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Driving the Day

Good Friday morning. HOUSE REPUBLICANS are feeling pretty good. Steve Scalise came back to the Capitol in a fairly dramatic and emotional fashion. The GOP tax plan was embraced by all of the party's key constituencies, from outside groups to the House Freedom Caucus. The budget is expected to hit the floor next week, which will be the first step in setting up tax reform. **OF COURSE**, there are plenty of obstacles ahead -- see the stories below for a peek at those. **FINGERS ARE CROSSED** across the Capitol that President Donald Trump doesn't turn against the tax framework, something that rank-and-file House Republicans are increasingly worried about after he left them high and dry on health care.

AROUND THE TAX REFORM HORN ...

-- **MOST EXPERTS DISAGREE WITH THIS: TREASURY SECRETARY STEVEN MNUCHIN** on tax reform: "Not only will this tax plan pay for itself, but it will pay down debt" <http://on.wsj.com/2hAGFYC>

-- **THIS IS A PROBLEM: WSJ'S RICH RUBIN** and **SIOBHAN HUGHES: "Republican Tax Plan Quickly Hits First Hurdle:** GOP lawmakers from high-tax states oppose repealing individual deduction for state and local taxes": "A day after announcing their ambitious tax plan, Republicans debated scaling back one of their largest and most controversial proposals to pay for lower tax rates: repeal of the individual deduction for state and local taxes.

"Faced with the potential for defections by House Republicans from high-tax states such as New York and New Jersey, Republicans are exploring ways to satisfy those lawmakers without backing off the lower tax rates they promised. 'The members with

concerns from high-tax states have to be accommodated. This has to be dealt with,' said Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee whose district outside Chicago ranks 37th out of 435 in use of the deduction. 'So, you can imagine a soft landing on this that creative people are putting much time and energy into.'

"The fight over the state and local deduction, with more than \$1 trillion at stake over a decade, is an early signal of the bruising battle ahead for Republicans trying to pass a tax bill that hasn't garnered Democratic support and that faces narrow GOP margins in the House and Senate. It is the most obvious case of a bloc of pivotal lawmakers holding a specific concern, but it won't be the only one. 'The notion that you fix this and then it's smooth sailing?' Mr. Roskam said. 'How naive.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2xKu2jx>

-- **MORE RICH RUBIN:** "The Treasury Department has taken down a 2012 economic analysis that contradicts Secretary Steven Mnuchin's argument that workers would benefit the most from a corporate income tax cut. The 2012 paper from the Office of Tax Analysis found that workers pay 18% of the corporate tax while owners of capital pay 82%. That is a breakdown in line with many economists' views and close to estimates from the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation and Congressional Budget Office. The JCT, which will evaluate tax bills in Congress, estimates that capital bears 75% of the long-run corporate-tax burden, with labor paying the rest. ...

"Asked about the paper's disappearance, a Treasury spokeswoman responded Thursday: 'The paper was a dated staff analysis from the previous administration. It does not represent our current thinking and analysis.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2xKwiXL>

-- **FACT CHECK: "Gary Cohn says a typical American family earns \$100,000 a year -- here's how much they really make,"** by CNBC's Esther Bloom: "In actuality, the average American family makes \$74,000 a year before taxes, or about \$26,000 less than that, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The median American family income is roughly half of Cohn's estimate, or only about \$55,000. And some critics are seizing on Cohn's assertion that, with \$1,000, a family 'could renovate their kitchen, they could buy a new car.'" <http://cnb.cx/2xQeEm7>

THAT TOOK ABOUT TWO SECONDS -- "Lobbyists Rally to Save Tax Breaks Under Threat in Trump Plan," by NYT's Alan Rappeport and Thomas Kaplan: "Republicans' release of a sweeping plan to rewrite the tax code has set off a scramble among Washington lobbyists and trade groups to protect valuable tax breaks and other long-ingrained provisions. The plan's scant details make it hard to know what, exactly, is on the chopping block. But within hours of the plan's unveiling on Wednesday, flash points emerged over measures that supporters said could hurt the housing market, raise borrowing costs and increase the tax burden on families in high-tax states.

