

chaos," by AFP's Carlos Reyes in Caracas: "While most Venezuelans struggle to buy food and make ends meet, a small group still manages to eat sushi and sip cocktails in exclusive discos and country clubs. The country may be stricken by poverty and political violence, but a rich minority acts like they are untouched by the crisis. Case in point: Caracas, one of the world's most violent cities, is the first in South America to open a branch of the trendy Buddha Bar international nightclub chain. In a country where basics such as flour and sugar are in short supply, Buddha Bar guests can order tuna steak, pork ribs or fish tacos -- as long as they have dollars to pay."

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OFF MESSAGE WITH ISAAC DOVERE: TRUMP STUMBLING INTO WAR -- Ben Cardin, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, tells Isaac Dovero in the latest "Off Message" podcast that Trump's impulsiveness leaves him wondering "whether he will do the right things under pressure," and that this could lead to things quickly spiraling out of control in Syria, North Korea, the South China Sea and Ukraine. "There's many areas where there could be a miscalculation that could lead to a shooting war. In every one of those circumstances, the Trump administration has not given us a strategy," Cardin said. ***Listen and subscribe***

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MEDIAWATCH -- FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: CLINTON ALUMNI - Maya Harris is joining MSNBC as political analyst. She was a senior policy adviser on the Clinton campaign and is a CAP alum.

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SPOTTED: Kellyanne Conway and Wilbur Ross both dining separately at RPM Italian last night ... Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) last night at Bluejacket Arsenal in Navy Yard.

OUT AND ABOUT - SUSAN PAGE and **CARL LEUBSDORF** hosted a 200th birthday party for their house in Georgetown on Saturday night, complete with family, friends and two birthday cakes. "The three-story stone house was built by the Georgetown Building Company in 1817 and is still standing -- from James Monroe to Donald Trump. ... [F]amous residents ... include Inez Buck Robinson, who was a Broadway actress in the 1940s, and a really interesting diplomatic couple, John Cooper Wiley and Irena Baruch Wiley. He was the U.S. charges d'Affaires in Vienna when the Nazis took

over; the Wileys helped many Austrian Jews escape, among them Sigmund Freud. He went on to hold other ambassadorships. They were close to FDR; when the Polish-born Irena became a U.S. citizen, FDR swore her in." **SPOTTED:** historian Robert Dallek, Tommy Burr, Clark Hoyt, Bob Hillman, Robin Sproul, Chris Rowland and Nancy Cook.

ENGAGED -- Rodd McLeod, co-founder of Radar Strategies and former Giffords campaign manager, got engaged on Friday to **Rebekah Sanders**, political reporter at The Arizona Republic, at a mountaintop restaurant overlooking Phoenix. "As Rebekah's favorite all-female mariachi band played, Rodd dusted off his newspaper-delivery-boy skills and presented her with a custom 'special edition' Arizona Republic with the A1 headline 'Will she? Won't she?' and a column by their dog, The Magnificent Gingersnout. The couple met in 2012 when she covered campaigns he managed for Reps. Barber and Sinema. After years of arguing with each other about politics professionally, they started dating after their career paths diverged and have decided to debate politics for decades more." **Pic** <http://politi.co/2rxbkGs>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Collin O'Mara, president and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation and **Krish Vignarajah**, founder of Generation Impact, a social impact consulting firm, email friends and family: Sunday "at 1:38 a.m., Krish gave me the greatest Father's Day gift: the birth of our baby daughter, Alana Vignarajah O'Mara! Krish was amazing throughout the entire pregnancy and especially during a daunting 39 final hours at the hospital before Alana arrived -- proving time and time again that women are stronger than men. And in the O'Mara family tradition, baby Alana is a healthy, hardy 8 pounds 11 ounces and 20.5 inches long... We look forward to introducing you all to the newest member of America's growing conservation army and another Ranger Rick kid!" **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2sKSyPx> ... <http://bit.ly/2sRraj6>

TRANSITIONS -- NIKI CHRISTOFF is joining Salesforce as SVP of strategy and government relations based in Washington. She currently heads up Uber's D.C. policy shop and is a Google and John McCain alum. She'll begin in July. ...

... The Network Branded Prepaid Card Association has promoted **Brian Tate** to be its CEO and president. He has been the VP of gov't affairs at the association since 2013. ... **Emil Caillaux** has joined the Inter-American Development Bank's external relations team. ...

... **Stami Williams** has been named comms director for Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas), chairman of Financial Services; she previously was on the press team for Sen. David Perdue (R-Ga.). ... Latham & Watkins has hired **Nick McQuaid**, former deputy counsel