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BULLETIN -- "Eighth person in Trump Tower meeting is identified," by WaPo's Roz Helderman: "An American-based employee of a Russian real estate company took part in a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting between a Russian lawyer and Donald Trump Jr., bringing to eight the number of known participants at the session that has emerged a key focus of the investigation of the Trump campaign's interactions with Russian.

"Ike Kaveladze's presence was confirmed by Scott Balber, an attorney for Emin and Aras Agalarov, the Russian developers who hosted the Trump-owned Miss Universe pageant in 2013. Balber said Kaveladze works for the Agalarovs' company and attended as their representative. Balber said Tuesday that he received a phone call from a representative of Special Counsel Robert Mueller over the weekend requesting the identity of the Agalarov representative, which he said he provided. The request is the first public indication that Mueller's team is investigating the meeting."

<http://wapo.st/2u4JmnE>

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW -- THE REPEAL EFFORT IS NEARLY DEAD -- SEN. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO (R-W.VA.) is signaling she will not vote to begin debate on the House's Obamacare repeal and replace bill, but she's leaving herself some wiggle room. "My position on this issue is driven by its impact on West Virginians. With that in mind, I cannot vote to repeal Obamacare without a replacement plan that addresses my concerns and the needs of West Virginians." **SEN. SUSAN COLLINS (R-MAINE)** is a no on the motion to proceed. **SEN. LISA MURKOWSKI (R-ALASKA)** also is a no on moving ahead.

IF THIS HOLDS, this process is dead -- for now.

SENS. ROB PORTMAN (R-OHIO) and **DEAN HELLER (R-NEV.)** say they are undecided at the moment. **SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-ARIZ.)** is in Arizona recovering from surgery. **SENS. JERRY MORAN (R-KAN.)** and **MIKE LEE (R-UTAH),** who came out as nos last night together, will vote for the motion to proceed. ***The latest from Seung Min Kim, Burgess Everett and Jen Haberkorn*** <http://politi.co/2tb7VOI>

-- THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAY: If you're a nervous Republican, there's no point in

voting for the motion to proceed because it could lead you down a path you might not want to go down. For example, if a senator votes for the motion to proceed and that leads to a repeal of Obamacare, he or she could be blamed for voting to repeal Obamacare -- even if he or she didn't.

THIS IS A BIG MOMENT -- Since this seems like it's dead, **SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL (R-KY.)** will have to go back to the drawing board and figure out how to get something to the floor. He might be forced to hold hearings, drawing this process out even more.

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- THE HOUSE FREEDOM CAUCUS is going to begin putting pressure on Speaker Paul Ryan to bring up the bill the Senate is considering immediately. Their thinking: it would put pressure on the Senate to get in line.

PRESIDENT TRUMP says he was "disappointed" about health care. His plan, per pooler Ben Jacobs of The Guardian: The plan is "to let Obamacare fail, it will be a lot easier. And I think we're probably in that position where we'll let Obamacare fail. We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are going to come to us."

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENTS ON THE PROCESS -- @realDonaldTrump at 7:53 a.m.: "We were let down by all of the Democrats and a few Republicans. Most Republicans were loyal, terrific & worked really hard. We will return!" ... **at 7:58 a.m.:** "As I have always said, let ObamaCare fail and then come together and do a great healthcare plan. Stay tuned!" ... **at 9:15 a.m.:** "With only a very small majority, the Republicans in the House & Senate need more victories next year since Dems totally obstruct, no votes!" ... **at 9:26 a.m.:** "The Senate must go to a 51 vote majority instead of current 60 votes. Even parts of full Repeal need 60. 8 Dems control Senate. Crazy!"

-- **HEY, MR. PRESIDENT:** Nothing under consideration right now needs 60 votes.

DRUDGE BANNER -- "MOST UNPRODUCTIVE CONGRESS IN 164 YEARS"

ANOTHER TRUMP PRIORITY FALTERS -- HAARETZ'S BARAK RAVID: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told French President Emmanuel Macron in their meeting Sunday that he was skeptical about the peace efforts being made by U.S. President Donald Trump, diplomatic sources familiar with the conversation told Haaretz. During the meeting in Paris, Macron told Netanyahu that he supports Trump's efforts and that the settlement-building plans that Israel has advanced in the past six months have made an already complicated situation that much harder, the sources said."

