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Subject: POLITICO Playbook, presented by CTIA: TRUMP: NO DEAL with Pelosi and Schumer – BEHIND THE SCENES: the WH flips out, calls the Hill and tries to walk the deal back -- MEANWHILE: PENCE dines with GOP congressmen -- JARED and IVANKA break bread with TED CRUZ

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Today's POLITICO Playbook presented by CTIA

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Driving the Day

Good Thursday morning. STOP US IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS BEFORE: PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, CHUCK SCHUMER AND NANCY PELOSI walk into a Chinese dinner on Pennsylvania Avenue....

LET'S GO OVER THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ...

-- **THE DINNER:** The White House served Trump, Schumer and Pelosi Chinese food at a rectangular table in the Blue Room of the White House. Trump sat at the head, flanked by Pelosi on the right and Schumer on the left. Eleven people attended the dinner -- all men besides Pelosi. They talked about China trade issues, in addition to immigration policy.

-- **AROUND 9:30 LAST NIGHT**, the White House put out a statement about the dinner, saying the president had a "constructive working dinner with Senate and House Minority Leaders, Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi as well as administration officials to discuss policy and legislative priorities. These topics included tax reform, border security, DACA, infrastructure and trade."

-- **AT ROUGHLY 9:45**, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer's offices put out a statement saying that **PRESIDENT TRUMP** agreed to quickly "enshrine the protections of DACA into law" with "a package of border security excluding the wall, that's acceptable to both sides." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** sent a bulletin at 9:52 p.m. saying a deal had been cut. A source briefed on the meeting told us around 10 p.m. that the "President and the leaders agreed to pair the bipartisan DREAM Act with some border security, excluding the wall."

-- **BEHIND THE SCENES**, Washington started to explode. The White House legislative affairs team was sending text messages and emails to Republican Hill staff, saying the president had only agreed to work on fixing DACA soon. He didn't give up on the wall funding, but the White House conceded he said he wouldn't insist it be part of this package.

-- **THE KIND-OF-SORT-OF PRESIDENTIAL PUSHBACK: TRUMP TWEETED at 6:11 a.m.** : "No deal was made last night on DACA. Massive border security would have to be agreed to in exchange for consent. Would be subject to vote." ... **at 6:20 a.m.:**"The WALL, which is already under construction in the form of new renovation of old and existing fences and walls, will continue to be built." ...

... **at 6:28 a.m.:** "Does anybody really want to throw out good, educated and accomplished young people who have jobs, some serving in the military? Really!....." ... **at 6:35 a.m.:** "...They have been in our country for many years through no fault of their own - brought in by parents at young age. Plus BIG border security"

... **NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS...**

-- **WAS THERE EVER A DEAL? ARE THEY CLOSE TO A DEAL?** Only time will tell. And what's a deal mean, anyway? Neither side put out any specifics. Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell are the leaders of the Republican majority, so if you want something done, you need to conduct business with them. As McConnell told the NYT's Carl Hulse earlier this week: "One of the advantages of being the majority leader is you control the paper." That's well put, and very true. The minority has ways to try to force votes, but if you're in the minority, you don't have a say of what gets onto the House or Senate floor, by and large. And Republicans were already complaining the Trump had handed over the governing keys to Democrats.

-- **YES, REPUBLICANS WERE BLINDSIDED.** Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell were not part of this discussion. Ryan sat down with Democrats Wednesday to try to begin to discuss this deal. They didn't make much progress. **See Heather Caygle and John Bresnahan's story for more** <http://politi.co/2h4y1xM> Then Pelosi and Schumer went to the White House and tried to make some progress. A senior Democratic aide told us last night that it's incumbent on the White House to coordinate with Hill Republicans and keep them in the loop.

-- **THIS IS A SMART MOVE FOR DEMS.** It ratchets up pressure on the GOP leadership to do something.

-- **CONSERVATIVES ARE ALREADY WORRIED.** Jake was texting late into the night with Hill sources of all stripes. Conservatives are particularly worried. One particularly plugged in aide pointed out that conservatives ditched Trump on health care once, and immigration is much more of a sacred cow than Obamacare. "If it's weak at all they'll flip ... [I]f it's the typical give a little more \$ to ICE and call it a day they will revolt." **THE REAL STICKING POINT:** Can Republicans and Democrats agree what "real" border

security is?

