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Driving the Day

THE STEP BACK -- TRUMP'S FUNHOUSE MIRROR VIEW OF WASHINGTON -- He's publicly blasting away at critical Senate Republican votes. He's at war with the powerful Senate majority leader of his own party. And he is taking a staunch -- and some would say irreversible -- position on keeping the government open, threatening what top Republicans believe would be a politically perilous shutdown one month before funding runs dry.

Welcome to President Donald Trump's funhouse mirror view of Washington.

Trump has certainly changed the contours of the presidency: He doesn't conform to political norms, he brushes off drama in his ranks, and he rankles players on the world stage.

But in Washington, Trump seems to have a contorted view of a few key fundamental political realities that are out of his control. He is operating with an extraordinarily thin majority in the Senate and seems intent on poking key senators like Jeff Flake and John McCain of Arizona, Dean Heller of Nevada, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and Susan Collins of Maine in the eyes. He is in a prolonged battle with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, whom he can't get rid of and whose support he needs to get anything done. He's threatening a government shutdown over a border wall he will likely not be able to build. He continues to push changes to the Senate rules -- he says he wants to get rid of the filibuster -- despite opposition by Senate Republicans and Democrats. He's been unrelenting in his criticism of Democrats and seems disinterested in doing anything to bring them into the fold.

Anyone who spent more than a minute observing or participating in our legislative

politics would describe Trump's moves as some combination of self-defeating, illogical and misguided. Behind the scenes, the White House is working despite the president's bluster: Top Trump aides are in touch with Hill leadership aides to ensure the government doesn't jump off the rails. And there still remains a glimmer of hope for some kind of tax reform effort to get off the ground. But the president's unconventional view of what it takes to govern is not helping, according to multiple aides and lawmakers involved in legislative strategy.

Good Wednesday morning and happy hump day. **ALEX ISENSTADT** in Phoenix: **"Trump sticks it to GOP in thundering Phoenix speech"**: "President Donald Trump put the Republican Party on notice on Tuesday evening -- implicitly attacking two Republican senators on their home turf, threatening a government shutdown over his border wall, and demanding that senators kill the filibuster because it's impeding his agenda.

"In an often-angry speech here that stretched on for well over an hour, the president returned to many of the same targets he went after on the campaign trail. He spent more than a half-hour lambasting the media, which he accused of misrepresenting his comments after the Charlottesville violence. Yet he also turned his weaponry on fellow Republicans, going after Arizona's two GOP senators who've been a thorn in his side.

"Trump did not name Sen. John McCain or Sen. Jeff Flake by name in his remarks -- he joked that his aides pleaded with him not to mention the senators explicitly -- but it was unmistakable who he was talking about. Over and over, Trump noted that Senate Republicans were 'one vote away' from passing a bill to repeal Obamacare. The crowd at the Phoenix Convention Center immediately began jeering McCain, a longtime Trump critic who delivered the tie-breaking vote that sank the overhaul bill. ...

"Trump's anti-Flake offensive was a rebuke of McConnell, who's promised to protect the incumbent at all costs, and came as tensions between Trump and the congressional wing of the GOP are on the rise. When it comes to Flake or several big-ticket issues on Congress' to-do list this fall, the president made clear in his speech that he's in no mood to make nice.

"In a return to his top campaign theme, the president thrilled his conservative supporters with another full-throated promise to build a wall along the southern border. With a budget battle looming in September, Trump hinted that he'd be willing to veto any government funding bill that doesn't include funding for a wall, triggering a federal shutdown. 'If we have to close down our government, we're building that wall,' he said. 'We're going to have our wall. The American people voted for immigration control. We're going to get that wall.'" <http://politi.co/2wmEr4Z>

ABOUT THAT WALL ... JOSH DAWSEY: "Trump has told senior White House officials and advisers he would be willing to go to whatever means necessary to get money for the wall, a contentious claim even among his advisers. He hasn't given specific amounts of money that he wants, but 'enough to really start building it,' said one person who

spoke to him this weekend. 'He is animated about the wall,' the person said. 'He cares about that more than many other things. He knows his base cares and chants about it.'" <http://politi.co/2vny2IG>

-- **THE KEY PART OF TRUMP THE QUOTE** about the wall: "Now the obstructionist Democrats would like us not to do it, but believe me, if we have to close down our government we're building that wall. ... Let me be very clear to Democrats in Congress who oppose a border wall and stand in the way of border security. You are putting all of America's safety at risk." **BUT**, Democrats are a minor part of this equation. Trump's party has majorities in both chambers.

