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Subject: POLITICO Playbook, presented by Postmates: TO RUSSIA WITH FULL BELLY: Sergey Kislyak spotted at Cafe Milano in a good mood -- TRUMP at G-20 -- IVANKA sits in for dad at G-20 table -- JUST LIKE WE TOLD YOU: July 4 break bad for health care bill

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Driving the Day

Good Saturday morning. SPOTTED: Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak in a very good mood at Cafe Milano Friday night. He walked into the restaurant by himself.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP is continuing his meetings at the G-20. He returns to Washington at the end of the day. Earlier today, he and British Prime Minister Theresa May gave brief remarks. Trump said "they would have 'tremendous talks' and reach a very big 'a very powerful deal' on trade 'very very quickly,'" according to the pool report. Pooler Andrew Beatty of AFP noted: "in the corner of the room was a late TV, still on, but silent, showing Fox News."

-- **ON RUSSIA:** Trump said he had a "tremendous meeting" with Putin. According to the pool report: "POTUS did not answer a shouted [question] about whether Russia lied about his meeting yesterday."

-- **ON VISITING ENGLAND:** "I will be going to London." No details on when.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo, known as Jokowi, also met Trump in a bilateral meeting room, saying it was "a great honor" to meet with him. "Jokowi spoke in English, wishing Trump 'warm greetings' from his 'millions of fans' in Indonesia. He said they all want to know is when Trump will go there. 'We'll get there, we'll get there. It's a place I'd like to go,' POTUS responded," per the pool. **NOTE:** Us too!

-- **ON TRADE:** "We're going to do a lot of trade deals," Trump said of working with Indonesia, according to the pool report. "We are going to do a lot of business."

-- **"Ivanka Trump Sat In for Her Father at the G-20 Leaders' Table,"** by Bloomberg's Craig Gordon (with a rare byline) in Hamburg: "A photo on Twitter shows Ivanka Trump sitting at her father's place, between Chinese President Xi Jinping and British Prime Minister Theresa May. One official who was watching the session said she has taken her father's place at the table on at least two occasions today and did not speak. A spokesman for Ivanka Trump said she had been sitting in the back of the room and then briefly joined the main table when the president stepped out." <https://bloom.bg/2sAgjqs>
... ***Pic of Ivanka at the table*** <http://bit.ly/2tTDC2n>

MOLLY K. MCKEW in POLITICO Magazine, **"Trump Handed Putin a Stunning Victory:** From his speech in Poland to his two-hour summit in Hamburg, the president seemed determined to promote Russia's dark and illiberal view of the world": "In very concrete terms, through speech and action, the president signaled a willingness to align the United States with Vladimir Putin's worldview, and took steps to advance this realignment. He endorsed, nearly in its totality, the narrative the Russian leader has worked so meticulously to construct. The readout of Trump's lengthy meeting with Putin included several key points. First, the United States will 'move on' from election hacking issues with no accountability or consequences for Russia; in fact, the U.S. will form a 'framework' with Russia to cooperate on cybersecurity issues, evaluating weaknesses and assessing potential responses jointly.

"Second, the two presidents agreed not to meddle in 'each other's' domestic affairs-equating American activities to promote democracy with Russian aggression aimed at undermining it, in an incalculable PR victory for the Kremlin. Third, the announced, limited cease-fire in Syria will be a new basis for cooperation between the U.S. and Russia; Secretary of State Rex Tillerson went so far as to say that the Russian approach in Syria-yielding mass civilian casualties, catastrophic displacement, untold destruction and erased borders-may be 'more right' than that of the United States."
<http://politi.co/2uVCV5A>

MICHAEL CROWLEY in Hamburg: **"Trump's pursuit of friendship with Putin fulfills his campaign promise":** "When it comes to dealing with Russia, President Donald Trump is keeping his promise. As president, Trump has backed away from campaign promises to impose tariffs on China, scrap the Iran nuclear deal and quickly build a wall on the Mexican border. But nothing has deterred him from his vow to test the possibilities of diplomacy with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Not three federal investigations, not talk of impeachment -- not even his wife.

