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TRUMP TO LAS VEGAS WEDNESDAY -- POTUS ON THE DEADLIEST MASS SHOOTING IN MODERN U.S. HISTORY: "He brutally murdered more than 50 people and wounded hundreds more. It was an act of pure evil." <http://politi.co/2fKJMN2> ... *The president's full statement* <http://politi.co/2xaGiuO>

THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY are leading a moment of silence at 2:45 p.m., the White House announced. **SARAH SANDERS** will brief the press at 2 p.m.

THE LATEST FROM NEVADA -- "Mass shooting on the Strip stuns Las Vegas; 58 dead, 515 injured," by The Nevada Independent's Jackie Valley and Megan Messerly: Las Vegas police said a man opened fire at about 10:08 p.m. from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino down into a crowd of about 22,000 at an outdoor concert happening across the street, killing 58 and injuring 515 more. The shooting triggered panic in the city's tourist-heavy corridor and flashing lights up and down the boulevard. The initial death toll would make the shooting the worst mass shooting in recent U.S. history, following the killing of 49 people at Pulse nightclub in Orlando in 2016.

"Police identified the lone suspect of the mass shooting, who they believe killed himself prior to police entering a hotel room where he was located, as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock from Mesquite. Las Vegas Metro Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said early Monday morning Paddock was found with 'an excess of 10 rifles.' Lombardo said police have located a female person of interest named Marilou Danley out of the country and that she was not with Paddock when he checked into the hotel, though Paddock was using some of Danley's identification. He said police have had conversations with Danley and believe her 'at this time not to be involved.'

"Police did not release a possible motive described Paddock as a 'lone wolf-type actor,' and that the mass shooting did not appear to be an act of terrorism 'at this point,' talking with reporters early Monday morning. An FBI official at a later press conference confirmed that there did not appear to be any connection between Paddock and

extremist groups such as ISIS." <http://bit.ly/2xaaNkO>

-- **"Las Vegas Shooter Stephen Paddock Had Recent Large Gambling Transactions,"** by NBC News' Pete Williams, Tracy Connor and Kalhan Rosenblatt
<http://nbcnews.to/2x9dHGx>

-- **POLITICAL REALITIES:** Congress is extraordinarily unlikely to tighten gun laws. In the last decade, there have been a spate of high profile shootings -- including of two members of Congress -- and those have not sparked movement on this issue ... But, this also will make it harder for the NRA and other gun-rights advocates to push their agenda. The House was considering gun-related legislation -- but we have to imagine that will be difficult to move on at this point.

-- **DEPT. OF IF PAST IS PRECEDENT: WHAT THE NEXT 24-48 HOURS WILL LIKELY LOOK LIKE :** Democrats have already started to say the nation needs tighter gun laws. Republicans, by and large, will say Congress should wait for all the facts, and will note that more stringent restrictions on gun purchases would not solve every shooting and would not stop someone who wants to kill from getting a gun.

-- **TRUMP'S FULL DANCE CARD:** Largest mass shooting in American history in Las Vegas ... Historic storm in Puerto Rico (administration needs Congress to OK another \$13 billion) ... Clean up in Texas and Florida... Rewriting the tax code... A border security/DACA package ... Government shutdown in roughly two months.

-- **@JenniferJJacobs:** "White House canceled only 2 other press photo opportunities of day, with prime minister of Thailand. Removes chances to ask Trump questions." ... "Admin event on deregulation has been closed to the press, and a routine Pentagon briefing called off, too, in wake of the Vegas shooting."

WHITE HOUSE, per pooler Marissa Schultz of the N.Y. Post: "The President has spoken to the Governor of NV, The Mayor of Las Vegas and the [Sheriff.] We will continue to update as appropriate."

