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Driving the Day

Good Sunday morning. NIGHT ON THE TOWN -- SPOTTED: JARED and IVANKA at Masseria Saturday night.

-- **NOTABLE**, from the president Saturday night: Question: "What's the one thing that will work with North Korea?" **TRUMP:** "Well, you'll figure that out pretty soon." ... **TRUMP:** "I've known Harvey Weinstein for a long time. I'm not all surprised to see it."

SHOT -- @realDonaldTrump at 9:59 a.m.: "Senator Bob Corker 'begged' me to endorse him for re-election in Tennessee. I said 'NO' and he dropped out (said he could not win without..." **at 10:09 a.m.:** "...my endorsement). He also wanted to be Secretary of State, I said 'NO THANKS.' He is also largely responsible for the horrendous Iran Deal!" ... **at 10:13 a.m.:** "...Hence, I would fully expect Corker to be a negative voice and stand in the way of our great agenda. Didn't have the guts to run!"

CHASER -- AP: "Corker's free agent status should make Trump, GOP nervous," by Richard Lardner: "The two-term lawmaker isn't seeking re-election. That gives him even more elbow room to say what he wants and to vote how he pleases over the next 15 months as Trump and the party's leaders on Capitol Hill struggle to get their agenda on track. Corker, a fiscal hawk, is holding the GOP's feet to the fire on tax legislation, declaring that he'll oppose any measure that increases the national debt by a single cent. Republicans hold a narrow, 52-seat majority in the Senate, and just three defections would torpedo the top priority in their partisan push." <http://bit.ly/2wFTCDg>

FLASHBACK, BURGESS EVERETT and JOHN BRESNAHAN: "But Corker said Trump has repeatedly urged him to run again. 'When we knew we had the support of the president, that didn't really matter,' Corker said of Bannon." <http://politi.co/2qmjXjq>

THE PRESIDENT'S WEEK -- TRUMP will host the Pittsburgh Penguins at the White House Tuesday. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife, Sophie Grégoire, come to the White House Wednesday. **TRUMP** goes to Pennsylvania on Wednesday.

ONLY IN PLAYBOOK -- MORE ON TIM MURPHY: Over the past 72 hours, Rachael Bade, Jake Sherman and John Bresnahan have received an outpouring of thank-you notes from ex-Murphy aides for writing about staff abuses that occurred in that office over the years (ICYMI, read about it here: <http://politi.co/2gfEx4X>). "I don't want to get my name caught up in any of this, but I did want to thank you for writing about Murphy and Susan," one person wrote. "They hurt so many people, so many kids who didn't know it wasn't normal. I'm not one to get satisfaction from others down fall, but I'm so relieved they won't be able to keep abusing people."

After our story ran, several former Murphy staffers called Rachael to divulge their own horror stories. One ex-staffer spoke of being scolded by chief of staff Susan Mosychuk - Murphy's right-hand in his reign of terror -- for trying to expense costs associated with using her personal car to drive the congressman around town. Another ex-staffer spoke of Murphy badmouthing his work ethic to his new boss -- a congressman -- on the House floor. And third got dressed down for taking a lunch break his first day on the job -- he didn't know Mosychuk made staff eat at their desks. Mosychuk and Murphy's office did not have a comment.

BUT THIS GUY THINKS THEY'RE GREAT! -- Christopher Schell, Murphy's legislative director who started there in May, sent Rachael, Jake and Bres this statement on Friday night defending Mosychuk: "The actions ascribed to Susan by former-staffers, both unidentified and identified, are wholly inconsistent with my time in Congressman Murphy's DC office. Personally, I feel working with Susan has been one of the best experiences of my professional career. I have found her scrupulously honest, and in my innumerable interactions with Susan and staff, I have never once heard her scream or use intimidating language. I have spoken with Susan any number of times about staff, and I've only ever heard her express an earnest desire to make their lives easier. I'm proud to work with Susan, and I'm proud of the excellent work Congressman Murphy has accomplished with the help of his talented staff."

