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Driving the Day

Good Thursday morning. PLAYBOOK EXCLUSIVE: NADEAM ELSHAMI, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's chief of staff, is leaving Capitol Hill to join SIGNAL Group as executive vice president. The veteran communicator is expected to be involved in the firm's communications and lobbying operation. Elshami, who worked his way up the ranks from the Senate mailroom, spent 25 years on Capitol Hill, including more than 10 years for Pelosi. He also worked as senior communications adviser and spokesman to Sen. Dick Durbin, communications director for Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Illinois and deputy press secretary for former Sen. Barbara Boxer of California.

"Nadeam's deep insight and effectiveness has been a vital part of our Caucus' unity throughout his time as Chief of Staff, especially during critical battles to protect the Affordable Care Act, Wall Street Reform and other landmark progress for working families," Pelosi said in a statement.

DANNY WEISS, former long-time chief of staff to former Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), is returning to Capitol Hill to serve as Pelosi's new chief of staff. Weiss currently works as vice president for federal policy and director of the Washington regional office for Common Sense Media. The transition will take place the week of Sept. 18.

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- PAUL RYAN and JOHN BOEHNER TO FUNDRAISE TOGETHER IN GREEN BAY -- Speaker Paul Ryan and former Speaker John Boehner are holding a joint fundraiser at the Green Bay Packers vs. Cincinnati Bengals game Sept. 24 in Green Bay. If you want to attend the tailgate and the game it will set you back \$10,000 -- just the tailgate will cost \$1,000. **PDF of the invite** <http://bit.ly/2elHda6>

THE AFTERMATH OF THE TRUMP-SCHUMER-PELOSI ALLIANCE ...

-- **"GOP livid after Trump cuts deal with Democrats:** Congressional Republicans say the move will only embolden Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi in future talks," by Burgess Everett, Rachael Bade and John Bresnahan: "In the aftermath, Republicans seethed privately and distanced themselves publicly from the deal. They were left to hope that Trump's collaboration with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi was a temporary dalliance, and not the new MO for the president. ... 'A three-month debt ceiling? Why not do a daily debt ceiling?' cracked Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho). 'He's the best deal-maker ever. Don't you know? I mean, he's got a book out!' ... White House officials apologized to congressional leaders after the meeting, according to a GOP source on Capitol Hill. But the damage was done." <http://politi.co/2vOhaJO>

-- **"Trump's flirtation with Democrats makes Republicans nervous about 2018:** GOP worries about whether Trump will be a reliable force for the midterms," by Josh Dawsey and Burgess Everett: "Trump's aides have teamed up with the [NRSC] to target vulnerable Democrats and plan presidential travel to help the GOP maintain its congressional majorities during the elections that are 14 months away. White House officials, particularly political director Bill Stepien and legislative affairs head Marc Short, have had regular conversations with aides at the NRSC ... Internally, Trump officials have discussed the president taking trips to 10 states to push tax reform and attack Democrats in states where Trump enjoys wide support. Before he left the White House, former chief strategist Steve Bannon had also plotted with other White House officials about 'tough votes' for Democrats - and how to make them happen, a Bannon ally said." <http://politi.co/2wL3aO6>

FOR THE RECORD ... None of the president's usual allies -- in or out of the White House -- is defending this deal to us. Marc Short said on Air Force One that the president was trying "clear the decks" for tax reform. We mentioned that comment to a member of the House Ways and Means Committee -- the panel charged with a tax-code rewrite -- who said that was a "real head scratcher." How does setting up a bunch of deadlines at the end of the year help with getting tax reform done ... by the end of the year?

WSJ EDITORIAL BOARD: "The Pelosi-Schumer-Trump Congress: The Republican gang that can't even shoot at each other straight." <http://on.wsj.com/2xRv3Ez>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- MARC SHORT is meeting with members of the House Freedom Caucus today.

