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## Driving the Day

**BREAKING -- "U.S. in Direct Communication With North Korea, Says Tillerson,"** by NYT's David Sanger in Beijing: "The Trump administration acknowledged on Saturday for the first time that it is in direct communication with the government of North Korea over its missile and nuclear tests. 'We are probing, so stay tuned,' Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson said, when pressed about how he might begin a conversation with Kim Jong-un, the North Korean leader, that could avert what many government officials fear is a significant chance of open conflict between the two countries.

**"We ask, 'Would you like to talk?'** We have lines of communications to Pyongyang - we're not in a dark situation, a blackout. We have a couple, three channels open to Pyongyang,' he added, speaking at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Beijing after a meeting with China's top leadership. He would not say if the North Koreans had responded, beyond the exchange of threats that, in the past week, have included declarations that the country might conduct an atmospheric nuclear test and that it had the right to shoot down American warplanes in international waters."

<http://nyti.ms/2wqs1Wn>

**Good Saturday morning. ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MEN -- TOM PRICE IS OUT -- DAN DIAMOND, RACHANA PRADHAN and ADRIEL BETTELHEIM:** "Price becomes the first Trump administration Cabinet secretary to step down. The White House said Trump asked Deputy Assistant Health Secretary Don Wright to serve as acting secretary of the agency, which has an annual budget of \$1.15 trillion and includes the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as the FDA, NIH and CDC.

**"As late as Thursday, Price said he believed** he had the president's support. But the tumult surrounding his travel became another distraction for an administration already

reeling from the defeat of repeated Senate efforts to repeal Obamacare and facing criticism for its hurricane relief efforts in Puerto Rico. In his resignation letter, Price expressed regret that 'recent events' distracted from efforts to overhaul the health care system, reduce regulatory burdens and improve global health. 'In order for you to move forward without further disruption, I am officially tendering my resignation as the Secretary of Health and Human Services effective 11:59 PM on Friday,' Price wrote." <http://politi.co/2x4L4Fs> ... **His resignation letter** <http://bit.ly/2x3R460>

-- **@alexburnsNYT**: "So reporting by @politico has led to the HHS secretary resigning and the Labor secretary-designate withdrawing from confirmation process" ...  
**@hillhulse**: "More than \$50 million was spent on a special House election in Georgia to replace a lawmaker who didn't last a year in the Trump Cabinet."

-- **CANCELED**: Members of Congress and their spouses were invited to a reception Oct. 4 with Price. That has now been canceled, according to sources. **The invite** <http://bit.ly/2xFWdAK>

**PETER BAKER, GLENN THRUSH and MAGGIE HABERMAN** on A1 of the **Saturday NYT**: "Mr. Trump berated Mr. Price in the Oval Office on Friday afternoon for about two hours before heading out to meet with reporters, according to people informed about the meeting. All cabinet travel requests now must be cleared by the White House, they said." <http://nyti.ms/2wq8aqD>

-- "**Being called a 'good man' by Trump is sometimes an omen,**" by AP's Jill Colvin: <http://bit.ly/2yA4EKN>

**BEHIND THE SCENES -- "Trump's breaking point with Price,"** by Andrew Restuccia, Josh Dawsey, and Dan Diamond: "Tom Price's downfall was his penchant for pricey jets. But his demise was months in the making, as the president continued to lose trust in the Health and Human Services secretary who rarely attended Oval Office strategy meetings, had little sway or influence on Capitol Hill, and was associated in the president's mind with one of the administration's biggest defeats - the failure to repeal Obamacare.

**"Of particular notoriety:** A picture of Price in March drinking at Bullfeathers, a famed Capitol Hill bar, as his colleagues tried to wrangle votes for the president's signature initiative. Price's lack of goodwill with Trump and other senior administration officials ultimately doomed his chances of survival, even though many administration officials believed the furor would blow over when news first broke that Price spent hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on private jets." <http://politi.co/2yyF5d7> ... **Price at Bullfeathers** <http://bit.ly/2fZ3CBn>

-- **"'Another Fantastic Week': Tom Price's Celebratory Travelogues,"** by NYT's Katie Rogers and Eric Lipton: "As he traversed the world on taxpayer-funded flights, Tom Price made it a habit to write home, repeatedly sending celebratory letters back to staff members at the Department of Health and Human Services detailing his time on

the road, and complimenting agency employees who 'ensure the good stewardship of taxpayer dollars.' In May, Mr. Price celebrated his 15th week on the job by detailing his trip to Geneva, snapping a photo of the lush grounds of the United Nations compound, and a mountain range in the distance, as he attended the World Health Assembly. Weeks later, opening with the words 'another fantastic week,' Mr. Price described a June trip to Nashville, Tenn., where he owns a condominium, leaving out the fact that he had flown on a chartered plane and, according to Politico, stopped to have lunch with his son.

