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**FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- JOSH GREEN'S NEW BOOK: "THE DEVIL'S BARGAIN: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of the Presidency"** -- Josh wrote the first big profile of Steve Bannon in a cover story for Bloomberg Businessweek back in Oct. 2015 (<https://bloom.bg/2rwU3Ri>). On July 18, he'll release "The Devil's Bargain," which chronicles the campaign -- and Bannon's influence -- from the inside. **The very cool cover** <http://bit.ly/2reBVL5> ... **Pre-order on Amazon for \$27.00 or \$13.99 on Kindle** <http://amzn.to/2rcLnws>

**Happy Monday and Memorial Day. THE BIG DAY-OFF READ ...**

-- NYT A1, GLENN THRUSH, MAGGIE HABERMAN and SHARON LaFRANIERE, **"Jared Kushner's Role Is Tested as Russia Case Grows"**: "In a statement Sunday night, Mr. Trump praised his son-in-law and the work he has done in the White House. 'Jared is doing a great job for the country,' he said. 'I have total confidence in him. He is respected by virtually everyone and is working on programs that will save our country billions of dollars. In addition to that, and perhaps more importantly, he is a very good person.' ... [I]n recent weeks, the Trump-Kushner relationship, the most stable partnership in an often unstable West Wing, is showing unmistakable signs of strain. ... It has been duly noted in the White House that Mr. Trump, who feels that he has been ill served by his staff, has increasingly included Mr. Kushner when he dresses down aides and officials, a rarity earlier in his administration and during the campaign.

**"The most serious point of contention between the president and his son-in-law ...**

was a video clip this month of Mr. Kushner's sister Nicole Meyer pitching potential investors in Beijing on a Kushner Companies condominium project in Jersey City. At one point, Ms. Meyer -- who remains close to Mr. Kushner -- dangled the availability of EB-5 visas to the United States as an enticement for Chinese financiers willing to spend \$500,000 or more. For Mr. Trump, Ms. Meyer's performance violated two major rules: Politically, it undercut his immigration crackdown, and in a personal sense, it smacked of profiteering off Mr. Trump - one of the sins that warrants expulsion from his orbit. In the following days during routine West Wing meetings, the president made several snarky, disparaging comments about Mr. Kushner's family and the visas that were clearly intended to express his annoyance ... Mr. Kushner did not respond, at least not in earshot. ...

**"[His] unflinching self-regard** has not endeared him to the rest of the staff. Resentful Trump staff members have long talked about 'Jared Island' to describe the special status occupied by Mr. Kushner, who, in their view, is given license to exercise power and take on a vague portfolio ... without suffering the consequences of failure visited by the president on mere hirelings. Adding to the animus is Mr. Kushner's aloof demeanor and his propensity for avoiding messy aspects of his job that he would simply rather not do -- he has told associates he wants nothing to do with the legislative process, for instance. ... Mr. Bannon, a onetime Kushner ally turned adversary known for working himself into ill health, has taken to comparing the former real estate executive to 'the air,' because he blows in and out of meetings leaving little trace, according to one senior Trump aide." <http://nyti.ms/2sd4bv4>

**ONE THEME** we keep hearing in our conversations with senior White House aides and Capitol Hill stalwarts is "hubris." Jared Kushner has never served in government and thinks he knows all, one person said to us. Why would the president's son in law begin complex conversations with Russia before Trump got into office?

**INSIDE THE WEST WING -- HOW TRUMP IS REACTING -- "Trump's obsession over Russia probe deepens:** But the president's senior aides say he has yet to decide on a strategy for confronting the crises," by Matt Nussbaum, Josh Dawsey and Eliana Johnson with Alex Isenstadt: "President Donald Trump has been aggressively working the phones since returning this weekend from his foreign trip, talking to friends and outside lawyers as he obsesses over the deepening investigations into his aides and Russia. Two White House officials said Trump and some aides including Steve Bannon are becoming increasingly convinced that they are victims of a conspiracy against Trump's presidency, as evidenced by the number of leaks flowing out of government -- that the crusade by the so-called 'deep state' is a legitimate threat, not just fodder for right wing defenders. ... Senior aides and long-time confidants admitted not knowing who Trump would hire, how safe the jobs of top staff are, what the White House's agenda is for the coming days, or what -- if anything -- they can accomplish." <http://politi.co/2qyAH9B>