-- **WAPO'S BOB COSTA: "Freedom Caucus leaders vent to Paul Ryan after talks with Steve Bannon":** "Ryan heard out three members of the influential conservative group: Reps. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), and Scott Perry (R-Pa.), the people said. Meadows is the chairman of the Freedom Caucus, which counts about three dozen members, and he has been a friend and ally of Bannon for years." <http://wapo.st/2wJepsd>

-- **TOP TWEETS:** **@EWErickson:** "When [Boehner] cut a deal with Obama on the debt ceiling, conservatives tossed him. Trump cut one with Pelosi and it's Paul Ryan's fault? WTF?" ... **Josh Barro (@jbarro):** "Trump may have hit on an insight: If Republican voters will like him no matter what, he can become popular by doing whatever Democrats want." ... **@PatrickSvitek:** "Cruz on Trump, circa 2016: 'He'll go and cut a deal with Chuck Schumer ... and Nancy Pelosi.'"

TRUMP is dining with Speaker Paul Ryan tonight, just a day after the president tossed Ryan, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, House and Senate Republicans under the bus.

BULLETIN at 6:22 a.m.: "NEW YORK (AP) - Amazon opens search for second headquarters, to spend more than \$5 billion and add as many as 50,000 jobs."

BEHIND THE SCENES -- THE CONFUSION IN THE DEBT-CEILING DEAL ...

-- **WHEN DONALD TRUMP** and Hill leaders left the White House Wednesday, they thought they had a deal, whether they liked it or not: a three-month extension of government funding, a three-month hike of the debt ceiling and a pile of Harvey aid. **BUT THERE'S A LOT OF CONFUSION AND A QUIET TIFF THAT'S ERUPTED ON THE HILL.** Typically, the Treasury secretary can use what we call "extraordinary measures" to extend the debt limit beyond its projected deadline. The government can, for example, temporarily stop investing in the Civil Service Retirement Disability Fund. This is a standard tactic aimed at buying more time for Congress to get its act together.

Some Democrats are telling us they thought the Dec. 15 deadline was firm -- and no extraordinary measures could be used. They want a hard deadline in the middle of December, not a debt limit in January or February. While Republicans -- and, quietly, some Democrats -- say Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin should be allowed to manage the debt by pushing the deadline off using those measures. Many Republicans and Democrats say it would be irresponsible for Congress to handcuff the administration. **WILL THIS BLOW UP THE DEAL?** Eh, we don't think so. But it needs to be resolved. Every indication we've gotten is that Mnuchin will be allowed to use these measures.

HOW TO THINK ABOUT THE TRUMP-SCHUMER-PELOSI DEAL -- Capitol Hill was a bit of a mess yesterday after this deal was cut at the White House. But both sides agree that Republicans got nothing out of this deal. Trump accepted Democrats' first offer, and now the party deep in the minority has the opportunity to use the must-pass bills in December to pressure Trump and Republicans to do pretty much whatever they want.

TRUMP is hosting the entire Cabinet at Camp David this weekend -- scoop from CNN's Kaitlan Collins: "CNN has learned that the President will host the members of his Cabinet at the secluded government-owned retreat in Maryland starting Friday. They are expected to discuss a wide range of issues, spanning from the administration's

legislative strategy for tax reform to the growing nuclear crisis in North Korea.

"A source familiar said because of logistics and limited lodging space, half of the Cabinet will travel to the 125-acre retreat on Friday and stay overnight. The rest of the Cabinet will travel there on Saturday, when a full Cabinet meeting will take place. The first half of the Cabinet will then return back to Washington Saturday while the second half stays the night and returns Sunday." <http://cnn.it/2xRDsb5>

WE HEAR that Steve Bannon sat down with Charlie Rose for three hours yesterday for the Sunday "60 Minutes" piece. Two sources involved in the interview told us Bannon vociferously defended the Trump administration and the president. **PORTIONS OF THE INTERVIEW** will air this morning on "CBS This Morning."

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THE LATEST ON HURRICANE IRMA -- AP's Danica Coto and Anika Kentish in San Juan: "Hurricane Irma has killed at least eight people and injured 23 in French Caribbean island territories as the dangerous Category 5 storm roared over the Caribbean, France's interior minister said Thursday. Speaking on French radio France Info, French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said the death toll in Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthelemy could be higher because rescue teams have yet to finish their inspection of the islands. ...