"First lady Melania Trump interrupted her husband's Friday meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin here at the G-20 summit in an unsuccessful attempt to end an unexpectedly long and chatty session between the leaders of two ostensibly hostile powers. 'We went another hour after she came in to see us,' Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told reporters in a briefing afterwards, with top White House and State Department aides looking on. 'There was such a level of exchange and engagement,' between Trump and Putin, he added, 'neither of them wanted to stop.'
<http://politi.co/2tAdZkC>

-- **@markknoller**: "You're hearing soundbites of Secy Tillerson describing the Trump/Putin Summit because the WH barred TV camera coverage of his briefing." ... **@RichardHaass**: "Differing US, Russian accounts of Trump-Putin bilateral is one reason you have an NSC aide attend important meetings as note taker" ... **@yashar**: "WATCH: Putin, clearly prepared for the meeting, gestures to journalists and says 'these are the ones hurting you?'" <http://bit.ly/2sQT8Mx> ...

... **@abbydphillip**: "In this version, you can hear Trump reply 'Yeah, they're the ones. You're right about that.'" ... **@Kasparov63**: "This photo already everywhere in Russian media (as was a similar one with Obama). Putin knows how to play this game. Trump reaching to him." <http://bit.ly/2u2WjAX>

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THE STAKES -- "At G-20, world aligns against Trump policies ranging from free trade to climate change," by WaPo's Michael Birnbaum and Damian Paletta in Hamburg: "The growing international isolation of the United States under President Trump was starkly apparent Friday as the leaders of major world economies mounted a nearly united opposition front against Washington on issues ranging from climate to free trade. At a gathering of the Group of 20 world economic powers - normally a venue for drab displays of international comity - there were tough clashes with the United States and even talk of a possible transatlantic trade war.

"The tensions were a measure of Trump's sharp break with previous U.S. policies. They were also a warning signal of Washington's diminished clout, as the leaders of the other nations who gathered in Hamburg mulled whether to fix their signatures to statements that would exclude Trump or to find some sort of compromise. Two European officials said they were leaning toward a united front against Washington." <http://wapo.st/2sAnE9p>

-- **"G20 communique agreed apart from climate issue: EU officials,"** by Reuters' Paul Carrel and Noah Barkin in Hamburg: "World leaders meeting for a summit in Germany have agreed every aspect of a joint statement apart from the section on climate where the United States is pushing for a reference to fossil fuels, European Union officials said on Saturday. The officials said aides had worked until 2 a.m. to finalize a communique for the Group of 20, overcoming differences on trade after U.S. officials agreed to language on fighting protectionism. ... [O]ne EU official [said:] 'We have all the fundamentals. We have a G20 communique, not a G19 communique' ...

"The section that needs to be resolved by the leaders relates to the U.S. insistence that there be a reference to fossil fuels, the official said. ... Trump ... congratulated

Merkel for her stewardship of the summit. 'You have been amazing and you have done a fantastic job. Thank you very much chancellor,' he said." <http://reut.rs/2u3cKxs>

SUPPORT ERODING ... TWO SIMILAR STORIES in the **NYT** and **POLITICO**: **JENNIFER STEINHAUER** and **ROBERT PEAR** on A1: "**G.O.P. Support of Senate Health Repeal Erodes During Break**": "With Congress set to return on Monday after a week's recess, Republican lawmakers are increasingly aware that their seven-year promise to dismantle President Barack Obama's largest policy achievement is deeply imperiled. Senator John Hoeven, Republican of North Dakota, signaled this week that he would not vote for the bill as written, following negative remarks from other senators with large poor and rural populations. That was the 10th defection. Three other Republican senators, Bob Corker of Tennessee, Charles E. Grassley of Iowa and John Boozman of Arkansas, have withheld their support, although they have not declared their opposition, and others have largely remained silent.

