

# Lawmakers pass immigration bill

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — Tennessee lawmakers wrapped up an election-year legislative session late Wednesday, highlighting their last day by passing legislation that would require state and local law enforcement agencies to detain immigrants for deportation at the request of federal officials without requiring warrants or probable cause.

The session, which began in January, marked the last one for House Speaker Beth Harwell, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor, and Republican Gov. Bill Haslam, who faces term limits.

The Republican leadership hit a couple snags that kept lawmakers a little longer than expected. The House and Senate tussled for more than seven hours over how

to address a student testing snafu, then passed a bill to hold teachers harmless from the scores.

Earlier Wednesday, the House and Senate passed the bill that would ban local governments from adopting certain “sanctuary” policies, and threatens to withhold future state economic and community development money from localities that do. The bill had to be resurrected earlier this week after a House panel initially voted down the measure for the year. Its fate is now up to Haslam.

Most notably, local governments would have to comply with federal immigration detainers of people identified as in the country illegally.

The bill’s passage comes on the

heels of a federal immigration raid earlier this month that took 97 people into custody at an eastern Tennessee meat processing plant. On Wednesday, Republicans batted down Democratic amendments to the bill that would have penalized companies that hire 50 or more immigrants living in the country illegally, saying that should be done in a separate bill.

The bill has drawn harsh criticism from the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, which called it “one of the most extreme, anti-immigrant proposals currently pending in the country.”

Under the proposal, Republican sponsor Rep. Jay Reedy of Erin said Tennessee law enforcement would only act when directed by

federal authorities. A fellow sponsor, Republican Sen. Mark Green, said someone would first have to be stopped by law enforcement for the possible commission of a crime. Green contended that any accusation that the legislation is racially motivated is false.

Proponents of the bill also brushed off worries that it could be struck down as unconstitutional.

“This bill does nothing to harm any person who’s come to the United States or Tennessee legally,” said Green, a Clarksville lawmaker.

Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman Jeff Yarbrow said there

aren’t any sanctuary cities in Tennessee, and called the bill a “solution in search of a problem.”

Later Wednesday, the House and Senate passed an amended bill that says no adverse action could be taken against students, teachers, schools or districts based on the TNReady test results.

Lawmakers last week passed similar legislation. It addressed teachers by saying decisions about their employment, termination and compensation can’t be based on the 2017-18 school year tests. But House lawmakers were wary Wednesday that bill wouldn’t sufficiently protect teachers.



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## Waffle House reopens after deadly shooting

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — Tennessee residents living near a Waffle House where a gunman fatally shot four people have been filing into the restaurant to grab a meal and show their support for employees determined to carry on after the attack.

Workers who had expressed a desire to get the restaurant up and running quickly wore orange ribbons, wept, and hugged each other at Wednesday’s reopening in Nashville. Company officials said they will donate a month of the restaurant’s sales to help the wounded survivors and the families of the slain.

The parents of 20-year-old Joe Perez, one of the victims of the shooting

Sunday morning, signed four white crosses outside, one of them bearing their son’s name and picture.

A woman who was working during the attack, her face still bearing scrapes, knelt before the four white crosses erected to commemorate the victims.

The dead included Perez and Taurean Sanderlin, 29, who worked at the Waffle House. Sanderlin had been on a cigarette break in the parking lot when the killer stepped out of his truck brandishing an AR-15 rifle and opened fire. The gunman then stormed the restaurant.

Also killed were Akilah Dasilva, a 23-year-old student at MTSU who was well known to independent musicians and record labels in town, and DeEbony Groves, a 21-year-old student at Belmont University. Four people were also wounded.

Police credit James Shaw Jr., a customer who wrestled the weapon away from the gunman, for averting more bloodshed.

The suspect fled after the scuffle with the customer and was captured the following day after a massive manhunt in Antioch, a neighborhood

in southeastern Nashville. Police have identified him as Travis Reinking, 29.

Employees got emotional at times Wednesday, but they also thanked the customers for coming back to the restaurant.

“The Waffle House staff have been so wonderful, and I’m not sure I could hold up as well as they are in a situation like this,” said Ramona Witt, who lives in the neighborhood and came out to support the victims.

Tammy Burnside stopped by to get food to go for herself and a friend.

“I just had to come by and pay my respects,” she said of the victims. “When they died, it felt like something died in Nashville.”