-- **@HansNichols:** "Spotted at the White House: Trump's personal lawyer Marc Kasowitz meeting with Ivanka at the White House, via @MoshehNBC"

**THE LEGISLATIVE REALITY -- LEADING WSJ.COM -- "GOP's Proposed Tax Changes Are No Match for Status Quo:** Republicans' boldest ideas for changes are on political life support as plans collide with the tax system's reality," by Rich Rubin: "There's a clear winner in this year's tax policy debate so far: The status quo.

**"Republicans are scouring the tax code, searching for breaks to eliminate** to offset the deep rate cuts they desire. But the biggest tax breaks are surviving and the boldest ideas for change are on political life support or already dead. Republican proposals for border-adjusting the corporate tax, ending the business interest deduction and making major changes to individual tax breaks for health and retirement all hit resistance within the GOP. The only big revenue-raising provision with anything close to Republican consensus is repealing the deduction for state and local taxes, and that faces objections from blue-state lawmakers in the party.

**"The GOP's dreams have collided with interest-group lobbying** and the tax system's reality. Politicians all profess to hate the tax code, but they don't agree on exactly what they hate. Voters gripe about complexity but are wary of losing cherished breaks that are woven into the economy." <http://on.wsj.com/2r40oCc>

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**TRANSLATING TRUMP: THE PRESIDENT** tweeted last night: "The massive TAX CUTS/REFORM that I have submitted is moving along in the process very well, actually ahead of schedule. Big benefits to all!"

**-- A FEW THINGS TO UNPACK HERE:** Tax cuts and reform are two very different things. Tax reform is rewriting the tax code, and perhaps cutting taxes, too. A simple "tax cut" would be much easier to accomplish, but would face stiff resistance from conservatives, who would call it an easy way out. Also: the tax plan that Trump submitted is as dead as can be and IS NOT ahead -- or on -- any schedule. The House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee have started their own tax reform process, but it is not ahead of any sort of schedule. It is, though, a work in progress.

**TRUMP INC. -- NYT Business Day cover, "The Coat of Arms Said 'Integrity.' Now It Says 'Trump,'"** by Danny Hakim in London: "At the Trump National Golf Club outside Washington, which hosted the Senior P.G.A. Championship this weekend, the president's coat of arms is everywhere - the sign out front, the pro shop, even the exercise room. The regal emblem, used at President Trump's golf courses across the United States, sports three lions and two chevrons on a shield, below a gloved hand gripping an arrow. A different coat of arms flies over Mr. Trump's two golf resorts in

Scotland. ... Mr. Trump's American coat of arms belongs to another family. It was granted by British authorities in 1939 to Joseph Edward Davies, the third husband of Marjorie Merriweather Post, the socialite who built the Mar-a-Lago resort that is now Mr. Trump's cherished getaway. In the United States, the Trump Organization took Mr. Davies's coat of arms for its own, making one small adjustment - replacing the word 'Integritas,' Latin for integrity, with 'Trump.'" <http://nyti.ms/2sdcM0B>

**OLIVIA NUZZI in NYMag, "Is This Even About Seth Rich At All?":** "The people who knew and loved Seth Rich still sometimes speak of him in the present tense. ... They remember his warm, broad smile and his tendency to greet all in his immediate vicinity with a round of high-fives. ... They talk about how much fun he was, how he'd always show up to a party, how he'd always volunteer to be the butt of a joke. There was the time he sported a panda suit at work all day, or when a colleague came over to his desk to find him sitting there holding a cup of coffee and wearing a unicorn mask like it was just business casual. ... They also speak of a son - one who talked to his parents on the phone nearly every day - a brother, a boyfriend, and a friend. They say he was a thoughtful listener and a kind, solid midwesterner. He liked beer and Husker football, and he was the godfather to a cockapoo puppy named Archie." <http://nym.ag/2s6TDy3>

**THE OPPOSITION -- "Sanders revolution hits a rough patch:** Bernie's supporters struggle to capture the actual levers of power," by David Siders in Sacramento: "[A] year after Sanders' presidential run fell short, one thing is missing in the afterglow - a reliable string of victories at the ballot box.