-- **THAT BEING SAID ...** There are ways for Congress to shuffle some more money to the border to appease Trump.

AND ... -- "Trump didn't pardon Joe Arpaio in Phoenix - but hints that he will," by the Arizona Republic's Megan Cassidy: "President Donald Trump did not pardon former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio while Trump was in Phoenix, but he indicated support for the idea in his speech Tuesday night.

"The 85-year-old lawman is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 5 for a federal criminal-contempt conviction stemming from a racial-profiling case. Arpaio could face up to six months in jail. 'Was Sheriff Joe convicted for doing his job?' Trump asked the crowd inside the Phoenix Convention Center. He should have had a jury trial instead of having a verdict rendered by a federal judge, Trump said. 'But I'll make a prediction: I think he's going to be just fine.' Trump's comments suggested a pardon could be granted later. 'I won't do it tonight, because I don't want to cause any controversy. But Sheriff Joe can feel good,' he said." <http://bit.ly/2vdT8n6>

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THIS IS A PROBLEM -- NYT A1, "McConnell, in Private, Doubts if Trump Can Save Presidency," by Alex Burns and Jonathan Martin: "The relationship between President Trump and Senator Mitch McConnell, the majority leader, has disintegrated to the point that they have not spoken to each other in weeks, and Mr. McConnell has privately expressed uncertainty that Mr. Trump will be able to salvage his administration after a series of summer crises.

"What was once an uneasy governing alliance has curdled into a feud of mutual resentment and sometimes outright hostility, complicated by the position of Mr. McConnell's wife, Elaine L. Chao, in Mr. Trump's cabinet, according to more than a dozen people briefed on their imperiled partnership. Angry phone calls and private badmouthing have devolved into open conflict, with the president threatening to oppose Republican senators who cross him, and Mr. McConnell mobilizing to their defense.

"The rupture between Mr. Trump and Mr. McConnell comes at a highly perilous moment for Republicans, who face a number of urgent deadlines when they return to Washington next month. Congress must approve new spending measures and raise the statutory limit on government borrowing within weeks of reconvening, and Republicans are hoping to push through an elaborate rewrite of the federal tax code. There is scant room for legislative error on any front.

"A protracted government shutdown or a default on sovereign debt could be disastrous - for the economy and for the party that controls the White House and both chambers of Congress. Yet Mr. Trump and Mr. McConnell are locked in a political cold war. Neither man would comment for this article. Don Stewart, a spokesman for Mr. McConnell, noted that the senator and the president had 'shared goals,' and pointed to 'tax reform, infrastructure, funding the government, not defaulting on the debt, passing the defense authorization bill.'" <http://nyti.ms/2xql5J2>

-- A GREAT DETAIL FROM JMART AND BURNS: "When Mr. Trump addressed a Boy Scouts jamboree last month in West Virginia, White House aides told Senator Shelley Moore Capito, a Republican from the state whose support was in doubt, that she could only accompany him on Air Force One if she committed to voting for the health care bill. She declined the invitation, noting that she could not commit to voting for a measure she had not seen, according to a Republican briefed on the conversation."

-- CNN: "Trump, McConnell haven't spoken since angry phone call, sources say," by Many Raju and Jeremy Diamond: "President Donald Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have not spoken in nearly two weeks, since a phone call between the two men went awry and left the two men screaming at each other. Sources with knowledge of the August 9 call said the exchange quickly devolved into a shouting match as an irate Trump expressed his frustrations about the congressional investigation into Russian interference with the U.S. election last year and fumed about a Russia sanctions bill Congress passed that would tie Trump's hands on the matter." <http://cnn.it/2wxilaR>

NEW POLITICO/MORNING CONSULT POLL: "Poll: Trump hits new low after Charlottesville," by Steve Shepard: "President Donald Trump's approval rating has hit a new low following a week in which a majority of voters believe he did more to divide the country than unite it, a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll shows. Only 39 percent of voters approve of the job Trump is doing in this week's poll - conducted entirely following the president's various scripted and impromptu reactions to the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia - down from 44 percent just a week ago. Fifty-six percent of voters disapprove in the new poll, up from 52 percent last week.

