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TRUMP AND THE MEDIA, THE SAGA CONTINUES. Thursday was another day of adventure in the ongoing saga of President Donald Trump's relationship with the media. It started with an hour long off-the-record conversation with reporters aboard Air Force One which was later turned on-the-record, because apparently the President did not realize he was speaking off the record. "This was a group effort - but it began with POTUS asking why his remarks hadn't been published," pooler for the day Maggie Haberman of the New York Times tweeted late Thursday. But only certain excerpts were made available by the White House, which led to the poolers sending out two extra snippets that weren't originally included. In a separate incident, the press were not allowed to witness the President and First Lady give remarks to U.S. embassy staff, while White House staff tweeted out video. At the press conference with French President Macron, President Trump called on a Chinese journalist instead of a second American reporter, as would be customary.

-Trump turning an off-the-record conversation on-the-record, over the objections of his aides, is nothing new. In fact, he's done it with POLITICO reporters during an April Oval Office conversation and with conservative outlets at a reception, also in April. Check out my rundown on the latest Trump-media tiff [here](#).

NPR UNION CONTRACT EXPIRES TODAY AND A STRIKE COULD BE COMING: Becky Sullivan, a producer on All Things Considered and a member of the bargaining team told me that the situation has not been so dire in recent history at the radio network. "They're setting up the stage for [Friday] to be a dramatic day," Sullivan said. Management came out "swinging for the fences" trying to rewrite the SAG-AFTRA contract line by line, reducing new hire salaries, bringing in a culture of negotiations and more. A federal mediator was brought in this week. Meanwhile, Sullivan said the staff are confused with the harsh approach when management praises them for revenue and audience numbers that are at record levels.

-Staff morale at NPR is "in the dumps," [according](#) to White House correspondent Tamara Keith, and for weeks, staffers have taken to the internet in support of the labor group, highlighting their work through the hashtag #WeMakeNPR and [website](#). It's not clear what will happen to NPR shows if a deal is not worked out tomorrow and there is a strike.

-NPR's statement: "NPR and SAG-AFTRA are having productive discussions with the assistance of a federal mediator and continue to work toward a mutually satisfactory agreement that meets the needs of NPR's employees and our operations. Our goal is to make this organization economically sustainable for the long-term - and, importantly, enable NPR to invest more resources in expanding audiences, innovating its multi-platform journalism, and adding

newsroom staff to meet that growth and support current staff."

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BBC PARTNERS WITH CBS, ENDING ABC DEAL: The BBC and CBS News unveiled a new partnership Thursday that'll allow the two networks to pool resources and share content across their global platforms. "There's no better partner to strengthen and extend our global coverage than BBC News," said CBS News chief David Rhodes in a statement. The deal, effective immediately, will replace BBC's existing agreement with ABC News, its previous U.S. newsgathering and content-sharing partner. BBC head James Harding praised the network's "long and fruitful" relationship with ABC in announcing the shift.

WOULD CBS BUY CNN? CBS CEO Les Moonves said his company would take a long, hard look at the cable news channel were it to come up for sale... for example if AT&T decided it didn't want to be in the news business after it completed its acquisition of Time Warner. "CNN is a very worthy news organization... it's something that could enhance CBS," Moonves said in an interview [with CNBC](#). "But I don't think that's on the table right now. If it came up later on, it would be something we would look at."

PETER BEINART: TUCKER CARLSON IS A 'GLIMPSE' INTO AN INTELLECTUALLY INTERESTING FOX NEWS: Talk about some backhanded compliments from [The Atlantic's Peter Beinart](#), as he weeds out what he sees as redeeming debates from the newest Fox News' newest primetime star: "In his vicious and ad hominem way, Carlson is doing something extraordinary: He's challenging the Republican Party's hawkish orthodoxy in ways anti-war progressives have been begging cable hosts to do for years ... " [Carlson is] moderating a debate between the two strands of thinking that have dominated conservative foreign policy for roughly a century." And yet, Beinart finds issue with Carlson's dismissing the Trump-Russia issue as a non story saying: "Tucker Carlson can be a provocative, necessary voice on foreign policy. Or he can be an apologist for Donald Trump. He can't be both."

SPEAKER RYAN ASKS FOR NEW DRESS CODE: In case you missed the drama the other week, a report about the strict dress code for the Speaker's Lobby (the area off the House floor where reporters often catch members for interviews) went viral. The dress code for both sexes is rather strict -- no jeans, men must have ties, women must have shoulders covered, etc. I've spoken with reporters who were technically within the rules but were still turned away because they don't look "nice" enough. These rules have been in effect for years, but the uproar over the article has apparently caused House Speaker Paul Ryan to rethink the dress code, my colleague Rachael Bade [reports](#):

-The Wisconsin Republican said in a press conference Thursday he has asked the House Sergeant at Arms to revisit and "update" business dress requirements that bar women from

wearing sleeveless and open-toed shoes. The dress code also requires men to wear jackets and a tie, though that requirement has largely escaped recent criticism ... "Decorum is important, especially for this institution, and a dress code in the chamber and in the lobby makes sense," Ryan said. "But we also don't need to bar otherwise accepted contemporary business attire, so look for a change on that soon."

