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## Driving the Day

**Good Thursday Morning. WE HEAR** that Sean Spicer's private media tour in New York is continuing through the end of the week. ***N.Y. Post on Spicer's post-government gig hunting*** <http://pge.sx/2u0SfwK>

-- **HADAS GOLD** and **TARA PALMERI**: "Two sources tell POLITICO that ABC's 'Dancing With the Stars' has expressed interest in Spicer joining the show, in which celebrities are paired with professional dancers and compete with one another. The New York Post first reported on the reality TV show's interest in Spicer on Wednesday. Spicer did not respond to a request for comment. An ABC spokesperson said: 'We don't comment on casting.'"

**"Separately, multiple sources told POLITICO Spicer met in New York** on Wednesday with ABC's news division, CBS, NBC and Fox. Some were conversations pertaining to a contributor-style position while others were just get-to-know-you sessions, according to people familiar with the meetings." <http://politi.co/2v0zvSK>

**GOOD WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT -- BIG LORRAINE WOELLERT SCOOP:**  
**"Scaramucci still stands to profit from SkyBridge from the White House:** The newly named White House communications director has earned millions from ownership stake since last year, according to his financial disclosure": "The incoming White House communications director earned \$4.9 million from his ownership stake in SkyBridge in addition to more than \$5 million in salary between Jan. 1, 2016, and the end of June, when he joined the Export-Import Bank, according to a financial disclosure filed with the Office of Government Ethics. ... In his disclosure, Scaramucci listed assets worth as much as \$85 million. He has several real estate investments, including single-family

rental homes on Long Island. A minority stake in the New York Mets is worth as much as \$5 million. He also is an investor in Juice Press, a chain of snack and smoothie shops in the Northeast." <http://politi.co/2u1gDhT> ... **The financial disclosure** <http://bit.ly/2w2mCo1>

-- **@Scaramucci** : "In light of the leak of my financial disclosure info which is a felony. I will be contacting @FBI and the @TheJusticeDept #swamp @Reince45". **This tweet was later deleted**

-- **@RyanLizza**: "In case there's any ambiguity in his tweet I can confirm that Scaramucci wants the FBI to investigate Reince for leaking."

-- **NOT SO, SAYS SCARAMUCCI: @scaramucci**: "Wrong! Tweet was public notice to leakers that all Sr Adm officials are helping to end illegal leaks. @Reince45".

-- **DOJ SPOX SARAH ISGUR FLORES** at 10:39 p.m.: "I was watching Hannity's segment with Anthony Scaramucci [on Wednesday night] and have this comment on leaks: 'We have seen an astonishing increase in the number of leaks of classified national security information in recent months. We agree with Anthony that these staggering number of leaks are undermining the ability of our government to function and to protect this country. Like the Attorney General has said, 'whenever a case can be made, we will seek to put some people in jail,' and we will aggressively pursue leak cases wherever they may lead.'"

**FOR THE RECORD**, Scaramucci's financial disclosure is a public document that is released through official channels upon request.

**WHAT DONALD TRUMP IS READING** -- Reps. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.), Mike Johnson (R-La.) and Andy Biggs (R-Ariz.) are asking the "House Judiciary Committee to direct an investigation into former FBI Director James Comey's management of Hillary Clinton and her emails."

**ABOUT LAST NIGHT ...** -- **@RyanLizza**: "Scoop: Trump is dining tonight w/Sean Hannity, Bill Shine (former Fox News executive), & Anthony Scaramucci, per 2 knowledgeable sources".

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**TRUMP'S THURSDAY -- POTUS** is meeting with H.R. McMaster at 11 a.m. and participating in a ceremony honoring first responders to the shooting of Steve Scalise at 3 p.m. The rest of the day is blank.

