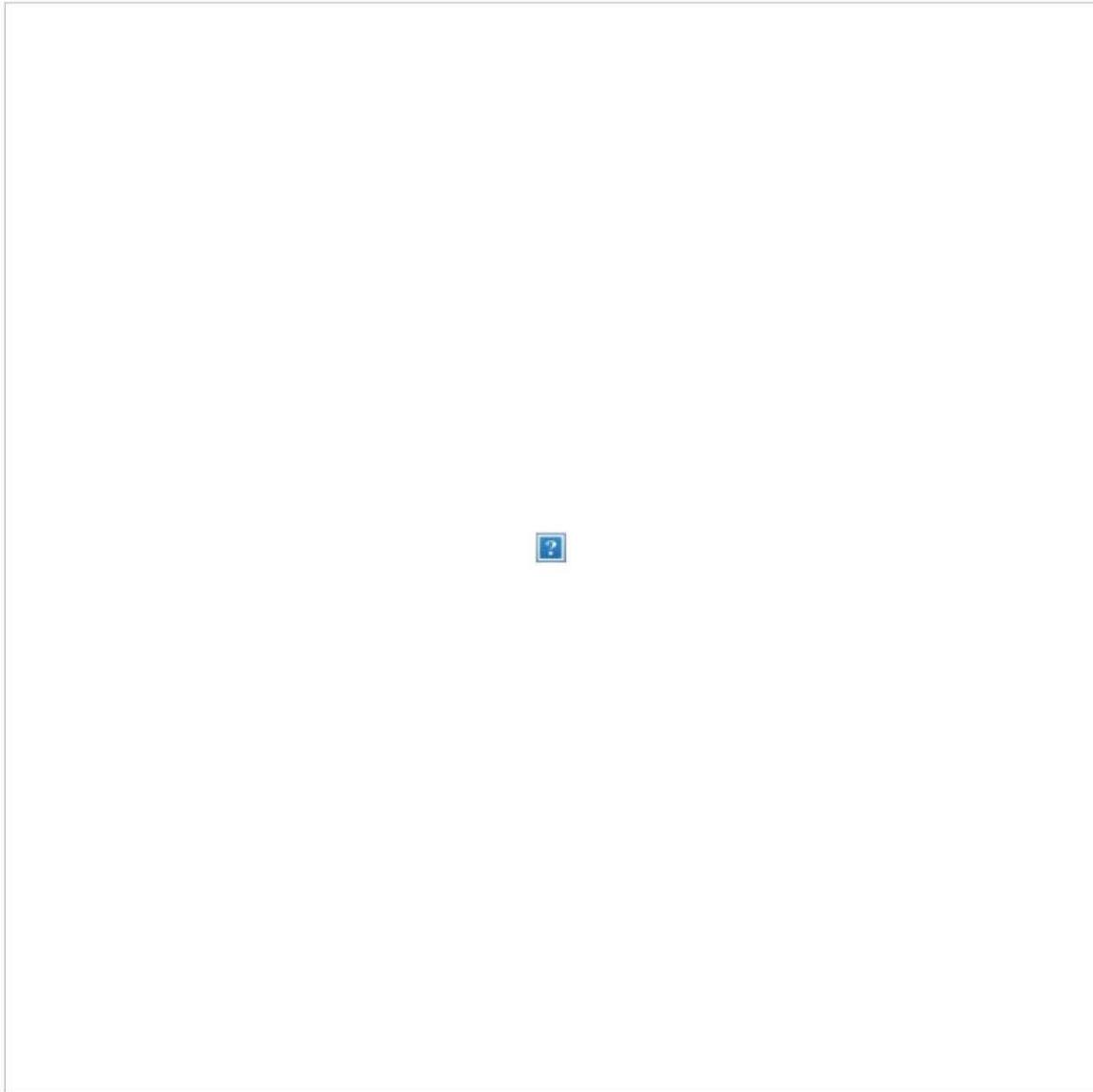




Jeff Sessions missed out on accolades from Trump, per a CNN reporter:

