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### OHIO SENATE RACE

## Why all eyes are on battle between Husted, Brown

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Sherrod Brown toured a Guernsey County farm on a recent spring afternoon, taking in the cows and rolling hills that surrounded him.

This wasn't another day of retired life for Brown, the 73-year-old former U.S. senator from Ohio. It was part of his

comeback plan.

Brown is running for U.S. Senate in November against Sen. Jon Husted, a contest that could decide whether Republicans maintain their slim Senate majority or Democrats take control. The stakes are familiar. Less than two years ago, Brown lost to Sen. Bernie Moreno in a bitter, expensive and nationally-watched Senate race.

A lot has changed since then.

Gov. Mike DeWine appointed Husted, 58, to the Senate after JD Vance became vice president. Republicans in Congress passed a law to cut taxes, Medicaid and food assistance. The cost of gas and other goods soared because of tariffs and the war with Iran.

Husted and Brown now face the same challenge: convincing Ohio voters

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A 24-acre property, including an eight-acre lake in the heart of Belden Village, is up for sale. TIM BOTOS / CANTON REPOSITORY

## Lake and 16 adjacent acres for sale in heart of Belden Village

**Tim Botos**  
Canton Repository | USA TODAY NETWORK

JACKSON TWP. – Lakefront property for sale – in the heart of Belden Village?

Nuh-uh.  
Yeah, huh!

Largely shielded from view, the site lies within a rectangle bordered by Dressler Road and Higbee Avenue NW, between Belden Village and Munson streets NW. It's behind the Verizon store, Olive Garden and some strip plazas along the east side of Dressler.

It's 24 acres in all, with the lake covering eight of those acres.

"It's kind of hidden back there," said Dan Spring of NAI Spring, which recently listed the property for sale.

The asking price: \$450,000.

That may sound too good to be true for such a prime location in Stark County's preeminent commercial shopping mecca. After all, location is supposed to be the three most important things in real estate, right?

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## Historic Lebanon castle again occupied by Israel

**Angus McDowall and Benjamin Raab**  
REUTERS

BEIRUT – The medieval Beaufort Castle's stone ramparts tower so far above south Lebanon that Israel could hail their capture as a strategic victory, even as it evoked the miseries of a previous occupation.

When Israeli forces entered the 900-year-old castle on May 30, they were returning to a fortress they held throughout their 1982-2000 presence in southern Lebanon, a campaign that years of Hezbollah attacks ultimately drove them to end.

Now at war once more with the Iran-backed Shi'ite group, Israel returns to the Crusader-built stronghold – a UNESCO-registered cultural site – in a campaign that has devastated the surrounding country, driving

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