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## Driving the Day

**YIKES** - 5:39 a.m.: "PARIS (AP) - Paris prosecutors investigating suspected irregularities in Macron trip to Las Vegas when he was government minister."  
<http://bit.ly/2txe2gV>

**Happy Friday. IF YOU TALK PRIVATELY** to most Hill Republicans, they'll tell you they're in a jam on Obamacare and don't know how -- or if -- they'll get out of it. Forget tax reform by the end of the year for the moment and let's resurface in reality: Republicans are having a hard time repealing and replacing Obamacare after a half-dozen years of promises.

**MOVE THE BILL TO THE RIGHT**, you lose moderates, move it to the left, conservatives dash and, either way, when they send it to the House, it faces an uncertain future. **AND NOW**, Sen. Ted Cruz is rising. His plan is under consideration and is expected to be scored for budgetary impact by the Congressional Budget Office, one of many signs it is in play in the healthcare debate, according to multiple sources involved. It basically allows insurers to sell non-Obamacare compliant plans, which would -- if you listen to the provisions' supporters -- economically devastate the Affordable Care Act.

-- **HOT DOC:** Check out how Cruz is explaining his amendment. <http://politi.co/2sNfAX0>

-- **WHAT CONSERVATIVES THINK** : A top conservative on the Hill: "The first round of the health care fight revealed the votes to fully repeal Obamacare just do not exist in the House and Senate -- despite six years of campaign promises. Now conservatives are uniting behind an amendment that they say could effectively undo Obamacare through

the marketplace since the votes aren't there to do it legislatively. Ted Cruz's amendment would allow HHS to grant waivers to states that allows insurance companies to offer an unlimited number of non-ACA compliant health plans if they also offer at least one 'qualified health plan' (QHP) in both silver and gold coverage levels. Conservatives say this will result in substantially lower premiums and more choice for consumers. Opponents -- and conservatives behind closed doors -- say it will effectively kill what's left of the ACA economically."

-- **THE MATH** : It's hard to see how Mitch McConnell threads the needle here. He needs opponents like Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.) and skeptics like Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) to switch their votes. And even if Sen. Ted Cruz is in play, McConnell will have to find a way to get his home state Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) on board. Paul, who is holding side talks with the president, was never truly thought to be in play for the GOP.

**CASE IN POINT -- WASHINGTON MEDIA DESCENDS ON PALCO, KANSAS, TO HEAR FROM JERRY MORAN -- POLITICO'S SEUNG MIN KIM:** "Moran gets an earful on Obamacare repeal at town hall" <http://politi.co/2txdzLG> ... **WAPO'S DAVE WEIGEL:** "A town hall in Kansas shows Republican struggles with health-care bill" <http://wapo.st/2sNEiqn> ... **NYT'S TOM KAPLAN:** "Unlikely Holdout Underscores Challenge for Senate Health Bill" <http://nyti.ms/2swDSQT>

... **AND LOCAL MEDIA TOO -- KANSAS CITY STAR'S BRYAN LOWRY:** "Packed town hall in Palco, Kan., urges Moran to stand firm against GOP health bill" <http://bit.ly/2tYBxT9> ... **WICHITA EAGLE'S JONATHAN SHORMAN** : "National health debate swirls around Moran at town hall" <http://bit.ly/2to3sKB>

-- **SEUNG MIN KIM:** "[M]oran ... rattled off a litany of concerns with the Senate GOP plan ... stressing to an overflow crowd in this tiny rural town that he would not support the existing draft as written. During a town hall in this largely conservative area, Moran called it 'troublesome' that Kansas, which did not expand Medicaid under Obamacare, would under the GOP plan have to help shoulder the entitlement's costs in states that did. Moran also raised concerns about 'people with disabilities, the frail and elderly' when it came to potential changes to Medicaid, a program that Moran said 'has significant value.'

