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## Driving the Day

**Good Wednesday morning. BREAKING: "Scott Brown: US ambassador to New Zealand investigated over inappropriate comments:** Complaints against Brown, who was Donald Trump's first ambassadorial appointment after coming into office, surfaced after a trip to Samoa," by The Guardian's Eleanor Ainge Roy in Dunedin, New Zealand: "Brown told New Zealand media on Wednesday he wanted to address 'innuendo and rumour' about his visit to Samoa in July to celebrate 50 years of the peace corps in the country.

**"Brown -- speaking with his wife, Gail Huff, by his side -- confirmed he was the subject of an official administration inquiry by the US state department, which sent investigators to Wellington to look into what took place on the trip. Brown said the official complaints related to comments he had made at a party in the Samoan capital, Apia, where he told attendees they looked 'beautiful' and could make hundreds of dollars working in the hospitality industry in the US. Brown and Huff said they had 'no idea' the comments would be regarded as offensive.**

**"I was told by my people that you're not Scott Brown from New Hampshire any more, you're an ambassador, and you have to be culturally aware of different cultures and sensitivities," Brown said. "We are in a different culture: even though we all speak English, sometimes when we say one thing it means the complete different thing."**

<http://bit.ly/2yLFQ3P>

**BACK IN THE U.S., THE 30K-FOOT VIEW,** from WaPo's Bob Costa, Phil Rucker and Sean Sullivan: "A pair of Republican senators sounded an alarm Tuesday about President Trump's fitness for office and warned that his actions were degrading and dangerous to the country - an extraordinary breach that threatens his legislative agenda

and further escalates the civil war tearing apart the Republican Party."

<http://wapo.st/2zO2rwC>

**AN AMAZING QUOTE IN AN AMAZING MOMENT:** Sen. Jeff Flake's (R-Ariz.) floor speech yesterday afternoon in the Capitol grabbed all the attention (**video:** <http://bit.ly/2yIzlvB> ... **transcript:** <http://bit.ly/2h6mEpR>). But this quote from the Arizona Republican, in many ways, is even more stunning.

-- **CLIP AND SAVE:** "[Flake] told The Arizona Republic ahead of his announcement that he had become convinced 'there may not be a place for a Republican like me in the current Republican climate or the current Republican Party.' ... 'Here's the bottom line: The path that I would have to travel to get the Republican nomination is a path I'm not willing to take, and that I can't in good conscience take,' ... 'It would require me to believe in positions I don't hold on such issues as trade and immigration, and it would require me to condone behavior that I cannot condone.'" <http://bit.ly/2gGP8cR>

**FLAKE** is saying the political environment is so toxic that it is unconscionable what he would have to do to win. That's the first time we've heard anything like that.

**SEUNG MIN KIM** and **BURGESS EVERETT** interviewed Flake last week, and asked him about rumors he would resign. "Well, if I weren't planning to run I think I wouldn't be having fundraisers every day and making calls. I had Marco Rubio in last week, we have Condi Rice in Thursday, coming into town. Doesn't sound like a campaign winding down."

-- **SPOTTED: FLAKE** walking into Joe's Seafood, a Washington hotspot near the White House, last night. He headed directly upstairs.

**FLAKE WAPO OP-ED, "Enough":** "There is a sickness in our system -- and it is contagious. How many more disgraceful public feuds with Gold Star families can we witness in silence before we ourselves are disgraced? How many more times will we see moral ambiguity in the face of shocking bigotry and shrug it off? How many more childish insults do we need to see hurled at a hostile foreign power before we acknowledge the senseless danger of it? How much more damage to our democracy and to the institutions of American liberty do we need to witness in silence before we count ourselves as complicit in that damage?" <http://wapo.st/2yOKAYB>

**THE BIG PICTURE -- "Trump purges his critics, but the cost could be steep,"** by Alex Isenstadt: "President Donald Trump is squeezing out his enemies in the Republican Party - diminishing the power of the GOP establishment and reshaping his party in his own image. With the looming exits of Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake and Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, come 2019 Trump will have rid himself of his two most outspoken Republican detractors. What happens in the meantime -- Corker and Flake demonstrated Tuesday they are fully emboldened now to take on the president without fear of consequences - could determine the success or failure of the GOP-controlled Congress through the 2018 midterms.

