



Carín León, nacido Óscar Armando Díaz de León Huez el 26 de julio de 1989



Milwaukee se American Family Insurance Amphitheater, de las noches más un escenario reservado esperadas del verano para los grandes con la presentación nombres de la música estelar del reconocido internacional. cantante de música Originario de regional mexicana Hermosillo, Sonora, Carín León, quien Carín León ha logrado encabezar una de las posicionarse como jornadas principales del una de las voces más Milwaukee Summerfest. influyentes del género El artista se presentará regional mexicano en el 20 de junio a las 7:00 p.m. en el emblemático único, que combina

sonidos tradicionales de León como artista principal marca un momento significativo para Summerfest, un festival reconocido mundialmente por su diversidad musical y por reunir a talentos de distintos géneros y culturas. La inclusión de un artista de regional mexicano como cabeza de cartel refleja el crecimiento y la importancia de la

música latina dentro amplia variedad de del panorama musical opciones gastronómicas, estadounidense, así actividades familiares como el impacto cultural y vistas privilegiadas de la comunidad latina al lago Michigan. en Milwaukee y el El evento continúa Medio Oeste. consolidándose como uno de los festivales del festival anticipan de música más grandes una asistencia masiva y prestigiosos del para esta presentación, mundo, atrayendo no solo de residentes cada año a cientos de locales, sino también de miles de visitantes. fanáticos que viajarán Con una carrera en desde otros estados para pleno auge y una disfrutar del concierto. base de seguidores en El American Family constante crecimiento, Insurance Amphitheater, Carín León llega a conocido por su acústica Milwaukee en uno de y capacidad para grandes los mejores momentos producciones, será el de su trayectoria. escenario perfecto para Su presentación en Summerfest no solo promete emociones promete ser una intensas y una conexión noche inolvidable, especial con el público. sino también un Además de la música, reflejo del poder de Milwaukee Summerfest la música para unir ofrecerá a los asistentes culturas, generaciones una experiencia y comunidades a través completa con una del ritmo y la emoción.

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Noticias de México

EU Invertirá 40 Millones En Centro De Investigación Agrícola En México

El gobierno de Estados Unidos anunció una inversión de 40 millones de dólares en el Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (CIMMYT), con sede en México, como parte de una estrategia para fortalecer la seguridad y resiliencia alimentaria a nivel regional y global.

El anuncio fue realizado por el embajador de Estados Unidos en México, Ronald Johnson, quien explicó que la inversión representa una acción directa de Washington para proteger y reforzar las cadenas de suministro alimentarias mediante la investigación científica. La información fue difundida a través de sus redes sociales.

“Como parte de este esfuerzo, los Estados Unidos invertirán 40 millones de dólares en el Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo (CIMMYT), con sede en México. Esta inversión refuerza el liderazgo estadounidense en ciencia agrícola, al tiempo que fortalece los sistemas alimentarios a nivel global”, señaló el diplomático.

Johnson destacó que tanto México como Estados Unidos son potencias agrícolas y comparten una visión común sobre la importancia de la innovación en los sistemas alimentarios, particularmente en la producción de granos básicos como el maíz y el trigo. Según el embajador, la cooperación bilateral en este sector es clave para enfrentar retos como el cambio climático, las plagas, las enfermedades y la volatilidad de los mercados.

El embajador subrayó que la colaboración entre ambos países se ha fortalecido bajo el liderazgo del presidente Donald Trump y la presidenta de México, Claudia Sheinbaum, ampliándose a sectores estratégicos que generan beneficios directos para la población mexicana, en especial para las comunidades rurales.

Entre los principales
objetivos de la inversión
se encuentra el

desarrollo de variedades mejoradas de trigo, con mayor rendimiento y mayor resistencia a plagas, enfermedades y fenómenos climáticos extremos. Asimismo, se busca proteger la diversidad del maíz mediante el banco de germoplasma del CIMMYT, que resguarda más de 28 mil variedades de maíz y 124 mil de trigo, considerado uno de los más importantes del mundo.

