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Driving the Day

Good Sunday morning. 'BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL' -- Here are some bites from President Donald Trump's speech today in Saudi Arabia -- from the pool.

"OUR FRIENDS will never question our support, and our enemies will never doubt our determination. Our partnerships will advance security through stability, not through radical disruption. We will make decisions based on real-world outcomes - not inflexible ideology. We will be guided by the lessons of experience, not the confines of rigid thinking. And, wherever possible, we will seek gradual reforms - not sudden intervention. ...

"America is a sovereign nation and our first priority is always the safety and security of our citizens. We are not here to lecture -- we are not here to tell other people how to live, what to do, who to be, or how to worship. Instead, we are here to offer partnership - based on shared interests and values - to pursue a better future for us all. Every time a terrorist murders an innocent person, and falsely invokes the name of God, it should be an insult to every person of faith. ...

"America is prepared to stand with you -- in pursuit of shared interests and common security. But the nations of the Middle East cannot wait for American power to crush this enemy for them. The nations of the Middle East will have to decide what kind of future they want for themselves, for their countries, and for their children. ...

"That means honestly confronting the crisis of Islamist extremism and the Islamist terror groups it inspires. And it means standing together against the murder of innocent Muslims, the oppression of women, the persecution of Jews, and the slaughter of Christians. Religious leaders must make this absolutely clear: Barbarism will deliver you

no glory -- piety to evil will bring you no dignity. If you choose the path of terror, your life will be empty, your life will be brief, and your soul will be condemned."

SUNDAY BEST -- SEN. MARCO RUBIO shoots back in an interview with **JAKE TAPPER** on CNN's "State of the Union." Jake asked him to respond to Trump's "we are not here to lecture" line. **TAPPER:** "Senator, frankly, I cannot imagine you ever saying anything like that when standing in a country like Saudi Arabia. Are you concerned at all about the president seemingly abdicating the very public role of the United States in standing up to for democracy and human rights?" **RUBIO :** "Well, I mean, yes, that would not have been a part of a speech that I would have delivered, for the reason that I think it's in our national security interest to advocate for democracy and freedom and human rights, now, with a recognition that you may not get it overnight. There needs to be a period of transition. And I think, further in that speech, they talk about gradual improvements in places, which I think is wise and pragmatic."

RUBIO on TRUMP on CBS's "Face the Nation" : "I don't understand why people are that shocked; this president ran a very unconventional campaign. I was there for a big part of it at the beginning alongside being one of his competitors. And that's what the American people voted for and in essence, this White House is not much different from the campaign. We -- people got what they voted for; they elected him. Obviously, it's in the best interest of this country to help him succeed. As far as the drama's concerned, yeah it's unique. It's different from anything we've confronted. I think our job remains to do our work. We'll have to deal with these issues. These issues come up, these questions, every single day. And I do think the White House would benefit from some systems in place that perhaps avoid some of the unnecessary friction points that come up on a daily basis."

During a bilateral meeting with Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, the emir of Kuwait, **PRESIDENT TRUMP** said he'll have a news conference in two weeks to let people know how the U.S. is doing in its fight against ISIS, per NYT's Mike Shear, one of today's poolers.

ANNIE KARNI in Riyadh: "**Trump plans Middle East return - to Egypt**": "President Donald Trump, a homebody by nature who spent five months in office before making his first trip abroad, said Sunday that he is planning a return trip to the Middle East, to visit Egypt. 'We will absolutely be putting that on the list very soon,' Trump said of an upcoming trip to Egypt, during a bilateral meeting with the Egyptian president, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, at the Ritz Hotel in Riyadh. The visit would mark the latest step in a major reset in American relations with Egypt - and a tighter embrace by the Trump administration of the authoritarian regime." <http://politi.co/2rEHBvA>

-- IN THE MEETING Trump also commented on Sisi's shoes. "Love your shoes. Boy, those shoes. Man," Trump said. **See a pic via Jen Jacobs of one of his shoes** <http://bit.ly/2qKxLIH>