**"Still, he made clear his opposition to Obamacare,** telling the crowd of about 150 people that after visiting all 127 hospitals in the state, 'there is not a hospital that I could find in Kansas that is financially better off as a result of the Affordable Care Act.' But he also danced away from the 'full repeal' rhetoric that has dominated the Republican Party in the seven years since Obamacare was signed into law. 'The Affordable Care Act creates significant difficulties that still need major attention,' Moran told reporters after the town hall. 'But I think at this point, it's time to figure out how ... to get rid of the bad things and improve on the things that need to be improved.'" <http://politi.co/2txdzLG>

-- **SMK'S TAKEAWAY:** "[I]n this rural northwestern Kansas town, Moran stresses that coverage for preexisting conditions have to be protected. He rails against the decision

by his own leadership to draft its Obamacare repeal measure almost entirely in private. The genial senator even steers away from derisively referring to the 2010 health care law as Obamacare, instead using its official term: The Affordable Care Act. ...

**"He also veered off the party message** by saying that he would have preferred a process to 'figure out where there are 60 votes to pass something that is so important to many Americans,' implicitly rejecting the partisan fast-track approach GOP leaders deployed. It's 'almost impossible to try to solve' the Republicans' health care dilemma with just 50 votes, Moran added." <http://politi.co/2sNyk8S>

-- **NOTE:** If Jerry Moran is truly a holdout -- and it sure sounds like he is, from SMK's reporting -- it's real difficult to see how an Obamacare repeal passes the Senate. Moran won his last election with 70 percent of the vote, and his principal political hurdle -- generally speaking -- would be a primary challenge. The town hall was in Rooks County, Seung Min writes, which "gave Trump 84 percent of the vote." Yet he sounds **very** skittish about repealing the law.

-- **"Rand and Donald's wild health care ride:** Rand Paul and Donald Trump have gone back and forth on an Obamacare repeal strategy, repeatedly undermining GOP leadership's plans," by Burgess Everett and Josh Dawsey. <http://politi.co/2swqfBr>

**THE BACKUP PLAN -- "McConnell says GOP must shore up ACA insurance markets if Senate bill dies,"** by WaPo's Juliet Eilperin and Amy Goldstein: "Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) said Thursday that if his party fails to muster 50 votes for its plan to rewrite the Affordable Care Act, it will have no choice but to draft a more modest bill with Democrats to support the law's existing insurance markets. The remarks, made at a Rotary Club lunch in Glasgow, Ky., represent a significant shift for the veteran legislator. While he had raised the idea last week that Republicans may have to turn to Democrats if they cannot pass their own bill, his words mark the first time he has explicitly raised the prospect of shoring up the ACA.

**"If my side is unable to agree** on an adequate replacement, then some kind of action with regard to the private health insurance market must occur,' McConnell said. 'No action is not an alternative. We've got the insurance markets imploding all over the country, including in this state.'" <http://wapo.st/2tPunjJ>

**TIM PHILLIPS INTERVIEW --** "Koch brothers political chief: Health care effort a 'disappointment'" <http://cbsn.ws/2uxurlH> ... "We're not ' beholden' to GOP lawmakers" <http://cbsn.ws/2tOIZju>

**SCALISE UPDATE: "Scalise undergoes surgery for infection,"** by Rachael Bade: "House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, the Louisiana Republican shot at a congressional baseball practice three weeks ago, underwent surgery to manage growing infection in his wounds, his doctors said Thursday. Scalise's medical team at MedStar Washington Hospital Center had downgraded his status from 'fair' to 'serious' on Wednesday night after the infection was discovered. He was readmitted into the Intensive Care Unit for

close monitoring.

**"Scalise 'tolerated the procedure well,' his medical team said** Thursday evening, adding that he 'remains in serious condition.' During a press conference several days after the shooting, Scalise's medical team said they expected the congressman would be confronted with such infection at some point during his recovery."