**"The losses are piling up. Earlier this month, Democrat Heath Mello,** whom Sanders campaigned with, failed to unseat a Republican in Omaha's race for mayor. Kimberly Ellis, the candidate endorsed by Our Revolution, the successor group to Sanders' presidential campaign, lost a fiercely contested race for California Democratic Party chair. And on Thursday night, Republican Greg Gianforte bested Rob Quist, another Democrat for whom Sanders campaigned, in a nationally watched House race in Montana. Speaking at a victory party, Gianforte called the election proof 'Bernie Sanders and Nancy Pelosi can't call the shots here in Montana.'" <http://politi.co/2qrP4kQ>

**FIRST LOOK -- The House GOP** is out with a new Memorial Day video featuring veterans in the Republican conference - cameos by: Reps. Brian Babin (Texas), Mark Sanford (S.C.), Jeff Denham (Calif.), Ted Poe (Texas), Barry Loudermilk (Ga.), Larry Bucshon (Ind.). **1-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2sdccjw>

**PUTIN IN FRANCE -- "Putin visits France, hopes to mend strained ties with West,"** by AP's Vladimir Isachenkov and Sylvie Corbet in Versailles: "On a trip likely to shape Russia-France ties for years to come, Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in France on Monday for talks with newly-elected French President Emmanuel Macron -- the candidate he did not back in presidential vote.

**"The trip offers the Russian leader a chance to turn the page** and try to establish a productive relationship with Macron as the Kremlin struggles to mend its bitter rift with

the West. Macron is the first Western leader to speak to Putin after the Group of Seven summit over the weekend, where relations with Russia were a key topic."

<http://apne.ws/2rx9MQx>

**THE PRESIDENT** is speaking and laying a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery this morning.

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** Vice President Mike Pence alongside wife Karen, gives a thumbs up to the Indiana National Guard during pre-race festivities at the 101st running of the Indy 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 28. | Mykal McEldowney/The Indianapolis Star via AP

**WHAT THE FIRST FAMILY IS READING -- DARREN SAMUELSON:** "**Lara Trump's controversial pet issue:** First-daughter-in-law advocates for beagles, but her partner's past tactics cause concern": "President Donald Trump's daughter-in-law has taken up a pet issue -- beagle adoption -- that reflects her lifelong interest in animal welfare. One of Lara Trump's partners, however, is a little problematic. Eric Trump's wife has publicly aligned with a controversial animal rights group, the Beagle Freedom Project, whose leadership includes a felon who served a six-year sentence in federal prison for harassing and stalking researchers." <http://politi.co/2sduWiN>

-- **FT: "World Bank helps Trump on US infrastructure plans:** Critics say bank is currying favour with advice after creation of 'Ivanka fund,'" by Shawn Donnan: "The World Bank has begun advising the Trump administration on its infrastructure plans, the latest product of a budding relationship between first daughter Ivanka Trump and bank president Jim Yong Kim that is raising eyebrows among bank veterans and governance experts.

**"The unusual move grew out of an April 3 White House meeting** between Mr. Kim and Ms. Trump to discuss a new \$1bn women's entrepreneurship fund championed by Donald Trump's eldest daughter that the bank is trying to set up ahead of a G20 summit in Germany in July. At the end of that April meeting Ms. Trump asked whether the World Bank president wanted to meet her father and then led him to the Oval Office. There, according to people briefed on the meeting, the president was huddled with advisers discussing infrastructure plans, prompting Mr. Kim to offer to help.