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THE FAMILY -- "Saudi Arabia, U.A.E. Pledge \$100 Million to World Bank's Women Entrepreneurs Fund," by WSJ's Carol Lee in Riyadh: "[A]t an event with Ivanka Trump ... Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates [are pledging] \$100 million collectively toward a fund for women who own or want to start businesses ... The money for the bank's proposed Women Entrepreneurs Fund would be aimed at women in the Middle East ... [T]he fund's goal [is] helping women start and run successful businesses by easing their access to finance, markets and networks." <http://on.wsj.com/2rqaUVA>

ANNIE'S LOOKAHEAD TO JERUSALEM from Riyadh: **"Can Jason Greenblatt Deliver Peace for Donald Trump?** The trusted Trump Organization negotiator is charged with figuring out how to deliver 'the ultimate deal': "Greenblatt is the rare, old-school, Trump loyalist in a work environment where many of Trump's top advisers are newcomers who date back only as far as his 2016 campaign. He reports directly to senior adviser Jared Kushner, and functions outside of the competing spheres of influence in the West Wing. ... In his previous life, the soft-spoken, sharp listener taught a class at Yeshiva University, entitled 'The Anatomy of a Real Estate Deal,' which was capped off with a field trip to Trump Tower." ***With cameos by Josh Raffel, Jeremy Bash, Dennis Ross, Elliott Abrams, Martin Indyk*** <http://politi.co/2qLiHus>

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TOP TWEETS -- @maggieNYT: "Priebus is said to be leaving the traveling White House caravan early, returning this week instead of staying the full foreign trip." ... **@Acosta:** "Tillerson dances at dinner for POTUS and King Salman in Saudi Arabia" <http://bit.ly/2r5B401> ... **@anniekarni:** "Spicer has landed." <http://bit.ly/2pYQcfr>

... **Ben Hubbard (@NYTBen)**: "Country star @TobyKeithMusic with Saudi musician @RabehSaqer in Riyadh last night for an audience of hundreds of Saudi men (and no women)." <http://bit.ly/2qEpebT> ... **@NYTBen**: "An audience of Saudi men listening politely to country music in Riyadh." <http://bit.ly/2rF8vnp>

ARTICLE OF THE DAY -- NYT, A1 -- "Killing C.I.A. Informants, China Crippled U.S. Spying Operations," by Mark Mazzetti, Adam Goldman, Mike Schmidt and Matt Apuzzo: "The Chinese government systematically dismantled C.I.A. spying operations in the country starting in 2010, killing or imprisoning more than a dozen sources over two years and crippling intelligence gathering there for years afterward.

"Current and former American officials described the intelligence breach as one of the worst in decades. It set off a scramble in Washington's intelligence and law enforcement agencies to contain the fallout, but investigators were bitterly divided over the cause. Some were convinced that a mole within the C.I.A. had betrayed the United States. Others believed that the Chinese had hacked the covert system the C.I.A. used to communicate with its foreign sources. Years later, that debate remains unresolved.

"But there was no disagreement about the damage. From the final weeks of 2010 through the end of 2012, according to former American officials, the Chinese killed at least a dozen of the C.I.A.'s sources. According to three of the officials, one was shot in front of his colleagues in the courtyard of a government building -- a message to others who might have been working for the C.I.A. Still others were put in jail. All told, the Chinese killed or imprisoned 18 to 20 of the C.I.A.'s sources in China, according to two former senior American officials, effectively unraveling a network that had taken years to build." <http://nyti.ms/2rqPsQa>

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BOB WOODWARD BYLINE! -- "At the Pentagon, overpriced fuel sparks allegations - and denials -- of a slush fund," by WaPo's Craig Whitlock and Bob Woodward: "The Pentagon has generated almost \$6 billion over the past seven years by charging the armed forces excessive prices for fuel and has used the money - called the 'bishop's fund' by some critics - to bolster mismanaged or underfunded military programs, documents show.