**"The 'Week in Review' travelogues** from Mr. Price, who resigned under fire on Friday, were sent to the department's approximately 80,000 employees. At times they included links to a Flickr account, where agency staff members posted more than 1,800 photographs of Mr. Price's globe-trotting and other agency work, including a recent dinner in Liberia. The dispatches outraged many members of the department staff, given that the travel took place at a time when the agency is facing hundreds of billions of dollars in proposed budget cuts, as well as certain budget-related restrictions on work-related travel for employees." <http://nyti.ms/2xKjrmX>

**MORE QUESTIONABLE SPENDING -- "VA chief took in Wimbledon, river cruise on European work trip; wife's expenses covered by taxpayers,"** by WaPo's Jack Gillum, Alex Horton, Drew Harwell and Lisa Rein: "Nearly three days into a trip to Europe this past July, Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin had attended a Wimbledon championship tennis match, toured Westminster Abbey and taken a cruise on the Thames. The 10-day trip was not entirely a vacation. Shulkin was in Europe for meetings with Danish and British officials about veterans' health issues, so taxpayers picked up part of the tab.

**"Yet he and his wife spent about half their time** sightseeing, including shopping and touring historic sites ... The federal government paid for the flights for Shulkin and his wife, Merle Bari, and provided a per-diem reimbursement for their meals and other expenses ... An agency spokesman did not respond to questions about why Bari qualified for the reimbursements and taxpayer-funded airfare, other than to say she was traveling on 'approved invitational orders' and had 'temporary duty' travel expenses." <http://wapo.st/2fzY67>

**ALL IN THE FAMILY -- "Trump kids' ski vacation incurs over \$300,000 in security costs,"** by CBS News' Laura Strickler, Analisa Novak and Julianna Goldman: "The annual Aspen ski vacation taken in March by President Trump's children, Ivanka and Eric Trump, and their families, including son-in-law Jared Kushner, left taxpayers on the hook for security costs of at least \$330,000 ... Housing costs were \$195,700 at hotels across town. The Secret Service also spent \$26,000 on rental vehicles. Equipment costs were close to \$22,000 -- to accompany the family on the slopes, the Secret Service had to buy lift tickets and rent skis and boots. They also rented bikes and bought other unidentified items at outfitting supplier REI and Backcountry.com." <http://cbsn.ws/2wqgGpw>

**KELLY TAKES ACTION -- "White House to Cabinet: No private air travel without Kelly's approval,"** by Matt Nussbaum: "The White House cracked down on Cabinet officials' use of private planes Friday, telling them chief of staff John Kelly must approve almost all travel on 'government-owned, rented, leased, or chartered aircraft,' after Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned over his own taxpayer-funded flights. Mick Mulvaney, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, sent out the memo soon after Price's resignation was made public.

**"In light of recent events, the President has asked me** to remind the heads of all executive departments and agencies of Administration policies on travel,' Mulvaney wrote. He reminded the department and agency heads that, by regulation, 'Government-owned, rented, leased, or chartered aircraft should not be used for travel by Government employees except with specific justification.'

**"However, beyond the law and formal policy,** departments and agencies should recognize that we are public servants,' Mulvaney wrote. 'Every penny we spend comes from the taxpayer. We thus owe it to the taxpayer to work as hard managing that money wisely as the taxpayer must do to earn it in the first place.' Mulvaney added: 'Put another way, just because something is legal doesn't make it right.'

<http://politi.co/2kbgfh2>

**THE LATEST ON PUERTO RICO -- "Trump's upbeat Puerto Rico rhetoric clashes with reality on the ground,"** by Matt Nussbaum and Marc Caputo: "President Donald Trump says his administration is deftly responding to the devastating hurricane that leveled Puerto Rico, but the jarring gap between his rhetoric and the dramatic reports about dire conditions there is raising fresh questions about the effectiveness of recovery efforts on the island.

