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"OPEN MIKE" video: First on-camera interview by NRCC Executive Director Liesl Hickey, who tells me about House Republicans' digital/data innovations for this cycle, plus her management style - and favorite Nat. #Pressing <http://www.politico.com/open-mike/>

BREAKING - AFP/London: "Britain offers spy planes to help Nigeria schoolgirl search: Cameron."

DRIVING THE CONVERSATION -- "Rove vs. Clinton," by Maggie Haberman and Katie Glueck: "Rove's blunt ... remarks at a Los Angeles-area conference last week managed to allow Clinton's allies to portray her, yet again, as a sympathetic victim of unfair attacks by overreaching Republicans. ... A Monday report in the New York Post quoted Rove suggesting that Clinton, 66, may have experienced brain damage after a fall and blood clot she suffered nearly two years ago ... Rove's remarks sparked some of the fiercest pushback from the likely presidential contender's team since she left her post as secretary of state early last year. Two sources close to the Clintons described both ... as furious over Rove's attacks.

"And the progression of their team's statements ... to an ultimately lengthy statement of outrage - reflected a growing level of anger, and a desire to push back instead of letting the fight play out elsewhere. 'From the moment this happened 17 months ago, the Right has politicized her health,' the Clinton spokesman, Nick Merrill, said ...

"First, they accused her of faking it, now they've resorted to the other extreme - and are flat out lying. Even this morning, Karl Rove is still all over the map and is continuing to get the

facts wrong. But he doesn't care because all he wants to do is inject the issue into the echo chamber, and he's succeeding. ... It's flagrant and thinly veiled. They are scared of what she has achieved and what she has to offer. What he's doing is its own form of sickness. But she is 100 percent, period. Time for them to move on to their next desperate attack.' ...

"In a lengthy interview on Fox News on Tuesday, Rove denied he said Clinton had brain damage, even as he went further on aspects of the Post report. 'This will be an issue in the 2016 race whether she likes it or not,' Rove said ... 'My point was, everybody says she's going to run, and she probably is. But I would bet it's a more complicated calculation than we might think. Look, she'll be 69 by the time [of] the 2016 elections. She'll be 77 if she serves two terms. And this ends up being an issue.'" <http://goo.gl/ttTJxL>

PLAYBOOK IN-BOX - A Bush administration alumnus emails: "Karl accomplished exactly what he wanted to: ... Give Hillary more reasons to stay out of the race. Because if she gets in -- no matter how much people villainize him for saying it -- Hillary's health is now a real issue to be discussed. If having to deal with uncomfortable media scrutiny is what will keep her out of the race, this just upped the ante significantly, especially if there is anything healthwise going on, even a small matter. It was a brilliant shot across the bow, even if it was a cheap shot."

TWEET DU JOUR -- @samsteinhp: "The Five is breaking down the Jay Z-Solange video like it's the zapruder film"

2016 - "As Clinton waits, O'Malley moves," by Anna Palmer: Maryland "Gov. Martin O'Malley [D] ... told political allies at a closed-door meeting in mid-April that he called Clinton, who told him he should do what he needs to do. For him, that includes visiting early primary states, campaigning and fundraising for fellow Democrats and growing his political network. ... During his meeting with political supporters from across the country at the Hilton Baltimore, O'Malley outlined his plans ... to fundraise and campaign for Democratic candidates and continue to build his political network. He's also visiting key primary states like New Hampshire and Iowa. Last week he attended an event for South Carolina Democratic candidate for governor state Sen. Vincent Sheheen and Wednesday he'll be inside the Beltway headlining a fundraiser for South Carolina Lieutenant governor candidate Bakari Sellers. ...

"Former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said that other possible presidential candidates like Sens. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Amy Klobuchar (Minn.) are biding their time to see what Clinton is doing. Vice President Joe Biden, who is largely considered to be the front-runner if Clinton doesn't run, has met with some fundraisers and has made several visits to key states like South Carolina. 'I think he is an attractive candidate in general, but in terms of Hillary Clinton, Martin should not run if Hillary runs,' Rendell said ... 'He would be better off being a loyal soldier. He actually would fit the demographic well as a vice president to Hillary.'

"While Clinton is the obvious frontrunner - several Democratic lobbyists, political operatives, local officials and others said that supporting O'Malley in a primary could be more politically advantageous since Clinton already has a slew of long-time advisers. ... O'Malley was a vocal surrogate supporting Clinton in the 2008 Democratic primary."

<http://goo.gl/5BnjMg>

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FRONT PAGES - WSJ 5-col. lead, "U.S. Backs Off Tight Mortgage Rules," by Nick Timiraos and Deborah Solomon: "The Obama administration and federal regulators are reversing course on some of the biggest postcrisis efforts to tighten mortgage-lending standards amid concern they could snuff out the fledgling housing rebound ... On Tuesday, Mel Watt, the newly installed overseer of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, said the mortgage giants should direct their focus toward making more credit available to homeowners, a U-turn from previous directives to pull back from the mortgage market." <http://goo.gl/YHDHQA>

--OTHER PRINT-EDITION LEADS: NYT (1 col.), "EUROPEAN COURT LETS USERS ERASE RECORDS ON WEB: PURGED FROM GOOGLE -- A Fear That Search Will Show Only What the Target Wants" ... WP (1 col.): "Ruling in E.U. may roil to the Web: COURT DEALS BLOW TO TECH FIRMS - Citizens can demand that Google delete links" ... Financial Times: "EU privacy blow to US internet companies: Google ruling backs 'right to be forgotten'" ... USA Today, "AT LEAST 201 DEAD IN TURKEY MINE."