IOWA REPUBLICAN STEVE KING came out almost immediately against any deal. King tweeted: "@RealDonaldTrump If AP is correct, Trump base is blown up, destroyed, irreparable, and disillusioned beyond repair. No promise is credible." ... **CHUCK GRASSLEY**: "@realDonaldTrump Morn news says u made deal w Schumer on DACA/hv ur staff brief me/ I know u undercut JudiCimm effort 4 biparty agreement" ... **See Bob Costa's story from late last night** <http://wapo.st/2fjLamm>

-- ANY DEAL ON DACA COULD BE A PROBLEM FOR REPUBLICAN LEADERS.

John Boehner and Eric Cantor were thrown to the wolves a few years ago for even toying with some sort of immigration reform package. Paul Ryan promised conservatives when he won the speakership in 2015 that he would not pursue and immigration package unless it had the support of the majority of Republicans. That means whatever deal Trump cut -- or will cut -- with Schumer and Pelosi needs to have the support of 121 House Republicans. **REMEMBER**: Paul Ryan is *always* under the threat of an immediate referendum vote of his speakership. Immigration isn't like touching the third rail. It's like hugging an electrified pole while wearing soaking wet clothing.

-- THE REGULAR ORDER ISSUE. Republicans are notoriously uneven when it comes to putting bills through the committee process, but conservatives -- and even GOP leaders -- will say that something this significant has to go through the committees, not get crafted over crispy beef at the White House. McConnell has privately promised senators that this kind of deal would go through the committee process.

THE TIME ISSUE. Republicans have until March to get this done. They'll want to take time to get this right. But if this drags on until March, it will slow the rest of their agenda.

IT'S WORTH NOTING -- It can't be overstated: this isn't how Washington usually works. A Republican president cutting out his own party's leadership on a politically sensitive issue to work directly with Democrats is unheard of and would otherwise be considered politically perilous. We bet that this will get hashed out between Ryan, Pelosi, McConnell and Schumer at some point in the next few months.

HOW IT PLAYED -- NYT: "Democrats Say Trump Agreed to Make Deal on 'Dreamers'" <http://nyti.ms/2fkobaZ> ... **WAPO**: "Trump, top Democrats agree to work on deal to save 'dreamers' from deportation" <http://wapo.st/2x162GM> ... **WSJ**: "Trump, Democrats Shape Agreement to Protect 'Dreamers'" <http://on.wsj.com/2h4w5ZT>

BREITBART HEADLINE -- "AMNESTY DON" <http://bit.ly/2wc40GI>

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TRUMP'S NOT THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN -- "Moderate Republicans quietly form working group to craft immigration plan," by Seung Min Kim and Rachael Bade: "Moderate House Republicans angling for a legislative fix to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program have quietly created an informal working group to try and craft an immigration plan that could pass Congress, according to GOP sources.

"The lawmakers have met off and on for months. But it was in anticipation of President Donald Trump's eventual decision last week to phase out the Obama-era executive action that granted hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants work permits and deportation protections, said one person familiar with the group's workings. Now that Trump has made his DACA decision official, the group will be meeting more frequently.

"Republicans who have engaged in the casual talks include Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida; Jeff Denham and David Valadao of California, Mark Amodei of Nevada and Dan Newhouse of Washington, among other lawmakers. The GOP leadership is aware of these discussions, although it's not a group led by Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) nor his top deputies." <http://politi.co/2x1G7Pj>

WHAT TRUMP DID TWEET ABOUT LAST NIGHT -- @realDonaldTrump at 10:47 p.m.: "Crooked Hillary Clinton blames everybody (and every thing) but herself for her election loss. She lost the debates and lost her direction!" ... **at 10:52 p.m.:** "The 'deplorables' came back to haunt Hillary. They expressed their feelings loud and clear. She spent big money but, in the end, had no game!"

