

George Washington University Hospital for their world-class care, and we continue to be grateful beyond words for the heroic actions of the U.S. Capitol Police this week. In addition, the positive thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement from across the nation have meant the world to Matt and to all of us.

"Matt has undergone additional surgery and his physicians have reported positive results. Matt will remain in the ICU through at least this weekend. He continues to communicate with us through notes, and even signed the game ball for the Congressional Baseball Game. Matt especially valued the professionalism of the officers of the Capitol Police, and would appreciate contributions to the Capitol Police Memorial Fund, one of the designated charities at Thursday night's ballgame.

"While we know there will be difficult and challenging days ahead for Matt and our family, the physicians and specialists at Matt's side expect a full recovery. This will be our final update pending Matt's discharge from the hospital. We again ask for your understanding and respect of our family's privacy."

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FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Navy stops search for 7 missing sailors after bodies found," by AP's Mari Yamaguchi in Yokosuka, Japan: "The search for seven U.S. Navy sailors missing after their destroyer collided with a container ship off Japan was called off Sunday after several bodies were found in the ship's flooded compartments, including sleeping quarters. Vice Adm. Joseph Aucoin, the commander of the Navy's 7th Fleet, described the damage and flooding as extensive, including a big puncture under the waterline. The crew had to fight to keep the ship afloat, he said, and the ship's captain is lucky to have survived." <http://apne.ws/2sGAXco>

BLAST FROM THE PAST -- KNOWING MARK CORALLO: "Meet the man managing Trump's biggest crisis yet," by Eliana Johnson, Josh Dawsey, and Josh Gerstein: "Veteran GOP operative Mark Corallo is known for accepting tough crisis-management cases, but even he wasn't daredevil enough to accept the job an embattled President Trump considered him for last month: White House communications director. Instead, Corallo chose to stay outside the building, becoming the top

spokesman for Trump's personal lawyer Marc Kasowitz.

"In his new role, he finds himself handling the White House's defense against independent counsel Robert Mueller's probe into Russian interference in the presidential election, which has expanded to include inquiry into whether Trump himself tried to obstruct the investigation. Corallo had never met Trump or Kasowitz before taking the job but is now routinely in the West Wing several times a week, strategizing with a temperamental and media-obsessed president who sees himself as his own best spokesman.

"I think I will be more help to the president on the outside than I would have been on the inside,' Corallo told POLITICO." *With cameos from Karl Rove, David Ayres and Ed McFadden* <http://politi.co/2seOZjF>

-- **FLASHBACK:** Corallo speaking to Isaac Dove in May about Trump staff: "They're hostages." <http://politi.co/2rKcOMS>

SCHUMER'S FIRST BIG TEST -- "Democrats to step up attacks on GOP's Obamacare repeal effort," by Burgess Everett: "Democratic senators are planning to hold the Senate floor until at least midnight on Monday to thrash Senate Republicans for refusing to hold committee hearings on their health-care overhaul, according to several people familiar with the plan. The round of speeches is being organized by Sens. Patty Murray of Washington state and Brian Schatz of Hawaii.

"But on the more weighty question of whether to object to the GOP's committee hearings or refusing to allow routine business in the Senate regarding nomination votes or uncontroversial matters, the party has made no final decision. While the party's liberal wing is demanding that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and his team shut the Senate down, Schumer has made no decision and often tries to forge consensus in his caucus before executing party strategy.

"Though several sources on the party's left believe Schumer may be open to the idea, Democratic leaders have been resistant to procedural obstruction thus far. They believe blocking unrelated matters could shift the spotlight from Republicans' secretive process to Democratic obstruction. And it could set expectations high among the party's base that Democrats can stop the repeal, when in reality if Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has the votes the party will be powerless to stop him." <http://politi.co/2seOyWF>