Johnson también resaltó que estos esfuerzos contribuirán a

reducir la dependencia de fertilizantes, así como a ampliar los centros de investigación e innovación agrícola, lo que permitirá mejorar la productividad del campo y generar empleos, especialmente en zonas rurales.

“Al liderar en este ámbito y profundizar la colaboración con socios confiables como México, fortalecemos nuestra propia resiliencia y ampliamos nuestra prosperidad compartida. Mientras más fuerte sea nuestra alianza, mayor

será nuestro impacto colectivo", afirmó el embajador.

Finalmente, Johnson destacó que cerca del 60 por ciento de la superficie sembrada de trigo en Estados Unidos se beneficia actualmente de variedades derivadas del trabajo del CIMMYT.

lo que ha fortalecido la productividad, la resiliencia climática y la estabilidad de los mercados agrícolas, consolidando el papel de México como un socio estratégico en la seguridad alimentaria internacional.



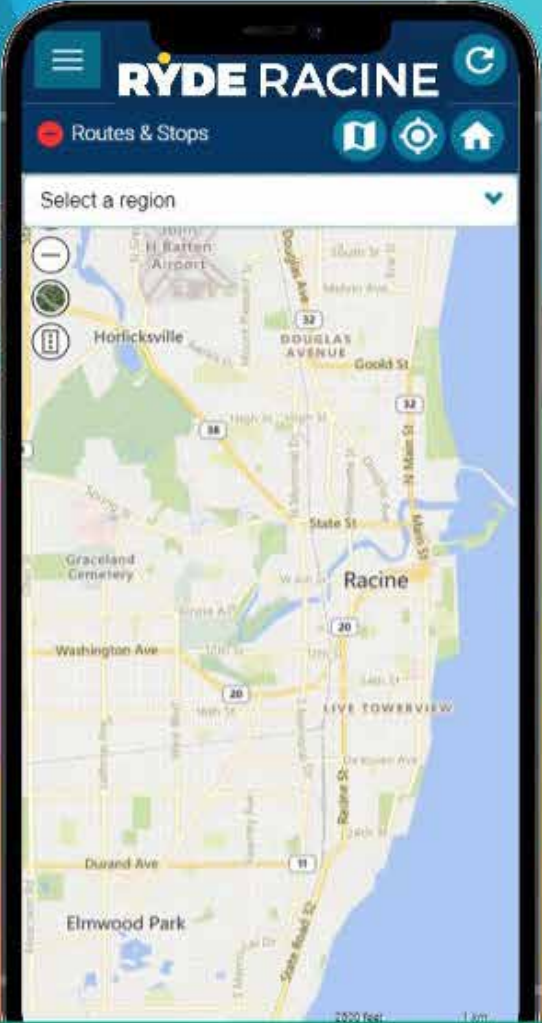
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Unen esfuerzos para atender emergencias en el Aeropuerto Luis Muñoz Marín

Primeras horas de gobierno. Desde fuegos para el bien común hasta ataques en de lo que es el centro masa, cualquier de gravedad de este emergencia que se lugar. La firma de estos suscite en el Aeropuerto acuerdos afirma que la Internacional Luis seguridad es nuestra Muñoz Marín, principal infraestructura en Carolina, será aeroportuaria, una atendida por un equipo responsabilidad interagencial gracias a compartida y la firma de un acuerdo coordinada”, expresó el colaborativo entre el secretario del DSP, el el gobierno estatal, general Arturo Garffer, municipal y empresas durante la conferencia privadas. de prensa donde se Aerostar Airport firmó el memorando de Holdings, LLC., que entendimiento (MoU, opera el aeropuerto; los en inglés).

los municipios de Carolina, “Si usted atiende lo Bayamón y San Juan; básico, lo demás puede y el Departamento de Seguridad Pública es uno de los elementos (DSP) y sus negociados, más fundamentales, formalmente trabajarán más básicos que debe en conjunto para atenderse. Darse la neutralizar cualquier mano en ese esfuerzo es suceso, ya sea médica, el norte de este convenio natural o de otra índole. colaborativo. Si se fijan, “Esto es un reflejo de lo que es la sincronización...de más grandes y más entes privados como tres municipios que

tienen equipo y tienen se pretende reaccionar personal adiestrado y rápidamente y de recursos”, sostuvo el manera coordinada ante alcalde de Bayamón, cualquier emergencia, Ramón Luis Rivera independiente de su magnitud, al igual Cruz. que proveer acceso a recursos especializados y comunicación de despacho más fluida.