"The response put Trump administration officials on the defensive as they embark on a campaign to sell the plan. 'The lobbyists shouldn't have input, but the people in Congress should have input, and we'll be working with them closely as we turn this into

a bill and get it to the president to sign this year,' Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, said on Fox Business Network on Thursday." <http://nyti.ms/2xLnKjD>

-- **BLOOMBERG'S SAHIL KAPUR: "Trump's Tax Cut Fate in the Hands of These Six Key GOP Senators":** "Bob Corker ... John McCain ... Rand Paul ... Pat Toomey ... Orrin Hatch ... Susan Collins". <https://bloom.bg/2hzes4z>

VIDEO DU JOUR -- @SteveScalise: "The outpouring of love, warmth, and prayer means so much to me. I am so glad to be back." **2-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2xPOvUk>

ALL SPOTTED at Fiola Mare last night: Tom Price, Ivanka Trump and Mick Mulvaney

***** **A message from Morgan Stanley:** "Green Buildings" can power savings and returns. [Read more](#) about disruption in the development sector from Morgan Stanley.

ANOTHER RACHANA PRADHAN and DAN DIAMOND SCOOP -- "Price took military jets to Europe, Asia for over \$500K: Accompanied by his wife, the HHS secretary journeyed to Geneva, Berlin, Beijing, Tokyo and other cities for events": "The White House approved the use of military aircraft for multi-national trips by Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price to Africa and Europe this spring, and to Asia in the summer, at a cost of more than \$500,000 to taxpayers.

"The overseas trips bring the total cost to taxpayers of Price's travels to more than \$1 million since May, according to a POLITICO review. ... [O]ne of Price's recent predecessors, Kathleen Sebelius, who served for five years under President Barack Obama, said she never took a military plane on her many trips overseas; she always flew commercially. Sylvia Mathews Burwell, who served as HHS secretary for the final 2½ years of the Obama administration, used a military jet for travel to Havana, Cuba, according to former HHS aides.

"Price's overseas trips on government planes included stops in Berlin, Geneva, Beijing, Ho Chi Minh City and Tokyo, where he attended world health meetings and met with other high-level officials. In May, Price also visited Liberia, where he discussed the nation's response to the Ebola virus that ravaged the West African country three years ago." <http://politi.co/2xJZoXh>

-- **"Price chalks up jet travel to Trump's 'very ambitious agenda,'" by Cristiano Lima:** "Price, who came under investigation after POLITICO revealed that he had taken at least 26 charter flights on official business since May, at a cost of more than \$400,000, said in an interview on Fox News that he regretted the impact his decisions had on taxpayers.

"But the secretary also continued to defend the trips for having been approved through the 'normal process' and thus having been 'deemed appropriate official travel.' Pressed on how he could square the costly travel with his fiscally conservative ideals,

Price said the flights were booked partially out of a desire to fulfill Trump's plans."
<http://politi.co/2xCxUE2>

-- **"Tom Price Wanted To Reopen His Department's Executive Dining Room, Sources Say,"** by BuzzFeed's Adrian Carrasquillo: "Price ... asked a White House official within the first two months of the administration to let President Trump know that he wanted to reopen his department's executive dining room ... A separate source confirmed Price's interest in 'reconstituting' the executive dining room more recently. The room had been closed as a dining room for top officials since the George W. Bush administration." <http://bzfd.it/2hzXwLm>

-- **NYT's Katie Rogers, Glenn Thrush and Maggie Haberman:** "Mr. Trump has grown incensed by Mr. Price's liberal renting of expensive planes, which he views as undercutting his drain-the-swamp campaign message, according to several administration officials with direct knowledge of the president's thinking. Through intermediaries and the media, Mr. Trump has let it be known that offering reimbursement as repentance was no guarantee that Mr. Price would keep his job."
<http://nyti.ms/2xKB1Zu>

--**@chrishayes:** "The punchline to this story is that a year from now Tom Price will be making seven figures as a health industry lobbyist."