MEANWHILE, AT THE NAVAL OBSERVATORY ... -- VP MIKE PENCE hosted a dinner of his own ... with Republicans! **IN ATTENDANCE:** House Freedom Caucus Chairman Mark Meadows (N.C.), Reps. Jim Jordan (Ohio), Andy Barr (Ky.), Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Bob Goodlatte (Va.), Andy Harris (Md.), Vicky Hartzler (Mo.), French Hill (Ark.), Gary Palmer (Ala.), Jason Smith (Mo.) and Mark Walker (N.C.).

MUELLER UPDATE -- "Mueller Probe Has 'Red-Hot' Focus on Social Media, Officials Say," by Bloomberg's Chris Strohm: "Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican, said Tuesday that it's 'probably more a question of when' than if there will be a hearing with Facebook officials as part of his panel's probe. Mark Warner, the committee's top Democrat and a former telecommunications company founder, said Facebook's revelation appears to be 'the tip of the iceberg. I think there's going to be much more.' 'This is the Wild, Wild West,' Warner said." <https://bloom.bg/2y0U6UM>

-- "Trump Administration Launches Broad New Anti-Leak Program," by BuzzFeed's Chris Geidner: "The top US national security official has directed government departments and agencies to warn employees across the entire federal government next week about the dangers and consequences of leaking even

unclassified information. ...

"The latest move is a dramatic step that could greatly expand what type of leaks are under scrutiny and who will be scrutinized. In the memo about leaks that was subsequently obtained by BuzzFeed News, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster details a request that 'every Federal Government department and agency' hold a one-hour training next week on 'unauthorized disclosures' - of classified and certain unclassified information." <http://bzfd.it/2eXINGI>

TREASURY SECRETARIES ARE JUST LIKE US... "Treasury Secretary Mnuchin asked for government jet for honeymoon," by Henry C. Jackson and Josh Dawsey: "Treasury Sec. Steve Mnuchin asked for a military jet to take him and his wife, actress Louise Linton, on their European honeymoon earlier this summer, the Treasury Department confirmed on Wednesday. ABC News, citing anonymous sources, first reported that Mnuchin put the request in writing and that it led to an 'inquiry' by the Treasury Department's Office of Inspector General. Mnuchin and Linton traveled to Scotland, France and Italy after their late-June wedding.

"The request for a military plane was eventually deemed unnecessary after further consideration. A Treasury Department spokesman released a statement Wednesday evening acknowledging that Mnuchin had requested the jet, but said the secretary had done so because he wanted to maintain secure communications during extended travel." <http://politi.co/2war74n> ... **The ABC story** <http://abcn.ws/2x3negl>

-- **MNUCHIN** speaks to Ben White at the POLITICO Pro Policy Summit today. <http://politi.co/2xArUvZ>

ESSENTIAL READING -- DIFFERENT SONG SHEET ALERT -- "GOP to Release Tax Overhaul as Trump Says Rich Won't Benefit: Republicans prepare for legislative sprint on a plan they expect would cut taxes for the wealthy," by WSJ's Rich Rubin: "President Donald Trump said Wednesday the emerging Republican tax proposal won't cut taxes for the wealthy, and they may go up, an assurance that appeared to contradict the plan that his administration and GOP leaders are drafting.

"Mr. Trump, speaking before a meeting with a bipartisan group of House members, said he expects wealthy Americans 'will not be gaining at all' under the tax overhaul he wants Congress to pass with a view toward creating new jobs and helping middle-class taxpayers. 'The wealthy will be pretty much where they are,' Mr. Trump, a Republican, said. 'If we can do that, we'd like it. If they have to go higher, they'll go higher, frankly.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2x3KriL>

-- **COUNTDOWN: A MAXIMUM OF 15 DAYS** until the Big Six is slated to release its tax plan, and the president is saying something that flies directly in the face of what his aides and Hill leaders are drafting.

TRUMP'S THURSDAY -- THE PRESIDENT is going to Florida this morning. He flies to

Fort Myers, and goes to Naples. When he gets back to D.C. he hosts a reception and dinner for the White House Historical Association.

THE JUICE ...

-- **SPOTTED:** Ivanka and Jared having dinner with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and his wife Heidi at a corner table at Fiola Mare last night.

