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Anthony Beamon speaks about his neighbor Nazario Vazquez being detained by ICE last month during a news conference at Farm Labor Organizing Committee headquarters in Toledo on Thursday.

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Man's release from ICE sought

Supporters scrutinize city police

By KELLY KACZALA
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Nazario Vazquez's 15-year-old daughter Maria was sleeping in her South Toledo home last month when she was awakened by her mother, who told her police were there to arrest her father.

Maria Vazquez choked back tears Thursday as she recounted the arrest in the early morning hours of Sept. 14, and how traumatic it was for her and her six siblings.

"They told me that if he doesn't come out peacefully, they were going to force their way inside to take him. My dad saw the situation for me and my siblings, and he didn't



Bricia Gonzalez consoles her daughter during a news conference about her husband Nazario Vazquez, whose case is now in federal court.

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want to make it worse. He went with them peacefully," she said.

She spoke at a news conference at the Farm Labor

Organizing Committee office on Broadway Street that drew over 50 supporters of Mr. Vazquez, some holding signs critical of

law enforcement. Mr. Vazquez's arrest stems from an incident on

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Election data expert talks Ohio races

By DANNY ELDRIDGE
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COLUMBUS— Dr. Amy Acton is likely to run ahead of Sherrod Brown in the November election, according to the chief data analyst for NBC News.

Acton said to outperform Brown

Steve Kornacki said Thursday that in a state like Ohio, voters who supported President Trump in 2024 are more likely to

cross over to support a Democrat in a governor's race as opposed to races for the U.S. Senate or U.S. House.

"That idea that you're empowering the national Democratic party isn't there," Mr. Kornacki said during an Ohio Manufacturers' Association event in

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Tennessee pauses all executions

Woman in critical care after drugs failed twice

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NASHVILLE — Christa Pike was in critical condition Thursday and receiving "lifesaving care" at a hospital, her lawyers said, a day after a failed attempt to execute her pushed Tennessee's governor to halt further executions this year and order an independent review.

Pike, who was sentenced to death for a 1995 murder, was taken to a hospital Wednesday night after surviving a double dose of the drug Tennessee uses to execute prisoners.

"We don't have a sense of her prognosis or much update on her health at the moment," attorney Randy Spivey said during a news conference. "But we know she is alive right now."

The failed execution, which one death penalty

expert described as unprecedented, led Republican Gov. Bill Lee to order a review, calling what happened "deeply disturbing" and indefinitely postponing Pike's execution and another one that had been scheduled for this year. It also reignited debate over the state's execution procedures, including its single-drug lethal injections.

Mr. Spivey called the process cruel and torturous, saying he was "haunted" by watching and hearing Pike talking, singing, and then snoring loudly during her more than 90 minutes in the death chamber. Her attorneys also said it was unclear if she might have suffered brain damage from being deprived of oxygen.

May Martinez, whose

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COPILOT IN ISRAEL FLIGHT INVESTIGATED

Trump: Iran to face strikes if involved

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — President Trump said Thursday that if Iran is linked to the copilot who tried to crash an Israel-bound flight, the Islamic Republic would be struck "very hard" for the attempt on the lives of more than 180 people aboard the jet.

Trump issued the warning as investigators worked to determine why the copilot stabbed the flight's captain, causing the FlyDubai plane to plummet before others on board stopped the attack and landed the airliner in Saudi Arabia.

The President was asked by reporters at the White House whether he had been briefed about any links between the pilot behind the attack and Tehran. He said, "We're working on it right

now."

"I would say the answer, based on what I'm hearing, is yes, but we're working on it right now," Trump said. He did not elaborate about why he suspects Iran might be involved.

Asked if the United States would retaliate against Tehran if it was behind the attack, Trump said, "Oh, they'll be hit, very hard, don't worry."

"You just ask them," he added. "They know what happened. They'll be hit very hard."

His remarks came as diplomatic efforts to end the war appear to have stalled.

Iranian officials indicated Wednesday that they received an official U.S. response to Tehran's latest

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Tax suspension

Gov. Mike DeWine signs legislation suspending Ohio's gas tax for the next 90 days.

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Resiliency wins

A 56-yard field goal wins the Browns a 27-24 victory over the Steelers.

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Locally sourced ingredients are making their way from farms to fancy cocktails.

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A retired truck driver has rediscovered a teenage skill that has given him a second career — and a trade to pass on to his grandson.

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An artificial intelligence and software company founded in India is looking to grow in its new home — Toledo.

ProMedica breaks ground on \$18M Perrysburg-area facility

By ERIC TAUNTON
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ProMedica broke ground Thursday on an \$18 million emergency and urgent care facility in Perrysburg Township that is expected to open in about 18 months.

The 12,000-square-foot facility at 26879 Lake View Drive will combine emergency and urgent care services in one location, following a model ProMedica already operates in Maumee.

"As we searched for property, we wanted to have good optic, [somewhere] easy to access, and to make parking easy because it is a really big concern for patients," said Arturo Polizzi, ProMedica president and chief executive officer. "They want to be able to get in and out really easily. We were able to secure a parcel large enough to kind of tick all of those boxes."

Perrysburg Township Trustee Joseph Schaller said the new urgent care and emergency facility will be a welcome addition to the township.

"What a great asset," Mr. Schaller said. "We are looking forward to the collaboration of ProMedica and our safety services. We are all here at Perrysburg Township to serve all of you and just make life a

little better."

Dr. Jay Woody, chief medical officer and founder of Intuitive Health, which is partnering with ProMedica on the project, said he remembers when people were skeptical of the combined urgent care and emergency facility in Maumee.

He said people weren't sure that the Maumee facility could provide both services, but he feels "pretty confident that we have proven that it can be done and it is being done very successfully."

The urgent care's impact during the pandemic is

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