**"But in the short-term, there is no question:** Trump, and his former strategist and now-Breitbart chief Steve Bannon, are winning. The casualty list of Trump critics is bleeding over to the House, where a swelling group of anti-Trump lawmakers from the mainstream wing of the GOP -- including Washington Rep. Dave Reichert, Pennsylvania Rep. Charlie Dent, and Florida Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen -- are ditching their reelection plans. While the circumstances of each departure are unique, the end result is the same. With other establishment-aligned members of Congress eyeing the exits, the president's backers are envisioning 2018 as an opportunity for Trump to steamroll the party establishment, much as he did in 2016." <http://politi.co/2yQOy2M>

## **THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL REALITIES ...**

**-- INDEPENDENT-MINDED CONSERVATIVES ARE OUT.** Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) are retiring. Here's a dose of reality: these two men do not have to worry about immediate political and electoral considerations. That could be very dangerous for Trump.

**-- THE BIG QUESTION SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP IS ASKING: WILL THE MIC DROPPING SPREAD?** What will other Republican senators take away from Flake's mic drop moment? Will this be the start of more senators willing to break with Trump and potentially stymie the entire GOP agenda? Or, will it be business as usual as Republicans concerned with their own self-preservation try to cobble together legislative victories on taxes and DREAMers, while keeping government open before facing the electorate in 2018.

**A SIGN OF HOW MUCH THINGS HAVE CHANGED:** Flake has been among the most conservative Republicans in Congress for years. He votes with the president the vast majority of the time. He sailed into the Senate in 2012, clearing his primary with 69 percent of the vote, and winning the general election by three points. Most expected him to go unchallenged by Republicans for years. But people involved in the race tell us Flake's support completely disappeared after he released his book, "Conscience of a Conservative: A Rejection of Destructive Politics and a Return to Principle." Republicans say they and Flake, himself, knew he was going to lose.

**WHAT'S NEXT -- THE POLITICS:** Republican operatives quickly pivoted to figuring out who can beat Kelli Ward, Steve Bannon's favored candidate, in a primary. Ward has been branded an unhinged conspiracy theorist by many Republicans. Top prospects include Arizona Rep. Martha McSally; former Arizona Rep. Matt Salmon, who retired from politics in 2016; and state treasurer Jeff DeWit, who has said he won't run for reelection in 2018. The NRSC will lead recruitment, but GOP outside groups, including Senate Leadership Fund has already begun touching base with benefactors in Arizona to take their temperature on possible Flake alternatives.

**-- FROM THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC:** "Other names being talked up as possible contenders included former U.S. Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz.; former U.S. Rep. John

Shadegg, R-Ariz.; Jay Heiler, a member of the Arizona Board of Regents; former Arizona Republican Party Chairman Robert Graham; and Maricopa County Attorney Bill Montgomery." <http://bit.ly/2y34joe>

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**A TRULY REMARKABLE WORLD -- IN JUST ONE DAY**, Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, told CNN's Manu Raju (a POLITICO alum) the president has "great difficulty with the truth," and "world leaders are very aware that much of what he says is untrue." He said he was not a role model for children, he would not support him in the next election and he is "debasing" the nation. And that wasn't even the most momentous event of the day. (Big kudos to Manu, who showed how he's one of the best reporters in Washington.)

