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With Kevin Robillard, Scott Bland and Daniel Strauss

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EARLY POLLING DATA - FIRST IN SCORE - McSally internal poll shows tie with Ward: An internal polling memo from Arizona Rep. [Martha McSally](#)'s campaign, obtained by Morning Score, has the congresswoman essentially tied with former State Sen. Kelli Ward in the state's GOP Senate primary. The survey has McSally earning 38 percent of the vote to Ward's 36 percent, with 26 percent undecided. Public polling in the race, mostly IVR surveys, has shown Ward with a significant lead over McSally, who has yet to officially launch her campaign. "Contrary to what some public polls suggest, Kelli Ward does not hold a strong position in the Primary race for United States Senate in Arizona. The limitations of these poorly-conducted surveys have created a misleading dialogue about the state of the nomination contest," WPA Intelligence pollsters Chris Wilson and Alex Muir write. **Read the full memo [here](#).**

SEXUAL HARASSMENT FALLOUT - "Conyers allegations put Pelosi in tight spot," by POLITICO's Kyle Cheney and Heather Caygle: "Rep. [John Conyers](#) said Sunday he was stepping down from his post as the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee amid accusations of sexual harassment that have put his party's leaders in a bind. The decision by the Michigan lawmaker - who has held his seat since 1965 and who denies the harassment allegations - followed several days of internal deliberation and pressure from Democratic colleagues, including Minority Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#), who wanted Conyers to leave the high-profile post but didn't want to be seen as forcing him out. Congressional Black Caucus Chairman [Cedric Richmond](#) (D-La.) and assistant Democratic leader [Jim Clyburn](#) (D-S.C.) reached out to some CBC members over the Thanksgiving recess to take the temperature of the caucus, according to multiple sources. The group is arguably the most powerful bloc within the House Democratic Caucus and is fiercely protective of its members, particularly Conyers, who was a founding member."

- "In an interview Sunday on NBC's 'Meet the Press,' Pelosi seemed to underscore the cautious approach by taking pains to praise Conyers' record and call for 'due process,' even as she said she believed 'he will do the right thing.' She also referred to Conyers as an 'icon' for his lengthy service and work 'to protect women.' ... After criticism on social media of her use of the word 'icon,' Pelosi quickly endorsed Conyers' decision to step aside from the committee post. 'No matter how great an individual's legacy, it is not a license for harassment,' she said in a statement." **[Full story](#).**

- Primary politics note: Conyers has faced contested primaries in each of the last three elections, getting less than 61 percent of the Democratic vote twice. If Conyers does decide to run for reelection, don't sleep on the prospect of him losing this time around despite his "safe" district.

AIR WARS - FIRST IN SCORE - Not One Penny targets Murkowski, Capito in new ads: Not One Penny, a coalition of Democratic groups fighting the GOP plan for tax reform, is out with new television ads pressuring Sens. [Shelley Moore Capito](#) of West Virginia and [Lisa Murkowski](#) of Alaska to vote against the plan. The ad aimed at Capito notes the plan "cuts access to affordable health care, including coverage for opioid addiction treatment," while the ad encouraging voters to call Murkowski says the "congressional Republican tax plan delivers tax breaks to billionaires, millionaires and wealthy corporations." The ads are part of a seven-figure national ad buy, which also includes spots aimed at Maine Sen. [Susan Collins](#) and Nevada Sen. [Dean Heller](#). **Watch the ads [here](#) and [here](#). Full story [here](#).**

-American Chemistry Council backs Heitkamp, Barrasso with TV ads: The American Chemistry Council, which began airing ads backing Michigan Democratic Sen. [Debbie Stabenow](#) and the GOP's Heller last week, also plans to air ads supporting North Dakota Sen. [Heidi Heitkamp](#) and Wyoming Sen. [John Barrasso](#), according to FEC disclosures. Heitkamp faces a tough fight for reelection, while Barrasso may face a GOP primary challenge. The group is spending \$571,000 on ads supporting Stabenow, \$590,000 on ads supporting Heller, \$153,000 on ads supporting Heitkamp and \$133,000 on ads backing Barrasso. The 30-second spot ad boosting Heitkamp says "she fights to provide a strong safety net for our agriculture industry while working to lessen regulations for our farmers and small businesses." **Watch the ad [here](#).**

CASH CRISIS - NRSC raises \$2.1M, spends \$2.7M in October: The NRSC spent \$2.7 million and raised just \$2.1 million in October, according to FEC records, the fourth month in a row the group spent more than it brought in. The committee has about \$14.3 million on hand, but still has \$10.3 million in debt. Its counterpart, the DSCC, raised \$4.1 million, spent \$2.4 million and has \$17.5 million on hand. The DSCC has about \$8 million in debt, which includes the mortgage on its Capitol Hill offices. **Full report [here](#).**

Days until the 2018 election: 344.

