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ICE notification bill advances

Pa. Senate passes measure to require DAs to alert Feds of defendants in country illegally

By Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HARRISBURG — The state Senate gave final approval Monday to a measure that would require prosecutors who encounter a criminal defendant who entered the country illegally to notify U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Separately, the chamber approved a bill — motivated by the controversial actions of an Allegheny County magisterial district judge — to prohibit judges from granting non-monetary bail to defendants deemed to be a threat to public safety.

Both bills were supported by all

Republicans and some Democrats. Both will now go to the House for consideration.

"This is not about targeting migrants as a whole," said Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-Erie and prime sponsor of the ICE-related bill. In writing about the bill, Mr. Laughlin mentioned Laken Riley, a 22-year-old university student whose murder in Georgia led to the conviction of a migrant who entered the country illegally. He also mentioned assaults on New York police officers by others who had entered

the country illegally.

On the Senate floor, Mr. Laughlin's bill was backed by Republican Sen. Wayne Langerholc of Cambria County, who previously served as an assistant district attorney in his home county. In the course of the job, he said, prosecutors shared information with the federal government.

"This is no different," Mr. Langerholc said. "This merely compels them to notify ICE. It's

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TRUMP'S APPROVAL VARIES IN POLL

Strong on immigration, weaker on economy

By Amelia Thomson-Deveaux and Linley Sanders
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigration remains a strength for President Donald Trump, but his handling of tariffs is getting more negative feedback, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

About half of U.S. adults approve of Trump's approach to immigration, the survey shows, but only about 4 in 10 have a positive view of the way he's handling the economy and trade negotiations.

The poll indicates that many Americans are still on board with Trump's efforts to ramp up deportations and restrict immigration.



But it also suggests that the Republican president's threats to impose tariffs — which have been accompanied by tumbling consumer confidence and wild stock market swings — might be erasing his advantage on another issue that he made central to his winning 2024 campaign.

The economy was a drag on then-President Joe Biden, who saw the share of Americans who approved of his handling of the economy fall to a low of roughly 3 in 10 in 2023. Trump drew considerable strength in November from voters who prioritized the economy, but just before he took office in January, an AP-NORC poll found that few Americans had high confidence that he'd make progress on lowering prices in his first year.

Views of Trump's job performance overall are more negative than positive, the survey found. About 4 in 10 U.S. adults approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president, and more than half disapprove. Negative opinions are also stronger

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A cyclist rides along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail on the North Shore on Monday. Two riverfront renovation projects have brought nonprofit Riverlife closer to its goal of activating the city's waterfront space, officials said.

COMPLETING THE LOOP

Riverfront renovation planned for Downtown and other areas

By Madaleine Rubin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh's Three Rivers are ever-changing.

Officials flipped over a crumbling slab of bluestone in Allegheny Riverfront Park last week — across the water from PNC Park — to break ground on a new renovation project, a \$160

million investment in Downtown's bridges and the land around them.

Led by Riverlife, the latest effort targets the Roberto Clemente, Andy Warhol, and Rachel Carson bridges and has contributions from public and private partners, and state and local grants.

It's part of a broader plan in-

troducted by the organization in 2021 to "complete the loop" — or, fill gaps in 15 miles of riverfront space across Pittsburgh. Some \$5.4 million will flow toward upgrading Allegheny Riverfront Park, a two-level space that runs parallel to Fort Duquesne Blvd between the three bridges in the Cultural District.

"[This project] strengthens the connection between Pittsburgh's people, its rivers and its evolving urban landscape," President and CEO of Riverlife Matthew Galluzzo said at the groundbreaking ceremony last week. "Today's milestone brings us one step closer to that

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PA. MAIL VOTING

Judge: Ballots don't need accurate dates

By Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Election boards in Pennsylvania's 67 counties may not invalidate mail-in ballots simply because they lack accurate, handwritten dates on their exterior return envelopes, a federal judge ruled Monday.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Susan Paradise Baxter, the latest in a long-running legal dispute over what is a small percentage of votes cast in the state, was issued more than two

months after the state Supreme Court announced it also would consider the issue.

Judge Baxter wrote that most counties did not try to argue that the exterior dates, which are not used to show whether a ballot was received in time, serve an important state interest in regulating elections.

The Republican National Committee and one county, Berks, did argue the dates help combat voting fraud, Judge Baxter wrote.

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LE PEN BARRED



Thomas Padilla/Associated Press

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen leaves the National Rally headquarters Monday after a French court convicted her of embezzlement and barred her from seeking public office for five years. Story, **A-6**.

Wis. top court candidates make last push

Spending nears \$100M as ideological balance in play

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — President Donald Trump's preferred candidate for Wisconsin Supreme Court and his Democratic-backed challenger made a final blitz across the state on Monday, the day before voting concludes in a race where early turnout has surged and spending is nearing \$100 million.

Billionaire Elon Musk, a top Trump adviser, held a rally in Green Bay on Sunday night to push for the election of Brad Schimel, a Waukesha County judge and former Republican attorney general. He faces Susan Crawford, a Dane County judge and former attorney who fought for abortion rights and to protect union power.

Liberals currently hold a 4-3 advantage on the court, but the retirement of a liberal justice this year put the ideological balance in play. The court in battleground Wisconsin is expected to rule on abortion rights, congressional redistricting, union power

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