-- **"Interior Secretary Zinke traveled on charter, military planes,"** by Ben Lefebvre: "Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and his aides have taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a \$12,000 charter plane to take him to events in his hometown in Montana and private flights between two Caribbean islands, according to documents and a department spokeswoman. Zinke is at least the fourth senior member of the Trump administration to have used non-commercial planes at taxpayer expense, along with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and HHS Secretary Tom Price. President Donald Trump has fumed at Price's pricey travel, and Democrats say the revelations demonstrate a cavalier attitude by Cabinet members toward excessive spending." <http://politi.co/2xKJY5p>

WAPQ: The charter plane for the Montana flight was owned by the executives of an oil and gas company <http://wapo.st/2fW95J5>

BEHIND THE SCENES -- "Trump Goes Rogue on Iran: The disjointed effort by Team USA to rewrite the nuclear deal," by Bloomberg's Nick Wadhams: "The tension boiled over at the Sept. 20 diplomatic meeting at the UN to discuss the Iran accord. [Nikki] Haley wasn't originally invited, but at the last minute, she took a spot reserved for a senior adviser to Tillerson without asking the State Department. She then tried to sit at the main table in a space reserved for another U.S. official but was told to sit in the back, according to two people familiar with the situation. Haley's office called that version of events false and said she participated with encouragement from the White House." <https://bloom.bg/2fvs5xg>

-- **JOSH ROGIN, "In private remarks, Trump opines on North Korea, Afghanistan and catapults":** "Over lengthy remarks, the president recalled how he came to reverse course on deploying troops to Afghanistan, calling that country 'the Wharton school of finance for terrorists,' referring to his alma mater. Trump also praised his own handling of the North Korea nuclear crisis, touted his relationship with Chinese President Xi Jinping and explained how he came up with his latest nickname for Kim Jong Un. Although Trump called Kim 'Rocket Man' in his first address to the United Nations, he thought it was not an insult and could even be seen as a compliment, Trump said at the dinner, according to attendees. But after Kim issued a statement calling Trump a 'dotard,' Trump upped the ante. 'So I said, all right, so now I'll call him Little Rocket Man,' Trump said." <http://wapo.st/2ycS5sN>

-- **"Trump to unleash more global arms sales,"** by Bryan Bender and Tara Palmeri: "President Donald Trump is preparing to ease some restrictions on U.S. weapons sales overseas, sparking concerns about further flooding the international market with high-tech weapons and inflaming feuds in hot spots like the Middle East. The changes, which could include enlisting the State Department and Pentagon to more actively advocate on behalf of American arms manufacturers, are set to be included in an executive order or presidential memorandum that Trump will issue this fall, according to three administration officials involved in the deliberations." <http://politi.co/2hASDS8>

TROUBLE IN PUERTO RICO -- "Puerto Ricans say U.S. relief efforts failing them," by AP's Danica Coto in San Juan and Laurie Kellman in D.C.: "The Trump administration declared Thursday that its relief efforts in Puerto Rico are succeeding, but people on the island said help was scarce and disorganized while food supplies dwindled in some remote towns eight days after Hurricane Maria devastated the U.S. territory of 3.4 million people. President Donald Trump cleared the way for more supplies to head to Puerto Rico by issuing a 10-day waiver of federal restrictions on foreign ships delivering cargo to the island. And House Speaker Paul Ryan said [FEMA's] disaster relief account would get a \$6.7 billion boost by the end of the week." <http://bit.ly/2fCHEaq>

-- **"We don't even know when we're coming back':** Puerto Ricans evacuate to Florida on a cruise ship," by L.A. Times' Molly Hennessy-Fiske in San Juan: <http://lat.ms/2ywj7HC>

THE LATEST ON HEALTH CARE -- WILL MCCONNELL AND RYAN BITE? --
"Alexander, Murray inching toward deal to stabilize Obamacare," by Jen Haberkorn and Burgess Everett: "A pair of deal-making senators is inching toward a bipartisan agreement to fund Obamacare's insurance subsidies and provide some certainty to health insurance markets just two days after the GOP's latest Obamacare repeal effort failed.

"Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee Chairman Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) and ranking member Patty Murray (D-Wash.) are moving toward a plan to stabilize Obamacare in the short term after meeting on Wednesday. Though

they have not yet clinched a deal, their progress could ignite a new battle over how or whether to improve the law. 'Maybe by the end of next week, we will go and hand a piece of legislation to Sen. [Mitch] [Mitch] McConnell and Sen. [Chuck] Schumer,' Alexander said on Thursday." <http://politi.co/2hBYTc9>

MORE EMAIL DRAMA -- "White House launches probe of private email accounts,"

by Josh Dawsey and Andrea Peterson: "The White House has launched an internal probe of private email use, pulling batches of emails on the White House server to and from private accounts of senior aides, according to four officials familiar with the matter. The effort began this week after POLITICO reported that Jared Kushner and a number of other senior White House officials used private email accounts throughout the year to conduct government business.

"Of particular interest is Kushner and Ivanka Trump's private email domain, because they still work in the White House, two officials said. Accounts of other White House officials also are being reviewed. The probe could take several weeks or even months to complete ... [O]fficials are searching for all emails sent or received about government business. The White House counsel's office is reviewing the accounts to determine whether the messages are germane to any investigations such as the ongoing Russia probes by Congress and special counsel Robert Mueller." <http://politi.co/2fvNzdw>

-- **"Kushner didn't disclose personal email account to Senate intel committee,"** by CNN's Jake Tapper: "In his closed interview with the staff of the Senate intelligence committee, White House senior adviser and presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner did not share the existence of his personal email account, which he has used for official business, CNN has learned. CNN has also learned that the chair and vice chair of the committee were so unhappy that they learned about the existence of his personal email account via news reports that they wrote him a letter via his attorney Thursday instructing him to double-check that he has turned over every relevant document to the committee." <http://cnn.it/2ybRMhM>

THE BIG PICTURE -- "Beyond the daily drama and Twitter battles, Trump begins to alter American life,"

by Reuters' John Whitesides: "Even without delivering on his biggest campaign promises, President Donald Trump has begun to reshape American life in ways big and small. Over his first nine months, Trump has used an aggressive series of regulatory rollbacks, executive orders and changes in enforcement guidelines to rewrite the rules for industries from energy to airlines, and on issues from campus sexual assault to anti-discrimination protections for transgender students.

"While his administration has been chaotic, and his decision-making impulsive and sometimes whimsical, Trump has made changes that could have far-reaching and lingering consequences for society and the economy. Some have grabbed headlines but many, no less consequential, have gone largely unnoticed amid the daily controversies and Twitter insults that have marked Trump's early months in office.

"Under Trump, oil is flowing through the Dakota Access Pipeline. Arrests of

immigrants living illegally in the United States are up. More federal lands are open for coal mining. The administration has left its mark in smaller ways, as well. Trump has rolled back or delayed Obama-era rules and regulations that protected retirement savings from unscrupulous financial advisers, made it harder for companies that violated labor laws to land federal contracts and restricted what internet service providers could do with their customers' personal data.

"Those kinds of low-profile policy shifts are far from the dramatic change promised by the headline-loving Trump, who won the White House with a vow to fundamentally reshape Washington. But the effects can be just as real." <http://reut.rs/2xFH7Jk>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "Alabama Victory Provides Blueprint for New Bannon Alliance," by NYT's Ken Vogel and Jeremy W. Peters: "Stephen K. Bannon and two of his longtime benefactors are putting together a political coalition designed to ensure that the victory of a Republican insurgent in the Alabama Senate primary this week was just the beginning of the surprises that await the party establishment. ...

"[T]he Bannon-Mercer alliance is likely to be a potent factor in widening the divisions laid bare by the Alabama race and the intraparty battles that have crippled the Republican agenda in Congress. It could put Mr. Bannon and the Mercers on a collision course with not just the Republican establishment but with other donor-driven political organizations, including the one built by the billionaire brothers Charles G. and David H. Koch - and potentially with Mr. Trump." <http://nyti.ms/2wnMGux>

RUSSIA WATCH -- "Trump skips ceremony for FBI director amid Russia investigation," by Josh Meyer: "President Donald Trump was conspicuously absent from the installation ceremony of his handpicked new FBI director Thursday because the bureau is involved in the special counsel investigation into whether Trump associates colluded with Russia to influence the 2016 election, a White House official said. By avoiding the high-profile event for former Justice Department lawyer Christopher Wray -- who assumed the director's post upon being sworn in on Aug. 2 -- Trump broke an informal protocol, in which presidents have overseen the largely ceremonial occasion." <http://politi.co/2x1w2Af>

