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Sentencing for Trump moved past election

Voters won't know if GOP nominee will face jail in hush money case

BY SHAYNA JACOBS

NEW YORK — A judge on Friday delayed Donald Trump's hush money sentencing until after the November election, which means voters will cast ballots without knowing whether the Republican nominee could face jail time for his conviction on 34 counts of falsifying business records.

Prosecutors did not object to a request from Trump's attorneys to delay the sentencing, which had been scheduled for Sept. 18.

New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan changed the date to Nov. 26, noting the extraordinary nature and timing of the first-ever sentencing of a former U.S. president — a defendant who, in this case, is again running for the highest office in the land.

"This matter is one that stands alone, in a unique place in this Nation's history, and this Court has presided over it since its inception — from arraignment to jury verdict and a plenitude of motions and other matters in-between," Merchan wrote.

He called sentencing "one of the most critical and difficult decisions a trial court judge faces — the sentencing of a defendant found guilty of crimes by a unanimous jury of his peers."

As a result of the date change, Trump will probably face that moment. **SEE SENTENCING ON A5**

Grievances aired: Trump takes no questions at "press conference." **A6**

In D.C., a clash over Ukrainian church

Kyiv says it's acting in self-defense, not attacking Orthodox views

BY CATHERINE BELTON AND DAVID L. STERN

When JD Vance became the Republican nominee for vice president, a speech he gave in April condemning the Ukrainian government for what he claimed was an "assault on traditional Christian communities" became a rallying cry for lobbyists hired by a lawyer of an ally of the Russian Orthodox patriarch.

"We commend Vance for taking a strong position on this issue and urge you to follow suit," said a July 17 email sent to lawmakers on Capitol Hill by one of the lobbyists.

The email was just one of dozens in a campaign portraying Kyiv as anti-Christian that six congressional staffers say is aimed at undermining military support for Ukraine — an effort that is set to intensify after the Ukrainian parliament passed a law on Aug. 20 that bans religious organizations with ties to Russia. The legislation establishes a legal framework **SEE UKRAINE ON A9**

Russian attack: Horror in Poltava, largely unscathed until now. **A7**



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In unburned houses, fire's danger still lingers

Homeowners in Maui say insurers are failing to clean the toxic, unsafe conditions

BY BRIANNA SACKS

LAHAINA, HAWAII — More than 2,200 homes burned in the deadly fire that roared through west Maui last August. Janice Hussey's was not one of them.

When the 79-year-old turned onto her street on Aug. 9, 2023, she exhaled. The light-green house where she'd lived with her husband, children and grandchildren for nearly 20 years was still there. Her old Nissan truck was still in the driveway, her floral curtains still rustling in the wind. It felt "miraculous," she said.

Until she went inside. "It was not the same," Hussey recalled in May, still displaced eight months later. "Every time we went in there, I could feel —"

"Icky," Makanalani Hussey, her granddaughter, interjected as she hugged her wriggling 2-year-old daughter against her pregnant belly. "It's icky."

"There is something in the air that settles on your skin," her grandmother continued. "Something is there."

That "something," according to five experts and two contamination reports, is a mixture of toxic chemicals and microscopic particles that urban wildfires create and carry in their smoke. As the **SEE MAUI ON A12**



FROM TOP: Danilo Andres has covered his furniture in plastic sheets as he repairs his home, which was damaged in last year's wildfires in Lahaina, Hawaii. A burned car in front of Kaialulu o Kukuia, a 200-unit affordable housing complex under construction, in Lahaina.

In court after school shooting, father follows son

They both face murder charges in the attack that killed 4 in Georgia

BY HOLLY BAILEY

WINDER, GA. — The 14-year-old boy accused of fatally shooting four people and wounding nine others at his Georgia high school made his first court appearance Friday morning — minutes before his father sat before the same judge after being arrested and charged with second-degree murder in connection with the attack.

The suspected shooter, Colt Gray, faces four counts of felony murder in connection with Wednesday's attack at Apalachee High School, which left two fellow students and two teachers dead. Barrow County District Attorney Brad Smith, whose office is prosecuting the case, said Friday that additional charges are forthcoming against Gray but may not be filed until the investigation is complete, which could take several more weeks.