<http://politi.co/2svn24O>

**PALACE INTRIGUE -- "Trump's leaks crackdown sends chills through national security world,"** by Ali Watkins and Josh Dawsey: "National security officials across the federal government say they are seeing new restrictions on who can access sensitive information, fueling fears in the intelligence and security community that the Trump administration has stepped up a stealthy operation to smoke out leakers. Officials at various national security agencies also say they are becoming more concerned that the administration is carefully tracking what they're doing and who they're talking to - then plotting to use them as a scapegoat or accuse them of leaks.

**"One U.S. official voiced concern** over even talking to their superiors about a benign call from a reporter. The agency this official works for had started limiting staff's access to information, they said, and it would make it far easier to figure out who was talking to people in the media. There was suspicion, the official said, that the agency was even tracking what they printed, to keep tabs on what information they were accessing. ... A half dozen officials across the national security community described to POLITICO a series of subtle and no-so-subtle changes that have led to an increasingly tense and paranoid working environment rooted in the White House's obsession with leaks."

<http://politi.co/2swKApU>

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**IT'S HAPPENING -- TRUMP-PUTIN AT 9:45 A.M. -- "Trump readies for his turn with Putin,"** by Michael Crowley: "Last week, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said Trump would come to the meeting with 'no specific agenda,' sparking concern among Russia experts and former U.S. officials that Putin, a former KGB officer who recruited spies, might have an upper hand to manipulate Trump. 'The biggest challenge in these meetings is Putin's tendency to try to run out the clock with history lessons and litanies of Russian grievances, so you're constantly playing defense. The art is absorbing this, pushing back on the rhetoric only where essential, and then shifting to the topics you actually want addressed. That's why going in without an agenda is so damaging,' said Jon Finer, who served as chief of staff to former Secretary of State John Kerry and has attended meetings with the Russian leader. 'It's a recipe not just wasting time, but having the entire conversation on his topics and his terms,' Finer added.

**"The two men are scheduled to meet for 30 minutes,** and will reportedly be accompanied only by their top diplomats -- Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov -- and translators." <http://politi.co/2sTRPr>

**TRUMP AND PUTIN** briefly shook hands this morning, per the AP, quoting a Kremlin official.

**NEIL MACFARQUHAR: "For Russia, Trump-Putin Meeting Is a Sure Winner":**  
<http://nyti.ms/2tTAZx9>

-- **IVO DAALDER**, former U.S. ambassador to NATO (@IvoHDaalder): "Total government experience in the room? Russia: 80+ years US: Less than 12 months".

--@philipoltermann: "White House says Trump to meet Putin @ 3:45 [local time today], which means they have to skip 3:30 meeting with rest of G20 on climate change & energy".

-- **"Russians Are Said to Be Suspects in Nuclear Site Hackings,"** by Bloomberg's Michael Riley, Jennifer A. Dlouhy, and Bryan Gruley: "Hackers working for a foreign government recently breached at least a dozen U.S. power plants, including the Wolf Creek nuclear facility in Kansas, according to current and former U.S. officials, sparking concerns the attackers were searching for vulnerabilities in the electrical grid. The rivals could be positioning themselves to eventually disrupt the nation's power supply, warned the officials, who noted that a general alert was distributed to utilities a week ago. Adding to those concerns, hackers recently infiltrated an unidentified company that makes control systems for equipment used in the power industry, an attack that officials believe may be related. The chief suspect is Russia." <https://bloom.bg/2swu3CG>

-- **HAARETZ'S BARAK RAVID: "Israel Tells U.S. It Doesn't Want Russia Policing Safe Zones in Southern Syria":** "An American envoy came to Israel two weeks ago and held talks with senior Israeli officials about establishing de-escalation zones, otherwise known as safe zones, in southern Syria near the Israeli and Jordanian borders as part of an effort to end Syria's civil war.

