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LEADING DHS NEWS

Senators Agree To Let DHS Shift Funding To

TSA. The Hill (5/5, Zanona, 884K) reports, "Senate appropriators have agreed to let the Department of Homeland Security shift funding in its current budget in order to help the Transportation Security Administration ease long lines at airports." Senate Appropriations homeland security subcommittee chairman John Hoeven is cited saying he and ranking member Jeanne Shaheen "approved the request to shift \$34 million." The funds "will enable the TSA to accelerate the hiring and training of nearly 800 transportation security officers and provide funding for additional overtime for current officers." Their House counterparts "must now sign off on the request before the shift is complete." House Homeland Security appropriations subcommittee chairman John Carter "said Wednesday evening that he is still assessing the request. He also came down on the TSA for not planning more responsibly in the first place."

Politico (5/5, Powers, 1.93M) "Morning Transportation" says Hoeven "delivered" mere "hours after Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson pleaded for Congress to redirect funding." Morning Transportation says the move "is distinct from the ongoing battle over TSA funding in the appropriations process – appropriators are mulling numbers for the fiscal year that begins in October." Nonetheless, "the Senate's speedy response indicates a growing sympathy for TSA's plight among federal lawmakers."

Bloomberg News (5/5, Levin, 2.07M) reports, "Lawmakers say the Transportation Security Administration is to blame for poor use of resources and failing to anticipate growing traffic levels. The agency says it is doing the best it can within budgetary limits imposed by Congress and the 'current threat environment.'" US Travel Association executive vice president for public affairs Jonathan Grella is quoted saying, "This stare-down match or game of chicken that they are engaging in now is maybe adorable to some, but the chickens will come home to roost once summer travel

season begins. ... We're incredibly concerned about this communications gap."

DHS OIG TO Investigate Profiling Allegations At Minnesota TSA Office.

The New York Times (5/5, Nixon, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that the DHS Office of Inspector General has announced the opening of an investigation "into allegations made by Andrew Rhoades, an assistant federal security director at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport," to the effect that "he was instructed to provide the names of Somali-American leaders visiting the agency's office in Minnesota so they could be screened against national security databases for terrorist ties." The Times specifically names Rhoades' supervisor, David McMahon, and cites Rhoades saying McMahon advised him "to check potential Somali visitors to the agency's offices with the field intelligence officer to determine 'if we want them in our office space or meet elsewhere.'" The Times adds, "Somali leaders in Minnesota condemned the remarks, saying the episode would damage outreach efforts by the T.S.A. and other federal agencies, and called for an inquiry," and members of the state's Congressional delegation "followed quickly with their own requests for an investigation by Homeland Security."

The Washington Times (5/5, Noble, 269K) cites Rhoades saying "he was given the instruction as part of a performance review and that it related to a meeting he had previously with a Somali imam who had come to his office to seek a remedy for a Muslim man who was not being allowed to board flights at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport." Rhoades' Congressional testimony is also cited saying that at "another point he was asked by a supervisor if he was 'going native' after having attended a community meeting an area mosque."

The Hill (5/5, Zanona, 884K) reports, "The OIG said it will publish a report on the investigation as appropriate and encouraged other Homeland Security Department employees to report profiling or other forms of waste, fraud and abuse to the OIG hotline."

Reuters (5/5) quotes a TSA spokesperson: "The Transportation Security Administration does not racially profile, nor does it tolerate profiling by employees. TSA welcomes the Office of Inspector General's investigation and will cooperate fully, but cannot comment until the investigation is complete."

CNN (5/5, Marsh, 2.4M) quotes a TSA statement regarding this allegation: "It would be unfair and irresponsible to infer or conclude that profiling is a common TSA practice based upon a single interaction between one employee and his supervisor."

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (5/5, Moore, 1.3M) quotes Jaylani Hussein, executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations: "We welcome this investigation and hope it results in the accountability and transparency needed to rebuild trust in the Minnesota TSA. ... Racial and religious profiling is unconstitutional, immoral, ineffective and undermines the core principles of our democracy."

In its reporting, Federal Times (5/5, 117K) says, "This isn't the first time the TSA has faced accusations of profiling," and notes prior New York Times reporting and an ACLU lawsuit in 2015.

IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Foreign Students At Fake University Claim They Were Duped By DHS, Brokers. In a 1,900-word article, the New York Times (5/5, Robbins, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports foreign-born students who attended the fake University of Northern New Jersey, which was set up by the DHS as part of "an elaborate sting operation," believe they were "collateral damage" as they now face deportation "or even a lifetime ban" from the US. The sting resulted in the arrest of 22 brokers, who arranged for the students to enroll at the school, which enabled them to obtain student visas and still work at their "dream jobs" without attending classes. DHS spokesman Alvin Phillips is quoted saying the students "were 100 percent fully aware" of the "pay-to-stay scheme," but more than a dozen students told the Times that because the DHS' website certified the university, "they believed the institution was legitimate."

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

UK Tourists Without Biometric Passports Risk Being Refused Travel. The Guardian (UK) (5/5, Johnston, 3.74M) reports, "Tens of thousands of British tourists heading to the US have been warned that they risk being turned away from flights to the country unless they hold

the latest biometric passports." The Guardian quotes the DHS website: "As of 1 April 2016, all travellers must have an e-passport to use the [visa waiver programme]," and adds, "Reports are now beginning to proliferate of UK tourists being caught out." A CBP spokesman "said it had sent emails, where possible, to Esta holders, if their passport details were no longer valid."

Deceased CBP Officer To Be Memorialized. The Miami Herald (5/5, 794K) reports on a procession held as "part of the 35th annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony." The name of CBP officer Dwight Blackman Jr., "who died at 35 in an August 2015 motorcycle crash," will be etched into a memorial at Tropical Park. CBP port director Dylan DeFrancisci is quoted saying, "We mourn the loss of Dwight together."

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FEMA Officials Open Mobile Flood Recovery Centers In Texas. The Houston Chronicle (5/5, Zaveri, 2.19M) reports FEMA officials opened three mobile disaster recovery centers in Texas's Houston area on Thursday. The facilities are part of an effort to help people in that part of the state recover from recent flood damage. Officials in the Texas county of Harris said on Thursday that flood survivors have already gotten more than \$22 million worth of grant money from FEMA.

Several Lawmakers Call For Investigation Of Sandy Claims Review Process. According to the Queens (NY) Chronicle (5/5, O'Reilly, 120K), US Rep. Gregory Meeks, US Sen. Charles Schumer and New York Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder are calling for an investigation of FEMA's Superstorm Sandy flood claims review process. Their calls follow whistle-blower allegations that the process was designed to withhold money from policyholders, but FEMA spokesman Rafael Lemaitre said his agency has "no reason or incentive to underpay any claim." Lemaitre continued, "We take any allegation of fraud very seriously and will direct any evidence of that to the proper authorities." He added, "Already, FEMA has paid out over \$50 million in underpayments to policyholders and we won't stop reviewing...until we pay every penny out that is due."

US CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

O-1B Program Seen As “VIP” Pass For Entertainment Industry. The Hollywood Reporter (5/5, 716K) says the use of the “little-known” O-1B program, which the Reporter dubs “the VIP fast pass of immigration,” has grown by 50 percent in the last four years in the entertainment industry. While immigration has become the subject of fierce debate, “Hollywood’s attitude toward its top talent echelons is a full-fledged endorsement of an express lane for talent it deems important.” The Reporter adds that “most entertainment folk with O-1B requests get their applications resolved in less than two weeks,” while asylum seekers “must wait years for a visa,” which Human Rights First strategist Jennifer Quigley calls “a major, major problem.” The Reporter goes on to discuss a trend toward securing O-1Bs for “assorted below-the-line players” and for “agency visas” intended to help develop a client’s career “without necessarily having already firmed up continuous work for the period.”

Naturalization Ceremony Held In Massachusetts. The North Andover (MA) Eagle Tribune (5/5, 133K) reports on a naturalization ceremony in Lawrence, Massachusetts which featured USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez. The Eagle Tribune says Rodriguez “quickly took stock in the large, brick mill buildings that shape Lawrence” and quotes him saying, “I thought, ‘What stories those bricks must have to tell...of families that struggled, of families that looked for more here in the United States.’” The Eagle Tribune also quotes USCIS Boston director Denis Reardon addressing the new citizens: “You are 41 new citizens. ... You have made our country a better country, a stronger country. You have prevailed and our country will thrive due to your efforts.”

Bier: H-1B Should Be Reformed To Better Protect Visaholders’ Rights. David Bier, director of immigration policy at the libertarian nonprofit Niskanen Center, writes in The Hill (5/5, Bier, Contributor, 884K) “Pundits Blog” that “for the fourth year in a row, the annual quota on H-1B visas, which allow high-skilled foreigners to work legally in the United States, was filled in a matter of days.” Bier advises Congress to “tie increases to reforms to the H-1B process to better protect the rights of foreign workers,” as the current system “mechanically discriminates against some immigrants simply because they come from a populous country,” a system Bier contends “has no rational basis.” Bier says abolishing H-1B “would effectively destroy the high-skilled legal immigration system” and concludes,

“We should recognize the contributions that H-1B workers make to our economy and society by protecting their rights.”

IMMIGRATION

Girl Who Handed Letter To Pope Visits White House, As Her Undocumented Parents Wait Outside. The Washington Post (5/5, A1, Hernández, 9.23M) reports on its front page that Sophie Cruz, “the little girl who darted past security last fall to deliver a letter to Pope Francis, went to the White House on Thursday for a Cinco de Mayo celebration,” but her Mexican parents “could not accompany her because they are in the U.S. illegally, and could not pass the required background checks. Instead, they hugged her goodbye outside the White House gates.”