¿De qué trata el MoU? “Nosotros siempre estamos trabajando aquí la seguridad...Hacemos muchas cosas que los visitantes ni se enteran por lo organizado (que estamos). (El acuerdo) va a ayudar que mejoramos cada día más”, comentó Abner Gómez Cortés, comisionado del Negociado de Emergencias Médicas.

El acuerdo, vigente por dos años, formaliza los trabajos colaborativos que ya se llevan a cabo desde 2023, recalcó Garffer a Primera Hora.

Al oficializarlo, se eliminarían escollos “burocráticos” que pueden atrasar la respuesta, desde algo tan simple como tener carnets para acceder a áreas restringidas hasta conocer el plano del aeropuerto para moverse de un lado a otro con facilidad.

“No nos podemos trancar en esa burocracia. Tenemos que poder ejecutar”, resaltó.

De esta manera,

de cientos de personas. convenio incluye Un ejemplo de esto la formalización fue el más reciente colaborativa con los ejercicio que contó con negociados del Cuerpo de Bomberos de Puerto Rico, del Sistema 9-1-1, de Manejo de Emergencias y Administración de Desastres (NMEAD) y del Cuerpo de Emergencias Médicas.

“En la medida que se hagan ejercicios de entrenamiento... (compartimos) Asimismo, incluye trabajar con habilidades que nosotros tengamos y habilidades que ellos tengan. Si hubiese algo en el aeropuerto, Dios nos proteja, el equipo que va a dar apoyo ya sabe lo que va a hacer. No viene a experimentar. Ese es el propósito (del acuerdo)”, dijo Rivera Cruz.

Jorge Hernández, presidente de Aerostar, aclaró que el convenio no incurre en un costo adicional de ninguno de sus componentes. Tampoco requerirá la contratación de más personal municipal, dijo Rivera Cruz.

“La idea es que ellos entrenen a nuestro equipo (municipal) para que el equipo sepa qué hacer en caso de una emergencia. Si hay un desastre, todo el mundo va a saber qué hacer”, agregó a este diario. Más allá de los ayuntamientos, el



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8 esquiadores de travesía encontrados muertos y uno sigue desaparecido tras una avalancha en California

TRUCKEE, en la Sierra Nevada del norte de California (AP) — Los equipos encontraron durante una monstruosa tormenta invernal . El recorrido incluía cerca del lago Tahoe cuatro guías, tres de en California y estaban buscando a uno muertos, informaron las autoridades. El grupo estaba compuesto por mujeres y hombres de entre 30 y 55 años, según las autoridades. Algunos de los fallecidos eran miembros de la comunidad de la Academia Sugar Bowl, un internado privado y club de esquí y snowboard en Donner Summit, según la academia. Las autoridades escolares no revelaron los nombres de los fallecidos ni describieron su vínculo con la academia.

Las autoridades de los fallecidos dijeron que los eran miembros de esquiadores tuvieron la comunidad de la poco tiempo para Academia Sugar reaccionar.

“Alguien vio privado y club de la avalancha, gritó esquí y snowboard en Donner Summit, alcanzó rápidamente”, según la academia. Las autoridades escolares no revelaron los nombres de los fallecidos ni describieron su vínculo con la academia.

Seis personas fueron rescatadas seis horas después de la avalancha la mañana del martes, cuando concluían una excursión de tres días analizarían la decisión



de proceder con el viaje el domingo a pesar del pronóstico. Esa mañana, a las 6:49, el Centro de Avalanchas de Sierra Nevada emitió una alerta de avalancha, indicando la probabilidad de grandes avalanchas en las próximas 24 a 48 horas.

