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Today's POLITICO Playbook presented by Morgan Stanley

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## Driving the Day

**BULLETIN** at 9:50 a.m.: "LONDON (AP) - Family of media titan Samuel Irving 'Si' Newhouse Jr. says he has died." **NYT obit** <http://nyti.ms/2xPMzL2> ... **Remembrances from Graydon Carter** <http://bit.ly/2hGiw2Q> ... **and David Remnick** <http://bit.ly/2xPXPr2>

**POTUS: "POLITICALLY MOTIVATED INGRATES": @realDonaldTrump** at 8:22 a.m. from his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey: "We have done a great job with the almost impossible situation in Puerto Rico. Outside of the Fake News or politically motivated ingrates,..." ... **at 8:26 a.m.:** "...people are now starting to recognize the amazing work that has been done by FEMA and our great Military. All buildings now inspected....." ... **at 8:30 a.m.:** "...for safety. Thank you to the Governor of P.R. and to all of those who are working so closely with our First Responders. Fantastic job!"

**TRUMP CRITICIZES REX FOR TALKING TO N.K. -- @realDonaldTrump** at 10:30 a.m.: "I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man.....Save your energy Rex, we'll do what has to be done!"

-- **SUSAN GLASSER (@sbg1):** "Can never remember a president publicly undercutting a secretary of state as Trump just has. Ever."

-- **THE CHAIN REACTION:** The "politically motivated ingrates" comment and the criticism of Tillerson -- delivered by the president from his golf course in New Jersey on a quiet Sunday morning -- will dominate cable news all day today and tomorrow. Are we going to war with North Korea? Lawmakers will be asked. They'll also be asked if they believe Trump critics are "politically motivated ingrates." All of the networks have footage of Puerto Rico, which, according to Ron Mott on NBC this morning, is still

almost entirely "still in the dark."

**THE PRESIDENT** is going to the President's Cup golf tournament in Liberty, New Jersey tonight. He is participating in the "trophy presentation," according to the White House.

**PRESIDENT TRUMP** will return to Washington tonight at 8:05 p.m.

**SUNDAY BEST -- SAN JUAN MAYOR CARMEN YULIN CRUZ to GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS** on **ABC'S "THIS WEEK"**: "People are being told to register via Internet for FEMA relief, when we don't have any Internet or very little Internet, even in the San Juan metropolitan area. I recognize the good heart that the FEMA people have. They want to help. But they just don't have the resources, and it's not me who's saying it.

**"General Buchanan, a three star general appointed now to take care** of the situation, said two days ago, we just don't have the resources in order to handle the logistical support that is needed in San Juan and Puerto Rico. But we have done all that we can. People are out there. They're cleaning the streets. Community kitchens are coming up and we are getting tons of donations. On Thursday, I got three pallets of water, four pallets of food and four pallets of baby supplies from FEMA. All of this, I gave to the mayor of Comerío, a town whose mayor had come to the FEMA distribution center and had been told just wait until next Monday, because we have nothing."

**-- CHRIS WALLACE** talks to **FEMA DIRECTOR BROCK LONG** on **"FOX NEWS SUNDAY"**: "We can chose to look at what the mayor spouts off or what other people spout off, but we can also choose to see what's actually being done."

**-- CNN'S JAKE TAPPER** speaks with **OMB DIRECTOR MICK MULVANEY** on **CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION"**: **TAPPER**: "Let me show you one last tweet from President Trump, and then we will get to tax reform. He wrote -- quote -- 'To the people of Puerto Rico, do not believe the #fakenews.' Director Mulvaney, as I'm sure you know, 95 percent of the people of Puerto Rico are without power, 89 percent have no cell service. So they're not seeing this news that the president is attacking. But beyond that obvious disconnect, these stories that CNN is reporting on the ground in Puerto Rico, firsthand accounts from American citizens in dire need, without food, without water, without power, do you think these stories are fake?"

