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LEDE: Now What?...Donald Trump convicted on 34 felony counts... Trump raised an astonishing \$35 million in the hours after his conviction. His donations website crashed from the volume of internet traffic. The House and Senate GOP campaign arms also saw record-breaking donations...Meanwhile in FL, Judge Cannon rejects request for gag order against Donald Trump in classified docs case...There are now four independent senators, the most in history serving together, following West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin's decision to change his registration... The Biden administration has reportedly given Ukraine permission to use American-made weapons to strike inside Russia...Senate GOP promises to preserve the filibuster — even under Trump...Biden is reportedly close to finalizing plans for executive action to limit migration at the U.S.-Mexico border... House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) said he expects Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to address a joint session of Congress before the August recess...Supreme Court rules for NRA in New York government coercion battle...Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. formally complained to the Federal Election Commission about CNN's June 27 debate rules, alleging that Biden and Trump colluded to exclude him from participating... OpenAI revealed that state and private actors in Russia, China, Iran and Israel have used its generative AI tools for foreign influence operations...Education Department vows 'full-scale review' of financial aid office after FAFSA debacle... The FAA has authorized Amazon's delivery drones to fly longer distances without visual spotters, a key hurdle that will allow the retailer to expand its fledgling Prime Air service...In Mexico, voters Tuesday elected Claudia Sheinbaum of the leftist ruling party to be the country's first female, and first Jewish, president... U.S. and Chinese defense chiefs hold first in-person talks since 2022... Giant pandas are officially returning to the Smithsonian's National Zoo...Primaries on Tuesday in five states

WEEK AHEAD: Congress returns to work in Washington today, animated by partisan messaging rather than collaboration over major legislation... Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) will tee up a vote on the Right to Contraception Act... The president, after weighing border security options for more than four months, is expected to issue an executive order this week that would allow him to “shut down” the U.S. southern border when there’s a significant daily surge in migrants. He’s expected to announce his restrictive policy, anticipated by critics to be challenged in court, before heading to France for a ceremony celebrating the 80th anniversary of D-Day...Hunter Biden will go on trial on gun charges in Delaware...

THE COURT: Chief Justice John Roberts declined an invitation to meet with Democratic lawmakers amid the latest round of Supreme Court ethics controversies. In a letter following the demand by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Roberts said such a meeting “would be inadvisable” given the partisan nature of the request...The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the National Rifle Association can pursue a claim that a New York state official’s efforts to encourage companies to end ties with the gun rights group constituted unlawful coercion. The justices unanimously found that the NRA can move forward with arguments that its free speech rights under the Constitution’s First Amendment were violated by the actions of Maria Vullo, then the superintendent of the New York state Department of Financial Services.

NUMBERS: The Commerce Department’s second estimate of first-quarter gross domestic product, which measures all the services and goods produced in the economy, registered at a 1.3% annualized rate, down from the 1.6% reflected in the first estimate. That was largely due to a downward revision to consumer spending, which accounts for about 70% of the US economy. Spending advanced 2% in the January-through-March period, compared to the initial rate of 2.5%

TRUMP LEGAL: Former President Donald Trump is set to be sentenced on July 11 following his conviction on 34 felony charges for falsifying business records to cover up a sex scandal in 2016. Trump — the first American president to be convicted of a crime — is expected to appeal the verdict by the Manhattan jury. Republicans were quick to defend their presumptive nominee, calling the trial a disgrace, while President Joe Biden’s campaign said “the threat Trump poses to our democracy has never been greater” as it noted that Trump was likely “setting fundraising records.”

TRUMP LEGAL HOW’S IT PLAYING?: President Biden briefly addressed Trump's conviction ahead of a major speech laying out Israel's plan to end the war in Gaza and secure the release of the hostages. "The American principle that no one is above the law was reaffirmed," Biden said, noting that Trump should be given the opportunity to appeal his conviction. He then shifted tone, warning: "It's reckless, it's dangerous, it's irresponsible for anyone to say this was rigged just because they don't like the verdict." "Our justice system should be respected, and we should never allow anyone to tear it down. It's as simple as that." Trump's allies have quickly mobilized in his defense. House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) urged the U.S. Supreme Court to "step in" to overturn the verdict, saying he knows some of the justices "personally" and believes they are "deeply concerned." House Judiciary Chair Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) is calling for Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg to testify on June 13. Eight Senate Republicans vowed to oppose any non-defense spending bills, block Biden's political and judicial appointees, and slow passage of Democratic legislation.