**"As his administration grapples** with the third hurricane to hit the United States in a matter of weeks, and as the relief operation in Puerto Rico kicks into gear, Trump has repeatedly said he's getting positive reviews. Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló just stated: 'The Administration and the President, every time we've spoken, they've delivered,' Trump tweeted Friday.

**"But nine days after Hurricane Maria** knocked out the island's power, communications system and some roadways, Americans there are still struggling to get supplies and phone service. 'There's always a danger whenever you start responding in a way that says, 'Hey we've done a great job,' and there are still people in need,' said Thomas Atkin, a former Coast Guard admiral and principal deputy assistant secretary of defense under President Barack Obama. 'It's kind of like a football coach at halftime saying, 'Hey, we're winning.' You still have half a game to play.'" <http://politi.co/2xN4C4A>

-- **"Puerto Rico's Exodus Begins with a Trickle Into Orlando,"** by Francisco Alvarado in Orlando for Politico Magazine: <http://politi.co/2yPkL8q>

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley:** Disruption in Retail: Automation and

digitalization are helping athletic footwear brands chase growth via fast fashion. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**PRESIDENT TRUMP LASHES OUT AT SAN JUAN MAYOR -- @realDonaldTrump at 7:19 a.m.:** "The Mayor of San Juan, who was very complimentary only a few days ago, has now been told by the Democrats that you must be nasty to Trump." ... **at 7:26 a.m.:** "...Such poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are not able to get their workers to help. They...." ... **at 7:29 a.m.:** "...want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort. 10,000 Federal workers now on Island doing a fantastic job."

... **at 7:48 a.m.:** "Fake News CNN and NBC are going out of their way to disparage our great First Responders as a way to 'get Trump.' Not fair to FR or effort!" ... **at 7:55 a.m.:** "I will be going to Puerto Rico on Tuesday with Melania. Will hopefully be able to stop at the U.S. Virgin Islands (people working hard)." ... **at 8:07 a.m.:** "The Fake News Networks are working overtime in Puerto Rico doing their best to take the spirit away from our soldiers and first R's. Shame!"

**TICK-TOCK -- "Lost weekend: How Trump's time at his golf club hurt the response to Maria,"** by WaPo's Abby Phillip, Ed O'Keefe, Nick Miroff and Damian Paletta: "At first, the Trump administration seemed to be doing all the right things to respond to the disaster in Puerto Rico. As Hurricane Maria made landfall on Wednesday, Sept. 20, there was a frenzy of activity publicly and privately. The next day, President Trump called local officials on the island, issued an emergency declaration and pledged that all federal resources would be directed to help.

**"But then for four days after that** -- as storm-ravaged Puerto Rico struggled for food and water amid the darkness of power outages -- Trump and his top aides effectively went dark themselves.

**"Trump jetted to New Jersey** that Thursday night to spend a long weekend at his private golf club there, save for a quick trip to Alabama for a political rally. Neither Trump nor any of his senior White House aides said a word publicly about the unfolding crisis. Trump did hold a meeting at his golf club that Friday with half a dozen Cabinet officials -- including acting Homeland Security secretary Elaine Duke, who oversees disaster response -- but the gathering was to discuss his new travel ban, not the hurricane. Duke and Trump spoke briefly about Puerto Rico but did not talk again until Tuesday." <http://wapo.st/2xlnikh>

**THE AFTERMATH -- "Rocked by the quake, Mexico's economy could get a boost from the rebuilding,"** by L.A. Times' Laura Tillman: <http://lat.ms/2x4H8UY>

**WEST WING INTRIGUE -- "Kelly struggling to make sense of Jared and Ivanka's West Wing roles:** Trump has also questioned whether having his family members in the West Wing is creating too much noise," by Annie Karni and Josh Dawsey: "As Secretary of Homeland Security, Gen. John Kelly spent months touting a hard line on

immigration, arguing privately and publicly with Congress that if there were objections to the laws, it was up to legislators to change them - not to blame enforcers on the front lines. But after a particularly contentious meeting with Democrats on the Hill regarding DACA this past summer, he was informed by Senate leaders that he appeared to have not been 'read in' to some conversations going on in the White House, according to three sources with direct knowledge of the matter.

