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# Murder case adds to police scrutiny

Sentencing in fatal chase underlines civil rights prosecutions in D.C.

BY SPENCER S. HSU

The first D.C. police officer to be convicted of second-degree murder for actions on duty is set to be sentenced this week, marking a milestone in the city for a U.S. Justice Department that has promised to protect civilians and deter misconduct by law enforce-

The government is seeking an 18-year prison term for Terence Sutton, 38, who was convicted in a chase that led to the death of a moped driver. The case caps a historic push for accountability for police civil rights violations by the U.S. attorney's office in D.C., which has charged more law enforcement officers with excessive force and other abuses in the past five years than over the preceding three decades, a database of Justice Department records dating back to 1986 shows.

Since 2019, the office has secured convictions against all nine federal and local officers in the nation's capital charged with such on-duty offenses. The victims in all cases were young Black men: Karon Hylton-Brown, 20, who died in the moped chase; An'Twan Gilmore, 27, fatally shot after police found him asleep in a running car; a compliant, handcuffed prisoner who was seriously injured during a move: and William White and SEE OFFICER ON A5

# Google's ad trial puts publishers in spotlight

Prosecutors say search giant's monopoly harms news organizations

#### BY EVA DOU AND SALVADOR RIZZO

The Justice Department's second monopoly case against Google got underway Monday in a Virginia court, with federal prosecutors taking aim this time at the internet giant's lucrative business as the middleman for online ads.

The case could be a boon for major news organizations, including Gannett, News Corp. and the Guardian, as well as The Washington Post. Such outlets pay Google a cut of revenue for brokering their website ads, and many have struggled with their finances in the digital age. Google's rivals in this sector, Meta and Amazon, also stand to gain if Google loses the

Prosecutors say Google has abused its monopoly power over the online ad market, dominating it to such an extent that a Google executive once ventured to ask in an internal email whether it presented a legal problem, saying, "The analogy would be if Goldman or Citibank owned the NYSE," referring to the New York Stock Exchange

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## Palestinians honor American activist killed in West Bank



Palestinian security forces carry the body of Turkish American activist Aysenur Eygi during a memorial Monday in Nablus. Witnesses say Eygi was fatally shot by Israeli forces at a protest against West Bank settlement expansion. The closure of land crossings with Jordan has complicated efforts to repatriate her body to Turkey. Story, A11

# Congress returns, with clock ticking on shutdown

BY JACOB BOGAGE AND MARIANNA SOTOMAYOR

Congress returned to Washington on Monday with limited time to prevent a government shutdown and November's elections already clouding conversations over federal financing.

Funding for the federal government expires Sept. 30, when the 2024 fiscal year ends. Without new legislation, the government would shut down while millions of voters, including in some battleground states, are already able to cast their votes.

Congress is set to consider a stopgap funding bill, called a continuing resolution or CR, to keep operations going at current levels

Disputes over timelines, voter ID complicate effort to meet Sept. 30 deadline

and buy legislators more time to craft annual spending bills. Congressional Democrats and President Joe Biden united Monday to reject an effort by House Speaker Mike Johnson's (R-La.) effort to pair an unusually long six-month CR with unrelated legislation to require voters to show proof of citizenship before registering to

vote in federal elections. Biden threatened to veto Johnson's proposal, which the House

could vote on as soon as this week. But that plan faces opposition from even senior House Republicans, and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) told The Washington Post in an interview that Johnson lacked the clout for the approach to be taken seriously.

"At this point, we return to Washington and it's not clear what leverage extreme MAGA Republicans think they have when they're unable to pass appropriations bills on their own," Jeffries told The Post. "We are not going to pay an extreme ransom note because the far right is trying to jam its ideology down the throats of the American people."

Johnson's CR would expire

March 28 and would carry with it the noncitizen voting measure, which passed the House in July.

