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Good Sunday morning. TRUMP TO ALABAMA -- ALEX ISENSTADT GETS THE BACKSTORY -- "Trump takes on Bannon in Alabama Senate showdown: If Luther Strange loses, many Republicans fear it would trigger a wave of primary challenges against GOP incumbents next year": "President Donald Trump's decision Saturday to intervene in the Alabama special election followed weeks of pleas from senior Republicans who fear that a loss will invite a wave of primary challenges against GOP incumbents and damage the party in the 2018 midterms.

"The national party had mounted a full-court press ahead of the Sept. 26 election to persuade the president to make a late visit to the state, where controversial former judge Roy Moore has opened a significant lead over incumbent Sen. Luther Strange. Trump remains popular in Alabama even as his support has diminished elsewhere. ...

"Trump's unexpected move sets the stage for a showdown between the president and his recently departed chief strategist, Steve Bannon, who is all-in for Moore. Bannon has cast the Alabama race as an-important clash between grass-roots conservatives and the Washington establishment - and a test for whether other incumbent senators can be successfully challenged by insurgents in 2018."

<http://politi.co/2hafSi3>

-- WAPO'S MICHAEL SCHERER and MATEA GOLD: "'It's shaping up to be McConnell, the Senate Leadership Fund and the Chamber against Bannon,' said Scott Reed, the senior political strategist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. 'And we will take that fight.' ... Reed echoed the criticism of Bannon for breaking with Trump. 'He is turning into a rallying point for the alt-right, which is kind of bizarre because half of what he does is damage his former client and friend, whom he served as chief strategist for,'

Reed said." <http://wapo.st/2x773j8>

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS -- at 7:40 a.m.: "Attorney General Bill Schuette will be a fantastic Governor for the great State of Michigan. I am bringing back your jobs and Bill will help" ... **at 7:53 a.m.:** "I spoke with President Moon of South Korea last night. Asked him how Rocket Man is doing. Long gas lines forming in North Korea. Too bad!" ... **at 9 a.m.:** "Important meetings and calls scheduled for today. Military and economy are getting stronger by the day, and our enemies know it. #MAGA".

-- **TRUMP** goes to New York tonight.

CLIMATE WATCH -- "Trump Administration Seeks to Avoid Withdrawal From Paris Climate Accord, International Climate Officials Say: White House spokeswoman says 'no change' in U.S. position on deal," by WSJ's Emre Peker: "Trump administration officials said Saturday the U.S. wouldn't pull out of the Paris Agreement, offering to re-engage in the international deal to fight climate change, according to multiple officials at a global warming summit. The U.S. position on reviewing the terms of its participation in the landmark accord came during a meeting of more than 30 ministers led by Canada, China and the European Union in Montreal. ... U.S. officials in Montreal, led by White House senior adviser Everett Eissenstat, broached revising U.S. climate-change goals, two participants said, signaling a compromise that would keep the U.S. at the table even if it meant weakening the international effort.

"Still, the move would maintain international unity behind the painstakingly negotiated Paris accord, after Mr. Trump suggested he might seek a new agreement. ... In a statement Saturday afternoon, a White House spokeswoman said the administration's position on Paris had not changed, but also noted that the president's stance on withdrawing from the deal had never been set in stone. 'There has been no change in the U.S.'s position on the Paris agreement,' said deputy press secretary Lindsay Walters. 'As the president has made abundantly clear, the U.S. is withdrawing unless we can re-enter on terms that are more favorable to our country.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2frk9h4>

THE LATEST ON THE LONDON ATTACK -- "UK police arrest 2nd man in London subway attack case," by AP's Gregory Katz in London: "Police said Sunday that a 21-year-old man was arrested late Saturday night in Hounslow in west London and is being held under the Terrorism Act. He is being questioned at a south London police station but has not been charged or identified. Two men are now in custody for possible roles in the bombing attack on a rush-hour subway train Friday morning that injured 29 people in London. An 18-year-old man was arrested Saturday in the departure area of the port of Dover, where ferries leave for France." <http://bit.ly/2xHnpzL>

--**AP BULLETINS -- at 10:07 a.m.:** "LONDON (AP) - British officials lower the country's terrorist threat level from 'critical' to 'severe.'" ... **at 9:27 a.m.:** "PARIS (AP) - Prosecutor: 4 female US tourists attacked with acid in Marseille's main train station; woman arrested."