Industry Groups Want Next President To Ease Foreign Worker Hiring, Support TPP. Reuters (5/5, Volz) reports that industry groups representing technology companies and others are pushing for the next president of the US to support the Trans-Pacific Partnership and to ease the hiring of foreign high-tech workers. The tech industry plans to issue an open letter outlining policy recommendations for candidates running in the general election. Reuters notes that supporting TPP runs against the positions taken by Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

Canadian Refugee Program A “Model” For Other Nations. The Washington Post Magazine (5/4, Shulman) reports on the large number of Syrian refugees accepted by Canada, “using a private sponsorship process that has become a global model.” In fact, “some refugee advocates in the United States want to replicate” the Canadian program that “places the power of selecting, financing and resettling refugees in the hands of regular citizens, as long as the refugees clear Canadian government security, background and health checks.”

Jordanian Queen Says Female Refugees Are “At Their Breaking Point.” In the Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M), Jordan’s Queen Rania writes that no one is “listening to the nearly 155,000 refugees who have risked their lives to reach Greece since the start of this year,” though “each and every story is harrowing. Exhaustion hangs, thickly, in the air. I wonder how much more these women can endure. Each and every story is different, but they are linked by the threads of helplessness, hopelessness and despair. These are women at their breaking point.”

US COAST GUARD

Fisherman Rescued After Two Months Adrift In Pacific.

The AP (5/5, Mcavoy) reports that Colombian fisherman Javier Eduardo Olaya "has been reunited with his wife and family after spending two months adrift in the Pacific Ocean, an ordeal that he says left his three shipmates dead." The four "left Colombia more than two months ago," according to the Coast Guard, and "a merchant ship rescued the man more than 2,000 miles southeast of Hawaii, and he was brought to Honolulu in good condition Wednesday." Petty Officer 2nd Class Simey Luevano, who interpreted for Olaya "during a short interview filmed by the Coast Guard," is quoted saying, "He thanks the people that picked him up, for rescuing him. He says again he's very thankful to God. ... And he feels very bad for what happened to his friends that he was on board with. He would have loved it if his friends from the boat would have been here with him."

Bollinger Wins Contract For "Next Generation Cutter Vessels."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/5, 674K) reports, "Bollinger Shipyards will build a second round of next generation cutter vessels for the U.S. Coast Guard, the company's latest contract in an ongoing replacement program. The contract comes months after Bollinger agreed to pay a settlement to end a federal lawsuit alleging boats the company modified were falling apart at sea." Bollinger president and CEO Ben Bordelon is quoted saying, "Our relationship with the Coast Guard began over 30 years ago and we are proud to continue building on that legacy. ... This is a testament to the skilled Louisiana based team of Bollinger employees."

SECRET SERVICE

NPS, Secret Service Meet With National Capital Planning Commission On White House Fence Plans.

The Washington Post (5/5, Moyer, 9.23M) reports the National Capital Planning Commission, which is considering a proposal to double the size of the White House fence, "met Thursday with government agencies and the architectural firm designing the barrier." Tom Dougherty, chief strategy officer of the Secret Service, described the dilemma of balancing security with the aesthetics of a symbol of democracy. Department of the Interior Associate Regional Director Peter May said, "It's a very difficult problem to solve," adding, "Everyone is doing their best to meet security needs and keep it a good experience for visitors." The Secret Service, the National Park Service, and Mills and Schnoering Architects are working on a fence design that will be "taller

and stronger – with anti-climb features and intrusion-detection technology – but respects the spirit of the White House."

Reuters (5/5, Simpson) quotes Dougherty: "We would like to be able to ultimately rebuild the fence as it stands right now. This is an immediate need."

Former Secret Service Agent Writes Book About Service.

Washington Post (5/5, Leonnig, 9.23M) reporter Carol Leonnig discusses Clint Hill, "one of the heroes of the Secret Service," who has written a book about his tenure in the agency, "Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey With Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Ford." Leonnig says, "When Clint Hill watches Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump or any presidential contenders verbally spar on television, he barely looks at the candidates or listens to the barbs they hurl," but "instead trains his gaze on the icy-faced special agents in suits on the edge of the screen and worries about the vitriol of this campaign season: It could happen in an instant. Somebody could get shot." Hill is quoted saying the agency has "asked for additional manpower and it's been denied by Congress. When there's a problem and it's evident the problem is caused by the lack of manpower, Congress is not going to take the blame but instead, it is going to point the finger."

DIRECTORATE FOR MANAGEMENT

Former Police Officer Alleges Speaking Up About Federal Grant Misuse Led To Firing.

The Los Angeles Times (4/26, McDonald, 4.12M) reports that former San Diego police officer Shannon Hart "has accused the department of firing him for refusing to keep quiet about the misuse of federal grant proceeds and the improper use of satellite phones by Mayor Kevin Faulconer and Chief Shelley Zimmerman." Hart "alleges he was let go in retaliation for raising questions over U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant allocations, among other things," and seeks "unspecified damages of more than \$10,000 in a claim he filed against the city late last year."

TERRORISM INVESTIGATIONS

Local Authorities "Rattled" By Parole Of South Carolina Terror Suspect.

Fox News (5/5, 10.55M) reports on its website, "A South Carolina parole board's decision to grant early release for a teenager who served just one year of a five-year sentence on a gun charge rattled local law enforcement because authorities said the teen was attracted to the Islamic State and plotted to kill U.S. troops in North Carolina." The unidentified teen reportedly benefited from South Carolina's lack of anti-terrorism laws. No federal

charges were ever sought. "Apparently someone in Washington decided this wasn't worth pursuing or it wasn't in their parameters," said York, South Carolina Police Chief Andy Robinson. An unnamed city official said local authorities will ask the FBI to keep track of the parolee.

Second Defendant In Plot Against Kansas Army Base To Plead Guilty. The AP (5/5, Hanna) reports that Kansas man Alexander E. Blair plans to plead guilty to helping terror suspect John T. Booker Jr. plot to blow up the Fort Riley military base in the name of ISIL. "Mr. Blair believes that the government possesses sufficient evidence to convict him of the crime of conspiracy," Blair's lawyer said in a change-of-plea request filed Thursday. Booker was arrested outside the Army base near Topeka, Kansas, when he was attempting to arm what he believed was a 1,000-pound explosive device.

The Topeka (KS) Capital-Journal (5/5, Fry, 107K) reports that in February, Booker pleaded guilty to two terrorism counts as part of a plea deal. "As part of a plea, prosecutors and Booker's attorneys recommended Booker receive sentences of 30 years for the first conviction and 20 years for the second count," the Capital-Journal says, adding that the agreement recommended the sentences run concurrently. According to court papers, Blair lent Booker some of the money to rent a storage unit to store the improvised explosive device.

Attorney For Minnesota Terror Suspect Seeks To Stop Representing Client. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (4/25, Montemayor, 1.3M) reports that Murad Mohammad, attorney for Minnesota terror suspect Mohamed Farah filed a motion Thursday to bow out as Farah's lawyer because the Farah family could not afford to pay his fees. "Farah's parents, Ayan and Abdihamid Farah, meanwhile pleaded for [US District Judge Michael] Davis to appoint their son a new attorney before the trial, for which jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday. Late Thursday, Davis ordered that a hearing on Mohammad's motion take place at 9 a.m., Monday," the Star Tribune says. Mohamed Farah is accused of plotting to support ISIL.

Bail Hearing Postponed For Man Accused Of Plotting To Bomb Florida Synagogue. The AP (5/5) reports that a bail hearing has been postponed for James Medina, a 40-year-old Florida man charged with seeking to bomb a Jewish school and synagogue. On Thursday, a defense attorney for Medina requested more time to work on the case. The hearing is now scheduled for Tuesday. "Federal prosecutors oppose bail for Medina, calling him a flight risk and danger to the community," the AP says. "Medina faces life in prison if convicted of attempted

use of a weapon of mass destruction." The South Florida Sun Sentinel (5/5, 668K) notes that according to a family member, Media has suffered from serious mental health problems in the past.

FBI Memo Told Police To Recreate Information Obtained From Stingrays Before Use At Trial.

The Intercept (5/5, McLaughlin) reports that a recently disclosed memorandum sent to the Oklahoma City Police Department from the FBI regarding the use of Stingrays says the technology is so secret that any evidence obtained through its use must be also be obtained using some other method before being used at trial. "Information obtained through the use of the equipment is FOR LEAD PURPOSES ONLY," FBI Special Agent James E. Finch wrote in a letter to the department. "The official notice, dated September 2014, said such information 'may not be used as primary evidence in any affidavits, hearings or trials,'" the Intercept reports, quoting the memo.

County Committee Plans Memorial For San Bernardino Victims.

The Los Angeles Times (5/5, Esquivel, 4.12M) reports that a "committee of victims' relatives, county workers who witnessed the shooting and others" are planning a memorial for the victims of the Dec. 2 San Bernardino terrorist attack. "We have discussed a memorial that will serve as a place where all can remember each of those who were taken from us and the beauty they brought into this world. We also want it to recognize the tenacity of our community to persevere and move forward," a statement said. The committee was formed by county Supervisor Josie Gonzales.

CYBER NEWS

Tor Developer Says FBI Contacted Her, May Subpoena Her.

TechDirt (5/5, 34K) reports that according to a lead Tor software developer, the FBI has contacted her and indicated that they could serve her with a subpoena. Isis Agora Lovecruft says that the bureau has not been forthcoming about why they are interested in her, but at one point told her lawyer there were "some documents we'd like her opinion on." Lovecruft has also worked on "a variety of other security and encryption products, including Open Whisper Systems and the LEAP Encryption Access Project," TechDirt says.

Continued Coverage Change To Rule 41.

USA Today (5/5, Kelly, 6.31M) reports in continued coverage of the proposed change to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The change would allow magistrate judges to authorize search warrants for computers outside of

their districts. Congress would need to act to prevent the change from taking effect in December.

Russian Hacker Tried To Sell 272 Million Stolen Email Accounts. Tom Costello reported on NBC Nightly News (5/5, story 6, 1:45, Holt, 16.61M) that Milwaukee security consultant Alex Holden discovered a Russian hacker had stolen 272 million email accounts and passwords, "among them Yahoo!, Gmail, and Microsoft addresses," and was attempting to sell them on the dark web. The Independent (UK) (5/5, Bolton, 1.15M) also reports.

