

noon east coast time. The event will be livestreamed. ***Livestream link***

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POLITICO INVESTIGATION -- "Obama's hidden Iran deal giveaway: By dropping charges against major arms targets, the administration infuriated Justice Department officials - and undermined its own counterproliferation task forces," by Josh Meyer:

"In its determination to win support for the nuclear deal and prisoner swap from Tehran - and from Congress and the American people - the Obama administration did a lot more than just downplay the threats posed by the men it let off the hook, according to POLITICO's findings. Through action in some cases and inaction in others, the White House derailed its own much-touted National Counterproliferation Initiative at a time when it was making unprecedented headway in thwarting Iran's proliferation networks. ... Justice and State Department officials [also] denied or delayed requests from prosecutors and agents to lure some key Iranian fugitives to friendly countries so they could be arrested. Similarly, Justice and State, at times in consultation with the White House, slowed down efforts to extradite some suspects already in custody overseas." <http://politi.co/2ps9Tvv>

--"The Iran deal: The full picture -- A snapshot of those involved in the deal, including the key players Obama didn't mention," by Josh Meyer

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

FUN READ -- "'Everyone tunes in': Inside Trump's obsession with cable TV," by

WaPo's Ashley Parker and Bob Costa: "During a small working lunch at the White House last month, the question of job security in President Trump's tumultuous White House came up, and one of the attendees wondered whether press secretary Sean Spicer might be the first to go. The president's response was swift and unequivocal. 'I'm not firing Sean Spicer,' he said, according to someone familiar with the encounter. 'That guy gets great ratings. Everyone tunes in.' ... Foreign diplomats have urged their governments' leaders to appear on television when they're stateside as a means of making their case to Trump, and U.S. lawmakers regard a TV appearance as nearly on par with an Oval Office meeting in terms of showcasing their standing or viewpoints to the president. ...

"Trump turns on the television almost as soon as he wakes, then checks in periodically throughout the day in the small dining room off the Oval Office, and continues late into the evening when he's back in his private residence. ... Sometimes, at night, he hate-watches cable shows critical of him, while chatting on the phone with

friends ... In the morning, the president typically flips between 'Fox & Friends,' Maria Bartiromo's show on Fox Business and CNBC's 'Squawk Box.' ... Trump is furious with [Jeff] Zucker for what he thinks is the network's unfair coverage but admires Zucker's business bona fides and ratings growth, said a friend." <http://wapo.st/2ojz9nE>

TRUMP'S MONDAY -- The president is speaking with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and will video conference with NASA astronauts aboard the International Space Station. Trump will have lunch with ambassadors from U.N. Security Council countries, sign a proclamation for Holocaust Remembrance Day, and host a ceremony for new ambassadors to the U.S. He's meeting with the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and will have dinner with Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Cindy McCain and Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.).

THE JUICE ...

-- **IT'S OFFICIAL -- HEATHER NAUERT** is joining the State Department as its new spokesman, the agency will announce later this morning. Nauert, whose name had recently been floated as a potential spokesman, comes on board after more than 15 years as a TV anchor and correspondent covering both foreign and domestic affairs. She most recently worked as a New York-based anchor and correspondent on Fox News on the show "Fox and Friends." She has covered the past four presidential elections and also covered the terrorist attacks in San Bernardino, California, and Boston and the 2008 financial crisis. She has also worked as a network correspondent for ABC News.

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- THE DNC AND SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER** are putting out a rare joint memo today on President Trump's first 100 days in office that will focus on "Trump's broken promises to the middle class, breaking down how the Trump administration has already hurt millions of Americans." ***The memo*** <http://politi.co/2pc88BX>

-- **SEN. ELIZABETH WARREN (D-MASS)** met with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel over the weekend while promoting her book at the Music Box theater, Illinois Playbooker Natasha Korecki writes. The two went to Cafe Selmarie in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood to chat, where the mayor bought her some Selmarie granola, apparently an Emanuel favorite. The two meet fairly regularly, according to a source close to the mayor, to discuss the future of the Democratic party and national politics. They also met when the mayor traveled to Washington, D.C. last month.