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WOMEN RULE WEEK! POLITICO is partnering with women-led businesses in the DC-metro area to offer a full week of exclusive perks in conjunction with the 5th annual Women Rule Summit! Join the fun at participating businesses during Women Rule Week (**Nov. 27 - Dec. 1**) for [exclusive deals](#) and tweet 5x using #WomenRule for a chance to win two free tickets to the

Summit on Dec. 5!

UH OH - "The time to hack-proof the 2018 election is expiring - and Congress is way behind," by POLITICO's Martin Matishak: "Lawmakers are scrambling to push something - anything - through Congress that would help secure the nation's voting systems ahead of the 2018 elections. But it might already be too late for some critical targets. By this point during the 2016 election cycle, Russian hackers had already been in the Democratic National Committee's networks for at least three months. ... Voters in Texas and Illinois will take to the polls in the country's first primaries in just over three months - a narrow timeline for implementing software patches, let alone finding the funds to overhaul creaky IT systems, swap out aging voting machines or implement state-of-the-art digital audits." **Full story [here](#).**

ICYMI - "Moore communications director resigns": "Embattled Alabama GOP Senate nominee Roy Moore has lost his campaign communications director with only three weeks to go before the Dec. 12 special election, Moore's campaign announced. ... The statement did not include a reason for Rogers' departure." **Full story [here](#).**

- **"Pro-Jones super PAC touts Democrat's Christian values and support for gun rights," by POLITICO's Daniel Strauss:** "A new ad by the pro-Doug Jones super PAC Highway 31 argues that the Democratic Senate nominee in Alabama would be led by his Christian convictions and is a strong defender of gun rights. 'He's the tough prosecutor who brought the [1996 Atlanta] Olympics bomber, Eric Rudolph, to justice,' the narrator in the ad says." **Full story [here](#).**

- **Trump weighed in on Jones over the weekend:** "The last thing we need in Alabama and the U.S. Senate is a Schumer/Pelosi puppet who is WEAK on Crime, WEAK on the Border, Bad for our Military and our great Vets, Bad for our 2nd Amendment, AND WANTS TO RAISES TAXES TO THE SKY. Jones would be a disaster!" Trump wrote on Twitter. **More from POLITICO's Matthew Nussbaum [here](#).**

FLIPPING 24 SEATS - March On's Fight Back PAC announced a new fundraising campaign for 2018 called \$24 for 24. Per a press release, "the campaign is centered around impeachment and the concern that the Republican Congress would not initiate impeachment proceedings no matter what Special Counsel Robert Mueller reports. The only way we can be sure any potential allegations against Donald Trump and his cronies are handled correctly is to flip the 24 Congressional seats needed to take back the majority in Congress. ... Andi Pringle, Executive Director of March On's Fight Back PAC, said, 'Flipping Congress is no easy task. Whether you're a committed activist or not, *\$24 for 24* is a way everyone can participate in the vitally important work of reclaiming our country from the extreme Right. That is the only way we'll be able to turn the tide on issues of importance to our community, whether that's women's reproductive health, climate change protections or impeachment.'"

FLORIDA MAN - "John Morgan: I'm leaving Democratic party, Nelson should run for governor," BY POLITICO Florida's Matt Dixon: "John Morgan tossed a bomb Friday into the 2018 political landscape, saying in a post-Thanksgiving message he is leaving the Democratic Party, and that Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson should not run for re-election, but rather seek the governor's mansion so he can leave a 'legacy.' ... Morgan did not close the door on the

idea of running for governor himself - a notion supported by many in his party - but said in his message, if he did, he would do so as an independent." **Full story [here](#) . Read Morgan's Facebook post [here](#).**

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I'm not aware of a single senator of either party who was elected for supporting leadership, and I know there hasn't been a candidate elected by opposing Mitch McConnell," said GOP strategist Josh Holmes, a former McConnell chief of staff, downplaying the notion that candidates stand to gain by avoiding McConnell this year [in POLITICO](#).

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Driving the Day

BULLETIN at 6:16 a.m.: "PARIS (AP) - French president thanks the US for coming to its aid 100 years ago during WWI, saying 'nothing will ever separate us.'"

Good Friday morning. QUITE THE MOMENT. NYT's Maggie Haberman, who is in Paris with the president, was tweeting that President Donald Trump was pulling up to the viewing stand at the Bastille Day parade as Trump was tweeting about the progress -- or lack thereof -- on repealing and replacing the health care law in the Senate.

-- **WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID: at 3:57 a.m.:** "Republicans Senators are working hard to get their failed ObamaCare replacement approved. I will be at my desk, pen in hand!" ... **at 4:05 a.m.:** "So impt Rep Senators, under leadership of @SenateMajLdr McConnell get healthcare plan approved. After 7yrs of O'Care disaster, must happen!" ... **at 4:07 a.m.:** "After all of these years of suffering thru ObamaCare, Republican Senators must come through as they have promised!" ... **at 4:09 a.m.:** ".@VP Mike Pence is working hard on HealthCare and getting our wonderful Republican Senators to do what is right for the people."