"Irma blacked out much of Puerto Rico, raking the U.S. territory with heavy wind and rain while staying just out to sea, and it headed early Thursday toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti. To the east, authorities struggled to get aid to small Caribbean islands devastated by the storm's record 185 mph (298 kph) winds earlier Wednesday, while people in Florida rushed to get ready for a possible direct hit on the Miami area. ... Nearly every building on Barbuda was damaged when the hurricane's core crossed almost directly over the island early Wednesday and about 60 percent of its roughly 1,400 residents were left homeless, Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne told The Associated Press." <http://bit.ly/2wKtgkg>

--AP/SAN JUAN: "French President Emmanuel Macron will go to the islands hit by Hurricane Irma as soon as weather conditions permit, after authorities announced at least eight people died on Saint-Martin. Macron's office said Thursday that the president will travel to France's Caribbean territories 'as soon as possible' once immediate rescue operations are complete. The president of the territorial council, Daniel Gibbs, said on Radio Caraibes International that Saint-Martin is '95 percent destroyed.'" <http://bit.ly/2gNcGfP>

ALL IN THE FAMILY -- "Trump says Ivanka asked to tag along on tax reform trip - 'Daddy, can I go with you?'" by Nolan McCaskill: <http://politi.co/2f5bVuI>

SORRY GARY -- "President Trump Unlikely to Nominate Gary Cohn to Become Fed Chairman," by WSJ's Mike Bender, Harriet Torry and Nick Timiraos: "President Donald Trump is unlikely to nominate Gary Cohn, his top economic adviser, as the next Federal Reserve chairman, according to people familiar with the president's thinking, adding to the uncertainty over the U.S. central bank's leadership and policies next year. Mr. Trump told The Wall Street Journal in July that he was considering Mr. Cohn as a potential successor to Fed Chairwoman Janet Yellen, whose term as central bank chief expires in early February. ...

"The shift in Mr. Cohn's prospects for the top Fed job arises largely from his criticism of Mr. Trump's response to the violence in Charlottesville, Va. ... Mr. Trump has told people that he is impressed with Ms. Yellen, leaving them with the sense he might ask her to serve another term. ... Mr. Cohn may have doomed his chances for the top Fed job with comments he made to the Financial Times last month ... One White House official said the president visibly bristles at the mention of his economic adviser."

<http://on.wsj.com/2gMD09C>

MATT NUSSBAUM -- "Trump's favorite dodge: 'We'll see': Whether asked about war with North Korea or canning his aides, the president has often deployed this verbal tic": "Again and again on Wednesday - 11 times in total, before 1 p.m. - President Donald Trump deployed some form of his favorite dodge: 'We'll see.' ... Whether he's facing an uncomfortable question, trying to keep some mystery around his future plans, or simply filling up verbal space, Trump has frequently thrown out the phrase 'we'll see' when facing a barrage of questions from reporters. He's used the verbal tic on topics big and not-as-big - from whether the U.S. will go to war with a nuclear North Korea, to whether Steve Bannon would be ousted from the West Wing." <http://politi.co/2eNJR25>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Behind North Korea's Nuclear Advance: Scientists Who Bring Technology Home," by WSJ's Jeremy Page and Alastair Gale in Harbin, China: "When North Korea tested what it said was a domestically produced hydrogen bomb on Sunday-a week after launching its 18th ballistic missile of the year-it was a reminder of a conundrum at the heart of the country's nuclear program. How has it advanced so rapidly despite concerted international efforts to keep weapons-related technology out of its hands?

"The answer may lie in expertise brought home by North Korean scientists who studied abroad, especially in China, sometimes in apparent violation of 2016 United Nations sanctions that ban teaching North Koreans certain subjects. Hundreds of North Korean scientists have studied outside the country in recent years, according to a Wall Street Journal review of official figures, academic papers and data from universities, many in areas the U.N. says could help Pyongyang's weapons programs."

<http://on.wsj.com/2vOeV9b>

THE LATEST ON RUSSIA -- "Russian firm tied to pro-Kremlin propaganda advertised on Facebook during election," by WaPo's Carol D. Leonnig, Tom Hamburger and Rosalind S. Helderman: "Representatives of Facebook told

congressional investigators Wednesday that the social network has discovered that it sold ads during the U.S. presidential campaign to a shadowy Russian company seeking to target voters, according to several people familiar with the company's findings.