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH: "Protests turn violent in Delmar Loop late Saturday; second night of post-verdict strife": "For the second consecutive night, peaceful daytime protests descended into late-night violence with broken windows and thrown rocks, water bottles and garbage can lids following Friday's acquittal of a white former police officer in the shooting death of a black suspect." <http://bit.ly/2h7cbNQ>

***** **A message from CTIA and America's wireless industry:** The global race to deploy 5G wireless is on-and America needs to win. Government action on spectrum and infrastructure policy will allow U.S. wireless companies to invest \$275 billion, create more than 3 million jobs, and add \$500 billion to the economy, according to Accenture. Learn more at CTIA.org. *****

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- THIS WEEK IN TURTLE BAY ...

-- **ON FOX NEWS SUNDAY, NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR H.R. MCMASTER** said the three themes Trump will hit on in his maiden speech at the U.N. are protecting American people, promoting American prosperity and promoting accountability and sovereignty.

-- **"Tillerson heads to U.N. gathering with Haley waiting in the wings,"** by Annie Karni: "The disagreement among Trump administration officials and Washington's foreign policy intelligentsia is not about if but rather when U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley eclipsed Secretary of State Rex Tillerson as America's top diplomat. As President Donald Trump heads to New York for his first United Nations General Assembly, the weeklong gathering is being viewed as the most public test yet for the shrunken diplomat at Foggy Bottom - an opportunity for Tillerson to reassert himself by the president's side as something more than a bean-counter, or risk being overshadowed by Haley on the most high-profile stage to date.

"It would be unprecedented for a U.N. ambassador to upstage a secretary of state at the diplomatic Super Bowl. UNGA is typically a frenetic week of parties, speeches, bilateral meetings and Manhattan traffic jams, during which the ambassador cedes the yearlong spotlight she enjoys at U.N. headquarters to officials higher up the food chain. But 'unprecedented' is the Trump administration's unofficial slogan. And Haley, the former governor of South Carolina, is seen as one of its most ambitious players, competing for prominence against a former Exxon Mobil CEO, who has been criticized for accepting the lead role at the State Department only to oversee a dramatic shrinkage of its budget and influence." <http://politi.co/2fskIY0>

-- **"Trump Admin Doesn't Expect Israeli-Palestinian Peace Breakthrough During U.N. General Assembly,"** by Haaretz's Amir Tibon and Barak Ravid: "The Trump administration does not expect any kind of breakthrough regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process during the United Nations General Assembly this week despite their overall optimism, a senior White House official told Haaretz on Sunday. U.S. President Donald Trump will meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on the sidelines of the diplomatic gathering, but the senior official noted that 'this week is not about the peace effort.' ...

"The official noted that Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law, Jared Kushner, recently returned from a visit to the region together with senior advisers Jason Greenblatt and Dina Powell. The official called the visit 'very productive' and said that 'those peace conversations are continuing at a steady pace and will be mostly separate from the United Nations meetings.'" <http://bit.ly/2xJcy8g>

REMEMBER HIM? -- ERIC CANTOR in the **NYT: "How to End the Immigration Wars"**: "Only Congress can fix this mess. It should do so by providing a path for law-abiding Dreamers to obtain a green card and ultimately, full citizenship.

"In exchange for a much improved program for Dreamers , Congress should significantly increase America's border security by funding additional personnel, technology and physical resources at our border. While President Trump's "wall" has gotten all the political attention, much of the border can be secured more quickly and efficiently by other means. In addition, Congress should require the institution of a comprehensive biometric entry-exit system to prevent visa overstays." <http://nyti.ms/2xIVjUM>

-- **THIS IS MILES** from where the debate is at this moment.

