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Trump: decision on Paris next week -- REMEMBERING ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

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Driving the Day

Good Saturday morning. THE BIG NEWS FROM SICILY -- U.S. ON ITS OWN ON CLIMATE -- "U.S. is the lone G7 holdout on supporting Paris climate deal," by David Herszenhorn and Tara Palmeri in Taormina, Italy: "President Donald Trump refused to join his counterparts in the G7 Saturday in a pledge to uphold the 195-nation Paris accord on climate change, breaking the unified front of the world's most exclusive geopolitical club. ...

"While the declaration included remarkable language, highlighting that the U.S. stood apart, the other allies expressed some relief that Trump had not outright rejected the accord and said they remained hopeful he would come around to supporting the Paris agreement in the coming days. But Trump's refusal to take a position while in Sicily has shaken the unity among the G7, the world's most exclusive geopolitical club. The U.S. has also raised doubts about the G7's longstanding language opposing protectionism in all forms. The Trump administration blocked similar language in a G20 communique earlier this year." <http://politi.co/2qmj1Tb>

-- FROM THE G7 COMMUNIQUE: "The United States of America is in the process of reviewing its policies on climate change and on the Paris Agreement and thus is not in a position to join the consensus on these topics. Understanding this process, the Heads of State and of Government of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom and the Presidents of the European Council and of the European Commission reaffirm their strong commitment to swiftly implement the Paris Agreement, as previously stated at the Ise-Shima Summit." **See the full document** <http://bit.ly/2rJ6NEj>

FROM SICILY -- @JenniferJJacobs: "It's an unprecedented step for final G7

statement to give the U.S. its own section. U.S. not in unison with other 6 on Paris climate deal."

TWEETS FROM @realDonaldTrump, with the geotag Taormina, Sicily, Italy -- at **5:58 a.m.** : "Big G7 meetings today. Lots of very important matters under discussion. First on the list, of course, is terrorism. #G7Taormina." ... at **6:03 a.m.**: "Many NATO countries have agreed to step up payments considerably, as they should. Money is beginning to pour in- NATO will be much stronger." ... at **8:17 a.m.**: "I will make my final decision on the Paris Accord next week!"

-- **NEXT WEEK** is typically a slow week in Washington, due to the Memorial Day holiday. Trump's decision should spice things up.

QUITE THE HEADLINE! -- AP: "**What if US quits climate deal? Doesn't look good for Earth,**" by Seth Borenstein <http://apne.ws/2qpJviW>

THE PORTRAIT: DRAMA. LOTS OF IT -- IN THE NEWS THIS MORNING: Donald Trump's campaign has been asked to turn over all Russia-related documents. Jared Kushner had undisclosed contacts with the Russian ambassador. And the Russian ambassador discussed with Kushner a secret communication channel to Trump world. **THE PRESIDENT** is scheduled to return to the White House around 10:45 p.m.

A DRUMBEAT OF SCOOPS ...

--**WAPO: "Russian ambassador told Moscow that Kushner wanted secret communications channel with Kremlin,"** by Ellen Nakashima, Adam Entous and Greg Miller: "Jared Kushner and Russia's ambassador to Washington discussed the possibility of setting up a secret and secure communications channel between Trump's transition team and the Kremlin, using Russian diplomatic facilities in an apparent move to shield their pre-inauguration discussions from monitoring, according to U.S. officials briefed on intelligence reports.

"Ambassador Sergey Kislyak reported to his superiors in Moscow that Kushner, son-in-law and confidant to then-President-elect Trump, made the proposal during a meeting on Dec. 1 or 2 at Trump Tower, according to intercepts of Russian communications that were reviewed by U.S. officials. Kislyak said Kushner suggested using Russian diplomatic facilities in the United States for the communications. The meeting also was attended by Michael Flynn, Trump's first national security adviser.