"Since 2015, the Defense Department has tapped surpluses from its fuel accounts for \$80 million to train Syrian rebels, \$450 million to shore up a prescription-drug program riddled with fraud and \$1.4 billion to cover unanticipated expenses from the war in Afghanistan, according to military accounting records. The Pentagon has amassed the extra cash by billing the armed forces for fuel at rates often much higher -- sometimes \$1 per gallon or more -- than what commercial airlines paid for jet fuel on the open

market." <http://wapo.st/2rFOagI>

THE SPECIAL COUNSEL -- "Russia meeting revelation could trigger obstruction investigation," by Josh Meyer: "The new special counsel investigation into possible collusion between associates of President Donald Trump and Russia is just getting started - and it could take years to resolve. But Trump's Oval Office boast to Russian officials May 10 about why he fired FBI Director James Comey will almost certainly trigger a more immediate, and potentially perilous, legal development: an obstruction of justice investigation into whether the president intentionally engaged in a cover-up that warrants the filing of criminal charges, current and former Justice Department officials say." <http://politi.co/2q5OIMt>

THE INVESTIGATION -- "House Inquiry Turns Attention to Trump Campaign Worker With Russia Ties," by NYT's Maggie Haberman: "Michael Caputo, who served as a communications adviser to the Trump campaign, has been asked by the House committee investigating Russian election meddling to submit to a voluntary interview and to provide any documents he may have that are related to the inquiry.

"The House Intelligence Committee ... made its request in a letter on May 9. Mr. Caputo, who lives near Buffalo and spent six months on the Trump team, worked in Russia during the 1990s and came to know Kremlin officials. He also did work in the early 2000s for Gazprom Media, a Russian conglomerate that supported President Vladimir V. Putin." <http://nyti.ms/2q6bmUR>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "North Korea fires midrange missile in its latest test," by AP's Kim Tong-Hyung in Seoul: "North Korea fired a medium-range missile on Sunday, U.S. and South Korean officials said, the latest ballistics test for a country speeding up its development of nuclear weapons and missiles. The rocket was fired from an area near the North Korean county of Pukchang, in South Phyongan Province, and flew eastward about 500 kilometers (310 miles), said South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff. The U.S. Pacific Command said it tracked the missile before it landed into the sea." <http://apne.ws/2qKRliu>

-- "Exclusive: North Korea's Unit 180, the cyber warfare cell that worries the West," by Reuters' Ju-min Park and James Pearson in Seoul: "North Korea's main spy agency has a special cell called Unit 180 that is likely to have launched some of its most daring and successful cyber attacks, according to defectors, officials and internet security experts. North Korea has been blamed in recent years for a series of online attacks, mostly on financial networks, in the United States, South Korea and over a dozen other countries. Cyber security researchers have also said they have found technical evidence that could link North Korea with the global WannaCry 'ransomware' cyber attack that infected more than 300,000 computers in 150 countries this month. Pyongyang has called the allegation 'ridiculous'." <http://reut.rs/2qHMHcn>

K FILE STRIKES AGAIN! -- "Sheriff David Clarke plagiarized portions of his master's thesis on homeland security," by CNN's Andrew Kaczynski, Christopher

Massie and Nathan McDermott: "Controversial Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, who this week announced he will be joining Donald Trump's administration as assistant secretary in the Department of Homeland Security, plagiarized sections of his 2013 master's thesis on U.S. security, a CNN KFile review has found.

"Clarke, a visible surrogate for Trump during the campaign known for his incendiary rhetoric, earned a master's degree in security studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. In his thesis, 'Making U.S. security and privacy rights compatible,' Clarke failed to properly attribute his sources at least 47 times." <http://cnn.it/2r62Cm3>

SUNDAY BEST -- GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS speaks with **H.R. McMaster** on **ABC's "This Week"**: **STEPHANOPOULOS**: "Did you understand how this might look though? To an average American right now. You have the President of the United States telling the Russian foreign minister, in their first meeting, that that the pressure is off because he's fired the FBI director investigating Russian interference in the campaign. Does that seem appropriate to you?"

McMASTER: "As you know it's very difficult to take a few lines, to take a paragraph out of what are what appear to be notes of that meeting. And to be able to see the full context of the conversation. As I mentioned last week, the real purpose of the conversation was to confront Russia on areas, as I mentioned, like Ukraine and Syria, their support for Assad, and their support for the Iranians. While trying to find areas of cooperation as in the area of counterterrorism and the campaign against ISIS. And so ... that was the intent of that conversation was to say what I'd like to do is move beyond all of the Russia news so that we can find areas of cooperation."