WRC-TV Washington (5/4, 507K) cites reporting by NBC News that says "cybersecurity professionals are warning anyone with a personal email account to change their passwords" as a result of the breach.

Continuing Coverage: Terrorists Primarily Use Telegram App, Gmail. In continuing coverage, CNN Money (5/3, Pagliery, 3.1M) provides additional details of a study by Trend Micro that found terrorists are using the encrypted application Telegram "to exchange secret messages," as well as other encrypted messaging services. The study also found that 34% of the terrorists monitored used Gmail.

Gelsinger: Government Experiencing IT Renaissance. In an op-ed for The Hill's (5/5, Gelsinger, 884K) "Congress Blog," VMware CEO Pat Gelsinger opines the federal government is experiencing an "IT renaissance" in part because "agencies are embracing...tremendous advances in information technology." Gelsinger says the government's IT renaissance is partly due to the adoption of cloud-based technology, mobile workforces, and "modern security micro-segmentation."

Top Banking Officials Will Meet To Discuss Bangladesh Central Bank Stolen Funds. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Al-Mahmood, Burne, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports Bangladesh Central Bank Governor Fazle Kabir will meet with NY Federal Reserve President William Dudley and Swift officials in Switzerland next week to discuss the retrieval of \$81 million in funds that were stolen during a February cyberattack.

Tech Group Alliance Offers Cybersecurity Platform To Presidential Candidates. Politico (5/5, Starks, Goode, 1.93M) reports a conglomerate of tech groups wants "cybersecurity on the next administration's agenda," and released a platform on Wednesday that includes several focus areas.

Microsoft Releases Bi-Annual Cybersecurity Report. The Seattle Times (5/5, Day, 1.07M) says Microsoft released its bi-annual cybersecurity report. The Times reports Microsoft's study found that "about 18 percent of computers worldwide encountered a virus or malware last year," which was "down from 19 percent the previous year."

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Experts Discuss Countering Violent Extremism. Truman National Security Project fellow Kevin E. Melton and Ryan B. Greer, CEO of Vasa Strategies, write in The Hill (5/5, Melton, Greer, 884K) "Congress Blog," "We recently did something that might seem a little strange to the political world – we got a group of experts in peace, conflict, and terrorism together and actually asked them how violent extremism should be countered. The results may surprise you." Melton and Greer note Secretary Johnson's participation in the Countering Violent Extremism Symposium, and go on to say, "What we learned from the experts captured what Secretary Johnson meant when he said, 'We can kill an enemy but not necessarily defeat an enemy.'" The authors reiterate the "key points" from the event, such as that "no one is born a terrorist" but is impelled toward terrorism by "community-based affliction," and add that "funding is shockingly scarce" for prevention efforts.

NATIONAL SECURITY NEWS

ISIL Attack That Killed SEAL Was Unexpected. The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 6, 2:10, Pelley, 11.17M) provided new details on the firefight between US Navy SEALs and ISIL militants in Iraq on Tuesday that resulted in the death of Petty Officer First Class Charles Keating IV. The attack occurred near the village of Tel Skuf, and the Americans "fought for nearly two hours before finally getting away." Charlie D'Agata reported that US officials said the area has been "relatively quiet" for a month and was "considered low risk." D'Agata said that "shows how the front line against ISIS can change in a flash...and how close US forces are to it."

Barbara Starr reported on CNN's Situation Room (5/5, 554K) that Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook made an "extraordinary admission" Thursday. He was shown stating that, "had the forces there been able to see this attack coming, they would have responded differently to it. Perhaps this could have been avoided. That is certainly something that we're looking at carefully."

Australian ISIL Recruiter Killed In US Airstrike In Iraq. The New York Times (5/5, Innis, Subscription

Publication, 14.18M) reports Australian Neil Prakash, who was believed to be a top ISIL recruiter, was killed last week in a US airstrike in Mosul. Prakash had appeared in ISIL videos and magazines and had actively recruited Australians to join the group.

Iraqi Lawmakers Fail To Agree On Alternative To Abadi. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Adnan, Fitch, Bradley, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports opponents of Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi concede he will likely hold on to his post despite increasing calls for his resignation because they are unable to agree on a viable alternative. "It's fine to replace Abadi, but the main concern is finding the alternative," said Habib al-Torfi, a parliament member from a broad Shiite grouping. "This may lead the country to complete chaos."

Abadi Orders Probe Of Detention Centers After Amnesty Report. Reuters (5/5, Coles) reports Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has ordered an investigation into a detention center outside Baghdad where Amnesty International said more than 1,000 people were being held without charge in "inhumane and degrading conditions." Abadi, who met Amnesty Secretary General Salil Shetty on Thursday, said Iraq was committed to upholding human rights.

Barzani: Kurds Deserve "Divorce" From Baghdad. Masrour Barzani, chancellor of the Kurdistan Region Security Council, writes in the Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) that the Kurdistan region of Iraq will hold a referendum to establish a sovereign state, which he says will "formalize a divorce from Baghdad and secure the area we now control as a homeland for the Kurdish people." He argues that the move "will not only offer hope to the Kurds; it will also bring certainty to a divided region."

Moderate Syrian Rebels Faced With Choice Of Accepting Deal, Joining Extremists. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Dagher, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports that moderate Syrian rebels are facing the difficult choice of accepting a settlement with the Assad regime or fight alongside Islamist extremists. The Journal says their fate is crucial to US efforts to defeat ISIL, and if they quit the fight or join forces with Islamist extremists, they will lose leverage.

House Lawmakers Urge Obama Not To Send MANPADS To Syrian Rebels. The Hill (5/5, Kheel, 884K) reports 27 bipartisan House lawmakers sent President Obama a letter this week urging him not to supply Syrian rebels with Man-Portable Air-Defense Systems (MANPADS). The letter came after a Wall Street Journal article in April said

the CIA was being urged by Middle East partners to provide the weapons with modifications that would include battery limits and geosensors to prevent the shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles from leaving designated areas of Syria.

Airstrike Kills 28 At Syrian Refugee Camp But Ceasefire Largely Holding. The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 8, 0:20, Pelley, 11.17M) reported briefly that in what "could only be called a war crime." At least 28 people at a Syrian refugee camp, including many women and children, were killed in an airstrike Thursday. It's unclear who fired the strike at the camp, which is in rebel territory near the Turkish border. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Abdulrahim, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports the State Department said it hasn't confirmed the camp strike was carried out by Syrian government forces, but that it would be "totally in keeping" with their previous operations. "There is absolutely no justification for attacks on civilians in Syria, we've said this many times over the past week or so, but especially on what appears to be a refugee camp," spokesman Mark Toner said.

The New York Times (5/5, Barnard, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports the White House condemned the attack, calling it "indefensible." The strike on the Kamuna camp in Idlib took place "just hours into what was supposed be to a new, 48-hour truce." However, an AFP (5/5, Al-Masri) correspondent in Aleppo said there had been "no signs of fresh air raids" on Thursday. Bloomberg Politics (5/5, Syeed, 529K) also says the ceasefire "largely held on Thursday, although its intended duration remained in doubt." Toner told reporters, "It appears today, at least, there's a decrease in the level of violence." He also said the US would like the ceasefire to "continue and be as open-ended as possible," but acknowledged that Syrian authorities have insisted on "a 48-hour time limit."

Russian Orchestra Plays Concert In Palmyra. The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 9, 2:20, Pelley, 11.17M) reported that on Thursday, "music filled an ancient Roman amphitheater" in Palmyra "that only three months ago was under ISIS control." The network showed a Russian orchestra playing to packed stands, which the Washington Post (5/5, A1, Roth, 9.23M) says was an attempt by Russia to "draw the West into closer cooperation" in Syria by launching a "cultural offensive" in the city.

Downie: Drone War Is A "Shame" Of Obama's Presidency. Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) digital opinions editor James Downie writes that "there have long been policy, constitutional and moral questions about the drone program," and President Obama's "embrace of drones has led to a preference for killing rather than capturing terrorists." Leaked documents also "show the disturbing ease

with which an innocent civilian – American or not – can be added to the U.S. government's main terrorist database." It is also "clear from the documents that the White House has overstated the prudence with which it undertakes strikes." Downie writes that "Obama's decision to expand the drone war has led to the deaths of hundreds of civilians," and it "is an indelible legacy – and shame – of his presidency."

US Military Supporting Yemen's Fight Against AQAP. The AP (5/5, Baldor) reports US officials said Thursday that the Pentagon is providing "support, intelligence, ships and special operations forces" to assist Yemen's ongoing operations against al Qaeda militants. A "senior US official" said that US special operations forces are advising the Yemeni and Emirati forces in the region, but are "working at the headquarters level and are not near the conflict." The comments came as AFP (5/5) reports al Qaeda militants "began withdrawing Thursday from two cities" in Abyan province following tribal mediation, tribal sources said.

ISIL Suicide Bomber Kills Five In Western Libya. The AP (5/5, Musa) reports an ISIL suicide bomber on Thursday "rammed his car into a checkpoint" in western Libya manned by a militia from Misrata, killing five. According to a local militia leader, the attack took place near the town of Abu-Qrain, and an ISIL statement claiming responsibility identified the bomber as Khabab al-Tunisi of Tunisia.

WPost A1: CIA Chief In Pakistan At Time Of Bin Laden Raid Poisoned By ISI. The Washington Post (5/5, A1, Miller, 9.23M) reports in a front-page story that two months after Osama bin Laden was killed, the CIA's station chief in Pakistan was "pulled out of the country in an abrupt move vaguely attributed to health concerns and his strained relationship with Islamabad." According to the Post, Mark Kelton was "violently ill," but "the cause of his ailment was so mysterious," US officials said, that "both he and the agency began to suspect that he had been poisoned." While he has since retired and recovered after having abdominal surgery, CIA officials "continue to think that it is plausible – if not provable – that Kelton's sudden illness was somehow orchestrated by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency." A spokesman at the Pakistani Embassy dismissed the allegations as "fictional, not worthy of comment."