**"The president's son-in-law**, Jared Kushner, Kelly learned, had been quietly back-channeling with Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Dick Durbin (D-Ill.). Kushner, Democratic Hill aides confirmed, had discussed with the two senators a potential deal to protect Dreamers from deportation. Kelly, according to three sources familiar with the exchange, was livid, not at the content of the discussions - he has said he personally supports DACA - but that they were going on without his knowledge. He called senior White House officials and demanded a meeting with Trump to deliver something of an ultimatum: If Kushner was going to freelance on DHS issues, the president would have to choose between his son-in-law and the four-star general serving in his Cabinet.

**"A White House official disputed this account**, noting that Kelly was not upset - he simply wanted to be briefed on what the administration's strategy was. ... In a statement to POLITICO, Kelly said, 'Jared is a valued member of the White House staff.' ... It's not just Kelly who is uncertain of how to make the arrangement work. In recent months, according to multiple administration officials, the president has also been casually surveying people close to him about whether having his family members in the government is creating too much noise.

**"Baby, you're getting killed**, this is a bad deal,' Trump has told Ivanka Trump, in front of other staffers, after soaking in the criticisms of the role his daughter is playing. ... Privately, Trump has asked some senior staffers their thoughts on how Kushner and Ivanka Trump can withstand the personal attacks, according to White House officials." <http://politi.co/2xRH8vS>

**-- "Officials Expressed Concerns White House Counsel Would Quit Over Donald Trump-Jared Kushner Meetings,"** by WSJ's Peter Nicholas, Mike Bender and Rebecca Ballhaus: "White House Counsel Don McGahn this summer was so frustrated about the lack of protocols surrounding meetings between President Donald Trump and Jared Kushner, his son-in-law whose activities are under scrutiny in the Russia probe, that West Wing officials expressed concerns the top lawyer would quit, according to people familiar with the conversations.

**"Mr. McGahn expressed concern** that meetings between Mr. Kushner and Mr. Trump could be construed by investigators as an effort to coordinate their stories ... Two senior White House officials-then-Chief of Staff Reince Priebus and former chief strategist Steve Bannon -urged Mr. McGahn not to resign ... One person characterized Mr. McGahn's frustration as, 'Fine, you're not taking my advice? Why stay?'" <http://on.wsj.com/2xEWuUN>

**JOSH MEYER: "NSA warned White House against using personal email":** "The National Security Agency warned senior White House officials in classified briefings that improper use of personal cellphones and email could make them vulnerable to espionage by Russia, China, Iran and other adversaries, according to officials familiar with the briefings. The briefings came soon after President Donald Trump was sworn into office on Jan. 20, and before some top aides, including senior advisor Jared Kushner, used their personal email and phones to conduct official White House business, as disclosed by POLITICO this week.

**"The NSA briefers** explained that cyberspies could be using sophisticated malware to turn the personal cellphones of White House aides into clandestine listening devices, to take photos and video without the user's knowledge and to transfer vast amounts of data via Wi-Fi networks and Bluetooth, according to one former senior U.S. intelligence official familiar with the briefings." <http://politi.co/2x1B9W9>

**TRUMP** is at Bedminster N.J. He is scheduled to speak this afternoon with FEMA director Brock Long, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló; Puerto Rico Resident Commissioner Jenniffer González-Colón; Luis Fortuño, the former governor of Puerto Rico who is now a federal lobbyist; and U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp by telephone.

**CLICKER - "The nation's cartoonists on the week in politics,"** edited by Matt Wuerker -- **14 keepers** <http://politi.co/2x3ifOn>

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** Former Vice President Joe Biden, former second lady Jill Biden, former President Barack Obama and Prince Harry of Wales watch on during day 7 of the Invictus Games 2017 on Sep. 29 in Toronto, Canada. | Chris Jackson/Getty Images for the Invictus Games Foundation

**FED WATCH -- "Trump interviews four for Fed chair job, to decide in two-three weeks,"** by Reuters' Steve Holland: "U.S. President Donald Trump is ramping up his search for a new chief for the U.S. central bank, meeting with former Federal Reserve Governor Kevin Warsh and three others and promising a decision next month. 'I've had four meetings for Fed chairman and I'll be making a decision over the next two or three weeks,' Trump told reporters on the White House South Lawn.

