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Driving the Day

Good Tuesday morning. 59 dead. 527 injured. 42 guns in the shooter's hotel room and house.

WAPO LEADALL -- "At least 59 killed in Las Vegas shooting rampage, more than 500 others injured," by Lynh Bui in Las Vegas, Matt Zapotosky, Devlin Barrett and Mark Berman in Washington: "Police said he stayed in a large hotel suite for several days and aroused no suspicion, bringing with him an arsenal of 23 guns -- their calibers ranging from .223 to .308, some with scopes -- authorities said. One of the weapons he apparently used in the attack was an AK-47 type rifle, with a stand used to steady it for firing, people familiar with the case said. He fired, without warning, from an elevated position on an open-air venue, leaving his victims few options to avoid harm. ...

"Among the questions [investigators] have: How a former accountant with a penchant for high-stakes gambling obtained a weapon that sounded to those on the ground like it could fire as an automatic, and how he was able to bring it and many other weapons into a Vegas hotel suite undetected. ... Lombardo said hotel staff had been in and out of the two-room suite, which Paddock had stayed in since Sept. 28, and spotted nothing 'nefarious,' though he had more than 10 suitcases." <http://wapo.st/2xUYZkS>

-- CONTRIBUTING TO THE POST'S STORY: Tim Craig, Felicia Mello and Heather Long in Las Vegas; Barbara Liston in Orlando; Justin Glawe in Mesquite, Tex.; and Derek Hawkins, Travis M. Andrews, Brian Murphy, Wesley Lowery and Julie Tate in Washington.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ...

-- **AP ... HOW HE GOT OFF SO MANY SHOTS:** "The gunman who unleashed hundreds of rounds of gunfire on a crowd of concertgoers in Las Vegas had two 'bump-stocks' that could have converted semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic ones, officials said. ... California Sen. Dianne Feinstein has long railed against them. Several years ago, she told The Associated Press she was concerned about the emergence of new technologies that could retrofit firearms to make them fully automatic. 'This replacement shoulder stock turns a semi-automatic rifle into a weapon that can fire at a rate of 400 to 800 rounds per minute,' she said." <http://bit.ly/2xXwFz4>

-- **NYT ... THE PREPARATION**, by C.J. Chivers, Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Adam Goldman: "[M]r. Paddock established firing positions by smashing a pair of windows in his hotel room. He was armed with at least 23 firearms, the authorities said, including rifles designed to be fired at such distances. He was also perched from a vantage point that increased the likelihood that even errant shots were more likely to strike someone than had he fired them from ground level. Among his weapons, a law enforcement official said, were AR-15-style rifles, a civilian variant of a standard service rifle used by the American military for more than a half-century.

"The possibility that Mr. Paddock used tripods, which two law enforcement officials said were in the room, indicates that he understood how to overcome some of the difficulties of his plan. Special mounts designed to fit the underside of a rifle and sit atop camera tripods allow the gunman to fire more accurately while standing. Military snipers use tripods in urban spaces, often setting themselves back from a window so neither they nor their weapons can be seen from the streets below." <http://nyti.ms/2yImYuX>

-- **WAPO ... THE PEOPLE WHO DIED: -- "The lives lost in Las Vegas":** "Dozens of people were killed and hundreds were injured Sunday when a gunman opened fire at a country music festival in Las Vegas. Here are stories of those who died." <http://wapo.st/2xWYilj>

-- **THE SHOOTER ... NYT 's Jose DelReal and Jonah Engel Bromwich:** "He was a high-stakes gambler recognized in the casinos of Nevada. He dabbled in real estate investments in Texas. His last known full-time employment was 30 years ago. He was twice divorced. He had a pilot's license and had owned two single-engine planes. ... Mr. Paddock bought three guns -- a handgun and two rifles -- at a shop in Mesquite, Guns & Guitars, within the last year, said Christopher Sullivan, the general manager. All the purchases were legal and cleared routine federal screening, Mr. Sullivan said. 'The man does not have a criminal history,' Mr. Sullivan said." <http://nyti.ms/2yTNBEC>

-- **THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL** (The Memphis newspaper) ... **THE COMPANION: "Who is Stephen Paddock's roommate, Marilou Danley?"** <http://memne.ws/2yEUDfw>

CHOOSE YOUR NEWS: Las Vegas Review-Journal: **"In the face of tragedy, the Strip falls silent"** <http://bit.ly/2q773G7> ... Las Vegas Sun: **"A day after horrific event, a semblance of normalcy along Strip"** <http://bit.ly/2yETtR1>

NYT EDITORIAL: "477 Days. 521 Mass Shootings. Zero Action From Congress."