LAUNCHING TODAY: Our 12th POLITICO Pro ... Cybersecurity! The staff -- tracking minute-to-minute regulatory, legislative and industry news -- includes Cybersecurity Editor Shaun Waterman and cybersecurity reporters Tal Kopan, David Perera and Joseph Marks. For subscription details, please email PB.Info@politicopro.com.

--First installment of a POLITICO series, "Beyond the NSA" ... "Who watches the watchers? Big Data goes unchecked," by Josh Gerstein and Stephanie Simon, with Burgess Everett, Erin Mershon and Tony Romm : "Commercial data brokers know if you have diabetes. Your electric company can see what time you come home at night. And tracking companies can tell where you go on weekends by snapping photos of your car's license plate ... Private companies already collect, mine and sell as many as 75,000 individual data points on each consumer ... And they're poised to scoop up volumes more, as technology unleashes a huge wave of connected devices - from sneaker insoles to baby onesies to cars and refrigerators ...

"[A] POLITICO review has found deep reluctance in D.C. to exercise legislative, regulatory or executive power to curb the big business of corporate cybersnooping. ... Many Republicans are averse to any new regulation of business. Many Democrats are skittish about alienating campaign donors in Silicon Valley. ... Your TV's set-top box may soon be able to sense what you're doing while you're watching a show - snacking? snuggling? mopping? - and broadcast ads appropriate to the situation. At school, your child's online textbooks may be tracking his every click to understand how his brain works. Some publishers boast that they can tell when a student is on the verge of forgetting, say, how to multiply fractions - and can then send him a lesson custom-tailored to his learning style to fix that skill permanently in his memory. ...

"Privacy advocates fear all this information will find its way to the commercial data

brokers who compile and sell profiles packed with details about individuals' health, behavior, interests and preoccupations, including education level, political and religious affiliations, and address, phone numbers and email accounts." <http://goo.gl/XHK1M3>

DNC "FACTIVISTS" MEMO - "Chris Christie: Lessons in Fiscal Irresponsibility ...

From: Michael Czin, DNC Press Secretary ... Today, Chris Christie will travel to Washington, ... where he will speak at the Peter G. Peterson Foundation's 2014 Fiscal Summit, 'Our Economic Future.' ... The title of Christie's discussion is ... 'Lessons From The Statehouse: Balancing Fiscal Reform With Pro-Growth Investments' ... 'If the economy gets much worse in New Jersey, Gov. Christie may want to close another bridge.' - Mark McKinnon, former George W. Bush strategist, to Politico." <http://goo.gl/TSgULr>

ABOUT LAST NIGHT - "In Nebraska, a modest tea party victory," by AP's Chuck Babington: "Ben Sasse won the GOP nomination for the seat being vacated by Sen. Mike Johanns, R-Neb. Sasse was the closest thing to a tea party candidate in the three-man race, largely because he feuded last fall with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell ... But Sasse is hardly the out-of-right-field firebrand that some tea partiers cherish. A college president with degrees from Harvard and Yale, he worked for the U.S. departments of Justice and [HHS].

"Those endorsing him ... include[ed] Sarah Palin and the Club for Growth ... Sasse, 42, had 'visiting scholar status' at the Brookings Institution ... Nebraska is so strongly Republican that party leaders felt confident that any GOP nominee will defeat the Democratic candidate, Omaha lawyer Dave Domina, and then vote the party line in Washington."
<http://goo.gl/91Xq80>

-- N.Y. Times A1, "Girding for a Fight, McConnell Enlists His Wife," by Jason Horowitz: "Elaine L. Chao ... can recite the names of people who have donated to her husband - and how much they gave ... Those who have encountered Ms. Chao describe her as an unapologetically ambitious operator with an expansive network, a short fuse ... [W]hile Ms. Chao's inspiring immigrant story and high-flying résumé are clearly assets, she also reinforces Mr. McConnell's image as the ultimate Washington establishment figure."
<http://goo.gl/P8NtYK>

NETWORK NEWS ... NBC's Brian Williams: "Extreme measures: trying to stop the spread of the MERS virus, as we learn of new possible cases in the U.S. and an alert going up at airports across the country." ... **ABC's Diane Sawyer:** "Health alert for every major airport in America about the dangerous virus from overseas. And the search is on for hundreds of people who may have been exposed." ... **CBS' Scott Pelley:** "Stocks in the stratosphere: prices hit all-time highs, again. Is the exuberance rational?" ...

