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## Driving the Day

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**Good Monday morning. THE BACKDROP** -- Republicans are growing increasingly worried that they will lose the House of Representatives. The pervasive pessimism comes as there continues to be a dearth of legislative victories, and a toxic political environment that appears to be worsening. Of course, the midterm elections are nearly a year and a half away. But more than a dozen Republicans we've spoken to in the last few weeks say the prospect for political and legislative wins big and small is dimming. And as much as President Donald Trump has worked to woo over fellow Republicans with dinners at the White House and regular meetings with GOP leadership, it hasn't had much of an impact on the overall state of play.

**THE RANK AND FILE** has been frustrated with the House committees, which have not produced a drumbeat of legislation to tout as victories. And the party is deeply split on health-care reform, a tax overhaul and infrastructure spending. Passing a budget to set the groundwork for tax reform is still seen as far off. And the congressional schedule doesn't leave a lot of time to kick things into high gear. The House is in session for 13 more days and the Senate is in session for 14 more days before the July 4 recess. Not to mention, there's serious concern in the GOP that there could be more revelations about President Donald Trump, and Robert Mueller's investigation still remains the wild card. Attorney General Jeff Sessions testifying Tuesday before the Senate Intel Committee is expected to just add more drama to distract from the GOP agenda into the mix.

**WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?** Republicans will be less willing to take risks as they shift into political survival mode.

**IVANKA'S FOX DOUBLE HEADER** -- Ivanka Trump will be on "Fox and Friends" this morning in the 7 a.m. hour, and then Ainsley Earhardt will go to the White House Wednesday for a second interview, which will air Thursday.

**BIG NEWS -- "D.C. and Maryland to sue President Trump, alleging breach of constitutional oath,"** by WaPo's Aaron Davis: "Attorneys general for the District of Columbia and the state of Maryland say they will sue President Trump on Monday, alleging that he has violated anti-corruption clauses in the Constitution by accepting millions in payments and benefits from foreign governments since moving into the White House.

**"The lawsuit, the first of its kind brought by government entities,** centers on the fact that Trump chose to retain ownership of his company when he became president. ... But D.C. Attorney General Karl A. Racine (D) and Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh (D) say Trump has broken many promises to keep separate his public duties and private business interests. For one, his son Eric Trump has said the president would continue to receive regular updates about his company's financial health.

**"If a federal judge allows the case to proceed,** Racine and Frosh say, one of the first steps will be to demand through the discovery process copies of Trump's personal tax returns to gauge the extent of his foreign business dealings. That fight would most likely end up before the Supreme Court, the two said, with Trump's attorneys having to defend why the returns should remain private." <http://wapo.st/2s1jKqL>

**FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- ISAAC DOVERE** speaks with **VIRGINIA GOV. TERRY MCAULIFFE:** "Russia was actively involved in destabilizing our democracy," and they had help from "treasonous" Americans, McAuliffe told Isaac Dovele in the latest episode of Off Message podcast, coming Tuesday morning. "Somebody had to give these people a roadmap," McAuliffe said, though he wouldn't name names. "So I believe somewhere in this, somebody was directing the Russians on whose names to use, what impact these certain people sending a memo would have on the American electorate. I mean, they just didn't sit over in some cubicle over there somewhere in Moscow and figure this out."

**-- FIGHTING WORDS: WHAT MCAULIFFE SAID TO TRUMP,** over dinner at the White House at the end of February for the National Governors Association reception: "I looked him face to face, four inches from his eyeballs, and said, 'Everything you have done has hurt my economy.'"

**-- MCAULIFFE** hasn't spoken to Trump since, but notes that when the president announced his new appointments to the Council of Governors in May, "Guess who didn't get reappointed." McAuliffe said on immigration policy and the travel ban in particular, but overall, he doesn't think there's ever a clear answer on what Trump administration policy actually is: "Not when this man is president." ***More on what McAuliffe thinks about Hillary's speaking out and Onward Together, the***

**Democrats' progressive divide, and his plans for 2018 -- and 2020 -- coming Tuesday** <http://apple.co/2tbjk0p>

**THE DIVIDED OPPOSITION -- ALEX BURNS and JMART on "Democrats in Split-Screen: The Base Wants It All. The Party Wants to Win,"** in Dunwoody, Ga.:

"Democrats are facing a widening breach in their party, as liberal activists dream of transforming the health care system and impeaching President Trump, while candidates in hard-fought elections ask wary voters merely for a fresh chance at governing. The growing tension between the party's ascendant militant wing and Democrats competing in conservative-leaning terrain, was on vivid, split-screen display over the weekend. In Chicago, Senator Bernie Sanders led a revival-style meeting of his progressive devotees, while in Atlanta, Democrats made a final push to seize a traditionally Republican congressional district.