US Embassy In Kabul Warns Of Kidnapping Threat. Reuters (5/5, Mackenzie) reports the US Embassy in Kabul issued an emergency security warning on Thursday to US citizens after an attempted kidnapping of an American and a number of other foreigners on Monday. Reuters notes that an Australian aid worker was also recently kidnapped in Jalalabad. The New York Times (5/5, Nordland, Subscription

Publication, 14.18M) quotes the embassy's statement as saying, "The threat of kidnapping and hostage-taking continues to be very high." Afghan police believe "many of the kidnappings of foreigners have been carried out by criminal gangs motivated by ransom."

Nonaligned Nations Accuse SCOTUS Of Violating International Law In Iran Ruling. The AP (5/5, Lederer) reports the 120-nation Nonaligned Movement headed by Iran accused the Supreme Court on Thursday of "violating international law by ruling that nearly \$2 billion in frozen Iranian assets can be paid to victims of attacks linked to the country." A communique issued by the NAM's Coordinating Bureau called the US waiver of "the sovereign immunity of states and their institutions" a violation of US international and treaty obligations. In response, State Department spokesman Mark Toner said "US laws and the application of those laws by the courts of the United States comport with international law."

Davutoglu Resigns Amid Rift With Erdogan. The Washington Post (5/5, Cunningham, 9.23M) reports Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu resigned Thursday after "a public rift" with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, "throwing the country's politics into turmoil and paving the way for Erdogan to consolidate power at a time of domestic and regional crises." The Post says the move "marks another potential step by Erdogan to weaken the country's parliamentary system and establish a strong presidency, further cementing his authority." The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Nissenbaum, Peker, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports after Davutoglu's announcement, White House spokesman Josh Earnest called him a "good partner" and said the leadership change wouldn't affect the US fight against ISIL.

The New York Times (5/5, Arango, Yeginsu, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) describes Davutoglu as "publicly loyal to Mr. Erdogan even as he pushed back privately on some of his excesses" and notes he said yesterday, "You will never hear me say negative things about our president. My loyalty to him will last until the end."

Israelis Find Second Tunnel From Gaza. The New York Times (5/5, Kershner, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports the Israeli military said Thursday it has found another tunnel from Gaza – the second in three weeks – "as officials revealed the arrest last month of a Hamas operative who had disclosed 'much information' about the group's digging." According to the Times, the Israeli effort to find the tunnels "has led to a flare-up of violence" in recent days. The Shin Bet announcement also "fueled speculation over whether Israel's recent success in detecting tunnels was the result of a tip, rather than some unique technological

breakthrough” as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu suggested last month.

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines Agree To Strengthen Security At Sea. The New York Times (5/5, Cochrane, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines on Thursday agreed to “strengthen cooperation and collaboration” of sea patrols in waters bordering the three Southeast Asian nations, according to Indonesian foreign minister Retno Marsudi. A meeting between the three countries also resulted in an agreement to establish a hotline to combat piracy and kidnappings.

NATO Bolsters European Missile Defense System, Troop Presence. The New York Times (5/5, Erlanger, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports NATO’s European missile defense system in Romania will become operational Thursday, and Poland is set to begin construction of its NATO missile-defense base on Friday. This spring, major military exercises in Poland and the Baltics will feature “significant American participation,” while NATO is planning to deploy four 1,000-troop combat battalions in Poland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania this spring. The Times says the actions indicate that within NATO, there is “less emphasis on finding ‘common ground’ with Russia than on setting clear limits.”

Sub Commander: Adversaries Ready To Challenge US For Undersea Domain. On CNN’s Situation Room (5/5, 554K), Jim Sciutto reported from the USS Missouri, the most advanced submarine in the world, which is now “facing the most advanced threats to US submarine forces in decades” from Russia, China, and others. Russia, in particular, is deploying attack subs “with aggressiveness and technology not seen since the Cold War.” Commodore Ollie Lewis, Commander of Submarine Squadron 12, where he oversees 10 Atlantic-based subs, told Sciutto the US has “to consider that there’s an adversary ready to challenge us in the undersea domain and that undersea is not guaranteed.” Sciutto said the US is confident that they maintain an undersea advantage, but they “know that Russia, China and others are doing their best to catch up.”

NATIONAL NEWS

Obama Commutes 58 More Drug Offenders’ Sentences. President Obama on Thursday commuted the sentences of 58 more drug offenders in what media reporting universally places in the context of the Administration’s overall push to reform the criminal justice system. The generally sympathetic coverage – of which ABC’s 25 seconds

was the only network broadcast reporting – highlights that the pace of Obama’s commutations is likely to increase as he nears the end of his presidency.

ABC World News Tonight (5/5, story 5, 0:25, Muir, 14.63M) reported the President commuted “the sentences of 58 nonviolent drug offenders, including 18 prisoners serving life behind bars.” The AP (5/5, Tucker) reports the move is “part of a broader push to revamp the criminal justice system and ease punishments for nonviolent drug convicts.” The AP says “the latest wave” of commutations “brings to 306 the number of inmates whose sentences Obama has commuted, the vast majority for drug crimes.” The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Tau, 6.27M) and TIME (5/5, Rhodan, 17.97M) report Obama has commuted more sentences than the previous six presidents combined, but The Atlantic (5/4, Ford, 2.83M) says the total “still falls short of historic levels of clemency from some presidents.”

Reuters (5/5, Gardner) reports Obama wrote in a blog post headlined “Nation of Second Chances,” “It just doesn’t make sense to require a nonviolent drug offender to serve 20 years, or in some cases, life, in prison.” Obama added, according to the New York Times (5/5, Shear, Subscription Publication, 14.18M), “An excessive punishment like that doesn’t fit the crime. It’s not serving taxpayers, and it’s not making us safer.” CNN (5/5, Liptak, Producer, 2.4M) reported Obama also wrote, “As a country, we have to make sure that those who take responsibility for their mistakes are able to transition back to their communities. It’s the right thing to do. It’s the smart thing to do. And it’s something I will keep working to do as long as I hold this office.”

According to USA Today (5/5, Korte, 6.31M), Thursday’s action is “a signal” that Obama “intends to use his constitutional clemency power more routinely for the remainder of his presidency.” USA Today says the latest round of commutations was “notable not for [its] number but for [its] timing.” The article explains that through the end of 2015, most of Obama’s commutations came in the month of December, but he’s issued 119 more this year and the newest “comes just five weeks after the last round – the quickest turnaround for presidential commutations not related to national security since Obama has been president.” Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates said in a statement the commutations would continue “as part of our broader efforts to effectuate criminal justice reform and ensure fairness and proportionality in sentencing.”

The Washington Examiner (5/5, Cohen, 371K) reports Obama, whose statement was also posted on Medium, urged Congress to act further. Obama wrote, according to Politico (5/5, Gerstein, 1.93M), “While I will continue to review clemency applications, only Congress can bring about the lasting changes we need to federal sentencing. That is why I am encouraged by the bipartisan efforts in Congress to

reform federal sentencing laws, particularly on overly harsh mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent drug offenses.”

The Washington Post (5/5, Horwitz, 9.23M) briefly reports on the commutations, while also providing a list of the individuals who received them. A number of local media provided coverage of individuals who are on the list from their coverage areas, including: the Belleville (IL) News-Democrat (5/5, 146K), the Birmingham (AL) News (5/5, Faulk, 195K), the Knoxville (TN) News Sentinel (5/5, Collins, 234K), KCRG-TV Cedar Rapids, IA (5/5, 95K), the Indianapolis Star (5/5, Mack, 677K), KWTW-TV Oklahoma City (5/5, 66K), the Augusta (GA) Chronicle (5/5, Hodson, 173K), WDJT-TV Milwaukee (5/5, Green, 27K), the Chicago Sun-Times (5/5, Main, 930K), the Chicago Tribune (5/5, Skiba, 2.5M), and News 12-TV New Jersey (5/5, 17K).

FDA Announces New E-Cigarette Rules, Including Ban On Sale To Minors.

The Administration on Thursday moved to regulate electronic cigarettes and other similar products. The mostly sympathetic media coverage – which includes a combined four minutes and 25 seconds on the three broadcast networks – highlights the provision that bans the products’ sale to minors, but also provides significant attention to the perception among some that the measures were long overdue.

ABC World News Tonight (5/5, story 10, 0:20, Muir, 14.63M) reported e-cigarettes will “be regulated now, for the very first time.” The AP (5/5, Perrone) reports the FDA’s “sweeping new rules...extend long-standing restrictions on traditional cigarettes to a host of other products, including e-cigarettes, hookah tobacco, pipe tobacco and nicotine gels.” The AP says the sale of such products to minors will now be prohibited and regulators “will check the e-cigarettes’ design and the liquid nicotine they contain” before brands are allowed “to stay in the market.” The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Mickle, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports packages of the products will be required to include health warnings that will say, “WARNING: This product contains nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive chemical.” On NBC Nightly News (5/5, story 4, 2:00, Holt, 16.61M), Anne Thompson reported the new rules also mean the products “won’t be in most vending machines, and free samples are prohibited.”

The Los Angeles Times (5/5, Kaplan, 4.12M) reports the FDA regulations do nothing to limit e-cigarette flavors, leaving “a glaring loophole that some of the nation’s most influential medical associations,” including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association, “would like to see closed.” Reuters (5/5) reports Mitch Zeller, head of the FDA’s center for tobacco products, said that before issuing any regulations on e-cigarette flavors, officials will evaluate the use of these by addicted tobacco users as a quitting aid.

Reuters (5/5, Mason) reports the White House said the new rules aid public health and safety. White House press secretary Josh Earnest said, “This is a common sense proposal carefully considered by the FDA,” adding the agency’s scientists took “care and caution and concern” in implementing the rule effectively and fairly. Earnest added, “This is something that our scientists believe would have a tangible impact on the basic public health and safety of the American people, particularly America’s children.”