"Facebook officials reported that they traced the ad sales, totaling \$100,000, to a Russian 'troll farm' with a history of pushing pro-Kremlin propaganda, these people said. A small portion of the ads, which began in the summer of 2015, directly named Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton, the people said, although they declined to say which candidate the ads favored. Most of the ads, according to a blog post published late Wednesday by Facebook's chief security officer, Alex Stamos, 'appeared to focus on amplifying divisive social and political messages across the ideological spectrum - touching on topics from LGBT matters to race issues to immigration to gun rights.'" <http://wapo.st/2f65ojr>

THE JUICE ...

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: THE REPUBLICAN MAIN STREET PARTNERSHIP**, the outside group which has supported the "governing wing" of the GOP, is expanding its footprint, starting a group inside the Capitol. The group voted Wednesday to start the Republican Main Street Caucus, a group that aims to be one of the large caucuses inside the House of Representatives alongside the RSC, Freedom Caucus and Tuesday Group. Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Ohio) will chair the group until the end of 2018.

The group will be focused on economic and national security issues. The partnership, as it exists on the outside, has 75 members, but lawmakers need to sign up to be a member of the caucus. **WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?** The Republican Main Street Partnership has dough to spend to elect its members. Having a bloc inside the Capitol could help them stand out.

-- **DEPT. OF DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!**: -- The NRCC today is releasing a digital ad campaign titled "**The House at Work.**" "There are so many things that we have actually done in the House that people just don't know about," Paul Ryan says in the video. The NRCC is spending five figures on the buy. **1-min. video** <http://bit.ly/2f5LGob>

--**SPOTTED: COREY LEWANDOWSKI** and **ROBERT DRAPER** deep in conversation over dinner last night at Joe's Stone Crab -- **pic** <http://bit.ly/2eIPScM>

PLAYBOOK ON THE ROAD WINNERS! - CONGRATS to Tara Mancini, policy manager at The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, who took a photo in Cancun, Mexico. ... Travis Ballie, organizer at NARAL Pro-Choice America, who took a pic off the Southern Coast of Iceland. ... Jake Rubin, director of PR for the American Gas Association, who took his picture in Paradise Valley, Arizona. **Check out Matt Sobocinski's wrap up video** <http://politi.co/2wKTCCQ>

HAPPENING TODAY -- The latest "Playbook University" event is happening today at Georgetown University. Join us at 4:15 p.m. as Jake and Anna talk with GU Politics'

newly-minted fellows class at their annual open house. #PlaybookAtGU
<http://bit.ly/2g6HHel>

PLAYBOOK AT UNGA -- Join us Sept. 18 and 19 in New York for the 2017 Concordia Annual Summit. Sorry the registration links did not work in yesterday's Power Briefing. **RSVP for Anna's talk with Tim Phillips and David Axelrod** <http://bit.ly/2wETVIt> ... **RSVP to the Playbook Global Briefing** <http://bit.ly/2gGAdey> ... **The summit** <http://bit.ly/2xQgiSj>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer speaks to President Donald Trump in the Oval Office prior to his departure from the White House on Sept. 6. | Alex Wong/Getty Images

THANKS, VLAD! -- Reuters/Vladivostok, Russia: "Vladimir Putin took a jab at Rex Tillerson on Thursday, joking that the U.S. Secretary of State had 'fallen in with the wrong company' since he had awarded him a Russian state honor for his contribution to Russian-U.S. relations. ... Addressing a U.S. citizen at a plenary session of an economic forum in the far eastern city of Vladivostok, Putin said: 'We awarded your compatriot Mr. Tillerson the Order of Friendship, but he seems to have fallen in with the wrong company and to be steering in the other direction.' 'I hope that the wind of cooperation, friendship and reciprocity will eventually put him on the right path,' Putin added, drawing cheers from the crowd." <http://reut.rs/2xd0wnn>