<http://nyti.ms/2xOeax4> ... **WSJ EDITORIAL: "'An Act of Pure Evil': Amid the Las Vegas horror, don't forget Steve Scalise's recovery."** <http://on.wsj.com/2q7IClo>

TWO THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ...

-- HOW DO REPUBLICANS HANDLE GUN BILLS? Republicans in the House were readying to pass the SHARE Act, a bill which would, among other things, ease regulations on gun silencers and strips the ATF's ability to classify some ammunition as "armor piercing." This bill is a priority of the NRA. It doesn't stand a chance of becoming law, but the optics of pursuing it would be politically tricky, to say the least. Rep. Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.) -- the bill's sponsor -- told us off the House floor Monday night that he didn't think Las Vegas had changed anything in relation to his bill, and he expected a vote in the coming weeks. A Republican leadership aide said there were some unspecified issues with the legislation. *John Bresnahan, Heather Caygle and Burgess Everett on the state of play* <http://politi.co/2yEq0qv>

-- COULD THIS BE THE END OF HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES? A big gun-control bill isn't going to happen. But there seems to be a lingering fear in some pockets of the right that the mass shooting will force Congress to limit the ability to purchase high-capacity magazines, which allow shooters to spray bullets without reloading. Any tightening of gun restrictions in an all-Republican Washington is **VERY HARD TO IMAGINE**, and top aides and lawmakers we spoke to yesterday were skeptical. But this is one area gun-rights advocates are watching closely. One veteran operative for the gun lobby said the latest shooting could bring the debate "roaring back." **LINGERING QUESTION:** Where does Trump -- who has branded himself as close to the NRA -- land on this issue?

THE FIRST LIVE LEADERSHIP REACTION -- SPEAKER PAUL RYAN and House Republican leaders at 10 a.m.

JIMMY KIMMEL's very emotional, tearful monologue from last night. <http://bit.ly/2yT6EyR>

ANNIE KARNI: "Las Vegas shooting presents new kind of leadership test for Trump": "President Donald Trump's reaction to the country's deadliest mass shooting -- a somber statement from the Diplomatic Room, a moment of silence on the South Lawn, and a dormant-for-a-day Twitter feed -- didn't make a tragic situation worse. The president's words and actions, Democrats and Republicans said, were in line with what any other National Rifle Association-backed president would do. Trump's call for unity in the face of 'an act of pure evil' was accompanied by a day declared by his team to be a no-go zone for political or policy discussions about the nation's gun laws.

"For the first nine months of his presidency, most of the crises Trump has faced have been of his own making. But the shooting, which killed at least 59 and injured

more than 500 Las Vegas concert-goers Sunday night, presents a new kind of leadership test. In the coming days, as the window of a condolences-only response to a domestic tragedy closes, Trump will be forced to navigate a thorny political situation as he reacts to the first mass shooting to unfold on his watch.

"Mass shootings in America have become moments of national reckoning on immigration, terrorism and bullying. In this case, where the shooter had no clear motive, the discussion quickly turned to the one subject Trump and his advisers steered clear of in their first 24-hours of response: gun safety measures. Already, some moderate Republicans have expressed hope that the shooting will push him to come out against a bill pending in the House that would loosen restrictions on purchasing silencers."
<http://politi.co/2fGkvjK>

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THE NRA PLAYBOOK -- "NRA goes dark after Vegas massacre," by Josh Meyer: "Democrats lashed out at the National Rifle Association after the worst mass shooting in American history Monday, but instead of fighting back the gun rights group retreated to a familiar posture: silence. The NRA's website, Twitter feed and Facebook page—all of which are typically updated frequently throughout the day—went dark on Monday, posting no new content, and the group did not respond to several calls and emails seeking comment.