-- **ONE THOUGHT**, before we quickly hand it over to Burgess Everett and Jen Haberkorn: When we were up in the Capitol yesterday, an influential conservative House Republican was skeptical this would sail through his chamber if it passes the Senate. So we'd suggest, Mr. President, that you don't wait at your "desk, pen in hand" for a bit. We're not saying it will not pass the House, but it's not yet even on the floor of the Senate.

WHERE HEALTH CARE STANDS ... "Senate Republicans one vote away from

Obamacare repeal failure," by Burgess Everett and Jen Haberkorn: "Senate Republican leaders are praying that their fragile whip count holds over the weekend, as just one more 'no' vote would doom the party's Obamacare repeal effort from even coming up for debate. Two GOP senators, Susan Collins of Maine and Rand Paul of Kentucky, said Thursday afternoon they will oppose a procedural vote next week to bring the bill to the floor.

"GOP leaders are putting immense pressure on about half a dozen other Republican senators not to join them and topple the entire effort. Another 'no' is enough to kill the bill, and would also likely lead to mass defections. ... Undecided Republicans include Lee and Sens. Jeff Flake of Arizona, Rob Portman of Ohio, John Hoeven of North Dakota, Dean Heller of Nevada, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia." <http://politi.co/2sWmnd2>

-- **JUST LIKE WE TOLD YOU YESTERDAY**, the procedural vote to allow debate on the GOP health care is the real game. In other words: if Republicans are able to begin debate on the bill, most people think it will pass. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been pressing Republicans to get on board and amend the package on the floor. If the bill reaches the floor, McConnell is expected to offer a manager's amendment, which could change parts of the bill in one fell swoop.

WASHINGTON POST'S THE FIX has a cool whip list page <http://wapo.st/2uq37ZA>

SHOW ME THE MONEY -- THE 'POLAR PAYOFF' -- "GOP Health Bill Steers Cash to the Home State of a Reluctant Senator," by Bloomberg's Anna Edney, Hannah Recht and Laura Litvan: "Call it the Polar Payoff. Changes made to the Republican legislation to repeal large parts of Obamacare would send hundreds of millions of extra federal dollars to Alaska, whose Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski has been holding off from giving her much-needed vote to the bill. Under formulas in the revised legislation, only Alaska appears to qualify for the extra money. The money comes from the legislation's \$182 billion in funding meant to help stabilize insurance markets and help states provide coverage. Under the formulas, states -- in this case just Alaska -- with disproportionately higher premiums would get extra funds from that account." <https://bloom.bg/2tStd4D>

TOP TWEETS -- @jmartNYT: "Wow, Trump on AF 1: 'What I'd like to do is a comprehensive immigration plan. But our country&political forces are not ready yet.'" ... **@NBCNews:** "President Trump tells the French first lady that she's 'in such good shape'" <http://bit.ly/2tPrXRb>

ARTICLE OF THE DAY -- "Trump's legal team faces tensions -- and a client who often takes his own counsel," by WaPo's Phil Rucker, Ashley Parker and Devlin Barrett: "The challenge for President Trump's attorneys has become, at its core, managing the unmanageable - their client. He won't follow instructions. After one meeting in which they urged Trump to steer clear of a certain topic, he sent a tweet about that very theme before they arrived back at their office. He won't

compartmentalize. ... Compounding the challenges have been tensions between Trump's and Kushner's legal teams in a frenzied, siege-like environment. Senior White House officials are increasingly reluctant to discuss the issue internally or publicly and worry about overhearing sensitive conversations, for fear of legal exposure. ... Trump's eldest child, Donald Trump Jr., hired his own criminal defense attorney this week ... [and] also is considering hiring his own outside public relations team. ...

"Another question is who will pay the legal fees for the president and administration officials involved in the Russia inquiries. Some in Trump's orbit are pushing the [RNC] to bear the costs ... Although the RNC does have a legal defense fund, it well predates the Russia investigations and is intended to be used for legal challenges facing the Republican Party, such as a potential election recount. The RNC has not made a decision, in part because the committee is still researching whether the money could legally be used to help pay legal costs related to Russia. But many within the organization are resisting the effort, thinking it would be more appropriate to create a separate legal defense fund for the case." <http://wapo.st/2uYhbGX>

PROPUBLICA'S JUSTIN ELLIOTT: "Trump Lawyer Marc Kasowitz Threatens Stranger in Emails: 'Watch Your Back , Bitch'": "Kasowitz, President Trump's personal attorney on the Russia case, threatened a stranger in a string of profanity-laden emails Wednesday night. The man, a retired public relations professional in the western United States who asked not to be identified, read ProPublica's story this week on Kasowitz and sent the lawyer an email with the subject line: 'Resign Now.' Kasowitz replied with series of angry messages sent between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern time. One read: 'I'm on you now. You are f***ing with me now Let's see who you are Watch your back , bitch.' In another email, Kasowitz wrote: 'Call me. Don't be afraid, you piece of shit. Stand up. If you don't call, you're just afraid.' And later: 'I already know where you live, I'm on you. You might as well call me. You will see me. I promise. Bro.'" <http://bit.ly/2tSEult>

