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## PLAYBOOK READS

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** Brittany Jacobs, left, watches as her 6-year-old son Christian Jacobs talks with President Donald Trump at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., on May 29. Jacobs' father, Marine Sgt. Christopher Jacobs, was killed in 2011. | Evan Vucci/AP Photo

**REP. DEVIN NUNES (R-CALIF.) SPEAKS** , via Sarah Wire in the L.A. Times:

"Embattled House Select Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes told hundreds of local Republicans at a recent private dinner fundraiser that congressional investigations into Russia's interference in the 2016 election are about Democrats trying to justify Hillary Clinton's loss.

**"The Democrats don't want an investigation on Russia.** They want an independent commission. Why do they want an independent commission? Because they want to continue the narrative that Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump are best friends, and that's the reason that he won, because Hillary Clinton would have never lost on her own; it had to be someone else's fault,' Nunes told Republicans at the \$75-per-plate Tulare County Lincoln Dinner on April 7. His remarks were recorded on video and provided to The Times.

**"They have tried to destroy this Russia investigation,** they've never been serious about it, and one of the great things now that I've stepped aside from this Russia investigation, I can actually say what I want to say. I know that there's probably media in here, you can write it but just try to get it right when you do,' he said."

<http://lat.ms/2riC4gt>

**BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- "Threats of violence, unfinished business, rowdy protesters mark end of tumultuous legislative session,"** by Dallas Morning News' Brandi Grissom, Robert T. Garrett, Lauren McGaughy and James Barragan in Austin:

"Lawmakers threatened to shoot and beat one another up on the final day of a legislative session beset by angry fights and emotional outbursts that often got in the way of completing their agenda. 'Our nerves are frayed. It's the last day of a long session,' said Rep. Pat Fallon, R-Frisco. 'We just want to go home.' ...

**"Reps. Ramon Romero and Cesar Blanco** said Rep. Matt Rinaldi, a staunchly conservative Republican from Irving and ardent supporter of the anti-immigration legislation, approached them. Rinaldi told them he had called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to report the protesters, many of whom were Hispanic. The Democrats were infuriated. A shoving match and threats of violence ensued. Rinaldi said Rep. Poncho Nevarez, a Democrat from Eagle Pass, threatened to 'get me on the way to my car.' Rep. Justin Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, said he heard Rinaldi warn Nevarez that he would 'put a bullet in your head.'

**"Rinaldi issued a statement** that said he threatened to shoot Nevarez in self-defense only after the Democrat threatened him. The Republican said he was under Department of Public Safety protection following the kerfuffle." <http://bit.ly/2rfnYe5>

-- **"Cities join call for impeachment,"** by POLITICO Illinois Playbook's Natasha Korecki: "Congress may not be ready to launch impeachment proceedings against Donald Trump, but a growing number of cities and towns are trying to push members in that direction. Brookline, Mass., became the 10th and latest local government Thursday to pass a resolution calling for impeachment, a step designed to add pressure on the state's congressmen to launch a formal investigation that could ultimately lead to the president's removal from office." <http://politi.co/2rzT1E2>

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**THE OPPOSITION -- "Since election, yoga rises off the mat to take on Donald Trump,"** by USA Today's Paul Singer: <https://usat.ly/2sgzXqS>

**OFF MESSAGE PODCAST:** Sen. Ben Sasse joins Isaac Dove on the latest episode of POLITICO's Off Message podcast talking about how President Donald Trump comes to the presidency from the world of reality TV. "And I have lots of anxiety about whether