**MULVANEY**: "No, I -- what you all have done -- I have watched a lot of the coverage of showing what's happening on the ground -- is entirely accurate. I think what you have not shown, however, is the federal effort that we have got in place down there, and the fact that the governor has been very complimentary of the administration. Again, I think there's more than 70 mayors on the island of Puerto Rico, and yet you seem to spend a lot of attention on the one from San Juan. So, I think that's where the president's pushback is. I don't know if there's been coverage, for example, that we have now made it to every single town. The search-and-rescue effort is over. We have made it to every

single place on the island to make sure that folks are safe."

**THE WHITE HOUSE** released a readout of a call with former Puerto Rican Governor Luis Fortuno, in which the former governor praised Trump's response to the storm. Fortuno is a federal lobbyist based in Steptoe and Johnson's Washington office, but he emailed us that he is "in PR right now. Back later tonight." "Terrible stories. Need lots of help," he told us. ***The phone call, courtesy the White House*** <http://bit.ly/2xIxxrk>

-- **IN THE CARIBBEAN: "Should they go back?":** Barbuda is a wasteland. Dominica is devastated. Puerto Rico has no power. Hurricanes have come and gone, but the 2017 season has seen a new category of psychic storm," by WaPo's Anthony Faiola in Antigua and Barbuda, Samantha Schmidt in Puerto Rico and Marc Fisher in Washington. <http://wapo.st/2yPKTzI>

**BEING THERE -- "One Day in the Life of Battered Puerto Rico" - NYT:** "Puerto Rico has not been forgotten, but more than a week after Hurricane Maria hit, it's a woozy empire of wreckage; of waiting in line for food, water and gas and then finding another line to wait in some more. A team of New York Times reporters and photographers spent 24 hours - from dawn Wednesday to scorching afternoon heat, to a long uneasy night and Thursday morning without power - with people trying to survive the catastrophe that Hurricane Maria left behind." <http://nyti.ms/2xMgTVD>

-- **L.A. TIMES: "In one Puerto Rican nursing home, a struggle to get power and keep patients alive,"** by Molly Hennessy-Fiske: <http://lat.ms/2yAGsli>

**SPOTTED** last night at Cafe Milano: Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and his wife Louise Linton, at table one.

**Good Sunday morning** and happy October. **STEVEN SHEPARD**, POLITICO's polling and weather guru (good combo, right?), tweeted: "Autumn alert: The temperature in D.C. dipped down to 51 degrees this morning - the coolest morning since May 13 (50 degrees)."

**THE PRESIDENT** is participating in a "deregulation summit" Monday and hosting Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha of Thailand at the White House. He is going to Puerto Rico Tuesday and is hosting a Hispanic heritage celebration Friday at the White House.

**PIC INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE** - - A tipster sends this photo from the East Room yesterday. The White House is preparing for the regulatory reform event. A White House aide told us that the huge stack of pages on the right is "the number of pages in the [Code of Federal Regulations] today, which is a measure of all regs on the books (Fed Register are just new ones), versus the # about a half-century ago" on the left side. <http://bit.ly/2x6Nnwk>

-- **Adrian Carrasquillo (@Carrasquillo):** "Source sends me the invitation to the White House Hispanic Heritage event on Friday at noon, which will come amid Puerto Rico

furor." <http://bit.ly/2ygpsLh>

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley:** Disruption in Energy: New renewable energy storage technology has the potential to turn solar energy into a reliable source of power. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**THE NEXT HHS SECRETARY**, via NYT's Peter Baker and Robert Pear: "The White House had no comment on Saturday, but two advisers who asked not to be identified discussing internal matters said two top candidates were Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, and Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Both have previously been vetted by the White House, nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate to their current jobs within recent months, a significant selling point.