**SPEAKING OF TRUMP -- NEW POLITICO/MORNING CONSULT POLL: "Poll: Voters see Trump as reckless, not honest,"** by Steven Shepard: "Reckless. Thin-skinned. Not honest. Not compassionate. Not stable. Those aren't just the extraordinary, harsh judgments of President Donald Trump by two retiring, Republican senators on Tuesday - they are also shared by majorities of voters in a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll. Voters' negative views of Trump's character aren't new. They date back to last year's presidential campaign. And Trump's overall approval rating in the new survey - 42 percent approve, 53 percent disapprove - is roughly unchanged over the past few months.

**"More than three-quarters of Republican voters, 77 percent,** approve of the job Trump is doing as president. Indeed, on most of the character questions in this week's POLITICO/Morning Consult poll, majorities of GOP voters side with Trump, even as the broader pool of voters takes a more critical view. The new survey was conducted before Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) sharply criticized Trump on Tuesday for his persona conduct as president.

**"Still, after a week in which Trump** has sparred with the wife and family of an Army sergeant killed in action and been denounced by two high-profile senators in his own party, Trump's negative scores on these questions raise questions about his ability to overcome voter perceptions and turn his presidency around." <http://politi.co/2zOLOAX>

**SCOOP -- THE WHITE HOUSE** has asked agencies to begin assessing their long-term hurricane rebuilding and recovery needs, and expects Congress to pass a **THIRD** disaster spending bill before the year is out. The price tag: in the tens of billions, the administration says. Remember: the Senate cleared a \$36.5 billion disaster spending bill yesterday! Here's the catch: this time, OMB wants Congress to provide spending offsets as part of the disaster relief bill -- a sign that spending billions of dollars constantly is getting expensive, and perhaps politically exhausting. That's going to make this next phase of the process a lot harder.

**BREAKING LATE LAST NIGHT -- "Wall Street wins big as Senate votes to roll back regulation allowing consumers to sue their banks,"** by WaPo's Renae Merle: "Vice President Pence cast a tie-breaking vote late Tuesday to block new regulations allowing U.S. consumers to sue their banks, handing Wall Street and other big financial institutions their biggest victory since President Trump's election."  
<http://wapo.st/2xIyaUg>

**TRUMP** is traveling to Dallas today and will be briefed on hurricane recovery efforts. He will also participate in an RNC roundtable and speak at a fundraiser. **IVANKA TRUMP** will be on Capitol Hill meeting with Senate Republicans and hold an event to push the child tax credit as part of tax reform.

**AP BULLETIN: "Sheriff's spokesman: 2 killed on Grambling State campus":** "A sheriff's spokesman says a student and his friend were fatally shot at Grambling State University [in northern Louisiana] after an altercation that began in a dorm room, and the shooter fled the scene." <http://bit.ly/2i2OUt7>

**DACA DEAL, PART II? -- "Paul Ryan Tells Conservatives DACA Will Be Part Of Spending Deal,"** by HuffPo's Matt Fuller and Elise Foley: "House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) privately conceded to a group of House conservatives on Tuesday that he plans to include a legislative fix for undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children in a year-end spending deal.

**"Asked if he envisioned a December omnibus** spending bill including Cost Sharing Reductions for Obamacare or some sort of solution for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Ryan told leaders of the Republican Study Committee that he didn't believe CSR payments would be part of the deal with Democrats, but that DACA would. 'He did talk about the fact that that would be good if we could get ahead of that as opposed to being reactionary,' RSC Chairman Mark Walker (R-N.C.) told HuffPost Tuesday night." <http://bit.ly/2yI9I8Y>

-- **REPUBLICANS** have signaled that they would like to find a way forward on DACA before the end of the year. Multiple Democrats, including vocal immigration reform proponent Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-Ill.), told us Democrats should withhold their votes on a spending bill if it doesn't include DREAMers legislation. "It's not like we want to close the government, actually we want to keep it open," Gutierrez told us. Calling it a defining moment for Democrats, Gutierrez said Democrats shouldn't "throw the DREAMers under the bus a second time when it is clear that the only way to pass that budget is with Democrats."