HMM -- "Erik Prince, Blackwater Founder, Weighs Primary Challenge to Wyoming Republican," by NYT's Jeremy Peters, Maggie Haberman and Glenn Thrush: "Erik Prince, the founder of the security contractor Blackwater, is seriously considering a Republican primary challenge for a Senate seat in Wyoming, potentially adding a high-profile contender to a fledgling drive to oust establishment lawmakers with insurgents in the mold of President Trump.

"Mr. Prince appears increasingly likely to challenge John Barrasso, a senior member of the Senate Republican leadership, according to people who have spoken to him in recent days. He has been urged to run next year by Stephen K. Bannon, who is leading the effort to shake up the Republican leadership with financial backing from the

New York hedge fund billionaire Robert Mercer and his daughter Rebekah. Over the weekend, Mr. Prince traveled to Wyoming with his family to explore ways to establish residency there, said one person who had spoken to him." <http://nyti.ms/2y2qCa9>

-- **SO**, Bannon is encouraging these people to run: Michael Grimm, a convicted felon with a decidedly moderate voting record, and Erik Prince, a government military contractor who doesn't even live in the state of Wyoming.

TRUMP RE-UPS ON TWITTER -- @realDonaldTrump retweeted a tweet from yesterday at 5:04 a.m.: "More and more people are suggesting that Republicans (and me) should be given Equal Time on T.V. when you look at the one-sided coverage?"

TRUMP'S GOP -- "Republicans largely abandon their platform of fiscal restraint," by WaPo's Damien Paletta: "The Republican Party has largely abandoned its platform of fiscal restraint, pivoting sharply in a way that could add trillions of dollars in federal debt over the next decade. Cutting spending to balance the budget was almost religion to the Republican Party for much of the past eight years. But all year long, despite their control of the White House and Congress, Republicans have not taken steps to balance the budget, to overhaul entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, or to arrest the growth of the country's \$20 trillion in debt.

"With the House passing a critical budget resolution this past week, GOP lawmakers are charging forward next week with plans to cut taxes in a way that could add more than \$1.5 trillion to the government's debt over 10 years, with the goal of legislation by early next month. That is on top of an effort to significantly increase military spending. White House officials say their focus is on growing the economy now and dealing with the debt later." <http://wapo.st/2xqmQun>

USING THE PEN -- "Trump Poised to Sign Order Opening New Paths to Health Insurance," NYT's Robert Pear: "Stymied in his efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, President Trump is poised to issue an order that could ease some federal rules governing health insurance and make it easier for people to band together and buy coverage on their own, administration officials said Saturday.

"One official said the directive could move the president a step closer to one of his longstanding goals: allowing consumers to buy health insurance across state lines. Conservatives say that interstate sales could expand options for consumers, increase competition in the insurance market and perhaps lower costs.

"The order, which the administration officials said was likely to be announced in the coming week, would instruct three cabinet departments to take actions to help individuals and small businesses join together to buy insurance through arrangements known as association health plans. Such plans could be sponsored by trade and professional groups and community organizations." <http://nyti.ms/2wFK8YA>

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Agency's (EPA) first- or second-ranked company for pollution prevention initiatives since 2012. What's more, since 2012, we have implemented more than 1,000 pollution prevention activities across the United States. See how at ChallengeAccepted.com.

MUELLER WATCH -- "Hoping to Have Trump Cleared, Legal Team Eases Resistance to Inquiry," by NYT's Matt Apuzzo and Mike Schmidt: "White House officials once debated a scorched-earth strategy of publicly criticizing and undercutting Robert S. Mueller III, the special counsel investigating Russian efforts to disrupt last year's election. Now, President Trump's lawyers are pursuing a different course: cooperating with the special counsel in the hope that Mr. Mueller will declare in the coming months that Mr. Trump is not a target of the Russia inquiry. ...

