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Good Monday afternoon. DEJA VU -- ATTORNEY GENERAL JEFF SESSIONS will testify in an open hearing Tuesday, once again ensuring that at least one day this week will be eaten up by live coverage of senators from both parties questioning a witness about the president of the United States and his relationship with Russia. **More from *Seung Min Kim and Kyle Cheney*** <http://politi.co/2tdh092>

-- **ABC's MIKE LEVINE (@MLevineReports):** "Source: Sessions not expected to answer Senate questions about talks he had w/ @POTUS before Comey's firing; expected to cite exec privilege"

BREAKING -- Reuters' Lawrence Hurley (@lawrencehurley): "BREAKING: 9th Circuit says it will issue travel ban ruling today"

INSIDE THE WEST WING -- TARA PALMERI: "Trump gives Priebus until July 4th to clean up White House: The president has threatened to oust his chief of staff if major changes are not made, but many are skeptical he'll follow through": "While Trump has set deadlines for staff changes before, only to let them pass without pulling the trigger, the president is under more scrutiny than ever regarding the sprawling Russia investigation, which is intensifying the pressure on his White House team. ..."

"Trump had been mulling bringing on [David] Bossie as his deputy White House chief of staff and [Corey] Lewandowski as a White House senior adviser with a portfolio that includes Russia, but told the two at that meeting that they would not be joining the White House until Priebus had a fair chance to clean up shop, according to the sources. 'I'm giving you until July 4,' Trump said, according to a person with knowledge of the conversation. 'I don't want them to come into this mess. If I'm going to clean house, they will come in as fresh blood.'

"White House press secretary Sean Spicer, in a statement on Sunday, disputed the idea that Priebus is facing a July 4 deadline. 'Whoever is saying that is either a liar or out of the loop,' Spicer said." <http://politi.co/2rnczqG>

THE BIG READ -- THE WOMEN RULE INVESTIGATION -- AMANDA RIPLEY on

"What it will take for women to win" : "The United States has flatlined when it comes to electing women: At the local, state and federal level, women hold fewer than 1 in every 4 elected offices, and the ratio hasn't budged much lately. The U.S. ranks 101st, below China, Iraq and Afghanistan, when it comes to gender equity in our national legislature -- down from 52nd two decades ago.

"Studies show that women tend to win elections at the same rate as men-but they are far less likely to run at all. A POLITICO investigation into the causes of gender inequality in electoral politics found that the traditional explanations-fundraising imbalances, sexism in the media and the voting booth, unyielding party bureaucracies and more -- have faded in importance. Today, the greatest obstacle may be less conspicuous: America has a shortage of female politicians because, to put it simply, women don't want the job." <http://politi.co/2s2DrOQ>

-- **MORE: *Infographic on why women don't run for office*** <http://politi.co/2rSHE9f> ...
Video on first-time candidates training for their race <http://politi.co/2sl4F6n> ...
Exclusive poll <http://bit.ly/2rj2Bf1> ... ***Video of an interview with Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. David McNaughton on a gender-balanced cabinet***
<http://politi.co/2riXCLe>

-- **NEWSROOM MEMO FROM CARRIE BUDOFF BROWN** (whose birthday is today):
"We are excited to launch this morning POLITICO's inaugural 'Women Rule' investigation, marking the first time this popular live-event series has expanded into ground-breaking enterprise journalism. ... This was a big team effort overseen by Luiza Savage and Peter Canellos and built out into a beautiful digital home by Lily Mihalik with art direction from Janet Michaud. ...

"This journalism was only possible thanks to our business colleagues who have worked hard to expand the vision and financial support around the Women Rule series: Alexis Williams, Katharine Ragsdale, Nicole Adams and Cally Baute. The series now includes events, a Summit, a newsletter and a podcast produced with support from Lindsay Monaghan and Reena Flores. It's a great model for how POLITICO's convening power and journalistic strength can go hand-in-hand to build big things. We'll be showcasing the project at a live event on June 20 and discussing the poll at a live event with AU on June 26."

