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**WHAT THE WHITE HOUSE IS HAPPY ABOUT -- "High Court reinstates Trump travel ban, will hear arguments,"** by AP Supreme Court reporter Mark Sherman: "The Supreme Court is letting the Trump administration mostly enforce its 90-day ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries, overturning lower court orders that blocked it.

**"The action Monday is a victory for President Donald Trump** in the biggest legal controversy of his young presidency. The court did leave one category of foreigners protected, those 'with a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States,' the court said in an unsigned opinion. The justices will hear arguments in the case in October. ... The ban would apply to citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen." <http://apne.ws/2sTjzbB>

**PRESIDENT TRUMP'S STATEMENT** on the travel ban: "Today's unanimous Supreme Court decision is a clear victory for our national security. It allows the travel suspension for the six terror-prone countries and the refugee suspension to become largely effective.

**"As President, I cannot allow people into our country who want to do us harm.** I want people who can love the United States and all of its citizens, and who will be hardworking and productive.

**"My number one responsibility as Commander in Chief** is to keep the American people safe. Today's ruling allows me to use an important tool for protecting our Nation's homeland. I am also particularly gratified that the Supreme Court's decision was 9-0."

**BY THE WAY ... JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY** did not make any announcement about his retirement.

**OTHER SCOTUS MOVES -- SAME-SEX MARRIAGE CASE: NYT's ADAM LIPTAK:**

"The Supreme Court agreed on Monday to hear an appeal from a Colorado baker with religious objections to same-sex marriage who had lost a discrimination case for refusing to create a cake to celebrate such a union. The case will be a major test of a clash between laws that ban businesses open to the public from discriminating based on sexual orientation and claims of religious freedom. Around the nation, businesses like bakeries, florists and photography studios have said, so far with little success, that forcing them to serve gay couples violates their constitutional rights."

<http://nyti.ms/2tdAi1V>

-- **"Supreme Court turns down case on right to carry guns,"** by Josh Gerstein

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

-- **"Supreme Court rules churches eligible for certain public funds,"** by Benjamin

Wermund: "The Supreme Court ruled Monday that religious institutions may not be excluded from state programs with a secular intent - in this case, making playgrounds safer. However the court framed its decision narrowly, declining to say how far states can go with school choice programs like vouchers being pushed by President Donald Trump as part of a sweeping school choice agenda." <http://politi.co/2u8SPcs>

**Good Monday afternoon. PLAYBOOK** has been hitting the road, taking our events across the country. We are trying to find out a bit more information on where you, the Playbook community, live. Please take this two-question survey: <http://bit.ly/2u9pcYo>

**THE WHITE HOUSE** has again decided today to hold a press briefing off camera, starving Americans of an opportunity to hear the executive branch discuss its priorities and policies. And they have something to talk about today -- a favorable Supreme Court decision.

**NEW -- @seungminkim:** "NEW: Here's the revised Senate GOP health care bill with summary of changes" <http://bit.ly/2sedjiA> ... **The bill** <http://bit.ly/2tdhy2v> ... **Burgess Everett notes POLITICO broke this story first.**

-- **A MAIN CHANGE:** You have to wait six months for insurance coverage if you have a two-month lapse.

**TRACK THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS LIVE -- POLITICO** has set up a page to follow ALL the twists and turns. <http://politi.co/2s9pCkS>

-- **@JohnCornyn:** "I am closing the door. We need to do it this week before double digit premium increases are announced for next year."

**GREAT NUGGET FROM BUZZFEED'S TARINI PARTI** in Colorado Springs: "Doug Deason, a major Trump backer and Texas-based Koch network donor, said that Republicans could have moved faster on their agenda, but that he's not disappointed with the Trump administration at all. ...

**"Deason said he even turned down a meeting with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, telling the Kentucky Republican he needed to pass those bills first. Deason added that he respected McConnell, but that he'd like to 'see him grow a pair.'"**

<http://bzfd.it/2tN8XRn>

**SPEAKER PAUL RYAN** this evening will swear in the two newest members of Congress, Karen Handel (R-Ga.) and Ralph Norman (R-S.C.).

**\*\*\*\*\* A message from the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs (CAPD):** A new study projects pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) will save Medicare Part D \$896 billion over ten years. PBMs drive savings for taxpayers and seniors by negotiating discounts from drug manufacturers; by encouraging the use of lower cost, clinically equivalent drugs; and by providing clinical programs that improve health outcomes. Learn more at [affordableprescriptiondrugs.org](http://affordableprescriptiondrugs.org) \*\*\*\*\*

**STATEMENTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE -- @realDonaldTrump at 8:30 a.m.:** "The Democrats have become nothing but OBSTRUCTIONISTS, they have no policies or ideas. All they do is delay and complain. They own ObamaCare!" ... **at 8:37 a.m.:** "The reason that President Obama did NOTHING about Russia after being notified by the CIA of meddling is that he expected Clinton would win.." ... **at 8:50 a.m.:** "...and did not want to 'rock the boat.' He didn't 'choke,' he colluded or obstructed, and it did the Dems and Crooked Hillary no good." ...

