

Anton Becker, comms director for Rep. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.) ... Ashley Mettler ...
Dem consultant John Hlinko ... Blair FitzGibbon ... Rebekah Allen ...

... **Breitbart White House reporter Charlie Spiering** is 35 ... Yelberton (Yebbie) Watkins, longtime chief of staff to House Assistant Democratic Leader James Clyburn ... Lucas Boyce ... Bob Juliano ... Warren Coats ... Paul Schur ... Katie Sander ... Lindsey Parham ... Jillian Martin ... Beth Rossman ... Phillip Carnegie Smith is 65 ... Peggy Wilhide Nasir ... Kathleen Gleason Prayias ... consultant Adrian Gray, a Bush-Cheney alum ... Matthew Doering ... Melissa Cross ... Margaret O'Meara ... Cynthia Alksne ... Eric Bakker ... Branda Weix ... Brendan Martin (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Pete Townshend (The Who) is 72 ... pop singer Sam Smith is 25 (h/ts AP)

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BREAKING THIS MORNING -- AP at 5:06 a.m.: "STOCKHOLM (AP) - Sweden's top prosecutor drops 7-year rape investigation against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange."
... **at 5:42 a.m.:** "LONDON (AP) - UK police: Assange still wanted for jumping bail, will face arrest if he leaves Ecuadorean embassy in London." ... **at 6:22 a.m.:** "STOCKHOLM (AP) - Prosecutor: Probe could be reopened if Assange returns to Sweden before statute of limitations ends in 2020."

Good Friday morning. We are beginning to sense a trend with **THE WHITE HOUSE:** they oftentimes act as if politicians are completely consistent in their views. For example, the president seemed convinced dismissing James Comey would be popular with both parties, just because Democrats criticized him during the campaign. And now, they seem to think, just because Joe Lieberman was a Senate Democrat (at one point), the entire caucus would vote to confirm him as FBI director. (Don't feel bad,