CARL HULSE speaks to **SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY.)** on the NYT's "The New Washington" podcast: **ON STEVE BANNON DECLARING WAR ON THE ESTABLISHMENT**: "I don't have any reaction to it." <http://nyti.ms/2wyFIHO>

BLAST FROM THE PAST -- "Sources: Michael Grimm to run for old seat in Congress," by NY1 News: "NY1 has learned that former New York congressman Michael Grimm will run for his old seat, less than 16 months after he was released from federal prison. Sources said Grimm will hold a rally Oct. 1 in New Dorp, where he is expected to announce his candidacy for next year's Republican primary against current Rep. Dan Donovan, who represents Staten Island and parts of south Brooklyn.

"A federal tax fraud conviction appeared to end Michael Grimm's political career nearly three years ago, after he admitted to paying several workers off-the books at a Manhattan restaurant that he owned. But after he resigned his seat and served seven months in prison, Grimm began taking steps back toward the political arena. He created a new Twitter account, posting opinions and politician-style photos." <http://bit.ly/2y6O314>

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congressional and administration officials. **Register here:** <http://bit.ly/2wETVIt>

Playbook Reads

REAL HEADLINE -- FRONT PAGE OF THE DETROIT FREE PRESS -- "Kid Rock, Eminem, ICP carve own paths in politics" <http://bit.ly/2yhYuUZ>

--A PLAYBOOKER EMAILS: At Little Caesars Arena last night in Detroit, Kid Rock, who was the kickoff artist for the opening of the arena, was introduced as "the next senator of the great state of Michigan" as a Kid Rock '18 for U.S. Senate image appeared on the stage's video screen.

A POLITICAL LAYUP -- FRONT PAGE OF THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD -- "Sen. Joni Ernst takes new swing at taxpayer-subsidized perks of former presidents" <http://bit.ly/2yil8rl>

WHAT MITT ROMNEY'S READING -- "Orrin Hatch, 83, says another campaign hinges on his health: 'I'm older but you know, nothing stops me,'" by Salt Lake Tribune's Tommy Burr: "Hatch, who describes himself as 'a tough old bird' at 83, acknowledges that his age has affected him -- though he says it hasn't slowed him down, and a medical report provided by his office says he's physically fit. The Utah Republican is the third oldest member of the Senate, and his office frequently jokes on social media about the senator's age, quipping that he's been around since the Civil War or the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. ... As the longest-serving Republican senator, Hatch is the Senate president pro tempore and third in line for the presidency -- a position that earns him a round-the-clock security detail.

"Hatch says he wakes up around 5 a.m., works out on a stationary bike and does some stretching exercises. ... Hatch acknowledges his eyes have been bugging him of late - they're frequently red and staffers print his remarks in large type to make sure he can read them - and he wears a hearing aid in his right ear. When he speaks, he's often hard to hear, a point the senator attributes to his job. ... Hatch's schedule on that day his office arranged for The Tribune to spend with him ran 27 items long, starting at 6:25 a.m. and wrapping up at 7 p.m. He was almost constantly on the move, from hearings to meetings to calls." <http://bit.ly/2wnwUUw>

SUNDAY BEST -- GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS speaks with **BRITISH PRIME MINISTER THERESA MAY** on **ABC'S "THIS WEEK": STEPHANOPOULOS:** "You're coming to the United States this week. You're speaking to the United Nations. You're relatively unknown to most Americans. What's the most important thing you want them to know about what you're trying to achieve?" **MAY:** "Well, what I'm -- there are two things. One is this issue of ensuring that we can stop terrorists from plotting online, plotting on the internet, and that we can stop the spread of the hateful extremist ideology, which can inspire terrorism. I think that's really important for us. And another

issue I'm going to be talking about is something that most people probably don't think about, don't think happens. It's what I call modern slavery, which is when people are being effectively taken into servitude, into slavery, for sexual exploitation or labor exploitation. It's happening under our noses."

-- **ON TRUMP: STEPHANOPOULOS:** "You've also got the travel ban. His comments after Charlottesville. Pulling out of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. Big differences." **MAY:** "Well, I think the point about the special relationship between the U.K. and the U.S. is that when we do disagree we're able to say so. And -- pretty bluntly. And I'm -- for example, on the Paris issue that you talk about, the Paris Climate Change Agreement, I've made very clear I was dismayed when America decided to pull out of that. And I -- as I've said to President Trump, I hope that they'll be able-- able to find a way for America to come back into the agreement."

