



NEW FED CHAIR

THE SENATE CONFIRMED PRESIDENT TRUMP'S NOMINEE TO LEAD THE FEDERAL RESERVE, KEVIN WARSH, BRINGING NEW LEADERSHIP TO THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL CENTRAL BANK. **C2**

JERSEY SHORE

Young or old, this coaster will let you ride with pride



A new roller coaster is rising at Jenkinson's Boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach, where crews, above and below left, are piecing together the ride ahead of the park's 2026 season debut. Patriot's Run will stand just under 40 feet tall and feature a 1,100-foot track, replacing the Tidal Wave coaster that previously occupied the space, according to Jenkinson's marketing manager, Alex Taylor. "Patriot's Run marks a new chapter by introducing an attraction that appeals to a more adventurous audience, while still remaining family-oriented and accessible for riders of different ages," Taylor said in a statement. The new attraction will reach a maximum speed of about 25 mph. *Text by Advance Local Express Desk and Stephanie Loder; Photos by Patti Sapone, NJ.com*



WASHINGTON

Embattled N.J. rep calls for more ICE oversight

McIver, who faces federal assault charges, says her bill aims to hold the Trump administration accountable for its immigration tactics.

Anna Liss-Roy *Washington Post*

She came to the detention facility to examine the conditions for the detainees inside — not to end up with the threat of years behind bars herself.

One year and three federal charges later, the life of 39-year-old Rep. LaMonica McIver (D-New Jersey) — a defendant in a legal battle that could redefine how members of Congress do their jobs — would be unrecognizable to the woman who showed up at a federal migrant detention facility in her district on the afternoon of May 9, 2025.

On Tuesday, McIver, along with two colleagues who joined her at the facility that

day, introduced a bill to strengthen oversight protections for members of Congress scrutinizing the Trump administration's immigration tactics, as her own legal battle is about to escalate.

McIver was charged with three counts of assaulting, resisting, impeding and interfering with federal officers during a clash outside the New Jersey facility last spring. McIver denies wrongdoing and says the charges are politically motivated. A federal appeals court is expected to hear arguments in June on her bid to have those charges dismissed before trial. A district judge overseeing that case already ruled against her. McIver could face up to 17 years in prison.

The bill from McIver and Reps. Bonnie Watson Coleman and Robert Menendez Jr., both New Jersey Democrats, is unlikely to pass in a Republican-controlled House. But the lawmakers are seeking to mark the anniversary of the episode and refocus attention on ways the Trump administration has made it more challenging for lawmakers to conduct visits to assess the conditions at detention facilities as it has waged an aggressive immigration crackdown.

On Friday, a federal appeals court rejected a Trump administration attempt to bar members of Congress from conducting unannounced oversight visits at immigration detention facilities. The ruling emerged from a lawsuit brought by congressional Democrats and upheld an earlier decision from a U.S. district court that overturned policies the Department of Homeland Security attempted to implement last year.

"The main point of this bill, you know, is to make sure that the Trump administration is adhering to Congress's ability to have oversight," McIver said.

The bill is "an attempt to raise the issue, to close some of the loopholes, to hold the contractors accountable and to hold this administration accountable," Watson Coleman said. "And if we can't get it through the system, at least we get to raise it on our various platforms."

The lawmakers' bill would reaffirm language in a 2019 appropriations law that effectively requires immigration detention centers to grant entry to members of **SEE MCIVER, A2**

NEWARK

Baraka easily wins re-election, embarks on 4th term as mayor

The Democrat receives 70% of the votes cast, says he's thankful for four more years.

Steve Strunsky *NJ.com*

Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka won a fourth term leading New Jersey's largest city on Tuesday, based on unofficial results.

Baraka received 70.3% of the votes cast with all 173 districts reporting, according to unofficial results posted by the Essex County Clerk's office about two hours after polls closed at 8 p.m.

Essex County Clerk Christopher Durkin said the results will be certified in the coming days.

Baraka, who ran for governor last year, addressed a crowd of several hundred supporters in the Terrace Ballroom at Newark Symphony Hall shortly after results came in.

"I don't fight alone, and I appreciate that," said Baraka, 56. "I want to thank God for bringing us this far. I'm comfortable that we've had 12 years and we've done a hell of a job, and I'm thankful that we've got four more."

Other results of Tuesday's election for mayor and all nine City Council seats included a runoff contest on June 9 that will pit South Ward Councilman Patrick Council, who drew 46% of the vote, against Asia Norton, a former Newark Board of Education president, who drew 23.3%.

Candidates for mayor and the five ward-based council seats in Newark's officially non-partisan elections must receive a majority of the votes cast — at least 50% plus 1 — to be elected in the first round of voting. If not, a runoff election is held between the top two vote-getters for each seat.

Winning another four-year term puts Baraka on a path to serving 16 years as mayor, after he was first elected in 2014 with 54% of the vote. Baraka, a former city councilman, high school principal and son of the late poet and activist Amiri Baraka, was re-elected in 2018 with 77% of the vote. **SEE ELECTION, A2**



Newark Mayor Ras Baraka won a fourth term on Tuesday. Turnout was just under 12%, a typically low figure for Newark's May municipal election. NJ.com file

NATION & WORLD

Senator flips on war

Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska voted to halt President Donald Trump's war with Iran signaling growing unease within GOP ranks over the conflict. **C2**

NATION & WORLD

Trump, Xi meet

President Trump arrived in Beijing for his highly anticipated summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping at a restless moment for the world. **C1**