"The White House disclosed the meeting only in March, playing down its significance. But people familiar with the matter say the FBI now considers the encounter, as well as another meeting Kushner had with a Russian banker, to be of investigative interest. Kislyak reportedly was taken aback by the suggestion of allowing an American to use Russian communications gear at its embassy or consulate - a proposal that would have carried security risks for Moscow as well as the Trump team." <http://wapo.st/2rrNteO>

-- **BEHIND THE SCENES:** "The Post was first alerted in mid-December to the meeting by an anonymous letter, which said, among other things, that Kushner had talked to Kislyak about setting up the communications channel. This week, officials who reviewed the letter ... said the portion about the secret channel was consistent with their understanding of events."

--**@nycsouthpaw:** "Greg Miller says on MSNBC the anonymous letter came to Ellen Nakashima and appeared to have come from someone inside the transition."

--**NYT's Maggie Haberman, Mark Mazzetti and Matt Apuzzo:** "It is unclear who first proposed the communications channel, but the people familiar with the meeting said the idea was to have Mr. Flynn speak directly with a senior military official in Moscow to discuss Syria and other security issues. The communications channel was never set up, the people said." <http://nyti.ms/2qtJute>

-- **REUTERS: "Exclusive: Trump son-in-law had undisclosed contacts with Russian envoy - sources,"** by Ned Parker and Jonathan Landay: "President Donald Trump's son-in-law and close adviser, Jared Kushner, had at least three previously undisclosed contacts with the Russian ambassador to the United States during and after the 2016 presidential campaign, seven current and former U.S. officials told Reuters. Those contacts included two phone calls between April and November last year, two of the sources said. By early this year, Kushner had become a focus of the FBI investigation into whether there was any collusion between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin, said two other sources - one current and one former law enforcement official.

"Kushner initially had come to the attention of FBI investigators last year as they began scrutinizing former national security adviser Michael Flynn's connections with Russian officials, the two sources said. ... After the Nov. 8 election, Kushner and Flynn also discussed with Kislyak the idea of creating a back channel between Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin that could have bypassed diplomats and intelligence agencies." <http://reut.rs/2rlxkS6>

-- **KUSHNER'S LAWYER RESPOND:** "'Mr. Kushner participated in thousands of calls in this time period. He has no recollection of the calls as described,' Kushner's lawyer Jamie Gorelick [of WilmerHale] told POLITICO in a statement, responding to a Reuters report about Kushner's contacts with Russian ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak. 'We have asked (Reuters) for the dates of such alleged calls so we may look into it and respond, but we have not received such information.'" <http://politi.co/2qtFR6K>

-- **THIS IS GETTING BAD FOR JARED.** And there's no shortage of snickering from haters and detractors inside Trump's White House.

-- **BOB COSTA IN ON THE ACTION: "Senate Intelligence Committee requests Trump campaign documents":** "The Senate Intelligence Committee ... has asked President Trump's political organization to gather and produce all Russia-related

documents, emails and phone records going back to his campaign's launch in June 2015, according to two people briefed on the request.

"The letter from the Senate arrived at Trump's campaign committee last week and was addressed to the group's treasurer. Since then, some former staffers have been notified and asked to cooperate ... The demand follows a Senate request months earlier for the campaign committee to preserve documents. Dozens of former staffers are expected to be contacted in the coming days to make sure they are aware of what they are required to produce and how to submit those documents." <http://wapo.st/2s1f2sG>

-- NYT, TOO: "Russian Once Tied to Trump Aide Seeks Immunity to Cooperate With Congress," by Barry Meier and Jesse Drucker: "Oleg V. Deripaska, a Russian oligarch once close to President Trump's former campaign manager, has offered to cooperate with congressional committees investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 election, but lawmakers are unwilling to accept his conditions, according to congressional officials. Mr. Deripaska's offer comes amid increased attention to his ties to Paul Manafort, who is one of several Trump associates under F.B.I. scrutiny for possible collusion with Russia during the presidential campaign. ... Senate and House panels turned him down because of concerns that immunity agreements create complications for federal criminal investigators." <http://nyti.ms/2rrDA0Q>