The New York Times (5/5, A1, Tavernise, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports the “499-page regulatory road map has broad implications for public health, the tobacco industry and the nation’s 40 million smokers.” The Times says the “long-awaited regulations shift the terms of the intense public debate over e-cigarettes, which deliver nicotine without the harmful tar and chemicals that cause cancer” and “have sharply divided American public health experts.” According to the Times, “the central question is whether they help people stop smoking – or whether they are a gateway to traditional cigarettes, especially for younger people.” Bloomberg News (5/5, Kaplan, 2.07M) similarly reports the rules are “an attempt to bring control to a multi-billion dollar industry that has grown rapidly in recent years.” Bloomberg News says the steps “will impact big companies that also make combustible cigarettes...as well as smaller players in the e-cigarette and vapor industry, which was worth about \$5.2 billion in 2015.” The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 7, 2:05, Pelley, 11.17M) showed Zeller saying, “We’re finally leaving the world of the unregulated, wild, wild west when it comes to the sale of e-cigarettes and cigars.”

The Washington Times (5/5, Howell, 269K) reports HHS Secretary Burwell characterized the rules as “an important step in the fight for a tobacco-free generation.” Burwell said the measures “will help us catch up with changes in the marketplace, put into place rules that protect our kids and give adults information they need to make informed decisions.” Reuters (5/5, Humer, Clarke) reports Burwell explained, “Millions of kids are being introduced to nicotine every year, a new generation hooked on a highly addictive chemical.” Burwell added that health officials do not have scientific evidence demonstrating e-cigarettes can aid smokers in quitting. Burwell added, according to USA Today (5/5, O'Donnell, Ungar, 6.31M), “There are many other cessation tools available.”

In what was atypical of most media outlets’ coverage because of the extended space given to the view of those who oppose the regulations, the Washington Post (5/5, A1, McGinley, Dennis, 9.23M) reports on its front page that the e-cigarette industry has recently “gotten support from some public health experts.” The Post notes that a “group of tobacco-control experts” published a late-April article in the journal *Addiction*, that “urged the FDA to be ‘open-minded’ about e-cigarettes.” The experts wrote the products do more

good than harm and can help smokers overcome their addiction. Lead author David Levy said at the time, "We're concerned the FDA...will focus solely on the possibility that e-cigarettes and other vapor nicotine products might act as a gateway to cigarette use." Levy added that the "big picture tells us that these products appear to be used mostly by people who already are or who are likely to become cigarette smokers." In a Wall Street Journal (5/5, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) op-ed, Boston University professor and anti-smoking advocate Michael Siegel argues the new rules will protect tobacco-cigarette sales, while also damaging thousands of small businesses and giving a small number of larger companies – including tobacco companies – control over the e-cigarette market.

WSJournal A1: Rival Versions Of Biotech Drugs Likely To Cost Same As Originals. In a front-page article, the Wall Street Journal (5/5, A1, Rockoff, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports rival versions of biotech drugs are likely to cost the same as the originals for an extended period, because pharmaceutical companies have been increasing prices of biotech drugs close to losing their patent protections to earn more revenue before the competition arrives. The makers of the rival versions are unwilling to sharply undercut the new prices because of the difficulty and cost of making the chemical-based drugs.

White House Sees "No Reason" For Congress To Wait Until After Election To Act On TPP.

Reuters (5/5, Mason) reports in a brief item that White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Thursday that approval of the Trans-Pacific Partnership can come before the presidential election. He said, "There's no reason we need to wait that long, particularly when you consider that ratifying the Trans-Pacific Partnership would hasten the end to 18,000 taxes that other countries impose on American goods."

Tech Industry Groups Urge Next President To Back TPP. Reuters (5/4, Volz) reports that 13 industry groups representing technology companies are pushing for the next president to support the TPP and to ease requirements for hiring high-tech workers from abroad.

First Lady, Jill Biden Honor Companies Helping Veterans, Military Spouses. McClatchy (5/5, 43K) reports in an effort to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Joining Forces, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden on Thursday honored more than 50 companies who have pledged to support veterans and their military spouses by hiring 110,000 and training 60,000. The First Lady said the organization has already hired 1.2 million veterans and military spouses, cutting veteran unemployment by half. In an accompanying video, the First Lady was shown stating that

all 50 states have taken actions to help veterans receive credit for their military training, while 49 states have passed legislation to help military spouses transfer licenses from state to state. The First Lady added, "we very much hope the one remaining state, the great state of New York," will pass similar legislation.

Chicago Prosecutor Withdraws From Laquan McDonald Case. The Washington Post (5/5, Berman, 9.23M) reports Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez surprisingly announced Thursday that she is requesting a special prosecutor replace her in Chicago Police officer Jason Van Dyke's murder trial over the fatal shooting of black teenager Laquan McDonald. Alvarez, who lost her reelection bid earlier this year, said her decision was made to "help to avoid unnecessary legal delays and provide continuity in the handling of this very important and complicated case." Activists and civil rights lawyers have called for a special prosecutor, claiming she is tied too closely to the CPD. Alvarez previously defended her handling of the case, and on Thursday reiterated that there was "no legal conflict of interest" that would bar her office from continuing prosecution. The Chicago Sun-Times (5/5, Hussain, 930K) also covers the "stunning reversal," saying Cook County Judge Vincent Gaughan may rule on the request June 2. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Kesling, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports former assistant state's attorney Kim Foxx, who defeated Alvarez in the Democratic primary, supported the decision.

Earnest Says Obama "Was Just Thirsty" During Flint Speech. The Hill (5/5, Fabian, 884K) reports White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said Thursday that President Obama "wasn't trying to pull a stunt when he took a sip" of water in Flint on Wednesday. Earnest said, "At the speech, the man was just thirsty." While "ahead of the trip, Earnest telegraphed that Obama would not stage a photo op drinking the Flint water," the President "took his first sip of water after a 90-minute briefing from state and federal officials from the city water crisis. Earnest noted it was a reporter who cajoled Obama to drink the city's tap water." He said, "I would acknowledge the president was indulging the photographers in which he consumed water from Flint after the briefing with federal officials."

The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says in an editorial that the Flint crisis exposed a failure of government at the local, state, and federal level, and that President Obama's call for more federal spending will not prevent future incidents, nor restore faith in government.

Jobless Claims Unexpectedly Jump By 17,000 To Five-Week High Of 274,000. Bloomberg News

(5/5, Jamrisko, 2.07M) reports the Labor Department announced that initial jobless claims rose last week by 17,000 to 274,000, "a five-week high" and "sign that progress in the strongest part of the economy may be moderating." The economists surveyed by Bloomberg had predicted 260,000 new claims. "The jump was the largest in more than a year." The less-volatile four-week average increased to 258,000 from 256,000. Though the "jump was the largest in more than a year," additional "increases in new applications would probably be needed to mark a shift in sentiment among hiring managers about the economy's prospects."

Just 331,000 Manufacturing Jobs Created In Obama's Second Term So Far. The Washington Post (5/5, Bogage, 9.23M) reports that though during his re-election campaign, President Obama vowed to create one million new manufacturing jobs by the end of 2016, "only 331,000 of those many millions of new positions created since the start of his second term have come in manufacturing." But "employment in the sector could look much worse. The Obama administration led the charge to save the American auto industry in the aftermath of the Great Recession," and the Administration "has invested \$2 billion in the past four years in community college job-training programs."

Obama Has Received Little Credit For Improving Economy. John Sides of the Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) writes that "unlike most recent presidents," an "upward trend in consumer sentiment has not translated into higher approval ratings" for President Obama. One reason "is that, in an age of polarization, Americans may give little credit to a president not of their own party."

Higher Minimum Wages Spark Resentment Among Some Veteran Employees. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Feintzeig, Weber, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports on its front page that with some states and cities adopting higher minimum wages, some veteran employees are showing resentment of suddenly earning the same as, or little more than, new hires.

Administration Announces New Financial Rules In Wake Of Panama Papers. The Washington Post (5/5, Swanson, 9.23M) reports the Obama Administration has announced new rules "meant to combat tax evasion, money laundering and financial crime amid renewed scrutiny over the use of offshore accounts and anonymous companies to conceal money" in the wake of the leaking of the so-called Panama Papers. One rule "requires banks, securities brokers and dealers, mutual funds and other financial institutions to collect and verify personal information on the people who own, control or profit from companies that are their clients."

McClatchy (5/5, Hall, Johnson, 43K) reports the Administration "partially unveiled legislative proposals it said

would combat money laundering and financial chicanery, and for the first time, establish a central federal registry of the real owners of all companies created and operating" in the US. In addition, in a letter to House Speaker Ryan seeking congressional action, Treasury Secretary Lew wrote, "Additional statutory authority is necessary to put the United States in the strongest position to combat bad actors who seek to hide their financial dealings and evade their tax responsibilities."

New Proposal Would Ease Ability To File Class-Action Lawsuits Against Companies.

The Washington Post (5/5, Marte, 9.23M) reports new rules proposed Thursday by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau would prohibit companies from being able to use arbitration clauses to bar customers from participating in class-action suits. The changes would also require companies to report arbitration results to the agency, which should "make it easier for regulators and consumer groups to spot bias and other trends that may be harmful to consumers," the agency said. The rules will now be subject to a 90-day comment period, and feedback will be added to the final version of the rule, which would then need review by the Office of Management and Budget before it can take effect.

Officials: FBI Has Interviewed Top Clinton Aides In Email Probe.

CNN (5/5, Perez, Brown, Prokuecz, 2.4M) reported on its website that some of Hillary Clinton's closest aides, including her longtime adviser Huma Abedin, "have provided interviews to federal investigators, as the FBI probe into the security of her private email server nears completion, US officials briefed on the investigation tell CNN."

ABC World News Tonight (5/5, story 4, 0:50, Muir, 14.63M) reported Abedin "is part of Clinton's inner-most circle, someone Clinton is extremely close to," and that means "the investigation is nearing or entering its final stage and it likely means the FBI will soon be requesting an interview with Secretary Clinton herself as they wrap up their security review regarding those emails." The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 5, 0:20, Cordes, 11.17M) reported that "Clinton herself has not been interviewed yet...but says she will cooperate if asked."