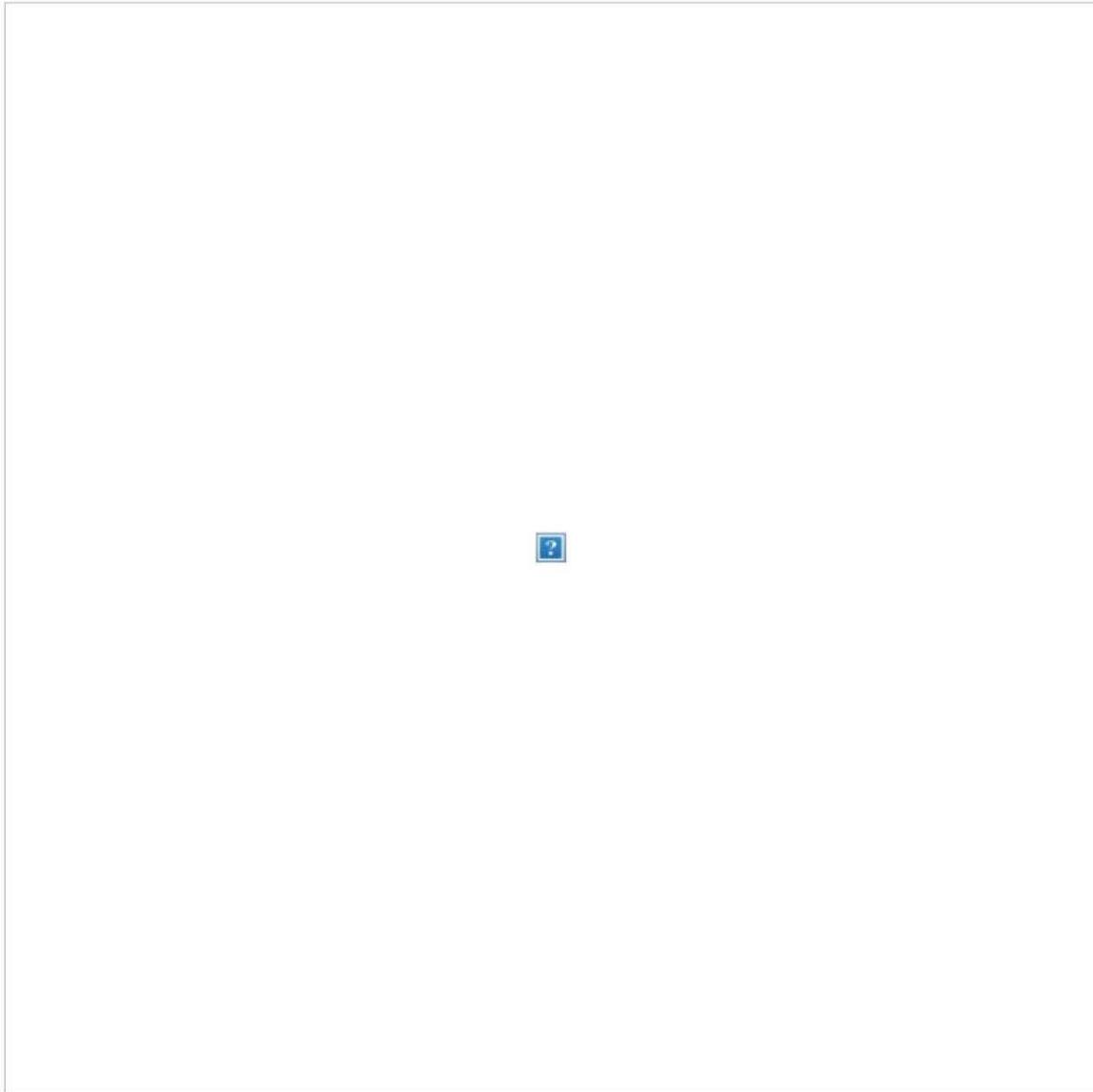


Another CNN reporter evoked "Mean Girls" in reply:





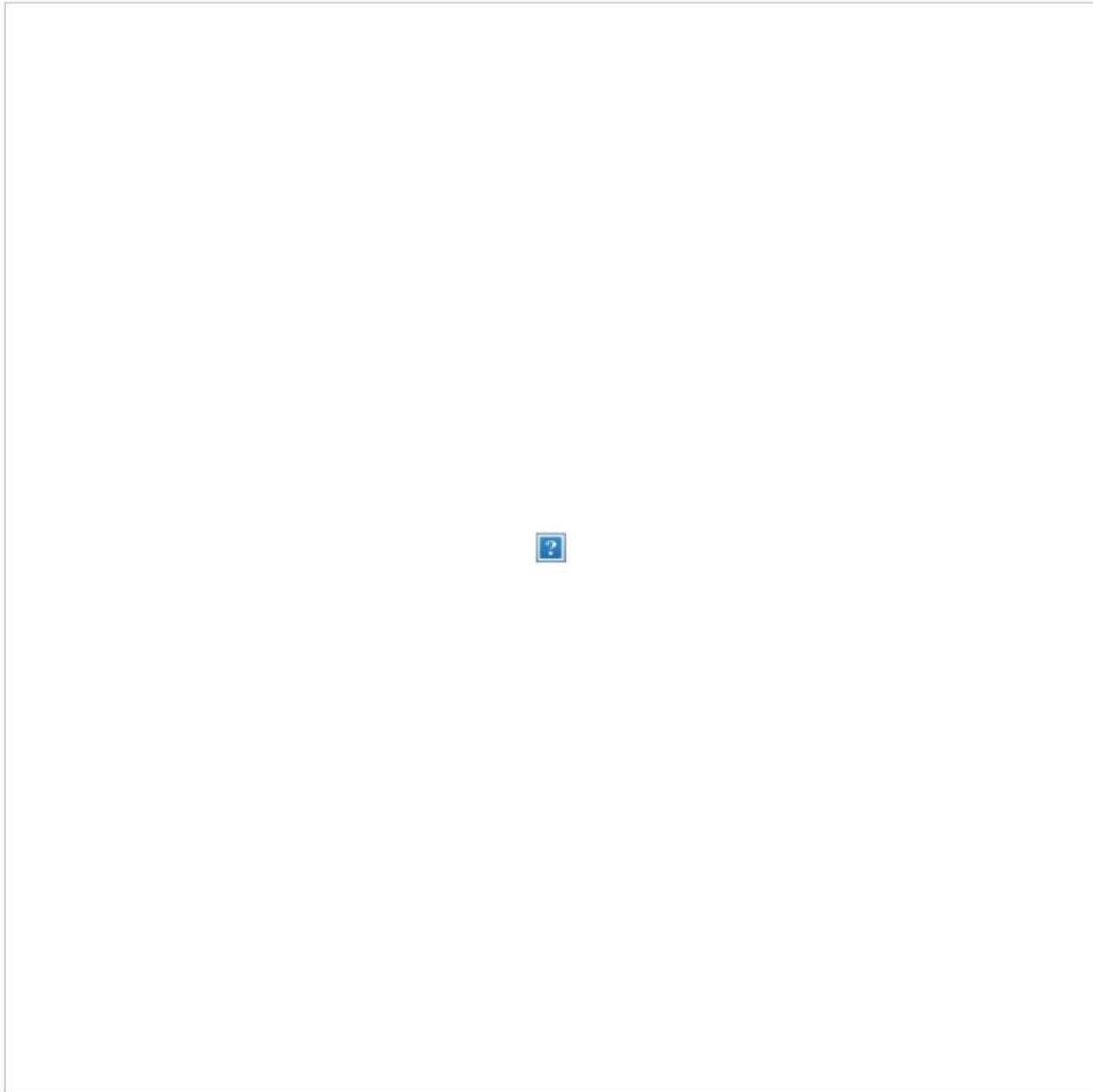
The White House recognized a Muslim holiday:



Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month:



An American Urban Radio Networks reporter shared this picture of famed NBA player Bill Russell:



And Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) returned to the baseball field:





GOOD READS FROM ELSEWHERE:

-- Politico Magazine, "[What Bill Clinton Was Really Thinking](#)," by **John F. Harris**: "We can now see the Clinton of the 1990s as a man far ahead of his times. Whose side are you on — mine or the people who want to destroy me — was the question that Clinton asked to successful effect in 1998. And it is the same question Donald Trump has made the basis of his presidency 20 years later."

-- New York Times, "[‘Are We Going to Die Today?’ Inside a Parkland Classroom as Bullets Flew](#)," by **Audra D.S. Burch**:

“Months after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, one history class seeks to heal through modern technology, old-fashioned socializing — and time.”

HOT ON THE LEFT:

“A Pizza Delivery Man Brought Pies To A Military Base. Then He Was Arrested And Turned Over For Deportation,” from BuzzFeed News: “A pizza delivery man was arrested and turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation after delivering a pizza to a military base in Brooklyn on June 1. Pablo Villavicencio was asked for identification when he delivered the pizza to Fort Hamilton military base, and when he couldn't provide it, staff there called ICE, his wife, Sandra Chica, said Wednesday. He was arrested and is currently in ICE custody in Manhattan, and is expected to be

HOT ON THE RIGHT:

“College offers master's of elementary education concentration in ‘anti-racism,’” from the Washington Examiner: “While most aspiring grade-school teachers might choose to concentrate in subjects such as math, history, or science, one university is now offering students the option of specializing in anti-racism. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is currently offering a concentration of ‘Anti-Racism In Urban Education’ for students pursuing master’s degrees in elementary education. According to the program website, students take 12

deported to Ecuador. New York City Council Member Justin Brannan, who represents the area, said [Villavicencio] had provided his ID NYC, which is available to New Yorkers regardless of immigration status, to enter the base, as he had on previous occasions — but was asked for further identification after he was on the premises. Fort Hamilton representatives refused to answer why this delivery was different from any other delivery Villavicencio had made there, and also refused several other questions.”

credit hours of courses focused on various topics related to racism in education. While the program claims to focus on topics such as anti-racism activism and improving educational opportunities for urban students, a significant portion of the courses appear to be devoted to themes of ‘white-supremacist ideologies,’ ‘unconscious racial bias,’ and ‘awareness of privilege.’ Another required course, ‘History and Psychology of Racism’ ... investigates the ‘notion of Whiteness as normative’ through various research methodologies.”