"The president's legal team is working swiftly to respond to requests from Mr. Mueller for emails, documents and memos, and will make White House officials available for interviews. Once Mr. Mueller has combed through the evidence, Mr. Trump's lawyers plan to ask him to affirm that Mr. Trump is not under investigation, either for colluding with Russian operatives or for trying to obstruct justice." <http://nyti.ms/2xqLQNd>

SHAKING THE MONEY TREE -- "GOP hopefuls' new must-have: Megadonors," by Maggie Severns and Kevin Robillard: "The first big move of Leah Vukmir's Senate campaign wasn't a traditional kick-off speech or a catchy web video, but a private audience with an influential billionaire. Vukmir, a nurse and longtime Republican state legislator in Wisconsin, was only vaguely familiar with roofing magnate Diane Hendricks. But shortly before launching her Senate bid, Vukmir met with the megadonor and other businesspeople at a wood-paneled country club owned by Hendricks. After two hours hearing from Vukmir about her political beliefs and preliminary campaign plans, Hendricks stood up and told the soon-to-be candidate she had her support.

"Just like that, Vukmir had acquired this year's must-have Senate campaign accessory: a billionaire backer. Hendricks 'likes the fact that we've removed red tape and regulations in Wisconsin,' Vukmir told POLITICO. She is one of a growing group of Republican candidates around the country who spent the first months of this year courting megadonors and even announcing their support before formally launching campaigns, in the same manner that Jeb Bush and others did for months during the last presidential race.

"Candidates scrambling for donor help is nothing new. But the early efforts this year to secure big-name funders have further blurred the hazy lines between candidates and unlimited-money outside groups, while reshaping Senate races around the country - propelling unknown candidates to prominence, scaring off potential opponents and heralding millions of dollars of outside spending as Republicans prepare for tough campaigns against Democratic senators." <http://politi.co/2kxWwbt>

-- "Trump zeroes in on 2020 battlegrounds," by Gabe Debenedetti: "President Donald Trump's campaign operatives and other allies have begun surveying the political

landscape for his 2020 reelection bid, viewing a handful of upcoming midterm races as especially insightful to his strategic path three years from now. There's been a flurry of activity in those states in recent weeks.

"Aides from Trump's 2016 effort have signed on to work campaigns in Ohio and Florida, giving them footholds in two essential battleground locations. Trump himself has repeatedly returned to Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan, the quartet of Democratic-leaning Rust Belt states that helped propel him to victory. ... Here are five of the 2017 and 2018 races that Trump operatives and allies expect will begin to answer these questions in the run-up to 2020." <http://politi.co/2kuLi7E>

MEANWHILE, ON THE LEFT -- "The 'Resistance,' Raising Big Money, Upends Liberal Politics," by NYT's Ken Vogel on A1: "It started as a scrappy grass-roots protest movement against President Trump, but now the so-called resistance is attracting six- and seven-figure checks from major liberal donors, posing an insurgent challenge to some of the left's most venerable institutions - and the Democratic Party itself. The jockeying between groups, donors and operatives for cash and turf is occurring mostly behind the scenes. But it has grown acrimonious at times, with upstarts complaining they are being boxed out by a liberal establishment that they say enables the sort of Democratic timidity that paved the way for the Trump presidency. ...

"Just as the new forces on the right are threatening primary challenges to establishment Republicans, some groups on the left have begun talking about targeting Democratic incumbents in the 2018 midterm elections. Entrenched Democratic groups are facing growing questions about the return on the hundreds of millions of dollars they have spent over the years." <http://nyti.ms/2y0Zg71>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Americans Jailed After Failed Coup in Turkey Are Hostages to Politics," by NYT's Carlotta Gall in Hatay, Turkey: "One is a NASA scientist who was vacationing with relatives in Turkey. Another is a Christian missionary who has lived in Turkey for 23 years. Others include a visiting chemistry professor from Pennsylvania and his brother, a real estate agent. They are among a dozen Americans who have been jailed by the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and face long prison sentences for allegedly playing a part in a failed coup last year. ... [A]mid deteriorating relations with the United States and Europe, Turkey is also arresting increasing numbers of foreign nationals. Most, including the Americans, are accused of ties to the Islamist cleric Fethullah Gulen, who Turkey says orchestrated the conspiracy from his self-imposed exile in Pennsylvania." <http://nyti.ms/2hUUwsX>

-- "Tropical storm Nate weakens but rain, floods to continue," by AP's Jeff Amy in Biloxi, Mississippi: "A fast-moving storm called Nate brought flooding and power outages to the U.S. Gulf Coast early Sunday after it sloshed ashore outside Biloxi, Mississippi - the first hurricane to make landfall in that state since Katrina devastated the region 12 years ago. The storm hit Mississippi as a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 85 mph (140 kph) but weakened later to a tropical storm as it moved inland, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. More than

100,000 residents in Mississippi and Alabama were without power following the arrival of Nate, but no deaths or injuries were reported early Sunday." <http://bit.ly/2z5hotT>

SUNDAY BEST ...