**"Other names have been floated as well, including David Shulkin**, the secretary of veterans affairs and a favorite of the president's. But he has been criticized for a European trip with his wife that mixed business and sightseeing and was partially financed by taxpayers, and Mr. Trump may be reluctant to move him because he has been critical to fixing veterans' care. Some reports floated former Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, an assistant secretary of health and human services under President George W. Bush. But he was a caustic critic of Mr. Trump during his own brief campaign for the White House that ended in late 2015 after he called the future president a 'narcissist' and 'egomaniacal madman.'" <http://nyti.ms/2x6qR6U>

**BIG READ -- A1, WAPO -- CRAIG WHITLOCK: "How the military handles sexual assault cases behind closed doors":** "For the U.S. Air Force, the case of alleged sexual harassment and assault by a senior officer was exactly the type of misconduct Pentagon leaders had promised Congress and the public they would no longer tolerate. The victim at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base in Alabama reported in September 2015 that her married boss, a colonel, had repeatedly said he wanted to have sex with her, tracked her movements and sent her recordings of him masturbating in the shower, documents show. She said that she told him to back off but that he would not stop: Twice, she alleges, he trapped her in the office, grabbed her arms and forcibly tried to kiss her. ... In their report, the investigators compiled extensive evidence that the colonel, Ronald S. Jobo, had committed abusive sexual contact against the woman, a civilian in her 30s. ...

**"In March 2016, Lt. Gen. John F. Thompson**, the senior officer in Jobo's chain of command, decided against charging Jobo with abusive sexual contact, or any crime at all. ... Jobo was forced to retire and demoted one rank, to lieutenant colonel. Because the military keeps most disciplinary actions secret, the case was hidden from public view. There would be no trial, no publicity and no public record - the same for thousands of other sexual assault investigations each year in the armed forces. An examination of the Jobo investigation, based in part on an internal 400-page law enforcement case file obtained by The Washington Post, casts doubt on the military's promises to crack down on sexual misconduct and hold commanders accountable for how they administer

justice." <http://wapo.st/2xSxaKy>

**TRUMP AGENDA WATCH -- "Republicans ignore Trump's bipartisan Dreamers deal,"** by Rachael Bade and Heather Caygle: "President Donald Trump may want to partner with 'Chuck and Nancy' on a solution for Dreamers, but House Republicans say forget it - at least for now. GOP leaders are resisting Trump's push to salvage the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals initiative with bipartisan cooperation.

**"Instead, at the behest of a conservative conference that loathes** the Obama-era program giving work permits to young undocumented immigrants, Republicans are crafting a solution that sticks to party orthodoxy. A GOP working group formed by Speaker Paul Ryan held two meetings last week to discuss immigration, and sources say there was virtually no support among members for Trump's tentative DACA deal with Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer." <http://politi.co/2xlcFke>

-- **FRONT PAGE** of the Arizona Republic: "THE WALL: Unknown stories. Unintended consequences ... IS A WALL NEEDED? ... DHS report says border is more difficult to cross than ever before" <http://bit.ly/2g0ObIM> ... **The story** <http://bit.ly/2yh1pfb>

**KEN VOGEL** on **A1** of the **NYT**: "**How Two Sentences in Tax Plan May Help Unleash \$1 Billion in Lobbying**": "Tucked away on Page 8, the sentences refer vaguely to plans to repeal or roll back 'numerous' exclusions and deductions, and to 'modernize' tax rules affecting specific industries 'to ensure that the tax code better reflects economic reality and that such rules provide little opportunity for tax avoidance.'

**"That language has prompted concerns among a wide range** of businesses and industries about the prospect of losing valuable tax breaks -- from preferential tax treatment for insurers to credits for renewable energy to a prized tax treatment used by the commercial real estate industry. And those fears are being stoked by lobbyists, who are urging clients and prospective clients to get out in front of any changes that could eliminate or weaken sections of the tax code that benefit them.

**"You're either going to be at the table, or you're going to be on the table,"** said Thomas M. Reynolds, a former Republican congressman from New York who served on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee and is now a lobbyist at Holland & Knight focusing on tax issues. Most businesses that could be affected by the tax overhaul 'will not have to be encouraged to engage,' Mr. Reynolds said." <http://nyti.ms/2xHL1nm>