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THE FAMILY -- "Las Vegas shooter's brother lives in Orlando, 'completely dumbfounded' by massacre," by the Orlando Sentinel's David Harris
<http://bit.ly/2fl3BUJ>

-- **BUZZFEED'S** Ryan Broderick is tracking all of the hoaxes related to the shooting that are circulating online <http://bzfd.it/2flvLj1>

SWAMP CHECK -- "Trump says he's trying to 'reduce size of government' -- but he's really not," by USA Today's Paul Singer: "The few thousand jobs Trump has not filled are a drop in the bucket for a federal workforce that stood at about 2.8 million in August, more or less unchanged since December. The federal workforce is now back to 2013 levels after dipping to about 2.7 million in 2014. And if you include state and local workers -- some of whom are paid for by federal government block grants -- government employment nationwide has been at a seven-year high since last September, hovering about 22.3 million." <https://usat.ly/2fL1Sie>

RUSSIA WATCH -- "HP Enterprise let Russia scrutinize cyberdefense system used by Pentagon," by Reuters' Joel Schectman, Dustin Volz and Jack Stubbs: "Hewlett Packard Enterprise allowed a Russian defense agency to review the inner workings of cyber defense software used by the Pentagon to guard its computer networks, according to Russian regulatory records and interviews with people with direct knowledge of the issue.

"The HPE system, called ArcSight, serves as a cybersecurity nerve center for much of the U.S. military, alerting analysts when it detects that computer systems may have come under attack. ArcSight is also widely used in the private sector. The Russian review of ArcSight's source code, the closely guarded internal instructions of the software, was part of HPE's effort to win the certification required to sell the product to Russia's public sector, according to the regulatory records seen by Reuters and confirmed by a company spokeswoman." <http://reut.rs/2fKfOJh>

OBAMAS TO NEW YORK? -- PAGE SIX'S EMILY SMITH: "Obamas eyeing Upper East Side apartment": "The Obamas have been looking at 10 Gracie Square on the Upper East Side, situated between East End Avenue and East River Drive and near the mayor's residence Gracie Mansion, according to sources who have seen the couple arriving at the building for viewings. Built in 1930, the white-glove, full-service, pre-war building has 15 floors and 43 apartments. Other notables who have lived there include Gloria Vanderbilt, conductor André Kostelanetz and New Yorker critic Alexander Woollcott." <http://pge.sx/2yTFqZ0>

NEW SUPER PAC PLAYER -- THE ATLANTIC'S ROSIE GRAY -- "A New Pro-Trump Super PAC Takes Aim at the Republican Establishment": "Jeff Giese, Mike Cernovich, and Jack Posobiec, organizers of the 'Deploraball' party to celebrate President Trump's inauguration earlier this year, are behind the super PAC, which is being called #Rev18. All three are known quantities in the pro-Trump alternative media that emerged during the campaign and presidency, powered by Trump's rise; they have since distanced itself from more extreme alt-right figures, often favoring the term 'new right.' Cernovich has become known as an occasional breaker of news about the White House, while Posobiec rose to prominence after playing a key role in the #MacronLeaks story. The trio plans to back anti-establishment primary challengers in the midterms." <http://theatln.tc/2x94RbH>

VALLEY WATCH -- "Facebook rolls out new ad policies amid Russia

investigation," by Nancy Scola: "Facebook -- in response to the use of its advertising offerings by Russian operatives to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election -- says it is making changes to better understand how one-off advertisements factor in advertisers' broader strategic goals. Facebook will require its human and machine ad-reviewers to pay greater attention to the complete circumstances around ad purchases and their intended audience, the company said on Monday. Moreover, those reviewers will screen ads for what the company described as subtle expressions of violence. The company said it will add more than 1,000 human reviewers to its ad teams around the world." <http://politi.co/2xaoYX1>

AFTERNOON READ -- BEN SCHRECKINGER'S debut in **GQ** -- "**How Mike Flynn, Jr. Is Dealing with Being Trapped Inside the Mueller Investigation**": "Essentially, says a senior Trump transition official, the Flynns may try to mount a Pretty Average Dude defense. The myriad legal hassles the Flynns now face stem not from nefarious intent, the official argued, but from the fact that Flynn Jr. was in charge of the Flynn Intel Group's paperwork and was unqualified for his position. That's not to say, the official stressed, that Flynn Jr. would become 'the fall guy,' just that he believed Junior was in way over his head. 'I wouldn't expect him to know who Farrah Fawcett is, let alone a FARA filing,' said the official.