**SCHUMER'S HEALTH CARE PLAY -- "Dems to GOP: No amendments until you show us your bill,"** by Seung Min Kim: "Senate Democrats are taking their ball and

going home in the looming health care vote-a-rama - until Republicans finally cough up their actual Obamacare repeal plan. Fed up with the GOP's constant vacillations over how to dismantle Obamacare, Democrats say they will hold back on offering any more amendments in the health care floor fight until Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) shows what plan the GOP will ultimately coalesce around. 'Democrats are not going to participate in this one-sided and broken process,' announced Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) Wednesday evening. 'Once the majority leader shows his hand, reveals what his bill will actually be, Democrats will use the opportunity to try and amend the bill.'" <http://politi.co/2uz3PTh>

**ONE SENIOR REPUBLICAN AIDE** noted that "during reconciliation Senators can offer zero or 100 amendments. Dems declaring they won't offer amendments is basically taking their ball and going to the sideline. It doesn't affect anything. ... In fact, all it does it show how unserious they are about participating. Hours will continue to be burned and we will keep voting."

-- **THE SCHEDULE: @phil\_mattingly:** "The Senate will gavel in at 10am Thursday. About 10 hours of debate left on the health care clock. First amendment votes @ 2:30pm" ... First (and so far only) amendment on deck: @SteveDaines 'Medicare for All' proposal - i.e. effort to force Dems to take a tough vote".

**GET SMART FAST -- "'Skinny' repeal could have big ramifications for Obamacare markets,"** by Paul Demko: "Senate Republicans are hoping a 'skinny' repeal bill can solve their stalemate over dismantling Obamacare. But this partial Obamacare repeal - which is gaining steam in the Senate - could destabilize already wobbly Obamacare insurance markets, make premiums jump and increase the number of uninsured by millions, health policy experts say. ... Killing the individual mandate would take away the primary mechanism that helped build the Obamacare insurance markets. The CBO estimated 16 million fewer people would have coverage in a decade without the individual mandate tax penalty in place, based on an analysis requested by Senate Democrats." <http://politi.co/2uzjl1F>

-- **WHY A WORRIED REPUBLICAN WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE SKINNY REPEAL**  
: The pitch from Republican leadership is this: vote for the skinny repeal so the House and Senate can move to a formal health care negotiation. But a negotiation between the House and Senate will be thorny: there is disagreement on changes to many things, including changes to Medicare. If you vote for the skinny repeal and end up with a negotiated product you don't like a few weeks or months later, it could be politically perilous.

-- **BURGESS EVERETT, SEUNG MIN KIM and JEN HABERKORN: "'Skinny' Obamacare repeal still lacks votes to pass: A bare-bones plan picks up some key GOP support, but centrists and conservatives are skeptical":** "Even a bare-bones repeal of Obamacare is no sure thing in the Senate. A handful of key Republican senators who had spurned earlier overtures from GOP leadership endorsed the latest plan to gut Obamacare's individual and employer coverage mandates and its medical device tax.

But several centrists said they're undecided on the so-called skinny repeal, leaving the GOP in limbo through at least the end of the week. ...

**"Centrist GOP Sens. Rob Portman of Ohio and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia** were undecided on the so-called skinny repeal Wednesday. Another Republican from an expansion state, Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada indicated he would back it. ... Conservatives could be another matter. 'I don't like it,' Sen. David Perdue of Georgia said of the process. 'Because I don't know where we end up. This whole [health care system] holds together or falls apart in totality. We've got a system that is collapsing.'" <http://politi.co/2v1sWPs>

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**TAX REFORM BY AUGUST? NOT SO FAST -- "White House adviser clashes with Mnuchin over tax plan,"** by Nancy Cook: "The White House is eager to present a unified front on tax reform, but those leading the effort inside the administration haven't been able to bridge deep fissures over how much to cut taxes and the best way to pay for it. The White House's top tax staffer, Shahira Knight, who works for Gary Cohn at the National Economic Council, has feuded in the last few months with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and other Treasury officials, according to a senior administration official and four other people familiar with their interactions. This comes as the administration and congressional leaders prepare to unveil a broad-brush tax proposal, weeks ahead of schedule, as a way to pivot from the grinding debate over health care - and to show movement on an issue significant to the business community before Congress adjourns for its August recess.