-- **SEAN SPICER** on **JIMMY KIMMEL** last night -- From the show: "Sean talks about Donald Trump's tweeting, his Inauguration crowd size, fake news, Melissa McCarthy's impersonation of him, Anthony Scaramucci and more." ***YouTube video of the full interview*** <http://bit.ly/2f7GN19>

-- **AMB. BOB KIMMITT** and **DAVID MCCORMICK** hosted a book party for **RAY DALIO** last night at the Metropolitan Club for his new book "Principles: Life and Work." ***\$18 on Amazon*** <http://amzn.to/2x1quaF> ... ***NYT's Sunday Business cover story "Bridgewater's Ray Dalio Spreads His Gospel of 'Radical Transparency'"*** <http://nyti.ms/2eXtZGO>

SPOTTED: Jared Kushner and Ivanka Trump, Gary Cohn, Wilbur Ross, HR McMaster and Katie McMaster, Dina Powell, Reed and Maggie Cordish, Chris and Renee Lidell, Rob Porter, Jeremy Katz, Josh Raffel, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and Heidi Cruz, Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Katherine Bradley, Wolf Blitzer, Steve Case, Amb. Jeanne Johnson Phillips, Jack Oliver, Marc Esper, Juleanna Glover, Tom Nides, Matt Schlapp, Richard Fontaine, Eric Cantor, Tom Donilon, Bruce Mehlman, Marcus Brauchli, John McConnell, Tony Fratto, Anne Marie Hauser, Margaret Carlson, Julie and Wynn Radford, Amy Little Thomas, Marc Lampkin, Steve Clemons, Jeff Mason, Nihal Krishan, Wayne Berman, David Urban, Anton Vuljaj, Fred Ryan, Jim and Autumn VandeHei, Mike Allen, Jonathan Swan, Kristen Silverberg and Paul Lettow.

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Sen. Bill Cassidy (left) and Sen. Lindsey Graham (right) fist bump each other during a news conference on Capitol Hill on Sept. 13 to unveil legislation to reform health care. | Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

JOE BIDEN ALERT! -- "Joe Biden: Reclaiming America's Values"
<http://nyti.ms/2y9KU1o>

BIG SCOOP -- CNN'S "MOSCOW" MANU RAJU -- "Exclusive: Rice told House investigators why she unmasked senior Trump officials": "Former national security

adviser Susan Rice privately told House investigators that she unmasked the identities of senior Trump officials to understand why the crown prince of the United Arab Emirates was in New York late last year, multiple sources told CNN.

"The New York meeting preceded a separate effort by the UAE to facilitate a back-channel communication between Russia and the incoming Trump White House. The crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, arrived in New York last December in the transition period before Trump was sworn into office for a meeting with several top Trump officials, including Michael Flynn, the president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and his top strategist Steve Bannon, sources said." <http://cnn.it/2wYQICr>

SCOOP -- "Trump ethics watchdog moves to allow anonymous gifts to legal defense funds," by Darren Samuelsohn: "The U.S. Office of Government Ethics has quietly reversed its own internal policy prohibiting anonymous donations from lobbyists to White House staffers who have legal defense funds. The little-noticed change could help President Donald Trump's aides raise the money they need to pay attorneys as the Russia probe expands - but raises the potential for hidden conflicts of interest or other ethics trouble. 'You can picture a whole army of people with business before the government willing to step in here and make [the debt] go away,' said Marilyn Glynn, a former George W. Bush-era acting OGE director who worked in the office for 17 years." <http://politi.co/2y0QQZF>

ISRAEL, CHINA, OPIOIDS AND NOW PRISONS -- "Kushner to gather bipartisan group to come up with ideas for federal prisons," by WaPo's Beth Reinhard: "President Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, will convene a roundtable Thursday at the White House to gather recommendations for improving mentoring and job training in federal prisons, a departure from the administration's focus on more punitive crime-fighting measures. A bipartisan group of about two dozen elected officials, religious leaders and business leaders were invited to the first major criminal justice-related event held by the Kushner-led Office of American Innovation, which in recent months has brought together technology executives to search for ways to make government more efficient. ...