**"Israel told Washington that it opposes having Russian forces** supervise what happens in these zones, senior Israeli officials said. The idea of establishing de-escalation zones arose after U.S. President Donald Trump took office in January. Both the White House and the Kremlin have pushed this idea as a way to end the civil war. In early April, Haaretz reported that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed receptiveness to the idea to both Washington and Moscow, viewing it as a way to keep Iran and Hezbollah away from Israel's border." <http://bit.ly/2to75jO>

**MEANWHILE...** -- **"U.S., other G-20 nations near compromise on climate,"** by Andrew Restuccia: "The United States and other major economies are nearing a compromise on climate change, one of the thorniest issues facing world leaders at the G-20 summit in Germany. After days of preliminary talks, G-20 negotiators are

increasingly hopeful they can settle on a joint communique in which the United States underscores its intent to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement while the other nations emphasize their support for the pact, according to a senior diplomat involved in the discussions.

**"Diplomats stressed that the text remains fluid** and could be rewritten at the insistence of President Donald Trump and other world leaders, who will join the closed-door discussions in Hamburg over the next 48 hours. But if it holds, the unity among the 19 other members of the G-20 would be a coup for German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other leaders who support strong action to tackle climate change. And it would further isolate the United States on the issue, underscoring that it is one of the few countries in the world that don't back the 2015 Paris deal." <http://politi.co/2uQ5Est>

**REALITY CHECK -- "CNN parent's \$85B deal at little risk from Trump,"** by Steven Overly and Margaret Harding McGill: "President Donald Trump has only limited tools for venting his often-expressed fury at CNN, even as his administration weighs whether to approve AT&T's bid to purchase the network's parent company, Time Warner. Chief Trump strategist Steve Bannon has pushed the idea of blocking the merger, a White House official told POLITICO on Thursday, after months in which the president has accused the news network of airing 'fake' and 'dishonest' coverage of his administration. But the official added that Bannon hasn't mentioned the matter in recent days and that it does not appear to be at the top of his agenda.

**"And many industry observers say** Trump's Justice Department has no obvious antitrust arguments for blocking AT&T's \$85 billion deal, which would give the telecom and wireless giant control of an entertainment conglomerate whose holdings include CNN, HBO and the Warner Bros. movie studio. 'Just because you don't like CNN doesn't mean you can block a merger,' said Rich Greenfield, a media and tech analyst at the investment research firm BTIG. 'You still need a legal basis, and calling CNN 'fake news' or 'FNN' doesn't make the transaction illegal.'" <http://politi.co/2suXC7G>

-- **"High Anxiety at CNN Amid Attacks From Trump and His Trolls,"** by The Daily Beast's Lloyd Grove: "The parents and wife of Andrew Kaczynski, author of the GIF story and leader of CNN's investigative K-File team, had received around 50 harassing phone calls each by Wednesday while other K-File team members had ugly messages -- apparently from Trump supporters -- left at their homes. 'The only thing I worry about is somebody getting hurt,' a CNN insider told The Daily Beast ... 'These far-right trolls are really threatening people and coming after people. Somebody's gonna do something stupid at some point. 'People really, really worry about the safety of all the prominent people who represent us on the air, and the people who are breaking news they don't like, or people in senior management ... I fear for all of them.'" <http://thebea.st/2tY9Bih>

-- **FROM MORNING MEDIA -- BEN SMITH** emails Joe Pompeo: "'It makes me sick that they're not out there defending a great reporter who is taking all the heat for them. Editors need to have reporters' backs, and to take responsibility for screw-ups. This, and the recent firings' -- for the record, officially they were resignations -- 'send a terrible

signal to reporters who are trying to do their jobs.' (A CNN rep last night didn't return an email asking if they'd like to respond.)"

-- **FIRST PERSON -- "I Found HanAssholeSolo's anti-Semitic Posts. Then, the Death Threats Started.** This is what it's like to report on extremism in the Trump era," by Jared Yates Sexton in POLITICO Magazine: <http://politi.co/2tPCAEG>

**ON CAPITOL WARDROBE GATE** -- There has been a lot of back and forth over the dress code in and around the House floor, which mandates a jacket, tie and pants for men, and covered shoulders and closed-toed shoes for women. No one loves getting dressed up. We all hang out in the Speaker's Lobby -- where the dress code is enforced -- and, yes, it's a pain sometimes to have to dress a certain way. It's the Capitol of the United States, so everyone tolerates it. We have nearly unfettered access to the building and to lawmakers. It's pretty awesome.

