

presidency: TrumpRussia.com and TrumpUkraine.com were both renewed on June 29, 2016, while DonaldJTrumpSignatureCollectionVenezuela.com, TrumpApparelVenezuela.com, TrumpClothingVenezuela.com, TrumpHomeBathVenezuela.com, TrumpBeddingVenezuela.com and TrumpHomeAccessoriesVenezuela.com were updated on Oct. 14, 2016."

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

THE LATEST ON THE RUSSIA PROBE -- "Senate Panel Digs Into 2,000 Financial Documents in Trump Probe," by Bloomberg's Steven Dennis and Billy House: "The Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation of the Trump campaign's possible links to Russia is now focused sharply on financial transactions involving the president's associates - with the committee searching for improprieties in more than 2,000 documents it has received from the Treasury Department's financial crimes unit.

"The Treasury Department turned over the documents to the committee a few days ago after protracted negotiations with the committee, the panel's vice chairman, Virginia Democrat Mark Warner, told Bloomberg - and only after Senate Democrats threatened to hold up a Treasury nominee until they received the information."

<https://bloom.bg/2trlaOD>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "U.S. sets new visa rules for 6 mainly Muslim nations, refugees," by AP's Matt Lee: "The Trump administration on Wednesday set new criteria for visa applicants from six mainly Muslim nations and all refugees that require a 'close' family or business tie to the United States. The move came after the Supreme Court partially restored President Donald Trump's executive order that was widely criticized as a ban on Muslims.

"Visas that have already been approved will not be revoked, but instructions issued by the State Department say that new applicants from Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, Iran and Yemen must prove a relationship with a parent, spouse, child, adult son or daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law or sibling already in the United States to be eligible. The same requirement, with some exceptions, holds for would-be refugees from all nations who are still awaiting approval for admission to the U.S."

<http://apne.ws/2s4bcOX>

******* A message from the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs (CAPD):** A new study projects pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) will save Medicare Part D \$896 billion over ten years. PBMs drive savings for taxpayers and seniors by negotiating

discounts from drug manufacturers; by encouraging the use of lower cost, clinically equivalent drugs; and by providing clinical programs that improve health outcomes.

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BUSINESS BURST -- "All U.S. Banks Pass 'Stress Tests,' in Sign of Financial Health," by WSJ's Liz Hoffman and Ryan Tracy: "Big U.S. banks plan to increase dividend payouts and share buybacks to their highest levels in years after the Federal Reserve on Wednesday approved capital plans for all 34 firms taking part in its annual stress tests. The approvals-the first time since the annual tests began in 2011 that all firms got passing grades-reflect a turning point for big financial institutions that have been shackled by tighter regulation since the financial crisis. They could also herald a return to precrisis days when banks were reliable dividend payers and shareholders flocked to them." <http://on.wsj.com/2tm7l3R>

THE PLAYBOOK INTERVIEW: Sue Desmond-Hellmann, CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Sue Desmond-Hellmann, the CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was drawn to one particular item in President Donald Trump's proposed budget - the massive cuts to foreign aid. The Trump budget proposed cutting the combined budget of the State Department and USAID by 28 percent, with a big chunk of that expected to come from foreign aid (<http://politi.co/2tq4BCW>), which makes up less than 1 percent of the U.S.'s budget. Desmond-Hellman says she is concerned that if the cuts came into fruition, it could stymie the progress of the world's largest philanthropic organizations to eradicate diseases like polio and promote family planning for women.

"The reason I'm concerned is - from where I sit and given the background I have - it is really extraordinary how much progress global health, global development has had as a result of America's leadership," the scientist-turned-philanthropic chief told Playbook. "That's the focus I have, making sure we don't hamper progress and that we continue with that progress."

PRIVATE PHILANTHROPY CAN'T COVER GOVERNMENT CUTS: "Globally in 2016, there was \$37.6 billion in development assistance for health all over the world. Of that \$37.6 billion, the United States provided \$12.8 billion and the U.K. contributed \$4.1 billion. We're the largest private philanthropy in the world, we contributed \$2.9 billion. ... Private philanthropy will never make up for the important contributions that governments -- like the government of the United States and the government of the U.K. - provide for that kind of global health and global development assistance."