"Mr. Grassley told voters on Friday that he was unsure if he would vote for the Senate Republican bill in its current form, according to The Des Moines Register. 'I don't even know if we're going to get a bill up,' said Mr. Grassley, an expert on health policy and taxes who has been in Congress for more than 40 years." <http://nyti.ms/2uBzXUr>

-- **JEN HABERKORN**: "**Time away from Washington deepens GOP misgivings about health plan**: Corraling 50 votes looks even more daunting in the run-up to August recess": "Buffeted by headwinds, Republicans will return to Washington on July 10 facing even longer odds for piecing together a bill that can win over skeptical moderates and conservatives in the three weeks before the August recess.

"The events seemed to validate McConnell's original plan to speed a vote on a draft plan before lawmakers scattered across the country for their holiday break. Controversial legislation rarely looks more appealing after sitting out in the open for a week -- conventional wisdom proved true this week. But after canceling the plan for a late June vote, the GOP may have no other option but try to wrap up repeal efforts before August." <http://politi.co/2uVk22E>

SPEAKER PAUL RYAN in Madison yesterday, per the Capital Times: "I'm pleased with where we are. We have a very aggressive agenda, and we know that most of these big difficult things take about a year to do, and that's why this will ultimately coalesce around getting these things done in the fall. But we're basically where I was hoping to be." <http://bit.ly/2sAXJhO>

SIREN -- NYT EDITORIAL BOARD: "**Yes, the Trump Administration Has Ideas, and Some Are O.K.**": "[A]fter digging through June's pronouncements and bullet points, and consulting the White House, its allies and its critics, we found a few promising ideas amid the blather, as well as some old clunkers. Week One: Infrastructure. A great idea, stalled on the runway. Even the hulking coal barges behind Mr. Trump as he made a 'major' infrastructure speech on June 7 couldn't hide that his biggest job-creation promise, a \$1 trillion infrastructure overhaul, has fallen prey to his inattentiveness, a

congressional logjam, Republicans' worries about costs and their aversion to working with Democrats on most anything.

"Week Two: Workforce Development. Mr. Trump wants to expand vocational school, job training and apprenticeship opportunities to fill a deep gap in the manufacturing, health care, technology and construction labor pools. ... Mr. Trump signed an executive order in June directing the labor secretary to channel available money toward programs that provide paying jobs with a training or educational component. It's not a fully formed plan, but it's a solid effort to address a recognized need. Ivanka Trump again promoted her plan for six weeks of paid family leave. Democrats say it's not enough; Republicans recoil at government-funded family leave. She gets credit for pushing Republicans to consider an overdue idea, but it's unclear that she has the commitment and experience to win them over.

"Week Three: Technology. Jared Kushner ... updated tech executives on progress in modernizing the government's technology infrastructure. Once the cameras were off, the chief executives stressed that cybersecurity and system modernization go hand in hand, and have been a priority at least since the Office of Personnel Management data hack during the Obama administration. They established a working group of experts from two dozen companies, which this week began drawing up recommendations for replacing antiquated government computer systems with secure networks. The project has bipartisan support in Congress. (Read: It might actually get funded.)

"Week Four: Energy. Lots of chest pounding by Mr. Trump and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke about 'energy dominance' and the need to extract even more of what America already has in abundance - oil and natural gas - with little attention to further developing carbon-free energy sources like wind and solar. On the plus side, the president promised to 'revive and expand our nuclear energy sector.'" <http://nyti.ms/2sYcqUb>

JOHN PODESTA in WaPo, **"Why is Trump tweeting about me when he should be doing his job?":** "What I do know is this, which is why I'm choosing to respond to Trump's tweet: The Russians stole my emails. When they did that, they committed a crime. They also invaded my privacy, and the privacy of a multitude of friends, family and colleagues with whom I communicated. That, combined with vicious lies spread by the alt-right media such as the so-called Comet Ping Pong conspiracy, exposed them to potential harm, as was evidenced by the shooting at Comet. The crime the Russians committed, as the intelligence community has concluded, was for the purpose of helping Trump get elected president.

