

combat readiness and is an 'answer' to President Donald Trump's policies. ... North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ordered the launch and watched from an observation post, state media reported Monday. The Korea Central News Agency said the test verified technical aspects of the weapon system and examined its 'adaptability under various battle conditions' before it is deployed to military units. Kim reportedly said the launch was a success, 'approved the deployment of this weapon system for action' and said that it should 'be rapidly mass-produced.'" <http://apne.ws/2rHnRYn>

**THE FAMILY -- "Kushner keeps most of his real estate but offers few clues about potential White House conflicts,"** by WaPo's Amy Brittain and Jonathan O'Connell: "Kushner, 36, who is emerging as a singularly powerful figure in the Trump White House, is keeping nearly 90 percent of his vast real estate holdings even after resigning from the family business and pledging a clear divide between his private interests and public duties. The value of his retained real estate interests is between \$132 million and \$407 million and could leave him in a position to financially benefit from his family's business." <http://wapo.st/2qLGWuh>

**MEDIAWATCH -- NYT'S JIM RUTENBERG on "Smaller Rivals See Chance to Challenge Fox News, and O'Reilly Could Be Key":** "[W]ith [Bill]O'Reilly out on the market after his ouster from Fox News over sexual harassment allegations, Fox's much smaller rivals believe Mr. O'Reilly could do the same for them - help them cut into Fox's prime-time, conservative hegemony after years of trying. 'O'Reilly needs to have a platform and a voice - he's got an important one - and we're very open to having that discussion with him,' said Christopher Ruddy, the founder of Newsmax, a conservative-leaning news network and website. Mr. Ruddy, a close associate of President Trump, said his interest was 'serious, and not hot air.'

**"Charles Herring, whose family company Herring Networks** owns the newer and still smaller -- but no less ambitious -- conservative cable network One America News Network, said in an email, 'One America News has reached out and spoken directly with Mr. O'Reilly and separately with his agent.' And then there's Sinclair Broadcast Group, which is already the country's largest television station group but aims to become even bigger with its proposed takeover of Tribune Media. Sinclair, which has drawn scrutiny for pushing conservative-skewing segments onto its local newscasts, says it is not moving on Mr. O'Reilly. ...

**"Whether Mr. O'Reilly** would go any of those routes, and whether the advertising boycott that contributed to his Fox ouster would make picking him up prohibitive,

remains to be seen. (Mr. O'Reilly's representatives declined to comment on his plans).  
... But make no mistake: Things are in flux as never before in the Fox News era, and big movements are afoot that could change the cable news dynamic of the past two decades." <http://nyti.ms/2r8xsKO>

**BILLY BUSH IS BACK -- HOLLYWOOD REPORTER cover, "Billy Bush Breaks His Silence on Trump, the 'Access Hollywood' Tape, NBC and a Comeback Plan,"** by Lacey Rose and Marisa Guthrie: "What Bush refrained from doing is watching the infamous three-minute tape from 2005. While he long has been aware of its existence and says 'plenty of people' at NBC knew about it, too, he claims he has seen it only three times: once, three days before the rest of the world did, and then twice more in preparation for this interview. Each time it left him 'totally and completely gutted,' he says, his voice shaky and eyes watery. 'Looking back upon what was said on that bus, I wish I had changed the topic. [Trump] liked TV and competition. I could've said, 'Can you believe the ratings on whatever?' But I didn't have the strength of character to do it.'" <http://bit.ly/2q1rZFj> ... **The cover** <http://bit.ly/2qbzxR0>

**TOP TWEETS --** Bill Mitchell (@mitchellvii): "You know what we should do? Start flooding the NYTimes and WAPO tip lines with all kinds of crazy 'leaks.' Then laugh when they print them!" ... @maggieNYT replies: "The Trump administration has tried this a few times, sir. We actually vet these things."

**MATT BOYLE PROFILE - "Meet Matt Boyle, Breitbart's (Other) Man in the White House:** The very unlikely rise of a media phenomenon in Trump's Washington," by Washingtonian's Luke Mullins: "He might seem like an amateur -- sniping at competitors, stammering on his big day-but for a 29-year-old who now has the ear of the White House, life doesn't get much better. Seven years ago, Boyle came to town a rudderless young man in search of a captain and a cause, fell under the influence of powerful figures like Breitbart chairman Steve Bannon, and became a human Molotov cocktail against the political establishment. Sure, he may have spent many of his Washington years as the laughingstock of the political press corps -- ridiculed for his fanatical writing, his peculiar personality, and his fawning treatment of Trump.

**"One former colleague of Boyle's** described him as 'Forrest Gump with a press badge.' It didn't matter. By the end, he was flying on Trump's private jet and interviewing him in the Oval Office. ... 'I can scare the s\*\*\* out of people,' Boyle tells me. 'And I have a lot of fun doing it.' ... [T]hroughout the race ... Trump [went] out of his way to compliment Boyle in public, high-five him after a debate, and, once, pull out