**This is a rule that's long been in place** and has been enforced pretty consistently in the decade we've been covering Congress. (If you forget your tie, pull a Matt Fuller and grab a member in the hallway). It's not Paul Ryan's fault -- the guy has other stuff to worry about. The same rules apply to how members of Congress dress, but it's a lot more difficult to scold an elected official about his or her garb than it is to scold a reporter. *The original CBS story* <http://cbsn.ws/2sNUdF8>

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** The Springfield Fire Dept. and the Hazardous Materials Unit exit the Illinois Governor's office after a woman threw a powdery substance during the overtime session at the Illinois State Capitol on July 6 in Springfield. | Justin L. Fowler/The State Journal-Register via AP

**CLINTON PROBES CONTINUE -- "Loretta Lynch denies offering assurances to Clinton campaign over email probe,"** by Austin Wright: "Former Attorney General Loretta Lynch pledged Thursday to cooperate with a Senate Judiciary Committee investigation into whether she assured the Hillary Clinton campaign last year that the FBI probe into Clinton's emails wouldn't go too far. In a statement from her lawyer, Lynch also denied ever making such an assurance to a former Clinton campaign aide, Amanda Renteria - an allegation fueled by a Russian intelligence memo that's credibility has been called into question." <http://politi.co/2uwp4TH>

**KAMALA HARRIS IN TODAY'S NYT -- "Senator, (Un)Interrupted: Kamala Harris's Rise Among Democrats,"** by Matt Flegenheimer: "California's very junior senator has emerged as the latest iteration of a bipartisan archetype: the Great Freshman Hope, a telegenic object of daydreaming projection - justified or not - for a party adrift and removed from executive power. ... Like the Senate newcomers Barack Obama or Marco

Rubio before her, Ms. Harris - a 52-year-old former prosecutor with a profane streak, a lawyerly aversion to 'false choices' and an affection for the rapper Too Short - has insisted that national aspirations are far from her mind. Like those men, she has not exactly ruled out the possibility, either.

**"Unlike those men, she is not a man,** a fact that has figured prominently in her introduction to mass audiences in a recurring (and highly rated) television series: Senate Intelligence Committee Hearing Into Possible Trump Ties to Russia. Twice recently, Ms. Harris's pointed questions and interjections during long-winded witness testimony have prompted uncommon interruptions from Republican colleagues, John McCain of Arizona and Richard M. Burr of North Carolina, the committee chairman, urging her to let the officials answer. In the outsize fallout, her supporters have questioned whether a white male senator would have been confronted the same way."  
<http://nyti.ms/2uRBKUq>

**POLITICO MAGAZINE FRIDAY COVER - WHAT MARIA COMELLA IS READING - "Andrew Cuomo Could Beat Trump:** But he'll have to win over the left first," by David Freedlander: "Cuomo looks very much like someone doing the spadework to run for president. His speeches ... are increasingly laced with the kind of Big Themes that become the rhetorical cornerstones of presidential campaigns. He rails against Washington, contrasting the gridlock of Congress against his own relatively smooth management of the previously dysfunctional statehouse, the misplaced priorities of national Republicans against the steady progress he has made in Albany. Over the past several months, Cuomo has hired Chris Christie's former chief of staff, a move widely seen as further burnishing his own bipartisan credentials; his aides have reached out to out-of-state donors about a possible fundraising swing later this year."  
<http://politi.co/2tPBwAD>

**ISAAC DOVERE** talks to **JULIE PACE** and **PETER BAKER:** "With the president posting a fantasy video of wrestling with CNN, Isaac Dovere sat down for Friday's Off Message podcast with White House press corps vets Julie Pace of the AP and Peter Baker of the New York Times to talk about wrestling with the beat. Is Trump's war with the media all just theatrics? Pace: 'I don't think it's a show in the sense that I do think that they see this as part of the agenda. This is something that they believe is central to Trump's success, is to try to undermine negative coverage about him.'