SCOOP -- "Buried in backlog, Feds give top-secret clearances to murderers, rapists," by McClatchy's Tim Johnson: "Under a crushing backlog in the issuing or renewing of security clearances, federal authorities have given interim clearances to people they later discovered were murderers and pedophiles, a senior government official said Wednesday. 'This is very, very dangerous,' said Daniel E. Payne, head of the Defense Security Service, a federal office that oversees the granting of temporary clearances. ... 'I've got murderers who have access to classified information. I have rapists. I have pedophiles. I have people involved in child porn,' Payne said. 'This is the risk we are taking.'" <http://bit.ly/2j5jk1O>

-- **"Hundreds of EPA Workers Leave in Recent Days,"** by WSJ's Timothy Puko: "Nearly 400 workers have left the Environmental Protection Agency in recent days, the agency said Tuesday, a wave of departures that soon could take the agency's staffing to its lowest point in almost 30 years. ... 'We're giving long-serving, hardworking employees the opportunity to retire early,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said." <http://on.wsj.com/2gNuM1b>

TRUMP WORLD -- "Michael Cohen Would Take a Bullet for Donald Trump: In

advance of his congressional testimony, Trump's personal lawyer wants the world to know that his loyalty to the president is deep and unwavering, and then some. 'I'd never walk away,' he says," by Vanity Fair's Emily Jane Fox: "The part that's most disappointing is that I haven't spoken to the president in several weeks. I haven't spoken to Melania or any of the kids,' Michael Cohen, Donald Trump's longtime lawyer and confidante, lamented to me last week. It was a Friday morning and Cohen was biting into eggs over easy and dry seven-grain toast at a coffee shop in Water Mill, the hamlet of Southampton, which was sandwiched between a Tracy Anderson studio and a farmers' market, and near his vacation home.

"It was the unofficial last weekend of summer, and while the diners around us discussed their upcoming boat trips or blueprints for new houses, Cohen was facing a more pressing, and public, summons. As one of several figures under scrutiny in an F.B.I. and congressional investigation into purported links between the Trump campaign and Russia, Cohen was preparing to testify before the House Intelligence Committee." <http://bit.ly/2glQMXt>

VANITY FAIR - "How Will History Judge the Trump Presidency?": "Donald Trump may be a radical break from the past, but history will have its say. Six scholars of the presidency -- A. Scott Berg, Robert Dallek, Jon Meacham, Edmund Morris, Stacy Schiff, and Garry Wills -- put the current occupant of the Oval Office into perspective." <http://bit.ly/2eN640c>

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2020 WATCH -- "Pro-Israel group slams Booker in new ad," by Gabe Debenedetti: "The first attack ad of the 2020 election cycle has landed. The conservative Committee for Israel nonprofit group is launching a television broadside against Democratic New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker on Wednesday, assailing him for voting against a measure that would scale back funding to the Palestinian Authority." <http://politi.co/2wIUoBQ> ... **The ad** <http://bit.ly/2xd6btL>

ROLLING STONE on SEN. KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D-N.Y.) -- "How Kirsten Gillibrand Is Outsmarting Donald Trump": <http://rol.st/2xODwbu>

HAPPENING TODAY - BETSY DEVOS is delivering a "major policy address" on Title IX enforcement today at GMU's Arlington campus. CBS News correspondent Jan Crawford will sit down with her right after the speech for an interview for "CBS Evening News" and Friday on "CBS This Morning."

HILLARY CLINTON on Anthony Weiner via The Daily Beast's Gideon Resnick: "When Clinton describes Comey's last-minute announcement in October about the discovery of what appeared to be additional emails in the final days of the campaign, she writes about him with even more malice. 'Was this a bad joke?' she writes. 'It had to be. The FBI wasn't the Federal Bureau of IFs or Innuendos. Its job was to find out the facts. What the hell was Comey doing?' Upon learning more about the news, and its link to disgraced former congressman Anthony Weiner, his wife and close Clinton adviser Huma Abedin burst into tears, Clinton writes. 'When we heard this, Huma looked stricken,' she writes. 'Anthony had already caused so much heartache. And now this.' 'This man is going to be the death of me,' [Abedin] said, bursting into tears."
<http://thebea.st/2wJzWAV>