"Much of the decline in Trump's approval rating appears to have come from self-identified Republican voters - 73 percent, down from 81 percent last week. By contrast, the president's approval rating slid just a single point among Democrats and independents. Trump's previous overall low - a 40 percent rating - was two weeks ago. The poll was conducted last Thursday through Saturday, all following Trump's

comments on the violence that claimed the life of a woman protesting against white supremacists and neo-Nazis, but before his address Monday night outlining his strategy for the war in Afghanistan." <http://politi.co/2iqnPUc>

WHEN WILL TRUMP GO TO AFGHANISTAN? -- Barack Obama went to Baghdad on April 7, 2009 -- just a touch more than two months into his presidency. When will Trump go visit troops in what's now America's longest war?

WORTH THE CLICK - "16 Years of War in Afghanistan, in Pictures," by NYT's Rod Nordland -- 20 pix on one page <http://nyti.ms/2xrJr5l>

TRUMP'S INNER CIRCLE -- "Military leaders consolidate power in Trump administration," by WaPo's Bob Costa and Phil Rucker: "High-ranking military officials have become an increasingly ubiquitous presence in American political life during Donald Trump's presidency, repeatedly winning arguments inside the West Wing, publicly contradicting the president and even balking at implementing one of his most controversial policies. Connected by their faith in order and global norms, these military leaders are rapidly consolidating power throughout the executive branch as they counsel a volatile president. Some establishment figures in both political parties view them as safeguards for the nation in a time of turbulence.

"Trump's elevation of a cadre of current and retired generals marks a striking departure for a country that for generations has positioned civilian leaders above and apart from the military. ... Inside the White House, meanwhile, generals manage Trump's hour-by-hour interactions and whisper in his ear - and those whispers, as with the decision this week to expand U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, often become policy. ... Critics of the president welcome their ascendancy, seeing them as a calming force amid the daily chaos of the White House." <http://wapo.st/2v4DvT5>

JARED UPDATE -- "CAIRO (AP) - Egypt: Trump adviser Kushner's meeting with Egyptian president still on; only meeting with foreign minister cancelled."

--"**McMaster adds muscle to Kushner's Middle East peace effort,**" by Annie Karni: "Jared Kushner has spent eight months as his father-in-law's point person in the Middle East, relying primarily on one envoy, former Trump Organization lawyer Jason Greenblatt, to do the diplomatic heavy lifting in the region. But just over a month ago, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster held a meeting in his West Wing office with Greenblatt to discuss some changes to how the administration would conduct its Israel strategy going forward - including more input from the National Security Council.

"In the meeting - also attended by National Security Council officials Ricky Waddell, Michael Anton and Victoria Coates - the group discussed moving Coates, a former policy adviser to Sen. Ted Cruz, to work full-time under Greenblatt. ... Coates, an art historian and a longtime Republican foreign policy adviser, was promoted to senior director of international negotiations and moved offices to sit with Greenblatt's team in the Old Executive Office Building, across the street from the White House."

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

PENTAGON FALLOUT -- "U.S. Navy to Relieve Admiral of Command After Collisions," by WSJ's Gordon Lubold: "The U.S. Navy plans to remove the commander of the fleet that has suffered four recent collisions in Asia and the deaths of several sailors, U.S. officials said Tuesday. Navy officials declined to comment. But two U.S. officials familiar with the matter said that Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin, the three-star commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan, will be relieved of command on Wednesday in connection with four collisions since January, including two fatal ones. Vice Adm. Aucoin was expected to retire in coming weeks, but under the Navy's tradition of public accountability, commanders or ship captains are dismissed as soon as their superiors lose confidence in their leadership." <http://on.wsj.com/2wDuDTL>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "North Korea photos suggest new solid-fuel missile designs," by AP's Eric Talmadge in Tokyo: "North Korea's state media released photos Wednesday that appear to show the designs of one or possibly two new missiles. Concept diagrams of the missiles were seen hanging on a wall behind leader Kim Jong Un while he visited a plant that makes solid-fuel engines for the country's ballistic-missile program. ... The photos [come] ... just two days after the United States and South Korea began annual military exercises that the North claims are a rehearsal for war. Tensions on the peninsula generally ratchet up during the maneuvers and a series of larger exercises held each spring." <http://bit.ly/2vdVRgt>

TRUMP'S WEDNESDAY -- THE PRESIDENT will be at the American Legion convention and then will return to Washington in the evening.