**"Is this really so different from Obama and other presidents** who've hated their press coverage? Baker: 'This is not the first president who thought all this. This is the first president perhaps who's said it so loudly. This is basically the Nixon tapes as if they were played live on television every day, or on Twitter.' How should reporters respond when the president goads them? Pace: 'Every time, we make it about us, every time one of us becomes the face of the fight, I think we fail-because we lose the whole point of what we're doing.'

**"Could it lead to actual violence,** like the shooting that put Steve Scalise and others in the hospital? Baker: 'There's no reason to think that it couldn't happen, just like it

happened on that baseball field. And that was by a liberal who was upset at Republicans. It could happen the exact opposite way, and it could happen with reporters as well." <http://politi.co/2uxzLp4> ... **Listen to the full podcast** <http://apple.co/2e2dLvm>

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**MEDIAWATCH - "Fox suspends business news host Charles Payne amid sexual harassment allegations,"** by LA Times' Stephen Battaglio: "Payne's suspension was announced by Fox Business Network following his program 'Making Money,' and shortly after the Los Angeles Times first reported the investigation. ... Payne, who hosts 'Making Money' on the network and appears on various other programs, has acknowledged what he described as a three-year 'romantic relationship' with a married female political analyst who frequently appeared on Fox Business Network and Fox News Channel from 2013 to 2016. Payne admitted to the extramarital affair in a statement to the National Enquirer published Wednesday that included an apology to his wife, children and friends." <http://lat.ms/2txn6m8>

--"**Conservative Analyst Scottie Nell Hughes Accuses Fox Business Host of Sexual Harassment,**" by Yashar Ali in HuffPost: "Hughes has told several sources that she feels that Payne, the network and Bill Shine ??? then co-president of Fox News and Fox Business ??? retaliated against her after they learned of the relationship, which would be the basis for her sexual harassment claim." <http://bit.ly/2toqnFU>

--"**NBC's Richard Engel steps out with themed series,**" by AP's David Bauder: "Foreign correspondent Richard Engel is borrowing Rachel Maddow's MSNBC time slot on Friday nights over the next month for 'On Assignment,' a series that sets aside cable news chatter for deeply reported stories about world affairs. The first edition this week focuses on Vladimir Putin's Russia, using the news hook of Putin's meeting Friday with President Donald Trump." <http://bit.ly/2tPrRdf> ... **Preview** <http://on.msnbc.com/2uwxavO>

## Playbookers

**ENGAGED!** -- **Michael Ambrosini**, the director of the White House chief of staff's office, proposed to **Vanessa Morrone**, adviser to the White House press secretary. Michael flew Vanessa's family to her childhood home in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and proposed in front of them with a Tony Bennett song playing in the background. A Bennett concert was their first date three summers ago. They then celebrated at Vanessa's favorite restaurant in Milwaukee. The couple first met through Reince Priebus a few summers ago while he was briefly back home visiting Kenosha. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2sQF5lm>

**OUT AND ABOUT** -- National Geographic had a shark-tagging trip in Cape Cod with NBC's Jenna Bush Hager. She and her crew rode the boat with National Geographic shark expert Brian Skerry and Greg Skomal. They also tagged a shark off of Cape Cod and named it "Jenna." **SPOTTED** at the afternoon party reception at the Wequassett Resort and Golf Club: Laura Nichols, Molly Mulrain, Brad Roberts, Chris Albert, Michael and Meghan Meehan.

**TRANSITIONS: Phillip Mena**, former correspondent for ABC News, is joining NBC News and MSNBC where he will co-anchor "Early Today" with Frances Rivera and be a fill-in host on weekends for MSNBC. ... **Michael Burns** starts on Monday, July 17 as Rep. Nita Lowey's (D-N.Y.) communications director. He was previously with Rep. Donald Payne, Jr.'s (D-N.J.) office.

