

NOW BACK TO REALITY -- AP's VIVIAN SALAMA: "Trump's cellphone diplomacy raises security concerns": "President Donald Trump has been handing out his cellphone number to world leaders and urging them to call him directly, an unusual invitation that breaks diplomatic protocol and is raising concerns about the security and secrecy of the U.S. commander in chief's communications. Trump has urged leaders of Canada and Mexico to reach him on his cellphone, according to former and current U.S. officials with direct knowledge of the practice. Of the two, only Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has taken advantage of the offer so far, the officials said. ...

"Presidents generally place calls on one of several secure phone lines, including those in the White House Situation Room, the Oval Office or the presidential limousine. Even if Trump uses his government-issued cellphone, his calls are vulnerable to eavesdropping, particularly from foreign governments, national security experts say. 'If you are speaking on an open line, then it's an open line, meaning those who have the ability to monitor those conversations are doing so,' said Derek Chollet, a former Pentagon adviser and National Security Council official now at the German Marshall Fund of the United States." <http://apne.ws/2qAheGe>

BUZZ -- The White House is scouting office space for the much-speculated about new White House "war room" in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House. (There isn't much open office space in the West Wing these days.) The war room would manage fallout from the scandals engulfing the Trump administration. Corey Lewandowski -- one of the potential hires for the war room -- has been spotted in and around the White House in recent days.

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: MITT ROMNEY'S annual retreat -- the E2 Summit -- will be June 8-10 at the Stein Eriksen Lodge in Park City. On the docket this year: Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, former CIA Director Mike Morell and Microsoft Chairman John Thompson. **GET YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!:** There will be "enthusiast sessions" like trap shooting with Paul Ryan, pilates with Ann Romney and early-morning hikes with Mitt Romney.

HOT VIDEO -- @AlexanderEmmons: "Watch as Stuart Jones, a high-level acting official in the State Dept, is asked why they criticize Iranian elections but never Saudi Arabia:" <http://bit.ly/2qz8VPO> ... ***Jones is retiring soon after a career as a foreign service officer.***

INSIDE THE WEST WING -- "As Trump Weighs Shake-Up, He Faces Recruiting Challenge," by NYT's Peter Baker and Maggie Haberman: "[T]alks with two former advisers, Corey Lewandowski and David N. Bossie, about joining the White House staff [have grown] more complicated. Mr. Bossie ... signaled that he does not plan to join the staff, citing family concerns, one person close to the discussions said Tuesday. ... Whether Mr. Trump will actually reorganize his White House team remained uncertain.

"He has often talked about expelling people from his orbit, only to decide not to, as he did with Stephen K. Bannon, his chief strategist, a few weeks ago. Seemingly reinvigorated, Mr. Bannon is now among those leading the effort to convince the president that he needs to overhaul his operation to focus more intensely on the nationalist policy goals that animated his candidacy. ... The president has joked repeatedly with [Reince] Priebus, whose mother is of Greek descent, that he would send him to Athens as ambassador to Greece. Speculation grew last week when a list of ambassadors was compiled at Mr. Priebus's request, and the Athens position was left blank, officials said." <http://nyti.ms/2sl95Gi>

POLITICO STARS ANDREW RESTUCCIA and JOSH DAWSEY: "Russia probe scares off potential appointees": "Four people who work closely with prospective nominees told POLITICO that some potential hires are having second thoughts about trying to land executive branch appointments as federal and congressional investigations threaten to pose a serious distraction to Trump's agenda. ... According to the nonpartisan Partnership for Public Service, the White House has announced nominees for just 117 of the 559 most important Senate-confirmed positions." <http://politi.co/2rDE8Rd>

-- WHO REPLACES MIKE DUBKE?: Communications director to President Donald Trump is a nearly impossible job. Setting a message for a man who could undermine it with a tweet is not a terribly appealing job to the top communicators in D.C., many of them tell us. Who should get the job? Drop us a line, we'll be publishing a round of ideas in the coming Playbooks.

DEADLINE WATCH -- PRESIDENT TRUMP must decide by tomorrow whether he will move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He can sign a six-month waiver to keep the embassy in Tel Aviv while he continues to seek Middle East peace. He can also extend the waiver while signaling his intent to move it eventually. That's what we hear he'll do.