THE JUICE ...

-- **SPOTTED** : Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson last night at Mirabelle along with a number of others, including Nina Totenberg, Chris Wallace and Marty Baron. They dined in a private room.

-- **DENIS MCDONOUGH** has been named an executive fellow of the Global Policy Initiative in the new Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame. He will be an instructor for 38 students in the new Master of Global Affairs program. <http://ntrda.me/2v4Smgi>

WHAT'S MAKING NEWS ON BANNON'S BREITBART - "Exclusive- Rick Santorum Crafting Different Obamacare Repeal Plan with Lawmakers: 'It Will Pass Through the House and the Senate,'" by Matt Boyle and Sean Moran: <http://bit.ly/2wmCZzB> ... "Dept of Homeland Security: Donald Trump Border Wall Prototypes Now Delayed Until Fall," by Charlie Spiering: <http://bit.ly/2w2B6pi> ... "Trump's Merkel Moment? West Wing Dems' Plan to Keep DACA Will Increase Illegal Immigration Pull Factors," by Raheem Kaseem: <http://bit.ly/2vdxq2y> ... "How Afghanistan Could Put Trump's Presidency at Risk," by John Carney <http://bit.ly/2wDVW0t>

--**BREITBART** has started selling the "Steve Bannon Fidget Spinner": "Leftists need comfort at times like these. Gift them this pacifying item that will give them something to do in between pulling down monuments. Or keep one for yourself! ... \$21.46."
<http://bit.ly/2w2Cgbw>

CLICKER -- PBS NEWSHOUR -- "Every moment in Donald Trump's long and complicated history with race," by Lisa DesJardins -- *97 moments on one page*
<http://to.pbs.org/2vWZLgo>

THE FT'S "BIG READ" -- "With alumni in the White House, Goldman sees an opening: Investment bank now targeting Volcker rule in DC lobbying after Obama-era battering," by Barney Jopson. <http://on.ft.com/2vnpoDF>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: A counter-protester shouts slogans amid tear gas fired by police following an August 22 campaign rally for President Donald Trump in Phoenix, Ariz. | M. Scott Mahaskey/POLITICO

PAGING DON JR. AND ERIC -- TRUMP INC. -- "17th charity cancels its event at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club, blaming 'political turbulence,'" by WaPo's David Fahrenthold and Drew Harwell: "A Florida charity for children announced Tuesday that it was canceling plans to hold a fundraiser luncheon at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club next winter - adding to an exodus of its high-paying charity clients in the days after his comments about violent protests in Charlottesville.

"The Unicorn Children's Foundation, based in Boca Raton, explained its decision with a statement saying 'We are not a political organization and do not condone hatred or bullying on any level.' 'Due to the political turbulence associated with this choice of venue it would be a disservice to our supporters and our children to hold our event at Mar-a-Lago,' said Sharon Alexander, the group's chief executive, in the statement. 'We prefer the conversations to be centered off the venue and instead focused on how we can help kids with special needs excel in their communities.' ...

"These departures have had a serious impact on a major line of business for the president's club: hosting the ritzy galas and luncheons that are the highlights of Palm Beach's winter social 'season.' The events can bring in significant amounts of revenue: Charities hosting large galas can pay Trump's club between \$125,000 and \$275,000 for a single night's revelry. Even lunchtime events can cost charities between \$25,000 and \$85,000." <http://wapo.st/2xb1Jd3>

