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THE LATEST ON COMEY -- "Trump's lawyer to file complaint against Comey over memos," by CNN's Joe Johns and Dan Merica: "President Donald Trump's outside attorney plans to file a complaint against former FBI Director James Comey with the Justice Department Inspector General and the Senate judiciary committee, two sources with knowledge of the situation told CNN. The complaint will focus on Comey's testimony that he gave a friend the content of memos about his conversations with Trump and asked the friend to then give that information to a reporter. Comey said Friday that he gave the friend -- later identified as Daniel Richman, a longtime Comey confidante and Columbia University professor -- the information after Trump tweeted that he may have tapes of his conversations with the fired FBI director. ...

"It is unclear when Trump's attorney, Marc Kasowitz, will file the complaints, but the source said they are actively exploring their options. The Justice Department, however, has limited jurisdiction over former employees. They can investigate but the remedy in the event of finding wrongdoing would be to make a note in Comey's file should he ever seek to be employed by the DOJ again." <http://cnn.it/2t2nyqY>

NOTE: Trumpworld has threatened his opponents before and not followed through. Remember when Trump threatened a lawsuit against the New York Times and Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)? That didn't happen.

TRUMP did not address Comey at a speech today at the Department of Transportation. He will have a joint press conference with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis at 2:45 p.m.

GROWING THE TEAM -- "Mueller Enlists Top Criminal Law Expert for Russia Probe," by The National Law Journal's Tony Mauro: "Special counsel Robert Mueller has recruited the Justice Department's top criminal law expert to help with his investigation of ties between the Trump presidential campaign and Russian officials.

"Deputy solicitor general Michael Dreeben, who has argued more than 100 cases

before the U.S. Supreme Court and oversees the Justice Department's criminal appellate docket, will be assisting Mueller on a part-time basis, according to sources familiar with the arrangement. While helping Mueller, Dreeben will continue in his role in the solicitor general's office, with other lawyers in the office pitching in to help him with upcoming criminal cases." <http://bit.ly/2t2aRwo>

U.K. ELECTION UPDATE -- "May vows to stay on as PM with Northern Irish allies:

Tory leader gets permission from queen to hang on as prime minister after losing her majority in parliament," by POLITICO Europe's Annabelle Dickson: "Theresa May will stay on as prime minister with her Conservatives - who lost their majority in Thursday's election - getting parliamentary support from Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), she said on Friday. ... The terms of a deal with the DUP, which was founded by hard-line Unionist Ian Paisley and returned 10 MPs Thursday, are not yet clear, but they will likely push for a soft border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland after Brexit." <http://politi.co/2t2MVcn>

SUNDAY SHOW UPDATE -- Preet Bharara will be on ABC's "This Week" for his first television interview since he was fired from his U.S. attorney position.

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FEC FINE TIME -- "BINGO! It's a costly game for the Michigan Democratic Party,"

by the Detroit Free Press' Kathleen Gray: "Games of chance have always been risky, but they also just got very costly for the Michigan Democratic Party. The party has agreed to pay a hefty \$500,000 civil fine to the [FEC] - one of the largest penalties ever levied by that office - after an internal investigation of its bingo operation, which was used for political fund-raising, found numerous examples of shoddy record keeping, contributions that exceeded limits and campaign finance reporting inaccuracies." <http://on.freep.com/2t2gP0k>

HMM... -- "Michael Cohen Pitched Investors For A Powerful Ukrainian Oligarch's Company," by BuzzFeed News' Anthony Cormier, Chris McDaniel, John Templon and Tanya Kozyreva: "Before he became President Donald Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen worked on behalf of a company controlled by another wealthy and well-connected man: Viktor Topolov, a politician whose associates are members of the Russian and Ukrainian underworld.

"The leader of Ukraine's coal ministry and a personal friend of that country's president, he had been a board member at a state-run bank, the top executive at a construction company and the president of a professional football club. But beyond his official titles, Topolov has also been investigated twice for money laundering and embezzlement, and the FBI has said his associates are 'well known' members of the

Russian mafia. Back in 2006, he co-owned an ethanol company with his long-time business partner, Alex Oronov. The two men wanted to build a factory in Ukraine, so Oronov tapped his son-in-law, Bryan Cohen, along with his brother, Michael Cohen, to pitch the deal to American investors from Morgan Stanley. Both Cohen brothers today insist they knew nothing about Topolov when they tried to raise money for his company." <http://bzfd.it/2t31rR7>

GETTING IN TROUBLE -- @KenVogel: "Trump WH aide @DanScavino 'violated the Hatch Act' by calling for defeat of @justinamash from then-WH-linked twitter feed, @us_osc concludes" *The letter* <http://bit.ly/2t2IX37>

ON THE HILL -- "Grassley rips Trump administration for blowing off certain oversight requests," by Burgess Everett: "The Trump administration's policy of ignoring the oversight requests of Democrats and rank-and-file members has earned it a powerful enemy: Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley. In a letter to President Donald Trump, the veteran Iowa Republican senator urged Trump to reverse a policy instituted by the White House and the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel to only answer oversight requests from committee chairmen, all of whom are Republicans because of GOP control of Congress. Though Grassley said that the Obama administration did sometimes ignore him, he said the formalization of a policy of ignoring the minority party 'doesn't drain the swamp, Mr. President. It floods the swamp.'" <http://politi.co/2t2zFnN> ... *The letter* <http://bit.ly/2t2MJcQ>

DISTURBING -- "Not A Random Attack: New Details Emerge From Investigation Of Slain NPR Journalists," by NPR's Robert Little: "NPR journalists David Gilkey and Zabihullah Tamanna died a year ago this week, ambushed on a remote road in southern Afghanistan while on a reporting assignment traveling with the Afghan National Army. Since their deaths, NPR has been investigating what happened, and today we are sharing new information about what we learned. It's a very different story from what we originally understood.