It was the employees who wanted to get the restaurant reopened quickly, Waffle House spokesman Pat Warner said.

“I think it’s part of the healing process for them,” Warner said.

Reinking was wearing nothing but a green jacket and brandishing the assault-style rifle when he attacked the restaurant, police say.

He faces multiple criminal charges, including four counts of criminal homicide.



A Disc Golf Tournament is being organized for all ages to be held at Pepper Branch Park. The deadline to register is May 2 at the Civic Center.

## Disc Golf Tournament registration ends May 2

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Players have until May 12 to practice their power shot for the first Disc Golf Tournament held by McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department. The deadline to register is May 2.

“It’s a hole-in-one tournament called Chase the Ace,” said Kyle Clyde, event coordinator for Parks and Recreation. “Everyone who signs up gets a new disc to use during the tournament. The competition is open to all ages and all skill levels. Holes will be shortened to level the playing field.”

For those not familiar with disc golf, Frisbee golf may ring a bell. The event will be held at Pepper Branch Park.

May 12 could be just the beginning of a Disc Golf League in Warren County. The intent of the initial competition is to establish a league over the summer

and offer a tournament in the fall, as well as eventually expand the current course, place concrete tee pads and improve signage.

Register at the Civic Center up until May 2. Cost is \$15 per person and registration includes one Undisclosed Innova Disc, score card, Chase The Ace

logo window sticker, one Innova Disc Golf pencil, and a chance to play for Innova brand prizes.

Disc golfers will be allowed to pick a preferred tee time between 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. However, times may have to be changed and assigned.

### OBITUARIES



#### Ross Sherman Zimmerman, 70

Mr. Ross Sherman Zimmerman, 70, passed away Tuesday April 24, at his home in McMinnville with his wife at his bedside.

He was born in Berkley Springs, West Virginia. He was preceded in death by mother Lady Grace Bricker Zimmerman and sister Linda Pryor.

He was a project manager for Harpers and Company in Hillsboro and a U.S. Army veteran. He enjoyed traveling with his family, camping, riding his Harley and taking care of his honey-do list at home. He enjoyed farming on his Moonshine Hills Farm. He was always there and his door was always open for a friend in need.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years and caregiver, Cindy Harper Zimmerman; sons, Billy Mason, Montgomery, Texas, Phillip Bollenbeck, Laredo, Texas; daughters, Melanie Spence, Comanche, Okla., Lynn Murphy, Round Rock, Texas, Tammi Bollenbeck and Autumn Bollenbeck of McMinnville; sister Pat Musser, Mercersburg, Pa.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held on his birthday, Saturday June 9, 2018 at 5 p.m. with reception to follow. Visitation with the family and friends will be 3 to 5 p.m. at Central Funeral Home in Manchester, www.centralfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to some of Ross’s favorite charities: Cal Farley’s Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174-0001, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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7:10 - 9:15

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

ADMISSION ADULTS 7.00 CHILDREN 5.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fairview CIC Benefit Supper

There will be a Benefit Supper at Fairview CIC on May 5 starting at 5pm. The meal will consist of Meatloaf or chicken strips, mashed potatoes, pinto beans, cooked cabbage, macaroni/cheese, cornbread or roll, dessert & drink. Carry out available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 9. All proceeds will go towards building repairs. Music will be provided Southern Breeze. Please come out and help support the community center.

The McGilliards

The McGilliards will be performing at McMinnville Independent Baptist Church from Apr. 30-May 6 @ 7pm nightly.

Generations 5K Color Run

The Generations 5K Color Run will be May 12 @ 8am. Entrants should arrive by 7:15am at the back parking lot of McMinnville Civic Center. The cost will be \$25. Runners can register at www.runsignup.com or USA Gym. Registration deadline to get a shirt is April 20. You can register the day of the race, but you will not be guaranteed a shirt. Dog friendly, activities for children, Kids of the Community, warm up party and DJ. For more info call 931-743-6628.

East End Church of Christ 18th Ladies Day

East End Church of Christ will be hosting their 18th Ladies Day on Sat, Apr. 28 @ 9am. Registration will begin @ 8:30am. The guest speakers will be Hannah Giselbach and Cindy Colley and the topic will be "The Everlasting Arm." Lunch will be served.

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