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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by BP

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Good Friday afternoon. SPOTTED: Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), receiving a round of applause at the Bangor Airport this morning. ... Mitch McConnell waiting at DCA for a flight to Louisville this morning. ... Making the rounds in the West Wing on Friday afternoon, GOP strategist J. Hogan Gidley.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD is that there are talks beginning between individual members of the House and Senate on charting a way forward for health care. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), the leader of the Freedom Caucus who is close with President Donald Trump, is reaching out quietly to members of the Senate, including Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.). Graham is also talking to Trump today. There is a belief across the GOP on the Hill, however, that there is not a single product that can get through the House and Senate, so they have their work cut out for them.

SEN. CHUCK SCHUMER (D-N.Y.) and HOUSE MINORITY LEADER NANCY PELOSI (D-CALIF.) have both reached out to Ryan since the Senate bill went down. This becomes much more complicated internally for Republicans if they start working with Democrats.

THE SENATE and HOUSE are now scheduled to be out of session until Sept. 4.

SPEAKER PAUL RYAN: NEXT UP? TAX REFORM. BUT GET TO WORK IN THE SENATE ON HEALTH CARE! -- "While the House delivered a bill to repeal and replace Obamacare, unfortunately the Senate was unable to reach a consensus. I am disappointed and frustrated, but we should not give up. I encourage the Senate to continue working toward a real solution that keeps our promise. We have so much work still to do, and the House will continue to focus on issues that are important to the American people. At the top of that list is cutting taxes for middle class families and fixing our broken tax code. I'm glad that members will now take time to hear directly from those they represent and make the case for historic tax reform that we intend to pursue in the fall."

REINCE PRIEBUS and **ANTHONY SCARAMUCCI** are on AF1 with Trump to New York. Scaramucci said it was "better not to comment" on his phone call to the New Yorker's Ryan Lizza to pooler Sarah Westwood of the Washington Examiner.

FROM THE PRESIDENT -- @realDonaldTrump at 9:46 a.m.: "If Republicans are going to pass great future legislation in the Senate, they must immediately go to a 51 vote majority, not senseless 60..." ... **at 10 a.m.:** "...Even though parts of healthcare could pass at 51, some really good things need 60. So many great future bills & budgets need 60 votes...."

PRESIDENT TRUMP is holding a rally Aug. 3 in Huntington, W.Va.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO Politicon in California tomorrow, Jake and Anna are moderating the "Trump vs. the Media" panel at 3:30 p.m. local time. The panel will have Bill Kristol, Jason Miller, Jon Lovett and Symone Sanders, so make sure to stop by! Who won't be at Politicon? Anthony Scaramucci -- WaPo's Abby Phillip reports that he pulled out "overnight."

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ANOTHER DPRK LAUNCH -- "US detects North Korea missile launch," by Zachary Cohen and Barbara Starr: "The US detected a ballistic missile launch out of North Korea at approximately 10:45 am. EST on Friday, the Pentagon confirmed to CNN. They are assessing the launch and will have more soon. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told Japanese broadcaster NHK: 'I have received the first report that North Korea again launched a missile and it possibly landed inside the exclusive economic zone.'" <http://cnn.it/2tQ1EMg>

ALEX CONANT in POLITICO Magazine, **"Why Trump's White House Won't Stop Leaking:** Sorry, Anthony Scaramucci. Your mole hunt is doomed": "President Trump is completely justified to be outraged about the leaks in his White House. But mole hunts inevitably lead only to more moles, and more leaks. Trump's White House is not leaky because of a few bad apples. The No. 1 reason why it leaks is because his team lacks unity. It's not without irony that many of the leaks are about the very staff infighting that is causing the leaks. ... The leaks are also the result of deep disloyalty, for which the president has only himself to blame. Trump demands blind loyalty from his subordinates. But blind loyalty does not exist in politics, except among sycophants and people without principles-neither of whom make for trustworthy aides." <http://politi.co/2vOPjFz>

ANALYZING A MOMENT -- "Watch The Shocking Moment John McCain Killed The Republican Health Care Bill," by BuzzFeed News' David Mack <http://bzfd.it/2tQ2Qj6>