**MORE SUNDAY BEST ... -- JOHN DICKERSON** speaks to **SPEAKER PAUL RYAN** on **CBS'S "FACE THE NATION"**: **DICKERSON**: "Will this tax plan increase the debt?" **RYAN**: "It's going to be deficit neutral. That's the budget rules we use, which is called the Byrd rule." **DICKERSON**: "Yeah." **RYAN**: "So this will have to be a deficit neutral tax bill. But we do--" **DICKERSON**: "But --" **RYAN**: "--fundamentally believe that this tax code and this tax reform will give us faster economic growth. Faster economic growth helps raise the economy which raises revenues. And that helps us tackle the deficit. There's two things we've got to do to get rid of this debt. Deal with entitlements, that's

why we're frustrated health care reform hasn't passed the Senate yet. Deal with runaway spending, but also grow the economy. This helps grow the economy. So if you're asking me whether it's going to be deficit neutral tax reform, that's what it has to be for us to be able to pass the bill--"

**DICKERSON:** "After 10 years? So it will -- but what about the debt, in terms of the additional money to the debt from this? Not deficit year-to-year but overall--" **RYAN:** "If this results in giving us a faster economic growth, that will help us reduce our debt."

-- **GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS** speaks with **STEVEN MNUCHIN** on **ABC'S "THIS WEEK":** **STEPHANOPOULOS:** "In the interest of transparency, can you guarantee that the president won't get a tax cut under his plan and how will you demonstrate it?" **MNUCHIN:** "Again, as I've said all along, the objective of the president is that rich people don't get tax cuts and we're perfectly comfortable, as we go through this process, we'll explain to the American public how that works, and we'll give plenty of examples." **STEPHANOPOULOS:** "Will you give the information about the president himself so he can back up the claims that he's made that he's not going to get a tax cut under this plan." **MNUCHIN:** "George, I can't comment on what the president will do or what he won't do on that, but again, I'm perfectly comfortable that the American public is going to understand this as we go through this process."

-- **IMPORTANT: SEN. BOB CORKER** to **CHUCK TODD** on **NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS":** "If it looks to me like we're adding one penny to the deficit, I am not going to be for it."

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz (right) hugs Esperanza Ruiz as she arrives at the temporary government center setup in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria on Sept. 30, 2017 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. President Donald Trump attacked Cruz on Saturday for being too critical of the federal government's response to Maria. | Joe Raedle/Getty Images

**JASON ZENGERLE'S 2020 CHEAT SHEET** in **NYT MAGAZINE:** "Who Can Beat Trump in 2020?" <http://nyti.ms/2yi2AuQ>

**THE HIGH COURT -- "Supreme Court Set to Ponder Conservative Priorities:** New term that opens Monday could see a return to 5-4 split after a year of centrist rulings," by WSJ's Jess Bravin: "The Supreme Court begins a new term Monday with a conservative majority and a docket filled with longtime conservative goals to go with it, with cases that could curtail the power of organized labor, expand religious exceptions to legal obligations and validate tougher scrutiny of voter rolls." <http://on.wsj.com/2yPG9tY>

**BREAKING -- "2 women killed by man with knife at French train station,"** by AP's Claude Paris in Marseilles and Sylvie Corbet in Paris: "A man with a knife attacked people at the main train station in the southeastern French city of Marseille on Sunday, killing two women before soldiers fatally shot the assailant, officials said. French police warned people to avoid Saint Charles train station, tweeting that an operation was underway. Soldiers and police took up positions outside the station, which was evacuated. Three police officials said one woman was stabbed to death. Two of the officials said the other woman's throat was slit. The assailant was shot dead by soldiers who were patrolling the station. ... Paris prosecutor's office said that a counter-terrorism investigation has been opened." <http://bit.ly/2hDIELY>

**FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Spanish police fire rubber bullets near Catalan voting site,"** by AP's Aritz Parra and Joseph Wilson in Barcelona: "Spanish riot police smashed their way into polling stations in Catalonia and fired rubber bullets Sunday at protesters outside one Barcelona polling station to try to halt a disputed independence referendum. Nearly 350 people, including some police, were injured in the melee, officials said. The officers fired the rubber bullets while trying to clear protesters who were trying to prevent National Police cars from leaving after police had confiscated ballot boxes from the voting center. The Spanish government has ordered police to stop the voting process in Catalonia, saying it's illegal.