STEPHANOPOULOS: "Do you still think he'll be able to come here for a state visit or is that just not gonna happen?" **MAY:** "No, Her Majesty the Queen-- issued the invitation. The president has accepted it. It's just a question of getting dates to -- and sorting out the logistics." **STEPHANOPOULOS:** "So it has nothing to do with the opposition here in the United Kingdom?" **MAY:** "No, this is -- this is about finding dates when -- the invitation was issued and the invitation has been accepted."

DANA BASH speaks to **U.N. AMBASSADOR NIKKI HALEY** on **CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION":** **BASH:** "Well I think General Mattis will take care of it. You're talking about the Pentagon and you're talking about a military option. Is that what 'fire and fury' meant?" **HALEY:** "You have to ask the President what fire and fury meant. But I think we all know that basically if North Korea keeps on with this reckless behavior, if the United States has to defend itself or defend its allies in any way, North Korea will be destroyed. And we all know that. And none of us want that. None of us want war. But we also have to look at the fact that you are dealing with someone who is being reckless, irresponsible and is continuing to give threats not only to the United States, but to all of their allies. So something is going to have to be done. We're trying every other possibility that we have but there's a whole lot of military options on the table."

-- **DANA** also spoke to **SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN:** **BASH:** "Do you have any idea when that's going to happen, that public testimony from Donald Trump Jr.?" **FEINSTEIN:** "Well, it will be this fall. I know that for sure. Things keep changing, not by design, but by just the press of other business on the committee. And I think people have to anticipate -- I know because, as I walk through the halls, there's a rush of press, you know, with question after question. It may take a long time. This could take a year, a year-and-a-half, if not more."

H.R. MCMASTER to **CHRIS WALLACE** on **"FOX NEWS SUNDAY"** on **NORTH KOREA:** "It really depends on how we see this threat continue to manifest itself and our judgment about how much time we have. We are out of road because in the past the approach taken to the problem of North Korea and the Kim regime over decades has been to enter into long drawn-out negotiations that then deliver an unsatisfactory

agreement. An agreement that, then, the North Korean regime breaks. And with that agreement does though that's particularly dangerous oftentimes - what has all the time in the past - is lock in the status quo as the new normal. And this regime is so close now to threatening the United States and others with a nuclear weapon, that we really have to move with a great deal of urgency on sanctions, on diplomacy and on preparing if necessary a military option."

ATTN. NANCY PELOSI AND CHUCK SCHUMER -- CHUCK TODD spoke with **SEN. TOM COTTON (R-ARK.)** on **"MEET THE PRESS"** : "[I]f you pass the so-called Dream Act it'll be the single biggest amnesty in the history of the United States. Even bigger than the 1986 amnesty which Ronald Reagan said was his biggest mistake in office."

***** **A message from CTIA and America's wireless industry:** Tomorrow's 5G networks will create 3 million jobs, add \$500 billion to the economy, and fuel innovation and entrepreneurialism across every sector. If policymakers move quickly to release more spectrum and modernize infrastructure rules, the wireless industry stands ready to invest \$275 billion to build these next-gen networks, according to Accenture. This will drive breakthrough advancements in remote health care, connected vehicles, energy, education and beyond-making our lives better and safer. But the race to deploy 5G wireless networks is underway-and we're at a critical moment. The EU, China, Japan, South Korea and others are doing everything they can to win. If policymakers act now, the U.S. can continue our global leadership in wireless. Learn how at CTIA.org. *****

THE OPPOSITION -- "California tears into Trump," by California Playbooker David Siders in Sacramento: "Ripping into Donald Trump in the final hours of this year's legislative session, California lawmakers passed measures urging Congress to censure the president, bucking his immigration policies and seeking to force him to release his tax returns. They also formally called on Trump 'to publicly apologize to all Americans for his racist and bigoted behavior.' If there was any question about the location of the nerve center of the anti-Trump resistance, it was settled with a defiant fusillade of legislation Friday and Saturday memorializing California's antipathy toward the president.

