANO -- "What does Trump's Paris climate decision mean?"
<http://politi.co/2rJUfNj>

Happy Thursday afternoon.

WEST-WING BUZZ -- COULD DINA POWELL BE TRUMP'S NEXT CHIEF OF STAFF? Good sources say she is in the mix, as Trump looks to shake things up. She has plenty of D.C. experience and understands the mechanics of governing as well as anyone in this administration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- Former FBI Director **JAMES COMEY** will testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee on June 8, next Thursday. An open session begins at 10 a.m. followed by a closed session at 1 p.m.

STAYING PUT -- "Trump Opts Not to Move Embassy to Jerusalem, at Least for Now," by NYT's Peter Baker: "President Trump signed an order keeping the American Embassy in Tel Aviv rather than move it to Jerusalem as he promised during last year's campaign, aides said Thursday, disappointing many Israel supporters in hopes of preserving his chances of negotiating a peace settlement.

"Mr. Trump made no mention of his pending decision during a visit to Jerusalem just last week and waited to announce it until almost the last minute he could under law, underscoring the deep political sensitivity of the matter. The order he will sign waives for six months a congressional edict requiring the embassy be located in Jerusalem, after which he will have to consider the matter again. The decision is the latest shift away from campaign positions upending traditional foreign policy as Mr. Trump spends more time in office and learns more about the trade-offs involved." <http://nyti.ms/2sshDuV>

-- **@anniekarni:** "Campaign promise was to move embassy Day One. Admin says it's not breaking promise, just changing timing. But promise was the timing."

HMM... -- "Tom Price Bought Drug Stocks. Then He Pushed Pharma's Agenda in Australia," by ProPublica's Robert Faturechi: "In the spring before the 2016 presidential election, the Obama administration's 12-nation trade agreement known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, was still alive. Negotiators worked on details as Congress considered whether to ratify the pact. The Australian government was getting in the way of one change demanded by U.S. pharmaceutical companies. Makers of cutting-edge biological drugs wanted to have data from their clinical trials protected from competitors for 12 years, as they are under U.S. law - not the roughly five years permitted under the TPP.

"On April 5, 2016, a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers arrived in Canberra, Australia's capital, for meetings with government officials on a broad range of subjects. Among those on the routine congressional trip was Rep. Tom Price, a Georgia Republican who would go on to become President Trump's secretary of health and human services. Three weeks before the trip, Price had purchased up to \$90,000 worth of pharmaceutical stocks - trades that would come under scrutiny after his nomination to Trump's cabinet.

"In Canberra, Price and another Republican, Rep. John Kline of Minnesota, pressured senior Australian trade officials to modify their position on the 12-year extension, according to a congressional aide who was on the trip. The Australians explained that they had no intention of changing their laws or rules in ways that could increase drug prices. Price and Kline continued pushing, according to the aide, asking for a side letter or other written guidance that the period would be extended in Australia even if it weren't spelled out in the TPP itself." <http://bit.ly/2srK6kJ>

DON'T FORGET ABOUT RUSSIA -- "Nunes intervenes in Russia probe, despite having stepped aside," by Austin Wright and Madeline Conway: "Devin Nunes has said he's stepped aside from the House Intelligence Committee's Russia investigation, but he is still involved in a major way.

"As chairman of the intelligence panel, Nunes continues to hold the power to issue subpoenas. And on Wednesday, the California Republican issued three subpoenas without the agreement of the committee's Democrats, and despite having stepped back from the Russia investigation because the House Ethics Committee is investigating him for disclosing classified information. These subpoenas related to the issue of "unmasking," which is a process used by intelligence officials to learn the identities of people inside the United States who are referenced in intelligence reports." <http://politi.co/2stfGhU>

HADAS GOLD SCOOP -- "White House eyes Bannon ally for top broadcasting post: With sweeping new powers, the position would oversee public media reaching 100 countries": The Trump administration's leading candidate to head the Broadcasting Board of Governors, a position that with recent changes would give the single person unilateral power over the United States' government messaging abroad reaching millions, is a conservative documentarian with ties to White House Chief Strategist

Steve Bannon, according to two people with direct knowledge of the situation.