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

Good Tuesday afternoon. Jake and Anna talked to the great Bob Schieffer for his podcast with CSIS' Andrew Schwartz. **Listen** <http://bit.ly/2uFhd9Q>

FOGGY BOTTOM WATCH -- "U.S. levies new Iran-related sanctions," by Jake Lahut: "The U.S. is pursuing sanctions against 18 individuals and other entities for supporting Iran's ballistic missile program and other factors, including Iran's 'egregious human rights record,' the State Department announced Tuesday. The new sanctions follow the administration's announcement Monday that it had informed Congress that Iran continues to abide by the terms of the nuclear deal." <http://politi.co/2tCN3iF> ...
State's statement on the new sanctions <http://bit.ly/2uw402A>

TRUMP INC. -- "Is the presidency good for Trump's business? Not necessarily at this golf course," by WaPo's David Fahrenthold and Rob Kuznia: "For two years, Donald Trump has been running a first-of-its-kind American experiment. Can one man be the face of a polarizing political movement and a successful hospitality business? ... But in Los Angeles County, the experiment doesn't seem to be going well. Since Trump entered the presidential race in June 2015, revenues from greens fees at the L.A. club has dropped by 13 percent, according to figures from the city government.

"Charity golf-tournaments, another core piece of the club's business, have moved away: ESPN relocated its celebrity tournament. The L.A. Galaxy soccer team withdrew. The L.A. Unified School District also moved, forfeiting a \$7,500 deposit it had already paid Trump's course. Hollywood, another source of revenue for the club, has largely stopped coming to film TV shows and movies, according to city permit records. And the club's wedding business seems to have been affected as well. Couples used to hold big outdoor ceremonies at a city park across the street, then return to Trump National for a reception. Nobody's done that since November, according to city records.

"The troubles at the L.A. club mirror those that have been reported at some other Trump properties. Together, they illustrate an unexpected side effect of the presidency: In some cases, it has proven a challenge to sell the president's brand, without offering proximity to the presidency itself." <http://wapo.st/2vyj7p0>

BUT, BUT, BUT-- "Trump Properties Are Already Profiting Off Republican Campaigns," by BuzzFeed's Tarini Parti and Jeremy Singer-Vine: "BuzzFeed News has identified at least \$293,000 in spending from Republican campaigns and committees on Trump businesses after Trump was elected to the White House. The bulk of the spending was from Trump's re-election campaign, but other Republican committees shelled out about \$72,000, based on FEC data made public this week. The spending from House Republicans and party committees appears to be mostly for fundraisers held at Trump properties. The total does not include spending between April and June from Senate campaigns, which do not file their reports electronically, and from certain committees that file monthly and have yet to report their June spending." <http://bzfd.it/2u5TPAF>

MUST SEE TV -- @jonathanwald: "Exclusive. @ChrisChristie 1st interview since that day at the beach, the Russia bombshells, and GOP Health Care meltdown live 4pm @msnbc."

AFTERNOON READING -- NICK HANAUER in POLITICO Magazine, "To My Fellow Plutocrats: You Can Cure Trumpism: Pay your workers a decent wage and maybe you can stave off the pitchforks that are still coming": "I find myself in deep disagreement with almost everyone I talk to about Trump and Trumpism. I firmly believe that Trump, by himself, is not the problem. Indeed, the left's maniacal focus on Trump confuses cause with effect. Yes, Trump is a manifestation of a serious civic sickness. But treating the symptom by removing Trump won't cure the disease, even if it temporarily makes us feel better. No, to heal the body politic we must confront the disease itself.

"The real threat to our republic is an alarming breakdown in social cohesion, and the cause of this breakdown is obvious: radical, rising economic inequality, and the anger and anxiety it engenders. The truth is that over the span of decades, American lawmakers (at the behest of economic elites like us!) have enacted policies that have depressed wages, stoked economic insecurity and exacerbated cultural angst and social dislocation. At the same time, a tiny minority of mostly urban elite (again, us!) have benefitted obscenely from our growing economic, political and legal power."
<http://politi.co/2veMzky>

FLASHBACK -- NICK HANAUER in POLITICO Magazine, July/Aug. 2014, "The Pitchforks Are Coming... For Us Plutocrats": <http://politi.co/2tc0uGR>

VALLEY TALK -- "Google Glass 2.0 Is a Startling Second Act," by Backchannel's Steven Levy: "The original Glass designers had starry-eyed visions of masses blissfully living their lives in tandem with a wraparound frame and a tiny computer screen hovering over their eye. But the dream quickly gave way to disillusionment as early adopters found that it delivered less than it promised-and users became the target of shaming from outsiders concerned about privacy. Within three years, Alphabet (the parent company of Google and its sister company, the 'moonshot factory' called X) had given up Glass for good-or so people assumed.