--KASOWITZ LATER APOLOGIZED: A spokesman sent ProPublica this statement: "Mr. Kasowitz, who is tied up with client matters, said he intends to apologize to the writer of the email referenced in today's ProPublica story. While no excuse, the email came at the end of a very long day that at 10 p.m. was not yet over. 'The person sending that email is entitled to his opinion and I should not have responded in that inappropriate manner,' Mr. Kasowitz said. 'I intend to send him an email stating just that. This is one of those times where one wishes he could reverse the clock, but of course I can't.'"

JARED WATCH -- "Kushner pushed for more aggressive defense of Trump Jr. meeting," by Tara Palmeri: "Jared Kushner has been pressing other White House aides to more vigorously defend the meeting between Donald Trump Jr. and a Kremlin-linked lawyer that Kushner also attended, but has faced resistance from some of Trump's top press aides, according to six sources familiar with the matter. Four White House officials and two outside advisers say Kushner wants the White House to more aggressively push out surrogates and talking points to change the narrative around the latest twist in

the Russia scandal. ...

"A source close to Kushner ... said that while he doesn't have an exact plan for an overall Russia response, he was angry that there wasn't a more robust effort from the communications team. Kushner wanted them to complain about chyrons on cable news, call reporters to update stories with White House statements, and unleash surrogates immediately. He was angry that there were no talking points offered to surrogates, the source said. One senior administration official suggested that two aides from the communications shop be dedicated to updating chyrons." <http://politi.co/2ulbPI0>

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PERFECT TIME FOR AN IVANKA/JARED GETAWAY! -- CLICKERS - RECODE:
"Photos: Jeff Bezos, Tim Cook and Ivanka Trump are hanging out this week at an exclusive mogul retreat" - 12 pix <http://bit.ly/2uYku0J>

--THE DAILY MAIL -- "Ivanka Trump beams as she networks with new billionaire friends at mogul summit while Jared hides from the cameras - and Rupert Murdoch attends without his vacationing wife" - 63 pix on one page
<http://dailym.ai/2ugbx5v>

NOT SO FAST -- "Co-founder of firm behind Trump-Russia dossier will not testify before Senate next week," by Josh Dawsey and Kyle Cheney: "The co-founder of a political and corporate intelligence firm behind an explosive dossier alleging Russian intelligence influence over President Donald Trump will not testify next week before the Senate Judiciary Committee, according to two sources familiar with his plans. The committee on Wednesday announced a July 19 hearing that listed Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson, a former Wall Street Journal investigative reporter, as a witness. ... But the request for Simpson to appear was voluntary, and it's unclear whether the committee will seek to compel his testimony." <http://politi.co/2uYsxe5>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "House Dems plot to force Republicans to cast Russia votes," by Austin Wright: "House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and other senior Democrats on Friday will announce a new, coordinated strategy to force Republicans to cast votes on issues related to President Donald Trump's and his campaign aides' alleged ties to Russia. Pelosi and senior Democrats on several key House committees will hold a news conference to announce the strategy, which is to introduce a series of so-called resolutions of inquiry, according to a Democratic leadership aide. Resolutions of inquiry are a rarely used tactic for forcing House votes. The resolutions are introduced in the House and request information from the executive branch."
<http://politi.co/2vjqUqJ>

CLINTON AND BUSH TALK ABOUT THE PRESIDENCY -- Via Reuters in Dallas: "He (Clinton) was humble in victory, which is very important in dealing with other people,' Bush said at the event to mark a graduation at the Presidential Leadership Scholars program, a partnership among the Bush, Clinton, Lyndon Johnson and George H.W. Bush presidential centers. Clinton said: 'If you want to be president, realize it's about the people, not about you. 'You want to be able to say 'things were better off when I quit, kid's had a better future, things were coming together.' You don't want to say, 'God, look at all the people I beat.'" <http://reut.rs/2t9L7Tc>

BREAKING EARLY THIS MORNING -- NYT'S ISABEL KERSHNER: "In an extraordinarily brazen assault, three men armed with guns and knives killed two Israeli police officers early Friday in the vicinity of what Jews call the Temple Mount, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, Jerusalem's holiest site for both faiths and an emotional and volatile focal point of the Israeli-Arab conflict. ...

"Initial police reports said that the three assailants, assumed to be Palestinians, fled into the compound of Al Aqsa Mosque after the attack and were killed by police officers. The police announced that they had evacuated the compound of worshipers and closed it, and helicopters circled above the area after the attack." <http://nyti.ms/2tPJB7v>

THE JUICE ...