-- "**Democrats dread Hillary's book tour,**" by Isaac Dove and Gabe Debenedetti: "President Donald Trump may be the only person in politics truly excited about Hillary Clinton's book tour. Democratic operatives can't stand the thought of her picking the scabs of 2016, again - the Bernie Sanders divide, the Jim Comey complaints, the casting blame on Barack Obama for not speaking out more on Russia. Alums of her Brooklyn headquarters who were miserable even when they thought she was winning tend to greet the topic with, 'Oh, God,' 'I can't handle it,' and 'the final torture.'"
<http://politi.co/2gMSk68>

SPEAKING OF HILLARY -- PHILIPPE REINES, who is writing a book about his time working as a consigliere for Clinton and his views of the Trump presidency, in POLITICO Magazine, "**What I Learned From Playing Donald Trump:** My three months of immersive debate prep taught me being Trump means never having to face the consequences of your actions": "[T]he one thing that stood out more than anything, and hasn't been adequately explored even now, is that Trump has never paid the price for his actions. I couldn't find even one instance. He didn't pay taxes. Nothing. He didn't pay creditors. Nothing. He didn't pay contractors. Nothing. I'd even argue he came out for the better. He skipped out on his debts, but kept the planes, the helicopters, the penthouses and properties. If you go bankrupt once and there are no consequences, why not do it three more times? Same with his personal life. He betrayed and publicly embarrassed his first wife-the mother of his eldest three children-in spectacular fashion. No matter-he simply got a second wife (with whom he betrayed his first)."
<http://politi.co/2vNZP3y>

JACK SHAFER in POLITICO Magazine, "**This Pro-Hillary Website Looks Like North Korean Agitprop:** Peter Daou, the prickly pro-Clinton operative, has launched a propaganda rag so shameless it would make Kim Jong Un blush: "As Daou's Verrit manifesto puts it, the site hopes to become the trusted source for the 65.8 million voters who cast their ballots last November for Clinton and who seek verified 'facts' they can use to argue politics. ... The headline to one early Verrit borrows from the literary methods of Kim Jong Un's North Korea to assert, 'Hillary Democrats Are the Heart and Conscience of America.' Does anybody outside of the Daou re-education camp really think this way?" <http://politi.co/2e11a00>

NEW NATION COVER STORY - "The Department of Justice Is Overseeing the Resegregation of American Schools: A major investigation reveals that white parents are leading a secession movement with dire consequences for black children," by Emmanuel Felton: <http://bit.ly/2gJ9vCj> ... **The cover** <http://politi.co/2wKSGhN>

MEDIAWATCH -- MICHAEL CALDERONE returns to POLITICO - Carrie Budoff Brown emails the staff: "We're excited to announce that Michael Calderone, one of the best known and most respected media writers in the business, is joining POLITICO - rejoining, we should note - to be senior media writer and author of our Morning Media column. Michael has covered all of the top media stories of the last decade, first for The New York Observer, then POLITICO and since 2011 at The Huffington Post. ... Michael will ensure that Morning Media remains a source of fresh scoops and analysis for the most sophisticated media consumers; he will also help us build out the brand with more live events and video."

-- **MAGGIE HABERMAN** in NYMag, "**How I Do It**": "On convincing people to talk to her: 'I don't know how I do it. I'm annoying, and I won't stop contacting them. I was a bartender for four years, and that was the best training that I had for learning how to approach people.'" <http://bit.ly/2gNfHwK>

-- **KRISTEN WELKER** is featured on the cover of Philadelphia Weekly, her hometown weekly alternative paper. **The cover** <http://bit.ly/2gHyxRZ> ... **Q&A:** <http://bit.ly/2f4QsIV>

--**JONATHAN LEMIRE**, AP White House reporter, has joined NBC News and MSNBC as a political analyst (h/t Morning Media).

-- **JAY SURES**, who represents many top political TV journalists, has been named co-president of United Talent Agency.

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Megyn Kelly last night at Off the Record ... Montana Sen. Jon Tester (D) in a baseball cap with his son Sean walking down H Street NE yesterday evening.

SPOTTED at Rich Taylor's ESA farewell party last night at Baby Wale: Dan Hewitt, Christian Genetski, Jonathan Lamy, David Green, Ed Desmond, Ingrid Sanden, Michael Meehan, Mark Wallace

WHITE HOUSE ARRIVAL LOUNGE -- Daniel Bucheli has accepted the national press secretary position at the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the Executive Office of the President. He most recently was comms director and deputy chief of staff for Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.).