**"It may be essential for Democrats** to reconcile the party's two clashing impulses if they are to retake the House of Representatives in 2018. In a promising political environment, a drawn-out struggle over Democratic strategy and ideology could spill into primary elections and disrupt the party's path to a majority." <http://nyti.ms/2ssSWCl>

**-- IT'S WORTH NOTING:** Democrats aren't the only ones who have had to face a divided party and make a decision about whether to shore up the establishment, or let the activists take hold. Just ask Senate Majority Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.). He led the NRSC into battle in multiple primaries during the 2014 election in order to elect GOP candidates that could win in the general election.

**TRUMP'S LEGAL TEAM -- NYT A1, "Role of Trump's Personal Lawyer Blurs Public and Private Lines,"** by Rebecca Ruiz and Sharon LeFraniere: "Marc E. Kasowitz, a New York civil litigator who represented President Trump for 15 years in business and boasts of being called the toughest lawyer on Wall Street, has suddenly become the field marshal for a White House under siege. He is a personal lawyer for the president, not a government employee, but he has been talking about establishing an office in the White House complex where he can run his legal defense.

**"His visits to the White House have raised questions** about the blurry line between public and private interests for a president facing legal issues. Mr. Kasowitz in recent days has advised White House aides to discuss the inquiry into Russia's interference in last year's election as little as possible, two people involved said. He told aides gathered in one meeting who had asked whether it was time to hire private lawyers that it was not yet necessary, according to another person with direct knowledge. ...

**"The president's private lawyer is representing only his interests,** not the interests of the United States government or the individual interests of the White House staff," said Robert F. Bauer, who was White House counsel under President Barack Obama." <http://nyti.ms/2rfKfeQ>

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scientists and engineers, POET operates 30 biofuel facilities & America's first cellulosic biofuel plant. We produce a cleaner fuel for millions of drivers, every day. We're POET and we're driving innovation, from the ground up. Learn more [here](#). \*\*\*\*\*

**THIS TOWN -- "When a liberal power lawyer represents the Trump family, things can get ugly,"** by WaPo's Marc Fisher: "[Jamie] Gorelick ... finds herself under attack for taking on a share of the Trump family's legal woes. ... In the most public slap, Hilary Rosen, a prominent Democratic strategist and lobbyist, tweeted, 'Hey Jamie Gorelick, you've just poured that 'Complicit' perfume on yourself,' a reference to a 'Saturday Night Live' parody ad that imagined an Ivanka Trump-branded scent. (Rosen declined to elaborate on the tweet, saying only, 'It is what it is.') ...

**"In a quintessentially D.C. move,** some longtime friends of Gorelick contacted for this article offered complimentary comments about her on the record, and then, after asking if they could make other remarks without attribution, bashed their colleague to smithereens. Those people will not be quoted in this article, by name or anonymously, as one tiny bulwark against outright awfulness." <http://wapo.st/2r9kIFy>

**FOR YOUR RADAR -- "Macron's party set for huge French parliamentary majority,"** by Reuters' Ingrid Melander and Michel Rose in Paris: "President Emmanuel Macron's fledgling party is set to trounce France's traditional main parties in a parliamentary election and secure a huge majority to push through his pro-business reforms, projections after the first round showed on Sunday. The vote delivered a further crushing blow to the Socialist and conservative parties that had alternated in power for decades until Macron's election in May blew apart the left-right divide." <http://reut.rs/2rlWHoD>

**-- "Trump May Not Visit U.K. This Year as Planned,"** by NYT's Glenn Thrush in Branchburg, N.J.: "President Trump is considering scrapping or postponing a planned visit to Britain this year amid a billowing backlash over comments he made after the recent terrorist attack in London, two administration officials said. Over the past week, Mr. Trump has expressed increasing skepticism to aides about the trip after coming under intense criticism for a misleading charge that he leveled against London's mayor, Sadiq Khan. ... National Security Council and State Department officials were working on the details but had not undertaken the usual 'preadvance' trip to work out the specific logistics of joint appearances, said a person familiar with the situation." <http://nyti.ms/2ssMMIG>