DAYBOOK:

Trump will meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe today and hold a joint news conference. He will then sit down with Mike Pompeo.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Golden State Warriors Coach Steve Kerr criticized Trump for disinviting the Philadelphia Eagles from the White House. From Cindy Boren: “Kerr was asked about the Minnesota Lynx, the WNBA champions who were not invited to the White House and spent their day in Washington helping underprivileged children in a southeast D.C. school. ... ‘I think what you’re seeing is, I think the athletes are showing patriotism through their community service,’ Kerr told reporters ... Kerr admitted that he was ‘blown away by the irony of the Eagles being disinvited. When you read about their good deeds in their communities — Malcolm Jenkins addressing lawmakers, really trying to get to the root of some of the issues that we have — and instead **we just have these military sing-a-longs at the White House to show how patriotic we are — even though we don’t know the words.**’”

NEWS YOU CAN USE IF YOU LIVE IN D.C.:

- **It should be sunny and dry in the District today.** The Capital Weather Gang forecasts: “Clouds are scarce to start but pop up as the day warms. Highs in the upper 70s to low 80s should be comfortable, given the low humidity. Winds are mainly calm.”
- **The Nationals beat the Rays 11-2.** (Jorge Castillo)
- **The Capitals’ Devante Smith-Pelly said he would not want to**

attend a White House ceremony if Washington wins the Stanley Cup. “The things that he spews are straight-up racist and sexist,” Smith-Pelly said. “Some of the things he's said are pretty gross. I'm not too into politics, so I don't know all his other views, but his rhetoric I definitely don't agree with. It hasn't come up here, but I think I already have my mind made up.” ([AP](#))

-- Virginia GOP Senate candidate Corey Stewart has twice had to disavow white supremacists with whom he associated. [From](#)

[Antonio Olivo](#): “Most recently, Democrats and supporters of state Del. Nick Freitas (R-Culpeper) — Stewart’s chief opponent in Tuesday’s primary — have used social media to highlight a 17-month-old video of Stewart calling Paul Nehlen, an alt-right candidate for Congress in Wisconsin, his ‘personal hero’ ... [The video was shot] before Nehlen posted a host of inflammatory comments on Twitter later in the year. Those posts attacked Muslims and Jews, and one photoshopped the face of ‘Cheddar Man,’ the dark-skinned man believed to be the first modern Briton, over a picture of Meghan Markle, England’s new Duchess of Sussex.”

-- [Ovetta Wiggins profiles Ben Jealous](#), who has taken the lead in The Post’s most recent poll of Maryland’s Democratic gubernatorial candidates:

“Jealous, the child of an interracial couple who left Maryland for California because they couldn’t be married in their home state, is seeking support from two distinct groups: white liberals who backed Sanders in the 2016 presidential race and African American voters who largely stayed home in 2014 because they were less than inspired by Anthony G. Brown, that year’s Democratic gubernatorial nominee.” But some worry Jealous, who has been endorsed by Bernie Sanders, is too far to the left to

defeat Gov. Larry Hogan (R).

-- The D.C. Council approved an emergency measure allowing high school seniors who missed more than six weeks of class to still graduate. The proposal was introduced after the District started enforcing long-ignored attendance policies in the middle of the year. ([Perry Stein](#))

VIDEOS OF THE DAY:

Samantha Bee issued an on-air apology for using an epithet against Ivanka Trump but then pivoted to discuss the Trump administration's immigration policies:



A Message From Sam | June 6, 2018 Cold Open | Full Frontal on TBS

Conan O'Brien imagined a full album from Trump of patriotic songs:



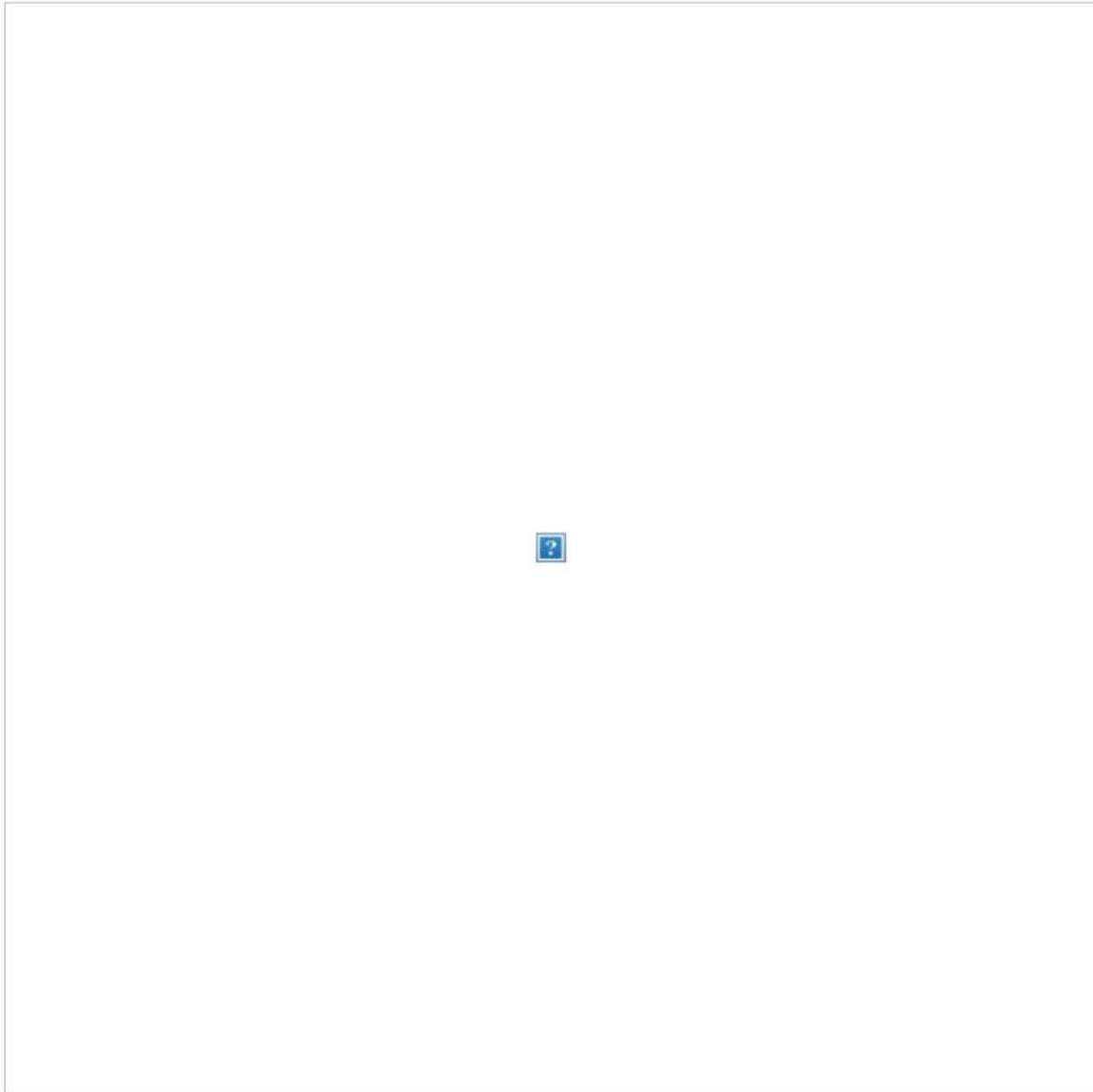
Trump Releases An Album Of Patriotic Songs - CONAN on TBS

Maryland gubernatorial candidate Richard S. Madaleno Jr. (D) released an ad targeting Trump that ends with him kissing his husband:



Richard Madaleno: 'Take That' Campaign 2018

White House adviser Kellyanne Conway had an unfortunate verbal slip:



Giuliani appeared to enjoy his trip to Israel:



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SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI'S SOTU GUESTS include José Andrés, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, union officials and two active-duty transgender soldiers. [The full list](#)

SPOTTED: VALERIE JARRETT having dinner with **SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MASS.)** on Monday at Olivia in Penn Quarter. ... Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) dining together at Prime Rib on Monday.

SO MUCH FOR UNITY ... THE PRESIDENT TWEETS at 10:29 a.m.: "I see Schumer is already criticizing my State of the Union speech, even though he hasn't seen it yet. He's just upset that he didn't win the Senate, after spending a fortune, like he thought he would. Too bad we weren't given more credit for the Senate win by the media!"

-- FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH ... Most Senate Democratic insiders didn't think they'd win control of the Senate.

-- SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER (D-N.Y.)

tweeted at 10:18 a.m.: "President Trump will report tonight on the state of our union. But, the state of the Trump economy is failing America's middle class. The state of the Trump healthcare system is failing American families. The state of the Trump Administration is chaos." [Matthew Choi: "Schumer predicts 'empty' unity talk and policy promises from Trump's address"](#)

THANKS, BUT NAH ... ADAM CANCRYN and SARAH

OWERMOHLE: "Democrats bat away Trump's olive branch on drug pricing": "President Donald Trump keeps telling Democrats he wants a big bipartisan drug pricing deal. But Democrats don't believe him and are rolling out a series of bills that would set the framework for talks far to the left, defying Trump to stand in the way.