**"Three days later a team of infrastructure experts** from the World Bank was sent to New York to meet members of a new presidential council, according to a World Bank spokesman who confirmed the meetings. 'These conversations continue at an informal level,' he said." <http://on.ft.com/2rNRv0Z>

**DEEP DIVE -- MARGARET TALBOT in The New Yorker, "The Addicts Next Door:** West Virginia has the highest overdose death rate in the country. Locals are fighting to save their neighbors-and their towns-from destruction": "According to the Charleston Gazette-Mail, between 2007 and 2012 drug wholesalers shipped to West Virginia seven hundred and eighty million pills of hydrocodone (the generic name for Vicodin) and oxycodone (the generic name for OxyContin). That was enough to give each resident four hundred and thirty-three pills." <http://bit.ly/2qyINin>

**INSIDE HILLARY WORLD -- "The Place Where Letters To Hillary Clinton Go,"** by BuzzFeed's Ruby Cramer: "At just 30 years old, Rob Russo has been one of Hillary Clinton's closest aides for a decade, organizing and drafting her political and personal correspondence. After the election, his job changed as thousands of strangers starting writing to Clinton. Now he's living through the end of an era, one letter at a time." <http://bzfd.it/2s6dYUh>

**JOSH ROGIN in WaPo, "Inside the Trump administration's plans to restart the Ukraine peace process":** "In their Oval Office meeting in March, President Trump told German Chancellor Angela Merkel that the Ukraine crisis was Europe's responsibility and that the United States wouldn't get heavily involved, according to two officials briefed on the discussion. Only two months later, the Trump administration is reversing course and planning to re-engage on Ukraine in a significant way. For Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who is leading the behind-the-scenes effort, Ukraine is where Trump's so-far thwarted plan to improve U.S.-Russian relations can be kick-started. Although still in its early stages, Tillerson's idea is to restart a version of the peace negotiations that the Obama administration was engaged in last year, hoping that new circumstances and personalities might produce better results." <http://wapo.st/2r3NEMc>

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**ELIOT COHEN in TheAtlantic.com, "What Did Trump Accomplish on His First Foreign Trip?** Some firm handshakes, forced smiles, and awkward sword dances. In short, nothing": "It is proof of how low our standards are for judging Trump's competence that he got high marks for delivering speeches more or less accurately, if woodenly, from teleprompters and scripts. He did not declare war on Islam. He spent only 15 minutes at Yad Vashem and left a semi-literate note there, but at least said nothing egregiously stupid. He was polite to the Pope. He said that the Germans were 'bad, very bad' on trade but admired Egyptian president Sisi's shoes. His motorcade was not stormed by angry European leftists. But what did he accomplish?" <http://theatl.in.tc/2rwHXYu>

-- **"As Iran and U.S. Leaders Trade Barbs, Big Deals Proceed,"** by NYT's Thomas Erdbrink in Tehran: "President Trump, who has never made a secret of his hostility toward Iran, called recently for a grand regional strategy among Sunni nations to isolate the country. But Tehran received that threat with surprising equanimity because, in practice, the Trump administration has shown a willingness to do business with the country. ...

**"Tough talk from both sides, but back in Iran,** they are awaiting the delivery of a fleet of American-made Boeing airliners, the result of two deals worth \$22 billion for the United States company. The most recent contract between the plane maker and the Iranian airline Iran Aseman was signed two months after President Trump was sworn into office." <http://nyti.ms/2s6nEOS>

**THE GLOBAL POLITICO PODCAST - SUSAN GLASSER, "How the British Election Looks Like America's":** "Steve Hilton, who served as the Conservatives' top strategist in the last British general election before falling out with his close friend, May's predecessor David Cameron, over Brexit. In a new interview for The Global Politico, Hilton says May has not followed through on the 'political revolution' that brought Brexit and Trump to the U.S. with a comparable 'policy revolution'-nor does she seem likely to after a campaign that at times now seems reminiscent of last year's American contest." <http://politi.co/2sdqlwX> ... **Transcript** <http://politi.co/2sdJ8bu> ... **Subscribe** <http://apple.co/2kJ9q1U>

**PLAYBOOK METRO SECTION -- "One D.C. school lost more than a quarter of its teaching staff this year,"** by WaPo's Alejandra Matos: "The vacancies hit hardest in schools that already face numerous academic challenges, according to data The Washington Post obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

**"At Ballou High School in Southeast Washington,** more than a quarter of the faculty quit after starting work in August. Many of their classrooms now have long-term substitutes. Dwight Harris, 16, an 11th-grader, said his Algebra 2 class has been chaotic since his first teacher left in January. 'No one is teaching. It's been like that for months now,' Harris said. 'We don't do anything, so I leave and go to my biology class or English class and go do other work.'