-- **NRA'S CHRIS COX** to **CHRIS WALLACE** on "**FOX NEWS SUNDAY**" : "We don't believe bans have ever worked on anything. What we have said has been very clear: that if something transfers a semi-automatic to function like fully-automatic, then it ought to be regulated differently. ... People can own things safely and responsibly and be a danger to no one. And that's the part of this conversation. It can't be a fair and balanced conversation if you are not willing to discuss the broader problems we have with a violent culture coming out of Hollywood, with video games that have fundamentally changed how military simulators work."

-- **CHUCK TODD** talks with **SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CALIF.)** on **NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS"**: **TODD**: "Are you running for re-election?" **FEINSTEIN**: "You are going to find out about that very shortly." **TODD**: "What do you make of the poll recently? 50 percent say they'd like they don't know if they want to see you run for re-election again." **FEINSTEIN**: "Oh look. There are polls and then there are polls. I'm ready for a good fight. I've got things to fight for. I'm in a position where I can be effective, and hopefully that means something to California." **TODD**: "Well, that sounds like you've just announced your re-election bid. Close?" **FEINSTEIN**: "Close."

-- **CHUCK** also sat down with **HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP STEVE SCALISE (R-LA.)**: **TODD**: "Is [the right to bear arms] unlimited?" **SCALISE**: "It is." **TODD**: "You really believe it is?" **SCALISE**: "You've seen limits put in place, Chuck, you've seen limits already in place you've seen laws on the books ... Let's go out and enforce those laws, don't try to put new laws in place."

-- **MICK MULVANEY** to Chuck about a health care deal with Democrats: "Fixing ... that's an interesting word ... If the question is is the president interested in working with Democrats to repeal and replace -- that would be our language --the answer is yes."

-- **JAKE TAPPER** speaks with **SEN. CHRIS MURPHY (D-CONN.)** on **CNN'S "STATE OF THE UNION"**: **TAPPER**: "Do you think Tillerson should resign?" **MURPHY**: "Again, I don't think that that solves the problem. I think the president should stop undermining the people in his administration. I think he should stop doing hurtful things to the country's national security, like telling the North Koreans that there is no diplomatic path for them to give up nuclear weapons. I have big disagreements with Secretary Tillerson. I don't think he's been a good secretary of state. But I'm not sure that there is anyone that can succeed in that position, given the just absolutely catastrophic dysfunction of this White House."

THE NATIONALS WIN! -- WAPO'S TOM BOSWELL "With two swings of the bat, everything may have changed for the Nationals": "Maybe something changed, even something big, on Saturday night as the autumn moon rose over the right field stands to

get a glimpse of what, far down on planet earth, was causing all that ruckus down at Nationals Park, a place that seldom raises its voice until the heavens take note.

"Within a matter of perhaps 15 minutes of lunacy, Game 2 of this National League Division Series changed utterly, from what seemed like an almost certain Chicago Cubs victory to a stunning, ground-shaking, 6-3 Washington Nationals win.