... CNN's Anderson Cooper: "An 'AC360' exclusive: Magic Johnson, responding to the outrageous remarks that disgraced L.A. Clippers owner Donald Sterling made about him in recordings leaked online and in this program last night." ... **Fox's Bret Baier:** "New allegations about the VA; new calls tonight for major reform for a veterans care system that many consider to be broken." ... **PBS's Gwen Ifill:** "The U.S. military has joined the search for those abducted Nigerian school girls sending out a plane to scan for any sign of them or

their captors."

SECOND FAMILY -- "[Hunter] Biden Joins Ukraine Gas Company," by The Moscow Times: "The youngest son of U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, Hunter Biden, has been appointed head of legal affairs at Ukraine's largest private gas producer - a move he said would benefit Ukrainians and the country's economy. ... Burisma Holdings announced Hunter Biden would join its board of directors and head the company's legal unit. 'As a new member of the board, I believe that my assistance in consulting the company on matters of transparency, corporate governance and responsibility, international expansion and other priorities will contribute to the economy and benefit the people of Ukraine,' Hunter Biden said." <http://goo.gl/JlIgNp>

WASHINGTON, INC. - Jo Ann Jenkins named AARP CEO, effective Sept. 1 - Release: "As COO, Jo Ann has streamlined the organization's strategic planning, technology and digital operations ... Jo Ann joined AARP in 2010 as president of AARP Foundation. ... She came to AARP from the Library of Congress, where she had been [COO] ... A native of Mobile, Ala., Jo Ann earned her Bachelor of Arts from Spring Hill College." <http://goo.gl/j3M913>

MEGATRENDS - Chicago Tribune p. 1, "Factory jobs flow back to America: China's rising costs spark sea change in manufacturing," by Don Lee of Tribune Washington Bureau, in Whitewater, Wis. (ran A1 of L.A. Times yesterday: "U.S. jobs return as offshoring ebbs"): "U.S. factory payrolls have grown for four straight years, with gains totaling about 650,000 jobs. That's a small fraction of the 6 million lost in the previous decade, but it still marks the biggest and longest stretch of manufacturing increases in a quarter century. ...

"Over the last decade, Chinese labor and transportation costs have jumped while U.S. wages have stagnated. ... The boom in natural gas production ... has led to a 25% decrease in gas prices in the U.S., contrasted with a 138% increase in China ... And the rise of online commerce has made local control of supply chains more important." <http://goo.gl/Awkgcl>

PUSH IN NYC FOR OLYMPICS 2024 -- Financial Times p. 1, "Aide takes baton from Bloomberg in fresh New York Olympics bid," by Anjli Raval and Shannon Bond: "[O]ne of [Mike Bloomberg's] closest lieutenants and the architect of the [city's] 2012 bid is pitching a fresh case for bringing the 2024 summer games to the city. Daniel Doctoroff, a deputy mayor under Mr Bloomberg and now chief executive of Bloomberg LP ... has submitted plans to ... [Gov.] Cuomo ... [f]ocused on Mr Cuomo's home borough of Queens." <http://goo.gl/6evMV0>

POOL REPORT: Larry Kudlow, whose nightly CNBC "Kudlow Report" ended March 28, was feted in Manhattan last night at a Four Seasons bash hosted by John and Margo Catsimatidis that drew free-market leaders from business, politics and media. Among those delivering toasts: Art Laffer, Steve Moore, Steve Forbes, Scott Walker, Mike Pence, Trish Regan, Melissa Francis, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rich Lowry and Kelly Ann Conway.

--ALSO SPOTTED: David Malpass, Chris Ruddy, Mark Simone, John Fund, Bob Pisani, Paul Singer, Katie Levinson Burke, Roger Hertog, Bob Tyrrell of The American Spectator,

Richard Breeden, David Mullins, Michele Caruso-Cabrera, Monica Crowley, CNBC's Albert Lewitinn, and Larry's long-time COO, Susan Varga.

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Mike Lux ... John Freeman ... Vanessa Opperman ... Andrew Block (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

BIRTHDAYS: Howard Wolfson (hat tip: Sarah Cate) ... J.B. Poersch ... USA Today's Christine Brennan ... Connie Lawn is 7-0 ... Mark Zuckerberg is 3-0 ... former Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) is 72 ... Tyler Law, press secretary for Ro Khanna's California congressional campaign, and Bucknell alumnus (h/t Tyrone Gayle) ... Dari Gessner, POLITICO Pro's senior director of account management (h/t Kiki Reginato) ... Deb Moore ... Bill Green ... Jim Andrews ... Carter Link ... Casey Slaughter ... Cindy Eisenhower (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Lynn Bartels, political writer for the Denver Post ... Steve Rice, Chargers fan and DCI strategist (h/t Joe Brettell) ... Margaret Little of National Retail Federation turns 30, while on the road in South Dakota for Retail Across America road trip (h/t Katie McBreen) ... Amanda Hurly, DCCC alumna and new L.D. (h/t Michael Ford) ... movie producer George Lucas is 70 ... Cate Blanchett is 45 (h/ts AP)

BIRTHDAY TOMORROW: Madeleine Albright (h/t Ben Chang, filing from Paris)

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