**BIG NEWS -- "Clinton campaign, DNC paid for research that led to Russia dossier,"** by WaPo's Adam Entous, Devlin Barrett and Ros Helderman: "The Hillary Clinton campaign and the [DNC] helped fund research that resulted in a now-famous dossier containing allegations about President Trump's connections to Russia and possible coordination between his campaign and the Kremlin, people familiar with the

matter said. Marc E. Elias, a lawyer representing the Clinton campaign and the DNC, retained Fusion GPS, a Washington firm, to conduct the research. After that, Fusion GPS hired dossier author Christopher Steele ... Elias and his law firm, Perkins Coie, retained the company in April 2016 on behalf of the Clinton campaign and the DNC. Before that agreement, Fusion GPS's research into Trump was funded by an unknown Republican client during the GOP primary." <http://wapo.st/2yMSkJY>

-- @maggieNYT: "Folks involved in funding this lied about it, and with sanctimony, for a year".

**ON THE WORLD STAGE -- "Under Trump plan, refugees from 11 countries face additional U.S. barriers,"** by Reuters' Yeganeh Torbati and Mica Rosenberg: "The Trump administration will temporarily delay processing of most refugees from 11 countries identified as high-risk, while resuming refugee admissions for other countries, government officials said on Tuesday. Most of the affected countries are in the Middle East and Africa, according to documents seen by Reuters. The administration also will place on hold a program that allows for family reunification for some refugees resettled in the United States, according to a Trump administration memo seen by Reuters and sent to Congress on Tuesday. The resettling of so-called following-to-join refugees will resume, according to the memo, once screening 'enhancements have been implemented.'" <http://reut.rs/2gHUK6G>

**W.H. REVOLVING DOOR -- "Priebus says he will rejoin his Wisconsin law firm,"** by Josh Dawsey: "Former White House chief of staff Reince Priebus is rejoining his former law firm and signing with the Washington Speakers Bureau, he told POLITICO Tuesday. Priebus ... will return to Wisconsin-based Michael Best and Friedrich LLP as president and chief strategist. He worked there before leaving for the RNC. He will lead the firm's government affairs group, consulting for corporate clients, but Priebus said he will not do any lobbying work and doesn't plan to register as a lobbyist. Priebus also said he won't work for foreign governments.

**"He says he sees his role** as helping clients understand how to make progress with Trump, on Capitol Hill and in government agencies - all people and places he was intimately intertwined with until this summer. ... Additionally, Priebus will give paid speeches on Trump, Capitol Hill and politics in Washington ahead of the 2018 election - and already has events lined up in New York and London, after traveling to South Korea last week for a dinner. He declined to say what his speaking fee is." <http://politi.co/2lfN0Kr>

**2018 WATCH -- "Moore forms fundraising pact with national GOP,"** by Gabe Debenedetti: "Roy Moore has campaigned as Mr. Anti-Establishment. Now, he and the establishment are starting to link up. The Alabama Republican's Senate campaign on Tuesday signed a joint fundraising agreement with the [RNC], [NRSC] and the Alabama Republican Party, according to a filing with the Federal Election Commission. ... Moore has pledged to oppose Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, among other things. But the fundraising pact is a formal behind-the-scenes step by the establishment to

support Moore, after unsuccessfully spending millions to defeat him in Alabama's primary." <http://politi.co/2gCrDOx>

**IMPORTANT READING -- "Senior military officials sanctioned for more than 500 cases of serious misconduct,"** by USA Today's Tom Vanden Brook: "Since 2013, military investigators have documented at least 500 cases of serious misconduct among its generals, admirals and senior civilians, almost half of those instances involving personal or ethical lapses, a USA TODAY investigation has found.