-- WHAT TRUMP AND MACRON ATE LAST NIGHT -- @markknoller: "What was for dinner at the Jules Verne tonight? Looks like the six course selection:" "Selection of pate ... Tomato, Eggplant, Zucchini ... Dover sole, spinach, Hollandaise ... Filet of beef, brioche, souffle potato, truffle sauce ... Warm strawberry w/ yogurt sorbet ... Hot Chocolate souffle with chocolate ice cream".

-- SPOTTED LAST NIGHT AT CAFE MILANO: At three separate tables: Kellyanne Conway dining with Linda McMahon ... Wilbur Ross with his wife Hilary and L.A. power lawyer Tom Gerardi and Erika Jayne, who's on the "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" ... Bret Baier and Tripp Donnelly

-- SPOTTED: MICHAEL FLYNN waiting for the 10:20 p.m. American flight from DCA to Providence, Rhode Island. Former HHS Secretary Tom Ridge was also on the flight, but our tipster says the two didn't make eye contact as Flynn passed Ridge and boarded the flight.

ISAAC DOVERE talks with Jake and Anna about how Trump is changing the Washington game, their takeaways from the past year working on Playbook and their upcoming book in the latest "Off Message" podcast. <http://politi.co/2tPNoS5> ...

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-- AND THERE'S MORE: Jake and Anna talk with our producer Zach Montellaro about what it's like to work on Playbook in a bonus audio briefing. Plus, a special message from Daniel. <http://bit.ly/2vjMKuf>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump, French President Emmanuel Macron his wife Brigitte Macron, sit for dinner at the Jules Verne Restaurant on the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Thursday, July 13, 2017. | Carolyn Kaster/AP Photo

SNEAK PEEK: NEW YORKER COVER - BARRY BLITT illustrated next week's magazine's cover, titled "Grounded," which shows President Trump twisting the ear of Don Jr. as they walk down Air Force One (with Jared making an appearance too). Blitt: "Tolstoy said that 'happy families are all alike, but every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.' Somehow this seems to apply to the Trumps, particularly lately." <http://bit.ly/2ugoyvP>

IN BEDMINSTER -- "Eric Trump: President Donald Trump's visit to U.S. Women's Open is 'TBD,'" by NJ Advance Media's Matt Stypulkoski: "[D]espite saying he did not have time to speak with reporters, he did answer a brief questions about the golf course, the tournament and the possibility of a visit from the elder Trump before being whisked away by his staff. So will the president pay a visit? That's still 'TBD,' Eric Trump said. ... Back in May, Eric Trump - who serves as an executive vice president within the Trump Organization - promised that this year's U.S. Women's Open will be the 'best tournament [the USGA] has ever had.' And as of Thursday afternoon, he believed Trump National was living up to his word. 'The week's going great,' Eric Trump said. 'The course is beautiful. People are happy.'" <http://bit.ly/2tSqvMu>

WILD STORY -- "'Private' video of Virgin Islands Democratic delegate posted online," by John Bresnahan and Alex Isenstadt: "A 'private' videotape of the Virgin Islands' delegate to Congress, Democratic Rep. Stacey Plaskett, which showed her husband naked and wearing makeup, was posted online Wednesday night but later removed, the freshman lawmaker said in a statement Thursday. A topless 'selfie' of Plaskett also was being circulated. Plaskett said in the statement that her computer had been hacked and someone copied personal 'photographs and a private family video' of her and her husband, Jonathan Buckney-Small. ... One of the couple's children makes an appearance in the video as well." <http://politi.co/2upM9L8>

-- DOJ PRESS RELEASE: "Two Former Employees of House Member Indicted On Federal Charges in Cyberstalking Case": "Juan R. McCullum, 35, of Washington, D.C., was indicted by a grand jury on two counts of cyberstalking, and a co-worker, Dorene Browne-Louis, 45, of Upper Marlboro, Md., was indicted on two counts of obstruction of justice. ... According to the indictment, McCullum worked from April 2015 until June 2016 in the House member's legislative office in Washington, D.C. Browne-Louis worked in the same office from January 2015 until April 2016. The indictment

alleges that, during the course of his employment, McCullum offered in March 2016 to assist the House member in repairing the member's malfunctioning, password-protected cellular iPhone by taking the device to a local Apple store. ...

"The iPhone contained the private, nude images and videos. As alleged in the indictment, in July 2016, after McCullum left the House member's staff, he engaged in a course of conduct that included creating a Hotmail account and a Facebook social media account, using a fictitious name, to distribute and post the private images and videos. Further, according to the indictment, he encouraged others on social media to redistribute the images and videos in the member's congressional district."