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT MORNING TECH -- "MORE DEETS ON TECH WEEK --
Add more names to the lineup of tech executives attending the inaugural meeting of the White House's American Technology Council on June 19: Qualcomm CEO Steve Mollenkopf and SVP of government affairs Nate Tibbits will be there, according to the company. Bloomberg previously reported (<https://bloom.bg/2s33d5x>) that Apple CEO Tim Cook, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and Alphabet Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt will take part in the high-profile gathering; Oracle CEO Safra Catz and Cisco CEO Chuck Robbins have confirmed their attendance."

PRESIDENT TRUMP held his first full Cabinet meeting today and announced that he

will hold a press conference on the fight against Islamic State "in two weeks."
[Bloomberg News, last week: "In Trump's White House, Everything's Coming in 'Two Weeks.'" (<https://bloom.bg/2rP1hja>).]

Trump also blamed Democrats and "the ethics committee" for holding up various nominees at different levels of government. He also said "never has there been a president, with few exceptions -- in the case of FDR he had a major depression to handle -- who has passed more legislation and done more things than what we have done." The Cabinet then went around the room praising the president.

TRUMP'S BUDGET GUY -- "Trump budget cutter Mick Mulvaney has 'coolest job in Washington,'" by the Washington Examiner's Alex Pappas: "He said he still advocates, as he did as a congressman, for a balanced budget amendment and term limits for members of Congress, but he hasn't pressed Trump on those issues yet. Yet Mulvaney says he doesn't miss being in Congress and insists he's done with electoral politics. 'I'm never going back ... I don't go to fundraisers. I don't read with third-graders. I don't go to ribbon cuttings. I liked all that stuff but, at the end of the day, it doesn't really change the direction of the country.'

"He laughs about a former Freedom Caucus colleague in the House who recently quipped that Mulvaney seems to be fighting losing battles these days. 'I'm like, yeah, but I'm losing at the very highest level. I used to lose in the Tortilla Coast basement,' he said of the famed Capitol Hill meeting spot of House conservatives. 'Now I am losing in the Oval Office from time to time, but that's fine.'" <http://washex.am/2tdiLmy>

-- @justinamash: "We miss shooting down your ideas over chips and salsa, Mick."

HILL PALACE INTRIGUE -- "Dems already fighting over Conyers' Judiciary post," by Margaret Harding McGill and John Bresnahan: "A fight has broken out among top Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee over replacing Rep. John Conyers as the ranking member of the panel, even though the 88-year-old Michigan Democrat says he's not going anywhere. ... In a June 8 letter obtained by POLITICO, Rep. Zoe Lofgren (Calif.) - the third highest ranking Democrat on Judiciary - warned Rep. Jerry Nadler (N.Y.), who is No. 2 behind Conyers, that she has heard Nadler is meeting with fellow Democrats about replacing Conyers. Lofgren warned Nadler that there is no current vacancy atop Judiciary, but if it does happen, she would be interested in the job, too." <http://politi.co/2tcXLwk>

GIANFORTE'S CONSEQUENCES -- The Bozeman Daily Chronicle's **Whitney Bermes (@wabermes)**: "[Congressman-elect Greg] Gianforte pleads guilty to misdemeanor assault. #mtpol #mtal ... [The Guardian's Ben] Jacobs on apology: 'I fully expect his thoughtful words to be followed by concrete actions once he takes his seat in congress.' ... Gianforte's sentence is 6 months deferred, 40 hours community service, 20 hours anger management, \$385 fine/fees. ... If Gianforte doesn't violate conditions of his deferred sentence, attorneys can move to have charge dismissed after 6 months. ... Gianforte must complete his community service by Nov. 28." **Follow Whitney for**

photos and videos from the courtroom <http://bit.ly/2tdfjIz>

BUSINESS BURST -- "Jeff Immelt stepping down as CEO of GE," by CNN's Chris Isidore: "Immelt, who has led General Electric (GE) since 2001, is stepping down. The company on Monday named John Flannery, the president and CEO of GE Healthcare, as the new CEO, effective August 1. Immelt will remain as chairman through the end of this year." <http://cnnmon.ie/2tcYGgg>