"The end-of-session rush of bills served as a reminder of the limitations of the president's recent diplomacy with Democrats in Washington - and of an unrelenting effort to keep pressure on the president from afar. 'The issue of resistance is beyond the symbolism,' Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León said after the session officially closed. 'There's real lives at stake ... and I think that a lot of other municipalities, as well as other states, are looking towards California ... to be the leader of this resistance.'" <http://politi.co/2wyH7s7>

BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman:

--**"How Condé Nast Put the Squeeze on New Yorker Cartoonists,"** by Seth Simons in Paste Magazine - per Longreads' description: "When Bob Mankoff retired from the New Yorker after twenty years as the Cartoon Editor, he left behind one of most

successful new media models of the era: The Cartoon Bank. It was a database he founded in 1992 and ran from an apartment in Yonkers, and it helped cartoonists license their work for thousands of dollars a month. But when Condé Nast bought the Bank from Mankoff in 1997, the money began to dry up and the model began to fail." <http://bit.ly/2x2R6uk>

--"**The Art of Space Art**," by Kastalia Medrano in The Paris Review: "NASA, founded in 1958, has commissioned space art since its inception, and ... [has] sponsored artists' residencies over the years. ... NASA had a critical revelation early on: an astonishing discovery means nothing if the public only registers it as an abstraction." <http://bit.ly/2vZvZFo> (h/t ALDaily.com)

--"**Why Happy People Cheat**," by Esther Perel in the October Atlantic: "A good marriage is no guarantee against infidelity." <http://theatlantic.com/2wvxomC>

--"**Too close for comfort: How social media changed how we talk to (and about) each other in America**," by Yahoo News' Garance Franke-Ruta: "Social media has, by design, fundamentally reshaped how we have conversations with each other, moving casual speech from the auditory ether to the realm of the written. And it has vastly expanded the audience for conversations that used to happen in small communities of relatively similar people, replacing them with one-to-many interactions with people who potentially have a wide array of views, and weak or even no direct personal ties." <https://yhoo.it/2h823k9>

--"**How Israel Went Nuclear**," by Shimon Peres in Tablet: "The father of Israel's nuclear deterrent reveals how it was built. An exclusive excerpt from 'No Room For Small Dreams,' Shimon Peres' posthumous autobiography." <http://bit.ly/2h7gODL> (h/t TheBrowser.com) ... **\$17.74 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2f0srMj>

--"**The Ideal Husband**," by Susan Sontag in the Sept. 26, 1963 issue of the N.Y. Review of Books, reviewing "Notebooks, 1935-42," by Albert Camus: "Notoriously, women tolerate qualities in a lover-moodiness, selfishness, unreliability, brutality-that they would never countenance in a husband, in return for excitement, an infusion of intense feeling. In the same way, readers put up with unintelligibility, obsessiveness, painful truths, lies, bad grammar-if, in compensation, the writer allows them to savor rare emotions and dangerous sensations." <http://bit.ly/2h88UtJ> ... **\$16.19 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2x2WaPm>

--"**A Weird MIT Dorm Dies, and a Crisis Blooms at Colleges**," by Emily Dreyfuss in Wired: "This was Senior House, the oldest dormitory on campus, built in 1916 by the architect William Welles Bosworth. For 101 years it welcomed freshman and returning students. Since the '60s it was a proudly anarchic community of creative misfits and self-described outcasts-the special kind of brilliant oddballs who couldn't or didn't want to fit in with the mainstream eggheads at MIT." <http://bit.ly/2f1vaVv> (h/t Longform.org)

--"**The Girl Gangs of El Salvador**," by Lauren Markham in Pacific Standard Magazine:

"Joining a gang seemed like the best way to evade violence for women in El Salvador, but in many cases it only put them more squarely in danger." <http://bit.ly/2f0oRBQ>

--"**Welcome to the Far Eastern Conference,**" by Wells Tower in the April 2011 edition of GQ: "Exiled from the NBA, vilified by the press, and ridiculed for a series of questionable YouTube videos (eating Vaseline? C'mon!), Stephon Marbury is seeking redemption-and vast riches-in basketball-mad China. Now, if he can just win over his Communist bosses, he'll be the biggest thing since Yao Ming." <http://bit.ly/2x5l90l>