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

THE LATEST ON THE TRAVEL BAN -- "New directive may expand Trump travel ban," by Nahal Toosi and Ted Hesson: "President Donald Trump's travel ban may soon extend to many more countries under new visa procedures described in a State Department cable to consulates. The new consular guidance, which the State Department sent out Wednesday, follows through on Trump's March 6 executive order, which called for a worldwide review of visa security measures by the Department of Homeland Security. It's unclear whether the cable's strict vetting procedures will eventually supplant the administration's ban on travel from six majority-Muslim countries ... or whether even more restrictive vetting will be devised for those countries. ... The tighter standards for granting visas will be implemented over a 50-day period, according to the cable. If nations do not comply after that time, 'designated categories' of travelers from those countries could be banned from the U.S., the cable said."

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

GARY D. COHN and H. R. McMASTER in the NYT, "The Trump Vision for America Abroad": "Perhaps most important, President Trump affirmed on this trip that America First is grounded in American values - values that not only strengthen America but also drive progress throughout the world. America champions the dignity of every person, affirms the equality of women, celebrates innovation, protects freedom of speech and of religion, and supports free and fair markets. ... America First is rooted in confidence that our values are worth defending and promoting. This is a time of great challenge for our friends and allies around the globe - but it is also a moment of extraordinary opportunity. The American delegation returned from the trip with tremendous optimism about the future and what the United States, our allies and our partners can achieve together."

<http://nyti.ms/2uYvZFI>

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care system's fastest growing and most costly and complex care beneficiaries - frail, disabled, and chronically-ill Medicare beneficiaries. SNPs tailor benefits, provider networks, and prescription drug coverage to best meet the needs of the beneficiaries they serve. In addition to providing Traditional Medicare benefits, SNPs also provide reduced cost sharing and enhanced benefits related social services, wellness and home care. SNPs are designed to address complex conditions by providing better access to specialized care for those who need it most. Learn more:

<http://www.bettermedicarealliance.org/special-needs-plans> *****

FUN READ - NYT Business Day cover, "At Goldman, He's David Solomon. At the Club, He Goes by D.J. D-Sol," by Kate Kelly: "On a sunny afternoon in the Bahamas this month, dozens of beachgoers mingled and danced to a soundtrack mixed by a man using a Pioneer sound system on a platform at the local tiki bar. Nothing was unusual about this island scene - except, perhaps, the disc jockey: David M. Solomon, the co-president of Goldman Sachs, possibly the most powerful investment bank in the world, was the man at the controls. 'Great fun this weekend spinning at Nipper's in Great Guana Cay,' Mr. Solomon, 55, wrote in a recent Instagram post accompanying video of the performance under his stage name, D.J. D-Sol. ...

"Mr. Solomon's love of spinning music suggests a youthful, unguarded side that is rare in the wealthy, button-down world of high finance. In recent years, he has performed regularly as a D.J., according to associates, mixing and tweaking electronic dance music for a live audience. ... Mr. Solomon's hobby has become a more or less monthly gig, with recent stops in New York, Miami and the Bahamas, all noted on the Instagram page. ... Shortly after The New York Times called, the Instagram page was made private." <http://nyti.ms/2t9IFgC>

MEDIAWATCH -- "Leaked Documents Suggest Secretive Billionaire Trump Donors Are Milo's Patrons," by BuzzFeed's Joseph Bernstein: "Leaked documents, including a promissory note and emails, as well as conversations with several people familiar with the matter, strongly imply that the Mercers funded [Milo] Yiannopoulos following his resignation from Breitbart News after video surfaced in which he appeared to condone pedophilia. Together, they suggest that the financiers of the new conservative politics aren't simply interested in protecting their money, but in winning a brutal new culture war waged largely online." <http://bzfd.it/2uYsVcH>

-- "Trump's off-the-record on-the-record toggle vexes reporters," by Hadas Gold: "President Donald Trump has not held a wide-ranging news conference since February, instead choosing to keep his media interactions limited to handpicked interviews and short, four-question news conferences with foreign leaders. But ... as he flew from Washington to Paris, Trump sat with reporters and held a roughly hourlong conversation. The reporters on the plane had been told it was off the record, and that's how it was conveyed to the larger White House press pool.

"But during a photo spray with French President Emanuel Macron on Thursday, New York Times reporter Maggie Haberman asked a question which had apparently been

asked during the flight. 'POTUS asked your pooler why she didn't use what he has said last night. Your pooler reminded him last night was off the record. POTUS asked if I had heard him say it could be on-record; your pooler replied truthfully no (co-poolers also were not under impression it was on-record, since [White House deputy press secretary] Sarah Sanders had declared it off record),' Haberman wrote in her pool report. ... A couple hours after Trump asked for the conversation to be put on-record, the White House released some excerpts. But they did not include two portions the pool had requested, which Haberman later provided separately to the email list."

<http://politi.co/2t9V03h>

-- NYT: "Excerpts From Trump's Conversation With Journalists on Air Force One": ON CHINA AND NORTH KOREA: "A big thing we have with China was, if they could help us with North Korea, that would be great. ... They have an 8,000 year culture. So when they see 1776 - to them, that's like a modern building. The White House was started - was essentially built in 1799. To us, that's really old. To them, that's like a super modern building, right?"