**"Most teachers wait until summer to call it quits,** but in DCPS a rising number are leaving during the school year. The mid-year resignation rate for DCPS was higher than for some other urban school systems The Post checked. In the D.C. system, 184 of about 4,000 teachers -- nearly 5 percent -- quit from September to mid-May. That was a 44 percent increase over the 128 teachers who left in the 2013-2014 school year." <http://wapo.st/2qyK8Gb>

**MOLLY BALL** reviews Al Franken's "Giant of the Senate" for the **NYT** <http://nyti.ms/2qrJsXM>

**PLAYBOOKERS' VACATION PIX** - Josh and Melissa Sharp spent the week leading into Memorial Day touring the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii and Germany's Neuschwanstein Castle. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2qrHXIY> ... <http://bit.ly/2qrve9r>... <http://bit.ly/2reQkqG> ... A Playbooker in Monaco attending yesterday's Grand Prix sends a shot of German Sebastian Vettel's car in the lead driving for Ferrari, which won for the first time in 16 years <http://bit.ly/2qrvmpr> ... **The winning car before the race** <http://bit.ly/2qrx8H0>

... **Dr. Tomicah Tillemann**, director of Bretton Woods II and Blockchain at the New America Foundation and a former speechwriter and senior advisor to Hillary at State, and his wife **Sarah Tillemann**, alum of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, write in: "We've been with our five little ones reconnecting with the values of sacrifice, service and love of country at the site of the D-Day landings. We walked past a quote from General Mark Clark en route to the grave sites at Omaha Beach: 'If ever proof were needed that we fought for a cause and not for conquest, it could be found in these cemeteries. Here was our only conquest: all we asked was enough soil in which to bury our gallant dead.' There is no more powerful reminder of why democracy, decency, and the defense of human rights have always been at the core of America's greatness and the foundation of our most powerful alliances. Let's keep it that way..." **Pix** <http://bit.ly/2rcIYmL>

## Playbookers

**SPOTTED** -- Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg at The Studio theatre performance last night of "The Father" with Ted Van Griethuysen as a man diagnosed with dementia. The show got a standing ovation and Ginsburg went immediately backstage after the performance. ... Secretary of State Rex Tillerson yesterday riding a maroon Harley-Davidson during Rolling Thunder -- **pic** <http://bit.ly/2reABb5> ... Tony Podesta and Vin Roberti at the amfAR "making AIDS history" fundraiser at the Hotel Du Cap in Cap d'Antibes -- **pic** <http://bit.ly/2rxladQ>

**WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- THE PRIDE OF TAMPA TIES THE KNOT, MARRIES UP -- "Heather Caygle, Aaron Lorenzo"** -- N.Y. Times: "The bride, 29, and groom, 41, cover Congress for Politico. Ms. Caygle [author of Huddle] graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and received a master's degree in journalism from American University. ... Mr. Lorenzo ... graduated from Boston University ... The couple met in Washington in 2013 while working as reporters at Bloomberg BNA. They had desks next to each other for more than a year before the groom worked up the courage to ask her out." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2s9M2OF>

**POOL REPORT** from Seung Min Kim: The "emotional ceremony ... featured personal vows, a touching reading from POLITICO's Anthony Adragna and a starring role for their corgi/chihuahua mix, Biggie Smalls, who served as ring bearer [**pic**: <http://bit.ly/2quuxrE>]. Then it was off to Iron City, where the bride and groom made a grand entrance to the Stevie Wonder classic 'Signed, Sealed, Delivered' as friends and family -- some who

traveled from as far away as Canada -- cheered the newlyweds on. Other highlights: Heather's surprise mother-daughter dance for mom Kitty, which left the crowd in tears; an elaborate groom's cake for Aaron shaped like a grill, and oversized cutout heads of Heather, Aaron and Biggie that the partygoers waved on the dance floor." **Wedding pics** <http://bit.ly/2r3HueU> ... <http://bit.ly/2rc6U8M> ... <http://bit.ly/2qrH4jV>