-- **"Pence sent lawyer to meet with Mueller over the summer,"** by Matt Nussbaum: "Vice President Mike Pence's outside lawyer met privately with special counsel Robert Mueller at Pence's request last summer, according to a person familiar with the meeting. The meeting, which has not been previously reported, was held at Pence's request to express his willingness to cooperate with Mueller's investigation, the person said. Pence retained Richard Cullen, chairman of McGuireWoods and a former U.S. attorney, in June to represent him in the Russia probe. The meeting with Mueller took place soon after Cullen accepted the job." <http://politi.co/2yLqNXy>

TRUMP'S FRIDAY -- PRESIDENT TRUMP is speaking at the National Association of Manufacturers board meeting this morning. He will have lunch with VP Mike Pence and Florida Gov. Rick Scott. He will leave this afternoon for Bedminster, N.J.

-- **YOM KIPPUR** begins at 6:35 p.m. The fast ends tomorrow night at 7:32 p.m. To those observing, have an easy fast.

FOR YOUR RADAR -- NYT's SCOTT CACCIOLA: "Commissioner Still Expects N.B.A. Players to Stand for Anthem" <http://nyti.ms/2wnmiRe>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: House Majority Whip Steve Scalise walks with his wife Jennifer, left, as he leaves the House chamber in the Capitol in Washington on Sept. 28. To hugs and a roaring bipartisan standing ovation, Scalise returned to the House, more than three months after a baseball practice shooting left him fighting for his life. | Jose Luis Magana/AP Photo

STUNNING READ -- WAPO'S GEOFF EDGERS -- "Losing the part: How Darrell Hammond, SNL's best impressionist ever, found life after Trump" <http://wapo.st/2fwgJJn>

THE OPPOSITION -- "Bernie backers give Dem incumbents a pass in 2018," by Gabe Debenedetti: "Democrats have long been terrified that the Sanders-Clinton slugfest of 2016 would set off a prolonged civil war in the party, forcing incumbents to fight off primary challengers from the left in Senate and gubernatorial races. It hasn't happened. In a surprising reversal of the post-2008 dynamic - when Republicans were shut out of power, then saw a raft of tea party primary challengers take on their incumbents - Democrats have largely been spared of that predicament.

"Instead, it's Republican incumbents yet again facing heat from the right, as arch-conservative Roy Moore's defeat of incumbent Sen. Luther Strange (R-Ala.) this week emphatically showed. 'What Democrats right now care about more than anything is winning,' veteran Democratic pollster Jeffrey Pollock said of divisive Democratic primaries. 'I don't think the ultra-progressives have abandoned their principles - not at all - but I think they looked at the challenge and said, 'This is not the right place.'"

<http://politi.co/2xFD4MQ>

ADAM JENTLESON in POLITICO Magazine, **"The Myth of Mitch McConnell, Political Super-Genius** : The Senate majority leader has been coasting on an inflated reputation for too long. This week exposed just how little he has achieved": "For the uninitiated, the Myth goes something like this: A calculating Kentuckian, he sees three steps ahead while playing eight-dimensional chess on his solved Rubik's cube with one hand, while using the other to hold an inside straight close to his vest, which is embroidered with Masonic secrets that only he can read and that unlock true mastery of the Senate, along with eternal enlightenment, for good measure.