"So the responsible thing for a U.S. president to do, in these circumstances, is to have the backbone to stand up against Russian interference in U.S. democracy - not to question, as Trump did on Thursday, the competence of our own intelligence community and to publicly doubt, once again, the conclusion that Russia was behind the hacking." <http://wapo.st/2u0YO71>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "South Syria truce to allay Jordan, Israel fears about Iran,"

by AP's Karin Laub in Amman, Jordan: "A separate truce for southern Syria, brokered by the U.S. and Russia, is meant to help allay growing concerns by neighboring Jordan and Israel about Iranian military ambitions in the area, including fears that Tehran plans to set up a disruptive long-term presence there. Such apprehensions were stoked by recent movements of Shiite Muslim militias - loyal to Iran and fighting alongside Syrian government forces - toward Jordan's border with Syria, and to another strategic area in the southeast, close to where the two countries meet Iraq." <http://bit.ly/2tXcQWu>

--"**Mosul victory imminent as Islamic State lines collapse: Iraqi military,**" by Reuters' Stephen Kalin in Mosul and Maher Chmaytelli in Erbil <http://reut.rs/2tsAM3o>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with President Donald at the G-20 summit in Hamburg, Germany, on July 7. | Evan Vucci/AP Photo

HMM -- "Group Alleges Tom Price Improperly Spent Campaign Funds During Confirmation Fight," by WSJ's Michelle Hackman: "A campaign-finance watchdog group filed a complaint against Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price on Friday, alleging he improperly used his congressional campaign fund to promote his confirmation to join President Donald Trump's cabinet. In its complaint with the [FEC], the Campaign Legal Center cited a \$40,000 payment the former Georgia congressman's campaign committee made on Jan. 26 to America Rising, a GOP consulting firm. Around the same date ... the firm released research and videos promoting the confirmation of Mr. Price and other cabinet nominees in the Senate. Mr. Price was the only cabinet nominee to use campaign funds to pay the firm." <http://on.wsj.com/2tAWS22>

THE LATEST ON THE TRAVEL BAN -- "Hawaii takes another legal swat at Trump travel ban," by Josh Gerstein: "Lawyers for the state of Hawaii are making yet another bid to rein in President Donald Trump's travel ban executive order, returning to a federal judge who rejected a similar request just one day earlier. Late Friday night [in Hawaii] the state's legal team filed a new motion asking U.S. District Court Judge Derrick Watson to declare that the policy the Trump administration began implementing last week violates an injunction Watson issued in March. Hawaii's attorneys, led by Attorney General Douglas Chin and private counsel Neal Katyal, also made an alternative request that Watson modify his order to prohibit the federal government from using a restrictive interpretation requiring immigrants to have sufficient family or other ties to the U.S. to win an exemption from the travel ban." <http://politi.co/2uVtIKA>

FIRST FAMILY -- "Trump pledges \$50 million for global women's business effort advocated by daughter Ivanka," by USA Today's Gregory Korte: "President Trump lent his support to a global women's entrepreneurship initiative championed by daughter

Ivanka Trump on Saturday, pledging \$50 million from the United States to jump-start the effort. ... The Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative, or We-Fi, will provide loans, mentorship and other services to small businesses run by women around the world, and especially in its poorest countries. The World Bank is seeking \$1 billion in pledges."
<https://usat.ly/2sXQX5i>

-- **IN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE:** Donald Trump rails on President Hillary Clinton for committing \$50 million in government funding to an initiative run by her daughter. "Crony capitalism is now government policy!" he tweets in this alternate universe.

ANNIE KARNI: Carolyn "Maloney pushes Trump to back women's history museum on the Mall: The New York Democrat, whose district includes Trump Tower, is on a mission to sell her idea to the women in the White House."
<http://politi.co/2u3oUpQ>

VALLEY TALK -- "Facebook campus expansion includes offices, retail, grocery store, housing," by the San Jose Mercury News' George Avalos: "Aiming to address long-neglected community needs and to accommodate its burgeoning workforce, Facebook has proposed a vast expansion of its Menlo Park campus. The new campus would include several office buildings, hundreds of homes, retail, a grocery store, and parks and plazas, all part of what the social network giant envisions as a new center for the neighborhood. ... Menlo Park-based Facebook intends to develop 1.75 million square feet of offices, 1,500 units of housing, 125,000 square feet of retail space including a pharmacy, as well as a cultural and visitor center."
<http://bayareane.ws/2sRbfSK>