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INSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE -- "Trump Pushing Big White House Changes as Russia Crisis Grows," by WSJ's Mike Bender and Peter Nicholas: "President Donald Trump is actively discussing major changes in the White House, including having lawyers vet his tweets and shaking up his top staff, as he grapples with the fallout from probes into his campaign's dealings with Russia, according to several senior administration officials and outside advisers. ... Meetings devoted to White House operations are scheduled for next week, after the president returns from his overseas trip, ... One major change under consideration would see the president's social media posts vetted by a team of lawyers, who would decide if any needed to be adjusted or curtailed. The idea, said one of Mr. Trump's advisers, is to create a system so that tweets 'don't go from the president's mind out to the universe.' ...

"Other changes under discussion include removing communications director Mike Dubke and installing Sarah Sanders as the main spokesman instead of Mr. Spicer. ... Mr. Trump's return to Washington will mark the end of a period which, White House staffers said, brought some relief from the hectic pace of the news surrounding the administration and the Russia investigation. Some noted that it gave them a rare time to eat dinner at home." <http://on.wsj.com/2qpuzBo>

ON THE HILL ... -- "Sources: Nunes still has say in issuing subpoenas in House Intel's Russia inquiry," by CNN's Manu Raju and Tom LoBianco: "In a private meeting this week, House intelligence committee members discussed their plans to move ahead with the Russia investigation into meddling in the US election. And the GOP members made clear that the current rules of the committee still apply: That Nunes can issue the subpoenas 'upon consultation with' ranking Democrat Adam Schiff or by a vote of the full committee, according to several sources familiar with the matter."

<http://cnn.it/2qZchcL>

TRUMP'S SATURDAY -- THE PRESIDENT is giving remarks this morning to military personnel at Naval Air Station Sigonella. From pooler Mike Shear of the New York Times: "[S]picer said that the POTUS speech would [likely] include some trip wrap-up stuff and 'relationship' stuff relating to other countries. So not just a message to the troops."

THE WORLD STAGE -- "Trump brings his solo act to Europe : The president has seemed less at ease among his fellow world leaders in group settings than he is in one-on-one encounters," by Tara Palmeri and David Herszenhorn in Taormina, Sicily: "While he avoided any major gaffes or serious diplomatic breaches, Trump's lack of rapport with European leaders raises serious questions about his ability to effectively team up with critical U.S. allies. 'Like when there's a new strange kid in the class nobody likes,' said a senior EU official who was briefed on the closed NATO meetings in Brussels. 'You behave civilly when teachers [media] watch but don't spend time with him in private because he's so different.'" <http://politi.co/2s10dpV>

IF YOU READ ONE THING - N.Y. MAGAZINE COVER, "She's Okay. How About You?" by Rebecca Traister (online headline: **"Hillary Clinton Is Furious. And Resigned. And Funny. And Worried .** The surreal post-election life of the woman who would have been president): "Almost everywhere Clinton goes, it seems, someone starts crying. It's not just friends and staffers. And though it was more intense in the weeks immediately following the election, it hasn't entirely let up. At restaurants, in grocery stores, on planes, and in the woods, there are lines of people wanting selfies, hugs, comfort. ... This is the dynamic that is perhaps the most intense for Clinton. "Not so much anymore, but in the immediate aftermath, from after the election to probably the first of the year," she says, 'I had people literally seeking absolution.' ... "I'm so sorry I didn't vote. I didn't think you needed me." ...

"In particular, Clinton recalls one night at the theater. 'It was intermission, and a woman came over holding the hand of a young woman. She literally dragged her daughter over to see me. And she said, "My daughter has something to tell you ... Tell her." And this girl says to me, "I am really sorry; I didn't think you needed my vote and I didn't vote." And her mother says [yelling], "Yes, she didn't vote! You didn't vote! You're part of the problem!" I said, "Okay, well, next time I hope you'll vote.'"