**"Trump has previously suggested** he may reappoint Fed Chair Janet Yellen to the post. Jerome Powell, one of the current governors on the Fed's board, also met with Trump earlier this week about the Fed job, the Wall Street Journal reported on Friday. Trump on Friday did not provide details on his meetings." <http://reut.rs/2fzjPwi>

**TOP-ED - JOHN KERRY** in WaPo, **"The Iran deal is working. Here's how we know":**

"[I]t seems irrational to leave an agreement that's working today out of a fixation on potential growth of Iran's nuclear program more than a decade from now, when such growth could happen tomorrow if we unravel the agreement. We'd be back where we were before, only way worse, with the United States isolated, not Iran. We maintain leverage by sticking with the agreement, and European foreign ministers tell me that they would join us in confronting other Iranian misdeeds.

**"What leverage do we gain by walking away** when we know Iran is complying? We lose our close alignment with our allies. We empower Russia and China. We hand Iranian hard-liners a victory and send a message to any country considering a negotiation with us that, when politics intervene, the United States doesn't keep its word. Moreover, sticking with the deal means we don't jump back in the barrel headed toward military conflict with Iran, and we can focus on North Korea's white-hot nuclear threat today." <http://wapo.st/2xF1atJ>

**VALLEY TALK -- "Silicon Valley all in on tax reform,"** by Steven Overly: "Silicon Valley is racing to support and shape President Donald Trump's multitrillion-dollar tax proposal, despite months of distancing itself from his policies on everything from immigration to climate change. The Republican proposal to slash corporate tax rates and ease taxation of companies' overseas earnings has vast implications for the tech industry, which counts the wealthiest companies on earth among its ranks. The companies have responded by marshaling an army of lobbyists, some with connections to a Trump administration that many of their customers and liberal employees loathe." <http://politi.co/2ydPY7W>

\*\*\*\*\* **A message from Morgan Stanley:** Consumers want new and now, a trend pushing athletic-wear brands to rethink how fast they can design and manufacture footwear. The rise of "fast fashion" is pushing brands to continuously roll out new models. The shift poses both a challenge and an opportunity. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) \*\*\*\*\*

**MEDIAWATCH - "ABC Poaches Tara Palmeri, a Politico Rising Star:** The white-hot West Wing beat is minting new journalism name-brands," by Vanity Fair's Joe Pompeo: "Tara Palmeri, part of the new gaggle of White House reporters who have been churning out juicy scoops about the As-the-World-Turns Trump West Wing, is leaving Politico for ABC News ... At ABC, Palmeri, a vivid, high-energy presence with a New York tabloid background and an aggressive reporting style ... will be an on-air White House correspondent, giving the network a third presence alongside chief White House correspondent Jonathan Karl and senior White House correspondent Cecilia Vega. Palmeri signed a multi-year deal and will also write for abcnews.com." <http://bit.ly/2xQ3PAu>

**GREAT WEEKEND READS,** curated by Daniel Lippman:

--**"What Ever Happened to the Russian Revolution?"** by Ian Frazier in Smithsonian: "Russia is a glorious country and an ongoing disaster. Just when you decide it is the

one, it turns around and discloses the other. For a hundred years before 1917 it experienced wild disorders and political violence interspersed with periods of unquiet calm, meanwhile producing some of the world's greatest literature and booming in population and helping to feed Europe. Then it leapt into a revolution unlike any the world had ever seen." <http://bit.ly/2yzd98Y>

--"**Diary of a Concussion**," by Elizabeth Lopatto in The Verge: "I still felt like myself, but it was kind of like my personality was a set of piano keys and someone had sliced off all the notes you'd ordinarily play with your left hand. I could go on playing with both hands, but only the top half of the keyboard was available. While I was in the ER, it occurred to me: what if I am stuck like this forever? There is no treatment for concussion except for time, but people seem not to believe that." <http://bit.ly/2woOwLn>

--"**Gloria Allred's Crusade**," by Jia Tolentino in The New Yorker: "The attorney takes on Bill Cosby, rape law, and Donald Trump." <http://bit.ly/2fxhUZf>