STEPHANOPOULOS: "So did the president confront them on their interference in our election? This was their first meeting." **McMASTER**: "Well you know, there already was too much that's been leaked from those meetings. And one of the things that I'm most concerned about is the confidence, the confidentiality of those kind of meetings, as you know, are extremely important. And so, I'm really concerned about these kind of leaks because it undermines everybody's trust in that kind of an environment where you can have frank, candid and oftentimes unconventional conversations to try to protect American interests and secure the American people."

-- CHRIS WALLACE interviews **SECRETARY OF STATE REX TILLERSON** on **"FOX NEWS SUNDAY"** -- per Zach Warmbrodt: "Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on Sunday denounced a violent clash in Washington last week involving Turkish security personnel and protesters, as the administration faced political pressure to respond. In an interview on 'Fox News Sunday,' Tillerson said the State Department had called in the ambassador of Turkey to discuss the incident and say 'that this is simply unacceptable.' 'There is an ongoing investigation,' he said. 'We'll wait and see what the outcome of that investigation is. But we have expressed our dismay at what occurred at the Turkish embassy.'" <http://politi.co/2rEYnef>

-- **WALLACE:** "Mr. Secretary, you were in the Oval Office when the president met with Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov on May 10, and according to the official summary, the president told Lavrov, 'I just fired the head of the FBI. He was crazy, a real nut job. I face great pressure because of Russia, that's taken off.' My question to you, sir, as someone who was in that meeting -- was he telling the Russians that firing Comey was taking off legal and political pressure?"

TILLERSON : "Chris, that's not my -- my interpretation, certainly, of the conversation. And I think what the president was trying to convey to the Russians is, look, I'm not going to be distracted by this -- all these issues that are here at home, they -- that, you know, affect us domestically. I'm not going to let that distract from our efforts to see if we can engage with you, engage with Russia, and identify areas where we might be able to work together. The president I think reemphasized the message to the Russians that the relationship is at a low point and we need to change that, we need to both work towards trying to improve that. So I think the point he was making is I'm not going to be distracted by those things that are happening here at home. Won't let them get in the way of the important work of engaging Russia to see what can be done to improve this relationship."

SNL'S SEASON FINALE LAST NIGHT -- "Hallelujah Cold Open": "Donald Trump (Alec Baldwin) [wearing a Russian flag lapel pin], Kellyanne Conway (Kate McKinnon), Mike Pence (Beck Bennett), Eric Trump (Alex Moffat), Donald Trump Jr. (Mikey Day), Sarah Huckabee Sanders (Aidy Bryant), Melania Trump (Cecily Strong) and Ivanka Trump (Scarlett Johansson) perform 'Hallelujah.'" **3-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2rq9rPa>

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PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump holds a sword and sways with traditional dancers during a welcome ceremony at Murabba Palace, Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Riyadh. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

REMINDER: Trump's budget will be released TUESDAY ... **AP'S ANDY TAYLOR:** "Republicans already giving Trump's budget a cold shoulder"
<http://apne.ws/2rqLK9I>

MULLER AND COMEY -- BOSTON GLOBE front page, "2 former FBI directors, 1 investigation," by Annie Linskey and Matt Viser: "It's unclear if the two men will remain allied, with Comey shifting to the role of probable witness and Mueller the lead investigator. 'They're different - and both people of great capacity,' [John] Ashcroft said in an interview last week. ... 'This is not the first rodeo for either of these folks.' ... 'Both men were viewed differently within the White House,' said [Alberto] Gonzales, who went on to serve as a US attorney general. 'Mueller was much more respected,' he said. 'He

has better judgment. He's much more mature." <http://bit.ly/2qKT1xU>

THE RESISTANCE -- "Feinstein scalded by anti-Trump fervor," by California Playbookers David Siders and Carla Marinucci in Sacramento: "Liberal hecklers have protested outside Dianne Feinstein's home. She's been confronted at a Los Angeles fundraiser and a San Francisco town hall meeting by progressives angered by her skeptical view of single payer health care and support for some of Donald Trump's earliest nominees. In a state marked by its unfettered resistance to the president, California's senior senator and ranking Democratic member of the Judiciary Committee is dealing with burgeoning unrest in the party ranks at home, a symptom of the roiling anti-Trump politics on the left.