-- A FASCINATING BITE: "I ask her if she's ever been in therapy, and she shakes her head. 'Unh-uh. No. I have not.' When I express surprise, she allows, 'Well, we had some

marital counseling in the late '90s, around our very difficult time, but that's all.' She shrugs. 'That's not how I roll. I'm all for it for anybody who's at all interested in it. It's just not how I deal with stuff.'" <http://nym.ag/2qXeBRC> ... **The cover** <http://nym.ag/2qsmRFw>

HMM -- "U.S. Quietly Lifts Limit on Number of Refugees Allowed In," by NYT's Gardiner Harris: "Despite repeated efforts by President Trump to curtail refugee resettlements, the State Department this week quietly lifted the department's restriction on the number of refugees allowed to enter the United States. The result could be a near doubling of refugees entering the country, from about 830 people a week in the first three weeks of this month to well over 1,500 people per week by next month, according to refugee advocates. Tens of thousands of refugees are waiting to come to the United States." <http://nyti.ms/2qtEhSv>

THE JUICE ...

-- **NORM EISEN**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic and White House ethics czar for President Barack Obama, is writing "The Last Palace," a narrative book of historical non-fiction of the people who have lived in the U.S. ambassador's house in Prague over the last 100 years. Those people include the residence's Jewish builder, an aristocratic German general who occupied it during World War Two, and Shirley Temple Black, a child star who later was a diplomat. Eisen's book was sold at auction to Crown and has also been sold to publishers in the U.K., Germany, Italy, Holland, Israel, Brazil and of course the Czech Republic.

REMEMBERING ZBIG -- "Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, Dies at 89," by NYT's Daniel Lewis: "Zbigniew Brzezinski, the hawkish strategic theorist who was national security adviser to President Jimmy Carter in the tumultuous years of the Iran hostage crisis and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the late 1970s, died on Friday at a hospital in Virginia. He was 89. His death, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, was announced on Friday by his daughter, Mika Brzezinski, a co-host of the MSNBC program 'Morning Joe.'

"**Like his predecessor** Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Brzezinski was a foreign-born scholar (he in Poland, Mr. Kissinger in Germany) with considerable influence in global affairs, both before and long after his official tour of duty in the White House. In essays, interviews and television appearances over the decades, he cast a sharp eye on six successive administrations, including that of Donald J. Trump, whose election he did not support and whose foreign policy, he found, lacked coherence. Mr. Brzezinski was nominally a Democrat, with views that led him to speak out, for example, against the 'greed,' as he put it, of an American system that compounded inequality. He was one of the few foreign policy experts to warn against the invasion of Iraq in 2003."

<http://nyti.ms/2r8oixc>

--**MIKA'S INSTAGRAM POST** about her dad: "My father passed away peacefully tonight. He was known to his friends as Zbig, to his grandchildren as Chief and to his wife as the enduring love of her life. I just knew his as the most inspiring, loving and

devoted father any girl could ever have. I love you Dad #HailToTheChief."
<http://bit.ly/2rrPfN3> ... **Another Mika Instagram post about her dad and mom**
<http://bit.ly/2qZgY6x>

-- **BRZEZINSKI's LAST TWEET - May 4, (@zbig):** "Sophisticated US leadership is the sine qua non of a stable world order. However, we lack the former while the latter is getting worse."

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Leaders of the G7 nations watch the Freccie Tricolori Italian Air Force acrobatic squadron performing in Taormina, Italy, on May 26. | Luca Bruno/AP Photo

HEADS UP -- AP/LONDON: "British Airways cancels flights amid global computer outage": "British Airways canceled all flights from London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports Saturday as a global IT failure causes severe disruption for travelers. The airline said it was suffering a 'major IT systems failure' around the world. It didn't say what was causing the problem but said there is no evidence of a cyberattack."

