

services. His aides later told local media that he had escaped unharmed. IS claimed the attacks via its Amaq news agency, after having recently warned that it would step up attacks on Egypt's Christians. The blasts came at the start of Holy Week leading up to Easter, and just weeks before Pope Francis is due to visit the Arab world's most populous country." <http://apne.ws/2oVsxbz>

-- **"Pope on Palm Sunday decries suffering from war, terrorism,"** by AP's Daniela Petroff in Vatican City: <http://apne.ws/2nXMOfK>

***** **A message from Morgan Stanley:** Morgan Stanley helped All Aboard Florida raise capital to bring Brightline, an express railway, to the Sunshine State-potentially cutting travel time across Southern Florida by up to 25-30%¹ versus existing options. Investing in infrastructure isn't just good for people-it can be good for cities. Learn more at morganstanley.com/brightline. *****

DEEP DIVE -- "How Washington's favorite cancer fighter helps himself: Patrick Soon-Shiong is a philanthropist and a businessman. But a prime target of his philanthropy is his businesses," by Darius Tahir: "Soon-Shiong, the California health-care billionaire ... believes he has found a pathway to turning the disease into a manageable condition, commanding his own multi-billion-dollar network of for-profit and nonprofit groups that combines health information technology with genomic testing. He compares himself to the world's great medical philanthropists, saying he wants to emulate the highly respected Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

"But Soon-Shiong's research foundation -- called the Chan Soon-Shiong NantHealth Foundation, after his wife -- hardly resembles the Howard Hughes or any other grant-making charity. A POLITICO investigation found that the majority of its expenditures flow to businesses and not-for-profits controlled by Soon-Shiong himself, and the majority of its grants have gone to entities that have business deals with his for-profit firms. The deals have raised alarms among some tax specialists, who question Soon-Shiong's use of tax-free dollars to boost the bottom lines of his for-profit businesses." <http://politi.co/2oVbvKZ>

FOR STEVE MNUCHIN AND GARY COHN -- ALWAYS READ WSJ's RICHARD RUBIN -- "Democrats' Conditions for Tax Overhaul Make Bipartisan Deal Unlikely : GOP attempts to reach across the aisle are complicated by lack of agreement on priorities": "Democrats are starting to settle on a price for participating in a tax-code overhaul, and many Republicans won't want to pay it. Democrats say they oppose

net tax cuts and will resist proposals that mostly benefit high-income households. Those priorities diverge from President Donald Trump's repeated promise to 'cut the hell out of taxes' and congressional Republicans' plans to lower marginal tax rates and repeal the estate tax." <http://on.wsj.com/2nXBIHU>

THINGS THAT ARE AWESOME TODAY IN WASHINGTON -- It's sunny. It's going to be 69 degrees. Sergio Garcia, who has never won a major golf championship, is tied for first at the Masters.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S private helicopter landed on the new helipad at Mar-a-Lago yesterday. <http://bit.ly/2ph5GHO> Trump is still in Palm Beach and this morning is at Trump International Golf Club, per pooler WSJ's Louise Radnofsky.

HOT IN HOLLYWOOD -- SHONDA RHIMES is hosting a fundraiser for House Democrats in L.A. at 3 p.m. today. The event honors Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.). Kareem Abdul Jabbar, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) and DCCC Chairman Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) will all be there. Hosts include ICM Partners' Chris Silbermann, Rob Reiner, J.J. Abrams, Katie McGrath, Ambassador James Costos and Michael Smith.

HAPPENING TOMORROW -- Neil Gorsuch, the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice, will be sworn in privately by Chief Justice John Roberts tomorrow at the Supreme Court at 9 a.m. Justice Anthony Kennedy will do a public ceremonial swearing in of the 101st associate justice at the White House at 11 a.m., per Josh Gerstein.

ON THE MOVE - "U.S. Navy strike group to move toward Korean peninsula: U.S. official," by Reuters' Idrees Ali: "A U.S. Navy strike group will be moving toward the western Pacific Ocean near the Korean peninsula as a show of force ... as concerns grow about North Korea's advancing weapons program. Earlier this month North Korea tested a liquid-fueled Scud missile which only traveled a fraction of its range. The strike group, called Carl Vinson, includes an aircraft carrier and will make its way from Singapore toward the Korean peninsula." <http://reut.rs/2nXBDns>

FOGGY BOTTOM WATCH -- "Nervous State Department workers prepare for major restructuring," by Nahal Toosi and Andrew Restuccia: "President Donald Trump came into office promising to run the federal government like a private business, and like almost any new chief executive officer, he's looking to restructure. One of his biggest targets? The State Department. ... Deep cuts are expected to hit State's environmental and cultural programs, while divisions that deal with arms