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HIGH ART -- "Donald Trump's Drawing of the New York City Skyline Just Sold for \$29,184 at Auction," by ArtNet News' Henri Neuendorf: "According to Los Angeles-based auction house Nate D. Sanders, the work was created by the president for a charity auction promoting worldwide literacy in 2005 and was consigned to the auction house by the winner of the original charity event. The charity auction also included works by fellow Republican John McCain, and former Democrat Senator Joseph Lieberman, as well as actors Charlize Theron and Benicio Del Toro. The sketch is drawn on a large envelope made of a stock type of paper, and according to Michael Kirk of Nate D. Sanders auctioneers, there are only two other known variants of the drawing. The variants 'feature the same skyline with slight variations,' making it an extremely rare example of presidential memorabilia. On Thursday night, there were 11 bids for the drawing, starting at \$9,000." <http://artnt.cm/2u5nAhW>

TO INFINITY AND BEYOND? -- "Will Trump get a man to Mars?," by Negassi Tesfamichael: "President Donald Trump made a bold promise in April: He would send a human to Mars during his first term - 'or, at worst, during my second term.' Vice President Mike Pence doubled down earlier this month. 'Here from this bridge to space, our nation will return to the moon and we will put American boots on the face of Mars,' Pence said at the Kennedy Space Center. But just about everyone else is saying fat chance. Even Trump's space policy adviser for his campaign and transition says getting a man or woman on the face of Mars by 2024 is virtually impossible." <http://politi.co/2tPWFeO>

MEDIAWATCH -- TECH CRUNCH: "Laurene Powell Jobs' Emerson Collective is buying a majority stake in The Atlantic": "Emerson Collective, the organization founded by Laurene Powell Jobs, has agreed to purchase a majority stake in The Atlantic. In a memo to the staff of The Atlantic, chairman and owner David Bradley writes that he started looking for a buyer when he realized his sons were not interested in owning a media company. (Axios, which was backed by both the Emerson Collective and Bradley, obtained the memo.)

"Bradley, who is 64, says he will still own 'a large share' of the 160-year-old magazine, though it's 'likely' that he will sell his remaining stake to Emerson in three to five years. He also remains the full owner of the other Atlantic Media properties, including Quartz. Peter Lattman (previously the media editor at The New York Times) will become vice chairman of The Atlantic. Other than that, it sounds like the magazine's leadership will not be changing." <http://tcrn.ch/2w6G1UV>

-- "How Trump derailed MSNBC's centrist makeover," by Mic's Kelsey Sutton: "[T]he election of Donald Trump has complicated [an news-centric] evolution, raising the profile and popularity of MSNBC's liberal hosts just as [MSNBC and NBC News chairman Andrew] Lack sought to dial back the network's liberal identity. While MSNBC's dayside programming has indeed tottered toward the center of the political spectrum, its prime-

time shows, led by figures like Rachel Maddow and Chris Hayes, drives public perception of the channel as an anti-Trump liberal haven.

"Five company insiders told Mic they believe Lack is caught in between these two MSNBCs. The sources, who spoke to Mic on the condition of anonymity to protect their jobs or their relationships with the company, said Trump's unexpected presidential win has complicated Lack's plans to move to the center. Amid this channel reinvention, many of the high-profile diverse voices and faces have disappeared from the screen, making some both inside and outside the company worry that diversity, for which MSNBC was once celebrated, has been put on the back burner." <http://bit.ly/2tPVpbm>

-- **@micalderone**: "After three decades at NYT, [Michael R. Gordon] taking buyout. Memo" <http://bit.ly/2u5FiBW>

TRANSITIONS -- Loni Hagerup and **Matt Bisenius** will both be co-chiefs of staff in Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner's (R-Wis.) office starting in August. Hagerup is currently Sensenbrenner's deputy chief of staff and Bisenius is director of legislative affairs at the National Propane Gas Association. Current Chief of Staff **Bart Forsyth** has accepted a new position with the PhRMA.

SPOTTED last night at the Capitol Hill American Legion attending "A Capitol Benefit" for those injured June 14 at The Congressional Baseball Game practice: Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) on stage with band the Second Amendments, Rep. Rick Crawford (R-Ark.), on stage with the Wil Gravatt Band, Fred Humphries, Suhail Kahn, Ryan Thompson, Phil Bianchi, Erica Arbetter, Ben Cantrell, Jana Plat, Kelle Strickland and Kenny Hulshof. Proceeds benefited the Capitol Hill Police Memorial Fund.

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