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FUN CLICK -- "Making the New York Times: Page one from square one," by Alex Q. Arbuckle in Mashable: "In September 1942, Office of War Information photographer Marjory Collins paid a visit to the offices of the New York Times, located at the iconic One Times Square and an annex on 43rd Street. There, she documented each step of the messy, physical process as news coming in over the wires was sorted, edited, rewritten, laid out, and printed, all under an ever-approaching deadline." **45 pix on one page** <http://on.mash.to/2tTgjVWw>

CLICKER -- "The nation's cartoonists on the week in politics," edited by Matt Wuerker -- **14 funnies** <http://politi.co/2u3iK9t>

GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman:

-- **"Can America's Farms Survive the Threat of Deportations?"** by Michael Frank in

The Atlantic - per Longreads' description: "Increasing deportations under Trump not only threaten the well-being of America's undocumented farm workers, they threaten the very system that keeps America's farms running, tax dollars flowing and food prices low. Here's what's happening in New York's rural Hudson Valley." <http://theatl.in.tc/2tqvftV>

-- "**Economics of the populist backlash,**" by Dani Rodrik in VoxEU: "Populism has been on the rise for quite some time, and it is doubtful that it will be going away. ... [T]he populist backlash to globalisation should not have come as a surprise, in light of economic history and economic theory. While the backlash may have been predictable, however, the specific forms it took were less so, and are related to the forms in which globalisation shocks make themselves felt in society." <http://bit.ly/2tz2GZJ>

-- "**Generation Shaq: Catching up with the kids named after a larger-than-life NBA superstar,**" by Alex Prewitt in Sports Illustrated - per Longform's description: "In 1993, his rookie season, more than 1,700 boys were named after Shaquille O'Neal. Now they've grown up." <http://on.si.com/2tqUWec>

-- "**Love Thy Neighbor?**" by WaPo's Stephanie McCrummen: "When a Muslim doctor arrived in a rural Midwestern town, 'it felt right.' But that feeling began to change after the election of Donald Trump." <http://wapo.st/2u0VOHG>

-- "**The Devil's Henchmen,**" by Kenneth R. Rosen in the Atavist: "Iraqi forces have killed thousands of Islamic State fighters. In death, what do they deserve? Seeking answers in the ruined city of Mosul, Kenneth R. Rosen unearths a terrible crime." <http://bit.ly/2sPwEvJ>

-- "**The Hacker Who Cared Too Much,**" by David Kushner in Rolling Stone: "When a programmer shut down a hospital website to defend a sick girl, he raised a crucial question: What are the bounds of protest in the digital age?" <http://rol.st/2u1pQv5>

-- "**Who will speak for the geese?**" by Peter Moskowitz in The Outline: "New York City has made a habit, and a business, of massacring geese. One Brooklyn man is trying to save them." <http://bit.ly/2sPGRYM>

-- "**Bunkers for the 0.003 percent**" - Garrett Graff, author of "Raven Rock: The Story of the U.S. Government's Secret Plan to Save Itself--While the Rest of Us Die," interviewed by Elisabeth Eaves in the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: "You've got 20 people in the line of official succession, but each office has a 20-person line of succession beneath it. You would have this very weird set of surprise leaders. It would include the UN ambassador, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, the top federal prosecutor in Chicago. You would have all of these people popping up and saying: Hi, we're the new leadership of the United States!" <http://bit.ly/2u10LQV> ... **\$22.47 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2rFq1Yc>

-- "**Life after Armageddon: the deep psychological impact of the Second World War,**" by John Gray in the New Statesman: "The postwar era was energised by an idea

of freedom and a feeling of hope. The generation of leaders that emerged was old enough to remember the Great Depression, and determined that nothing like it would happen again." <http://bit.ly/2tqJxel>