**PENTAGON WATCH -- "Mattis Quietly Keeps Distance From Trump's Most Divisive Moves,"** by NYT's Helene Cooper, Michael Gordon and Eric Schmitt: "Mr. Mattis ... has appeared behind the lectern in the Pentagon briefing room only twice since he became defense secretary, the better to stay out of political debates, aides say. Mr. Mattis's first, and only, appearance on the Sunday news shows did not come until four months into his term. Mr. Mattis, his friends and colleagues say, is driven by several considerations, including his belief that the military's political neutrality can help hold together a deeply divided nation -- a point that Mr. Mattis hammered home in a

commencement address last month at West Point in which he made one reference to the commander in chief and none to Congress.

**"Instead, he pointed to ancient Athens in hailing apolitical 'defenders who look past the hot political rhetoric of our day' to protect 'our experiment in self-governance.'** The speech by Mr. Mattis, who is registered to vote in Washington State, which does not require political affiliations be disclosed, stood in contrast to Vice President Mike Pence's address at the United States Naval Academy commencement in which he referred to Mr. Trump a dozen times, calling him the 'best friend the armed forces of the United States will ever have.'

**"Mr. Mattis's low profile is part of his strategy for exerting influence** from within, at one-on-one meetings with Mr. Trump or the dinners he has with the president and General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He was also at the White House last week while the president watched part of the highly anticipated congressional testimony by James B. Comey, the former F.B.I. director."

<http://nyti.ms/2rQ5KBO>

-- **MATTIS** will be on Capitol Hill today to testify, along with Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford, about their fiscal 2018 budgets.

**THE WHITE HOUSE** did not allow reporters into President Trump's fundraiser Sunday afternoon for New Jersey Rep. Tom MacArthur, a break from standard practice. MacArthur's spokesman said it raised \$800,000, per pooler Todd Gillman of the Dallas Morning News. **More from Katie Jennings** <http://politi.co/2tbHpE1>

**TRUMP AND PENCE'S MONDAY** -- Trump will be briefed on national security, hold a Cabinet meeting and host the Clemson Tigers football team at the White House to celebrate their football national championship. Pence is joining in the Cabinet meeting and will lunch with the president.

## **THE JUICE ...**

-- **PLAYBOOK EXCLUSIVE: MAJORITY FORWARD** , a nonprofit affiliated with the Senate Majority PAC, is launching a \$500,000, three-week TV and digital ad buy in West Virginia supporting Sen. Joe Manchin. The ad will praise the West Virginia Democrat for standing up for constituents on everything from coal to health care and protecting miners' benefits. The ad builds off a \$4.5 million campaign in Arizona, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nevada and Wisconsin that launched on Memorial Day is continuing to run in those states.

-- **JUSTICE NEIL GORSUCH** is selling his Boulder, Colorado home -- it's on the market for \$1,675,000. <http://bit.ly/2sSxpAx>

-- **SNEAK PEAK:** Megyn Kelly previews her interview with conservative radio host Alex Jones to talk about his views, conspiracy theories and controversies. The full interview

will air June 18 at 7 p.m. on "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly." <http://nbcnews.to/2rl5JSz>

**WASHINGTON'S OWN 'DEAR EVAN HANSEN' WINS 6 TONYS -- WAPO'S PETER MARKS** in New York: "'Dear Evan Hansen' claimed the top prize -- best musical -- at the 71st Tony Awards on Sunday, a nail-biter of a night that saw it scoop up five other awards, including one for its universally heralded star, Ben Platt. The musical, birthed in the summer of 2015 at Arena Stage, garnered trophies for its book writer, Steven Levenson, and composer-lyricists, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, who earlier this year earned an Oscar for their music in 'La La Land.' 'Dear Evan Hansen' tells the story of an introverted teenager who, desperate to be accepted, perpetuates a lie about a friendship with a classmate who has taken his own life, a falsehood that earns him Internet fame but ends in disaster." <http://wapo.st/2rlDd3g>

**-- A NOTE FROM YOUR PLAYBOOKERS:** We are especially proud of Ben Platt -- the star of "Dear Evan Hansen" and the winner of best leading actor in a musical. Ben is Jake's wife Irene's first cousin. Anna, Jake, Irene and a whole host of D.C.'ers saw "Dear Evan Hansen" at Arena Stage and fell in love with it. Six Tony's. Not bad.

