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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by Better Medicare Alliance

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Good Monday afternoon. To celebrate our first year at the helm, we're releasing bonus audio briefings every day this week to take you behind the scenes of Playbook and of covering Washington. Today, Jake and Anna talk about the growth of Playbook over the past year. <http://bit.ly/2v45IVr>

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TODAY'S WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING will be from Sarah Huckabee Sanders. It is off camera at 2 p.m.

DEFENSE SECRETARY JIM MATTIS got a call on his cell phone from a high-school newspaper reporter, and he did an interview with him in June! Per the Mercer Island High School Islander in Washington State: "'I'd like to begin by asking some questions directed to our high school audience,' Teddy said. Mattis' response set the tone for the rest of the interview. 'I speak the same to high schoolers, college grads, or congressmen,' he said. 'I've found high schoolers to be plenty bright.' The conversation then shifted to a subject that high schoolers either know and love, or know and hate. History.

"'I don't think you can go wrong if you maintain an avid interest in history,' Mattis said when asked what students today should study to best prepare them for the future. 'I wish now looking back on it, if I'd known what waited for me in life, I would have put a lot more attention into history.'" <http://bit.ly/2v3AzBN>

AFP: TRUMP will dine with **EMMANUEL MACRON** "at the Jules Verne restaurant on the second floor of the Eiffel Tower." <http://bit.ly/2v3DqKS>

FROM THE PRESIDENT -- @realDonaldTrump at 6:40 a.m.: "James Comey leaked

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION to the media. That is so illegal!" ... **at 6:47 a.m.:** "I cannot imagine that Congress would dare to leave Washington without a beautiful new HealthCare bill fully approved and ready to go!" ... **at 7:31 a.m.:** "When I left Conference Room for short meetings with Japan and other countries, I asked Ivanka to hold seat. Very standard. Angela M agrees!" ... **at 7:47 a.m.** "If Chelsea Clinton were asked to hold the seat for her mother, as her mother gave our country away, the Fake News would say CHELSEA FOR PRES!" ***The president also retweeted several FOX & Friends tweets slamming Comey and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and a Sean Hannity tweet bashing Hillary Clinton.***

THE MEMOS -- "Some Comey memos were 'retroactively classified,' source says," by Austin Wright: "Some of the memos that former FBI Director James Comey wrote documenting his private conversations with President Donald Trump have been 'retroactively classified,' according to a source with knowledge of the memos. The source said it was unclear whether that included a memo in which Comey says Trump encouraged him to end the FBI's investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn. Whether that particular memo has been retroactively classified will be a key question as Comey faces attacks from President Donald Trump and his supporters, who are now accusing him of mishandling classified information." <http://politi.co/2v49hLf>

ABOUT THAT MEETING -- "Publicist set up Trump Jr., lawyer meeting," from the AP: "A music publicist says he set up a meeting between a Russian lawyer and Donald Trump's eldest son on behalf of a client in Moscow named Emin Agalarov. In a statement to The Associated Press on Monday, Rob Goldstone says the lawyer said she had information about purported illegal campaign contributions to the Democratic National Committee that she thought Donald Trump Jr. might find helpful." <http://bit.ly/2v46AJW>

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2020 WATCH -- "Prairie Lights brings Bernie Sanders back to Iowa City," by the Iowa City Press-Citizen's Zach Berg: "The Prairie Lights bookstore will bring former Democratic presidential candidate and current U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders back to Iowa City in August. ... The reading marks Sanders' first return to Iowa City since the end of the 2016 Presidential election." <http://icp-c.com/2u4lv9x>

BEN TERRIS' LATEST -- "Jason Kander lost a big Senate race. In today's Democratic Party, he's still a rising star," in WaPo: "Jason Kander doesn't feel like a loser. He doesn't feel much like a millennial either, whatever that means. But having lost his bid to represent Missouri in the United States Senate at the age of 35 last year, he is, technically, both of those things. And so, on a recent Wednesday evening, one of the oldest, losing-est millennials in American politics headed to the annual gathering of the

High School Democrats of America to speak about, what else, the future of their party. ... Democrats are desperate for something, for someone, to get excited about - and these days, some of their most thrilling figures are losers. None more so than Jason Kander." <http://wapo.st/2u4X6AX> ... **Isaac Dove's June podcast with Kander** <http://politi.co/2v3QZK4>

TRUMP'S FBI PICK -- "Wray ethics agreement released ahead of FBI nomination hearing," by Seung Min Kim: "Christopher Wray, President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the FBI, has provided legal services to several major corporations including Wells Fargo, Johnson & Johnson, and Chevron, in addition to his extensive legal work at an influential international law firm, according to Office of Government Ethics documents released Monday. The veteran corporate lawyer, who will go before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday for his confirmation hearing, will also have to step aside from any matter that involves his firm, King & Spalding, for a year unless he obtains a waiver. The Atlanta-based firm boasts an extensive list of clients, including half of the Fortune Global 100 corporations. ...