--"**Is Health Care a Right?**" by The New Yorker's Atul Gawande: "It's a question that divides Americans, including those from my home town [of Athens, Ohio]. But it's possible to find common ground." <http://bit.ly/2yzlPMx>

--"**The Lessons of Leonardo: How to Be a Creative Genius**," by Walter Isaacson on the cover of WSJ's Review section: "History's most creative genius, Leonardo da Vinci, was not superhuman, writes Walter Isaacson-and following his methods can bring great intellectual rewards to anyone." <http://on.wsj.com/2wqfe6x>

--"**Facing poverty, academics turn to sex work and sleeping in cars**," by The Guardian's Alastair Gee in San Francisco: "Adjunct professors in America face low pay and long hours without the security of full-time faculty. Some, on the brink of homelessness, take desperate measures." <http://bit.ly/2fErAVI>

--"**A Discourse on Love, by Deepthinker Whatshisname**," by Alexander Aciman in Tablet Magazine - per ALDaily.com's description: "Alain de Botton wants to teach you how love really works. So he wrote a novel full of insights too trite to be even superficial." <http://bit.ly/2x2Uvd9>

--"**How One Syrian Fought to the Death for a Free Internet**," by Alice Su in Wired - per Longreads.com's description: "When Bassel Khartabil tried to create an open internet culture in Syria, the government executed him. Thousands of other Syrians have disappeared." <http://bit.ly/2yLAgOB>

--"**Blaming the People**," by Jan-Werner Müller in The Nation: "Ever since Philip Converse's pioneering studies in the 1950s, American political scientists have amassed a wealth of evidence confirming just how little voters know-and just how incoherent or plain illogical their political choices can be. This empirical work has run in tandem with that of political theorists less worried about voters' ignorance than about their intolerance." <http://bit.ly/2ka9U5t>

--"**The College Try**," by Ashley Powers in California Sunday: "Liz Waite and Kersheral Jessup couldn't afford a higher education, let alone rent. But they worked and scrounged and slept on couches to put themselves through school. Will their degrees be worth it?" <http://bit.ly/2fVQJaX> (h/t Longreads.com)

--"**Spoiling for a fight**," by Jim Sharpe in Aeon Magazine - per The Browser's description: "On the historical decline of violence in England - which boils down to a story of men behaving slightly better. The homicide rate in medieval Oxford was 120 per 100,000 of the population - compared with around one per 100,000 in modern England. By 1600 the murder rate had halved. Over time, men were getting into fewer fights with death the unintended consequence." <http://bit.ly/2xLTepB>

-- "**The Jones Act, the obscure 1920 shipping regulation strangling Puerto Rico, explained**," by Vox's Matthew Yglesias: "Protectionism and exploitation at its worst." <http://bit.ly/2fYq1yB>

## Playbookers

**SPOTTED:** Madeline Albright having breakfast with Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) on Friday morning at the Four Seasons

**TRANSITIONS -- ANDY COTTEN** is joining digital firm Audience Partners after 12 years at Yahoo, most recently as the tech company's political sales lead. ... **John Meza** has joined the Raben Group as director. He most recently served as communications Director for Rep. Beto O'Rourke (D-Texas). ... **Lindsey Kolb** starts on Monday as digital director at FP1 Strategies. She previously was at Crowdskout, a data and political software startup in D.C.

**BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday):** Kaplan & Company founder Robbie Kaplan (hat tip: Alex Levy) ... BP's Liz Sidoti ... CBS News' Tory Coughlan ... Stephen Parker ... **(was Thursday):** Aviva Rosenthal

**BIRTHDAYS:** Craig Minassian is 47 ... Trey Anastasio of Phish is 53 ... Natalie Rossetti ... Hildy Kuryk, founder of Artemis Strategies ... 538's Perry Bacon, Jr. ... Greg Mecher, chief of staff for Rep. Joe Kennedy (D-Mass.) ... Ari Shapiro, host of NPR's "All Things Considered" ... Nate Tibbits, SVP of global gov't affairs and public affairs at Qualcomm and loyal Tarheel (h/t Ben Chang) ... Carolina Herbut-Hewell (h/t Jon Haber) ... Conor Maguire (h/t Sara Sendek) ... Politico's Sally Goldenberg, Brendan MacArthur, Caroline Cirillo and Arthi Yerramilli ... Politico Europe's David Herszenhorn ... Stefanie Higgins Mohler ... Jake Yunker ... Felix Schein, president of LA issue advocacy and comms firm RALLY, is 41 ... Mike Henry, chief of staff to Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) ... Ben Voelkel, comms director for Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.), is 31. He is "Mukwonago, Wisconsin's favorite son and a top operative who never forgot his roots" (h/t Brian Reisinger) ... AP

legal affairs writer Curt Anderson is 56 ... former Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) is 57 ... former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 72 ... Iowa Republican operative Grant Young ...