**"Yet many key outstanding questions remain,** including how low the corporate tax rate can go -- a major focus of the president who wants it at 15 percent -- and what if any tax benefits or breaks lawmakers will need to eliminate to pay for cuts. These trade-offs are part of what makes tax reform difficult. No businesses, or individuals, like to see any particular tax break eliminated and tend to mobilize when their goodie is threatened. Figuring out how to balance the many competing interests at play have been the focal point of Knight's disagreements with Treasury - and a foreshadowing of Republicans' challenges with any tax overhaul." <http://politi.co/2uEKGhh>

**SESSIONS WATCH -- "Trump talks privately about the idea of a recess appointment to replace Sessions,"** by WaPo's Carol D. Leonnig, Ashley Parker, and Philip Rucker: "President Trump has discussed with confidants and advisers in recent days the possibility of installing a new attorney general through a recess appointment if Jeff Sessions leaves the job, but he has been warned not to move to push him out because of the political and legal ramifications, according to people briefed on the conversations. ... Two of those people, however, described Trump as musing about the idea rather than outlining a plan of action ... Several people familiar with the discussions said that Trump's fury peaked over the weekend and that he and Sessions

now seem to be heading toward an uneasy detente." <http://wapo.st/2tF4FuJ>

-- **"Allies Warn Trump of Conservative Revolt Unless He Backs Off Sessions,"** by NYT's Peter Baker and Jennifer Steinhauer: "For a week, some of President Trump's top aides have tried to talk him down from his public campaign against Attorney General Jeff Sessions. It was exposing tensions within the administration, stirring consternation with the conservative base and setting off a revolt among Senate Republicans incensed over the treatment of a former colleague. Among those urging Mr. Trump to spare Mr. Sessions have been Reince Priebus, the White House chief of staff; Stephen K. Bannon, the president's chief strategist; and Donald F. McGahn II, the White House counsel, according to officials who asked not to be named describing internal deliberations." <http://nyti.ms/2tLvhyu>

--**FOR THE RECORD, NO NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL BE CONFIRMED --**  
**@chuckgrassley:** "Everybody in D.C. Shld b warned that the agenda for the judiciary Comm is set for rest of 2017. Judges first subcabinet 2nd / AG no way".

**FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES -- "Sessions' powerful friends stand up to Trump,"** by Josh Gerstein and Josh Dawsey: "South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham was among Sessions' most vocal defenders Wednesday, when he seemed to almost be taunting the president, suggesting that his failure to fire Sessions showed weakness, while also hinting that the impact of such a move could be catastrophic for Trump's presidency. ... Several Republican senators have reached out directly to Sessions and told him to stay put, expressing their frustrations with his puzzling situation, according to a person with knowledge of the contacts.

**"Sessions has basically mused** back to them he doesn't understand it either - but that he won't quit at the moment. The senators view Trump's treatment of their former colleague as 'offensive' ... Some GOP senators also fear that if Trump pushes out Sessions, the results could be dire for the president. Such a development might lead to mass resignations at the Justice Department and it might be impossible to find a majority in the Senate to confirm a replacement for Sessions." <http://politi.co/2v0ZQ2w>

**POLITICO'S TY COBB INTERVIEW -- "Trump's newest Russia lawyer: 'I think very highly' of Mueller,"** by Darren Samuelsohn: "President Donald Trump is exasperated with the Russia probes that have overwhelmed his first six months in office, but his newest White House lawyer is looking to make nice with the president's main investigator - at least for now. 'I have a very respectful and professional relationship with Bob Mueller. I think very highly of him,' Ty Cobb, who starts Monday in a West Wing office as White House special counsel, said in an interview.

**"Cobb, a prominent Washington** white-collar lawyer who in the 1990s represented several Democrats under investigation during the Clinton era, was hired in part to help spearhead the internal Trump White House effort to respond to the expanding Russia

investigations by Congress and special counsel Mueller. ... In preparation for his arrival next week, Cobb met Wednesday with White House Communications Director Anthony Scaramucci. Both men are new to the Trump team and both answer directly to Trump. ... It's possible that he'll speak on television and on the record with reporters.