## Playbook Reads

**PHOTO DU JOUR:** Marchers hold placards during the #ResistMarch at the 47th annual LA Pride Festival in West Hollywood, California on June 11. | Mark Ralston/AFP/Getty

**WELCOME TO WASHINGTON! "Melania Trump, son Barron move into the White House,"** by AP's Darlene Superville: "The first family is together again under the same roof: the White House. After nearly five months of living apart, President Donald Trump's wife, Melania, announced Sunday that she and the couple's young son have finally moved into the presidential mansion at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. ... 'Looking forward to the memories we'll make in our new home! #Movingday,' the first lady tweeted Sunday evening after she and Barron arrived at the White House with Trump. The tweet accompanied a photo of the Washington Monument as seen from the White House Red Room." ***With an AP pic of the first family getting to the White House -- Barron wore a t-shirt saying "The Expert" <http://apne.ws/2rh7FjS> ... FLOTUS' tweet <http://bit.ly/2st0h4T>***

**DEEP DIVE - BEN SCHRECKINGER** in POLITICO Magazine, "**How Russia Targets the U.S. Military:** With hacks, pro-Putin trolls and fake news, the Kremlin is ratcheting up its efforts to turn American servicemembers and veterans into a fifth column": "Experts warn that effort, which has received far less attention, has the potential to hobble the ability of the armed forces to clearly assess Putin's intentions and effectively counter future Russian aggression. In addition to propaganda designed to influence service members and veterans, Russian state actors are friending service members on

Facebook while posing as attractive young women to gather intelligence and targeting the Twitter accounts of Defense Department employees with highly customized 'phishing' attacks." <http://politi.co/2rhanpD>

**TOP-ED -- "Why foreign aid is critical to U.S. national security,"** by retired Admiral Mike Mullen and retired General Jim Jones in POLITICO Magazine: "This week, we will join 14 other experienced former four-star generals and admirals in submitting testimony to Congress that military power alone cannot prevent radicalization, nor can it, by itself, prevent despair from turning to anger and increasing outbursts of violence and instability. ... Unfortunately, the administration's budget would cut 32 percent from the budgets of the U.S. Agency for International Development and State Department - including a cut of nearly half to development assistance. This is exactly the wrong decision at a time when development efforts in the world's poorest and most fragile countries are needed more than ever. In turn, these severe cuts to USAID would only increase the risk to Americans and to our brave military service members. Congress should reject this dangerous path." <http://politi.co/2tbRlgM>

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**TALKER - This Sunday's upcoming N.Y. Times Magazine cover story, "The Long, Lonely Road of Chelsea Manning,"** by Matthew Shaer: "Her disclosure of classified documents in 2010 ushered in the age of leaks. Now, freed from prison, she talks about why she did it - and the isolation that followed." <http://nyti.ms/2stgLdo>

**NEW SUSAN GLASSER PODCAST - "The Shove Heard Round the World:** Montenegro's Prime Minister Markovic on joining NATO, Russia and that time Trump pushed him out of the way": "At least, [Dusko] Markovic told me when we met in Washington the other day, Trump's boorish action now means the rest of the planet is suddenly familiar with Montenegro, and the unlikely position it now occupies as a Balkan flashpoint between the wavering West it has been so eager to join and a resurgent Russia to its east, angered by the 'hostile' course it accuses Montenegro of taking. 'I have to say that I'm very grateful that this incident, so to say, took place. Because this is what made us so famous,' Markovic says. 'This is what made Montenegro so famous.'" <http://politi.co/2rRy46C> ... **Transcript** <http://politi.co/2r9U4Xv> ... **Subscribe** <http://apple.co/2kJ9q1U>

**2018 WATCH -- "Jared Polis to join crowded 2018 race for governor, tells The Post he wants 'a Colorado that works for everybody,'"** by Denver Post's Mark K.

Matthews: "In an interview with The Denver Post, the fifth-term lawmaker said his platform will focus on three initiatives: getting Colorado to use 100 percent renewable energy by 2040, ensuring parents can access free, full-day preschool or kindergarten for children age 3 and older, and encouraging companies in the state to provide stock options to employees. ... His entry further scrambles a contest that already lacks a clear favorite, and it all but guarantees that the 2018 race to replace Gov. John Hickenlooper will be one Colorado's wildest elections in years. Polis' run is notable too, given that the onetime Internet wunderkind can use his sizable fortune to fund his campaign and - if he wins - Polis would make history as the state's first openly gay governor."