"There is a lot of agreement from the left and the center and the right that once a person has committed a crime we should make sure we give them the best opportunities to try to live a productive life after serving their time,' Kushner told The Washington Post in a telephone interview. 'We're not looking to train better criminals.'" <http://wapo.st/2y0ancC>

JARED and IVANKA speak to the FT's Courtney Weaver for a cover feature for the weekend magazine -- "I will not be distracted by the noise" - Ivanka on her ability to change her father's policies: "Some people have created unrealistic expectations of what they expect from me. That my presence in and of itself would carry so much weight with my father that he would abandon his core values and the agenda that the American people voted for when they elected him. It's not going to happen. To those critics, shy of turning my father into a liberal, I'd be a failure to them."

--On why she so rarely publicly criticizes her father: "To voice dissent publicly would mean I'm not part of the team. When you're part of a team, you're part of a team. That doesn't mean everyone in the White House has homogeneous views -- we don't, and I think that's good and healthy -- but that doesn't mean we're publicly undermining [each other] and this administration." <http://on.ft.com/2h5ON3n>

MORE KUSHNER DRAMA -- "Kushner's White House role 'crushed' efforts to woo investors for NYC tower," by WaPo's Michael Kranish and Jonathan O'Connell: "Jared Kushner and his family company seemed close to striking a deal in 2016 to transform their aging, money-losing 41-story Manhattan office tower into a new and profitable Fifth Avenue skyscraper twice as tall. A team led by Kushner and his father, Charles, courted global investors and prospective tenants. Then Donald Trump became president and Kushner became his father-in-law's senior White House adviser. Problems ensued. ...

"They were crushed by this," said Thomas Barrack, a friend of Trump and Kushner's and former project investor. Kushner's move to the White House 'just about completely chilled the market, and [potential investors] just said, "No way - can't be associated with any appearances of conflict of interest," even though there was none.' Laurent Morali, who became president of Kushner Cos. last year, said in an interview that he is marketing a 60-year-old aluminum-clad building 'that is not competitive' with more-modern properties. He said the company will decide soon whether to proceed with its ambitious redevelopment plan or scale back." <http://wapo.st/2jpstll>

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DAVID REMNICK interviews **HILLARY CLINTON** for The New Yorker - "Hillary Clinton Looks Back in Anger: She talks about Trump, Comey, collusion, 'deplorables,' and the power of sexism": "I think the President and his Administration pose a clear and present danger to our democracy ... I hoped, back on the day after that election, that I wouldn't be sitting here, all these months later, feeling compelled to say that with a sense of urgency. But I am, and I do." ...

President Trump is "being played by the Putins and the Kim Jong Uns of the world. I'm not even sure he's aware of that. Because he has such a limited understanding of the world. Everything is in relation to how it makes him feel. And therefore he has little objective distance, which a leader must have. ... I think Trump has behaved in a

deplorable manner, both during his campaign and as President ... I think he has given permission to others to engage in deplorable behavior, as we did see in Charlottesville and elsewhere. So I don't take back the description that I made of him and a number of his core supporters." ...

"Mitch McConnell, in what I think of as a not only unpatriotic but despicable act of partisan politics, made it clear that if the Obama Administration spoke publicly about what they knew, he would accuse them of partisan politics, of trying to tip the balance toward me ... McConnell basically threatened the White House."

Two other quotes from the interview -- her view of the Obama Administration's response to Russian hacking, she said, "I think we were mushy." ... What it was like to write the book: "Literally, at times when I was writing it, I had to go lie down ... I just couldn't bear to relive it." <http://bit.ly/2xANvEt> ... ***The cover, titled "The First" and by Malika Favre, is what the New Yorker would have published had Clinton won*** <http://bit.ly/2eWKEdz>

UPDATE -- "Anthony Weiner Says His Actions 'Crushed the Aspirations of My Wife'," by NYT's Benjamin Weiser: "Lawyers for Anthony D. Weiner, the former Democratic congressman whose lewd text exchanges with a teenage girl led to his prosecution and embroiled him in an F.B.I. investigation of Hillary Clinton before the presidential election, asked a judge on Wednesday night to spare him a prison sentence.

