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### PRIMARY ELECTION LESS THAN MONTH AWAY



Madison Sheahan, flanked by Anthony Campbell, left, and Derek Merrin, answers a question during a candidate forum in Toledo of Republican candidates running for Ohio's 9th Congressional District.

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## Candidates talk policies, goals

### 5 GOP hopefuls running for chance to take on Kaptur

By ALICE MOMANY

As Ohio's primary Election Day inches closer, Republican candidates running for Ohio's 9th Congressional District are trying to prove they have

what it takes to unseat the longest-serving woman in Congress.

On Monday night, all five Republican candidates running to be the GOP's nominee to take on U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D.,

Toledo) participated in a forum discussing a wide range of topics including immigration and sanctuary cities, data centers, economic development, and the federal government's growing deficit.

The forum was hosted by VoteR PAC, a local group dedicated to increasing Republican turnout.

In response to various questions, each candidate

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U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Alea Nadeem shares her thoughts on topics at Monday's event.

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State Rep. Josh Williams of Sylvania Township promises to stick to his values if elected.

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## City leaders weigh in on takedown

### Police release video of Toledo teen's arrest

By ALEX BRACKEN

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Toledo City Council President Vanice Williams said a police officer's takedown of a 15-year-old girl was unnecessary, based on her review of body and dash camera footage.

The Toledo Police Department released the footage to the public Tuesday evening.

Ms. Williams said at a news conference Tuesday morning that she believes the stop was unwarranted and that the teenagers were being compliant with the officer's orders.

"That incident did not have to happen; that stop did not have to happen," she said. "On that body [camera] and dash [camera] footage ... I saw these kids that were walking — 'jaywalking' — in the street,

move to the side when the police car came up to the street, and they didn't just ride by."

The girl was arrested after she did not give the officer her name or date of birth and asked for her mother to be present. Ms. Williams demanded the charges against the girl be dropped.

"I saw a young man complying with every order from the officer. ... I saw young ladies asking to call their mothers, and then I saw a man, a grown man, take his body and throw a young woman on the floor because she didn't give her first name."

Released footage and videos shared on Facebook by the girl's mother show the officer pushing the girl

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### HORMUZ BLOCKADE ONGOING

## U.S., Iran consider new negotiations

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Diplomats worked through back channels on Tuesday to arrange a new round of talks between the United States and Iran after Washington enacted its blockade of Iranian ports, while Tehran threatened to retaliate by striking targets across the war-weary region.

President Trump said a second round of talks could happen "over the next two days," telling the New York Post the negotiations could be held again in Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres concurred, saying it's "highly probable" that talks will restart. He cited a meeting he had with Pakistan's deputy prime minister, Ishaq Dar.

Last weekend in Paki-

stan, an initial round of talks aimed at permanently ending the U.S.-Iran conflict failed to produce an agreement. The White House said Iran's nuclear ambitions were a central sticking point.

A U.S. official said Tuesday that fresh talks with Iran were still under discussion and that nothing has been scheduled. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss sensitive negotiations.

Muhammad Aurangzeb, Pakistan's finance minister, told the Associated Press that "our leadership is not giving up" on efforts to help the United States and Iran end the conflict.

"We'll keep at it," Mr. Aurangzeb said Tuesday.

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## Colleges help dropouts re-enroll

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WASHINGTON — After several deaths in her family and an eviction that left her homeless, Jevona Anderson's life began to unravel. By 2025, Ms. Anderson — then 59 and

### 'Stopout' return rate rising

nearing completion of her bachelor's degree — was failing classes and falling behind on bills. Eventually, she dropped out, joining a

growing group of students who have left college before finishing.

Often referred to as "stopouts," the group in-

cludes about 38 million working-age adults in the United States. In many cases, they have student loans to pay but lack the credential of a degree to

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City Council President Vanice Williams says the city will sit down with Republic Services and talk about the future.

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## Lebanon, Israel hold talks in D.C.

### 1st direct diplomacy in decades

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WASHINGTON — Lebanon and Israel opened their first direct diplomatic talks in decades on Tuesday in Washington following more than a month of war between Israel and the Hezbollah militant group, with Secretary of State Marco Rubio calling it a "historic opportunity" but making clear no breakthrough agreement was immediately expected.

In a statement after the two-hour session ended,



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the State Department praised the two sides for what it called "productive discussions on steps toward launching direct ne-

gotiations between Israel and Lebanon." Hezbollah opposed the direct talks and was not represented, appearing to step up its

fire on northern Israel as the discussions began.

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