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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by Starbucks

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Good Monday afternoon. THE PRESIDENT is hosting Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela. Here's an exchange, per the pooler George Condon of National Journal: "We have many things to discuss. We're going to spend quite a bit of time today," said the president. 'The Panama Canal is doing quite well.' Then, looking toward his visitor who was seated in the chair to his right, the president added, 'I think we did a good job building it, right?' President Varela responded, 'Very good job.'"

BIG NEWS FROM THE SUPREME COURT -- "Supreme Court rules the government can't refuse to register trademarks considered offensive," by Josh Gerstein: "The Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional the federal government's practice of refusing to register trademarks that officials deem to be offensive on racial, religious or similar grounds. The justices ruled, 8-0, in favor of Simon Tam, the front man for an all-Asian-American rock band known as 'The Slants.' The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had refused to register the band's name, citing a law that denied trademarks that disparage individuals, institutions, beliefs or national symbols. ... The eight justices who considered the case held unanimously that the clause banning registration of disparaging trademarks violates the First Amendment." <http://politi.co/2sKKNtE> ... **A great Planet Money episode on the band** <http://n.pr/2tjVZdD> ... **The band's song protesting the trademark office** <http://bit.ly/2tk5TvQ>

-- **THE LOCAL ANGLE:** This decision will thrill the owner of a certain Washington football team. Dan Snyder, the owner of the Washington Redskins, has been battling the trademark office for years, and some of the team's trademarks were cancelled in 2014. The team filed a friend of the court brief supporting the band when the case was heard. <http://bit.ly/2sKOO0S>

-- **@NoraPrinciotti:** "#Redskins owner Dan Snyder says 'I am THRILLED! Hail to the Redskins.'" in response to #SCOTUS ruling."

ON THE DOCKET -- "Supreme Court to hear partisan gerrymandering case," by Josh Gerstein: "The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case from Wisconsin that

could clarify whether redistricting plans can be unconstitutional because they're too partisan. Last November, a three-judge panel ruled, 2-1, that the Republican-drawn maps for Wisconsin's state assembly were impermissibly biased against Democrats. The high court also signaled Monday that it may well split along partisan lines. The justices voted, 5-4, to stay a requirement that the state file a new redistricting plan by Nov. 1. All the Democratic appointees dissented." <http://politi.co/2sKS6S3>

-- "**Supreme Court throws out bulk of suit by post-9/11 detainees,**" by Josh <http://politi.co/2sL1wwG>

THE COOLING SAUCER -- "Democrats to halt Senate business over Obamacare repeal," by Jennifer Haberkorn: "Beginning Monday night, Democrats will start objecting to all unanimous consent requests in the Senate, according to a Democratic aide. They plan to control the floor of the chamber Monday night and try to force the House-passed health care bill to committee in a bid to further delay it. Without the votes to block Obamacare repeal, Democrats are turning to procedural moves they believe will underscore their most powerful argument: Republicans are hiding their repeal plan from the public and using Senate procedures to keep it a secret. ...

"Holding the floor on Monday evening won't change the timing of a health care vote. And Democrats are unlikely to be able to force the House bill to committee or delay it. But it will force Republicans to answer for what Democrats say is a rushed process and bad policy. Democrats also plan to make a series of parliamentary inquiries to highlight the difference between the passage of the Affordable Care Act and the GOP bill. ... Democrats may still allow some honorary, bipartisan resolutions." <http://politi.co/2tkhF9v>

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IN SYRIA -- "Russia warns US after downing of Syrian jet," by the AP: "Russia's defense ministry says it will treat U.S.-led coalition planes in Syria, west of the Euphrates River, as targets after the U.S. military shot down a Syrian Air Force jet on Sunday. Moscow has condemned the U.S. downing of the Syrian government fighter jet after it dropped bombs nears U.S. partner forces." <http://apne.ws/2sK7ftq>

TRUMP WADES INTO GEORGIA -- @realDonaldTrump at 8:27 a.m.: "The Dems want to stop tax cuts, good healthcare and Border Security. Their ObamaCare is dead with 100% increases in P's. Vote now for Karen H"

-- **REPUBLICANS** are really all in here. Speaker Paul Ryan has gone, McCarthy stopped by and outside groups and the NRCC are in big. ... **@LA_Hagen:** "House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy stopped by Karen Handel's first event of the day #GA06" <http://bit.ly/2sK3DB2>

NEW THRESHOLD -- "Spending in Georgia Sixth race pushes past \$50 million," by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Greg Bluestein: "The race for Georgia's 6th District was already the most expensive election of its kind. Now the contest to represent a suburban Atlanta district has shattered another barrier, topping \$50 million in overall spending. An election-eve analysis by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution shows that roughly \$42 million has been spent or reserved for TV and radio ads in the race ... That doesn't include the other cash spent by the campaigns and the super PACs and outside groups supporting them for other trappings of the campaigns, including direct-mail, staff payroll, consulting fees and digital ads." <http://on-ajc.com/2tkbGRV>