Horas antes de la avalancha, el centro aumentó la alerta a advertencia, lo que

significa que se esperan avalanchas. No está claro si los guías habrían estado al tanto del cambio antes de emprender su viaje de regreso a la zona agreste.

Ante el paradero de una persona, la misión de las autoridades pasó de rescatar personas a recuperar cuerpos, dijo Moon.

Las autoridades estaban esperando revelar los nombres de las víctimas para dar tiempo a las familias.

“Todavía están conmocionados”, dijo Moon. “No me imagino lo que están pasando”.

Las víctimas fueron encontradas bastante cerca unas de otras, dijo Greene. Los equipos aún no han podido sacarlas de la montaña debido a las condiciones extremas.

Desde el domingo han caído entre 91 centímetros y 1,8 metros de nieve. La zona también se vio afectada por temperaturas bajo cero y vientos huracanados. El Centro de Avalanchas de Sierra Nevada informó que la amenaza de más avalanchas persistía el miércoles, lo que dejó la capa de nieve inestable e impredecible en una zona conocida por sus acantilados escarpados y escarpados.

Los equipos de rescate llegaron a los supervivientes poco antes del atardecer del martes.

Todos los esquiadores tenían balizas que pueden enviar señales a los rescatistas y al menos uno de los guías pudo enviar mensajes de texto, pero no estaba claro si llevaban bolsas para avalanchas, que son dispositivos inflables que pueden mantener a los esquiadores cerca de la superficie, dijo Greene.

Mientras esperaban ser rescatados, los sobrevivientes usaron equipo para refugiarse y protegerse de las temperaturas que descendían por debajo del punto de congelación. Encontraron a otras tres personas que habían muerto mientras esperaban, dijo Moon.

Los rescatistas utilizaron una máquina quitanieves para llegar a 3,2 kilómetros de los supervivientes y luego esquiaron con cuidado para no provocar otra avalancha, dijo el sheriff.

Uno de los rescatados permaneció hospitalizado el miércoles, dijo Moon.

La zona cercana a la Cumbre Donner es uno de los lugares con más nieve del hemisferio

occidental y, hasta hace pocos años, estaba cerrada al público. Recibe un promedio de casi 10,6 metros (35 pies) de nieve al año, según Truckee Donner Land Trust, propietario de un conjunto de cabañas donde el grupo se alojaba cerca del lago Frog.

La avalancha es la más mortífera en Estados Unidos desde 1981 , cuando 11 escaladores murieron en el Monte Rainier, en el estado de Washington. Cada invierno, entre 25 y 30 personas mueren en avalanchas en Estados Unidos, según el Centro Nacional de Avalanchas.

Fue la segunda avalancha mortal cerca de Castle Peak, California, este año, después de que un conductor de motonieve quedara sepultado por una de ellas en enero.

Greene afirmó que las autoridades fueron notificadas sobre la avalancha por Blackbird Mountain Guides , que lideraba la expedición, y las balizas de emergencia de los esquiadores. La oficina del sheriff informó el martes por la noche que 15 esquiadores de travesía participaban en la expedición, no 16 como se creía inicialmente.

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Members of the United Nations Security Council called Wednesday for the Gaza ceasefire deal to become permanent and blasted Israeli efforts to expand control in the West Bank as a threat to prospects of a two-state solution, coming on the eve of President Donald Trump's first Board of Peace gathering to discuss the future of the Palestinian territories.

The high-level U.N. session in New York was originally scheduled for Thursday but was moved up after Trump announced the board's meeting for the same day and it became clear that it would complicate travel plans for diplomats planning to attend both. It is a sign of the potential for overlapping and conflicting agendas between the United Nations' most powerful body and Trump's new initiative, whose broader ambitions to broker global conflicts have raised concerns in some countries that it may attempt to rival the U.N. Security Council.

Pakistan, the only country on the 15-member council that also accepted an invitation to join the Board of Peace, denounced Israel's contentious West Bank settlement project during the meeting as "null and void" and said it constitutes a "clear violation of international law."