TRUMP LEGAL WHAT COMES NEXT?: Will Trump go to jail? Trump will be sentenced by Judge Merchan on July 11, just four days before the Republican National Convention. While he faces up to four years in prison for each of the 34 felony counts, first-time offenders convicted on similar charges are not usually incarcerated. That could mean Trump is facing fines or probation. Will Trump appeal? Yes. Trump has 30 days to file a notice of appeal and six months to file the full appeal. It’s possible the appeals court will stay Trump’s sentence, meaning the punishment Merchan hands down could

be delayed while he pursues the challenge. [Can Trump pardon himself if he becomes president again?](#) Trump would have pardon power as president, but he wouldn't be able to overturn this conviction. Presidential pardon power only applies to federal crimes. Trump's conviction came at the state level in New York, where Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) has pardon power. If Trump is convicted of federal crimes in his outstanding cases, it's unclear whether he could pardon himself because it's never been tried before. [Where do Trump's other trials stand?](#) Trump still faces 54 criminal charges in total, including state charges in Georgia and federal charges in Florida and Washington, D.C. It's unclear whether any of those cases will go to trial before Election Day.

COUNTING CHICKENS?: The House GOP is getting ready to fast-track the extension of the Trump tax cuts through Congress if they win big in November. The Hill's Tobias Burns reports House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-La.) gave a pep talk to his conference this week about the expedited legislative procedure that has been used to pass big laws like the Inflation Reduction Act and the 2017 tax law in which the Trump tax cuts were enacted.

HEARINGS OF NOTE: Anthony Fauci is scheduled to testify today before the House Coronavirus subcommittee. The former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will face questions about whether his office commonly evaded records requests. Last week, the panel requested access to his personal email accounts and cellphone records to see if he used them as a back channel to sidestep official requests. House Appropriators plan to mark up spending bills spanning Defense, Financial Services, Homeland Security, and State-Foreign Operations in various subcommittees this week. Jack Fitzpatrick previews the week ahead in today's BGOV Budget Brief. The 2025 Intelligence Authorization Act is set for markup in House Intelligence subcommittees on Tuesday. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will appear before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee to discuss her department's budget request on Tuesday. Attorney General Merrick Garland was invited to an oversight hearing tomorrow by the House Judiciary Committee. FBI Director Christopher Wray testifies before Senate appropriators on his agency's budget request Tuesday. EPA Administrator Michael Regan appears Wednesday for a House Oversight Committee hearing. Three FERC nominees — David Rosner, Lindsay S. See, and Judy W. Chang — are set for votes tomorrow by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

THOSE DOG DAYS: One or both chambers are in session for less than half of the 22 weeks before November. With members of Congress in all-out campaign mode before elections to determine control of the House, Senate, and White House, prepare for political messaging and unglamorous legislative to-dos — like post office naming — to dominate the next few months. There's plenty lawmakers could do before November. Both chambers need to pass and conference an annual defense policy bill, though that probably won't be completed until the lame-duck session. And while lawmakers technically need to reauthorize a trillion-dollar package of agriculture legislation before Sept. 30, they're likely to pass a short-term extension. The lame duck might be more productive. But until then, expect both chambers to try to score political points with messaging votes, starting this week with a Senate vote on reproductive rights.

GAZA: Biden on Friday announced terms of a proposal to end the fighting between Israel and Hamas, including measures to free hostages Hamas took in the Oct. 7 attacks. Neither Israel nor Hamas has accepted the terms, although Biden says the proposal came after "intensive diplomacy carried out by my team, my many conversations with leaders of Israel, Qatar and Egypt, and other Middle Eastern countries."

DEPARTURE LOUNGE: Vatican Ambassador Joe Donnelly plans to step down from his post on July 8 and return to his hometown of Granger, Indiana... West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin officially filed as an independent on Friday, expressing frustration with how partisan politics have consumed Washington.

JUSTICE ALITO: Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito said he will not recuse himself from cases involving the Jan. 6 Capitol riot or the 2020 presidential election following a controversy over flags that have flown on his properties. In a letter to lawmakers, the justice blamed his wife for flying an upside-down American flag and the Revolutionary War-era “Appeal to Heaven” flag which has become a symbol for Trump supporters. Amid ethical questions related to the jurists’ spouses, Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett’s husband is representing Fox Corp., the parent company of conservative Fox News, in a defamation lawsuit related to reports by one of Fox’s local stations.

MAYBE THE HOLIDAY EMAIL IS BEST: The U.S. Postal Service wants regulatory approval to raise the price of first-class stamps to 73 cents next month, after hiking the price to 66 cents in January. It would be the fourth increase in less than four years, equivalent to a 7 percent rise.

KEEP IN MIND: 2020 election decided by 42,922 combined votes in AZ, GA & WI; margin was even closer in 2022: 11,792 combined votes in 5 districts flipped the House. Election likely will come down to 8 states: AZ, GA, WI, PA, MI & 3 N's (NH, NC & NV)