ANTI-TRUMP LATE NIGHT SHOWS DOMINATE EMMY NOMS: It has been a good year to be a late night comedy host. The Trump administration has reshaped the late night landscape, propelling Stephen Colbert to the top of the heap, and rejuvenating the 42 seasons old "Saturday Night Live" with sharp impressions from Alec Baldwin and Melissa McCarthy. Now the shows are reaping the rewards, or, rather, the awards. Nominees for the 69th Emmy Awards (to be host by Colbert in September) were announced Thursday, and the shows that stuck the sharpest jabs at the president were at the top of the heap. Baldwin, for example, received a nomination for his Trump impression on the late night show.

-"SNL" was in fact tied with HBO's "Westworld" for the most nominations for any TV show, with 22. Colbert was nominated for both his 2016 election night special on Showtime as well as the "Late Show." Among late night talk shows, Colbert was joined by the very political "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver," "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" and "Real Time with Bill Maher," as well as the less political "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and "Late Late Show with James Corden." "SNL" also had three of the six nominees in the comedy supporting actress category, and three of the six nominees in both guest actor and actress in a comedy. You can see all the nominees [here](#).

NO, THERE WON'T BE A BILLY BUSH SHOW ON FOX - at least not yet. A network spokesperson quickly shot down a report in the [Daily Mail](#) on Thursday afternoon that the former NBC host, famous for being the only one who lost a job as a result of the Access Hollywood tape (the other guy is our president), is getting a deal with them. Daily Mail claimed he was going to be hosting a "Top 30" show that would air on Fox broadcast stations, but a spokeswoman for Fox said it wasn't true. Daily Mail later updated their story to say that he was in talks with Fox for another role, but we're also being told that's not true.

ARE THE MERCERS FUNDING MILO? A [BuzzFeed](#) investigation says possibly: "Leaked documents, including a promissory note and emails, as well as conversations with several people familiar with the matter, strongly imply that the Mercers funded Yiannopoulos following his resignation from Breitbart News after video surfaced in which he appeared to condone pedophilia. Together, they suggest that the financiers of the new conservative politics aren't simply interested in protecting their money, but in winning a brutal new culture war waged largely online."

-And despite dumping him, Breitbart is back in love with Milo, The Daily Beast [reports](#). The site excerpted his book, hosted him on their radio show and on and on.

SOUNDBITE: "A number of you have asked me about whether POTUS said "cray" or if it was a typo and was actually 'crazy.' It was a [White House] typo. He did not say "cray." [[Maggie Haberman pool report](#)]

REVOLVING DOOR:

-- **The New Yorker has tapped Dan Oshinsky to lead their growing newsletter platform.** Oshinsky has led BuzzFeed's expansion into the popular daily emails since 2012.

-- **New York Magazine is adding Ezekiel Kewku and Benjamin Hart** to its news and politics team over at the Daily Intelligencer. Kweku, recently with MTV News, will help expand the Intelligencer's coverage as a politics editor, while Hart will cover national politics as a writer.

-- **National Journal's Andrea Drusch is getting back in touch with her roots**, and will soon cover politics from Washington for the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram (she's also a POLITICO alumna, congrats Andrea!) [[Twitter](#)]

TIL: There's a war going on over Gwyneth Paltrow's lifestyle brand [Goop](#).

EXTRAS:

-- ProPublica got their hands on some wild emails from Trump's lawyer, who later said he'd be apologizing for what he said in them. [[ProPublica](#)]

-- A GOP operative committed suicide days after talking to The Wall Street Journal about effort to get Hillary Clinton emails from Russian hackers [[Chicago Tribune](#)]

-- The president loves Seb Gorka getting into it with television anchors [[Axios](#)]

-- Donald Trump Jr. is on the cover of the next issue of Time: "Red Handed" [[Time](#)]

-- For all things Paris, Trump turns to his trusted friend Jim. But does he exist? [[Associated Press](#)]

-- Two Tribune-owned TV stations in Denver are wary of a political right-turn should Sinclair Broadcasting Group be successful in their bid to purchase their parent company. [[The Denver Post](#)]

-- How pro-Trump media figures spread a Russian lawyer-linked conspiracy theory all the way to the White House. [[BuzzFeed](#)]

-- Jared Kushner urged the White House press shop to go into combat mode over the latest Russia scandal twist, but they declined. [[POLITICO](#)]

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