... **at 8:59 a.m.:** "The real story is that President Obama did NOTHING after being informed in August about Russian meddling. With 4 months looking at Russia..." ... **at 9:05 a.m.:** "...under a magnifying glass, they have zero 'tapes' of T people colluding. There is no collusion & no obstruction. I should be given apology!" ... **at 9:14 a.m.:** "Republican Senators are working very hard to get there, with no help from the Democrats. Not easy! Perhaps just let OCare crash & burn!"

**NEW NUMBERS -- "Support for Same-Sex Marriage Grows, Even Among Groups That Had Been Skeptical"** -- Pew Research Center: "Two years after the Supreme Court decision that required states to recognize same-sex marriages nationwide, support for allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally is at its highest point in over 20 years of Pew Research Center polling on the issue. By a margin of nearly two-to-one (62% to 32%), more Americans now say they favor allowing gays and lesbians to marry than say they are opposed. ...

**"For the first time, a majority of Baby Boomers favor** allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally. Currently, 56% of Boomers favor same-sex marriage. ... Blacks have long been less supportive of same-sex marriage when compared with whites, but the share of African Americans who favor same-sex marriage has risen 12 percentage points since 2015, from 39% to 51%. ... For the first time, a majority of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents do not oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally. Today, 48% of Republicans and Republican leaners oppose same-sex marriage,

while 47% favor this. ... Overall, white evangelical Protestants continue to stand out for their opposition to same-sex-marriage: 35% of white evangelical Protestants favor same-sex marriage, compared with a 59% majority who are opposed."

<http://pewrsr.ch/2taGln8>

**FRANK RICH** on the cover of **NEW YORK MAG** -- "**Just Wait:** Watergate didn't become Watergate overnight, either": "[A]mong those of us who want Donald Trump gone from Washington yesterday, there's a fair amount of fear that he, too, could hang on until the end of a four-year term that stank of corruption from the start. Even if his White House scandals turn out to exceed his predecessor's - as the former director of national intelligence James Clapper posited in early June - impeachment is a political, not a legal, matter, and his political lock on the presidency would seem secure. Unlike Nixon, who had to contend with Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, Trump has the shield of a Republican Congress led by craven enablers terrified of crossing their Dear Leader's fiercely loyal base. That distinction alone is enough to make anti-Trumpers abandon all hope.

**"I'm here to say don't do so just yet.** There's a handy antidote to despair: a thorough wallow in Watergate, the actual story as it unfolded, not the expedited highlight reel that most Americans know from a textbook précis or cultural artifacts like the film version of All the President's Men. If you look through a sharp Nixonian lens at Trump's trajectory in office to date, short as it has been, you will discover more of an overlap than you might expect." <http://nym.ag/2u8rly9> ... **The cover** <http://bit.ly/2te3KVM>

**AFTERNOON READS** -- "**How the Right Gets Reagan Wrong,**" by Henry Olsen, author of "The Working Class Republican: Ronald Reagan and the Return of Blue-Collar Conservatism," in POLITICO Mag: "[E]lection returns show Americans don't want what Reaganism's high priests are preaching. More crucially, I learned that everything I thought I knew about Reagan was wrong-that Reaganism misrepresents Reagan's own views. Reagan's conservatism actually fit squarely within Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal consensus, not the anti-New Deal conservatism that forms Reaganism's heart. Heresy! some readers will cry. How can a man who backed Barry Goldwater, who said that 'libertarianism is the heart of conservatism,' and who told America that 'government is not the solution to the problem, it is the problem' be a New Deal conservative?

**"The answer is that while all those statements are true,** they exist in the context of a much more pro-government world view than Reaganism admits. The young Reagan was an ardent devotee of FDR and the Democratic Party. His friends from that era say he memorized FDR's 'fireside chats' and incessantly prattled on about New Deal liberalism. Many assume that his political outlook changed so much as he moved to the right that he rejected FDR and the New Deal. But Reagan always said "I didn't leave the Democratic Party, the Democratic Party left me." <http://politi.co/2tbARZr> ... **\$19.03 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2tb53Uv>

**JACK SHAFER** in the July/Aug. issue of POLITICO Mag, "**America's Mayor: The 45th president is trying to run the White House like it's city hall**": "Our classic big-city

mayors all cut a similar figure [as Trump as president]. Even after winning office, they kept campaigning, stumping for their causes without apology. They blustered in the name of the neighborhoods, the parishes and the synagogues. They feuded with their enemies. Loudly. They 'fixed' things, looked for deal-making partners and struck alliances. They maintained peace between labor and capital, and they kept civil order. They played the booster. The classic mayors knew how to shame companies from moving their headquarters out of town, how to crowd their way to the center of any photo opportunity, how to junket and how to get results. Most of all, classic mayors were virtuosos in the art of blowing their own horns.