FOR SCALISE -- CHIEF DEPUTY WHIP PATRICK MCHENRY (R-N.C.) has organized two blood drives on the Hill this week in honor of House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) and the other victims of last week's shootings. The blood drive tomorrow will be at the Rayburn Foyer from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is supported by INOVA Blood Donor Services and the blood drive on Thursday, which is supported by the American Red Cross, will be at the Rayburn Foyer and Rayburn 2050 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OOPS -- "GOP Data Firm Accidentally Leaks Personal Details of Nearly 200 Million American Voters," by Gizmodo's Dell Cameron and Kate Conger: "Political data gathered on more than 198 million US citizens was exposed this month after a marketing firm contracted by the [RNC] stored internal documents on a publicly accessible Amazon server. The data leak contains a wealth of personal information on roughly 61 percent of the US population. Along with home addresses, birthdates, and phone numbers, the records include advanced sentiment analyses used by political groups to predict where individual voters fall on hot-button issues such as gun ownership, stem cell research, and the right to abortion, as well as suspected religious affiliation and ethnicity." <http://bit.ly/2tjSGDj>

JOSH ROGIN in WaPo, "The State Department just broke a promise to minority and female recruits": "Dozens of young minority and female State Department recruits received startling and unwelcome news last week: They would not be able to soon join the Foreign Service despite having been promised that opportunity. Their saga is just the latest sign that Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's rush to slash the size of the State Department without a plan is harming diplomacy and having negative unintended effects. The recruits, who are part of the State Department's Rangel and Pickering fellowship programs, have already completed two years of graduate-level education at U.S. taxpayers' expense plus an internship, often in a foreign country. ... Many were shocked when they received a letter telling them they had one week to decide if they wanted to take a much less appealing job - stamping passports in a foreign embassy for two years - with the prospect but no guarantee of becoming a Foreign Service officer even after that." <http://wapo.st/2rMlgel>

THE RESISTANCE -- "Cecile Richards on Planned Parenthood, the Resistance, and Galvanizing the Next Generation of Activists," by Jonathan Van Meter in Vogue: "The day after Donald Trump's election, the collective panic and despair on the left

translated into a tidal wave of donations that went overwhelmingly to two nonprofits: Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union. Both were founded a century ago, and they have been working closely together ever since. (When Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger was arrested in 1916 for handing out pamphlets on how women could avoid pregnancy, it was ACLU founder Roger Baldwin who came to her defense.)

"It was as if a huge swath of progressive America -more than 600,000 new donors to Planned Parenthood and 1.6 million to the ACLU-intuited that these organizations were now the twin pillars of a newly emboldened progressive movement, and their leaders, Anthony Romero, the ACLU's executive director, and Richards, were the faces of the resistance. It was a perfect pairing-the two are close friends, staunch allies, and battle-tested generals of their respective armies. 'Cecile and I understand each other,' says Romero. 'We have the same value system. When I'm having a hard day, I call her and say, 'You need to help me dust myself off.' She is always empathetic, but always the first one to push you back out there.'" <http://bit.ly/2sKoBj6>

NEW PETS -- @SecondLady: "We welcomed a new kitten to our family during our trip back home to Indiana this weekend!!Introducing: Hazel!" <http://bit.ly/2tk3Zvl>
...**@VPPressSec:** "New Second Dog - Harley - got his first ride on Air Force Two with @VP. Next exploring the grounds & house at Vice President's Residence." <http://bit.ly/2tk1d97>

QUOTE OF THE DAY -- "I have people knocking down my door to talk to the presidential personnel office. ... There is a huge demand to join this administration," Sean Spicer to WaPo's Lisa Rein and Abby Phillip. <http://wapo.st/2sKR48J>

TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Orange County Republicans prepare for a fight -- Lawmakers leaves Albany without any deals <http://politi.co/2tkiBe5>

MEDIAWATCH -- EYE-POPPING VALUATION -- "Vice raises \$450 million from TPG," by CNBC's Michelle Castillo: "Vice has raised a new \$450 million round of funding from TPG, Vice Media CEO Shane Smith told CNBC. With the minority investment from TPG, the company is now valued at \$5.7 billion." <http://cnb.cx/2tkqjVJ>

-- **@mcaldерone:** "News I hate to report: @samsteinhp joining the Daily Beast." ...
@DylanByers: "Media Move: The @JoePompeo, author of Politico's Morning Media newsletter, is joining Vanity Fair's @VFHIVE as senior media correspondent."

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- The Reagan Years, a film co-directed by Sierra Pettengill and Pacho Velez, will open in theaters on June 26. The film is entirely archival footage that has largely been unseen. It will air on CNN in September. *Trailer* <http://bit.ly/2sJZ9KN>

OUT AND ABOUT -- Over the weekend, more than 600 Mississippians gathered at the Henry Bacon Ballfield for the Mississippi Society's annual Mississippi on the Mall event.

SPOTTED: Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-Miss.) and son Bear, Brad White, Michelle Barlow Richardson; University of Southern Mississippi's President Rodney Bennett and Vice-President Gordon Cannon, Nick Owens; Susan Sweat, Robert Murray (with baby boy Brooks), Sarah Lloyd Stevenson, Nicole Tisdale, Brett Richards, Samantha Helton, Mary Margaret Johnson, Frances Stringer and many Capitol Hill staffers and alumni tailgating with Lincoln.

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