**"Many cases involve sex scandals, including a promiscuous Army general** who led a swinging lifestyle, another who lived rent-free in the home of a defense contractor after his affair fell apart and another who is under investigation for sending steamy Facebook messages to the wife of an enlisted soldier on his post. Yet despite the widespread abuses, the Pentagon does no trend analysis to determine whether the problem is worsening, nor does it regularly announce punishments for generals and admirals - all public figures, USA TODAY has found. Senior officers found to have been involved in adulterous relationships, a violation of the military's code of justice, have been reassigned with no public notice and allowed to retire quietly, in some cases with full honors." <https://usat.ly/2z75lzH>

## THE JUICE ...

-- **JEREMY ADLER**, formerly of America Rising Squared and Marco Rubio's presidential campaign, is joining Speaker Paul Ryan's political operation as communications director. He starts Nov. 1.

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: AL FRANKEN** and **SARAH SILVERMAN** discuss the 2016 DNC Convention and introduce the next episode of her show, "I Love You, America." <http://bit.ly/2lemH7H>

--**LATE NIGHT BEST -- STEPHEN COLBERT** interviewed **JAKE TAPPER** last night -- Tapper told him: "Sen. Jeff Flake today said that there's going to be a reckoning. People are going to look back at this year and say what were you doing? It's not McCarthyism, but it's something else, all the indecency and all these lies. What did you do during that time? It's something I think about all the time as an interviewer and as a broadcaster. It's important. There aren't two sides when it comes to the truth. There's one side: the truth." **10-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2yJn13S>

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) walks on to the Senate floor in Capitol Hill on Oct. 24 after announcing he won't seek re-election in 2018. | Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

**BEN WHITE** talks to **SENATE MINORITY LEADER CHUCK SCHUMER** in the latest "POLITICO Money" podcast: **"Schumer takes hard line with Trump on taxes"**: "Chuck Schumer has shown he's willing to cut deals with President Donald Trump. But the Senate minority leader says Democrats will take a hard-line approach with the White House on taxes - and everything else -- until Trump's GOP-only approach hits a dead end.

**"There is a path forward, but only after this tax bill fails,"** Schumer says in a new 'POLITICO Money' podcast to be released Wednesday. 'The hard right, which cares so much about just reducing taxes, has a stranglehold on the Republican Party right now. And I don't think they'll give it up unless this bill fails.' While Schumer has an odd-couple friendship of sorts with Trump, the Senate Democratic leader says it's a purely transactional relationship. 'I think he likes to talk to me because I'm a New Yorker,' Schumer said in the interview in his Manhattan office. 'We're both direct. We're both blunt. I tell him what I think.'" <http://politi.co/2gHBAXU> ... ***Listen to the full podcast*** <http://bit.ly/2zNUGqF>

**WSJ: "Former Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort Faces Another Money-Laundering Probe,"** by Erica Orden and Nicole Hong: "The Manhattan U.S. attorney's office is pursuing an investigation into possible money laundering by Paul Manafort, said three people familiar with the matter, adding to the federal and state probes concerning the former Trump campaign chairman. The investigation by the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York is being conducted in collaboration with a probe by special counsel Robert Mueller into Mr. Manafort and possible money laundering." <http://on.wsj.com/2z56O9w>

**IVANKA ABROAD - "Ivanka Trump Japan-bound for speech,"** by CNN's Betsy Klein: "Ivanka Trump is heading to Japan next week, where she will deliver a speech at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. On Friday, November 3, the first daughter and adviser to President Donald Trump will discuss women's participation in the economy and women's entrepreneurship at the World Assembly for Women 2017, according to a White House official. The annual conference is hosted by the government of Japan and is part of Abe's efforts to create a 'society where women shine,' according to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website." <http://cnn.it/2yRtY2t>

**BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- "Sought by U.S. Marshals, Rivera pops up in Fla. Capitol, chats with legislators,"** by Marc Caputo and Matt Dixon in Tallahassee: "The U.S. Marshals say they can't find former Miami Rep. David Rivera to serve him with a Federal Election Commission lawsuit tied to a campaign finance conspiracy that led to two criminal convictions. But all the feds have to do is be in the state Capitol on Tuesday, where the scandal-plagued Republican was admitted to the Florida Senate floor to rub elbows with former colleagues ... Asked if he knew the marshals were looking for him ... Rivera expressed ignorance of the FEC lawsuit. 'I don't know what you're talking about.'" <http://politi.co/2h6u24z>

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safer ways to deliver energy to America. We're piloting a program that uses drones, HD imaging, and thermal mapping capabilities to monitor Chevron wells, tanks, and miles of pipeline. Watch the video: <http://politi.co/2yJ1zLd> \*\*\*\*\*

**MEDIAWATCH -- "Leon Wieseltier acknowledges 'misdeeds' with female colleagues,"** by Michael Calderone: "A company backed by Laurene Powell Jobs, the philanthropist and widow of Steve Jobs, severed ties with former New Republic literary editor Leon Wieseltier after learning of 'past inappropriate workplace conduct,' the company said in a statement. Wieseltier, who commandeered the back-of-book at the New Republic for three decades, was to helm a new journal for Emerson Collective, which is backed by Powell Jobs, who recently agreed to acquire the majority of The Atlantic magazine. The first issue of the magazine, Idea, was expected to run this month. The staff, which included veteran editor and literary critic Adam Kirsch, has been let go.

**"Wieseltier ... acknowledged that he engaged** in behavior with female colleagues that left them feeling 'demeaned,' and offered an apology. 'For my offenses against some of my colleagues in the past I offer a shaken apology and ask for their forgiveness,' Wieseltier said in a statement. 'The women with whom I worked are smart and good people. I am ashamed to know that I made any of them feel demeaned and disrespected. I assure them that I will not waste this reckoning.' 'And I am profoundly sorry to my extraordinary collaborators at the journal we began together that the misdeeds of my past have made it impossible to go forward.'" <http://politi.co/2y5rKs3>

**--"Laura Ingraham Is Ready to Rev Up Fox News ,"** by NYT's Mike Grynbaum in Scottsdale, Ariz.: "Laura Ingraham landed here in a private jet and climbed into a waiting S.U.V., accompanied by her personal assistant, a publicist, and a single piece of luggage. ... She was on her way to speak at a fund-raiser for Kelli Ward ... Next week, Ms. Ingraham, 53, will take over one of the most coveted slots on cable television: 10 p.m. on Fox News. ... Fox News hosts are not usually allowed to stump for candidates, but Ms. Ingraham was granted an exception because her show had not yet begun. ... In law school at the University of Virginia, she drove a Honda hatchback with the license plate 'FARRGHT.'" <http://nyti.ms/2i3ncfX>

**--"Bill O'Reilly Dropped by Talent Agency After \$32M Settlement Reveal,"** by the Hollywood Reporter's Marisa Guthrie and Jeremy Barr: UTA "on Monday evening informed the former Fox News host that it would no longer be representing him when his agreement with the company expires at the end of the year. ... 'Bill has already lined up new representation,' O'Reilly's representative, Mark Fabiani, said Tuesday in a statement to THR. Fabiani would not reveal which agency has signed O'Reilly." <http://bit.ly/2yLSaAU>

**--"Bloomberg has opened a huge new Norman Foster-designed HQ in London,"** by Business Insider's Sam Shead: "Bloomberg has opened a new £1 billion European headquarters in London with enough space for over 4,000 staff. The 1.1 million sq ft site - based in two buildings joined by bridges - is located between the Bank of England and

St Paul's Cathedral in London's famous Square Mile. ... The office was opened by Bloomberg's billionaire founder and CEO, Michael Bloomberg, on Tuesday." **With 18 pix on one page** <http://read.bi/2gH1OQL>

## Playbookers

**SPOTTED:** Bill Murray eating dinner at the Dabney last night ... Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) on yesterday's 3 p.m. Acela from New York to DC (Rudy got on at Penn Station and the senator got on at Newark). Menendez said hello to the former mayor, according to a tipster ... Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke at RPM Italian late last night.