SCOOP -- "Trump team goes to bat for NRA-backed bill, overruling Park Service," by McClatchy's Stuart Leavenworth: "The National Park Service has several big

problems with NRA-backed legislation that would restrict the agency from regulating hunting and fishing within park boundaries. But according to a leaked memo obtained by McClatchy, the Trump administration has so far prevented the parks from voicing such concerns. National Park Service Acting Director Michael Reynolds prepared a June 30 memo detailing his agency's objections to the draft legislation, the 'Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act.' ... Reynolds objected to ... parts of the bill in a memo sent to the U.S. Department of Interior's Legislative Counsel. The park service later received a response from Interior, with sections of Reynolds' concerns crossed out, next to the initials 'C.H.' Agency officials were told they could not repeat their concerns to Congress." <http://bit.ly/2v50jBW>

WHAT ED HILL IS READING -- "The feel-good Hallmark Channel is booming in the age of Trump," by WaPo's Heather Long: <http://wapo.st/2v4pJQq>

BUSINESS BURST - "Trains in Vain: Epic CSX Traffic Jam Snarls Deliveries, From Coal to Fries," by WSJ's Paul Ziobro: "The freight-train ride from Chicago to Colesburg, Tenn., usually takes a few days. Earlier this month, though, the ride was 18 days, 13 hours and 57 minutes, logs show. Congestion, delays and erratic service are hitting CSX, one of only two railroad operators that handle nearly all the shipments that move by train east of the Mississippi River. The problems began in May and became much worse this summer, according to customers and weekly performance data reported by the Jacksonville, Fla., company. It's a colossal mess for businesses that have spent years streamlining supply chains to run with just-in-time inventories." <http://on.wsj.com/2v4YO6N>

2018 WATCH -- "Obama administration alumni hope to build upon his legacy as they run for office," by L.A. Times' Seema Mehta: <http://lat.ms/2v4W9Kk>

PRETTY COOL -- GARRETT CAMP on Medium: "**The Beginning of Uber:** Since we just passed the ninth anniversary of the idea of Uber (originally UberCab, in Aug 2008), I thought it would be interesting to share the very first pitch deck we created in late 2008. Thank you to the entire Uber team for turning a simple idea into a platform that has improved so many people's lives :)" <http://bit.ly/2ipzK4J>

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MEDIAWATCH - "Emails: Breitbart editor pledges to do 'dirty work' for Bannon, smears Ivanka," by CNN's Oliver Darcy and Jake Tapper: "A self-described 'email prankster' seemingly fooled top editors at Breitbart over the weekend into believing he was Steve Bannon, the fired White House chief strategist who returned to the right-wing website as executive chairman on Friday. In the emails, Breitbart Editor-in-Chief Alex Marlow pledged that he and several other top editors would do Bannon's 'dirty work' against White House aides. The emails were shared with CNN by the prankster. ...

"**The prankster, posing as Bannon**, emailed Marlow a link to a Sunday Breitbart post that aggregated a Daily Mail report to suggest Ivanka Trump was instrumental in pushing Bannon from the White House. 'This was a fun read,' the fake Bannon account said. Marlow then shared a personal smear about the private life of Ivanka Trump, and her husband, Kushner. CNN has chosen not to repeat the smear because it is unfounded and unsubstantiated. 'Haha.. lovely stuff,' replied the fake Bannon account. 'So do you think you'll have them packed and shipping out before Christmas?' 'Let me see what I can do... hard to know given your description of them as evil,' Marlow replied." <http://cnmmon.ie/2wmWVT0>

--"**BuzzFeed hires New York Times editor to head up its business section**," by Business Insider's Maxwell Tani: "BuzzFeed News announced on Tuesday that it hired veteran New York Times business news editor Jennifer A. Kingson as it continues to build up its newsroom following President Donald Trump's election last year." <http://read.bi/2vdRLEQ>

--**CARL CAMERON** is retiring from Fox News. *His memo to staff* <http://politi.co/2vXVKsg> ... *Bret Baier's tribute* <http://bit.ly/2xrVgsh>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Kenny Loggins, Jason and Yeganeh Rezaian, Erick Sanchez, Mikayla Bouchard, Jason and Jarred Zuccari and Phil Beshara at a private dinner at Sebastian Oveysi's Amoo's Restaurant in McLean after Loggins' show at Wolf Trap Tuesday night