**"I'll certainly provide** background willingly when appropriate, but will work primarily with the comms staff and try to make sure the message is accurate and not confusing and let them run with those kind of things,' Cobb said. 'I'm there to be a professional,' he added. 'And it's not about me. But I need to give the president good advice. and I need to make sure that anything we're asked to do at the White House and related to any of these investigations that we do well and on time.'" <http://politi.co/2tF2yHy>

**FOR YOUR RADAR -- "GOP moves toward solution on Russia sanctions bill,"** by Elana Schor: "House and Senate Republicans clashed Wednesday over a bipartisan package of sanctions targeting Russia, Iran, and North Korea before appearing to resolve a dispute that threatened to delay the bill's arrival on President Donald Trump's desk. ... But further political headaches for the GOP appeared to be averted Wednesday night, when [Sen. Bob] Corker announced that he had reached agreement with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) on a solution that would pave the way for final approval of the sanctions bill. 'Going forward, the House has committed to expeditiously consider and pass enhancements to the North Korea language, which multiple members of the Senate hope to make in the very near future,' Corker said in a statement Wednesday night." <http://politi.co/2tDuU4K>

-- **"AP sources: U.S. seeks to test Iran deal with more inspections,"** by Josh Lederman and Matt Lee: "The Trump administration is pushing for inspections of suspicious Iranian military sites in a bid to test the strength of the nuclear deal that President Donald Trump desperately wants to cancel, senior U.S. officials said. The inspections are one element of what is designed to be a more aggressive approach to preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. While the Trump administration seeks to police the existing deal more strictly, it is also working to fix what Trump's aides have called 'serious flaws' in the landmark deal that - if not resolved quickly - will likely lead Trump to pull out." <http://bit.ly/2h5gpVB>

**YIKES** -- BuzzFeed's Cora Lewis, Dominic Holden and Nancy Youssef: "At the Pentagon, the first of the three tweets [on Trump's transgender decision] raised fears that the president was getting ready to announce strikes on North Korea or some other military action. Many said they were left in suspense for nine minutes, the time between the first and second tweet. Only after the second tweet did military officials receive the news the president was announcing a personnel change on Twitter." <http://bzfd.it/2u0J1AQ>

**FUN READ - KATIE GLUECK in McClatchy, "Inside the Trumps' Instagram obsession":** "Eric Trump was Making America Great Again at his father's New Jersey golf club just as United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley crammed onto a couch with a gaggle of her 'sweet friends' and the sunglasses-clad Trump surrogate Katrina Pierson

reminisced about the days before politics forced her out of her car and into an Uber. Or, so said their Instagram feeds. If President Donald Trump's favorite form of social media is Twitter, the outlet of choice for many of his relatives, campaign boosters and even a Cabinet member is Instagram, the photo-sharing app owned by Facebook.

**"People in Trump's orbit** -including several of his children-use Instagram to highlight television appearances and tout the president's luxury properties. ... [T]hese social feeds closely say the Instagram accounts offer a glamorous glimpse into the president's inner circle and his ritzy enclaves, providing routine reminders of the days when 'Trump' was more closely associated with celebrity than the White House. The feeds are a nonstop stream of fodder for a clamoring, adoring Instagram fan base that doesn't seem to mind the disconnect between that Trumpian lifestyle and that of the president's working-class base." <http://bit.ly/2tFvu25>

## THE JUICE ...

-- **MARK PRESTON** and **CHRIS FRATES** are getting get their own SiriusXM shows. **FRATES** will take over "Politics Inside Out" and it will be renamed "Politics Inside Out with Chris Frates." **PRESTON**, the executive editor for CNN Politics, will have a new show called "Full Stop with Mark Preston." Preston's new show debuts Saturday at noon, and reairs Sunday at 1 p.m. "My goal with "Full Stop" is to provide listeners with an opportunity to step off of the breaking news wheel for one hour a week to hear interesting stories from compelling people in politics and pop culture," Preston told us. **ON THE DEBUT EPISODE** : Dana Bash and Gloria Borger. In the coming weeks he'll have Rep. Will Hurd (R-Texas) and George Shultz. ***The promo for Preston's show*** <http://bit.ly/2v02QvV>