... **Steve Russolillo**, WSJ markets reporter in Asia ... Sue Andres ... Anastasia Goodstein, SVP at the Ad Council ... Maggie Rousseau, press secretary for Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) ... Charlotte Dillon of VC firm New Enterprise Associates ... Cynthia McCabe, comms director for Pepco Holdings ... Sam Lozier, SVP of client services at Revolution Messaging ... Nathan Thornburgh, co-founder at Roads and Kingdoms ... Max Alletzhauer ... Aaron Pickrell ... JJ Mitchell ... Christian Woelk Zaal ... Courtney Sanders Felts of the U.S. Chamber ... Gerardo Interiano, head of external affairs for the Southwest region at Google ... Maria Cereghino ... Brandon Farbstein ... Mark Drapeau ... WGBH's Phillip Martin ... Paul Guercio ... Page Rolley Hanna ... Alan Eason ... Adam Hudson ... Joshua Hoyos, assignment editor at ABC News ... Kitty Eisele ... Mike Milligan ... Aaron Pickrell ... Mary Triick (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

**THE SHOWS**, by @MattMackowiak, filing from Austin:

--**CBS's "Face the Nation"**: Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) ... Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) ... Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) ... Bob Schieffer. Panel: Ben Domenech, Ezra Klein and Amy Walter

--**NBC's "Meet the Press"**: Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ... Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) ... Ta-Nehisi Coates. Panel: David Brooks, Danielle Pletka, Charlie Sykes

--**ABC's "This Week"**: Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ... Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) ... Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.). Panel: Alex Castellanos, Stephanie Cutter, E.J. Dionne, Megan Murphy and Jason Riley

--**Fox News Sunday**: OMB Director Mick Mulvaney ... FEMA Administrator Brock Long. Panel: Josh Holmes, Donna Edwards, Michael Needham and Charles Lane

--**CNN's "State of the Union"**: OMB Mick Mulvaney ... Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) ... Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Panel: Bakari Sellers, Amanda Carpenter, Michael Caputo and Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.)

--**Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"**: Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) ... White House National Economic Council director Gary Cohn ... Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-Texas). Panel: Ian Bremmer and Ed Rollins

--**Fox News' "MediaBuzz"**: Susan Ferrechio ... Katie Pavlich ... Juan Williams ... Antonio Mora ... Steve Hayes ... Marisa Guthrie ... James Rosen

--**CNN's "Inside Politics"** with John King: Panel: Julie Pace, Perry Bacon, Jennifer Jacobs and Karoun Demirjian

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"**: Panel on Puerto Rico and the media: Leyla Santiago, Edwin Melendez and Tara Palmeri ... panel on Trump vs. the NFL: Wesley Lowery, Jason Gay, Seth Mandel and Bathany Mandel ... Julia Angwin and Dylan Byers ... Steve Warren

--**Univision's "Al Punto"**: Univision News anchor Ilia Calderón ... Rep. Carlos Carbelo (R-Fla) ... Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-Texas) ... Mexico president Enrique Peña Nieto's spokesman Eduardo Sanchez ... "United We Dream" executive director and co-founder Cristina Jimenez and DREAMer advocates Erika Andiola and Gaby Pacheco ... immigration attorney Ezequiel Hernandez ... DACA immigration attorney Luis Cortes Romero

--**C-SPAN: "The Communicators"**: Kathy Grillo, Margaret Harding ... **"Newsmakers"**: Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah), questioned by Niels Lesniewski and Brent Kendall ... **"Q&A"**: Scott Greenberger

--**PBS' "To the Contrary"**: former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher, former Under Secretary of State Paula Dobriansky and former Amb. Jandayi Frazer

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