"Michael Pack, the leading contender for the post, is currently the president and CEO of the Claremont Institute and Publisher of its Claremont Review of Books, a conservative institute based in California which has been called the 'academic home of Trumpism' by the Chronicle of Higher Education." <http://politi.co/2rYrwE1>

CLICKER -- MATT WUERKER'S May cartoons -- **14 toons** <http://politi.co/2ru3EHR>

BESTSELLERS -- Sen. Elizabeth Warren's book "This Fight Is Our Fight" jumped up from 11th place to 8th place in the New York Times' bestsellers' list this week (<http://amzn.to/2srOzE5>), while retired Navy Admiral William McRaven's book "Make Your Bed" continues its eight-week reign atop of the advice and how-to list (<http://amzn.to/2srryAT>). **Full list** <http://politi.co/2sryBd9>

BEHIND THE LENS -- "How the New Supreme Court 'Family Photo' Was Taken," by Olivier Laurent in TIME <http://ti.me/2ruFMnD>

WHAT JAKE IS READING -- TRACKING TRUMP -- "Everywhere Trump Traveled Before Air Force One," by Bloomberg's Vernon Silver, Michael Keller and Dave Merrill: "President Donald Trump finally took his first foreign trip-after waiting longer than any president since Lyndon Johnson-raising an intriguing question about his past: Where did he travel when he was just Private Citizen Trump?" <https://bloom.bg/2ruunEI>

VID DU JOUR -- Valerie Jarrett talks gun violence, Ivanka Trump's role and more <http://bit.ly/2ru88y6>

FLAGGING FOR THE WHITE HOUSE -- The USC Center for Public Relations at the Annenberg School this week launched a survey earlier that aims to understand how the Trump White House comms team is impacting the image of PR. They're surveying PR pros in the U.S. with the help of PR Week and the Holmes Report. Among the questions they ask: whether the WH comms team "act like PR professionals," "do their best under the circumstances," "are being treated unfairly by the media," "distort the truth," "purposefully lie," "constantly change views/statements," and "are strategic in their approach."

... **The survey** also asks respondents to assess "the impact the individual team members' work has on the image of the public relations profession," from "very positive" to "very negative" and asks people to rate the performance of Sean Spicer, Kellyanne Conway, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Hope Hicks, Michael Dubke, and Dan Scavino and whether they would hire them. *See the survey* <http://bit.ly/2rtUzPj>

AFTERNOON READ -- "How Paul Newman's Legendary Rolex Cosmograph Daytona Was Found -- and Where It's Going Now," by WSJ's Michael Clerizo: "Over the years, [James Cox] wore the watch that Newman gave him nearly every day without a second thought-until he attended a trade show for TerraPax in the mid-'90s. 'A man

who didn't speak much English tapped me on the shoulder and said: 'Paul Newman watch, Paul Newman watch.' I thought, What the heck? How does this guy know I've got Paul Newman's watch?" <http://on.wsj.com/2rukqGH>

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- MEDIAWATCH -- CHRIS JANSING is being named senior national correspondent for MSNBC. She joined NBC News in 1998 and has covered five presidential campaigns, eight Olympic games, 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and presidential trips to Cuba, Kenya, India and more for NBC.

TRANSITIONS -- Former Energy Secretary **Ernie Moniz** is the new CEO and co-chairman of the Nuclear Threat initiative ... **John Manning** is the next dean of Harvard Law School, starting on July 1 ... **Dan. K Rosenthal** has been named the new managing principal of Albright Stonebridge Group. He has been with the firm since 2010. His predecessor **Michael J. Warren** is now the firm's managing director. Additionally, **Victoria Nuland** will join the firm's Europe practice in September as senior counselor <http://politi.co/2srS9xV> ... **Armstrong Robinson** has joined AALU as their vice president of legislative affairs. He was previously a director at Prime Policy Group.

BONUS BIRTHDAYS -- The commonwealth of Kentucky is 225 (<http://bit.ly/2srUrNC>) ... White House comms aide Tyler Ross (hat tip: Raj Shah) ... Debtwire reporter Bill Weisbrod ... **(was yesterday):** CNN senior congressional producer -- a TRUE all star -- Deirdre Walsh (h/t Tal Kopan).

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