**"The chaotic confrontations led to a war of words** as each side blamed the other for the deteriorating situation. 'Police brutality will shame forever the Spanish state,' Catalan President Carles Puigdemont said as crowds cheered. Top Spanish officials defended the police actions. Police acted with 'firmness and proportionality,' declared Spanish deputy prime minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, adding that authorities weren't going after voters but referendum material." <http://bit.ly/2fHZn0b>

**--AP at 10:57 a.m.:** "BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Barcelona mayor: Over 460 injured in Catalonia in dispute with Spanish police over independence vote."

**O.J. IS OUT -- "O.J. Simpson freed from prison in Northern Nevada,"** by Las Vegas Review-Journal's Mike Shoro: "O.J. Simpson became a free man at 12:08 a.m. Sunday when he was released from Lovelock Correctional Center in Northern Nevada. Simpson was released from prison and out on parole after serving nine years for armed robbery, Nevada Department of Corrections spokeswoman Brooke Keast confirmed Sunday morning. She said he was released from Lovelock Correctional Center in Northern Nevada at 12:08 a.m. Sunday, just minutes after he was eligible for release. He had been expected to be taken to High Desert State Prison outside Las Vegas, but Keast said the high-profile nature of the case and public safety concerns prompted officials to release him directly from Lovelock." <http://bit.ly/2yAf7py>

**\*\*\*\*\* A message from Morgan Stanley:** New renewable energy storage technology has the power to turn solar and wind energy into a reliable source of electricity generation for U.S. utilities. The demand for storage is expected to grow significantly in

the next two to three years, according to a Morgan Stanley report. [Read more.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**LATE NIGHT BEST - SNL IS BACK! -- THE COLD OPEN** last night - "The Chaos President" -- **TRUMP (played by Alec Baldwin):** "Sometimes when you're president you have to make sacrifices. So I skipped the back 9." **SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS (Aidy Bryant):** "Yeah. I understand Mr. President. ... Sir, Mayor Cruz of San Juan is on the line." **TRUMP:** "I was expecting this phone call. I'm sure she wants to tell me what a great job I'm doing. ... Yes, Mayor you wanted to talk to me." **CRUZ (Melissa Villaseñor):** "Yes Mr. President I'm so glad to have you on the phone. I'm begging you, Puerto Rico needs your help." **TRUMP:** "I hear you loud and clear and you called the best person for the job. Trust me I know things are as the locals say, 'despacito.' We're going to get you more help, immediately, probably by Tuesday or Wednesday at the latest." **CRUZ:** "Mr. President, that's not good enough."

**TRUMP:** "You should have paid your bills. FEMA takes a few days unless you join FEMA Prime." **CRUZ:** "What are you talking about?" **TRUMP:** "Ma'am, I don't know if you know this but you're in an island in the water. The ocean water, big ocean with fishies and bubbles and turtles that bite. We want to help you but we have to take care of America first." **CRUZ:** "Wait you do know that we're a U.S. territory, don't you?" [Pause] **TRUMP:** "I mean I do, but not many people know that, no." Trump then hangs up the phone. **TRUMP:** "That woman was so nasty." **6-min. video**  
<http://bit.ly/2x5WdKW>

**BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS**, curated by Daniel Lippman:

--"**Democrats Don't Need to Win Texas-But They Just Might, Anyway,**" by Tim Murphy in the Sept./Oct. issue of Mother Jones: Texas Democratic Rep. Beto O'Rourke's politics, forged in one of the largest border communities on Earth, are in many ways the antithesis of President Donald Trump's; he supports single-payer health care and marijuana legalization, hates the wall, and loves Mexico. ... But ... O'Rourke believes the same frustration that ushered in Trumpism can also be harnessed to thwart it. A year ago, running against Cruz might have looked like a suicide mission-maybe it still is. But something is happening in Texas." <http://bit.ly/2x1DT5D>

--"**Trump Is Making Canada Great Again,**" by Richard Florida and Joshua Gans in POLITICO Magazine: "While America closes its borders, its northern neighbor is poaching some of the best tech talent in the world." <http://politi.co/2kemUXQ>