"What they didn't know was that Alphabet was commissioning a small group to develop a version for the workplace. ... For about two years, Glass EE has been quietly in use in dozens of workplaces, slipping under the radar of gadget bloggers, analysts, and self-appointed futurists. Yes, the population of those using the vaunted consumer version of Glass has dwindled, tired of being driven out of lounges by cocktail-fork-wielding patrons fearing unwelcome YouTube cameos. Meanwhile, Alphabet has been selling hundreds of units of EE, an improved version of the product that originally shipped in a so-called Explorer Edition in 2013. Companies testing EE-including giants like GE, Boeing, DHL, and Volkswagen-have measured huge gains in productivity and noticeable improvements in quality." <http://bit.ly/2vxVMUA>

HOT JOB - UBER has posted a director of federal affairs job for its D.C. office and hundreds of people have applied so far, including people from Fortune 100 companies, government, and NGOs. The company is starting to talk to candidates and expects to fill the position by the end of the summer, according to a source familiar with the hiring

process. The position includes managing the company's federal affairs team, dealing with the White House, Congress and third party groups, as well as related communications. Justin Kintz, the head of Americas public policy and communications at Uber, is in charge of hiring for the position, which is Niki Christoff's old job before she went over to Salesforce. **See the job posting** <http://ubr.to/2u69pw7>

-- "**Former Uber comms head Rachel Whetstone is jumping to Facebook,**" by Recode's Kara Swisher: "Rachel Whetstone, who recently left her job as top public relations and policy exec at Uber, is joining the communications team at Facebook in a newly created role as VP of comms of its WhatsApp, Instagram and Messenger products. Whetstone, who previously worked at Google at the top of its comms and policy unit, will report to Facebook's VP of technology communications Caryn Marooney. Current comms leaders at Instagram and Messenger will continue to lead their teams and get guidance from Whetstone, who will primarily focus on WhatsApp. She will start in September." <http://bit.ly/2u5Rmq4>

HASTERT TRANSFERRED FROM PRISON -- From the Chicago Tribune's Christy Gutowski: "Former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert returned to Chicago - under supervision - to complete the remaining month of his prison sentence for breaking banking laws to hide his sexual abuse of teenage boys. Nearly 13 months after entering a federal prison in Minnesota, Hastert was listed Tuesday as entering a residential re-entry management field office in Chicago, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website. Hastert, 75, originally reported to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester on June 22, 2016 - one year after his explosive indictment surrounding secret hush-money payments sparked the Chicago-area coaching legend's epic downfall." <http://trib.in/2veGJQk>

MEDIAWATCH -- **Matt Thompson** has been promoted at The Atlantic to a new role of executive editor overseeing all cross-platform projects. He was previously the deputy editor of TheAtlantic.com. **Adrienne LaFrance**, a staff writer, has been promoted to editor of TheAtlantic.com.

SPOTTED: Tucker Carlson entering the Liaison Hotel on Capitol Hill today ... Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen this morning on Capitol Hill discussing the importance of "home visiting" at the Council for a Strong America and Parents As Teachers MIECHV briefing in Russell (**the Council's new report on the subject:** <http://bit.ly/2uzc4zk>)

TREASURY DEPARTURE LOUNGE -- After seven years at the Treasury Department, today is **Michael Greenwald's** last day in Treasury's office of terrorism and financial intelligence. He spent the last two years spent as Treasury's attaché to Qatar and Kuwait and tonight will be celebrating with friends and colleagues at Hay Adams' hotel bar Off the Record. Greenwald has been named a senior vice president at the investment management firm Tiedemann Wealth Management.

TRANSITIONS -- **Erick Sanchez** is the new director of community affairs for Drink Company, which brought D.C. the Game of Thrones pop up bar. He retains his position

as senior adviser at Frontier Solutions.

WEEKEND WEDDING -- Justin Vail, a McCaskill and Obama WH alum and now an independent consultant, on Saturday married **Roshni Shikari**, an associate at Correia & Puth, at The Alfred Caldwell Lily Pool in Chicago, the bride's hometown. The ceremony was attended by their parents, siblings, and nieces, and the Hon. Sharon Johnson Coleman, for whom the bride previously clerked, officiated. The couple met on their first day of law school at Washington University in St. Louis. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2veNku1>

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