Tracking the Gaza ceasefire

Keeping track of the status of President Donald Trump's 20-point plan for a ceasefire that would end Hamas' rule in Gaza and rebuilding the territory

China's Xi and Russia's Putin discuss their growing links, ties with US and global crises

after a devastating war.

"Israel's recent illegal decisions to expand its control over the West Bank are gravely disturbing," Pakistani Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said. The foreign ministers of the United Kingdom, Israel, Jordan, Egypt and Indonesia also attended the Security Council's monthly Mideast meeting after many Arab and Islamic countries requested last week that it discuss Gaza and the West Bank before some of them head to Washington.

"Annexation is a breach of the U.N. Charter and of the most fundamental rules of international law," Palestinian U.N. Ambassador Riyad Mansour said. "It is a breach of President Trump's plan, and constitutes an existential threat to ongoing peace efforts."

Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said that attention was not on the U.N. session and that the focus of the international world would be on the Board of Peace meeting.

Saar also accused the council of being "infected with an anti-Israeli obsession" and insisted that no nation has a stronger right than its "historical and documented right to the land of the Bible."

Bigger ambitions for the Board of Peace

The board to be chaired by Trump was originally envisioned as a small group of world leaders overseeing his 20-point plan for Gaza's future. But the Republican president's new vision for the board to be a mediator of worldwide conflicts has led to skepticism from major allies.

While more than 20 countries have so far accepted an invitation to join the board, close



U.S. partners, including France, Germany and others, have opted not to join yet and renewed support for the U.N., which also is in the throes of major reforms and funding cuts.

British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper said there is an opportunity for the U.N.'s most powerful body to help build "a better future" for Israelis and Palestinians despite the "cycle of violence and suffering" over the more than two-year war between Israel and Hamas.

"Gaza must not get stuck in a no man's land between peace and war," Cooper said as she opened the meeting.

Mike Waltz, the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., appeared to criticize countries that had not yet signed on to the Board of Peace, saying that unlike the Security Council, the board is "not talking, it is doing."

"We are hearing the chattering class criticizing the structure of the board, that it's unconventional, that it's unprecedented," Waltz said Wednesday. "Again, the old ways were not working."

The Security Council is meeting a day after nearly all of its 15 members

— minus the United States — and dozens of other diplomats joined Palestinian ambassador Mansour as he read a statement on behalf of more than 80 countries and several organizations condemning Israel's latest actions in the West Bank, demanding an immediate reversal and underlining "strong opposition to any form of annexation."

In the last several weeks, Israel has launched a contentious land regulation process that will deepen its control in the occupied West Bank. Israeli Energy Minister Eli Cohen said it amounts to "de facto sovereignty" that will block the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Outraged Palestinians, Arab countries and human rights groups have called the moves an illegal annexation of the territory, home to roughly 3.4 million Palestinians who seek it for a future state.

A pivotal moment in the Middle East

The U.N. meeting also delved into the U.S.-brokered ceasefire deal that took effect Oct. 10. Israeli and Palestinian civil society representatives briefed the council for the first

time since the Hamas-led Oct. 7, 2023, attacks on Israel that launched the war.

Hiba Qasas, a Palestinian who is founding executive director of Geneva-based Principles for Peace Foundation, and Nadav Tamir, a former Israeli diplomat who is executive director of J Street Israel, both said they represent a strong coalition of Israelis and Palestinians who believe the only way to end the conflict is through a two-state solution.

"Israel cannot remain the democratic homeland of the Jewish people if Palestinians are denied a homeland of their own. Our futures are interdependent," Tamir said.

U.N. political chief Rosemary DiCarlo told the council that "this is a pivotal moment in the Middle East" that opens the possibility for the region to move in a new direction. "But that opening is neither assured nor indefinite," she said, and whether it will be sustained depends on decisions in the coming weeks.

"The Board of Peace meeting in Washington, D.C., tomorrow is an important step," she said.

In unusually strong language, DiCarlo

rebuked Israel's unilateral actions in the West Bank, saying the world is witnessing its "gradual de facto annexation."