-- **"Emil Michael Leaves Uber,"** by NYT's Mike Isaac: "Emil Michael, Uber's senior vice president for business and second in command at the ride-hailing company, left the company on Monday morning, according to an email sent to employees. Mr. Michael's departure comes after a series of scandals that have rocked the company over the past year, forcing Uber's board of directors to call an investigation into Uber's culture and business practices." <http://nyti.ms/2tdhmN1>

WHO YOU GOT? -- "Batter Up: Republicans, Democrats Gear Up for 56th Congressional Baseball Game," by Roll Call's Thomas McKinless and Alex Gangitano <http://bit.ly/2tcZ4v5> ... **Tickets for the game on Thursday** <http://atmlb.com/2tdlWe4>

MEDIAWATCH -- JULIE PACE has been named the new Washington bureau chief for the AP. She was the AP's White House correspondent previously. *The AP's announcement* <http://bit.ly/2tcQ9Ko>

-- **FOX NEWS** announced a new programming leadership team. **Meade Cooper** will serve as senior vice president for programming and oversee Monday through Sunday primetime and opinion shows. **John Finley** will be senior vice president of development and production. **Ron Mitchell** will be vice president of story development for primetime programming. **Lauren Petterson** will become senior vice president of morning programming and talent development. **Amy Sohnen** will be vice president of talent development and **Jill Van Why** will be vice president of programming operations.

--**Lisa Friedman (@LFFriedman):** "Thrilled to announce that I will be joining The New York Times as a reporter on the climate desk at the end of the month. @nytclimate". *Friedman most recently was editor of Climatewire at E&E News.*

TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- California gubernatorial race tightens -- Journalism still kicking in Chicago <http://politi.co/2tdrjK9>

TRANSITIONS -- Former Sen. **Jim DeMint** (R-S.C.) has joined the Convention of States as a senior adviser. He was recently ousted from the top of the Heritage Foundation. *Interview with USA Today* <https://usat.ly/2tcxbmT> **Michael Bahar** is now a partner at Eversheds Sutherland as a member of the firm's litigation practice group in D.C., where he will lead the U.S. cybersecurity and privacy team. He was previously staff director and general counsel at the House Intel committee for Rep. Adam Schiff's team <http://politi.co/2tcXLMK>

SPOTTED: Michelle Obama dining with two women last night at Tail Up Goat in Adams Morgan, per our tipster ... Ed Gillespie yesterday at the "Celebrate Fairfax!" fair ... Dick Cheney and his wife, with another couple and a colleague, eating seafood and sushi at Ocean Prime last night ... Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-Pa.) sharing a dance with his daughter Mimi, scheduler for Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) at her wedding this weekend to Patrick O'Grady, staffer for Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho) in Sewickley, PA. **Pic**
<http://bit.ly/2rRPBvs>

WEEKEND WEDDING - Lena Gaviria, a J.P. Morgan alum (and Hotchkiss and Brown grad) now working in the office of Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos, got married this weekend to **Sebastian Sanint**, who owns a couple of restaurants in Bogota. The wedding was on the outskirts of the capital at her mom's country house/dairy farm. The couple met three years ago at her cousin's wedding. **Pics**
<http://politi.co/2suc0A1> ... <http://politi.co/2rSHC1d> ... <http://politi.co/2raYoWs> **SPOTTED:** Caroline Emch, Luis Carlos Sarmiento, Carlos Julio Ardila and wife Patricia, and some members of Pacheco family, who own Banco Colpatría.

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