**"It's from this script that Trump has largely governed**, which helps to explain why, surrounded by all the trappings of the presidency, he still seems so unpresidential. It also helps explain why the initial months of his administration have accomplished so little. He's a self-proclaimed champion dealmaker. But where are the deals? How can someone with the political skills to become president so totally lack the political skills to be president? Because he basically misunderstands the dimensions of the job. The presidency isn't a supersized mayoralty. Mayors can get away with bullying city councils and acting like a legislature of one because councils are relatively weak. We've seen the approach in the first months of Trump's presidency in the dismissive way he treats Congress-and we've seen it fail, over and over." <http://politi.co/2sJxJDx>

**HAPPENING TODAY** -- Former Vice President **Joe Biden** and Dr. **Jill Biden** are launching the Biden Cancer Initiative today in New York City at the Alexandria Center for Life Science. The event will livestream on the initiative's Facebook page starting at 2:45 p.m. <http://bit.ly/2u8PBWn>

-- Former second lady **Tipper Gore** made a \$1-million donation to the National Alliance on Mental Illness to expand their teen mental health program. **Full release**  
<http://prn.to/2tbE0Zf>

**CLICKER** -- "**The 25 Most Influential People on the Internet**," from TIME -- **With appearances from Matt Drudge, Donald Trump, the founders of the Indivisible Guide, Skimm founders Danielle Weisberg and Carly Zakin and more**  
<http://ti.me/2tb5o9Z>

**TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY** -- Universal health care bill shelved in California -- **Charlie Baker stumps for Massachusetts with biotech companies**  
<http://politi.co/2u8V3bP>

**MAGICAL WORLD** -- "**Our 16 Favorite 'Harry Potter' Moments**," from the staff of The Ringer, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first Harry Potter book  
<http://bit.ly/2u8Ms95>

-- **@JK\_Rowling**: "20 years ago today a world that I had lived in alone was suddenly open to others. It's been wonderful. Thank you. #HarryPotter20"

**SPOTTED:** Vernon Jordan (Bill Clinton consigliere) and Healy Baumgardner (Trump original and now lobbyist) sharing a golf cart to pre-board the 8 a.m. Acela from D.C. to NYC this morning ... Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) at DCA this morning

**WEEKEND WEDDINGS - Tom Schaller**, professor and chair of the political science department at University of Maryland, Baltimore County, former BaltSun columnist and author of "The Stronghold" and "Whistling Past Dixie," got married on Saturday to **Laura Siemer**, who starts today as senior proposal writer for SOS International, a major government contracting defense-security firm. They had small family wedding of 30 people at the Tabard Inn and are honeymooning next week in Ocracoke on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. The couple met after a WashCaps hockey game in October 2014. Pic <http://bit.ly/2s9mPbx>

--**Paige Alwood**, who had her last day on Friday as deputy comms director for Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), got married to **Caleb Burr**, who graduated from seminary a week before their wedding and has taken a job in Raleigh, N.C., as a youth pastor. Their ceremony was at the Church of the Ascension and St. Agnes with their reception down the street at Epic Yoga, "a gorgeous venue space on the second floor overlooked Dupont Circle," she told us.

... They "met about 4 years ago when I moved to DC to do a fellows program through the Falls Church Anglican - it's called the Fellows Initiative. It's an incredible vocational/leadership development program that's been replicated in cities all over the East Coast ... My husband, Caleb, moved to DC around the same time to participate in a different program at the same church ... Because our story played out here even though neither of us are from here - I wanted this to be where we got married." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2sek3g6> ... <http://bit.ly/2sJ4fWi> ... <http://bit.ly/2u8lY68>

--"**Marc Cipullo, Septime Webre**" - **N.Y. Times**: "Mr. Cipullo, 48, ... was until January a director of special projects at South Florida Federal Partners, a private investment firm in Washington. ... Mr. Webre, 55, ... was until last year artistic director of the Washington Ballet. In July, he is to become artistic director of the Hong Kong Ballet." **With pic** <http://nyti.ms/2s7hu4p> ... **Wedding pics** <http://bit.ly/2sJ9OnS> ... <http://bit.ly/2tcV9SW> (h/t Judy Kopff)

**BONUS BIRTHDAYS:** NPR's Nicole Beemsterboer ... BerlinRosen VPs Shantha Susman and Niketa Kumar ... Lucy Silver ... Joe Durham ... Ed Bearss, noted Civil War and military historian, expert battlefield guide for the Smithsonian and other organizations, and pride of Billings, Montana, is 94 ... **(was yesterday):** Matthew Felling, former Lisa Murkowski comms director now Hill+Knowlton VP and US News columnist. He spent the day wearing New Edition t-shirt in protest of the NKOTB (New Kids On The Block) reunion at the Verizon Center (h/t Ryan Taylor, who was on time)

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manufacturers and pharmacies. The study shows PBMs significantly lower premiums and out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries. In fact, PBMs are projected to save Medicare Part D \$896 billion over the next decade. Thanks to PBMs, Medicare Part D continues to drive savings and value for taxpayers and beneficiaries, ensuring that more than 39 million American seniors can access the prescription drugs they need. Learn more at [affordableprescriptiondrugs.org](http://affordableprescriptiondrugs.org) \*\*\*\*\*

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