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Driving the Day

Good Friday morning. THE NEW YORK DAILY NEWS: "President Trump chooses inexperienced woman who planned his son Eric's wedding to run N.Y. federal housing programs," by Greg Smith: "She's arranged tournaments at Trump golf courses, served as the liaison to the Trump family during his presidential campaign, and even arranged Eric Trump's wedding. Now President Trump has appointed longtime loyalist Lynne Patton -- who has zero housing experience and claims a law degree the school says she never earned -- to run the office that oversees federal housing programs in New York.

"Patton was appointed Wednesday to head up the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Region II, which includes New York and New Jersey, where she'll oversee distribution of billions of taxpayer dollars. Patton's tight relationship with the Trump clan dates back to 2009, when she began serving as the family's 'event planner.' ... She also claims on her LinkedIn page to have obtained a juris doctorate degree in 2000 from Quinnipiac University School of Law in Connecticut. Next to the J.D. notation is written (N/A) without explanation. On Thursday school registrar Jim Benson said Patton attended for two semesters but did not graduate. She also listed Yale University but HUD officials couldn't explain why that was there. Patton, who begins her Region II job July 5, did not return calls seeking comment.

"As head of the biggest HUD regional office in the U.S., Patton will oversee distribution of billions in cash to public housing authorities -- including NYCHA -- as well as tens of thousands of rental vouchers and block grants that fund housing inspections and senior citizen programs." <http://nydn.us/2sikxU8>