<http://dpo.st/2ssS4gQ>

**HMM - WSJ yesterday**, "Democrats Look to Cheri Bustos to Map Path to Rural Votes": <http://on.wsj.com/2r9IYIt> ... **POLITICO Magazine's Michael Kruse, May 12**, "The Secret Weapon Democrats Don't Know How to Use: Cheri Bustos of Illinois has lessons about how to win in Trump territory. Are Democratic leaders listening?"

<http://politi.co/2s1K5Vr>

**POLITICO's INAUGURAL "WOMEN RULE" INVESTIGATION:** Not only did women not break the glass ceiling in 2016 -they stalled at just 20 percent in Congress, and less than one-quarter of elected offices nation-wide. Even as political activism among women has heated up since the election, there is a persistent gap continues in women's interest running for office. Over the course of several months, POLITICO conducted over 50 interviews with candidates, elected officials, researchers, wavering candidates and political operatives and found that the swell of female political activism does not translate to future candidacies. To change things, recruiters must start earlier in a woman's life for her to consider running, school boards are the best starting place, and the sales pitch to get women to run for office must change. **Read more**

<http://politi.co/2sTFF32>

## Playbookers

**NICE TOUCH -- "Jimmy Carter Shakes Hands With Every Passenger On Flight To Washington,"** by HuffPost's Igor Bobic: <http://bit.ly/2r9vd6e>

**SPOTTED:** Former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott yesterday at Pentagon City Mall, toting a Nordstrom bag ... Sen. Minority Leader Chuck Schumer on a plane Sunday afternoon from LaGuardia to Detroit ... Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) yesterday at the Beverly Hilton at a wedding ... Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) at the W hotel on Thursday night ... at Trump National in Bedminster, NJ yesterday: Shalabh "Shalli" Kumar, industrialist, chair of Republican Hindu Coalition and lobbyist Chase Kroll, founder/CEO of Kroll Global.

**SPOTTED** at "Not the White House Pride Party" at the Brixton on Saturday organized by Obama White House alumni Gautam Raghavan, Aditi Hardikar, and Monique Dorsainvil to benefit Casa Ruby and SMYAL: 350 guests including Valerie Jarrett; Eric

Fanning; former Ambassador Dan Baer; Jim Obergefell; Kate Clinton; Fatima Asghar and Sam Bailey; Tommy Dorfman; Stephanie Rice; Precious Brady-Davi; Mara Keisling; and former Obama White House officials including Brian Bond, Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, Shin Inouye, Lynn Rosenthal, Kyle Lierman, Heather Foster, Alexa Kissinger, Hallie Schneir, Leah Katz-Hernandez, Alissa Ko, and Jonathan Lee. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2ssKC5x>

**FOR COREY -- SPOTTED** by James Rosen on vacation with his wife Sara Durkin and their sons in Krakow on Sunday: A gift shop right off Market Square (and other gift shops in the Krakow square), were all selling "LEWANDOWSKI" jerseys. Robert Lewandowski is a soccer player for Bayern Munich and captain of the Poland national team. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2rhgkTx>

**WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- Sarah Wire** of the LA Times married **John Bethel** on Saturday at Friends Meeting House in Dupont Circle. The intimate ceremony was officiated by her father, Bob, followed by a dinner in the garden. Per the Columbia Tribune: the "groom, a 2002 graduate of Hickman High School in Columbia, works at Mega Kitchens and Baths. The two met through mutual friends at McNally's Irish Pub in Columbia as Sarah was finishing college in 2010. They lived in Arkansas before moving to Washington D.C. so Wire could cover Congress." **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2stjdAC> ... **Instapic** <http://bit.ly/2sdMM8F>

**SPOTTED:** a good portion of the women's Congressional Softball press team including Lynn Sweet of the Chicago Sun-Times, Bridget Bowman of Roll Call, Emmarie Huetteman and Mikayla Bouchard, both of The New York Times. Also attending: Allison Wisk of the LA Times, Amber Phillips of the Washington Post and Suzanne Struglinski of the National Press Club.