"The two men were not the random victims of bad timing in a dangerous place, as initial reports indicated. Rather, the journalists' convoy was specifically targeted by attackers who had been tipped off to the presence of Americans in Afghanistan's Helmand province. Gilkey, an experienced photojournalist, and Tamanna, an Afghan reporter NPR hired to work with him, were sitting together in a Humvee when they were attacked." <http://n.pr/2s4GU1c>

WHAT THE NRCC IS READING -- "AJC poll: Ossoff opens lead over Handel in Georgia's 6th," by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Greg Bluestein: "An Atlanta Journal-Constitution poll released Friday shows Democrat Jon Ossoff has a 7-point edge over Republican Karen Handel in the nationally watched race to represent Georgia's 6th Congressional District."

"The poll of likely voters has Ossoff leading Handel by a margin of 51 percent to 44 percent ahead of the June 20 runoff. About 5 percent of voters are undecided. The

margin of error is 4 percentage points. ... He's capturing about 13 percent of Republican voters and 50 percent of independents - a crucial voting bloc that leans to the right in the state. It shows almost no crossover on the flip side; only 3 percent of Democrats say they're backing Handel. Ossoff gets support from 44 percent of white voters, a big number for a Democrat in Georgia." <http://on-ajc.com/2rIXgMG>

AFTERNOON READ -- "Twelve seconds of gunfire: In tiny Townville, S.C., first-graders are haunted by what they survived -- and lost -- on a school playground," by WaPo's John Woodrow Cox. *Heartbreaking, but important, read* <http://wapo.st/2s4K5pH>

DOUBLE DUTY -- After helping lead the Comey hearing Thursday, Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), attended a fundraiser for fellow Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine at Warner's home in Old Town. **SPOTTED:** Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Mario Marino, Russ Ramsey, Jack Davies and Kay Kendall, Raul and Jean-Marie Fernandez, Ambassador Howard Gutman and Michelle Loewinger, Ray and Shaista Lahood, Mike Henry, and many more.

PINZON FAREWELL -- Colombian Ambassador Juan Carlos Pinzon, who is running for president in the country, was honored at a farewell event at the State Department Thursday afternoon. Acting chief of protocol Rosemarie Pauli hosted the event. **SPOTTED:** Secretary of Homeland Security, John Kelly, Joshua Bolten, Mike Rogers, Luis Moreno, Ambassadors from Peru and Italy, Admiral Kurt Tidd, Michelle Kosinski, John Boehner and Coach Kathy Kemper.

OUT AND ABOUT -- Starz hosted a premiere party for season four of its show "Power" at the Newseum last night. *Pics* <http://bit.ly/2t1Xeqr> ... <http://bit.ly/2t2l5gc> ... *Trailer* <http://bit.ly/2r36KPT> **SPOTTED:** Reps. Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) -- who represents the district where the show is filmed, Yvette Clarke (D-N.Y.), Lacy Clay (D-Miss.), Brenda Lawrence (D-Mich.), Lisa Rochester Blunt (D-Del.), Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.), Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.), Andre Carson (D-Ind.) and Donald Payne Jr. (D-N.J.), Delegate Stacey Plaskett (D-Virgin Islands), FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, Washington Wizards' John Wall, cast members of The Real Housewives of Potomac, rapper 50 Cent, Omari Hardwick, Naturi Naughton, Lala Anthony, Joseph Sikora, Lela Loren, Larenz Tate, Starz CEO Chris Albrecht, Jas Sajjan and Taylor Jachman.

-- National Geographic, Bloomberg Philanthropies and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser hosted a screening of the documentary From the Ashes last night at National Geographic's HQ. The film premieres on June 25. **SPOTTED:** Katherine Oliver, Gary Knell, Courtney Monroe, Chris Albert, Kathleen Sheekey, Ryan Williams, Robin Goldman, Michael Bonfiglio, Carl Pope, Misty O'Quinn, Tommy Wells, Allison O'Brien, Kelly McMahon, Tammy Haddad, Kelley McCormick, Lindsay Drewel, Meredith Webster, Macy Luck, Chris Albert, Lee Cochran, Dylan Brown, Elizabeth Pleeter, Ali Rubin, Adrienne Elrod, Nancy Cutler, Maia Johnson, Alex Hornbrook, Sidney Beaumont, Michael Bonfiglio, Caitlin Ledacki, Chris Ortman, Dou Landry and Mary Jennings. *Trailer* <http://bit.ly/2t28c5K>

SPOTTED: Jennifer Swanson, Jonathan Prince, Jon Lovett, Ronan Farrow and Marc Adelman in Stockholm at the Brilliant Minds Symposium today.

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