-- COMPARES HEALTHCARE TO MIDEAST PEACE: "We have a thing called healthcare. I'm sure you haven't been reading about it too much. It is one of the -- I'd say the only thing more difficult than peace between Israel and the Palestinians is healthcare."

-- THE 'SOLAR WALL': "Q: 'You were joking about solar, right?': **TRUMP:** "No, not joking, no. There is a chance that we can do a solar wall. We have major companies looking at that. Look, there's no better place for solar than the Mexico border -- the southern border. And there is a very good chance we can do a solar wall, which would actually look good. ... One of the things with the wall is you need transparency. You have to be able to see through it."

--LENGTH OF THE BORDER WALL: "[I]t's a 2,000 mile border, but you don't need 2,000 miles of wall because you have a lot of natural barriers. You have mountains. You have some rivers that are violent and vicious. You have some areas that are so far away that you don't really have people crossing. So you don't need that. But you'll need anywhere from 700 to 900 miles."

-- HIS MEETING WITH PUTIN: "What I said, I asked him, were you involved? He said, very strongly -- said to him a second time -- totally different -- were you involved? Because we can't let that happen. ... I told him. I said, look, we can't -- we can't have -- now, he said absolutely not twice. What do you do? End up in a fistfight with somebody, okay?"

-- INVITING PUTIN TO 1600 PENN: "Q: 'Do you think you'll invite Putin to the White House?'" **TRUMP:** "I would say yes, yeah. At the right time. I don't think this is the right time, but the answer is yes I would. Look, it's very easy for me to say absolutely, I won't. That's the easy thing for me to do, but that's the stupid thing to do. Let's be the smart people not the stupid people. ... It would be the easiest thing for me to say to Maggie

and all of you, I will never speak to him, and everybody would love me. But I have to do what's right." *The rest of the excerpts* <http://nyti.ms/2tSltiZ>

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SPOTTED: Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) on the American Airlines flight from DCA to PHX Thursday evening ... Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-Texas) and D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser dining in the bar area of RPM Italian last night ... former Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) riding a Citi Bike (without a helmet) in NYC yesterday at 7th and West 18th - *pic* <http://bit.ly/2ulpoqY>

TRANSITIONS -- Mack McLarty III, chairman and co-founder of McLarty Associates, and former Energy Secretary **Ernest J. Moniz** have entered into a "strategic partnership" with energy consulting firm EJM Associates, a premier energy consultancy; the firm will provide McLarty Associates clients with advice on energy. <http://politi.co/2sWsQEZ> ... **Haley Dorgan** is starting later this month as the media director at the Women's Equality Center, a nonprofit that supports reproductive health and rights in the U.S. and Latin America. Yesterday was her last day as press secretary for Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) ...

... **David Helfenbein** has been named a senior adviser at strategic branding firm Main & Rose. He was most recently VP at DKC and is also a State alum. ... The R Street Institute has hired **James Wallner** as a senior fellow and member of R Street's Governance Project team and legislative branch capacity working group. He was formerly the group VP for research at the Heritage Foundation. ... **Ron Boehmer** starts today as comms director for Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wis.), where he'll also work with the Congressional Progressive Caucus. He most recently was comms director for Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Ct.).

OUT AND ABOUT -- SPOTTED last night at Hill Country BBQ for MavPAC's members-only Mavericks Conference kickoff dinner: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Reps. Will Hurd (R-Texas), Trey Hollingsworth (R-Ind.), and Mike Gallagher (R-Wis.); Ambassador Nancy Brinker, Kristen Soltis Anderson, Morgan Ortagus, Fritz Brogan, Chad VonLuehrte, Kathleen Rooney, Kevin Curran, Kenny Cunningham, Garrett Marquis, and Stef Webb. *Washingtonian's Elaina Plott's report about what Graham said last night at the dinner* <http://bit.ly/2uYwj7j>

-- **SPOTTED** at The Path Forward Coalition's summer reception on "The Future of Work" last night on the upper deck patio at Joe's Seafood in D.C.: Broderick Johnson, Robert Doar, Steve Danon, Leslie Shedd, Ellen Davis, Bill Thorne, Lizzy Simmons, Jon Hixson, Matt Lathrop, Kathleen McLaughlin, Jennifer Millerwise Dyck, Mike Dubke, Brian Jones, Michael Meehan, Spencer Overton, Harry Holzer.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Sean Bonyun, longtime Rep. Fred Upton (R-Mich.)

aide and House E&C alum, and **Meredith Mino Bonyun**, founder of Prescott Strategies, recently welcomed Halston Thatcher. "He clocked in at 8lbs 11oz, and 22 inches long (with a full head of hair!). Big brother Prescott (pictured) is already taking his new responsibilities very seriously." **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2sWtmmp>