"Eighth-inning home runs, first a titanic one by Bryce Harper to tie the score, then a three-run wall-scraping thriller by Ryan Zimmerman to win it, tied this series at a game apiece, but with enormous baseball gravitational pull suddenly on the Nats' side just when such cause for hope was least expected." <http://wapo.st/2fTS1Tp>

-- **GAME 3**, Monday in Chicago, 4 p.m., TBS

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Jason Aldean performs "I Won't Back Down" on "Saturday Night Live," on Oct. 7 in New York in tribute to the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting and the late rock superstar Tom Petty. | Will Heath/NBC via AP

POSTCARD FROM THE NEW YORKER FESTIVAL - PREET BHARARA, in a Q&A with Jeffrey Toobin, describing when he met with then-President Elect Trump during the transition: "At the time, I had guys with lights and sirens and guns who could facilitate my entry into the building, because there are Secret Service you have to coordinate with. And I go into the building, and you may remember at the time, there was a stakeout of journalists in the lobby at Trump Tower. And I try to - they're very hard to avoid, because you walk in like and they're all right there. And I'll never forget that as I'm walking towards the elevator bank trying to ignore the press, somebody shouts out 'Mr. Bharara, are you here to serve a subpoena?'" **TOOBIN:** "And that day may come." ... **BHARARA:** "[S]omeone [is] going to hire me for like 8 bucks an hour to..." **TOOBIN:** "Not you, exactly."

BHARARA: "'You've been served.' [Laughter] I would totally do that, by the way." **TOOBIN:** "I know. Next time." **BHARARA:** "And I would waive my hourly fee. So somebody yells that, I laugh very hard on the inside, we get in the elevator, there's lots of gold. We get up to the 26th floor, and then there becomes this issue of whether or not - small detail that I thought was cool, whether or not I have to go through a metal detector. And I found out later that there was a little bit of an argument between the head of the Secret Service there and the security folks. And he said no, I'm ... the top law enforcement official in Manhattan. I'm not going to get wanded going through. And what I thought was cool about that was Mitt Romney apparently had been to meet the President Elect a few days earlier, and they wanded that guy. I'm very petty. Small

things ... are important to me."

--**SETH MEYERS**, in a Q&A with Ariel Levy: "When we meet a comedian and they send us a sample and we like the sample, we will just look at their Twitter feed. Because we can go back and look at five years of jokes ... There's this weird thing now that everybody's kind of leaving a permanent record of their writing. Which is great for people who are trying to find writers but it's also for young writers, it's a reminder that if you're going to put yourself out there, make sure it's a refined product that you will be happy to be judged by because that will be what happens."

ON LAS VEGAS -- "Who Was Stephen Paddock? The Mystery of a Nondescript 'Numbers Guy,'" by NYT's Sabrina Tavernise, Serge Kovalski and Julie Turkewitz: "Stephen Paddock was a contradiction: a gambler who took no chances. A man with houses everywhere who did not really live in any of them. Someone who liked the high life of casinos but drove a nondescript minivan and dressed casually, even sloppily, in flip-flops and sweatsuits. He did not use Facebook or Twitter, but spent the past 25 years staring at screens of video poker machines. Mr. Paddock, a former postal worker and tax auditor, lived an intensely private, unsocial life that exploded into public view on Sunday, when he killed 58 people at a country music festival and then shot himself. But even with nationwide scrutiny on his life, the mystery of who he was has only seemed to deepen." <http://nyti.ms/2fS7fs0>

-- **CHRIS WALLACE** talks with **STEVE WYNN** on "**FOX NEWS SUNDAY**":

WALLACE: "I understand that Stephen Paddock had gambled and stayed at your properties along with a lot of other places along the Strip. I know you talked to your security team afterwards. Looking back, after talking to all of them, how much of a profile did you have on him? And was there anything in that profile that should have raised a red flag?" **WYNN:** "He's been staying in Las Vegas since '06. So you know, we're talking about 11 years with his girlfriend or at least in recent years, frequent visitor, once or twice a month to this hotel and others. The most vanilla profile one could possibly imagine. A modest gambler at least by our standards, you know, nothing serious, paid promptly, never owed any money anywhere in Las Vegas. He didn't fit the profile of a problem or compulsive gambler. ...

"But if there's anything interesting that stood out over the six years, nobody that's ever worked here have ever seen the gentleman or the lady take a drink of wine, beer or alcohol of any kind. Now, a lot of people don't drink. But considering their frequency of all the restaurants, and their behavior as normal tourist taking advantage of everything that's available in our resort, they never ever imbibed in any liquor. Their behavior was conservative, private, understated in every way. You never ever would stop a man like this coming in, you know, in the building."