-- **"The Brave New World of Gene Editing,"** by Matthew Cobb in N.Y. Review of Books -- per The Browser's description: "Fearful account of our seemingly inevitable drift from genetic engineering to eugenics. Tests for genetic diseases are commonplace; the cost of sequencing a human genome has plummeted; techniques for gene-editing are proven. We can 'deliberately change the frequency of certain human genes in the population'. Only laws and ethics constrain experimentation. 'With the best of intentions and, for the moment, the best of outcomes, we have drifted across a line in the sand.'" <http://bit.ly/2tqM5ct>

-- **"My body is a cage of my own making,"** by Roxane Gay in The Guardian: "Today, I am a fat woman. I don't think I am ugly. I don't hate myself in the way society would have me hate myself, but I hate how the world all too often responds to this body. It would be easy to pretend I am just fine with my body as it is. I'm a feminist and I know that it is important to resist unreasonable standards for how my body should look. What I know and what I feel are two very different things. Feeling comfortable isn't entirely about beauty standards." <http://bit.ly/2sPKmhO>

-- **"The rise of the McModern,"** by Kate Wagner in Curbed: "The creator of McMansion Hell on a new strain of modern houses for the masses." <http://bit.ly/2tz85Ah>

-- **"When Historic Preservation Depends on Gentrification,"** by Charles F. McElwee III in the American Conservative: "In today's San Francisco, the idea of enjoying a reasonable financial existence is foreign to the descendants of immigrants who flocked to the Bay Area in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Google's private buses shuttle tech bros down to Silicon Valley in a city where the unrepentant pace of gentrification and technology are erasing any sense of historical identity. To live a middle-class life in San Francisco is now a form of augmented reality." <http://bit.ly/2sRImXF>

-- **"Racing the Storm: The Story of the Mobile Bay Sailing Disaster,"** by Matthew Teague in Smithsonian: "When hurricane-force winds suddenly struck the Bay, they swept more than 100 boaters into one of the worst sailing disasters in modern American history." <http://bit.ly/2sWh4JT>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser last night at RPM Italian.

TRANSITIONS -- Ali-Jae Henke is now leading Google's Republican elections team as head of industry. She most recently had a stint in the company's L.A. office where she supported the Warner Bros' business. ... Obama NSC alum and former Foreign Service

officer **Ryan Hass**, and Obama NSC and DOD alum **Tarun Chhabra** started this past week as fellows in the Brookings Foreign Policy program. Obama DOD alum **Mara Karlin**, recently appointed to the faculty at Johns Hopkins SAIS, will also be affiliated with Brookings FP. ...

... **Brian Kamoie**, an NSC alum, is now deputy associate administrator for mission support at FEMA. **Adam Killian** has been also named as FEMA's director of intergovernmental affairs and **Jessica Nalepa** as director of congressional affairs.

BIRTHWEEK (was Thursday): NRSC political director Sarah Morgan (hat tip: mother Martha, who was on-time)

BIRTHDAYS: Steve Holland of Reuters ... Kelley Hudak, coalitions director for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, is 28 (h/ts Lauren French and Ryan Williams) ... Wolfgang Puck is 68 ... Neil Newhouse, partner and co-founder of Public Opinion Strategies ... Jim Miklaszewski ... former Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.) is 91 ... Dennis Harbaugh ... Nick Simpson, director of comms. at Managed Funds Association, is 35 ... Amy Sennett ... Dean Garfield, president and CEO of the Information Technology Industry Council ... Eve Samborn McCool, senior digital strategist at Revolution Messaging (h/t father Randall) ... Jamie Baker is 33 ... Stef Feldman ... Laura Zapata of UberEATS comms and an HFA alum (h/t Ian Sams) ... Dan Rosenthal, managing principal at Albright Stonebridge Group ... AEI media relations coordinator Maddie James is 24 (h/t Meg Cahill) ... Andrew Kauders, principal at the Podesta Group ... Adrienne Donato ... Eva Barboni, founder and CEO of Atalanta ... Geoff Garin, Democratic strategist and president of Hart Research (h/ts Jon Haber) ...

