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THE GUARDIANS MAKE THREE POTENTIALLY IMPACTFUL TRADES AT MONDAY’S TRADE DEADLINE, ADDING JO ADELL, NATHANIEL LOWE AND FOSTER GRIFFIN. C1

The Cleveland Clinic launches the first long-term prescription drone delivery program by a U.S. health system, starting with patients near Beachwood.

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Imagine ordering a prescription and, minutes later, watching it descend on a tether from a drone hovering 300 feet above your backyard.

That is no longer science fiction for some Cleveland Clinic patients in Beachwood.

Cleveland Clinic began delivering certain prescription medications by drone last week, launching what the health system describes as the nation’s first long-term prescription drug drone-delivery program operated by a U.S. health system.

Patients received 15 to 20 successful drone deliveries during the program’s first week, according to Matt Soder, the Clinic’s executive director for community and specialty pharmacy.

The optional service is available at no additional cost to eligible patients already using Cleveland Clinic’s pharmacy home-delivery program. Pills, creams and other medications that do not require refrigeration are eligible initially, but controlled substances and large or bulky items are not.

Instead of waiting several hours for a traditional courier, patients can receive their medication within 10 to 30 minutes after it is ready, Soder said.

“Not hours, not days,” Soder said. “Literally within minutes they can be receiving their deliveries.”

Zipline, the California company operating the service, says its deliveries average about 18 minutes from order to arrival. Its fastest have taken about five minutes, while the flight itself typically lasts only about three minutes.

Soder said Cleveland Clinic’s connection to each patient’s medical record and care team also distinguishes the service from delivery through a stand-alone retail pharmacy.

“We’re just better connected,” Soder said. “We’re in the medical record with the provider. So we’re communicating with the provider directly, real time. It’s just a better way to take care of people, in our opinion.”

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PRESCRIPTION DELIVERY
Meds away!



A Zipline drone lowers its delivery pod on a tether during a demonstration of Cleveland Clinic’s new prescription delivery service on Monday at its Beachwood Administrative Campus. The drone remains in the air while the pod descends to drop the payload.
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2026 OHIO GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Ramaswamy campaign, allies distorting facts

Smear efforts against Amy Acton reflect growing Republican concern about Acton’s challenge to Vivek Ramaswamy’s frontrunner status.

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COLUMBUS — Allies of Republican gubernatorial nominee Vivek Ramaswamy are sensationalizing a seven-year-old police report involving Democratic opponent Amy Acton, portraying her on TV and social media as a reckless drinker and pill user.

Ramaswamy’s own campaign, meanwhile, is circulating an misleadingly edited video clip of Acton designed to undermine the credibility she built among many Ohioans as state health director during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The smear effort against Acton reflects growing Republican concern about Acton’s challenge to Ramaswamy’s



Republican gubernatorial candidate Vivek Ramaswamy and other GOP allies have launched a series of personal attacks on Democrat Amy Acton. But the attacks unfairly exaggerate and twist the facts.
Tony Dejak, Associated Press

frontrunner status. It also comes as both sides aggressively work to shape voters’ perceptions of the major-party candidates — neither of whom has held elected office before — ahead of the fall campaign.

And while negative campaign ads aren’t

unusual, the anti-Acton attacks come at the same time when the Ramaswamy campaign has repeatedly refused to answer questions from cleveland.com and readers for his stances on key issues facing Ohio.

In recent weeks, there have been three main lines of attack against Acton by Ramaswamy’s campaign, as well as allies such as the Ohio Republican Party and V-PAC: Victors Not Victims, the main pro-Ramaswamy super PAC.

One twists details of a 2019 police report detailing a dispute between Acton and her husband Eric at their suburban Columbus home.

The second distorts details from Acton’s 1994 medical-license application, recasting her admission of getting therapy for childhood sexual abuse as a suggestion of mental illness, or a drug or alcohol problem.

A third ad takes a portion of a 2022 speech by Acton out of context, creating the misleading impression that she had to Google the meaning of the word “pandemic.”

Ramaswamy’s campaign did not respond to a request for comment.

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WASHINGTON

Bernie Moreno publicly turns on his former son-in-law

The U.S. senator demands U.S. Rep. Max Miller leave Congress.

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U.S. Sen. Bernie Moreno took the unusual step Sunday of publicly attacking his former son-in-law, U.S. Rep. Max Miller, hours after Miller went live on “X” to deny abuse allegations that Moreno’s daughter had levelled against him.

Moreno, in a lengthy statement posted to social media, described his daughter Emily’s divorce from Miller as devastating for his family.

“As a father and husband, I can tell you the last two years have been pure hell for my wife Bridget, our daughter Emily, me and our entire family in the aftermath of Emily’s divorce,” the Westlake Republican wrote. “It has been horrific to watch this play out in full public view, all while knowing an innocent two-year-old girl is caught in the middle.”

Moreno said he initially tried to stay quiet and keep the matter private “out of concern for the safety of my family,” but said “Miller’s increasingly erratic and dangerous behavior has made that impossible.”

He said that Miller “needs serious psychological help,” describing him as “a danger to my daughter.”

“I hold my breath every minute he has custody of my granddaughter,” Moreno wrote.

Moreno, in his social media post, said Miller should not hold office, as he fails “any basic standards of character required to hold elected office.”

“He should not serve in the House of Representatives,” Moreno continued. “I believe Max Miller needs to seek professional help to end the clear pattern of abuse he has left in his wake. I believe he should not be free to continue endangering others until he does.”

Moreno’s remarkable statement came soon after Miller spent more than 15 minutes live on “X” disputing domestic abuse allegations from Emily Moreno point by point and vowing to continue his congressional re-election bid.

Miller, a Bay Village Republican, said no criminal charges have been filed against him, and no court or government agency has ever substantiated a claim of abuse. He said media coverage of the allegations has triggered death threats against him and his staff and followed up by posting documents from his divorce and custody case to a public Dropbox folder so voters could review them.

Miller responded to Moreno’s statement on social media, calling it untrue and saying, “the only reason you are speaking out now is to hide from your own media circus.”

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WASHINGTON

Holdouts no longer

Two Republican senators who threatened to block acting Attorney General Todd Blanche’s confirmation said Monday that they will support his nomination. A6

SOCIAL MEDIA

Trump stands to profit

The social media posts of the world’s most powerful man went on sale over the weekend as President Trump’s Truth Social business began offering sneak peeks of them to traders willing to pay up. A7