TRANSITIONS -- Dave Hoppe, the former chief of staff to Speaker Ryan, has joined 38

North Solutions as a senior principal. ... **Phil Perry** has joined Asna Creative Strategy as vice president of client services. Perry previously led digital corporate and public affairs campaigns at Adfero and Burson-Marsteller and advised multiple political campaigns. ... **Reed Galen** has joined the Serve America Movement as chief strategist. ... Societe Generale de Banque au Liban has hired **Daniel Glaser**, former Treasury Assistant Secretary for Terrorism Finance, as senior adviser. ...

... VOX Global has promoted **Carey Tarbell** to general manager, and **Mike Marker** to managing director. ... Kountoupes Denham Carr & Reid (KDCR Partners) has named **Julie Hershey Carr** and **Randi Reid** as its new partners as the firm marks its 10th anniversary this year.

ENGAGED -- Liz Goodwin, reporter for Yahoo News, got engaged over Labor Day weekend to **Labib Fawaz**, a data scientist at Booz Allen. "He proposed on a walk on the beach in Tulum ... We met a few months before I was asked to move from NYC to DC to cover Congress. Lots of Amtrak/megabus miles before he was able to move here in June!" **Pic** <http://politi.co/2wa8zfP>

HAPPY 4th ANNIVERSARY to Bennett and Lindsey Richardson

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Lizzi Ulmer, who does comms for DAGA (hat tip: Ashley Pratte)

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Kate Andersen Brower, author of "First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies" and "The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House," a CNN contributor and former Bloomberg WH correspondent. **What she's reading:** "I just finished 'The Glass Castle' by Jeannette Walls and it's a wonderful read. She describes these horrific things that happened to her growing up and she somehow writes about them with a sense of humor. And Harry Truman's memoir, '1945: Year of Decisions.' He's remarkably honest and I think the book shows the loneliness of the presidency." **Read her Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2xQZt9W>

BIRTHDAYS: Maralee Schwartz ... Peggy Noonan ... Joe Klein ... WaPo photojournalist Bill O'Leary ... Mark Whitaker ... Jim Mahoney, longtime public-policy exec at Bank of America ... Gayle Tzemach Lemmon ... Chris Padilla, VP of gov't and regulatory affairs for IBM and former under Secretary of Commerce in Bush 43 (h/t Scott Kamins) ... Politico Europe's Zoya Sheftalovich ... Robert Blizzard, partner at Public Opinion Strategies ... Fentress Boyse (h/t sister Natalie) ... photojournalist Katie Orlinsky ... Laura Edwins, social media editor at Bloomberg Business ... Amb. Stuart Holliday, president and CEO of Meridian International Center ... Meredith Raimondi ... BuzzFeed's Zoe Tillman ... iHeartMedia's Bryan Watkins ... Eric Kanter, Seth Moulton's senior policy adviser, who will be celebrating with both FlyWheel and Funfetti (h/t Matt Corridoni) ... Gabby Friedman, who works on gov't relations at The Gap (h/t Alex Catanese) ...

... **Rafael Lemaitre**, founder and principal strategist at Third Way Strategies and a FEMA alum (h/ts Cameron Hardesty and Katie Green) ... Robin Reck, managing director of the Incite Agency and senior director at Bully Pulpit Interactive (h/t Marshall Cohen) ... Mary Jeka, SVP and general counsel at Tufts ... Ren Zheng, IT wizard (h/ts Jon Haber) ... John Michael Walker ... Rep. Ryan Costello (R-Pa.) ... Nick Ciarlante ... Craig Higgins ... Matthew Grill ... Derrick Dockery ... Johan Propst ... Eric Martin ... Sam Stefanki ... Elizabeth Fox ... Matt McCluskey ... David Grant ... Meg Peterson ... Gregory Petzold ... Janelle Kovacevich ... Michael Coritsidis ... Philip Watson ... Jeff Schrade ... Brandon Rettke ... Rob Engle ... Glenn Carlson ... Sheila Cochran ... Cheryl Parker Rose ... Joan Silver ... Vince Walsh (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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