...

"Trump is expected to tout his progress on drug pricing during Tuesday's State of the Union, including a proposal unveiled last week that would make the rebates drugmakers give insurance plans subject to fines under anti-fraud law. House Democrats quickly panned it, in what some interpreted as a sign they're digging in on dictating the terms of the debate." [POLITICO](#)

PREVIEWING SOTU ... NANCY COOK: "Trump offers private SOTU preview to close allies": "The gathering was called so acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney could detail the main themes of Tuesday's speech to roughly 20 Republicans close to the administration, including former campaign officials like Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie. At the session, Mulvaney outlined the speech's main themes while reminding attendees the draft was still in flux and could change in the hours leading up to the speech.

"A hand-out from the meeting obtained by POLITICO said the speech will focus on 'choosing greatness' and will zero in on the themes of immigration, American workers, healthcare, the rising cost of prescription drugs and national security." [POLITICO](#)

-- CNN'S KAITLAN COLLINS (@kaitlancollins): "A little news -- President Trump is not currently expected to announce the

location/date of his second summit with Kim Jong Un during the State of the Union, I'm told. It wasn't in the latest version of the speech he practiced yesterday, but that is fluid and could change."

-- **ELIANA JOHNSON (@elianayjohnson)**: "Trump will spend three hours this afternoon preparing for his speech with Stephen Miller, according to his private schedule, after taking pictures with @FLOTUS' SOTU guests."

-- **MICHAEL CALDERONE**: ["Trump having lunch with news anchors before State of the Union"](#)

BLOOMBERG'S JENNIFER EPSTEIN (@jeneps): "Kamala Harris will do a SOTU pre-buttal on Facebook Live tonight at 7:45 to 'push back on the president's expected message of division, highlight the importance of speaking truth, and outline her vision for a country that works for all its people.' & [Sen. Bernie] Sanders has response planned."

ABOUT THE WALL ... CNN'S KAITLAN COLLINS: "Trump, Kushner met with contractors to discuss building border wall": "President Donald Trump and his son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, met with contractors at the White House to discuss building the border wall late last week, two sources with knowledge of the meeting told CNN.

"Despite CNN reporting that several senior Senate Republicans and members of GOP leadership have raised serious concerns about the possibility of Trump bypassing Congress and using an emergency declaration to build his wall, the President's meeting with contractors shows that he is seriously considering doing so." [CNN](#)

A message from U.S. Chamber of Commerce:

Today the U.S. Chamber of Commerce hosted their Infrastructure Summit and urged the President to make infrastructure modernization a priority in his State of the Union address tonight. Now is the time for Congress and the President to act. [Learn more.](#)

Good Tuesday afternoon. Happy Lunar New Year (it's the year of the pig).

WHAT ELSE IS ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND --

@realDonaldTrump at 9:10 a.m.: "Tremendous numbers of people are coming up through Mexico in the hopes of flooding our Southern Border. We have sent additional military. We will build a Human Wall if necessary. If we had a real Wall, this would be a non-event!"

THE LATEST IN VIRGINIA ... NPR'S SARAH MCCAMMON

(@sarahmccammon): "NEWS: A California woman accusing Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax of sexual assault has hired Christine Blasey Ford's legal team -- Katz, Marshall and Banks -- and is consulting with them about next steps, according to a source close to the legal team."

-- NYT'S JONATHAN MARTIN (@jmartNYT): "TUESDAY AM NEWS: as part of his investigation into the yearbook, @RalphNortham is planning to hire a private eye."

A.G. UPDATE -- "Nadler prepares subpoena for Whitaker if he backs out of testimony," by Andrew Desiderio: "House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler is preparing to issue a subpoena to compel acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker's testimony before his panel, signaling he might be anticipating a no-show for Friday's public hearing. ...

"The committee will debate a resolution to approve a subpoena later this week, Nadler said. It's the closest a Democratic committee chairman has come to issuing a subpoena since the party swept back into the majority in the lower chamber last month." [POLITICO](#)

MARIANNE LEVINE: "Trump's pick to replace Kavanaugh grilled for writings on sexual assault": "Neomi Rao, currently head of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, which reviews executive branch regulations, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that she would approach recusal from legal challenges to the Trump administration on a 'case by case' basis. ...