**OUT AND ABOUT** -- British Ambassador Sir Kim Darroch hosted a farewell reception for the embassy's political counsellor Susannah Goshko and head of communications Michael Hoare at the Ambassador's Residence on Thursday evening. Both are returning to London at the end of the summer. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2tPvwHQ> **SPOTTED:** Anne Gearan, Peter Cook, Margie Omero, Ben Chang, Phil Rucker, Robert Costa, Maggie Dougherty, Marty Obst, Josh Pitcock, Scott Milburn, Sergio Gor, Missy Owen.

**SUNDAY SO FAR -- "Fox News Sunday":** Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.). Panel: Brit Hume, Donna Edwards, Newt Gingrich, Juan Williams

--**NBC's "Meet the Press":** Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) ... DNC Chair Tom Perez and RNC Chair Ronna McDaniel. Panel: Ruth Marcus, Kristen Welker, Rich Lowry, Robert Costa

- **CBS' "Face the Nation":** Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) ... former Dallas Police Chief David Brown ... Panel: Margaret Brennan, David Ignatius, Michael Crowley and David Nakamura ... Victor Cha

--**ABC's "This Week":** Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin ... Walter Shaub. Panel: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), Jason Riley, Katrina vanden Heuvel

--**CNN's "State of the Union,"** guest-anchored by Dana Bash: Ash Carter. Panel: Jen Psaki, former Sen. Rick Santorum, Nina Turner, Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.)

--**CNN's "Inside Politics,"** hosted by John King: Michael Shear, Karoun Demirjian, Mary Katharine Ham, Jeff Zeleny

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS":** Elliott Abrams, Anne Applebaum, Ian Bremmer, Anne-Marie Slaughter ... Sergey Karaganov ... David Rubenstein

**BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Nia-Malika Henderson**, CNN senior political reporter. How

she's celebrating: "I will spend my birthday in London with my girlfriend. We plan on shopping, eating and checking out touristy places like Buckingham Palace and the Wimbledon scene." Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2uRuvfv>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Michelle Kwan ... Dick Armev is 77 ... CAP's Rachel Rosen ... author David McCullough is 84 ... Luther Lowe, Yelp's VP of public policy, who recently played a starring role in a big NYT Sunday Business NYT cover story on Yelp's battle with Google <http://nyti.ms/2stdBmy> ... Bill Lord ... Jason Raymond ... Rep. Judy Chu is 64 (D-Calif.) ... Madelyn Beck, reporter for Inside Energy (hat tip: Amy Sisk) ... Rachael Leman, executive director of CARE Action ... Amanda Maddox, comms director for Sen. Johnny Isakson ... Susan Pelter ... Julie Xie ... Terry Camp ... Eleanor Clift ... Nikki Harris ... Politico alum Molly Jay ... Robin Doody is 25 (h/t sister Clare) ... Ed Kaleta, VP of federal gov't relations and head of Walgreens DC office ... Mike Rigas, chief of staff at the Mass. Dept. of Veterans Affairs and President Trump's nominee to be deputy director of OPM (h/t Ed Cash) ...

... **Andy Manatos**, president of Manatos & Manatos ... Israeli business mogul Yitzhak Tshuva is 69 (h/t Jewish Insider) ... Nicole Eynard, DCCC deputy executive director and a McCaskill and Specter alum (h/t Ian Russell) ... Amanda Crumley, former Vilsack, Warner and WH alum (h/t Jon Haber) ... Marti Adams Baker of the Brunswick Group and a De Blasio alum ... Melisse Morris, VP at BlackRock ... Roselle Chartock ... Randy James, senior manager at Sugerman Communications in L.A. ... Kathy Roeder ... Felix Thomas Morgan ... Larry Van Dyne is 72 ... Michael Hudome ... Larry Irving ... Maria H. Keech LeGrand ... Justin Crockett Elzie ... Travis Rundlet ... Jim Bell of TTR Sotheby's ... Blake Vilmain ... Dan Hunter ... Craig Trost ... Patrick Dillon ... Luke Bauer ... Linda Olsen (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Ringo Starr is 77 (h/t AP)

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