-- **Dave Boyer**, principal and healthcare practice director at BGR Group and **Jen Boyer**, senior health policy adviser at Senate HELP committee for Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), email friends and family: "We're excited to announce the arrival of Ms. Hartley Kathleen Boyer, who's named after her grandmothers, Dave's late mother Susan Hartley Boyer and Jen's mom Kathleen Joan Petock. Hartley joined the party a little after 1:00 [Thursday] afternoon, weighing in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches. She and Jen are both healthy and sleepy, and Hartley is enjoying all the new noises she can make, at max volume. As expected, the Beastie Boyers (Rufus and Bailey) are beyond eager to meet their new little sister in a few days." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2uglwI3> ... <http://bit.ly/2tSIEKZ>

-- **Marc Goldwein**, SVP and head of policy at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and **Kim Goldwein**, storyteller and social media associate at Georgetown Day School, have welcomed their first child Juliana Margaret Goldwein. **Pic of Juliana in a Budget Hawk onesie** <http://bit.ly/2tP5hAy>

SUNDAY SO FAR - NBC's "Meet the Press": Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas) ... Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.). Panel: Tom Brokaw, Al Cardenas, Doris Kearns Goodwin, and Danielle Pletka

-- **CBS' "Face the Nation"**: Sen. Mark Warner ... Jay Sekulow ... Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.). Political panel: Susan Page, Jeffrey Goldberg, Ed O'Keefe, and Ramesh Ponnuru ... Jeffrey Kluger

-- **"Fox News Sunday"**: Sen. Rand Paul ... Jay Sekulow. Panel: Brit Hume, Julie Pace, Mike Needham, Ezekiel Emanuel

-- **ABC's "This Week"**: Jay Sekulow ... Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.)

-- **CNN's "State of the Union"**: Jay Sekulow ... Sen. Mark Warner ... Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). Panel: Bakari Sellers, Alice Stewart, Ken Cuccinelli, Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.)

-- **CNN's "Inside Politics"** (guest host: Nia-Malika Henderson): Margaret Talev, Karoun Demirjian, Jeff Zeleny, Manu Raju

-- **CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"**: William Browder ... Mohammad Javad Zarif, PhD, former Foreign Minister of Iran

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: James Davis, president of In Pursuit Of, a "mission driven" for profit PR and marketing firm for the Koch Network, and EVP of marketing and

comms at Freedom Partners. **How he's celebrating:** "I have to take my two oldest girls to Georgia this weekend for summer camp and we'll likely leave early Saturday morning. And honestly, with four strong daughters ranging from nearly 13 years to 19 months old, we live in the moment." Read his Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2ugMiQn>

BIRTHDAYS: New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, a former RGA chair, is 58 (hat tip: Danny Diaz) ... former Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-R.I.) is 5-0 ... Martha Coakley is 64 ... Brent Bozell, Media Research Center president ... Gail Ross ... lobbyist James Capalino is 67 ... Politico's Eliana Johnson ... Mary Lee, a reporter for the new Politico Pro Legislative Compass product ... Politico's Daniel Strauss is 3-0. He's celebrating on Bastille Day in Paris (h/t girlfriend Claire Tonneson, filing from France) ... Teneo Strategy VP Brian Gregory is 27 ... Ammon Simon, legislative counsel for Sen. Sasse ... Mike Panetta ... Julie Wood ... ABC News' Devin Dwyer, who's going to Germany later this month on an American Council on Germany trip (h/t Jonathan Karl, whose daughter Emily was in an AP pic yesterday of a throng of journalists on Capital Hill <http://bit.ly/2tm2D1C>) ... "Hardball" booker Nkechi Nneji, celebrating in Cartagena, Colombia (h/ts Annie Linskey and Ken Vogel) ... Politico chief Europe correspondent Matthew Karnitschnig ... Caroline Kelly ... Jordan Sekulow, attorney, radio show host, and son of Trump lawyer Jay Sekulow, is 35 ... Elizabeth Bennett ... Corey Solow ... Claire Grisolano ... former Rep. Tom Latham (R-Iowa) is 69 ...

... **Jose Andres** is 49. He's celebrating in Spain by walking the pilgrimage to Santiago with wife Patricia and their daughters (h/t Jorge Guerjada, whose favorite Jose Andres restaurant is China Chilcano) ... Zeina Awad ... Alison Kenworthy, associate producer at ABC's "Good Morning America" ... Richard Seline ... Kiernan Majerus-Collins is 22 ... WSJ Africa correspondent Matina Stevis ... Naval Academy rising senior Nathan Bermel, who recently got back from doing climate research in the Marshall Islands (h/t brother Colby) ... Edda Collins Coleman (hubby tip: Bernard) ... Mike Casey, president and founder at Tigercomm ... Dan Horowitz, LinkedIn's director of advocacy and campaigns (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Alex Lebow ... Heather Colburn, celebrating by crushing her first Door County Sprint Triathlon on Saturday ... Claire Grisolano ... Brody Dickson ... Pam Deardon ... Brett Froyen ... Ben Johnson (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... movie producer Scott Rudin is 59 (h/t AP)

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