"In asking that Mr. Weiner receive probation , his lawyers described his behavior as 'inexcusable,' but cited his 'remarkable progress' over the past year. Mr. Weiner, 53, writing separately to the judge, cited his 'profound' regret for endangering the well-being of the girl, whom he understood to be 15. He added, 'My continued acting out over years crushed the aspirations of my wife and ruined our marriage.' And, he said, his young son 'will forever have to answer questions about the public and private failings of his father.' ... Prosecutors are expected to make their sentencing recommendation next week. The office of Joon H. Kim, the acting United States attorney in Manhattan, said in Mr. Weiner's plea agreement that a sentence in the range of 21 to 27 months would be 'fair and appropriate.'" <http://nyti.ms/2y0tXp5>

PORTMAN PROFILE -- "How An Old-Fashioned Senator Is Living In Donald Trump's Washington," by BuzzFeed's Henry J. Gomez: "Asked how he learns about President Donald Trump's disruptive and frequently combative tweets, the Ohio Republican grinned. 'I get it two ways,' he began, as he rose from a chair in his office. He walked behind his desk and grabbed his iPhone. 'I can't follow everybody, right? But guess who I do follow? Donald Trump,' Portman continued as he returned to his seat. 'So every one of his tweets, I get on my phone. I have an alert,' Portman confirmed as he tapped away at the screen. 'You know why? Because when I didn't have an alert, I would be in the middle of an interview with someone like you, and they would ask me about something he tweeted, and I would be caught flat-footed.'" <http://bzfd.it/2jqs3vw>

NARAL's ILYSE HOGUE: 'WE ARE VERY, VERY PLEASED' by single-payer bill.

The abortion-rights advocate tells POLITICO's Dan Diamond that guaranteed coverage of abortion and contraception is a major step from Democrats' approach even eight years ago. "We think the Sanders bill positions reproductive health care right where it's supposed to be ... a non-negotiable part of a health care system where everybody's needs are covered. I think that's a huge achievement. We went from a Stupak amendment that nearly derailed [reproductive] health care in 2009 ... [to] the whole host of reproductive health care that we know helps women thrive." <http://bit.ly/2eWVKzh>

MEDIAWATCH -- Tom LoBianco is joining the AP's Washington bureau starting Monday. He rejoins AP from CNN. LoBianco previously worked for the AP as a politics reporter in Indiana.

TV TODAY -- CHUCK TODD is joining former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is traveling to the U.S. Virgin Islands of St. Thomas and St. John to survey the damage caused by Hurricane Irma and provide help. Some of the interview will air Friday on MSNBC's "MTP Daily," with more on Sunday's "Meet the Press."

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Boris Epshteyn at the Capital Grille last night -- *pic* <http://bit.ly/2h3BJHM> ... Sen. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) was also at the Capital Grille, having dinner with some El Paso county commissioners

OUT AND ABOUT - NADEAM ELSHAMI FAREWELL - Pool report: "The best quote from the farewell party for outgoing Chief of Staff to Nancy Pelosi, Nadeam Elshami was when he recalled his goal for working on Capitol Hill sarcastically, 'when starting on Capitol Hill my mission was to sit behind a member on the floor so I could be on C-Span.'"

SPOTTED: House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-Ill.) and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), as well as Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass., House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), Democratic Reps. Joe Crowley (N.Y.), John Conyers (Mich.), John Sarbanes (Md.), Debbie Dingell (Mich.), Elijah Cummings (Md.), Nita Lowey (N.Y.), Brendan Boyle (Pa.), Michelle Lujan-Grisham (N.M.), Brad Schneider (Ill.), David Cicilline (R.I.), Carolyn Maloney (N.Y.), Pete Aguilar (Calif.), Louise Slaughter (N.Y.), Ben Ray Lujan (N.M.), Maxine Waters (Calif.), Bennie Thompson (Miss.), Barbara Lee (Calif.), Earl Blumenauer (Ore.), Barbara Jackson Lee (Calif.) and Jared Polis (Colo.) ...

... **Jennifer Palmieri, Izzy Klein, Tom Kahn, Steve Elmendorf, Peter Karafotas, Paul Tencher, Yebbie Watkins, Matt Gelman, Brad Wolters, John Michael Gonzalez and Todd Schulte.** Pelosi alumni Paula Short, Brendan Daly, Jon Stivers, Alexandra Veitch, Melinda Medlin, Jerry Hartz, Jonathan Powell, Kelly Berens, Michael Bloom and Anne

Cannon MacMillan, Tom Manatos and new Pelosi chief of staff, Danny Weiss.