-- **KANSAS GOV. SAM BROWBACK** has been officially nominated as ambassador at large for religious freedom. He had been rumored to be up for the position for weeks. He gave his first interview to J.C. Derrick of WORLD Magazine. <http://bit.ly/2h529wd>

-- **MICHAEL DUFFY** will be on "Morning Joe" this morning at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the new Time Magazine cover story, "The Anti Antidepressant". **See the cover:** <http://bit.ly/2tKrH7H>

## Playbook Reads

**FOGGY BOTTOM WATCH -- "Tillerson faces fights on eliminating envoys,"** by Nahal Toosi: "As Secretary of State Rex Tillerson moves to restructure the State Department, he wants to slash dozens of positions known collectively as special envoys - ambassadors-at-large, coordinators and others who deal with specific issues such as food security, labor and LGBT rights. ... [But] a slew of critics have emerged to protest. Jewish organizations and many lawmakers are furious that Tillerson hasn't yet named a new special envoy to combat anti-Semitism. Digital gurus are unhappy that Tillerson

may chop the slot focused on cyber issues. Tillerson's attempt to discard the special envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan spurred such an outcry among South Asia watchers that he went ahead and named someone to the role temporarily."

<http://politi.co/2tExQ1e>

### **JEFF FLAKE PROFILE - MCKAY COPPINS in The Atlantic, "Jeff Flake's Gamble:**

The Arizona Republican is betting his Senate seat on the political appeal of decency-but can that pay off in Trump's America?": "In 2013, Flake was part of the bipartisan 'Gang of Eight,' which helped pass a comprehensive immigration-reform bill in the Senate (it died in the House). He recalled for me his deep personal frustration watching Trump and his fellow Republicans make naked appeals to 'nativist sentiment' last year. When Kaine traveled to Florida and in fluent Spanish praised the patriotism of newly naturalized citizens, 'I almost cried,' Flake said. 'I just thought, *That should be us. That was us, and now it's not.*' ...

**"When I visited Flake** and his wife, Cheryl, in his office on Capitol Hill the day after the shooting, he looked drained. Resting his head on the back of his armchair, he recounted the preceding 24 hours in a quiet, halting voice. 'It was a long day,' he said, glancing at Cheryl. 'Just-I'm just glad to be here.' He seemed to view the episode as a grim validation of his worst fears about the country. 'The deterioration of political discourse in general aids this,' he said. 'When we ascribe motives to our opponents, that they are evil, then we've almost given license to extreme behavior.'" <http://theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/01/jeff-flake-senate-seat/418117/>

### **THE NEXT TURN OF THE SCREW -- "Lawyers for Brady, rival rebut claims of illegal campaign payoff,"**

by the Philadelphia Inquirer's Jeremy Roebuck, Chris Brennan and Tricia L. Nadolny: "U.S. Rep. Robert Brady's lawyer pushed back Wednesday against federal prosecutors' claims that the congressman secretly paid a political rival \$90,000 to drop a bid to unseat him in the 2012 Democratic primary. Scoffing at the depiction of the money as a covert payoff, attorney James Eisenhower said that the funds were intended in part to acquire exclusive rights to valuable polling data from the primary challenger, Municipal Court Judge Jimmie Moore.

**"But almost as if they had anticipated that explanation,** government lawyers shot back in a court filing made public for the first time Wednesday. At the time Brady bought the data, they said, the poll in question was irrelevant, outdated, and contained information that the congressman had already had his possession five months before his campaign cut the checks. What's more, wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric L. Gibson, the price Brady paid was twice what it cost Moore to commission the survey." <http://bit.ly/2uZnJDq>

### **THE IVANKA BEAT -- "Trump Administration Tapping Tech CEOs for STEM Policy Approach,"**

by Bloomberg's Margaret Talev: "White House officials including Ivanka Trump have begun an outreach campaign to major technology, business and education leaders including Laurene Powell Jobs and Apple's Tim Cook for advice on shaping funding approaches to science, technology, engineering and math education in U.S. public schools. ... [O]n Wednesday [she] joined Reed Cordish, the president's special

assistant for technology initiatives, on a conference call with politicians, educators and CEOs to discuss STEM education, according to two people with knowledge of the call. Other participants on the roughly hour-long call included Lockheed Martin CEO Marillyn Hewson; Accenture North America's CEO Julie Sweet, Microsoft President Brad Smith; Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and representatives from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Stanford, MIT and Broward County, Florida, Schools."