"In the Myth of McConnell, grand achievements are conjured out of last-minute, crisis-driven exercises in can-kicking-like extending the U.S. borrowing authority and government funding—all things that used to happen routinely before McConnell became leader of the Republican Caucus and unleashed his unique brand of unprecedented obstructionism on the Senate, manufacturing the very crises that made the last-minute deals necessary. Meanwhile, humdrum political events, like winning reelection in a deep red state in a strong year for Republicans—as McConnell did in 2014—are recast as achievements of Machiavellian brilliance." <http://politi.co/2fCKAU7>

BEYOND THE BELTWAY - "Trump-Russia pundit may run for Illinois AG post," by Josh Gerstein: "A former federal prosecutor who's become a prominent media pundit about special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Trump campaign and White House is considering a run for office. Renato Mariotti, who spent nearly 10 years in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago, said Thursday he's mulling a bid for Illinois attorney general. ... The current attorney general, four-term Democrat Lisa Madigan, surprised the Illinois political establishment two weeks ago by announcing that she does not plan to run for re-election next year." <http://politi.co/2fCtje4>

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MEDIAWATCH -- "Eric Holder-Inspired U.S. Attorney General Drama Series With Jerry Bruckheimer Producing In Works At CBS," by Deadline's Nellie Andreeva: "The former U.S. Attorney General has teamed with top producer Jerry Bruckheimer for 'Main Justice,' a legal drama series project, which has been set up at CBS. Written by Sascha Penn (Survivor's Remorse) and executive produced by Holder and Bruckheimer, 'Main Justice' was inspired by Holder's life and work. Centered around the U.S. Attorney General, the show takes us into the tumultuous world of the 5th floor of the Department of Justice where he takes on the biggest legal and investigative cases in the country all while being the youngest person to ever hold such an esteemed position." <http://bit.ly/2ybWXhN>

--"The Wall Street Journal to Stop Publishing Europe, Asia Print Editions," by WSJ's Lukas I. Alpert: "The Wall Street Journal will cease publishing the European and Asian print editions of the newspaper over the next week, as the company shifts its focus to digital amid an increasingly challenged print advertising market. The final print edition in Europe will be this Friday, with Asia's print publication ceasing after next Friday, company officials confirmed. After that, the printed newspaper will no longer be sold in some markets and will be replaced by the U.S. edition in others—such as Tokyo—at a later date." <http://on.wsj.com/2yxpL0b>

-- "'Every Day Has Been Surreal: Gretchen Carlson on Bill O'Reilly, Donald Trump, and Life After Bringing Down Roger Ailes," by Vanity Fair's Gabe Sherman:

<http://bit.ly/2k83UKw>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: actor Harrison Ford eating lunch at Il Canale in Georgetown yesterday. It was the second time he has eaten there in a month. He was in town to receive an award at Smithsonian National Zoo gala, which is also giving an award to actress Betty White.

OUT AND ABOUT -- KATY TUR'S BOOK PARTY -- NBC News' Andrea Mitchell threw a party at the Jefferson Hotel last night to celebrate the release of Katy Tur's "Unbelievable." **Photo gallery by Daniel Swartz** <http://smu.gs/2wokli6> **SPOTTED:** Tony Dokoupil, Holly Bailey, Leigh Ann Caldwell, Tony Capra, Abigail Crutchfield, Jeremy Diamond, Ken Dilanian, Hadas Gold, Noah Gray, Carl Hulse, Ben Jacobs, Sally Quinn, Ashley Killough, Bob Costa, Carol Lee, Mark Leibovich, Greg Martin, Mike Memoli, Zeke Miller, Alex Moe, Sara Murray and Garrett Haake, Hans Nicolas, Maureen Orth, Jeremy Peters, Michelle Perry, Shimon Prokupecz, John Reiss, Benjy Sarlin, Eli Stokols, Shawna Thomas, Frank Thorp, Hallie Jackson, Glenn Thrush, Ali Vitali, Cydney Weiner, Ryan Williams, Mark Murray, Kelly O'Donnell, Katie Hinman, Lauren French, Melissa Frankel, Anne Gearan, Monica Alba, Andrew Beatty, Jesse Rodriguez, Kristen Holmes, John Harwood, Rick Bosh, Kristen Welker, Peter Alexander, Susan Page, Haley Talbot, Sarah Convisser and Jen Jacobs.