The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Barrett, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports a Clinton campaign spokesman on Thursday said, "From the start, Hillary Clinton has offered to answer any questions that would help the Justice Department complete its review, and we hope and expect that anyone else who is asked would do the same. We are confident the review will conclude that nothing inappropriate took place."

The Washington Post (5/5, Zapotosky, 9.23M) reports the US Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Virginia "has been assisting in the probe for some months, with prosecutors sitting in on interviews and providing other guidance, the officials said." The Post adds that "their involvement is not indicative that charges are imminent or even likely, but if they were brought, Clinton would be facing a team that is no stranger to high-profile cases involving classified material."

Hacker Claims Clinton's Server Was Unsecured. NBC Nightly News (5/5, story 7, 3:55, Holt, 16.61M) reported that "in his first American television interview, the Romanian hacker known as Guccifer, who was the first to reveal that Clinton was using a private email address while she was secretary of state, makes alarming new charges." Senior NBC investigative correspondent Cynthia McFadden interviewed Guccifer in a Romanian prison. NBC (McFadden) added that "his name is Marcel Lehel Lazar," and "since we talked to him he's been extradited to the US to face a variety of hacking crimes against American political figures, including Clinton confidant, Sidney Blumenthal." Guccifer "says he got in to Clinton's private server itself." Lazar (Translator): "By running a scan, I found that server was completely unsecured. It was like an open orchid on the Internet, as many such servers are." Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon "slams these new allegations," saying, "There is absolutely no basis to believe the claims made by this criminal from his prison cell."

Sanders Says He Will Remain In Race "Until The Last Vote Is Counted." The Hill (5/5, Hellmann, 884K) reported that Sen. Bernie Sanders says he'll remain in the Democratic presidential primary "until the last vote is counted." Speaking on NPR's "Morning Edition" on Thursday, Sanders added, "Well, we're going to stay in until the last vote is counted, and that will be in the primary in Washington, D.C." Sanders said, "I think we've got some good victories coming. So we are in this race until the very last vote is cast."

NYTimes Analysis: Unclear If Sanders' Digital "Army" Will Line Up Behind Clinton. The New York Times (5/5, Mahler, Corasaniti, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that if Sen. Bernie Sanders withdraws from the race, he'll be leaving behind "an army of online foot soldiers unmatched in size, influence and capabilities, more than ready to join the next battle," though it remains to be seen "whether that battle will involve Mrs. Clinton." The Times says about "nine million Sanders supporters have organized through" various social media platforms – an online army that's "a driving force behind his campaign. ... If Mrs. Clinton can harness even some of the power of this group, it could provide an important lift for her." However, Clinton's "place at

the forefront of her party's establishment could make her a tough sell to an online community whose members often identify themselves as revolutionaries more than as Democrats."

The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Nicholas, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports that Sanders' backers are attempting to turn the excitement surrounding his bid into a lasting movement that pushes that Democratic Party leftward and touts portions of the progressive agenda he has advocated. The Journal says that a group of former aides to Sanders and other supporters are weighing various plans to elect progressives to Congress and influence the crafting of the party platform at the Democratic National Convention.

Reid Steps Up Criticism Of Trump. Politico (5/5, Everett, 1.93M) reports that Senate Minority Leader Reid is poised "to reprise his role as the top Democratic attack dog in a presidential election, focusing on what he calls an 'anti-woman, anti-Hispanic billionaire' Donald Trump nomination." During a Thursday "conference call ostensibly about the Supreme Court vacancy," Reid launched a number of "bombs at Trump, adding that he would 'certainly hope' that he can use his prominent position – and unfiltered insults – to badger Trump on a daily basis. In many respects, it would be a reprise of what he did to Mitt Romney in 2012 and the Koch brothers in 2014."

Reuters (5/5, Cowan) reports that Reid, speaking with reporters on yesterday's conference call, expressed concern that Democrats – seeing Trump as the GOP nominee – may be overconfident about the party's electoral odds this fall. Asked about the subject, Reid said, "Am I concerned about it? Of course I am." Reid added, "I think this race could be a debacle for the Republicans. But I'm not taking anything for granted. I'm not being over confident."

Politico: Clinton Backers Wooing Bush Donors. Citing unnamed "multiple sources in both parties," Politico (5/5, White, 1.93M) reports that backer of Hillary Clinton "in recent days have been making a furious round of calls to top Bush family donors to try to convince them that she represents their values better than Donald Trump." Politico adds, "Top targets for the Clinton team include people like Woody Johnson, Jeb Bush's former finance chair and the owner of the New York Jets."

Ryan "Just Not Ready" To Endorse Trump. The AP (5/5, Werner) reports that in a "surprise declaration" during an interview with CNN, House Speaker Ryan said he is not ready to endorse Donald Trump for president. Ryan said, "I'm just not ready to do that at this point. I'm not there right now. And I hope to. And I want to, but I think what is required is that we unify this party." The AP said Ryan's

remarks “amounted to a stunning rebuke of Trump from the Republican Party’s highest-ranking officeholder.”

The New York Times (5/5, Steinhauer, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says many Republicans “have been expecting Mr. Ryan to spend his time this summer and fall shoring up vulnerable House Republicans, particularly those running in districts where Mr. Trump is unpopular, rather than stumping for the nominee.”

The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) says in an editorial that Ryan’s remarks are just the beginning of what could be a very rough road for the GOP over the next six months. The Washington Post (5/5, Kane, 9.23M) and the Wall Street Journal (5/5, Hook, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) also report on Ryan’s remarks.

Charles Krauthammer writes in his Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) column that Trump “has no affinity whatsoever for the central thrust of modern conservatism – a return to less and smaller government.”

Both Bushes, Romney To Skip Convention. The two living Republican ex-presidents and the party’s most recent presidential nominee all plan to sit out the GOP convention. Politico (5/5, Gass, 1.93M) reports that neither George H.W. Bush nor George W. Bush will attend the Cleveland convention, and “both former Bush presidents said Wednesday that they will not endorse Trump for the Republican nomination.” In addition, the Washington Post (5/5, Rucker, 9.23M) reports that in “an unusual move,” Mitt Romney will also skip the convention.

NBC Nightly News (5/5, lead story, 2:55, Holt, 16.61M) reported on the “virtual civil war” within the GOP, “an inner party fracture of a magnitude virtually unheard of in modern American politics. In a shocker,” Ryan “said flatly he’s not ready to support Donald Trump, joining some other prominent names, including two former presidents, who say they’ll stay on the sidelines.” The CBS Evening News (5/5, story 3, 2:15, Pelley, 11.17M) reported, “The nation’s top Republicans turned their backs on the party’s presumptive nominee. Both Presidents Bush said they will skip the Republican convention and the Speaker of the House withheld his endorsement.”

Dave Weigel of the Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) calls the ex-presidents’ decision “extraordinary, yet completely predictable. ... And while it demonstrates Trump’s inability to unify the GOP, it is the best example yet of his strategy of breaking the electorate in half and hoping he wound up with the bigger piece.”

Trump “Quietly Reaching Out” To GOP Establishment. The New York Times (5/5, Parker, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Trump “has begun quietly reaching out to key elements of the Republican establishment as he seeks to unite the party,” trying to “reassure party officials that he understands there are certain norms even he needs to follow” as the nominee. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Hughes, Peterson, Subscription

Publication, 6.27M) writes that some Republicans are concerned about Trump’s impact on their races, particularly in the fight for control of the Senate.

Eugene Robinson writes in his Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) column, “The Republican Party this week is like 5th-century Rome must have been after the Visigoths stormed the city’s gates. Anarchy and confusion reign, there is the sound of anguished wailing, and political leaders are making an urgent calculation: Resistance or collaboration?”

Zakaria: Business Success Differs From Governing Skill. Fareed Zakaria writes in his Washington Post (5/5, 9.23M) column, “Success in business is important, honorable and deeply admirable. But it requires a particular set of skills that are often very different from those that produce success in government.”

Rutenberg: Political Journalists “Got It Wrong.” Jim Rutenberg writes in the New York Times (5/5, Subscription Publication, 14.18M), “To the very end, we got it wrong. ... In the end, you have to point the finger at national political journalism.”

Trump: “Probably A 40% Chance” Running Mate Will Be A 2016 Dropout, But Kasich “Unlikely.” The Washington Times (5/5, Sherfinski, 269K) reports Donald Trump told CNBC Thursday that “there’s ‘probably a 40 percent chance’ his vice presidential pick will be a former 2016 GOP rival, but said it’s ‘probably unlikely’” it will be Gov. John Kasich. Trump said, “I’ve gotten to be friends with a lot of those people, and I guess perhaps enemies with a couple, but I’ve gotten to be friends with quite a few, and I would say there’s a good 40% chance. ... I would say probably it’s unlikely that it’ll be John. I’m not sure that John even wants it, but I think it’s unlikely that it’ll be John.”

Trump Not Considering Haley; Portman, Martinez Not Interested; Perry “Open” To It. Politico (5/5, Gass, 1.93M) reports Trump told Fox News that he is not considering Gov. Nikki Haley, but “stopped short of saying” Sen. Marco Rubio “is either in or out of the running.” Politico (5/5, McCaskill, 1.93M) reports Sen. Rob Portman, who is in a tight re-election race, says he is not interested, and The Hill (5/5, Neidig, 884K) reports New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez said the same. Politico (5/5, Breland, 1.93M) reports former Texas governor Rick Perry told CNN that he “would be open” to it.

Carson Says Trump May Consider Democrats. The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Epstein, Reinhard, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports that Ben Carson, who is leading Trump’s vice-presidential search, said Trump may consider Democrats. Carson said he is not interested in the nomination himself.

Trump Hires National Finance Chairman With Ties To Wall Street And Soros.

