

Secretary John F. Kelly. Senior members of the West Wing staff sometimes float in and out of the Oval Office during the briefings. ...

**"Jared Kushner ... often observes quietly;** he receives his own intelligence briefing earlier in the morning, according to two White House officials. ... Trump also has encouraged his briefers to include as many visual elements as possible. This is a reflection, aides said, of Trump's career as a real estate developer who evaluated blueprints and renderings to visualize what a property eventually would look like. 'Sometimes,' Coats said, 'pictures do say a thousand words.'" <http://wapo.st/2sgKNNC>

**HOW THE PRESIDENT MANAGES - "Snubs and slights are part of the job in Trump's White House,"** by WaPo's Ashley Parker: "In Trump's White House, aides serve a president who demands absolute loyalty - but who doesn't always offer it in return. Trump prefers a management style in which even compliments can come laced with a bite, and where enduring snubs and belittling jokes, even in public, is part of the job. Allies say the president's quips are simply good-natured teasing, part of an inclusive strategy meant to make even mid-level staff members feel like family. But others consider Trump's comments pointed reminders to those who work for him that he is in charge - barbs from the boss that keep aides on guard and off kilter, and can corrode staff morale.

**"Trump sometimes refers** to his 45-year-old chief of staff, Reince Priebus, as 'Reince-y,' a diminutive nickname that some aides and outside rivals recount with gleeful relish. ... The president has described House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.), in theory one of his top allies on Capitol Hill, as a 'Boy Scout' - a dig that the lawmaker joked he chose to take as a compliment even though 'I'm not sure he meant it that way.' ... And during the transition, Trump would make a point of noting that Vice President-elect Mike Pence's crowds paled compared to his, teasing that even his daughter Ivanka and son Eric attracted more attention, said two people familiar with the comments, which they considered demeaning." <http://wapo.st/2s94Jm8>

-- **HOPE HICKS'** statement to Ashley: "President Trump has a magnetic personality and exudes positive energy, which is infectious to those around him. He has an unparalleled ability to communicate with people, whether he is speaking to a room of three or an arena of 30,000. He has built great relationships throughout his life and treats everyone with respect. He is brilliant with a great sense of humor ... and an amazing ability to make people feel special and aspire to be more than even they thought possible."

-- @TVietor08: "Hope Hicks does a hilarious impression of North Korean propaganda in this quote to @AshleyRParker" <http://bit.ly/2r6stZU>

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**ALEX ISENSTADT SCOOP: PENCE REEMERGING -- "Pence to make campaign push amid GOP concerns over Trump":** "Vice President Mike Pence is embarking on a cross-country summer campaign tour amid rising fears that the GOP, reeling from a barrage of Trump-fueled controversies, is headed for a midterm election disaster. Pence is mapping out a schedule that will take him through several Midwestern battlegrounds and to traditionally conservative southern states like Georgia, where an unexpectedly competitive June special election runoff is alarming party strategists. The vice president will also attend a series of Republican Party events that will draw major donors and power-brokers, where talk about 2018 is certain to be front-and-center.

**"The push comes at a time** of growing consternation among senior Republicans who say the White House has given them little direction on midterm planning. Many complain that they do not even know who to contact about 2018 in an administration that has been consumed by chaos. 'He has an appetite to fight so he's going to get out there and fight on the president's behalf,' said Nick Ayers, a longtime Pence strategist. At the same time, the vice president's increased electoral activity has stoked speculation that Pence is positioning himself for a post-Trump future in the party, something his advisers strenuously deny." <http://politi.co/2qBpsNH>

**2018 WATCH -- NYT A16, "'Narrowcast' Trump? Republicans Seek Formula to Keep House Majority,"** by Jeremy Peters in Roswell, Georgia: "In the northern suburbs of Atlanta, where what is likely to be the most expensive House campaign in history is being waged, a band of conservative advocacy groups is grappling with a question that may decide whether the Republican Party keeps its House majority after 2018: Do you run with President Trump or against him? Somehow, the groups are discovering, they will have to do both. ...

**"The trick for Republicans** and their allied outside groups is figuring out how to avoid conspicuously embracing the president without alienating conservative voters who would view any overt rebuff as a betrayal. "That is the question we are trying to