FOR WHITE HOUSE AIDES -- "Trump aides facing perilous stage of Russia probe: Investigators are ramping up requests for documents, and any failure to preserve records exposes Trump aides to criminal charges down the line," by Darren Samuelsohn: "Trump's campaign, said a former senior aide, didn't do much in the way of establishing a backup plan to preserve those digital records. 'You'd be giving us too much credit,' said [a] former staffer. 'The idea of document retention did not come up.'" <http://politi.co/2qpWSzn>

IN FOGGY BOTTOM -- "Exclusive: Tillerson declines to host Ramadan event at State Department," by Reuters' Yeganeh Torbati: "Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has declined a request to host an event to mark Islam's holy month of Ramadan, two U.S. officials said, apparently breaking with a bipartisan tradition in place with few exceptions for nearly 20 years.

"Since 1999, Republican and Democratic secretaries of state have nearly always hosted either an iftar dinner to break the day's fast during Ramadan or a reception marking the Eid al-Fitr holiday at the end of the month, at the State Department. Tillerson turned down a request from the State Department's Office of Religion and Global Affairs to host an Eid al-Fitr reception as part of Ramadan celebrations, said two U.S. officials who declined to be identified because they were not authorized to speak publicly." <http://reut.rs/2rIZ8ps>

CLINTON WATCH -- "Suit against Hillary Clinton over Benghazi deaths and emails is dismissed," by Josh Gerstein: "A federal judge in Washington has dismissed a

lawsuit alleging that Hillary Clinton's lax security surrounding her emails led to the deaths of two of the Americans killed in the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya. In a ruling Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Amy Berman Jackson tossed out the wrongful death claims as well as allegations that Clinton essentially slandered the parents of the deceased by contracting accounts the parents gave of their children's deaths." <http://politi.co/2r6qYsY>

DEPT. OF SWAMP DRAINING -- "White House Backs Down on Keeping Ethics Waivers Secret," by NYT's Eric Lipton: "The White House unexpectedly backed down Friday in a confrontation with the government's top ethics officer, announcing it will publicly disclose waivers that have been quietly handed out since January to let certain former lobbyists work in the administration." <http://nyti.ms/2r6U6Au>

MEDIAWATCH -- "As Trump's Problems Mount, Breitbart's Numbers Are Cratering: A media business based on attack has been much less successful when forced to defend," by Vanity Fair's Tina Nguyen: "'Breitbart News is the #45th most trafficked website in the United States, according to rankings from Amazon's analytics company, Alexa.com,' [Breitbart] wrote on January 9, 2017. ... Just a few months later, the numbers have a different story to tell. As of May 26, 2017, according to Alexa.com ... Breitbart is in 281st place. ... Measuring web traffic is an inexact art, but other web-analytics companies reflect a similar, unusually steep decline in Breitbart's traffic. ComScore estimated that Breitbart had nearly 23 million unique visitors during the month of November 2016, but only drew 10.7 million in April 2017, a 53 percent drop." <http://bit.ly/2rHJevH>

-- HOLLYWOOD REPORTER: "MSNBC Chief Phil Griffin Re-ups Amid Historic Ratings," by Marisa Guthrie. <http://bit.ly/2r8Oqlh>

--"Homework? First I Need to Get to the Bottom of This Comey Story," by Stuart Emmrich on the cover of tomorrow's N.Y. Times Sunday Styles (print headline: "Waking Up With Gabe"): "It's 7:32 on a recent Wednesday morning, and Gabe Fleisher is racing to put the finishing touches on his daily newsletter, Wake Up to Politics. ... [M]ore than 2,000 subscribers who expect their Wake Up briefing to appear in their email inboxes just after 8 a.m. each weekday. ... Gabe Fleisher is not a Washington pundit or a producer for CNN, but a 15-year-old freshman at a St. Louis high school. The free newsletter, which he has been writing in some form since he was 8, is a surprisingly sophisticated, well-researched summary of the day's political news. It counts among its subscribers Gene B. Sperling ... Steve Kornacki ... Major Garrett ... Mark Halperin; and Jim VandeHei ... as well as reporters for The New York Times, The Washington Post and USA Today." <http://nyti.ms/2rZlu3j>

