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Deborah Powell, past president of the Bergen County Historical Society, turns on a light for displayed artifacts at the Historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge. PHOTOS BY JULIAN LESHAY GUADALUPE/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Trump pushes combining measures

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President Donald Trump is demanding that Republicans combine a series of voting reforms with a defense spending bill his administration is pushing Congress to pass, in a long shot bid to bring both measures to his desk before lawmakers leave on an extended recess.

The House has repeatedly approved versions of the elections bill, known as the SAVE America Act, but the legislation lacks the support it needs to clear the Senate. Trump has said he will not sign any other legislation until the measure becomes law.

Trump said he had a new plan overnight to try to move the election reforms: for congressional leaders to attach it to his administration's request for \$350 billion in additional funding for the Pentagon, as part of a mega bill that wraps all of Republicans' election-year priorities into one piece of legislation.

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'SHOPPING MALL OF ITS DAY'

New Bridge Landing was one symbol of a very different NJ economy in 1776



This 1889 iron truss swing bridge replaced a former bridge, constructed in 1744, that played a pivotal role in the American Revolution.

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Can you imagine New Jersey and its economy without malls? Or huge warehouses? Or container ships? Or tractor-trailers barreling down the New Jersey Turnpike?

The Ports of Newark and Elizabeth brought in nearly 8.7 million units of cargo by ship in 2024, making it the third-busiest port in the United States. You can see the many cargo ships piled high with containers — and port cranes hulking over them like giant giraffes — as you drive along the Turnpike.

But 250 years ago — at the dawn of the United States' founding — North Jersey was instead a farming powerhouse, and commerce flowed out of a small wharf and mill complex along the Hackensack River in Bergen County, in present-day River Edge.

In 1776 the site — now called Historic New Bridge Landing — was a major thoroughfare of trade and navigation.

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Senator's wife seeks more time for care before prison

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Days before the wife of former U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez is scheduled to report to prison, her lawyers asked for a four-month adjournment to "update the court" on her health.

Nadine Arslanian Menendez, the 59-year-old wife of the disgraced senator, who is already serving prison time, is scheduled to begin her sentence on July 10.

She was convicted in federal court in Manhattan as part of a wide-ranging corruption case that prosecutors said featured bribery, extortion and obstruction of justice in a multilevel scheme that involved trading envelopes of cash, gold bars and a new Mercedes-Benz for official acts that benefited Qatar and Egypt.

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