"According to a person who worked closely with the Flynn Intel Group and told me they are cooperating with Mueller's team, Flynn Jr. -- who accompanied his father to Moscow for a December 2015 gala hosted by the Russian state broadcaster RT -- made several other forays abroad with his father, which, this person says, are now one focus of investigative scrutiny. 'I've been asked about trips and what I know about who went where and why and how long they were gone,' said the person, who declined to elaborate on exactly who was asking the questions." <http://bit.ly/2fkYI38>

MEDIAWATCH -- "Gawker Is for Sale and Its Articles Could Be Deleted," by WSJ's Jonathan Randles: "As it stands, the site is potentially more valuable to a person who wants articles removed than it is to a person who wants the archive preserved, a person familiar with the matter said, pointing to venture capitalist Peter Thiel who secretly financed Hogan's case, the ruling on which drove it out of business. A new owner of Gawker could also face legal pressure to remove articles, people familiar with the matter said." <http://on.wsj.com/2xalbJd>

TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Illinois Republicans still furious with Rauner over HB40 signing -- The New Jersey angle to the Trump presidency
<http://politi.co/2fLeJAR>

DESSERT -- "The World According to Dan Brown," by NYT's Sarah Lyall: "Anyone who has read Dan Brown's work -- and with 200 million copies of his books in print, you know who you are -- is familiar with his signature technique of inserting little chunks of expository information into the narrative. Among the topics addressed in his latest thriller, 'Origin': the wide-ranging talents of Winston Churchill, the elusive appeal of abstract art, the exciting peculiarities of Gaudi's Sagrada Familia cathedral and the

latest insane developments in the world of artificial intelligence. This is central to the Brown approach, because he himself prefers literature that is instructive and, ideally, not wholly invented. 'I feel like if I'm going to take time reading, I better be learning,' he said recently." <http://nyti.ms/2xainMi>

TRANSITIONS -- Sery Kim started as senior adviser to the assistant secretary of public affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services last week. ... **Daniel Bucheli** has returned to the Hill as Rep. Mike Coffman's (R-Colo.) communications director and deputy chief of staff. He was the national press secretary at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, but resigned after two weeks "because I really did not see it as a good fit for myself," he told us in an email.

ENGAGED -- Andrew Reagan, DCCC alum and campaign manager at the Environmental Defense Fund, got engaged on Saturday to **Leslie Tisdale**, communications director and congressional liaison for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. "He surprised his new bride-to-be at a tucked away meadow near the Anacostia River. He planned a surprise brunch with friends and family. They met at a Halloween party in 2015 on Capitol Hill. He was dressed as Ronald Reagan and she was dressed as Charlie Blackwood from 'Top Gun.'" **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2yjLPzi>

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- Cara Edmundowicz, a GOP fundraiser who runs the 1735 Group LLC and an RGA alum, on Saturday married **Philip Aftuck**, a senior associate at The Bernstein Companies, at Lowndes Grove Plantation in Charleston, South Carolina. "We met while attending GW in 2006; we were friends first, but have officially been together for 9 years." **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2fL8w7T>

SPOTTED: Phil Cox, Marie Sanderson, Paige Hahn, Amy Allman Dean, Mary Ann Laconte, Caitlin Mackintosh Schroder, Danielle Cleveland, Brian Sanderson, Creigh Behnke, Mike Senich, Heather Dodgins (Jeffreys), Rachel Wolbers, Erika Gudmundson, Emily Aden, Adam and Tracy Bernstein and Joe and Shelly Galli.

--"**Britni Rillera, Anthony Lynn**" -- **N.Y. Times:** "Ms. Rillera, 31, is a federal-affairs lobbyist in Washington for the Trust for Public Land, a San Francisco organization that works to establish parks and other protected areas. ... Mr. Lynn, 35, is a strategy management consultant in the federal services division, in Washington, of the consultancy Accenture. ... The couple met in 2007 in a Senate cafeteria on Capitol Hill at a luncheon for young African-American Senate staff." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2fCsNJ4>

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