

benefits Americans have embraced after seven years. Chief among them: a guarantee of paying the same amount for coverage regardless of health history. Budget analysts estimate 24 million people would lose insurance over a decade, 14 million in the first year, and older Americans would face higher costs." <http://apne.ws/2pgqsGq>

-- **"Obamacare repeal vote upends 2018 House landscape,"** by Alex Isenstadt and Gabe Debenedetti: "More than a dozen senior Republican strategists, lawmakers, and potential candidates expressed varying degrees of concern over the political implications of the health care push. Some predicted that House members would face a fierce backlash from voters, while others said the party had erred badly in rushing through a bill that lacked broad public support. The vote, combined with President Donald Trump's record-low poll numbers and rising public dissatisfaction with how Republicans are wielding power over the federal government, has produced a cauldron of instability for the party, which is holding onto a 24-seat edge in the House. There is also the weight of history: In every midterm election since 2002, the party in the White House has lost congressional seats." <http://politi.co/2p76YZy>

**THE ONSLAUGHT BEGINS -- HOW DEMS WILL WALLOP REPUBLICANS ON THE AHCA -- "Democrats to run ads targeting California's House Republicans who voted for healthcare bill,"** by LATimes' Cathleen Decker: The DCCC "on Monday will begin airing a drive-time ad on Southern California radio stations targeting five Republican members of Congress who voted Thursday for the GOP healthcare plan. The [six-figure] ad buy, currently scheduled to run for one week on news, sports and Spanish-language stations, is rare this early in the election cycle. ... The targets of the ad are five of the seven most vulnerable House Republicans in California - Darrell Issa of Vista, Dana Rohrabacher of Costa Mesa, Mimi Walters of Irvine, Steve Knight of Palmdale and Ed Royce of Fullerton. ... 'That's the sound of the congressional Republicans' healthcare plan coming down the tracks,' the ad says. 'Get out of the way.'" <http://lat.ms/2qavgSB> ... **Audio of the ad** <http://bit.ly/2pOO5kX>.

-- **HERE ARE THE KEY LINES** that help understand how Dems will run against this plan: "It will rip health-care coverage away from millions of people. It imposes an age tax on millions of seniors: the older you are the more you pay. If you have a pre-existing condition, it could increase your out-of-pocket costs. Cancer: nearly \$73,000 a year. Asthma: \$4,300 ... Heart disease: \$18,000. Arthritis: \$26,000. Even pregnancy: \$17,000. Millions of Americans will pay more out of pocket, higher drug prices, higher premiums, higher deductibles. Health insurance we can no longer afford."

-- **WE'VE BEEN TALKING** to top House Republicans about the politics of this plan. Put plainly, there is a lot of concern. The politics around the AHCA are very tricky for the GOP. Many very senior Republicans were extremely unhappy with the celebration in the Rose Garden. The optics, they say, were horrendous. Of course, Republicans say they'll be able to sell this plan to their constituents. They have promised their base that they would repeal Obamacare, and this makes good on that promise, they say.

Midterms are base elections, and this could energize core GOP voters.

-- **TO BE SURE** ... -- It's May 2017 -- many months before Election Day 2018. The national political landscape can shift a dozen times between now and November 2018.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY -- "In a Beijing ballroom, Kushner family flogs \$500,000 'investor visa' to wealthy Chinese,"** by WaPo's Emily Rauhala in Beijing: "The Kushner family came to the United States as refugees, worked hard and made it big -- and if you invest in Kushner properties, so can you.

**"That was the message delivered Saturday** by White House senior adviser Jared Kushner's sister to a ballroom full of wealthy Chinese investors, renewing questions about the Kushner family's business ties to China. Over several hours of slide shows and presentations, representatives from the Kushner family business urged Chinese citizens gathered at the Ritz-Carlton hotel to consider investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in a New Jersey real estate project to secure what's known as an investor visa. The EB-5 immigrant investor visa program, which allows foreign investors to invest in U.S. projects that create jobs and then apply to immigrate, has been used by both the Trump and Kushner family businesses. ...

**"Journalists were initially seated at the back of the ballroom,** but as the presentations got underway, a public relations representative asked The Post to leave, saying the presence of foreign reporters threatened the 'stability' of the event. At one point, organizers grabbed a reporter's phone and backpack to try to force that person to leave. Later, as investors started leaving the ballroom, organizers physically surrounded attendees to stop them from giving interviews. Asked why reporters were asked to leave, a public relations representative, who declined to identify herself, said simply, "This is not the story we want." <http://wapo.st/2qM1QXO>

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