"But that doesn't mean the powerful Washington lobbying organization isn't extremely busy behind the scenes. After a mass casualty shooting like the one that killed 58 in Las Vegas Sunday night, the NRA invariably turns to a playbook it has perfected over several decades, critics and supporters alike told POLITICO. The approach calls for aggressive fact-finding and long strategy sessions before any public statements. The Fairfax, Va.-based organization has waited weeks before responding to past deadly incidents that NRA critics call the indirect result of its resistance to tighter gun control."
<http://politi.co/2xdsxXy>

SCOOP - "Trump administration weighing executive order on welfare," by Andrew Restuccia: "Trump administration officials are mulling an executive order that would instruct federal agencies to review low-income assistance programs, part of a coming effort to make sweeping changes to the country's welfare system. The White House began circulating a draft order to federal agencies for comment last week, according to two administration officials ... One of the officials said the draft order calls on agencies to review existing regulations and propose new rules that conform to a set of broad welfare principles, including tighter work requirements that encourage recipients to shift back into the labor force." <http://politi.co/2khbiDk>

RETIREMENT WATCH -- "Collins agonizes over decision to ditch the Senate," by Burgess Everett: "Sen. Heidi Heitkamp was watching TV recently when she saw a report that Susan Collins was considering a run for Maine governor and soliciting advice on the decision. The North Dakota Democrat quickly shot a text message to her Republican colleague: 'Don't do it.'

"A move by Collins to seek the governorship would rock the Senate and the broader political landscape. In a chamber controlled by just 52 Republicans, Collins and a handful of other centrist senators can decide the fate of President Donald Trump's agenda. And a run by Collins for governor could eventually cost the GOP one of its last congressional footholds in New England. ...

"In an interview, Collins said the buzz about her prolonged indecision is 'accurate.' She initially planned to make up her mind by the end of September, but pushed back her deadline to mid-October as she wrestled with the GOP's recent Obamacare repeal effort. 'Given the contentious environment in Washington right now, my voice and vote matter a great deal,' Collins said. 'On the other hand, if I were fortunate enough to be elected governor, I could work more directly on job creation.'" <http://politi.co/2xcvOq7>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "Republicans might block Trump from killing Iran nuke deal," by Seung Min Kim and Elana Schor: "President Donald Trump might soon toss the Iran nuclear deal back to Congress to decide its fate -- but it's no sure thing that lawmakers would kill it for good. Critics of the Obama-era agreement, led by the president himself, appear to be on a mission to tank the accord. Naysayers in Congress are vowing to take advantage of a fast-track mechanism that would allow lawmakers to reinstate sanctions against Tehran with a simple majority vote. ...

"Democratic senators, even those who opposed the nuclear agreement two years ago, want the deal to remain in place. As it stands now, enough Republicans are undecided that GOP leaders would struggle to corral the votes needed to reimpose sanctions. The choice could land on Capitol Hill later this month, if Trump declines to certify by an Oct. 15 deadline that Iran is complying with the nuclear deal." <http://politi.co/2kigvuB>

MORE EMAIL DRAMA -- "Hundreds of White House emails sent to third Kushner family account," by Josh Dawsey and Andrea Peterson: "White House officials have begun examining emails associated with a third and previously unreported email account on Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump's private domain, according to three people familiar with the matter. Hundreds of emails have been sent since January from White House addresses to accounts on the Kushner family domain, these people said. Many of those emails went not to Kushner's or Ivanka Trump's personal addresses but to an account they both had access to and shared with their personal household staff for family scheduling.

"The emails - which include nonpublic travel documents, internal schedules and some official White House materials -were in many cases sent from Ivanka Trump, her

assistant Bridges Lamar and others who work with the couple in the White House. The emails to the third account were largely sent from White House accounts but occasionally came from other private accounts, one of these people said."

<http://politi.co/2xNfaBL>

TRUMP'S TUESDAY -- Trump and the First Lady will leave this morning for San Juan, Puerto Rico. They will be briefed on Hurricane Maria relief efforts and meet with residents impacted by the hurricane. U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp and Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló will meet with the Trumps. They will then greet the Navy and Marine Corps before returning back to D.C.