HOT NEW JOB -- @adamgoldmanNYT: "Major journalism job opening at the @AP -- Washington Bureau Chief" - *The job listing* <http://bit.ly/2s0ZSUd>

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drug costs under control. In fact, every dollar an employer invests in a PBM service returns six dollars in savings. Learn more at www.affordableprescriptiondrugs.org. *****

CLICKER - "The nation's cartoonists on the week in politics," edited by Matt Wuerker - **14 keepers** <http://politi.co/2rpUBbD>

GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman:

--"**Aleppo After the Fall,**" by NYT Magazine's Robert F. Worth: "As the Syrian civil war turns in favor of the regime, a nation adjusts to a new reality - and a complicated new picture of the conflict emerges." <http://nyti.ms/2s4w88f>

--"**Raj Chetty on teachers, social mobility, and how to find answers to big questions**" - Tyler Cowen on Medium: "I think current trends suggest that segregation will continue to grow in the US. Take the case of driverless cars, for example. One way that could go is, if you have access to driverless cars, it makes it all the more easy to go live further away in a secluded place, further reduce interaction, right?" <http://bit.ly/2qXjASl>

--"**The Exquisitely English (and Amazingly Lucrative) World of London Clerks,**" by Simon Akam in Bloomberg Businessweek: "It's a Dickensian profession that can still pay upwards of \$650,000 per year." <https://bloom.bg/2qrLTP1>

--"**This is what it's like to be struck by lightning,**" by Charlotte Huff in Mosaic Science: "Of every ten people hit by lightning, nine will survive to tell the tale. But they could suffer a variety of short- and long-term effects. The list is lengthy and daunting: cardiac arrest, confusion, seizures, dizziness, distractibility, personality changes and chronic pain, among others. Lightning can also knock out the region of the brain that controls breathing. This doesn't have a built-in reset, meaning a person's oxygen supply can become dangerously depleted." <http://bit.ly/2qrMerb>

--"**Iran's Support for Terrorist Groups,**" by Daniel Byman in Lawfare - per The Browser's description: "Iran has downgraded its post-1979 hopes of exporting Islamist revolution to the rest of the world. Instead, as a 'relatively weak state with hostile neighbors', it must be primarily concerned with its own stability and survival. But alliances with terrorist and militant groups remain an integral part of Iran's foreign policy, because they have proved to be a cost-effective way of intimidating and destabilising near and distant enemies." <http://bit.ly/2rHnPSZ>

--"**Farming the World: China's Epic Race to Avoid a Food Crisis**" -Bloomberg: "Ballooning populations in Asia, Africa and South America will add another 2 billion people within a generation. If China is to have enough affordable food for its population in the second half of this century, it will need to make sure the world grows food for 9 billion people." <https://bloom.bg/2qXfkCr>

--"**The Most Important Scientist You've Never Heard Of,**" by Lucas Reilly in Mental

Floss: "For 60 years, American drivers unknowingly poisoned themselves by pumping leaded gasoline into their tanks. Here is the lifelong saga of Clair Patterson-a scientist who helped build the atomic bomb and discovered the true age of the Earth-and how he took on a billion-dollar industry to save humanity from itself." <http://bit.ly/2rpGPe>

--"**Long Way Home: The Circumnavigations of Henk De Velde**," by Ryan Bradley in VQR: "I learned that any human record is meaningless. I realised I was part of my boat, that I was talking, although not loud, to the whales around me. I saw the birds looking at me and, the word enjoying is not strong enough. This was it, this was my sea life. Already I knew that the sea would never let me go again, that I was in its eternal grip." <http://bit.ly/2qo6cnw>

--"**Fire on the Mountain: A night of terror in Gatlinburg, Tennessee**," by Justin Heckert in the June/July issue of Garden & Gun: "On the night of November 28, residents of Gatlinburg, Tennessee, found themselves in the midst of a nightmare. Within hours, a small blaze had exploded into the worst fire in the Smoky Mountains in a hundred years, forcing thousands to flee and leaving fourteen dead. Months later, the tourist town is bouncing back. But for some who survived that terrifying night, life will never be the same." <http://bit.ly/2r6osVy> (h/t Longreads.com)