"Wray's sprawling client list also includes Credit Suisse, the military shipbuilding company Huntington Ingalls Industries, SunTrust Banks, the fantasy sports platforms FanDuel and DraftKings, Officer of Standard Chartered Bank in London, Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Medtronic, the drug monitoring company Ameritox, PricewaterHouse Coopers, and the telecommunications company Alcatel-Lucent. The FBI director nominee also represented New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie during the so-called 'Bridgewater' scandal. Additionally, Wray has offered legal services to three U.S. organizations that Wray did not disclose because they are subject to non-public investigations." <http://politi.co/2v3NVxO>

AFTERNOON READ -- NEW YORK MAG'S LATEST COVER -- "The Uninhabitable Earth," by David Wallace-Wells: "It is, I promise, worse than you think. If your anxiety about global warming is dominated by fears of sea-level rise, you are barely scratching the surface of what terrors are possible, even within the lifetime of a teenager today. And yet the swelling seas - and the cities they will drown - have so dominated the picture of global warming, and so overwhelmed our capacity for climate panic, that they have occluded our perception of other threats, many much closer at hand. Rising oceans are bad, in fact very bad; but fleeing the coastline will not be enough. Indeed, absent a significant adjustment to how billions of humans conduct their lives, parts of the Earth will likely become close to uninhabitable, and other parts horrifically inhospitable, as soon as the end of this century." <http://nym.ag/2v3ugxV>

BUT BUT BUT -- Michael E. Mann, a climatologist at Penn State: "I figured I should comment on it, especially as I was interviewed by the author (though not quoted or mentioned). I have to say that I am not a fan of this sort of doomist framing. It is important to be up front about the risks of unmitigated climate change, and I frequently criticize those who understate the risks. But there is also a danger in overstating the science in a way that presents the problem as unsolvable, and feeds a sense of doom, inevitability and hopelessness." <http://bit.ly/2v3YNvy>

KUSHNER INC. -- "Jared Kushner tried and failed to get a half-billion dollar bailout from Qatar," by The Intercept's Ben Walsh, Ryan Grim and Clayton Swisher: "Not long before a major crisis ripped through the Middle East, pitting the United States and a bloc of Gulf countries against Qatar, Jared Kushner's real estate company had unsuccessfully sought a critical half-billion investment from one of the richest and most influential men in the tiny nation, according to three well-placed sources with knowledge of the near transaction. ...

"That hardline comes in the wake of the previously unreported half-billion deal that was never consummated. Throughout 2015 and 2016, Jared Kushner and his father, Charles, negotiated directly with a major investor in Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim al-Thani, known as HBJ for short, in an effort to refinance the property on Fifth Avenue, the sources said." <http://bit.ly/2v40vNr>

MEDIAWATCH -- "Holt is a steadying force for NBC as anchor," by AP's David Bauder: Lester "Holt, 58, exudes an aura of calm on the set, so much so that it's surprising to hear him talk candidly about how tough it was to replace Brian Williams as NBC News' chief anchor. Two years removed from that drama, he's in a tight battle for supremacy with ABC's David Muir for viewers and advertising dollars in the dinner hour. There were moments after replacing Williams, Holt conceded, 'when I thought, 'Is this really what I want to do?'" <http://bit.ly/2u4B15m>

-- **@Hadas_Gold** (the new Morning Media author): ".@AriFleischer joins Fox News as a contributor".

TRANSITIONS -- Daniel P. Erikson was named managing director at Blue Star Strategies, leading the firm's Latin America practice. He previously worked at the State Department and was an adviser to former Vice President Joe Biden.

ENGAGED - Charles Garrison, an account executive at public sector software startup OpenGov and a FiscalNote and Politico alum, got engaged on Sunday to **Claire Goldman**, a program analyst with Customs and Border Protection. He proposed on a trip they're currently on in Cartagena, Colombia on the roof of their hotel, La Passion. They met at a mutual friend's engagement party in 2015. *Pics* <http://politi.co/2v3y2qS> ... <http://politi.co/2u5416b> ... <http://politi.co/2v3us0d>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Sheera Frankel, cybersecurity reporter at the N.Y. Times and a BuzzFeed alum, and **Tom Bradpiece**, who works in tech, have welcomed Ella Ray Bradpiece. They post on Facebook: "We couldn't be more in love. Ella, born [Saturday], already wide-eyed and curious about the world." *Pic* <http://bit.ly/2sWdaWl>

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