# **Democratic primary** in Ohio emerges as test for progressives

By Will Weissert

CLEVELAND Amid relentless sunshine and intensifying humidity, Nina Turner led a small Nina Turner led a small procession of voters last week to a polling place on Cleveland's east side, guiding the group down a long block to the crosswalk even though darting across the street would have been easier.

been easier. "We don't want you breaking the law an aide admonished.
"Let's go down to the

light." Turner built a national reputation as a leading voice for Bernie Sanders' for Bernie Sanders' presidential campaigns, bringing crowds in packed auditoriums to their feet with rousing calls for universal health care and bold action to combat climate change. But as she faces an election of faces an election of her own next month. Turner is focused on more mundane aspects of campaigning, like avoiding jaywalking as she encourages supporters to vote and offering reassurances that her brand of politics still has a nlace

politics still has a place in the Democratic Party. "Something I can add, whether mainline add, whether mainline Democrats get this or not, is I can speak the language of people from all walks of life," Turner said in an interview. "That is important for the expansion of the Democratic Party." Turner is the best known of more than

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a dozen Democrats vying to replace former Rep. Marcia Fudge, who left Congress to become President Joe Biden's housing chief. The Aug. 3 primary is shaping up as one of the final tests this year for progressives, who have faced setbacks in other races, including Democratic primaries for Virginia governor and New York mayor. With just a six-seat

and New York mayor. With just a six-seat advantage in the House. some Democrats are taking aggressive steps to blunt Turner and hack more centrist

alternatives. House Majority House Majority
Whip Jim Clyburn,
the highest-ranking
Black member of
Congress, whose
support helped Biden
secure the Democratic
nomination last year,
is backing county
councilwoman Shontel
Brown over Turner. councilwoman Shontel Brown over Turner. Hillary Clinton, the political arm of the Congressional Black Caucus, several leading unions and more than 100 local leaders are doing the same. Federal rules prohibit Pudge from endorsing in the race, but her mother appeared in a commercial for Brown. While the contest is emerging as a proxy

emerging as a proxy for the future of the for the future of the Democratic Party, local leaders say voters are more worried about issues like creating jobs, addressing crime and improving access to health care, which remains clusive for many despite for many, despite Cleveland's high concentration of major hospital chains.

#### DOG POUND PET OF THE WEEK



ng out, he pettrel and make friends with absolutely everyone. Maggie is likely at leas and looks people right in the eyes. She takes treats very gently. A terrible flee issue ng back. To meet Maggie, call the Highland County Dog Pound at 937-393-8191 for an

## Ohio IDs 117 noncitizens who voted or registered in 2020

By Julie Carr Smyth

COLUMBUS, Ohio Ohio's elections chief on Monday referred for on Monday referred for possible prosecution 117 apparent noncitizens who either registered to vote or cast a ballot last year — a tiny fraction of the state's electorate and a significantly reduced number from two years ago despite record 2020 turnout.

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Republican Secretary of State Frank LaRose said that of those. 13 cast ballots and 104 registered but did not vote. They were identified as part of a routine review and referred to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

"The bottom line is this: Citizenship matters. It's an important status that we should altreasure," LaRose said at a Statchouse news

conference. "With that, comes the ability to be a voter. We want all Ohioans who are eligible to be able to cast a ballot, but certainly that means only citizens are able to do so."

Ohio has more than 8 million registered vot-ers. Ohio does not allow noncitizens to register

or vote.

LaRose made a similar referral of 277 individuals to Yost after the 2018 election, including 77 who cast a ballot. Only a

who cast a ballot. Only a handful were ever pros-ceuted, according to data from the Franklin County prosecutor's office. Ohio produced an extraordinary level of access in last year's presi-dential election, setting records with nearly 6 million votes cast and a 74% turmont that tons 74% turnout that tops the average of the past 20

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County Board of Elections on Sept. 24, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio
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LaRose said citizenship could be checked at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles under changes he is advocating to a sweeping election reform bill pending in the state Legislature.

He said he would like to see the bill adjusted to allow more access to drop boxes at county boards of elections, a position shared by the Ohio Association of Election Officials

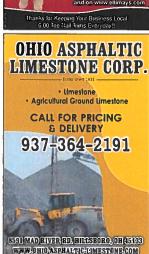
### **Shelters**

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connect our shelters to funding opportunities designed to increase our capacity to achieve our missions. Read a feature story in the Virginia Beach newspaper about her work with animal

rescue at https://bit. ly/3tDjmxw," the news release said. "We want to thank everyone who was involved in helping raise this money as well all the caring individuals who found it neight hearts to depart ador hearts to donate, adopt and volunteer within our mission driven organizations.





### **Explosion**

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Tri-County Fire Department (Mount Sterling), Southwest Pickaway Southwest Pickaway Fire Department (Williamsport), and the Circleville Fire Department responded to the scene, worked to extinguish the fire and conduct a search and rescue operation. Shortly after 10 a.m., first responders locate

first responders located Patricia Miller within the structure debris.

She was pronounced deceased by Fayette County Deputy Coroner Dr. Brad Dickson. Investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office arrived on scene Saturday morning to Saturday morning to conduct their investigation into the cause of

tion into the cause of the explosion. No foul play was suspected at the time. The Millers' home was described as a single-story ranch house. Several neighbors told authorities that the nearby explosion shook their homes. Others responding and

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One woman was killed and her husband was seriously injured during a house explosion Saturday morning in the 1900 block of

assisting at the scene were Fayette County EMS, Fayette County Emergency Manage-ment Agency, and Box 65 units from Fayette & Pickaway counties.

Members of the Pic-A-Fay Fire Department, sheriff's investigators, and the State Fire Marshal's working to determine the cause of the explosion.



#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has set for public hearing Case No. 21-214-GA-GCR to review the gas cost recovery rates of Pike Natural Gas Company, the operation of its purchased gas adjustment clause, and related matters.

This hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the offices of the Commission, 180 Fast Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Further information may be obtained by viewing the Commission's web page at http://www.puc.state.oh.us or by contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826 or for hearing or speech impaired customers: 7-1-1