"The aftermath of Kavanaugh's controversial Supreme Court nomination hearings last year was evident in Rao's hearing Tuesday, with several references to controversial statements Kavanaugh made in his high school yearbook." [POLITICO](#)

THE INTERCEPT'S RYAN GRIM: ["Top Nancy Pelosi Aide Privately Tells Insurance Executives Not to Worry About Democrats Pushing 'Medicare for All'"](#)

ABC'S BEN SIEGEL: "Trump's early trips to Mar-a-Lago cost nearly \$14 million: Watchdog report": "President Donald Trump's four trips to his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida over four weeks in March and February 2017, including his summit with the Japanese prime minister, cost the government nearly \$14 million, according to the results of a nonpartisan government watchdog's investigation obtained by ABC News.

"The accounting provides one of the clearest pictures to date of the costs incurred by the government for the president's travel to his properties. The report, from the Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan watchdog that works as an investigative arm of Congress, also found that the U.S. Secret Service spent \$396,000 protecting the president's sons, Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump, on three international trips in early 2017." [ABC](#)

THE INVESTIGATIONS ... ANDREW DESIDERIO and MARIANNE LEVINE: ["Dems revive push to shield Mueller from firing and make his final report public"](#)

-- BUZZFEED'S AZEEN GHORAYSHI, JASON LEOPOLD, ANTHONY CORMIER and EMMA LOOP: "Secret Files Show How Trump Moscow Talks Unfolded While Trump Heaped Praise On Putin": "BuzzFeed News is today publishing a cache of internal Trump Organization documents that lay bare the secret negotiations that continued long after [Michael] Cohen claimed the deal had been abandoned. The documents, many of which have been exclusively obtained by BuzzFeed News, reveal that despite Trump's claim that the development was never more than a passing notion the effort to get the tower built was long-running, detail-oriented and directly

entwined with the ups and downs of his campaign." [BuzzFeed](#)

2020 WATCH -- WAPO'S MICHAEL SCHERER: "Howard Schultz plans Thursday policy speech as he moves toward presidential run": "Undaunted by Democratic attacks, former Starbucks chief executive Howard Schultz plans to deliver a major policy address at Purdue University on Thursday to further explain his vision for an independent presidential campaign that would take aim at the country's two-party political system.

"The speech comes after a week-long media blitz that prompted sharp verbal sparring between Schultz and Democratic leaders, who worry that a self-funded bid by a billionaire fiscal moderate and social liberal will ultimately help President Trump win reelection." [WaPo](#)

-- CHRIS CADELAGO: "[Kamala Harris to focus on early states this month](#)"

TRADE WARS -- HANS VON DER BURCHARD and ADAM BEHSUDI: "The great trans-Atlantic trade charade": "The trade talks between the United States and the European Union seem to be doomed before they even start. Both parties have released their goals for a free trade deal, but both have put forth targets that the other side considers unacceptable.

"Although talks are still widely expected to take place, the intractable demands are casting doubt on hopes of real progress. The U.S. has already announced that it wants to win greater access to EU agricultural markets. But the Europeans want to leave food out of the talks out of fear of a massive popular backlash, especially among farmers who wield enormous political clout." [POLITICO](#)

ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA -- WSJ'S TIMOTHY MARTIN and ANDREW JEONG in Seoul: "U.S., South Korea Break Impasse Over Military Alliance's Costs": "The U.S. and South Korea struck an agreement in principle over the costs of their military alliance, ending a monthslong dispute that had loomed over President Trump's planned second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"The two sides have agreed to a preliminary deal covering roughly 28,500 U.S. military personnel in South Korea, though the final details are being sorted out, a U.S. State Department spokeswoman said. The previous agreement expired Dec. 31, though the two sides had until to April 15 to come to new terms. ... Under the agreement, Seoul is set to pay roughly \$1 billion, according to South Korea's semiofficial Yonhap News, representing a roughly 20% increase from previous payments." [WSJ](#)

ALEX GUILLÉN: ["Pruitt legal fundraising started months before his exit"](#)

CLIMATE FILES -- "Climate Change Could Leave Thousands of Lakes Ice-Free," by NYT's Nadja Popovich: "In a study published last week in the journal Nature Climate Change, scientists for the first time quantified the effects of rising temperatures on ice cover across 1.4 million lakes in the Northern Hemisphere.

"They found that, from Wisconsin to Japan, thousands of lakes that used to freeze reliably every winter already see some years without ice, and that 'an extensive loss of lake ice will occur within the next generation.' The vanishing ice will affect cold-water ecosystems and be felt by millions of people who live near northern lakes, the study said." [NYT](#)

KNOWING LISA MURKOWSKI -- BURGESS EVERETT: "The most independent': Murkowski carves own path in Trump era": "The Alaska Republican's vote against [Brett] Kavanaugh the only GOP dissent cemented her status as the most unpredictable Republican senator and sparked one of her most high-profile splits with [Maine Sen. Susan] Collins, with whom she has long shared the Senate's middle lane.