--"**The Perfect Wife,**" by Ariel Levy in The New Yorker's Sept. 30, 2013 issue: "How Edith Windsor fell in love, got married, and won a landmark case for gay marriage." <http://bit.ly/2fnYsyj>

--"**The Secret History of Fema,**" by Garrett Graff in Wired: "FEMA has always been an odd beast inside the government-an agency that has existed far from the spotlight except for the occasional high-stakes appearance during moments of critical need. ... During the past seven decades, the agency has evolved from a top-secret series of bunkers designed to protect U.S. officials in case of a nuclear attack to a sprawling bureaucratic agency tasked with mobilizing help in the midst of disaster." <http://bit.ly/2x2cGin>

--"**The Way to Survive It Was to Make A's,**" by Mosi Secret in the N.Y. Times Magazine: "They were the first black boys to integrate the South's elite prep schools. They drove themselves to excel in an unfamiliar environment. But at what cost?" <http://nyti.ms/2xFs84U>

--"**Robert Redford on Trump: 'He's Our Fault,'**" by Michael Hainey in Esquire: "The legendary actor-activist isn't going to spend time overanalyzing the president. He'd rather America look in the mirror." <http://bit.ly/2x3uTMG>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Jason Miller celebrating his wife's birthday last night at Archipelago on U St. He bought conservative reporters nearby a round of drinks at the Tiki-themed bar ... Jake Sullivan on Friday in Dupont Circle ... Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) yesterday at the Eastern Market flea market, "just strolling and looking at the stalls."

SPOTTED at Jake Kastan's birthday party last night at Stoney's on P Street: Brendan Buck, Garrett Haake, Jenna Sakwa, Jill Barclay, Ryan Williams, Lauren Pratapas, AshLee Strong, Corey Bliss, Zach Roday, Eli and Jenna Miller.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- SEC TRUCE CALLED! **Mary-Morgan Limperis**, global director of field and event marketing at Cision and the pride of Alabama, and **David Culver**, VP at Distilled Spirits Council and the pride of Tennessee, tied the knot at the

Rast Ivy Mansion in Nashville, Tennessee. The specialty cocktail was named "The Harper" for their dog and had silver tequila, Velvet Falernum, lime juice and agave syrup. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2wyLnYA>

--**SPOTTED:** Douglas and Liz Smith, Jake and Amanda Perry, Doug and Kelly Davenport, Ben Jenkins, Yebbie Watkins, Jesse and Devon McCollum, Lyndon Boozer and Karen Anderson, Cara Camacho and Adam Hodge, Mike Hacker, Colin Mueller, Tanya Fulkerson, Rhod Shaw, Rich Lopez, Peter Cressy, Mark Gorman, Drew Goesl, and Andrew and Laura Smith.

-- **Louise Dufresne**, CBS News producer, and **Will Serio**, communications director for Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), were married last night at Woodend Sanctuary in Chevy Chase, Maryland. The couple met in college at Vassar. "Friends and family watched the two communicators' nuptials in the scenic setting before heading inside to see the couple's first dance to 'At Last.'" **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2h9jULI> ... <http://bit.ly/2wymDjk>

-- **Ian Lindemann**, RNC alum and campaign manager for Victor Mitchell's Colorado gubernatorial race, married **Allison Bruhl**, an ENT physician assistant, at 11,550ft in Keystone, Colorado. They met on a congressional campaign in 2012. Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) officiated. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2xqi2DP> **SPOTTED:** Groomsmen Chris Hansen and Owen Loftus, Frank Mataipule, Megan Cummings, Scott and Alexis Darnell, Hunter Mullins, Kristian Hemphill, Ali Pardo, Caleb Worthen, Paige and Jefferson Thomas, Hillary and Justin Prendergast, Michael Fortney, Hayden Stone, and Sarah Ramig.

