

a marker and autograph Boyle's shirt. 'Trump liked [Boyle] a lot,' says [Sam] Nunberg. 'He calls him "my Matty.'" <http://bit.ly/2rHkO2e>

THE JUICE ...

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: ERIN PERRINE** is starting as press secretary to House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. Perrine was most recently at the Senate Republican Conference. She's a graduate of the University of Connecticut.

-- **BRUCE ANDREWS**, former Obama administration deputy secretary of Commerce -- is joining Rock Creek Global Advisors, the international economic policy advisory firm founded by former Bush 43 economic advisor, Dan Price. <http://bit.ly/2q1rGdy>

PLAYBOOK READS

PHOTO DU JOUR: : President Donald Trump and his wife Melania, center, stand at attention during a welcome ceremony accompanied by the Israeli President Rubein Rivlin and his wife Nechama, on the left, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sarah in Tel Aviv on May 22. | Oded Balilty/AP Photo

MUST READ -- BLAKE HOUNSHELL in POLITICO Magazine, "Donald of Arabia":

"Trump only hinted at the complicity of Gulf Arab regimes in promoting a radical, sectarian version of Islam, praising their apparent newfound willingness to crack down on extremism and terrorist financing. ... There was little effort to reach out to the 40 million Iranians who had just voted to reelect Hassan Rouhani, the pragmatic president who won by pledging greater openness to the world, albeit within the severe constraints of Iran's theocratic system. As for the Sunni monarchies and military dictatorships like that run by Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of Egypt, Trump promised to stop pestering them about human rights and political freedoms." <http://politi.co/2qGgGkA>

CLICKER - "Trump in Saudi Arabia" -- 20 pix <http://politi.co/2q8KMus>

TWO BIG NEW YORKER STORIES dropped at 5 a.m. this morning - **RYAN LIZZA, "Why Sally Yates Stood Up to Trump: The former acting Attorney General reflects on the F.B.I., Michael Flynn, and how the President ended her career at the Justice Department":** On January 27, on "the way to the airport, she received a call from her deputy, Matt Axelrod. 'You're not going to believe this, but I just read online that the

President has executed this travel ban,' he said. It was the first Yates had heard of the order. 'I had been sitting in Don McGahn's office an hour before that,' she said. 'He didn't tell me.' She later learned that lawyers in the Office of Legal Counsel, at the Justice Department, had reviewed the order, and that they had been instructed not to share it with her. A source familiar with the process said that even the most senior Trump aide assigned to Yates's office didn't know about the order until he saw the news on CNN." <http://bit.ly/2q21wYm>

--DEXTER FILKINS, "James Mattis, A Warrior in Washington: The former Marine Corps general spent four decades on the front lines. How will he lead the Department of Defense?": "[I]n embracing Mattis's Mad Dog persona, Trump neglected a side of him that appealed to many others—that of the deeply read scholar-soldier and sophisticated analyst. In this view, Mattis is a kind of anti-Trump, a veteran of three wars who has been sobered by their brutalities, a guardian of the internationalist tradition in American foreign policy. ... Even the nickname Mad Dog is a misnomer; none of his friends use it, and Mattis himself does not care for it. ... Mattis fulfills every aspect of the Marine ideal. At sixty-six, he remains trim, and he pushes himself relentlessly. People often describe him as a 'warrior monk,' and though he likes to respond that the only monastery he'd enjoy is one supplied with 'beer and ladies,' he acts the part." <http://bit.ly/2qLJKaL>

REALLY REX? -- "Tillerson holds a press conference without U.S. media," by Hadas Gold and Annie Karni: "Secretary of State Rex Tillerson held a press conference with the Saudi foreign minister in Riyadh Sunday, but he left the American media behind. State Department spokesperson R.C. Hammond said Tillerson—who was traveling with Donald Trump on his first foreign trip as U.S. president—was invited at the last minute to participate in a press conference with Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir. Only foreign media were invited.

"Regrettably, there was not enough time to alert or make arrangements for U.S. media to participate. Under different circumstances, U.S. media would have been alerted,' Hammond said. 'Steps were immediately taken to ensure a transcript could be produced and distributed to reporters. Ideally, members of the U.S. press corps should have had the option to attend the press conference and ask questions.' Tillerson and Jubeir had taken a few questions from U.S. reporters on the trip on Saturday." <http://politi.co/2r8nQQn>