PLAYBOOK METRO SECTION -- "Laurene Powell Jobs is buying a big stake in Wizards, Capitals sports empire," by WaPo's Thomas Heath: "Powell Jobs's investment, estimated to be hundreds of millions of dollars, will give her the second-largest stake - about 20 percent - in Monumental, the 19-member, Ted Leonsis-led holding company that is one of Washington's highest-profile enterprises, the people said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal has not been approved by the NBA and NHL ...

"The investment by Powell Jobs increases her presence in the Washington community after her business and philanthropic arm, Emerson Collective, bought a majority interest in The Atlantic magazine from its owner David Bradley in July."

<http://wapo.st/2hK30mE>

THE JUICE ...

-- FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: SPEAKER PAUL RYAN TO SPEAK AT RTCA DINNER: The Wisconsin Republican is the headliner at the 73rd annual Radio and Television Congressional Correspondents Association dinner Oct. 25 at the National Building Museum. Roy Wood Jr. from the "Daily Show" is the headline entertainer, and iHeart Media's Bobby Bones is the guest emcee. John Parkinson of ABC News is the dinner's chairman.

-- FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: AAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORRY BLISS continued his drumbeat on tax reform Monday, hosting more than 40 people, including aides from the White House, Treasury, Senate and House GOP leadership, and House Ways and Means Committee, along with more than two dozen conservative, business and tax groups. Topics discussed included: Hill engagement and the timeline for moving forward.

SPOTTED: White House's Marc Short, Treasury's Shannon McGahn, Antonia Ferrier and Brendan Dunn of Mitch McConnell's office, Brendan Buck, George Callas, Derrick Dockery, Josh Althouse and Jake Kastan from the Speaker's operation and Rick Limardo from Ways and Means. Outside groups represented included: Americans for Tax Reform, Americans for Prosperity, AR Squared, National Taxpayers Union, Americans for Limited Government, American Petroleum Institute, Freedom Partners

and the BRT, among others.

-- **PLAYBOOK SCOOP:** Amy McGrath, the Democrat running against Rep. Andy Barr (R-Ky.), raised \$768,000 in the two months last quarter she was in the race. She has \$550,000 on hand.

REMEMBERING TOM PETTY -- "Tom Petty, Heartbreakers frontman who sang 'Breakdown,' 'Free Fallin'" and other hits, dies at 66," by L.A. Times' Randy Lewis:
<http://lat.ms/2wtTJBJ>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) shakes her fist at the United States Capitol as she and her husband Mark Kelly speak on Capitol Hill on Oct. 2 about the mass shooting in Las Vegas. | Susan Walsh/AP Photo

K ST. FILES -- "Congressman Duped Into Holding Sham Hearing for Ukrainian TV," by The Daily Beast's Betsy Woodruff and Andrew Desiderio: "A former U.S. lawmaker appears to have duped a freshman congressman's office into organizing a sham 'hearing' that aired on Ukrainian television on behalf of a shadowy lobbying client implicated in the Panama Papers leak, The Daily Beast has learned. Former Rep. Connie Mack (R-FL) reached out to the office of Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS) -- a freshman lawmaker who won the special election to replace CIA Director Mike Pompeo -- to reserve a room in the basement of the Capitol for an event on the Ukrainian banking sector.

"As The Weekly Standard documents, the fake 'hearing' was broadcast in full on Ukraine's NewsOne and described to viewers as the 'U.S. Congressional Committee on Financial Issues.' But not a single member of Congress attended. ... Panelists at the event included Sergiy Taruta, a former politician in Ukraine, Oleksandr Zavadetskyi, a former NBU employee, and James Woolsey, the former CIA director under President Bill Clinton who also served as an adviser to President Trump's campaign. ... An Estes spokesman added that the office policy for booking rooms has been updated to ensure that this doesn't happen again. ...