-- **JASON ALDEAN'S SNL** cold open <http://bit.ly/2yPalos>

-- **"Showgirls, casinos and chapel weddings: Las Vegas snaps back after deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history,"** by WaPo's Kevin Sullivan in Las

Vegas: "Forty-seven hours after the massacre, Crystal Rose was back in her flouncy red showgirl plumage on the Vegas Strip, bare-chested except for tiny, shiny pasties keeping her just this side of legal. ... 'I took the day off yesterday, out of respect,' said Crystal, 25 ... This pulsing City of Sin has returned almost immediately to its high-glitz version of normal after Sunday's massacre of 58 people, the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history. The shows go on. The roulette wheels spin, the dice fly, and people carrying Coronas wander the Strip alongside bubbly showgirls and a guy dressed as Chewbacca." <http://wapo.st/2kxkh3u>

-- WSJ: "**Las Vegas Mayor Predicts Limited Economic Impact From Mass Shooting**": <http://on.wsj.com/2yxJOQa>

TRUMP INC. -- "Losses at Trump's Scottish resorts doubled last year," by AP's Bernard Condon: "Donald Trump boasts of making great deals, but a financial report filed with the British government shows he has lost millions of dollars for three years running on a couple of his more recent big investments: his Scottish golf resorts. A report from Britain's Companies House released late Friday shows losses last year at the two resorts more than doubled to 17.6 million pounds (\$23 million). Revenue also fell sharply." <http://bit.ly/2y2n9eo>

FIRST PERSON - "I witnessed Harvey Weinstein's sleaziness up close: ex-waitress," by Jade Budowski in the N.Y. Post: "Harvey Weinstein was every bit the sleazy Hollywood caricature recent reports have made him out to be. When I was working as a waitress [at Tribeca Grill], I watched numerous times as a string of young women - some seemingly no older than 21 - entered the restaurant for long, flirty dinners with him, even though he was married with five children. These women were all the same: vaguely European, always beautiful, stylishly dressed, and totally out of place next to someone like him. The staff could usually tell that the woman was there to meet him before she had even said a word.

"If a woman waited for him at the bar, he'd bellow furiously at more than one of us for not having seated her prior to his arrival, despite the fact that she'd insisted on it. 'Why the f- -k isn't she at the table?' he'd say. The ritual for his rendezvous was very firm. Champagne, caviar, and an unspoken rule that Weinstein and his date not be disturbed. The pair would sit close, whispering and touching each other suggestively. After dining, Weinstein and a woman would often disappear for a while, exiting the restaurant through a side door. ... Many of the women he saw would return for second or third dates. Sometimes, Weinstein and a woman would come back to the restaurant the next morning, with her sporting wet hair and the same clothes." <http://nyp.st/2wEYFUu>

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households for an entire year. See our contributions at ChallengeAccepted.com. *****

MEDIAWATCH - ALEX WAGNER has returned to "CBS This Morning" after her maternity leave. *Video of the show welcoming her back and her sharing some pix of her new baby boy, Cy Kass* <http://cbsn.ws/2z5kdvd>

BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman, filing from New York:

-- "**Citizens of anywhere**," by Matthew Valencia in 1843 Magazine: "Globalisation has turned citizenship into a commodity. Matthew Valencia went shopping for a new passport and found bargains to be had." <http://bit.ly/2hU21Ao>

-- "**The Last Invention of Man**," by Max Tegmark in Nautilus Magazine: "How AI might take over the world." <http://bit.ly/2yNMXrc>

-- "**Why nation-states are good**," by Dani Rodrik in Aeon Magazine: "The nation-state remains the best foundation for capitalism, and hyper-globalisation risks destroying it." <http://bit.ly/2ktG9wN> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

-- "**What Happens When We Give up Control of Our Cars?**" by Malcolm Gladwell in Car and Driver: "A history of unintended consequences." <http://bit.ly/2fYAcGK>

-- "**The Story Behind the Chicago Newspaper That Bought a Bar**," by Andy Wright in Topic: "Journalists will go far for a story and they'll go far for a drink-but would they buy a bar? In Chicago, that's exactly what a newspaper did. An oral history of an incredible experiment." <http://bit.ly/2yvb95t> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