The Washington Post (5/5, Delreal, 9.23M) reports Donald Trump's presidential campaign has "hired a national finance chairman with deep ties to Wall Street, a move intended to bolster the team's general election fundraising capabilities as it seeks to build out its bare-bones operation." Steven Mnuchin was hired "amid a strategic recalibration since Trump secured the Republican presidential nomination sooner than expected."

McClatchy (5/5, Clark, 43K) reports that Mnuchin "spent 17 years at Goldman Sachs" and "was also an investment professional at Soros Fund Management, a privately owned firm founded by billionaire investor George Soros." Mnuchin himself donated more than \$7,000 to Clinton's two Senate campaigns and her 2008 presidential campaign. However, he also donated to the John Kerry and Mitt Romney presidential campaigns and the Republican National Committee.

Trump Tweets Taco Bowl Photo With Caption 'I Love Hispanics!'

The Washington Post (5/5, Weigel, 9.23M) reports Donald Trump "marked his first full day as the presumptive Republican nominee for president with an old habit: Tweeting something that people couldn't believe they'd just seen. On Twitter and Facebook, the mogul shared a picture of himself smiling widely and eating" a taco bowl. He tweeted, "Happy #CincoDeMayo! The best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics!" Hillary Clinton's campaign "took less than an hour to respond," tweeting, "'I love Hispanics!' – Trump, 52 minutes ago. 'They're gonna be deported.' – Trump, yesterday."

The New York Times (5/5, Parker, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) says Trump "began his Hispanic outreach with... 'taco bowls.' Yes, taco bowls." ABC World News Tonight (5/5, story 3, 3:05, Muir, 14.63M) mentioned the photo in its wraparound report on Trump, with Jon Karl saying the "Trump tweet hit with a thud. ... According to our ABC News/Washington Post poll, 81% of Hispanics disapprove of Trump."

David Duke Sees Trump As "White Knight" Opposed By "Jewish Extremists."

The Hill (5/5, Hensch, 884K) reports, "White nationalist and former KKK leader David Duke on Thursday said that his supporters see vast promise in Donald Trump." On his radio show, Duke said, "Even though Trump is not explicitly talking about European Americans, he's implicitly talking about the importance of European Americans. ... I think we have to make sure that Trump understands that we expect him to follow through on these things and we expect him to be, you know, our white knight, our advocate, our person."

The New York Times (5/5, Haberman, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports Duke also said "Jewish

extremists" are trying to block Trump. Trump "said he 'disavows'" Duke's comments. Trump said, "Antisemitism has no place our society, which needs to be united, not divided."

Trump's Rise Has Created "Alarm And Confusion" Among Foreign Governments.

The New York Times (5/5, Sanger, Yardley, Subscription Publication, 14.18M) reports that "the rise" of Donald Trump "has left many governments trying to get their bearings and determine how to respond." Former Italian representative to NATO Stefano Stefanini said, "The mistake that Europe might make is to think the Trump phenomenon might just fade away. The sentiments that Donald Trump is expressing will certainly influence the next administration or the next Congress." The Times writes that "in many capitals, Mr. Trump's formal and off-the-cuff foreign policy proposals...are regarded with a mix of alarm and confusion."

Cameron Will Not Apologize To Trump. Reuters (5/5, Holden) reports British Prime Minister David Cameron said Thursday that he will not apologize to Trump for criticizing Trump's proposed ban on Muslims. Cameron said, "I won't change that view and I don't change that view and I'm very clear that the policy idea that was put forward was wrong, is wrong and will remain wrong, so I'm very clear about that."

AP Analysis: Cruz Has Increased His Clout Inside GOP.

The AP (5/5, Weissert, Bauer) reports that Sen. Ted Cruz "is likely to be a leading GOP voice for the foreseeable future." What is "less clear is whether Cruz harnesses that clout to boost" Donald Trump, "or simply solidifies his place as a champion of conservative causes, Senate troublemaker and star of Texas politics." The AP also says Cruz could use the Senate "as a platform for a possible 2020 presidential bid."

Michigan House Passes Bill To Provide Funding For Detroit Schools.

The Wall Street Journal (5/5, Maher, Subscription Publication, 6.27M) reports the Michigan House passed a series of bills on Thursday that will create a \$500 million funding package to address the struggling Detroit public school infrastructure and tackle growing debt. The legislation also secures salaries for teachers, some of whom recently participated in a two-day sickout amid concerns about receiving pay during the summer term. However, some Democrats claim the bill is not sufficient to meet the escalating needs of a crumbling school system, arguing the bill does not include a proposed extra \$200 million for additional costs or language establishing a new commission tasked with handling policy decisions on when schools can be opened or closed.

Analysis: Current Senate Has Confirmed Fewest Civilian Presidential Nominees In 30 Years.

The *Washington Post* (5/5, DeBonis, 9.23M) reports that a Congressional Research Service analysis found that "the current Senate has confirmed the fewest civilian presidential nominees of any Congress in the past 30 years. Through April 30, 198 of President Obama's nominees have won confirmation in the 114th Congress, excluding military appointments." By contrast, 345 of George W. Bush's second-term nominees were confirmed up to the end of April 2008, and 286 by this point in Bill Clinton's second term.

THE BIG PICTURE

Headlines From Today's Front Pages.

Wall Street Journal:

GM, Lyft To Test Self-Driving Electric Taxis

House Speaker Ryan: 'Not Ready' To Support Trump As GOP Nominee

Biotech Drug Knockoffs Bring Paltry Savings

Push For \$15 Raises Pay—And Tensions

New York Times:

Ryan 'Not Ready' To Support Trump In A Rare Rebuke

A Reminder Of The Stakes For The GOP

FDA Forbids Sale To Minors Of E-Cigarettes

He Traveled Light: Just A Backpack And Beliefs

Guns In Tiny Hands: In A Week, Four Toddlers Shoot Themselves

Washington Post:

Feud Followed Bin Laden Raid

Ryan Says He's Not Ready To Back Trump

Questions Swirl Around Death Of Boy In Va.

The Federal Government Is About To Begin Regulating The Booming E-Cigarette Market

Russia's Cultural Offensive In Syria

Financial Times:

Turkish Power Struggle Imperils EU Deal To Stem Flow Of Migrants

Computer Scientist Backtracks On Pledge To Prove He Founded Bitcoin

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: Houston Warehouse Fire; Canada Wildfire; 2016 Politics; Clinton Email Investigation; Obama-Commuted Sentences; Flight Turbulence Incidents; New Jersey Prisoner Escapes; John Manziel Case; Prince Death Investigation; FDA-E-Cigarettes Regulations; WWII Veteran Dies; Texas-Church Murder Investigation; California-San Andreas Fault Prediction; Prince Harry-People Magazine Interview.

CBS: Canada Wildfire; Houston Warehouse Fire; 2016 Politics-Republicans; 2016 Politics-Women Voters; Clinton

Emails Investigation; Iraq-US Navy Seal Killed; FDA-E-Cigarette Regulations; Syria-Deadly Airstrike; Syrian Civil War-Palmyra Antiquities; Prince Death Investigation; Flight Turbulence Incidents-Etihad Airways.

NBC: 2016 Politics-Republicans; Canada Wildfire; Houston Warehouse Fire; FDA-E-Cigarette Regulations; California-Grim Sleeper Case Verdict; Stolen Email Accounts; Clinton Emails-Romanian Hacker Interviewed; Flight Turbulence Incidents-Etihad Airways; DC Metro Incidents; Meteor Shower.

Network TV At A Glance:

2016 Politics – 9 minutes, 45 seconds

Canada Wildfire – 6 minutes, 45 seconds

Clinton Emails Investigation – 5 minutes, 5 seconds

FDA-E-Cigarettes Regulations – 4 minutes, 25 seconds

Houston Warehouse Fire – 4 minutes, 10 seconds

Prince Death Investigation – 3 minutes, 20 seconds

Flight Turbulence Incidents – 2 minutes, 45 seconds

Story Lineup From This Morning's Radio News

Broadcasts:

ABC: Trump Responds To Speaker Ryan; Clinton Emails Investigation; Clinton Versus Trump; Canada Wildfire; Arsenio Hall Sues Sinead O'Connor.

CBS: Canada Wildfire; Clinton Emails Investigation; Trump Responds To Speaker Ryan; FDA-E-Cigarettes Regulations; April Jobs Report; Wall Street.

FOX: Clinton Versus Trump; West Virginia-Sanders Campaign Rally; 2016 Politics-Republicans; April Jobs Report; Syria-Airstrike Hits ISIL Couple; Canada Wildfire; California-Grim Sleeper Case Verdict; New Joe Paterno Allegations; California-Smoking Age Increases;

NPR: FDA-E-Cigarettes Regulations; Trump Campaign Hires Finance Chair; North Carolina Bathroom Bill Controversy; Wall Street; Canada Wildfire; Israel-Hamas Tension; Johnny Manziel Case.

WASHINGTON'S SCHEDULE

Today's Events In Washington.

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA — Small business leaders in Business Forward's national network join President Barack Obama and senior Administration officials on a conference call – held during National Small Business Week – expected to focus on how key economic initiatives, including international trade agreements, affect their businesses.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN — Unavailable.

US Senate: Friday, Apr. 29 – Monday, May. 09 Congress breaks for District Work Period (aka State Work Period).

US House: Friday, Apr. 29 – Monday, May. 09 Congress breaks for District Work Period (aka State Work Period).

Other: 8:00 AM Former 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley speaks at ABA discussion on the immigration debate – American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and the Commission on Immigration hosts 'Words Matter: the US Debate over Immigration, the Media, and the 2016 Election' discussion at the National Press Club, with former 2016 Democratic presidential candidate and former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, US Marine gunnery sergeant and Bosnian-Muslim refugee Emir Hadzic, Roll Call Editor-in-Chief Melinda Henneberger, and American University Washington College of Law Immigrant Justice Clinic Director Jayesh Rathod. Location: National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, DC <http://www.abanet.org> <https://twitter.com/ABANews>. Contacts: Jennifer Kildee American Bar Association Communications Office Jennifer.Kildee@americanbar.org 1 202 662 1732.