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

**WEST COAST WATCH -- "The cannabis candidate: Gavin Newsom dominates donations from a growing industry aiming for influence,"** by L.A. Times' Ryan Menezes and Maloy Moore: "California will soon have open sales of recreational marijuana, and it needs to decide how to regulate its newest cash crop. Hoping to influence those decisions, the cannabis industry is seeking access to the state's political leaders. One candidate in 2018's open race for governor is actively inviting their support. ... Cultivators, retailers and others have given Newsom's campaign more than \$300,000 ... As part of his aggressive fundraising drive, Newsom has become the first California gubernatorial candidate to solicit large sums from the cannabis industry - far eclipsing his rivals." <http://lat.ms/2tLt5qG>

**MEDIAWATCH -- "Matt Drudge is firing warning shots at Trump, and that should worry the president,"** by CNN's Oliver Darcy: "Matt Drudge has been in the White House an awful lot these days - 'all the time,' as one senior administration official puts it. He's met with President Donald Trump, spent time with Ivanka Trump, and doled out advice to Jared Kushner. ... [He] has been one of Trump's most ardent supporters since Trump announced his candidacy. ... But ... lately Drudge has appeared irked by Trump and his White House, frustrated with the president's inability to carry out the ambitious agenda he campaigned on. ... Over the past several weeks, Drudge's website has covered the White House with a more critical eye, more frequently drawing attention to news not exactly flattering to the president." <http://cnnmon.ie/2h4oTMF>

## Playbookers

**SPOTTED:** Wilbur Ross trotting through the House press gallery yesterday with his security detail to use the men's room ... Chris Wallace last night at the West End Bistro ... Tom Perez sitting behind the Brewers dugout last night and getting scolded by the usher for putting his feet up ... Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham and former Speaker John Boehner last night dining at Trattoria Alberto - **pic** <http://bit.ly/2uz5hoD>

**OUT AND ABOUT --** Scott Mason, Jeff Freeland and Mackenzie Smith of the original Trump congressional campaign team hosted a happy hour for members and staff at Stanton & Greene last night. **SPOTTED:** HHS Secretary Tom Price, Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), and Steve Palazzo (R-Miss.), Seth Appleton, Michael McAdams, Andrew Cooper, Andrew Smith, Tom Qualtere, Mark Gruman, Bill Tighe, Jonathan Hayes, Al Lytton.

--**BIPARTISAN HAPPY HOUR -- Pool report:** "On the roof at Bar Deco, Hoosier GOP and Dem staffers from the office of VP Pence, Sens. Donnelly and Young, and RNC and DNC [did] their part to return to regular order. The happy hour started after the 2010 elections when Republican and Democratic staffers from Indiana decided to 'bury the hatchet' and start hanging out together." **SPOTTED:** Mark Lee, Katie Wall, Lindsay Jancek, the pride of Fort Wayne, Joel Riethmiller, Adam Shifriss, Nick McGee, Jodi Richardson, Andrew Terp, Adrienne Watson, Elizabeth McWhorter, Erica Bordador.

**TRANSITIONS - Kim Ford** has been promoted to be SVP and head of gov't affairs at FirstData. She first started with the company in 2004. ... Michael Auslin is joining the Hoover Institution to be their inaugural Williams-Griffis fellow in contemporary Asia, focusing on Asian political and security issues, especially related to China and Japan. He was previously an associate professor of history at Yale and is an AEI alum. ... **Kate Geldaker**, deputy director of congressional affairs at the National Telecommunications & Information Administration, is moving to Alaska Airlines to do government affairs, based in DC. Geldaker is a Klobuchar and Begich alum. ...