-- "**Christ in the Garden of Endless Breadsticks**," by Helen Rosner in Eater: "They are designed to create a sense of vague familiarity. You go to Olive Garden because you've always gone there. You bring your children, and they grow up having always gone there. It is a restaurant that's good at some things, a few of them on the menu, more of them about price and convenience and a general exhausted tolerance for unruly children and arguing couples." <http://bit.ly/2fRlcW1>

-- "**How Deep Is Your Love?**" by Alison Kinney in Lapham's Quarterly: "Turreted and crenellated, the castle appears as the product of centuries of reconstruction and renovation, down to the irregularities of the asymmetrical foundation. But Neuschwanstein, the unfinished masterpiece of Ludwig II, king of Bavaria from 1864 to 1886, was built to manifest Ludwig's obsession with Richard Wagner. The king was the world's greatest opera fan; Neuschwanstein remains the world's greatest work of fan art." <http://bit.ly/2y1scJs>

-- "**The Coming Software Apocalypse**," by James Somers in The Atlantic: "A small group of programmers wants to change how we code-before catastrophe strikes." <http://theatln.tc/2z4dAcg>

-- "**In 1973, I invented a 'girly drink' called Baileys:** We got £3,000 all-in for the creation of the world's most successful cream liqueur," by David Gluckman in Irish Times: "We bought a small bottle of Jamesons Irish Whiskey and a tub of single cream. We mixed the two in our kitchen, tasted the result and it was bloody awful. We went back to the store, found some Cadbury's Powdered Drinking Chocolate, and added it to our formula. Hugh and I were taken by surprise. It tasted really good."

<http://bit.ly/2yNNwRQ>

-- "**Justin Bieber Made a New Jersey Suburb Lose Its Mind This Summer,**" by Reeves Wiedeman in Vulture - per Longreads.com's description: "Justin Bieber spent his summer in a quiet American suburb doing what most people do: He went to the mall, purchased beverages at Starbucks, and played basketball in a driveway. His appearances caught a community off guard and made them ravenous for gossip."

<http://bit.ly/2xnlz1c>

-- "**Selling China by the Sleeve Dance,**" by Nicholas Hune-Brown in Hazlitt: "Beneath the ubiquitous posters for the Shen Yun ballet is a battle between dissidents and the state over the soul of a nation, both at home and across the diaspora."

<http://bit.ly/2xmxy4X> (h/t Longform.org)

Playbookers

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- Hunter Walker, White House correspondent at Yahoo News, on Saturday married **Gloria Rejas Romero**, the former associate director of finance at the Michael J. Fox Foundation, at the Prospect Park Boathouse in Brooklyn. The couple met at a bar in Brooklyn. Business Insider's Colin Campbell was best man, and there was a Peruvian band and themed cocktails. Guests also got gift bags with a New York Yankees shot glass and a bottle of Pisco. **Instapic** <http://bit.ly/2wFObnQ>

-- **Vanessa Oblinger**, director of media relations at Javelin, on Friday evening married **Dr. Steven Santos**, scientific review officer at NIH, in an intimate ceremony at the Portuguese-style winery Morais in the Virginia countryside. They met playing on the same co-ed hockey team. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2kxoxA2> ... <http://bit.ly/2y8R1p9>

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OBAMA ALUMNI - John Farmer, director of technology and civic innovation at Microsoft and former senior adviser for innovation in the Obama White House, on Saturday married **Brittany McCandless**, digital producer for CBS News' "60 Minutes Overtime" and a CNN alum. The ceremony was at the Church of the Holy Name of Jesus and the reception was at the Harvard Club. The couple met in August, 2014 on the

street in Manhattan. Their honeymoon is in Dubai, Zanzibar and Kenya. **Pics**
<http://bit.ly/2wF9A0x> ... <http://bit.ly/2fVMBrk> ... **NYT announcement**
<http://nyti.ms/2y0Yhn1>