"Mack is a registered lobbyist on behalf of a firm called Interconnection Commerce, which according to Mack's lobbying disclosure is headquartered in the British Virgin Islands and is focused on 'shining a light on corruption in Ukraine.' ... During the event, Mack implied he is still a member of Congress." <http://thebea.st/2xb9WjT> ... **The Weekly Standard piece** <http://twsi.io/2xcWjLO>

TRUMP'S CABINET -- "Federal watchdog opens probe into travel by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke," by WaPo's Lisa Rein: "The inspector general for the Interior

Department has opened an investigation into Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel during seven months in office, from his use of taxpayer-funded charter and military planes to his mixing of official trips with political appearances. Nancy K. DiPaolo, a spokesperson for Deputy Inspector General Mary Kendall, described a broad investigation into Zinke's 'travel in general,' including 'modes of travel, costs and schedules.' 'It's not just one trip,' she said. 'It's seven months of travel.'

"She said the probe was prompted by numerous complaints from employees and the public and recent newspaper articles. Reps. Raúl M. Grijalva (Ariz.) and A. Donald McEachin (Va.), the top Democrats, respectively, on the House Committee on Natural Resources and the panel's subcommittee on oversight and investigations, also requested an investigation." <http://wapo.st/2fGCu9K>

-- **"E.P.A. Chief's Calendar: A Stream of Industry Meetings and Trips Home,"** by NYT's Eric Lipton and Lisa Friedman: "For lunch on April 26, Scott Pruitt, the new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, dined with top executives from Southern Company, one of the nation's largest coal-burning electric utilities, at Equinox, a white-tablecloth favorite of Washington power brokers. That evening, it was on to BLT Prime, a steakhouse inside the Trump International Hotel in Washington, for a meal with the board of directors of Alliance Resource Partners, a coal-mining giant whose chief executive donated nearly \$2 million to help elect President Trump. Before those two agenda items, Mr. Pruitt met privately with top executives and lobbyists from General Motors to talk about their request to block an Obama administration move to curb emissions that contribute to climate change.

"It was just a typical day for Mr. Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general. Since taking office in February, Mr. Trump's E.P.A. chief has held back-to-back meetings, briefing sessions and speaking engagements almost daily with top corporate executives and lobbyists from all the major economic sectors that he regulates - and almost no meetings with environmental groups or consumer or public health advocates, according to a 320-page accounting of his daily schedule from February through May, the most detailed look yet at what Mr. Pruitt has been up to since he took over the agency." <http://nyti.ms/2kgBwWJ>

-- **"DeVos' security detail could cost up to \$6.54M over the next year,"** by Caitlin Emma: "That projected cost is seen as a 'high water mark' that the agency doesn't plan to exceed, said spokeswoman Liz Hill. An agreement governing DeVos' protective detail - which is provided around the clock by the U.S. Marshals Service - was just renewed for fiscal 2018, which began on Saturday. ... It's extremely unusual for the Education secretary to be protected by marshals - the past four Education secretaries have been protected by the Education Department's own small security force." <http://politi.co/2yIVVjt>

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MUELLER WATCH -- "Mueller Tasks Adviser With Getting Ahead of Pre-Emptive Pardons," by Bloomberg's Greg Farrell: "U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller has a distinctly modern problem. The president, judging by his tweets, could try to pardon people in his circle even before prosecutors charge anyone with a crime. Mueller's all-star team of prosecutors, with expertise in money laundering and foreign bribery, has an answer to that. He's Michael Dreeben, a bookish career government lawyer with more than 100 Supreme Court appearances under his belt.

"Acting as Mueller's top legal counsel, Dreeben has been researching past pardons and determining what, if any, limits exist, according to a person familiar with the matter. Dreeben's broader brief is to make sure the special counsel's prosecutorial moves are legally airtight. That could include anything from strategizing on novel interpretations of criminal law to making sure the recent search warrant on ex-campaign adviser Paul Manafort's home would stand up to an appeal." <https://bloom.bg/2ymmyop>

-- **"White House legal defense fund close to launching,"** by Darren Samuelsohn: "Some White House aides who face legal bills as a result of the congressional and special counsel investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 election could get financial support as soon as this week, a senior White House aide said on Monday. The finishing touches are being put on a legal defense fund to help mid-level staffers pay for their attorneys, said Ty Cobb, a lawyer in President Donald Trump's White House." <http://politi.co/2xOw8zI>

