

"In a shift in travel habits, Trump is now expected to head for getaways to this 8,200-person township about 45 miles west of New York City where his daughter, Ivanka, got married and which some here are already calling 'Camp David North.' On a dreary, rainy Friday not at all conducive to playing golf, Trump stayed out of the public eye.

Even plans to release a photo of him signing a bill to keep the government open through September didn't materialize." <http://wapo.st/2pgyY86>

CLIMATE WATCH -- "U.S. Bluntly Rebuffs Queries on Climate," by Bloomberg's Jennifer A. Dlouhy and Joe Ryan: "The Trump administration, responding to skepticism about its commitment to the Paris climate accord from China and other countries, bluntly told them that it is putting American jobs first. In a formal response to queries filed with the United Nations, the administration President Donald Trump left little doubt that it is taking a different approach in tone and substance from former President Barack Obama. It said its pro-jobs agenda takes priority and that it would continue to roll back environmental regulations aimed at cutting carbon emissions.

"The administration is reviewing existing policies and regulations in the context of a focus on strengthening U.S. economic growth and promoting jobs for American workers and will not support policies or regulations that have adverse effects on energy independence and U.S. competitiveness,' the U.S. said. The U.S. repeated the same answer nearly verbatim three more times." <https://bloom.bg/2pghvwP>

TRUMP INC. -- "Pentagon to lease privately owned Trump Tower apartment for nuclear 'football': letter," by Reuters' Mark Hosenball and Phil Stewart: "The U.S. Defense Department is finalizing a lease on a privately owned apartment in New York's Trump Tower for the White House Military Office to use for supporting President Donald Trump without providing any benefit to Trump or his organization, according to a Pentagon letter seen by Reuters. The Military Office carries and safeguards the 'football,' the device that contains the top secret launch codes the president needs to order a nuclear attack, as well as providing him secure communications wherever he is.

"The White House, Secret Service, and Defense Department had no comment on whether similar arrangements have been made at other properties Trump frequents - Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida and the Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, New Jersey, where Trump is spending this weekend. In a letter to Representative Jackie Speier, a Democrat on the House Armed Services and intelligence committees, Defense Department official James MacStravic, said the apartment is 'privately owned and ... lease negotiations have been with the owner's representatives only.'"

<http://reut.rs/2pgFvzA>

LUNCH WITH THE FT -- "Sheryl Sandberg: fighting fake news and Facebook's future: One of the world's most powerful executives on the new challenges for social networks and the sudden death of her husband," by Hannah Kuchler: "When she was young, she thought she would work in government or a non-profit, never a company.

What changed? 'I think when technology happened, that Google, Facebook, these companies have as much of a mission as other organisations,' she says. Maybe even as much power and influence as governments, I suggest. 'I don't know if that's right. But they have a mission,' she says. Zuckerberg too has been the subject of more speculation since his letter. Rumours were fuelled when he embarked on a US tour to meet community groups, churches and businesses that appeared remarkably similar to an election campaign trail. Does she think he might run for president? 'No.' And you? 'Nope, I've said no.'" <http://on.ft.com/2pMsb9I> ... **Sandberg, with co-author Adam Grant, just published "Plan B: Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy" -- \$15.55 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2qaLF9r>



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PLAYBOOK METRO SECTION -- "Amazon to open a (real-live physical) bookstore in D.C.," by WaPo's Sarah Halzack: "Steven Roth, the chief executive of Vornado Realty Trust, told investors this week that Amazon has leased 10,000 square feet at 3040 M St. NW in Georgetown, a storefront previously occupied by Barneys New York. He did not specify when the store is set to open. Amazon did not immediately return a request for comment. Jeffrey P. Bezos, the chief executive of Amazon, owns The Washington Post." <http://wapo.st/2pRW6vO>

SHOW ME THE MONEY -- "Georgia special election smashes all-time spending record," by Elena Schneider: "It's official: Georgia's special election will be the most expensive House race in U.S. history. Candidates and outside groups have aired or