-- Hamilton Place Strategies' **Dylan Riddle** and Hogar Immigrant Services' **Rebecca Fettters** married in Kennebunkport, Maine this weekend. The couple met at Gettysburg College. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2xIYVWQ> ... <http://bit.ly/2haif4r>

-- **Jessica Reinis**, a senior manager of communications content production at Charter Communications in Connecticut, on Saturday married **Alex Yergin**, who recently worked in business development at Palantir Technologies in NYC, at the Yergin family residence in Siasconset, Massachusetts. Yergin is an alum of Energy and Commerce, and the McCain and Romney campaigns. Reinis was previously an associate producer for CNN's "Erin Burnett OutFront." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2xqLcmf> ... <http://bit.ly/2w1vIXZ>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Amber (Wilkerson) Marchand, managing director at Hamilton Place Strategies and a Roy Blunt and NRSC alum, and **Sterling Marchand**, associate at Baker Botts and a House Homeland security committee alum, email friends and family: "I'm thrilled to share the news that [Friday] night God blessed our family with another beautiful and healthy little boy, born September 15 at 7:51 p.m. (7 lbs, 15 oz; 20 inches)! This morning Foster (5), Quinn (4), and Ford (2) were thrilled to meet their new little brother, Milo William Henry." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2frBfev> ... <http://bit.ly/2fcmy2k> ... <http://bit.ly/2xHYpln>

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: David Litt, former Obama speechwriter, head D.C.

writer/producer for Funny Or Die and author of "Thanks, Obama: My Hopey, Changey White House Years," out Tuesday (**\$18.29 on Amazon:** <http://amzn.to/2jxwepz> -- **his NYT op-ed today** <http://nyti.ms/2y6b1p2>). **How he's celebrating:** "Jacqui, my fiancée, has a surprise planned, but I haven't been able to figure it out. She deals harshly with leakers." **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2w224wr>

BIRTHDAYS: Don Baer, Worldwide Chair and CEO of Burson-Marsteller, celebrating in Amsterdam with his wife Nancy Bard -- their 30th wedding anniversary is on Wednesday (hat tips: Catherine Sullivan and Ben Chang) ... Richard Wolffe, columnist at the Guardian and CDO and CMO of Global Citizen, is 49 ... Bill Briggs ... Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is 84. He celebrated by getting a cake from Sen. Dianne Feinstein at a Judiciary Committee hearing on Thursday (**2-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2ydiXWt>). He also shares his birthday with Constitution Day, which was the topic of his weekly Q&A this week (<http://bit.ly/2xFNFtZ>) ... retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 74 ... retired Justice David Souter is 78 ... writer Marin Cogan, a POLITICO alum who is also co-director of Princeton's Summer Journalism Program ... BuzzFeed's Henry Gomez (h/t Daniel Strauss) ... Angie Read ... Bill Bold ... Jack Keane, oldest son of Perkins Coie Political Law Group's Kate Keane ... Thomas Bride ... Anna Taylor ...

... **Sergio Rodriguera**, chief strategy officer at Credit Junction ... C-SPAN's Steve Scully ... Courtney O'Donnell, head of global external affairs at Airbnb and a Jill Biden alum ... Steve Kerrigan, president of Mass Military Heroes Fund, CEO of the 2013 Presidential Inauguration and Mass. Lt. Governor candidate, is 46 ... Kimberley Fritts, CEO of the Podesta Group (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Princeton econ professor Alan Krueger is 57 ... Politico Europe's Sara Stefanini ... Anthony Coley, EVP and managing director of comms at the Managed Funds Association, is 39 ... Nick Melvoin, the youngest and newest member of the LA school board, is 31 (h/t former NYU classmate Alex Levy) ... Courtney Laydon ... Leah V. Le'Veil, WH comms associate, one of the Hill's "50 Most Beautiful," former RNC and PIC staffer (h/t Paris Dennard) ... Amgen's Kathryn Phelps (h/t Bo Ollison) ... Christine Martin ... Monica Patel ... TJ Helmstetter, comms director for Americans for Tax Fairness ... 1776's Morgan Gress, the pride of Buffalo, NY, who gets married on Sept. 30 (h/ts fiancé Brian Johnson and Peter Cherukuri) ... Meghan Clyne ... Politico's John Clark ... Andrea Billups ... Doug Johnson ... Matt Everett ... Mackey Dykes ... Nate Berkus ... Claire Magee ... Christine Martin ... Adam Abrams ... Frayda Lieber ... Sandra Abrevaya ... Andrew High ... Brian Patrick ... Andrew Carter ... Cynthia Ruccia ... Isabel Morin ... Darcy Haber (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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