--"**Surfer John John Florence's Very Wavy World**," by Zach Baron in GQ: "The best surfer on the planet is a 24-year-old from Hawaii named John John Florence. We visited the big-wave champ at his compound on Oahu's North Shore before he flew to Australia to defend his world title. So was the surf king nervous? Nah, competition's not really his thing." <http://bit.ly/2qnLsvZ> (h/t Longform.org)

--"**How men continue to interrupt even the most powerful women**," by Tonja Jacobi and Dylan Schweers in Aeon Magazine: "There are few more powerful positions than being a Supreme Court justice, yet the female justices are just like other women: talked over by their male colleagues. In the past 12 years, when women made up on average 24 per cent of the bench, 32 per cent of interruptions were of the female justices, only 4 per cent of interruptions were by the female justices. Male advocates account for approximately 10 per cent of all interruptions; female advocates for 0 per cent." <http://bit.ly/2rYTDQC>

--"**Colombia's Guerrillas Come out of the Jungle**," by The New Yorker's Jon Lee Anderson: "Carlos Antonio Lozada, a FARC commander, tries to guide his former fighters back into society." <http://bit.ly/2rpJy25>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Eric Trump yesterday at a 7 a.m. Flywheel class at City Center using the name "ET USA" coming in last place on the Torqboard, per our tipster ... Susan Rice and Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) yesterday talking at Millie's in Spring Valley ... Speaker Paul

Ryan yesterday on Flight AA2192 from ORD to DFW in coach in an aisle seat with kids next to him. "Took pictures outside of the bathroom for a few minutes, with police escort." **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2r6C97b> ... HHS Secretary Tom Price in the first row on a flight from DCA to ATL. Someone stopped him in the aisle and told him, in wonderfully Georgian terms, "I hope you find some goodness in your heart, Mr. Secretary."

ENGAGED -- Tommy Schultz, national communications director at the American Federation for Children, recently got engaged to **Ashley Harvey**, an account executive at Go Big Media. He proposed outside the White House while on a tour. A friend of his who used to work for then-Gov. Terry Branstad (Tommy worked on his 2014 campaign) is now working at the White House and set up the West Wing tour. The couple met at a conference near Nashville in 2015; he was there on behalf of a congressional race he was campaign manager for (Grant Starrett), and she was there on behalf of a PR firm. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2s7diNy> ... <http://bit.ly/2s77TWX> ... **Flickr album** <http://bit.ly/2s0RkMV>

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Monica Almeida ... Margo Tercek, a staffer for Sen. Michael Bennet, turned 26 (h/t dad Mark) ... Ryan Graham ... Andrew Ciafardini ... Joe Cupka

BIRTHDAYS: David Plouffe, president of CZI Policy and Advocacy, is 5-0 ... Henry Kissinger is 94 ... Campbell Robertson, New Orleans-based correspondent for NYT, is 41 (gumbo tip: JMart) ... Noam Scheiber, NYT labor and workplace reporter, is 41 ... MPAA Chairman Christopher Dodd is 73 ... former FBI Director William Sessions is 87 ... Matt McKenna ... Marc Stanley is 6-0 (h/t Jon Haber) ... Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC) is 71 ... Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) is 7-0 ... Rep. Scott Perry (R-Pa.) is 55 ... Politico's Devin Drewyer ... Independent Journal Review chief content officer Benny Johnson is 31 (h/t Katelyn) ... Rob Flynn is 59 ... WaPo alum Brigid Schulte, founding director of The Good Life Initiative at New America ... Thalia Assuras, former anchor at CBS and ABC, celebrating a "huge" milestone birthday - "She looks half her age. Must be the Greek heritage and Mediterranean diet" (hubby tip: Mike Johnson) ... Politico Europe's Marylise Mahé ... Elise Dietsch ... Sean Rapelyea ... Herman Wouk is 102 ... Sumner Redstone is 94 (h/ts Jewish Insider) ...