-- **TOM QUINN** celebrated the first of five parties to mark his 80th birthday on Venable's rooftop last night. D.C. Councilman Jack Evans, Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) were among those who gave remarks. **Pic of Quinn, Lynly Boor and Franco Nuschese** <http://bit.ly/2fvHJsH>

PLAYBOOK INBOX - Brian McCormack emails the Bush-Cheney alumni list: "After eight years of sending out these communications to fellow Bush-Cheney alumni ... I'm pleased to announce that Julie Cram and Kerrie Rushton, two former White House colleagues, have agreed to pick-up where I'm leaving off and continue to build on our shared history of serving together in the Bush-Cheney Administration."

SUNDAY SO FAR - "Fox News Sunday": OMB Director Mick Mulvaney. Panel: Josh Holmes, Donna Edwards, Mike Needham, Charles Lane

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

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

--**CBS' "Face the Nation":** Speaker Paul Ryan ... Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) ... Bob

Schieffer on his new book "Overload: Finding the Truth in Today's Deluge of News".
Political panel: Ben Domenech, Ed O'Keefe, Ezra Klein, and Amy Walter.

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

--**CNN's "Inside Politics,"** hosted by John King: Julie Pace, Perry Bacon, Jen Jacobs, Karoun Demirjian

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"**: Satya Nadella

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Doug Frantz, OECD deputy secretary-general and alum of State, WashPost and NYT. **How he's celebrating:** "My wife, Catherine Collins, is taking me to Copenhagen, where she has promised a birthday dinner at a new avant-garde restaurant. She won't tell me the name of the restaurant. It's a surprise. But two years of living in Paris has convinced me that Virginia Woolf was right when she said, 'One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.'" **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2hAxxTV>

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Sobieraj Westfall ... CNN alum Lucy Spiegel ... Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) is 75 ... Bryant Gumbel is 69 ... Anton Vuljaj is 3-0 (h/ts Bubba Atkinson, Charlie the Dog and Rob Saliterman) ... Kelly Ward (h/t Jesse Ferguson) ... Melissa DeRosa ... David Nather ... Politico's Ryan Hutchins ... Jessica Cochran ... Bobby Schmuck ... Mary Pharris ... Riley Swinehart, VP of government affairs at AdvaMed ... Lee Lilley, SVP in the federal public affairs group at McGuireWoods Consulting ... Michael Mauro ... Scott Widmeyer ... Salena Zito (h/t Alex Rosenwald) ... Kevin Kellems ... Slate's Will Saletan ... Bank of America's A-T Connell, who was in town for the Vietnam documentary screening at Washington Ideas but celebrating in Charlotte today (h/t Ben Chang) ... AIPAC's Brian Shankman is 45 (h/t Jewish Insider) ... Lisa Osborne Ross, managing director of APCO Worldwide's D.C. office (h/t Anthony DeAngelo) ...

... **Shawn Pasternak**, in-house resident research expert at S-3 Public Affairs (h/t Amos Snead) ... Matthew Cornelius of OMB's office of the federal CIO (h/t Becky Zusman) ... Laura Gaffey, deputy COO at Precision Strategies (h/t Tom Zigo) ... Mike McGuire, of Venables Bell & Partners in San Francisco, is 32. "He's capping off a big year, including his first Super Bowl ad - Audi's landmark spot calling for pay equality. Mike will be celebrating in the Bay Area with his friends Brit and Sam, and by playing a few games of his real passion: ping-pong" (h/t Danny Gaynor) ... Jessica Ross, who leads public affairs at Finn Partners in D.C. ... Douglas Baker ... Mike Ting ... Katie Wilmeth ... Elizabeth Tannen ... Chronicle of Higher Ed's Karin Fischer ... Brad Lightcap ... Alex Goldstick ... Joanna Acocella ... Keri Ann Meslar ... Trey Nix ... Leslie Phillips ... Barry Weprin is 65 ... Beatrice Motamedi ... Paul Bock, partner at Holland & Knight, Herb Kohl alum (h/t Jon Haber) ... AECOM's Josh Sawislak (h/t Lauren Dezenski) ... Katie Roberts Jackson, global external affairs leader at GE Power ... Scott Hoeflich ... former Rep. Max Sandlin (D-Texas) is 65 ... Deb Sutinen, pride of the Shorewood, Wisc. swimming

pool ... Mia Hanson ... Priscilla Burton ... Dave Hamrick ... Christopher Shannon ... Jack Corrigan (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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