Noncitizen voting is already illegal in federal races, and election administration experts say the proposal could wreak havoc on the ability of states to run elections

"House Republicans are taking a critically important step to keep the federal government funded and to secure our federal election process," Johnson said in a statement. "Congress has a responsibility to do both, and we must ensure that only American citizens can decide American elec-

> Democrats - and even some SEE CONGRESS ON A2

#### **ELECTION 2024**

# Gearing up for glare of debate

#### TWO APPROACHES TO CRUCIAL FACEOFF

Intense 'camp' for Harris, policy confabs for Trump

#### BY TYLER PAGER AND JOSH DAWSEY

When Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump meet Tuesday night in Philadelphia, they will have taken dramatically different approaches to preparing for the first - and probably only presidential debate between the two candidates.

Harris spent most of the past five days ensconced in Pittsburgh's Omni William Penn Hotel for an intensive "debate camp." Her aides created a mock setup to mimic the layout of the debate studio; cast a veteran Donald Trump stand-in to unleash harsh attacks and offensive comments; and put the vice president through hours of rehearsed questions.

About 330 miles to the east, Trump spent much of the weekend at his golf club in Bedminster, N.J., opting for "policy sessions" with aides and allies instead of traditional practice runs. The former president has participated in about a half-SEE DEBATE ON A4

**Debate night:** Live coverage starts at 8 p.m. at washingtonpost.com.

# **Economic** plan blends populism, centrism

Harris's string of new policy proposals has led to debate within party

#### BY JEFF STEIN

When Vice President Kamala Harris endorsed \$5 trillion in tax hikes outlined in President Joe Biden's most recent budget proposal, she sparked a wave of unease among investors and other financial elites who said it tilted too far to the left.

Conservatives complained anew about one especially contentious element of the Biden tax plan: a "billionaire income tax" that targets the unsold assets of people who earn more than \$100 million a year. Billionaire Mark Cuban warned Harris's team that their tax agenda was overly aggressive, according to two people with knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity to share details of private talks. And Harris's team has been in contact with other business leaders, including Tony West, Harris's brother-in-law and SEE HARRIS ON A7

New poll: More Black voters say they'll definitely cast ballots. A6

Political profanity: Candidates swear up a #&\*%ing storm. C1

**JAMES EARL JONES** 1931-2024

# A commanding voice on stage and screen

#### BY ADAM BERNSTEIN

James Earl Jones, an actor whose thundering Old Testament voice and commanding presence established him as one of his generation's most indelible performers, whether in Shakespearean tragedies, the Star Wars franchise or a Disney animated classic, died Sept. 9 at his home in Pawling, N.Y. He was 93.

His agent, Barry McPherson, confirmed the death but did not cite a cause

Mr. Jones's personification of barrel-chested authority in Hollywood and on Broadway, augmented by his 6-foot-2 frame, was in jarring contrast with his extreme timidity in childhood. While being raised on a farm in Mississippi and then Michigan, he spent eight years virtually mute to hide a stammer.

He discovered his love of performing in high school, when a teacher, in an effort to draw him out, called on Mr. Jones to recite a few lines of poetry composed by the young student. Mr. Jones, then 14, was shocked at the sudden



James Earl Jones, known for his roles in "The Great White Hope" and "Star Wars," died Monday at 93.

### IN THE NEWS

Living in Winder Many who moved to the Georgia town seeking a calmer life are now confronting the aftermath of violence. A3

Housing suits D.C.'s attorney general sued a landlord accused of illegal renovations and exposing residents to "horrendous" conditions in a subsidized housing scheme. B1

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Justice Elena Kagan suggested lower judges could enforce Supreme Court ethics rules. A2 **Donald Trump** aligned himself with the Biden administration's plan to loosen federal restrictions on marijuana. A4

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A Ukrainian soldier buried the father he always thought would be safe in Poltava. A9 Catherine, Princess of Wales, revealed in a video shared Monday that she has finished with chemotherapy. A10

#### THE ECONOMY

Apple said its AirPods Pro 2 earbuds will soon have a feature that allows them to double as hearing aids. A13 Spam emails marked as high priority: Geoffrey A. Fowler's preview of Apple Intelligence showed it can be both useful and ludicrous. A14

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A D.C. bill would require the city's 911 agency to release audio and documents related to calls with suspected dispatching errors. B1 Kamala Harris leads Donald Trump by eight points among Virginia

voters, a Post-Schar

School poll found. B1

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Springsteen's wife and an E Street Band member, revealed she has multiple myeloma in a new documentary. C1

Patti Scialfa, Bruce

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