... **NBC News' Cynthia McFadden** ... Katya "Kat" Dimenstein, LD for Rep. David Schweikert ... "West Wing" alum Richard Schiff is 62 (h/ts Kurt Bardella) ... Jessica Borchert ... Adam Clayton Powell IV ... Kelsey Baron ... Jillian Busch ... Philadelphia Inquirer's Andrew Seidman ... Sue Tagliabue ... Lauren Paige ... Jenny Drucker ... Christy Harvey ... Benjamin Cole ... Erin Wallwork ... Russ Rosler ... Drew Cole, partner at Roberti Global: Irizarry Klein Roberti ... Bob Rayner is 57 ... Sherry Amatenstein ... Stefanie Prelesnik ... Devan Barber ... Andrew Keeney ... Whitney Gulick Reboulet ... Melissa Ludtke ... Karen Kirksey ... Cary O'Reilly, editor at large at Bloomberg ... AP photojournalist Andrew Harnik ... NPR Delhi bureau chief Julie McCarthy ... Andrew Powaleny ... former NY Gov. David Paterson is 63 ... Kris Martinsek ... Juanita Williams ... Jan Silvers ... Jill Wilkins ... Ned Sebelius (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... actor Jack McBrayer is 44 ... rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 42 ... TV chef Jamie Oliver is 41 (h/ts AP)

THE SHOWS, by @MattMackowiak, filing from Fort Worth, Texas:

-- **NBC's "Meet the Press"**: Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly ... Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) ... New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. Panel: Joy Reid, Kimberley Strassel, Charlie Sykes and Amy Walter

-- **ABC's "This Week"**: Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly ... Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.). Panel: Gwenda Blair, Tom Iltis and Timothy O'Brien

-- **CBS's "Face the Nation"**: Defense Secretary James Mattis ... Ken Burns ... Michael Morrell ... Benjamin Wittes. Panel: Jeffrey Goldberg, Susan Page and Margaret Brennan

-- **"Fox News Sunday"**: Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly ... Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) ... Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.). Panel: Michael Needham, Gerald Seib, Gillian Turner and Charles Lane ... "Power Player of the Week" segment with Blue Angels Commanding Officer Cmdr. Ryan Bernacchi

--**CNN's "State of the Union"** with substitute anchor Dana Bash: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) ... Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) ... Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Panel: Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), Jennifer Granholm, Kevin Madden and former Ohio State Sen. Nina Turner

-- **Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"**: Rep. Kevin Brady (R-Texas) ... Steve Hilton ... Rep. Chris Stewart (R-Utah). Panel: Ed Rollins and Brad Blakeman

-- **Fox News' "MediaBuzz"**: Erin McPike ... Mollie Hemingway ... Joe Trippi ... James Rosen ... Liz Claman

-- **CNN's "Inside Politics"** with John King: Panel: Abby Phillip, Karoun Demirjian, Michael Warren and Jeff Zeleny

-- **CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"**: Panel: Ian Bremmer, Richard Haass, Matthew Kroenig and Anne-Marie Slaughter ... Jeffrey Gettleman, author of the new book "Love, Africa: A Memoir of Romance, War and Survival" ... author Brian Greene

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"** with substitute anchor Frank Sesno: Panel: Michael Oreskes, Tara Palmeri, Erik Wemple, Indira Lakshmanan, Jane Hall and Kim Ghattas

-- **C-SPAN: "The Communicators"**: Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), questioned by Lydia Beyoud ... **"Newsmakers"**: Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), questioned by Susan Ferrechio and Lisa Mascaro ... **"Q&A"**: Malcolm Nance

-- **Washington Times' "Mack on Politics"** weekly politics podcast with Matt Mackowiak (download on iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher or listen at <http://bit.ly/2r37J6h>): Karen Elliott House

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