RUSSIA WATCH -- "Trump's company had more contact with Russia during campaign, according to documents turned over to investigators," by WaPo's Tom Hamburger, Ros Helderman and Adam Entous: "Associates of President Trump and his company have turned over documents to federal investigators that reveal two previously unreported contacts from Russia during the 2016 campaign, according to people familiar with the matter. In one case, Trump's personal attorney and a business associate exchanged emails weeks before the Republican National Convention about the lawyer possibly traveling to an economic conference in Russia that would be attended by top Russian financial and government leaders, including President Vladimir Putin ... In the other case, the same Trump attorney, Michael Cohen, received a proposal in late 2015 for a Moscow residential project from a company founded by a billionaire who once served in the upper house of the Russian parliament." <http://wapo.st/2xcTaff>

-- **"Russians took a page from corporate America by using Facebook tool to ID and influence voters,"** by WaPo's Elizabeth Dwoskin, Craig Timberg and Adam Entous: "Russian operatives set up an array of misleading Web sites and social media pages to identify American voters susceptible to propaganda, then used a powerful Facebook tool to repeatedly send them messages designed to influence their political behavior, say people familiar with the investigation into foreign meddling in the U.S. election. The tactic resembles what American businesses and political campaigns have been doing in recent years to deliver messages to potentially interested people online.

"The Russians exploited this system by creating English-language sites and Facebook pages that closely mimicked those created by U.S. political activists. The Web sites and Facebook pages displayed ads or other messages focused on such hot-button issues as illegal immigration, African American political activism and the rising prominence of Muslims in the United States. The Russian operatives then used a Facebook 'retargeting' tool, called Custom Audiences, to send specific ads and messages to voters who had visited those sites." <http://wapo.st/2xPDSz3>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "U.S. to expel two-thirds of Cuban diplomats amid sonic attack probe," by McClatchy's Franco Ordoñez: "The Trump administration will kick nearly two-thirds of Cuba's embassy personnel out of the United States after months of mysterious attacks targeting American diplomats drove the White House to pull its own staff from Havana, according to multiple sources familiar with the plan. According to three of the U.S. sources briefed on the plan, the State Department will announce the expulsion of Cuban diplomatic personnel as soon as Tuesday. A fourth described the expulsion as 'reciprocity' for the American withdrawal from Havana." <http://bit.ly/2xUxFU1>

VALLEY TALK - "Facebook is hiring another 1,000 people to review and remove ads," by Recode's Kurt Wagner: "Facebook will hire 1,000 additional people to the internal team that reviews and removes Facebook ads, according to details shared via email with Recode by a Facebook spokesperson. The company also said it will invest more in machine learning to 'better understand when to flag and take down ads,' and expand its advertising content policies to stop ads that use even 'subtle expressions of violence.' ... The company will also start to 'require more thorough documentation' from advertisers who want to buy political ads on Facebook." <http://bit.ly/2wvii1c>

MEDIAWATCH -- HAMBY'S NEXT EPISODE: SNEAK PEEK -- The second episode of Snapchat's weekly series "Good Luck America" starts airing today. Per Snapchat: "Host Peter Hamby visits South Carolina and offers an inside look at President Trump's Republican base, the base he refers to in poll numbers, why they are so loyal and as a result, why Republicans in Congress are hesitant to cross Trump. Hamby speaks with average citizens as well as South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, South Carolina Republican Chairman Drew McKissick, Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst and Greenville County Republican Chairman Nate Leupp."

--**WASHINGTONIAN -- "The Most Powerful Women in Washington":** Those on the

list in media included Carrie Budoff Brown, Elisabeth Bumiller, Kate Nocera, Julie Pace, and Janet Rodriguez. **Full list** <http://bit.ly/2xcpMug>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) last night at Centrolina ... Donna Shalala at lunch at i Ricchi Monday, with her former chief of staff Mary Beth Donahue and Obama HHS deputy secretary Bill Corr, as well as her former HHS aides Rich Tarplin and Melissa Skolfield.