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy announces its fall fellows class: **Ron Bonjean**, former top spokesman for speaker of the House and Senate majority leader, now a partner at ROKK Solutions Public Affairs; **Mike Dubke**, former White House communications director and founding partner of the Black Rock Group; **Marie Harf**, Fox News contributor and former senior adviser to Secretary of State John Kerry; **Patrick Murphy**, former two-term congressman and U.S. Senate candidate from Florida; and **Liz Sidoti**, head of U.S. communications for BP, and former AP national political editor and correspondent. The institute is also naming its first visiting fellow, **José Díaz-Balart**, Telemundo News and NBC News anchor. <http://bit.ly/2v384IE>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD - Lindsey Dickinson, VP of federal government affairs at Comcast and **Ernest Baynard**, president of Meridian Hill Strategies, a public affairs firm in D.C., have welcomed Holden Henry Baynard, who was born at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and is 8lbs 5oz. "Big brothers Owen and Brendan and Daddy, Ernest, are happy to add another Baynard boy to the mix! Mommy and Holden are doing great." *Pic* <http://politi.co/2vnCu3A>

TRANSITIONS -- The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress has named former **Rep. Glenn C. Nye** to succeed Maxmillian Angerholzer III as president and CEO. ... **Caitlin Legacki** and **Amalia Kontesi** have been named to the corporate comms team supporting corporate responsibility at JPMorgan Chase. Legacki was previously a director at Precision Strategies and Kontesi was at Brunswick Group.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: BuzzFeed media editor **Craig Silverman** is 40. **A book he's been reading recently:** "I am finally reading 'Personal History' by Katharine Graham, the former publisher of The Washington Post. Aside from being a great read, it's been a reminder that while Trump has taken demonizing the media to a new level, it's by no means a new tactic. She writes that when former President Eisenhower spoke at the 1964 Republican convention he 'attacked newspaper columnists' and as a result 'convention-goers throughout the entire hall started booing the press.' Feels familiar, no?" **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2iobOP0>

BIRTHDAYS: Stephen Miller is 32 ... Patti Solis Doyle ... NBC News' Mike Memoli is 35 ... Queen Noor of Jordan is 66 ... Chase Cushman ... Richard Chalkey, associate director of the National Economic Council at the White House (hat tips: Cameron Poursoltan and Hunter Hamrick) ... Roll Call's Niels Lesniewski is 32 ... Todd Van Etten, chief digital strategist at The Herald Group (h/t Taylor Gross) ... Mark Appleton ... Tenn. Gov. Bill Haslam is 59 ... Rob Bluey, VP of publishing at The Heritage Foundation and Daily Signal editor in chief, is 38 ... Annah Backstrom, news director at The Des Moines Register ... Emily David ... Politico's Caitlin Oprysko ... Ted Newton ... Ameer Patel ... Nate Williams ... CBS News' Lindsey Boerma ... newly-married John Hall, partner at Targeted Victory (h/t Zac Moffatt) ... Kevin Siers, Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist for the Charlotte Observer (h/t Jim Morrill) ... Robert Solow is 93 ... Norman Braman is 85 (h/ts Jewish Insider) ... Charlie Greene, public affairs manager for 21st Century Fox and former speechwriter for NOAA during the Obama administration (h/t Bill McQuillen) ... former Hill staffer Sarah Huang, now with GR/PR firm Alliance Group in Richmond (h/t Chris Atkins) ...

... **Miriam Shapiro**, former deputy and acting USTR, and head of Finsbury's Washington office ... David Wickenden, SVP of corporate strategy and strategic impact at AARP (h/t Jon Haber) ... Ian Jefferies, SVP of gov't affairs at Association of American Railroads (h/t Ted Greener) ... Jesse Connolly, COS for Rep. Chellie Pingree (h/t Sol Ross) ... Brook Hazelton, president of Christie's Americas ... Terry Bean ... former Calif. Gov. Pete Wilson is 84 ... Lauren Dart ... Bryer Davis, scheduler for Sen. Manchin ... Erin Collins ... Chaz Wells-Armstrong ... Connor Galvin ... Christine Padilla ... Janet Turner ... Billy Feitlinger ... Casey Hudek ... Dennis Walto ... Lori Brown ... Brian Majorsky ... Derrick Crowe ... Jordan Kauflin ... James Baehr ... Gary Brookins ... Mark Steinberg ... former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 72 ... Jay Mohr is 47

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