-- **Jacob Daniels**, who was just promoted to be SVP of policy at federal affairs consulting firm SPG and is a former Trump campaign staffer, recently married **Stacey Kafka**, press secretary for Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-Texas), in a small ceremony in front of close friends and family in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They met in 2014 when he was a city councilor in Creswell, Oregon, and she was a local ABC affiliate reporter and was interviewing him on a story. He soon asked her out on a date but she told him she doesn't date politicians. A few weeks later, he resigned from the city council and they started going out. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2ta5lb5>

-- **Stephen Morrissey** and **Elise Aronson**, who met as interns at the DSCC in 2011, were married over the weekend in Philadelphia at the Free Library. Guy Cecil, executive director of the DSCC when the two met, presided over the nuptials. Stephen is now an M&A associate at Skadden Arps, and Elise just graduated with an MBA from Wharton. **Pics -- cutting the cake** <http://bit.ly/2st0fKf> ... **Elise with her bridesmaids** <http://bit.ly/2s1P1tC>

**TRANSITIONS -- Alex Booze** starts today as an account manager at EPIC PR Group. Booze, who is also a food blogger for East Coast Contessas (<http://bit.ly/2r9xVWl>) in

her free time, was formerly the manager of media relations at the Charles Koch Institute.

**BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY:** BuzzFeed reporter **Alexis Levinson**, a National Review alum, is 29. How she's celebrating: "Dinner with my boyfriend. It's a Monday, so nothing crazy. My birthday always sneaks up on me somehow - every year I say I'm going to plan and then all of a sudden it's three days away." Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2sjBlwQ>

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dina Powell (hat tips: Sean Spicer, Autumn Vandehei and Amy Little Thomas) ... Carrie Budoff Brown, editor of Politico and the pride of York, Pa. ... Matt Mowers, senior White House advisor at the State Department (h/t Ryan Williams) ... the only, the only Kevin Sheekey, the man, the myth, the legend, is 51 -- Kevin was in China last week (h/ts Tammy Haddad and Helen Brosnan) ... George H.W. Bush is 93 ... Josh Kushner, founder of Thrive Capital, is 32 ... Rabbi Levi Shemtov, EVP of American Friends of Lubavitch (Chabad), is 57 (h/ts Jewish Insider) ... Marv Albert is 76 ... Dag Vega, managing director for public affairs and crisis at Burson-Marsteller and former special assistant to the President and director of broadcast Media at the Obama WH (h/t Ben Chang) ... Alex Castellanos, co-founder of Purple Strategies ... Google's Courtney Pannell ... Hayley Alexander is 28 ... Eli Glazier of urban planning firm Toole Design (h/t Ashley Gold) ... DNC alum Luis Miranda ... AP's Rachel D'Oro ... Rep. Mark Amodei (R-Nev.) is 59 ... Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Calif.) is 76 ... Eleanor Lewis (h/t Jon Haber) ... Husein Cumber ... Sally Bradshaw ... Casey Ratlief is 32 ... Todd Beyer ... E&E alum Nathanael Massey is 31 ...

... **Matt Wolking**, press secretary for Sen. Rubio (h/t Olivia Perez-Cubas) ... Hanna Siegel, deputy director at New American Economy (h/t Sarah Doolin Roy, who starts today at the American Ballet Theatre, working on brand partnerships and engagement strategy) ... Sean Murphy of Gotham Government Relations and Communications ... Zach Baron, new associate at Boies Schiller & Flexner, celebrating (despite this heat wave) at the Nats game (h/ts Shaina and Sarah) ... Mary Urbina-McCarthy ... social media guru Colleen Shalby, engagement editor at the LA Times ... Eli Zupnick ... Democratic fundraiser Lisa Kurdziel ... Melodie McQuade ... Ted Ullyot, partner in policy and regulatory affairs of Andreessen Horowitz and a Facebook, Bush 43 and DOJ alum ... Dan Archer, SVP of federal gov't relations at Wells Fargo ... former Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham, now a principal at Blank Rome, is 65 ... Patrick Schmitt ... Ryan Mannion, CTO for CAR and DRIVER ... Alissa Tabirian ... Campbell Curry-Ledbetter, deputy finance director at Joe Kennedy for Congress ... Sam Buchan ... Adam Wolf ... Katina Tina Rojas Joy ... William Kresse ... Melodie McQuade ... CFPB alum Victor Zapanta ... Jeani Murray, queen of Iowa City, Iowa ... Peter Schechter ... Jack Wetzberger, pride of Dubuque, Iowa ... Travis Worl ... Jon Green, king of winning Paid Sick Days campaigns ... Kate Vilsack (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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