"Despite her interrogation of Neil Gorsuch at his Supreme Court confirmation hearings, Feinstein's brand of moderation is showing signs of slipping out of favor in a state that delivered a landslide margin against Trump. Her public approval rating, while still in relatively positive territory, has ticked down. 'The time has absolutely changed for politicians like her,' said Robert Shearer, a state party executive board member who served as a delegate whip for Sen. Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign last year." <http://politi.co/2q91rNP>

-- L.A. TIMES: "Rep. Adam Schiff calls for Democratic unity in speech that suggests an ambitious future for himself," by Cathleen Decker: "Rep. Adam B. Schiff has been one of President Trump's most able tormenters in Washington as the ranking Democrat on the House committee looking into the involvement of Russia in the 2016 presidential election. In the process, the congressman from Burbank has also vaulted himself into the top ranks of California Democrats. On Saturday night he delivered to party members at their state convention a speech that spoke of ambitions for them -- and, none too subtly, himself.

"Schiff has been high on the list of Democrats considered interested in a run for the U.S. Senate if incumbent Democrat Dianne Feinstein were to announce that she will not seek another term in 2018. (So far, she has said she's running.)" <http://lat.ms/2q5RnG4>

BILL SCHER in POLITICO Magazine on "An Outrageously Early Field Guide to 2020": <http://politi.co/2rqtVap>

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WHAT DINA POWELL IS READING -- "Why Staying Put Was McMaster's Most Patriotic Act: The National Security adviser was called a hypocrite for defending Trump's handling of classified intelligence. But critics misread his book and his motives,"

by Mark Perry in POLITICO Magazine: "There are some things not to like about H.R. McMaster: He can be overbearing, has a volcanic temper and promotes a strategy of 'forward deterrence,' which means, his critics claim, more American troops in more unwinnable wars. But McMaster is not invisible, will not stay in his lane, will not be intimidated, and will not remain silent. McMaster might not win any lifetime achievement awards, but he won't walk away. He'll be a patriot." <http://politi.co/2q8WvZb>

BONUS GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman:

--**"Tesla factory workers reveal pain, injury and stress: 'Everything feels like the future but us,'"** by The Guardian's Julia Carrie Wong in Fremont, California:

"Ambulances have been called more than 100 times [to Tesla's factory] since 2014 for workers experiencing fainting spells, dizziness, seizures, abnormal breathing and chest pains, according to incident reports obtained by the Guardian. Hundreds more were called for injuries and other medical issues." <http://bit.ly/2qEjxL9>

--**"A Girls' Guide to Saudi Arabia,"** by Maureen Dowd in Vanity Fair in August 2010 with pix by Ashley Parker: "Saudi Arabia! Just the vacation spot for a headstrong, adventure-loving, cocktail-imbibing, fashion-conscious chick. Long averse to non-Muslim curiosity seekers, the Kingdom is now flirting with tourism, though drinking is forbidden and women can't drive-or do much of anything-without a man. Armed with moxie and a Burqini, the author confronts the limits of Saudi Arabian hospitality, as well as various male enforcers, learning that, as always, it matters whom you know."

<http://bit.ly/2rFNhoD>

--**"Saudi Arabia Experiments with Reform Amid Economic Downturn,"** by Susanne Koelbl in Der Spiegel: "'Why' is a word that didn't previously exist in Saudi Arabian public debate. Suddenly, it can be heard all over the place, as if the economic crisis is forcing the country to undergo a kind of late-period enlightenment. Everything is being renegotiated, from benefits to the distribution of money, and the question of who will enjoy new freedoms and who will lose old privileges. In sum, the country's previous social pact - prosperity in exchange for submission - is being challenged."

<http://bit.ly/2q4yDpm>

--**"When Your Child Is a Psychopath,"** by Barbara Bradley Hagerty in June's Atlantic:

"Whereas normally developing children at that age grow agitated when they see other children cry - and either try to comfort them or bolt the scene - these kids show a chilly detachment." <http://theatl.in.tc/2qFJM1R>

--**"Why 'Net Neutrality' Drives the Left Crazy,"** by Tunku Varadarajan in the WSJ:

"The FCC's new chairman [Ajit Pai] on his plan to reopen the internet to competition-and the agitators picketing his family home." <http://on.wsj.com/2pWmjwu>

--**"Sending Jobs Overseas,"** by Christopher Caldwell in the Claremont Review:

"Computers were the key. Once a complex manufacturing process could be supervised from afar, it could be broken up into the simplest constituent tasks, and those could be

done almost anywhere. Corporations could play governments off against one another. Globalisation is not about nations. It is not about products. And it has not been about people for a long time. No, it is about tasks." <http://bit.ly/2qFBZBt>

--"**BASIS: Inside the Acclaimed School Network That's Blended Together the World's Best Education Practices**," by Kate Stringer in The 74: BASIS is "a chain of 27 public charter, private, and international schools in five states, Washington, D.C., and China that recently captured four of the top five spots on U.S. News and World Report's annual ranking of America's best high schools. BASIS makes advanced, immersive coursework a requirement for all students, from pre-K through high school - an approach that some dub 'deep content.'" <http://bit.ly/2rFTnFd>

--"**Slop Machines**," by John Semley in Eater Magazine: "How a family of hog farmers manage the excess of the world's most indulgent city." <http://bit.ly/2rA4bEU>

--"**A Murderous History of Korea**," by Bruce Cumings in the London Review of Books: "The Republic of Korea was one of the bloodiest dictatorships of the early Cold War period. South Korea's stable democracy and vibrant economy from 1988 onwards seem to have overridden any need to acknowledge the previous forty years of history, during which the North could reasonably claim that its own autocracy was necessary to counter military rule in Seoul. It's only in the present context that the North looks at best like a walking anachronism, at worst like a vicious tyranny." <http://bit.ly/2q4dvzQ> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

--"**An Underground College for Undocumented Immigrants**," by Jonathan Blitzer in The New Yorker: "Refused admission by public universities and unable to get funding from private ones, aspiring students find another way." <http://bit.ly/2rAs003>

--"**Breaking News: The Secret Transcripts of the Six-Day War, Part I**," by Yaacov Lozowick in Tablet Magazine: "Dayan, flamboyant and erratic, boasted that Israel could reach Cairo if anyone was interested, and would soon take Sharm el-Sheikh and hold it for 300 years. He also told the ministers they needed to talk less as he didn't have time for a long meeting. Perhaps the single most important decision in millennia - that the Jews should rule in Jerusalem - was probably made early on June 7 by Moshe Dayan, not by Israel's government." <http://bit.ly/2rmCjaP>

--"**Platonically irrational**," by Nick Romeo in Aeon Magazine: "How much did Plato know about behavioural economics and cognitive biases? Pretty much everything, it turns out." <http://bit.ly/2qG7ueE>

--"**The Future of Media Is Here, and I Was There**," by Sean Cooper in Tablet Magazine: "Content marketers convene in Boston to rid the world of bad content, get under your skin, and scavenge the rotting bones of journalism." <http://bit.ly/2q1kVVI> (h/t ALDaily.com)

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<http://bit.ly/2r5H5tt> ... former Obama ambassador Islam Siddique, Suhail Khan and Jana Plat yesterday at a performance by Comedy Central's Hasan Minaj at the 6th and I historic synagogue ... Jose Andres, Rep. John Delaney (D-Md.) and the founders of Ben & Jerry's, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, getting awards last night at the Halcyon Awards Gala at Union Station. Ben and Jerry personally scooped ice cream for attendees.

SPOTTED in the Stronach Group Owner's chalet at the Preakness: DJ Ben Chang playing throughout the day, warming up for DJ Cassidy, Ashley Chang, Kevin Spacey, Josephine Skriver, Carson Kressley, Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh, Ralph Northam, Belinda Stronach and the Stronach family, Dan Swartz, Mark and Sally Ein, Steve Clemons, Tammy Haddad, John Arundel, Patrick Knapp Schwarzenegger, and musicians Sam Hunt, High Valley, and LOCASH.

OUT AND ABOUT -- SPOTTED last night at the birthday party for communications guru Christine Delargy in Georgetown's East Village: Kimball Stroud, Scott Mulhauser, Kara Carscaden, Rodell Mollineau, Sheena Arora, Matt Dornic, Kyle Volpe, Nick Massella, Jay Newton-Small, Eliot Pence, Shawna Thomas, Mark Paustenbach, Andy Baldwin, Dan Ronayne and Paul Kane.