SPOTTED: Brian Forde, Coach Kathy Kemper, Todd Park, Amy Geng, Ryan Panchadsaram

OUT AND ABOUT -- SPOTTED at a News Media Alliance party last night for Franklin Foer's new book, "World Without Mind: The Existential Threat of Big Tech" hosted by David Chavern -- **\$16.20 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2qmhMwB> : Terry Samuel, Marcus Brauchli and Maggie Farley, Sally Quinn, Margaret Carlson, Eli Lake, Ali Shehabi, Michael and Sarah Crowley, Eric Lipton, Ryan Williams, Garance Franke-Ruta, Denise Couture, Paul Wood, Janet Donovan, Mark Neuman, Nina Rees, Dana Milbank and Anna Greenberg, Perry Bacon, Evelyn Farkas, Abdulwahab al-Hajjri.

SPOTTED at a birthday party last night for Liz Sidoti's 40th at the home of Stephanie Cutter and co-hosted by Sara Fagan and Nedra Pickler: her husband Andy Davis, Poppy MacDonald, Mike Gottlieb, Amy and Matt McDonald, Debra Deshong, Jo Anne Ginsburg, Linda Roth, Penny Lee, Kiki McLean, Mo Elleithee, Mary Kathryn and Michael Steel, Kevin Madden, Terry Sullivan, Michael and Tovah Meehan and Andrea Jones on a state visit from California -- **pic of the party** <http://bit.ly/2z7rXwB>

TRANSITIONS - GARRETT MURCH has been hired as the new political/communications director of the Maine Republican Party. He most recently has been a senior adviser in Maine Gov. Paul LePage's office of policy and management and is a LifeZette and Jeff Sessions alum.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Adrienne Watson, the DNC's deputy communications director and Trump war room director, celebrating in Bermuda. **A trend she thinks is undercover:** "Democrats are winning races across the country - we've flipped 8 seats this year, while Republicans haven't flipped any in contested races. We are converting the enormous momentum on the ground into wins." **Read her Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2xpPAmT>

BIRTHDAYS: Blain Rethmeier, managing director at Ditto PR, is 41 (hat tip: Tim Burger) ... Steve Coll, dean of Columbia's Graduate School of Journalism and a New Yorker staff writer, is 59 ... former Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio) is 71 ... the Rev. Jesse Jackson is 76 ... Bill Schneider ... Mackenzie Weinger ... Ivanka Farrell of Bully Pulpit Interactive ... Jennifer Allen of LCV ... Kim Gamel of Stars and Stripes ... Matthew J. Shuman ... Dan Dunham ... Politico's Terry Golway ... former HHS Secretary Tom Price is 63 ... Rep. David Kustoff (R-Tenn.) is 51 ... Kristen Osborne of MSNBC PR (h/t Hollie Tracz) ... Joseph Galitzin ... Julia Tylor ... Adam Weiss (h/t Jon Haber) ... Molly Erman, VP of brand and communications at New Lab and author of "Work Life," who celebrated last night at New Lab's first anniversary party ... Nicole Schlinger of Campaign HQ (h/t Jimmy Centers) ... Anna Levin ...

... **Shripal Shah**, VP at American Bridge ... Tom Sheridan, a Democratic lobbyist at the Sheridan Group (h/t Erik Smith) ... Lillie Belle Viebranz of Palantir ... Abdul Dosunmu, DOT alum now a student at NYU Law ... Ingrid Jones ... Micah Morris ... Caroline Nonna Holland, tech policy fellow at Mozilla and Obama DOJ alum ... David Burstein, CEO and founder of Run For America ... Riki Parikh, policy counsel for Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) ... Dennis Alpert, director of advocacy and public affairs for U.S. government relations at Pfizer, is 52 ... Shankar Vedantam, NPR's social science correspondent and host of the "Hidden Brain" podcast ... Sophia Yan ... Kiffin Eckert ... Kirk Monroe, EVP at Rasky Baerlein ... Tamara Lipper Smith ... Bridger McGaw ... Marcella Caldwell-Gadson ... Nicholas Piatek ... Joe Torsella ... Kay Lund ... Kirk Schwarzbach ... Judy Sulentic (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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