--**Last night IGI and The Lenzner Firm** hosted their annual rooftop reception.

SPOTTED: Kelly Collis, Brendan Sullivan, Tamera Luzzatto, Sally Bedell Smith, Amb. Jim Jones, Nan Aron, David Letter, Erick Mullen, Richard Scott, James Crowell, Francis Creighton, Emily Lenzner, Mike Dorning, Matea Gold, Tom Hamburger, Ros Halderman, Puneet Talwar, Jason Gross, Chris Todd, Andrew Kline, Marti Thomas and of course Jon Lenzner.

--**Pool report: "Hill staffers and Nashville's finest met** for the [National Music Publishers Association's] annual songwriter showcase on the 101 Constitution Rooftop last night. Bayou soul singer-songwriter Marc Broussard performed as did Nashville singer-songwriter Ryan Kinder. The event reminded attendees of what songwriters are up against in the Digital Age and advocated policy reforms that would help them be paid properly by streaming services."

SPOTTED: David Israelite, Danielle Aguirre, Charlotte Sellmyer, Cary Sherman, Mitch Glazier, Reps. John Conyers and Ted Deutsch, Brendan Belair, Jennifer Lackey, Brendan Shields, Tyler Grimm, Alec French, Paul Overstreet and Mark Bryan.

ENGAGED - Dan Diamond, Politico Pulse author and host of the "Pulse Check" podcast, recently got engaged to **Alicia Daugherty**, a managing director at the Advisory Board Company. "We met through work, at the Advisory Board Company. After years of friendship, I made the first move, and Alicia eventually deemed me to be boyfriend material." **How he proposed:** "We were in New Mexico, where my family has ties, and went off on an adventure that combined a hike, a spa, an inn and Alicia's favorite movie series - Indiana Jones. After Alicia said yes, I surprised her with airplane tickets to her hometown in Minnesota, so we could celebrate with her family too." **Pic** <http://politi.co/2fkJfhz>

SUNDAY SO FAR - NBC's "Meet the Press": Mike Bloomberg. Panel: Doris Kearns Goodwin, David Brody, Al Cardenas and Katy Tur.

--**"Fox News Sunday":** Newt Gingrich, Julie Pace, Guy Benson, Rachael Bade.

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): FCC press secretary Tina Pelkey (hat tip: Neil Grace)

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Alex Korson, executive producer of MSNBC's "Morning Joe". **How he's celebrating:** "The weekend prior: dinner with my parents at my favorite steakhouse, Capital Grille. The day of: in the 'Morning Joe' control room in the morning, and then whatever my wife and 5 year old girls have in store for me." **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2xmAJbv>

BIRTHDAYS: Bloomberg's Jen Jacobs ... Kirsten Kukowski, a Scott Walker and RNC alum ... Will Nichols ... Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev ... NYT's Matt Flegenheimer (h/t Alexis Levinson) ... Russell Berman, senior associate editor at The

Atlantic ... Victoria Esser, former assistant secretary for public affairs at Treasury ... Angela Grossfeld ... CAP's Ryan Collins (h/t Patrick Dolan) ... Larry A. Mizel, CEO of MDC Holdings ... NYT Baghdad bureau chief Tim Arango ... Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.), who was at the Trump Hotel last night ... Paula Dobriansky ... Jolyn Marie Cikanek, the gov't relations and PAC manager at Genworth Financial and a Jeb and Romney alum, is 3-0. She's celebrating on her honeymoon in the southern Caribbean - **pic** (<http://bit.ly/2h4SGSf>) (hubby tip: Zachary Cikanek) ... Jim Angle ... Courtney Flantzer ... NBC News' Scott Foster (h/ts Olivia Petersen) ... Howlie Davis ... Joyce Brayboy ... Abigail Collazo ... Jay Preciado, celebrating with Erin (h/t Jon Haber) ... Rae Ryan ... Naomi Karavani ...

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