... **Andrew Gray** has been promoted to be JPMorgan Chase's chief external communications officer of global finance, corporate technology and operations. The three year veteran of JPMC previously led media relations for a number of the bank's corporate groups. ... **Lauren Huston** is leaving Capitol Hill after four years on the Senate Commerce Committee and House Judiciary. She will pursue a J.D. full time at Catholic University's Columbus School of Law. ... **Brianna Manzelli** is the new press secretary and digital director on Senate Commerce. She most recently was on the press team at the RNC.

**WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Erin Oldfield**, director of comms at Howard Consulting Group, and **Kyle McGettigan**, database manager at LHK Partners, welcomed Lyra Joy Oldfield McGettigan, who "has the best hair," according to her mom. **Pic**  
<http://politi.co/2tEtqqZ>

**BIRTHMONTH (was last Monday):** Emma Loop, the other Canadian half of BuzzFeed News in D.C. (hat tip: Erin Gee)

**BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Cecilia Muñoz**, VP of policy and technology and director of the New America National Network and former director of the Obama WH Domestic Policy Council. **A fun fact about her:** "I used to speak a lot of Spanish in the West Wing office now occupied by Stephen Miller. Lots and lots of Spanish. It's still in the walls." Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2h5fK6B>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Priscilla Painton, executive editor at Simon & Schuster and a WaPo and Time alum ... FusionGPS' Neil King, a WSJ alum ... Andy Spahn ... BuzzFeed News' Paul McLeod, likely celebrating by sequestered in the Senate reporting on health care (h/t Erin Gee) ... DOT spox Allison Moore ... Jeremy Berkowitz, privacy counsel for Deloitte, is 34 ... Natalie Raabe, comms maestro at The New Yorker (h/ts Adrea Piazza

and Erica Hinsley) ... Susan Durrwachter ... former Commerce secretary Don Evans is 71 ... Rep. William Lacy Clay (D-Mo.) is 61 ... Rep. Dave Brat (R-Va.) is 53 ... Rep. G.T. Thompson (R-Pa.) is 58 ... Jeremy Adler, comms director at America Rising Squared, is 25 (h/ts Colin Reed and Ryan Williams) ... Parag Khanna is 4-0 ... David Spielfogel ... Lauren Durham ... Sarah Feinberg, finance manager for WaPo ... Amy Tilley ... SIFMA's Bo Ollison ... Aaron Lichtig is 37 ... Johanna Persing, RNC's director of media affairs/surrogates (h/t Ryan Mahoney) ... Georgie Whatmore, business development manager for AtlanticLIVE and an NBCUniversal alum (h/t Patrick Garrigan) ...

... **Jonathan Strong**, an alum of National Review and Roll Call ... Morning Chalk-Up publisher Justin LoFranco, a Team Issa, McCarthy, Romney and RNC alum, is 31 (h/ts Kurt Bardella) ... Sean Savett, press secretary for Sen. Duckworth and an O'Malley alum, is (h/ts fiancé Taylor and cousin Dan) ... Salvatore Colleluori ... Morgan Shoaff ... PJ Wenzel ... Jeremy Deutsch, COS for House Republican Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers ... Juan Mejia of CGCN Group (h/t Ali Swee) ... Nicholas Barnabò ... Saumitra Thakur, president of College-100 ... Sofia Gerard ... Andrew Grossman, who just started as a consultant at Bain and is a WSJ alum ... Alex Wirth, co-founder of Quorum ... Ben Rothenberg is 35 ... Ed Cohen ... Maya Goines ... Elizabeth Arledge ... Ellen Daniels ... Jamie Sullivan ... Phong Ngo ... Heather Piedmont ... Gaurav Parikh ... Pamela Reeves Kilian Fox ... Susan Phalen ... Suzanne Hanas ... Paul Caron is 6-0 ... Dennis Lewis ... Tim Kirby ... Carrie Ann Alford ... Diana Allen ... Terry Gouette ... Katie Wheelbarger ... Sally Adams ... Degee Wilhelm (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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