OUT AND ABOUT -- Michael and Affie Beschloss, Kyle Gibson, David and Eve Ignatius, Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan, Bob Woodward and Elsa Walsh, and Angus and Sissy Yates hosted a book party last night for Sally Quinn and her new book "Finding Magic: A Spiritual Memoir" at her Georgetown house. The dress code for the party was "magical, spiritual, festive." **\$17.39 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2g7zmV0>

SPOTTED: Jon Meacham, Evan Thomas, Dan Glickman, Robert Allbritton, Patrick Steel, Susan Glasser and Peter Baker, Andrea Mitchell, Mark Leibovich, UAE Ambassador Yousef Al-Otaiba, Jonathan Martin and Betsy Fisher Martin, Bob Barnett, Justice Stephen Breyer, Glenn Thrush, Michael Falcone, Meridith McGraw, Evan Osnos and Sarabeth Berman, Michael Kinsley, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Texas), Jane Mayer and Bill Hamilton, British Ambassador Kim Darroch, Neera Tanden, Tammy Haddad, Robert Draper, David Fahrenthold, Margaret Carlson, Fred Ryan, Cathy Merrill Williams, Phil Rucker, Paul Wood, Carol Melton.

OUT AND ABOUT -- VP MIKE PENCE delivered remarks at the RNC "Fall Gala" at the Mellon Auditorium last night. **SPOTTED:** Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin, Sen. Cory Gardner (Colo.), Sen. Ted Cruz (Texas), NRCC Chair Steve Stivers (Ohio), RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel, FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee, Jim Nicholson, Brian Ballard, David Tamasi, Mike Rose and Suhail Khan.

-- **D'ANDRA SIMMONS LOCKE** attended a viewing party of Bravo's "Real Housewives of Dallas" party hosted by Christina and Jason Mulvihill, Marcie Kinzel and Loretta Greene. **SPOTTED:** Elizabeth Pinkerton, Jana Toner, Tara Bradshaw, Bryan Brendle, Bill Greene, Catherine Hicks, Lindsey Walters, Kristin Bodenstedt, Shelley Hymes, Christina Culver, Kanya Bennett, Maggie Snipes and Catherine Hicks.

TRANSITION -- Stephan Thompson, former campaign manager to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, has launched Wisconsin Next PAC, a Super PAC supporting State Senator Leah Vukmir's campaign for U.S. Senate. Thompson is joined by Terry Sullivan and Alex Conant, pollsters Brian Tringali and BJ Martino, and digital consultant Matt Oczkowski. ... **Ed Cox**, legislative policy adviser to Senate Finance Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), is joining Prime Policy Group.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Sarah Feinberg, principal and CEO of Feinberg Strategies, a consulting firm she recently started, former Federal Railroad Administrator, Obama WH and DOT alum, and former Cap Hill staffer. **How she got her start in politics:** "In the early 80s I went door to door with my Dad in southern West Virginia as he campaigned for a seat in the West Virginia legislature. It was a child care solution at the time, but it was also a great education." **Read her Playbook Plus Q&A:**
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BIRTHDAYS: Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) is 64 ... Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wisc.) is 46 ... Asawin "Swin" Suebsaeng, a White House reporter at The Daily Beast (hat tip: Tim Mak) ... Politico's Eric Wolff ... Jonathan Lamy, RIAA's EVP for communications and marketing ... GMMB partner J. Toscano ... Katie Whelan ... Pam Gilbert of Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca ... Sally Painter (h/ts Jon Haber) ... AP's Darlene Superville and Verena Dobnik ... Tim Albrecht, deputy chief of staff and senior adviser to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds ... Betsey Apple ... Bradley Tusk, founder and CEO of Tusk Holdings ... Rev. Al Sharpton is 63 ... former Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) is 74 ... Beth Jones ... Laura Brown ... Edie Emery, senior director for strategic marketing and publicity at SESAC ... former House Appropriations Chairman David Obey (D-Wisc.) is 79 ... Sean Gibbons ... Cristóbal Joshua Alex ... Kimberly Leonard, senior health care policy reporter for the Washington Examiner ...

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