--"**The effects of a single terrorist nuclear bomb,**" by Matthew Bunn and Nickolas Roth in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: "The blast, fire, initial radiation, and long-term radioactive fallout could leave the heart of a major city a smoldering radioactive ruin, killing tens or hundreds of thousands of people and wounding hundreds of thousands more. Vast areas would have to be evacuated and might be uninhabitable for years. Economic, political, and social aftershocks would ripple throughout the world. A single terrorist nuclear bomb would change history. The country - and the world - would never be the same." <http://bit.ly/2hCnIoD>

--"**Notes From an Apocalypse**" - LessWrong: "It's like somebody flipped a light switch. The rise in diversity and in disparity is unequalled by any other moment in Earth's history. Take all the creative power of the last five hundred million years of animal evolution, compress it down to a fraction of a geological instant - that's the power of the Cambrian Explosion." <http://bit.ly/2hCZWbY> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

--"**Jonathan Lebed's Extracurricular Activities,**" by Michael Lewis in the Feb. 25, 2001 issue of the N.Y. Times Magazine - per Longform.org's description: "Using several email addresses and a lot of exclamation points, teenager Jonathan Lebed worked finance message boards in the morning before school and made almost a million bucks. Then he made the head of the S.E.C. look like a fool." <http://nyti.ms/2fy9LUd>

--"**Casey Neistat: The Most Trusted Name in News,**" by Matthew Belloni in Popular Mechanics: "Casey Neistat sold his video news-sharing app to CNN for \$25 million. He's not a journalist, he just wants to show billions of viewers what's going on in the world." <http://bit.ly/2fxjpXd>

--"**How Military Outsourcing Turned Toxic,**" by ProPublica's Abrahm Lustgarten: "Fraud. Bribery. Incompetence. The military's use of contractors adds to a legacy of environmental damage." <http://bit.ly/2fwO6fk>

--"**How the Bankruptcy System Is Failing Black Americans,**" by Paul Kiel with Hannah Fresques in ProPublica, co-published with the Atlantic: "Black people struggling with debts are far less likely than their white peers to gain lasting relief from bankruptcy, according to a ProPublica analysis. Primarily to blame is a style of bankruptcy practiced by lawyers in the South." <http://bit.ly/2yMSejE>

--"**The House of Hugh Hefner,**" by Chris Jones in Esquire's April 2013 issue: "He's turning eighty-seven as Playboy turns sixty. The world has taken its toll on both, but the world is still no match for life at the Mansion." <http://bit.ly/2yydWqB>

--"**The Inside Story of the Great Silicon Heist,**" by Brendan Koerner in Wired: <http://bit.ly/2yMWCz4>

--"**Voices from the Storm**" - Texas Monthly staff: "The story of Hurricane Harvey, as told by 28 Texans who helped their state through its darkest hour." <http://bit.ly/2fVUrBp> (h/t Longform.org)

--"**Jane Sanders: Bernie would have beaten Trump,**" by Irish Times' Suzanne Lynch: "'We didn't win the election, but we won the hearts of young people,' says the Vermont senator's wife, who visits Ireland next week." <http://bit.ly/2fBRcyM>

--"**Pickering called,**" by Rivka Galchen in the London Review of Books, reviewing "The Glass Universe: The Hidden History of the Women Who Took the Measure of the Stars," by Dava Sobel: "There's some science, of course - but also a tragic drowning, a

fatal case of dysentery and a marriage plot or two. One reason nineteenth-century novels are the way they are is that the nineteenth-century was the way it was. These women have some control over their lives, but chance is a more powerful determinant." <http://bit.ly/2xMwllS> ... **\$16.55 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2x15vdd>

## Playbookers

**SPOTTED:** Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) playing the Old White TPC golf course on Saturday at The Greenbrier.