8:00 AM Climate Action Summit continues, focusing on further developing operational modalities in areas, including transport, energy, and smart land use. Day two speakers include Morgan Stanley Vice Chairman Thomas Nides, Office of Management and Budget Director Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy, Netherlands Special Envoy for Climate Change Michael Rentennar, Chair of the IPCC Dr. Hoesung Lee, South African Minister of Transport Dipuo Peters, Danish Foreign Minister Kristian Jensen, science educator Bill Nye, Unilever CEO Paul Polman, and 350.org Exec. Dir. May Boeve. Location: The Mayflower Hotel, Autograph Collection, 1127 Connecticut Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC www.climateaction2016.org <https://twitter.com/CA2016Summit> #CLIMATEACTION. Contacts: Graham Binder University of Maryland binderg@umd.edu 1 301 405 4076;

8:30 AM Annual USDA Farmers Market begins – USDA Farmers Market 21st season opens, held every Friday throughout the summer, featuring 32 vendors with produce including cut flowers, kettle corn, chocolates, tomatoes, mushrooms, potatoes, berries and fruits, pizza, dog biscuits, juice, bread, baked goods, hot sauces, and soaps (9:00 AM EDT). Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack opens the market and also announces a partnership with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and General Services Administration to improve the health and wellness of Federal employees and communities. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Administrator Elanor Starmer, OPM Acting Director Beth Cobert, and GSA National Capital Regional Administrator Julia Hudson also participate (8:30 AM EDT). Location: USDA, 12th and Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC www.usda.gov <https://twitter.com/USDA> #USDAFarmersMkt. Contacts: USDA Office of Communications press@oc.usda.gov 1 202 720 4623.

8:30 AM Sasakawa USA Annual Security Forum – Sasakawa USA Annual Security Forum. Speakers include Japanese Ambassador to the US. Kenichiro Sasae, former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, US. Pacific Fleet Commander Scott Swift, CSIS President and CEO John Hamre, former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, CNAS Co-Founder and CEO Michele Flournoy. Location: Willard InterContinental Hotel, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC spfusa.org <https://twitter.com/SasakawaUSA>. Contacts: Brian Graf Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA bgraf@spfusa.org 1 202 296 6694.

9:00 AM Education Secretary King speaks at teacher diversity summit – National Summit on Teacher Diversity, hosted by the Department of Education, American Federation of Teachers, Albert Shanker Institute, National Education Association, and Teach For America, aiming to further support commitments to attracting, preparing, retaining, and supporting educators of color. Secretary of Education John King delivers remarks (9:15 AM EDT) and leads a student panel discussion (9:30 AM EDT). Location: Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC <http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml> <https://twitter.com/usedgov>. Contacts: Department of Education press press@ed.gov 1 202 401 1576.

10:00 AM USCIS naturalization ceremony at USPTO – USCIS naturalization ceremony at the US Patent and Trademark Office, with Department of Homeland Security Chief Information Officer Luke McCormack providing keynote remarks to 160 new citizens hailing from 52 countries. Other speakers include USCIS Washington District Director Sarah Taylor and opera singer Israel Lozano. Location: USPTO Madison Bldg., 600 Dulany St., Alexandria, VA www.uscis.gov <https://twitter.com/uscis>. Contacts: Jim McKinney USCIS james.r.mckinney@uscis.dhs.gov 1 202 272 1299.

10:30 AM Korean War soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery – Arlington National Cemetery full military honors burial service for Cpl. David J. Wishon, Jr., who was declared missing in action after his unit was heavily attacked by enemy forces in the vicinity of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Location: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA www.arlingtoncemetery.org <https://twitter.com/ArlingtonNatl>. Contacts: Stephen Smith Arlington National Cemetery public affairs stephen.j.smith162.civ@mail.mil 1 703 614 0024. Meet on Memorial Avenue by 10:30 a.m.

11:00 AM Wilson Center discussion on security challenges in Asia for the next president – Wilson Center Asia Program event on 'National Security Challenges in Asia for the Next US President', with former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs R. Nicholas Burns. Location: Wilson Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC

<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/>
<https://twitter.com/TheWilsonCenter>. Contacts: Woodrow Wilson Center Asia Program asia@wilsoncenter.org 1 202 691 4000.

LAST LAUGHS

Late Night Political Humor.

Jimmy Kimmel: "Donald Trump observed Cinco de Mayo. He posted this on Facebook. ... He posted, 'Happy Cinco de Mayo. The best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics.' There you go. All is forgiven, I guess. He even built a little wall around the Mexican salad so it doesn't get on his American desk, I guess."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Donald Trump is the presumptive Republican nominee and he's already talking about what he'll do when he's in office. He sat down with 'The New York Times' to sketch out his plan for the first 100 days of his Administration, and well, this is the plan that he sketched. ... He says that by the 100th day of his presidency, the wall on the border of Mexico will be designed. Immigration ban on Muslims will be in place. The Four Horsemen will be scheduled to appear. He'll get to work chiseling Roosevelt's face on Mt. Rushmore and replacing it with his own."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Meanwhile, you know, if Bernie Sanders is elected, he plans on spending the first 100 days figuring out the Lincoln Bedroom DVR, because he's old."

Jimmy Kimmel: "Bernie Sanders [is] reportedly running out of money, even with the senior discount. The Sanders campaign is said to be very low on cash. His fundraising fell by \$20 million in April, partly due to the fact that most of his donors were at Coachella for most of April."

Stephen Colbert: "You see, many Americans, including me, think Cinco de Mayo is like Mexico's Fourth of July. But that's wrong. It's like their fifth of May. Their big national celebration is September 16, or November 19, if Donald Trump loses."

Stephen Colbert: "Trump gave his own nod to Cinco de Mayo. On Twitter, he posted: 'Happy Cinco de Mayo! The best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics!' Okay, Hispanics. The outreach has begun and he's reaching as far as the Trump Tower Grill."

Stephen Colbert: "Of course, not all Hispanics love Donald Trump. Today, boxing legend Oscar De La Hoya claimed that Donald Trump is a cheater on the golf course. After nine holes, he leaves the golf course for a younger one."

Stephen Colbert: "Of course, no scandal can touch Trump now because he's already locked down the nomination. His

next job will be to choose a running mate. And he's said he'll choose someone with political experience, who has held office, and is definitely a Republican, so that rules him out. Thank God. Can you imagine if Donald Trump was just a heartbeat away from the presidency?"

Stephen Colbert: "Trump has graciously said that he's willing to consider some of his previous Republican rivals, as long as they don't remember any of the things he said about them. So we might be looking at the ticket of 'Trump/Liar 16.' 'Trump/Low Energy 16.' 'Trump/A Face Like That 16.' 'Trump/Lil' Sweaty Guy 16.' All winning tickets."

Stephen Colbert: "Of course, you know, we're still all reeling from Tuesday's primary in Indiana. It was a huge night. Two people were knocked out of the race, and one was just knocked out. She's fine. But there's one candidate who remained standing: Bernie Sanders. Bernie scored a huge upset victory that raised his campaign from the grave, which explains why he has the same hair as an extra on 'The Walking Dead.'"

Stephen Colbert: "And yes, the delegate math looks terrible for Bernie, but he is not going anywhere. ... Of course, he's not dropping out! He's living every old person's dream: Wherever he goes, thousands of grandkids show up to listen to his stories."

Stephen Colbert: "Now that Donald Trump is the presumptive GOP nominee, Hillary Clinton is presuming that she'll face him in the general election, which is why she's been busy courting anti-Trump Republicans, also known as Congress."

Stephen Colbert: "Well, Secretary Clinton, if you're watching, I have a few tips for getting Republicans to vote for you. This is 'Stephen Colbert's Just The Tip: Courting Republicans Edition.' First up, remind them that no one has been more angry with Bill Clinton than you. Second, don't yell. They'll say you sound shrill. But don't be too calm. They'll say you're an ice queen. Other than that, just be yourself! Third, say something that makes you relatable to Republicans. For instance, 'I don't like Ted Cruz.' And finally, remember all the mean things you said about Barack Obama when you were running against him in 2008? Start saying them again."

Jimmy Fallon: "Actually, it seems like Donald Trump may actually be into Cinco de Mayo, based on the tweet he sent out today. And this is real. It says, 'Happy Cinco de Mayo, the best taco bowls are made in Trump Tower Grill. I love Hispanics.' ... After he ate that whole thing, Melania asked him to build a wall between her side of the bed and his side of the bed."

Jimmy Fallon: "I can't wait for Chinese New Year to see [Donald Trump] hunker down in a bowl of Panda Express. That's just going to be great."

Jimmy Fallon: "I saw that former presidents George W. Bush and George H.W. Bush announced that they will not endorse anyone in the 2016 presidential race. Even crazier, they said that before Jeb dropped out."

Seth Meyers: "Bernie Sanders said yesterday that he intends to do everything that he can to prevent a Donald Trump presidency. Though, I don't know what he can try that Donald Trump hasn't tried already."

Seth Meyers: "Donald Trump has already started outlining plans for what he hopes to accomplish during his first 100 days in office. Once he's done outlining, he's going to start coloring it in."

Seth Meyers: "President Obama and the first lady were seen dancing with R2-D2 and Storm Troopers yesterday in honor of Star Wars Day. But C-3PO wasn't there. That's just how the President dances."

Conan O'Brien: "In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Donald Trump tweeted a picture of himself eating a taco bowl. Then Trump tried to get Mexico to pay for it."

Conan O'Brien: "Donald Trump said his vice presidential pick might be one of his presidential rivals. When asked which one, Trump said, 'I haven't decided yet if it's the liar, the loser or the fat pig.'"

Conan O'Brien: "Despite falling behind in delegates, Bernie Sanders insists he still has nine states left to go. Unfortunately, five of those states are denial, anger, grief, bargaining, and acceptance."

Conan O'Brien: "Yesterday, President Obama drank tap water in Flint, Michigan, to show it was safe. Yes, he drank tap water. Then he was offered a Chipotle burrito and he said, 'Are you...crazy?'"

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