... **Erik Huey**, SVP of gov't affairs at Entertainment Software Association ... WSJ higher ed reporter Doug Belkin is 49 ... NYT's Lara Jakes ... Anna Uhls, associate counsel at Uber ... Molly Spaeth, comms lead at Uber in Chicago (h/ts Jill Hazelbaker) ... Dave Beard ... Linda Burger, "a 20 year cancer survivor, a fierce political junkie (CNN, MSNBC and Politico Playbook from early morning til late at night), and ... a well-read progressive who always speaks for social equality," is 75 (hubby tip: Jeff) ... Anna Quindlen is 65 ... former Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas) is 75 ... Tina Urbanski ... Susie Landau ... Cramer Williams ... Howard Gutman, former U.S. ambassador to Belgium, is 61 ... Bret Coulson ... Brad Baker ... Sandy Kaiser ... Sydney Allen ... Patrick McCarthy ... Laura Davis ... Evan Kaufman ... Dennis Harbaugh ... Patrick Dillon ... Greg Pellegrino is 52 ... Lee Dugatkin is 55 ... Amichai Stein ... Daniel Mintz ... Jeff Dunetz ... Jeffrey Tambor is 73 ... Anjelica Huston is 66 ... Kevin Bacon is 59 ... Toby Keith is 56 ... Jaden Smith is 19 (h/ts AP)

THE SHOWS, by @MattMackowiak, filing from Dallas:

--**ABC's "This Week"**: Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ... Outgoing Office of Government Ethics director Walter Schaub. Panel: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), Jason Riley and Katrina vanden Heuvel

--**Fox News Sunday**: Reince Priebus ... Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.). Panel: Brit Hume, former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.), Newt Gingrich and Juan Williams

--**CBS's "Face the Nation"**: Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) ... U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley ... Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) ... former Dallas Police Chief David Brown. Panel: Margaret Brennan, Michael Crowley, David Ignatius and David Nakamura

--**NBC's "Meet the Press"**: Former CIA Director John Brennan ... Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) ... DNC chair Tom Perez and RNC chair Ronna McDaniel. Panel: Ruth Marcus, Kristen Welker, Rich Lowry and Bob Costa

--**CNN's "State of the Union"**: U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley ... Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) ... Ash Carter. Panel: Jen Psaki, Rick Santorum, former Ohio State Sen. Nina Turner and Rep. Scott Taylor (R-Va.) (substitute host: CNN's Dana Bash)

--**Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"**: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-Texas) ... Grover Norquist ... Rep. Andy Biggs (R-Ariz) ... Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.). Panel: Mary Kissel and Brad Blakeman

--**Fox News' "MediaBuzz"**: Kellyanne Conway ... Ed Henry ... Meghan McCain ... Mo Elleithee ... Shana Glenzer

--**CNN's "Inside Politics"** with John King: Panel: Michael Shear, Karoun Demirjian, Mary Katharine Ham and Jeff Zeleny

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"**: Panel: Elliott Abrams, Anne Applebaum, Ian Bremmer and Anne-Marie Slaughter ... Sergey Karaganov ... David Rubenstein

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"**: Panel: John Avlon, Lynn Sweet and John Gizzi ... Kirsten Powers and Ben Jacobs ... Columbia Journalism Review editor and publisher Kyle Pope ... Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.) ... KNIA/KRLS radio news director Robert Leonard

--**C-SPAN: "The Communicators"**: CTIA - The Wireless Association president and CEO Meredith Attwell Baker, questioned by Politico's Margaret Harding McGill ...

"Newsmakers": American Hospital Association president and CEO Richard Pollack, questioned by The Hill's Peter Sullivan and Bloomberg News' Anna Edney ... **"Q&A"**: Author and WYNC "On the Media" co-host and managing editor Brooke Gladstone

--**Washington Times' "Mack on Politics"** weekly politics podcast with Matt Mackowiak (download on iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher or listen at <http://bit.ly/2mGabdq>) Former U.S. Ambassador to Syria Robert Ford.

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