**OUT AND ABOUT -- DC journo band Suspicious Package** kicked off a triple concert weekend Friday night at Alfred House in Foggy Bottom. On Saturday the band played a benefit for the Foundation for Sustainable Development and on Sunday, Suspicious Package will play the Bullpen after the Nats game. **SPOTTED:** band members Tim Burger, Bryan Greene, Josh Meyer, Christina Sevilla, and Tom Toles, Rodell Mollineau, Mark Paustenbach, Peter Cherukuri, Steve Rochlin, Paul Kane, Craig Gordon, Gretchen Toles, Tom Williams, Nick Owens, Christian Hudson, Kelly Jane Torrance, Bo Ollison, Kathryn Phelps, Dan Ronayne, Ed D'Agostino, Stone Burnette, Justin Friedman, Tony Capaccio, Bonnie Rollins.

**SPOTTED** last night celebrating the U.S. "Fiscal New Year" at a party at Hill Prince on H Street NE, hosted by Adam Shifriss of CRFB: Kristen Hawn, Brad Howard, Joel Bailey, Jennifer Bailey, Elizabeth Falcone, Kate Callanan, Joel Riethmiller, Corey Tellez, Michael Lukso, Erica Bordador, Brooke Lillard, David Bond.

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD - Bennett Richardson**, executive director of POLITICO Focus and co-founder of Hinge, and **Lindsay Richardson** email friends and family: "He's here! Please welcome Andon Dean Richardson. Born at 7:15 a.m. 9lbs 6oz 22.5 inches. Mom and baby are doing great."

**WEEKEND WEDDINGS** -- Pool report: "AP's **Steve Peoples** and CNN's **Zain Asher** became Mr. and Mrs. Ejiofor Peoples on Saturday in the windswept hills of Sintra, Portugal. Guests came from three continents to witness Steve and Zain's nuptials inside the ornate music salon of Monserrate Palace, once a lush retreat for the Portuguese court. The bride and groom and their guests then traveled to Estoril for sunset cocktails, dinner and dancing at Forte da Cruz, overlooking the Atlantic.

"**The reception melded both cultures**, from the ceremonial kola nut that Steve presented - speaking a few impressive words of Igbo! - to brother-in-law and actor Chiwetel Ejiofor, representing the bride's family, to the email well-wishes sent by Mitt Romney, whose 2012 presidential campaign Steve chronicled. 'So Steve is settling down, eh?' Romney asked. 'I never imagined that he would ever tie the knot with anyone other than Tom Brady.'" **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2xPE178>

**SPOTTED:** Julie Bykowicz, Fin Gomez, Kasie Hunt and Matt Rivera, Alison Ogden, Ashley Parker, Rachel Streitfeld and Phil Rucker.

-- Pool report from Maria Sparks, the pride of Silver Spring: **KELLY DIXON**, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's director of legislative operations, married **Glenn Chambers** from Abt Associates, at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. The bride sparkled in a white strapless sweetheart gown. McCarthy officiated.

**SPOTTED:** Kevin and Judy McCarthy, Reps. Richard Hudson (R-N.C.), George Holding (R-N.C.), and John Katko (R-N.Y.), Matt and Summer Bravo, Jeff Dressler, Katie Meyer, James Min, Matt and Maria Sparks, Kristin and John Stipicevic, John Leganski, Chris Bien, Chris Vieson, Danielle Burr, Phil Simms, Shuwanza Goff, Lydia Strunk, Nicole Foltz, Cindy Herrle, Parker Polling, Steve Pinkos.

--**Teresa Buckley**, former chief of staff for Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-Ind.) and now director of federal affairs at PhRMA, and **Aaron Bill**, legislative director for Rep. Phil Roe (R-Tenn.), were married Saturday afternoon in Washington, D.C. at St. Peter's Church followed by a reception at the Capitol Hill Club. Pool report: The couple "were introduced/set-up by Dave and Lizzy Peluso, who thought Teresa and Aaron would be perfect for each other. Dave and Lizzy were obviously right. It was 4 years ago during the government shutdown that they had their first date. Perhaps the best thing to come out of that showdown." ***Pic of the couple with Reps. Bucshon and Roe***  
<http://bit.ly/2x5RXuZ>

**SPOTTED:** Rep. Larry Bucshon and Dr. Kathryn Bucshon, Rep. Phil Roe and Clarinda Roe, Stephen Martinko and Callie Hoyt, Jared Eichhorn, Sarah Cannon, Tim and Sarah Killeen, Mitch and Janelle Relfe, Jon and Sara Causey, Matt and Olivia Meyer, Dave and Lizzy Peluso, Meghan Dubyak, Geoff Lane, Marni Goldberg, Tara Mazer.