**SPOTTED:** A strong showing of Politicos past and present, and their loved ones: Kevin Robillard and Lindy Stevens, Adam Snider and Emma Dumain, Seung Min Kim and Jeff Lee, Lauren Gardner and Patrick Ambrosio, Connor O'Brien, bridesmaid Kate Tummarello, Erin Mershon, Bernie Becker and Adriane Casalotti. Also spotted: Matt Fuller, who has impressive dance moves, and Jonathan Nicholson.

--"**Anna Greenberg, Dana Milbank**" - Times: "Dr. Greenberg, 48, is a partner in Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research, a polling firm in Washington. She graduated cum laude from Cornell and received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago. ... The bride's father [Stan] is the founding partner at Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research. ... Mr. Milbank, 49, is a syndicated columnist with The Washington Post. He graduated cum laude from Yale. ... The couple met at a party in Washington in October 2001 and went on a blind date 14 years later, in February 2015." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2qs1XaI>

-- **POOL REPORT**, with the subject line "In-town pool report #1 -- Milbank/Greenberg nuptials" from Julie Mason: "Two hundred guests sat on folding wooden chairs in the hall [at Eastern Market], warmly lit by overhead string lights, orange-hued footlights and flickering candles under glass. ... Male guests wore yarmulkes in dove-grey satin ... The couple read the Ketubah, had the blessings and broke the glasses. More than one eye in the room sparkled bright with a tear -- one less bachelor in Washington! ... In his own remarks to the gathering back inside the hall, now cleared of chairs and set up with a dance floor, Milbank noted the traditional Ketubah set a price on the wife to be paid to her father. Calculating that price to be 100 goats, Milbank presented noted pollster Stan Greenberg with four stuffed goats from a basket as a down payment, promising regular deliveries from Amazon 'unless and until he says the debt is paid.'" **Full pool report** <http://politi.co/2rx5rNc> ... **Pics -- Under the chuppa** <http://bit.ly/2r42KkG> ... **First dance** <http://bit.ly/2rNNslo> ... <http://bit.ly/2quxgld>

**SPOTTED:** Juleanna Glover and Christopher Reiter, former Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) and Stan Greenberg, Amy Dacey, Katherine Miller, Terence Samuel, Jodi Enda, Tom Toles, Jonathan Karl, Susan Glasser and Peter Baker, Carol Lee, Anu Rangappa, Paul Kane, Neil King Jr. and Shailagh Murray, Jonathan Weisman, Jennifer Steinhauer, Anne Kornblut and Jon Cohen, JoDee Winterhoff, Juliet Eilperin, Eric Liu, Doug Sosnik.

**OBAMA ALUMNI -- KATIE JOHNSON** and **NATE RAWLINGS** tied the knot last night in Brookline, Massachusetts. **POOL REPORT** from Ben LaBolt and Kate Bedingfield: It was "a Beantown bash wedding complete with an excursion to a private island in Boston Harbor. Surrounded by friends and family, they married to the sound of bagpipes at All

Saints Parish in Brookline then headed down the street for a rollicking reception at Katie's family home (there remains a debate about the best dance performance to the silent DJ). Katie served as Personal Secretary to President Obama during his first term and as a Counselor in the Office of Management and Budget during the second. Nate, who served as a Captain in the Army in Iraq and Afghanistan, a reporter at Time Magazine and a speechwriter for Vice President Biden [and is also a State alum], is now chief speechwriter at the World Bank. ... Revelers celebrated under a tent in Katie's parents' backyard, dancing to the wee hours of the night a mere 24 hours after a spirited game of capture the flag brought out both the best and worst of everyone in attendance. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2reLZ6Q> ... <http://bit.ly/2rf2lqT>

