

-- **"Trump names anti-abortion leader Yoest to top HHS post,"** by Rachana Pradhan: "Charmaine Yoest, tapped to be assistant secretary of public affairs, is a senior fellow at American Values. She is the former president of Americans United for Life, which has been instrumental in advancing anti-abortion legislation at the state level to restrict access to the procedure. Her appointment was quickly panned by Democratic lawmakers and prominent abortion rights organizations."

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FIRST PERSON -- "Our White House Reporters Recall Their Most Vivid Moments of Trump's First 100 Days" -- with vignettes by Mark Landler, Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Glenn Thrush, Maggie Haberman, Mike Shear, Peter Baker: <http://nyti.ms/2pgnrsK>

THE PLAYBOOK INTERVIEW: Jeff Mason

White House Correspondents Association President Jeff Mason didn't know who was going to be president when he ran for the organization's leadership in 2014. Donald Trump wasn't even a candidate at that point. But Trump's White House's almost daily back and forth with the Fourth Estate has thrust the Reuters' reporter into the forefront of major battles over press access.

"We've worked hard since the night president-elect Trump was elected to build a constructive relationship with his team," said Mason, whose term ends in July. "That's the type of thing that we would have highlighted at the correspondents dinner if President Trump and his aides had come to show that despite the significant tension in the relationship between the press corps and the White House we can still come together and we can work together on issues that affect both sides."

Despite Trump and his team skipping the annual dinner tonight, Mason said the show will go on. "I'm confident that it's just going to be a great night and I'm looking forward to celebrating the First Amendment with my colleagues in the White House press corps and our supporters and guests and I am happy that we will be able to show that this dinner is not about the presidency, it's about the press. That's what we are going to show and it's going to be great."

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS -- WHAT SKIPPING WHCD MEANS: "Honestly, I just think it speaks for itself ... It was up to them not to come and the signal they send with that is theirs to send."

DESPITE TENSION, ACCESS GOOD: "Despite a lot of that tension that people see

and feel one of the main things that the White House Correspondents Association works on is access for journalists and access under President Trump has been good.

We've had several press conferences. We've had lots of opportunities to see the president and his advisors govern and that's important. ... At the beginning of President Trump's administration there were legitimate concerns that we would be moved out of the White House press room or not allowed to fly on Air Force One. Those are things that we fought for and we're still in the press room and the pool is on Air Force One."

W.H. CHECKS IN WITH WHCA: "The results of having worked on a working relationship between the WHCA board and Sean Spicer and his team has been -- they do check in with us when they have questions about something related to the press and we come to them with our concerns. We both exchange concerns and that doesn't mean the tension has gone away, but there have certainly been dividends of the working relationship. I would describe it as a constructive relationship."

-- **"Trump boycott puts spotlight on correspondents' chief,"** by Hadas Gold:

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SCRUBBED -- "EPA website removes climate science site from public view after two decades," by WaPo's Chris Mooney and Juliet Eilperin: "The Environmental Protection Agency announced Friday evening that its website would be 'undergoing changes' to better represent the new direction the agency is taking, triggering the removal of several agency websites containing detailed climate data and scientific information. One of the websites that appeared to be gone had been cited to challenge statements made by the EPA's new administrator, Scott Pruitt. ... The changes came less than 24 hours before thousands of protesters were set to march in Washington and around the country in support of political action to push back against the Trump administration's rollbacks of former president Barack Obama's climate policies." **With a J.P. Freire cameo** <http://wapo.st/2qirEdW>

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