Gray was brought into Barrow County Superior Court shortly after 8:30 a.m. through a side door, dressed in a green shirt and



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Colin Gray appears in court in Winder, Ga. Gray, father of Apalachee High School shooting suspect Colt Gray, is charged with second-degree murder in the death of two students in the attack.

khaki pants, his long, bleached blond hair shaggy, and shackled at his wrists and feet. He did not look around the courtroom but quickly took a seat and identified himself for Piedmont Judicial

Circuit Judge Currie M. Mingle-dorff II.

Mingledorff initially told Gray that the potential penalties included capital punishment. He later brought Gray back into

court to amend that and told Gray that the penalties would not include death because he is under age 18. A preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 4. **SEE SHOOTING ON A6**

Activists: IDF killed American at protest

U.S. WANTS PROBE OF DEATH IN WEST BANK

Israel says forces fired in response to threat

BY KAREEM FAHIM, LOVEDAY MORRIS, JOHN HUDSON AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

An American woman was killed Friday in the occupied West Bank, the State Department said. Two witnesses said the woman was shot in the head by Israeli forces who had opened fire.

The woman, Aysenur Eygi, a 26-year-old volunteer with the International Solidarity Movement, a pro-Palestinian activist group, had been attending a protest of Jewish settlement expansion in the town of Beita when she was shot, her colleagues said. Copies of her passport that circulated online said she was born in Turkey, and the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement that she was a citizen.

The Israel Defense Forces said it was "looking into reports that a foreign national was killed as a result of shots fired in the area." The statement said that Israeli forces in the area of Beita, in the northern West Bank, "responded with fire toward a main instigator **SEE AMERICAN ON A10**



Aysenur Eygi

Days-long raid ends, leaving trail of destruction

Israel says it killed 14 militants, seized arms in Palestinian territory

BY MIRIAM BERGER, SUFIAN TAHA, ADELA SULIMAN AND KAREEM FAHIM

JENIN, WEST BANK — The Israeli military withdrew from the West Bank city of Jenin early Friday, ending a days-long incursion that was one of the longest and deadliest in the territory in years — and leaving a trail of destruction in its wake.

The withdrawal from Jenin, after more than a week of fighting, took place around dawn, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported, after which residents emerged from their homes to assess the damage.

"There is no reason for this," Moayed Khalifa, 65, said as he surveyed the wreckage of his smoothie bar, Choco Banana. The military, he said, had barreled through the steel door and filled his shop with debris, upending the livelihoods of three families who depend on the store's revenue.

In a statement, the Israel Defense Forces said it killed 14 fighters, including the head of Hamas operations in Jenin, We- **SEE JENIN ON A10**

IN THE NEWS

Dick Cheney backs Harris The former vice president, who epitomized the Republican Party for decades, says Donald Trump "can never be trusted with power again." **A4**

Green light on the green A plan to revamp Rock Creek Park's golf course was approved despite opposition from environmentalists. **B1**

THE NATION **Black enrollment** dropped at UNC following the Supreme Court's admissions ruling. **A3** **U.S. officials** charged a man with plotting an attack against Jewish people in New York. **A6**

THE WORLD **The world's** average temperature this summer soared to the highest on record. **A8** **At least 17 children** were killed in a fire at a school dorm in Kenya, police said. **A8**

THE ECONOMY **In Google's** illegal search monopoly case, a judge said he would decide a punishment by next summer. **A11** **Employers** added 142,000 jobs in August, weaker than forecast, on top of downward revisions for the past two months. **A14**

THE REGION **D.C. Council** member Trayon White Sr. was formally indicted on federal bribery charges. **B1** **Virginia** Lt. Gov. Winsome Earle-Sears (R) announced her candidacy for the state's top job, a historic bid to become the first Black female governor in the U.S. **B1**

OBITUARIES **Sergio Mendes** blended bossa nova and frothy pop music as a Brazilian hitmaker of the '60s. **B4**

STYLE **At Tenet Media**, which prosecutors say was a Russian propaganda shop, even one of its stars wondered: "What if this is all a ruse?" **C1**

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