**SPOTTED:** Joel and Lisa Benenson, Meghan Johnson, Meaghan Burdick, Missy Kurek, Kal Penn, Todd and Lindsey Schulte, Mike O'Neil and Stephanie Sutton, Reid Cherlin and Annie Shacker, Thomas Richards, Ben Finkenbinder, Vinay Reddy, Emily Loeb and Sarah Feldman, David Kieve, Nikki Buffa, Jen Psaki and Greg Mecher, Stephanie Psaki and Adam Frankel, Chris Boutlier, Danielle Gray, Alex Mackler, Jenny Cizner and Jeff Amsel, Jacob Leibenluft, Mackey Dykes and Katie Scharf, Ishan Tharoor, Jenny Urizar.

**ENGAGED -- Zach Gillan**, research director for Congressional Leadership Fund and an alum of the NRSC, got engaged this weekend to **Cherie Paquette**, producer for FOX News' "America's Newsroom" with Bill Hemmer and Martha MacCallum. He proposed at Pippin Hill outside of Charlottesville, and they met in April 2014 at a happy hour for her going away party from the Washington Free Beacon to FOX News. The Daily Beast's Lachlan Markay gets credit as the matchmaker. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2sd986Z> ... <http://bit.ly/2rf31BH>

**--Jason Rodriguez**, a political advocacy specialist at the American Nurses Association, got engaged on Saturday to **Brittany Grimm**, manager of grassroots at the American Bankers Association. They met while they were House Democratic fundraising consultants during the '14 cycle. Rodriguez, former national deputy Latino vote director for the Hillary campaign, proposed after she arrived from a flight home after visiting some friends out west. Their dog, Arrow, and Jason were waiting at home with a room filled with candles. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2rO3qMa> ... **The ring** <http://bit.ly/2qykJwe>

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Lydia Mulvany**, reporter covering agriculture and commodities at Bloomberg, and **Riccardo Reatti**, VP of strategic initiatives at Zurich Insurance Company in Chicago, early Sunday morning welcomed Valentina, born at 12:30 a.m. Both mom and baby are healthy and happy. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2ra8V52> ... <http://bit.ly/2qyCJ9x> ... <http://bit.ly/2rwIFVx>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Matthew Dowd ... Jill Hazelbaker, V.P. of comms. and policy at Uber, and a Snapchat and McCain alum ... Sandy DeFrees ... Pete Seat, executive director of strategic comms and talent development at the Indiana Republican Party (and frequent World Series attender), is 34 ... D.C. Examiner managing editor Philip Klein ... Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Tex.) is 6-0 ... Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) is 63 ... Kara Genderson (h/t Dan) ... Francesca Chambers, a proud KU alum and White House Correspondent at

The Daily Mail (hubby tip: Michael Moroney) ... LifeZette's Jon Conradi is 28 ... Susan Osnos, the pride of Lakeside, Michigan (h/t son Evan) ... Jacob Kornbluh, Jewish Insider's tireless NYC-based reporter ... Freakonomics' Steven Levitt is 5-0 (h/ts Max Neuberger) ...

... **Lee Satterfield**, EVP and COO at Meridian International Center ... Todd Flournoy ... Bri Gillis ... Sam Ford ... Dayna Geldwert ... Kimberly Rawson ... Yale Scott ... Dan Froomkin ... Eugene Gelfgat (h/t Hayley Andrews) ... Chris Johnson ... Tom Giusto ... Danny Maiello ... Kathy Lash of Justine's Ice Cream Parlour in St. Michaels and Ocean City, Maryland (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Mary Ryan Douglass ... Danny Crouch ... Dave Yonkman is 31 ... Terence Samuel, deputy managing editor at NPR and a WaPo alum ... Alexander Berger ... former Time Inc. CEO Ann Moore ... Ellen Kurz ... Mary Anne Schmitt (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Brian McClung ... former Century Foundation president Janice Nittoli ... Charlie Gerow ... Aleen Sirgany ... Tulin Daloglu ... former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent, also a Hotchkiss grad, is 78 ... Annette Bening is 59 ... Melissa Etheridge is 56 ... NBA player Carmelo Anthony is 33 (h/ts AP)

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