TRANSITIONS -- OBAMA ALUMNI -- Dave Wilkinson has joined Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy's cabinet as Commissioner of Early Childhood, running a new state agency. He was previously director of the White House office of social innovation for President Barack Obama.

WEEKEND WEDDINGS - ERIC BRADNER, CNN Politics reporter and a Politico alum, on Saturday married **JESSICA WRAY**, communications manager for the Global Entrepreneurship Network, a nonprofit in DC. They're both from Indiana, which is where they met. Pool report from Eric's CNN colleague Tom LoBianco: The ceremony was "held at a beautifully restored United Methodist church just outside downtown Indy. This photo was taken just outside Indiana's statehouse, where Eric and Jessica used to report together. They both choked up a few times through their vows, we learned a few interesting items -- like who stuffs socks in the couch when they're sleepy." **Pics** <http://politi.co/2q5SBRG> ... <http://politi.co/2rqHgQ4>

--**Adam Hitchcock**, formerly of the Obama White House, now with Guggenheim Partners and **Sarah Kammerer**, Romney campaign alum, now with Susan Crown Exchange, were married Friday at a Chicago courthouse. The newlyweds kept everyone in the dark, alerting only their parents and choosing the five-year anniversary of when they met at the NATO summit in Chicago as their wedding date. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2rq66zC> (h/t Kevin Madden)

-- **Kasia Witkowski** and **Joshua Kagan** were married last night in Washington at Toolbox Studio in Dupont Circle. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) officiated the wedding -- the

couple met on his 2010 campaign. Kasia worked in intergovernmental and external affairs at HHS, and now works at Hewlett Packard in D.C.. Josh works at Hargrove Inc., and has worked on the last two Democratic conventions. The couple departed down the aisle to "Fight Song," the song of choice for HFA 2016. **Pics** <http://politi.co/2q94oxP> ... <http://politi.co/2qKVyYM> ... <http://politi.co/2qHDKQA>

"Jennifer Cizner, Jeffrey Amsel" - N.Y. Times: "Ms. Cizner, 39, is the chief operating officer at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, a programming and research center in Chicago. She worked in the Obama administration in the Office of Presidential Personnel from 2009 to 2011, and became the deputy chief of staff. She graduated from the University of Michigan. ... Mr. Amsel, 46, is the vice president for global strategic sourcing and real estate at HERE Technologies, an information technology company in Chicago. He graduated from Ohio State and received an M.B.A. from Loyola University Chicago. ... The couple met in 2014 on JDate." <http://nyti.ms/2rFOLPA>

-- **"Michelle Ker, Jacob Locke"**: "Ms. Ker, 27, works in Washington as an economics and trade policy analyst at the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. ... Mr. Locke, 28, is an analyst at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. He graduated from American University, from which he also received a master's degree in international affairs. ... The couple met in 2010 while volunteering at a Washington nonprofit dedicated to education for nomadic people." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2qHKr58>

-- **"Amanda Erickson, John Davisson"**: "The couple met at Columbia, from which they graduated. Ms. Erickson, 29, is a foreign affairs reporter for The Washington Post. ... Mr. Davisson, 31, is a lawyer in Washington for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a public interest research center. He received a law degree, magna cum laude, from Georgetown." <http://nyti.ms/2qKOMvM>

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... **Jeffrey Toobin** is 57 ... Rachel Bayens, partner at Government Strategies in Frankfort, Ky. (hubby tip: Dan) ... CNBC's Steve Liesman is 54 ... Darin McKeever is 43 ... Baupost Group's Seth Klarman is 6-0 ... Politico alum Maria Devarakonda, now at Discovery Communications ... Rebecca "B" Shaw, deputy chief of staff and LD for Rep. Chris Gibson (R-NY) ... Hampton Cokeley ... Brandon Pollak, head of global affairs at

1776, is 37 (h/t Peter Cherukuri) ... Anna Smith Lacey, executive director of the Hungary Initiatives Foundation ... Erika Paola Gutierrez ... Jessica Lahey ... Mary Ann Gomez ... Ken Herman ... Lani Miller ... Emily Bucci ... Jennifer Treat ... Susan Hansen ... Kathryn Carlson, founder/creator of the wonderful Buca Boot ... Robert Opacki (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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