--**Taylor Haulsee**, press secretary for Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and the HELP committee, got married last night to **Katie Delzell**, director of development at American Action Network/Congressional Leadership Fund. Their ceremony was on the terrace at DAR, with the Washington monument as their backdrop. The couple met on the Romney campaign in Iowa. ***Pic*** <http://bit.ly/2fH8xdi>

**OBAMA ALUMNI -- "Rachel Tulchin, Kevin Bailey"** - N.Y. Times: "Ms. Tulchin, 35, is the global communications manager for sustainability at Anheuser-Busch InBev in New York. ... Mr. Bailey, also 35, is the director for business development at CommonBond, a financial technology company in New York. ... The couple met on a blind date in Washington in the spring of 2014, when both were serving in the Obama administration. The bride worked as a senior policy adviser to the ambassador at large for global women's issues in the secretary's office at the State Department, before moving onto a role as deputy director at the Clinton Foundation in New York. The groom served as a member of Vice President Joe Biden's staff in the White House, and later as senior policy adviser for financial institutions policies at the Treasury Department." ***With pic***  
<http://nyti.ms/2yqUUZE>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Tommy Andrews, director of member services for Speaker Paul Ryan, the pride of Cincinnati and a Boehnerland alum, is 31 (hat tip: the Ryan comms shop) ... former President Jimmy Carter is 93 ... British Prime Minister Theresa May is 61 ... National Journal managing editor Ben Pershing is 42 (h/t Hanna Trudo) ... NYT's Jose DelReal is 27 ... Tim Hannegan ... Rob Seidman, SVP at Glover Park Group (h/t Liz Johnson) ... Brook Hougese, comms director for Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) (h/t Leigh Claffey) ... CNN correspondent Brian Todd ... Joanne Peters, director of media relations at UNC-Chapel Hill... Jennifer Storipan ... Kenny Cunningham, senior associate at Prism Group, is 28 ... Alex Gleason ... AEI's Joe Antos ... Nikolai Wenzel ... Politico's Rose Lichtenfels, Andy Goodwin and Marie French ...

... **Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld** is 33 ... Daniel Clifton ... Michael Knopf, director at MediaLink (h/t Christian Emanuel) ... Alexandra Fox ... Cammie Croft, chief community officer at FWD.us ... Nayyera Haq, Obama WH and State alum and currently CEO of Avicenna Strategy (h/t Ben Chang) ... Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) is 48 ... Rep. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.) is 42 ... Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) is 44 ... Scott Rosenthal ... CNN's Evan Semones is 25 ... David Kerr ... Robert Rosen of the Gates Foundation ... CRC Public Relations SVP Mike Thompson ... Facebook's Catherine Dennig ... Alex Reese ... Theo Yedinsky ... Jeremy Lott ... Eric Laing ... Lauren Pfeifle ... Candice Rogers ... Gretel Truong ... Debby Wolf ... Susan Peacock ... Jennifer Lenhart ... Lorraine Adams ... Vinh Nguyen ... AFP alum Chris Berg ... IBM's Vera Rhoads ... Charlie Rose, the pride of City Year (h/t Teresa Vilmain)

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley** : Storage makes renewable energy available when it's needed the most. Given the U.S. electric grid's lack of storage capacity, conventional power plants, including gas-fired ones, have remained utilities' most reliable source of electricity. That could be about to change. Morgan Stanley analysts argue that the price of both solar and wind energy, as well as new storage units, have reached a point where renewable energy can finally become a dependable, rather than an unpredictable, source of energy. According to the report, the demand for storage is expected to grow from a less than \$300 million a year market to as much as \$4 billion in the next two to three years. More affordable battery storage units could enable the growth of renewables or defer costly transmission and distribution projects, and also could lead to significant utility bill savings for solar customers. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

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