**TRANSITIONS -- Tori Barnes** has been hired as SVP of government relations at the U.S. Travel Association. She most recently was executive director of federal affairs at GM.

**SPOTTED** at 21st Century Fox's World Series kickoff watch party last night at Due South in Navy Yard: Reps. Luis Gutiérrez (D-Ill.), Jimmy Gomez (D-Calif.), and Tony Cardenas (D-Calif.) (in a Dodger blue T-shirt), MPAA CEO Charlie Rivkin, Fox News' Ed Henry and Todd Thorpe with News Corp. Guests got a look at Fox Sports' new virtual reality app before the game 1 broadcast game kicked off.

**SPOTTED** at a reception held by Kountoupes Denham Carr and Reid last night at 101 Constitution to celebrate new partners Julie Hershey Carr and Randi Reid and mark 10 years of the firm: Lisa Kountoupes, Lori Denham, Sen. Chris Coons (D-Conn.), Sen. Gary Peters (D-Mich.), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Sen. Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-Pa.) and Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-Wash).

**BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday):** Republican strategist David Ferguson turned 32 ... CQ Roll Call's Kellie Mejdrich (hat tip: Eli Yokley)

**BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Louis Burgdorf** of MSNBC's "Morning Joe". **How he's celebrating:** "I will be celebrating my birthday with my gorgeous wife Claire and our new puppy Artie. We are going to go to one of our favorite Italian spots in New York called Bar Pitti. The Rigatoni Pitti is always worth it, and the owner Giovanni will always greet you in Italian with a 'Ciao, come stai', even when he knows you can't respond!"  
**Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2y2FeK1>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Rob Porter (h/t Sean Spicer) ... James Carville is 73 ... Nate Hodson ... Gordon Johndroe, VP of comms for gov't operations at Boeing, is 43 (h/t Phil Musser) ... Geoff Burr, DOT chief of staff ... CBS's Jan Crawford ... Politico's Bill Kuchman ... Bryan DeAngelis, director at Kivvit, is 35 ... Debora Pignatelli ... Patrick Butler, president and CEO of America's Public Televisions Stations, is 68 ... JPMorgan VP Irene Baker ... Stefano Giustiniani is 59 ... Brian DeBose ... Sam Dulik, MBA student at Stanford ...

Curtis Jablonka ... Adam Ukman ... Nick Iacono ... Bush 43 WH alum Margaret Reid Windham ... Ed Barron, partner at Greenberg Traurig ... Josh McElveen, head of comms for Dartmouth Hitchcock and WMUR alum (h/t Liz Johnson) ... Dan Guando, president of production at Bloom (h/t Nadia Szold) ... Gary Regenstreif, executive editor at S&P Global Market Intelligence ...

... **Charles Chamberlain**, Democracy for America's executive director ... Qorvis vice chairman Chuck Conconi ... Kendall Evans Heath ... Samantha Bisogno, comms manager for gov't affairs at the Ocean Conservancy ... Trey Hodgkins, SVP for the public sector at ITI (h/t Jose Castaneda) ... Joe Christinat, spokesperson at Nasdaq and Politico junkie ... Dr. Martin L. Hopp ... Phil McNamara, Obama DHS alum (h/t Todd Breasseale) ... Eric Anthony ... Lauren Dunn ... Lon Deckard ... Aaron Saunders ... Richard Goldstein ... Corey Weaver ... Alisha Prather ... Jeremy Redmon is 46 ... Jeff Pace ... Garrison McMurtrey ... Matt LoParco ... Russell Pandres ... Michelle Woltd ... Kiki Setterlund ... Juliet Reed ... Bill Purcell (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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