"But it was the exclamation point on Murkowski's work to build a remarkable political brand distinct from others in her caucus that's only been magnified by the presidency of Donald Trump. The two share few character traits where Trump is impulsive, Murkowski deliberates. And she has been among Trump's toughest GOP critics for shutting down the government to get border wall funding."

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N.Y. MAG'S OLIVIA NUZZI: "Former White House Staffer Cliff Sims on Trump's Emotional Life and the Fine Points of Leaking"

SPOTTED at a fundraiser Monday night for Kentucky attorney general candidate Daniel Cameron at BGR Group: Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Indiana AG Curtis Hill, Pam Bondi, Kristin Strobel, Samantha Dravis, Loren Monroe, Adam Piper, Brian McGuire and Ashley Montenegro.

TRANSITIONS -- Renee Ellmers is leaving HHS, where she was a regional director in Atlanta. She previously was a North Carolina GOP congresswoman. (h/t POLITICO Pulse).

ENGAGED -- Katie Grant, communications director and senior adviser for House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), on Saturday got engaged to **Justin Drew**, a professional classical musician. Pool report: "The couple celebrated Saturday evening on the Hill with a wine tasting class at DCanter and dinner at Lavagna." [*Pic*](#)

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By [Eli Yokley](#)

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- President Donald Trump pressed a hard line on immigration during his State of the Union address, pushing for his border wall and offering no concessions to Democratic priorities such as a path to citizenship for

immigrants brought into United States illegally as children. Trump also used the speech to announce he will meet for the second time with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Vietnam on Feb. 27-28. ([The New York Times](#))

- Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) signaled she will launch her candidacy for president this weekend. During an interview on MSNBC, the 58-year-old former prosecutor and third-term senator teased an announcement Sunday in Minneapolis. ([The Associated Press](#))
- Vanessa Tyson, the woman who's accusing Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax (D) of sexual assault at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, went public yesterday, adding another wrinkle to the turmoil in Virginia politics amid calls on the state's governor to resign. Tyson has hired the legal team that represented Christine Blasey Ford, who accused Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her in the 1980s. ([NBC News](#))

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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

02/06/2019

Reps. Clarke, Curtis participate in The Hill's event 8:00 am

House Judiciary Committee hearing on gun violence 10:00 am

Sen. Cruz participates in AEI event on foreign policy 10:00 am

Senate Armed Services Committee holds hearing on worldwide threats 11:00 am

House Natural Resources Committee hearing on climate

change 10:00 am

House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on
Obamacare lawsuit 10:15 am

Sen. Cotton participates in Hudson Institute event on China 11:45 am

02/07/2019

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
hearing on infrastructure investment 9:30 am

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on William Barr's
nomination to be Attorney General 10:00 am

House Energy & Commerce Committee hearing on net
neutrality rules 11:00 am

House Ways and Means Committee hearing on presidential
and vice-presidential tax returns 2:00 pm

Rep. Kilmer participates in ITIF event on open data 1:00 pm

02/08/2019

Rep. Gallagher participates in Hudson Institute event 11:45 am

02/09/2019

Elizabeth Warren hosts announcement event in
Massachusetts 11:00 am

02/12/2019

Hoover Institution hosts event on civic education 4:00 pm

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[Democratic Donor Who Pivoted to Trump Draws Scrutiny in Inaugural Inquiry](#)

Kenneth P. Vogel et al., The New York Times

In the world of big-dollar political donors, Imaad Zuberi is notable less for the scale of his giving than for its baldly transactional nature. A supporter of President Barack Obama and then Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign who frequently posted pictures of himself alongside high-profile politicians, Mr. Zuberi, a California venture capitalist, abruptly pivoted after Donald J. Trump's victory.

[Confidential Memo: Company of Trump Inaugural Chair Sought to Profit From Connections to Administration, Foreigners](#)

Ilya Marritz and Justin Elliott, WNYC and ProPublica

The investment firm founded by the chairman of Donald Trump's inaugural committee, Tom Barrack, developed a plan to profit off its connections to the incoming administration and foreign dignitaries, according to a confidential memo obtained by WNYC and ProPublica. "The key is to strategically cultivate domestic and international relations while avoiding any appearance of lobbying," the memo says.

[New York federal prosecutors seek interviews with Trump Organization executives](#)

Erica Orden and Cristina Alesci, CNN

Federal prosecutors in New York have requested interviews in recent weeks with executives at the Trump Organization, according to people familiar with the matter, signaling a growing potential threat to President Donald Trump