Aspects of the ceasefire deal have moved forward, including Hamas releasing all the hostages it was holding and increased amounts of humanitarian aid getting into Gaza, though the U.N. says the level is insufficient. A new technocratic committee has been appointed to administer Gaza's daily affairs.

But the most challenging steps lie ahead, including the deployment of an international security force, disarming Hamas and rebuilding Gaza.

Trump said this week that the Board of Peace members have pledged \$5 billion toward Gaza reconstruction and will commit thousands of personnel to international stabilization and police forces for the territory. He didn't provide details. Indonesia's military says up to 8,000 of its troops are expected to be ready by the end of June for a potential deployment to Gaza as part of a humanitarian and peace mission.

Milwaukee alderperson says fellow common council member ‘berated, physically intimidated’ her



A Milwaukee Alderperson Jocasta Zamarripa limit immigration alderwoman is calling Jocasta Zamarripa enforcement in the city. for accountability claims the incident “During the after she says a fellow involving Alderman encounter, I was Common Council Mark Chambers subjected to profane member “confronted... Jr. happened last and degrading remarks, verbally berated and Wednesday, February including being taunted physically intimidated” 11, at Milwaukee City to ‘start crying,” her in her office “in a Hall before a scheduled Zamarripa said in a way that made me feel press conference where statement Tuesday. trapped and unable to council members “The comments safely exit.” announced plans to were gendered and

demeaning. This is not the first time I have experienced hostility from this individual.” Zamarripa said she filed a formal complaint and requested a full investigation under the city’s ethics codes. Chambers acknowledged he and Zamarripa raised voices at each other, but said, “It is a mischaracterization to suggest that because I am a man who raised his voice, anyone was in harm’s way or their safety was in question,” he said in a social media post. Chambers in a statement late Tuesday said “voices were raised by everyone in the room during this exchange. At no point did I physically block, threaten, or prevent anyone from leaving, nor did I misuse my authority in any way.” Ald. Peter Burgelis said he was one of multiple common council members in the room when the incident happened. He has drafted a motion to censure Chambers, but has not filed it with Milwaukee’s City Clerk because he’s waiting until the third-party Department of Employee Relations investigation is complete. A censure is a formal reprimand of an elected official, but would not necessarily impact Chambers’ ability to govern. An email sent to Common Council members Saturday included new committee assignments “effective immediately,” as issued by Common Council President Jose Perez. Zamarripa and Chambers were no longer listed together on any committees. Both Chambers and Zamarripa did not respond to interview requests Tuesday, and did not explain what the argument was over. Perez and Burgelis declined WISN 12 News on-camera interview requests Tuesday.

Trailblazer Nelly Set To Make It ‘Hot In Herre’ At The Bank Five Nine Main Stage At State Fair

Wisconsin State Fair officials today announced that Nelly, the three-time Grammy award-winning rap superstar, is bringing his trailblazing, multi-genre talents to the Bank Five Nine Main Stage at the Wisconsin State Fair on Friday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. For more than two decades, Nelly has been connecting generations with his exuberant anthems, fusing musical genres, and engaging in multiple entertainment mediums including music, television and film. “Hot in Herre,” “Lil Bit,” “Ride Wit Me” and so many more chart toppers will get those hips shaking and fans dancing in the aisle. Tickets go on sale Friday, February 20 at 10 a.m. at WiStateFair.com. All seating for this show is reserved, and tickets will be \$72, \$77, \$82 and \$92. Each ticket includes admission to the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair for the day of the show when purchased prior to entering the Fair Park. Tickets will be available for pre-sale on Thursday, February 19 for Friends of the Fair, a membership benefiting the Wisconsin State Fair Park Foundation. This non-profit organization helps support the State Fair and State Fair Park initiatives. Become a Friend of the Fair today by visiting WSFPFoundation.org.

Hairball Brings The Ultimate ‘80s Rock ‘N’ Roll Tribute To The Bank Five Nine Main Stage

Wisconsin State Fair officials today announced that Hairball will bring the ultimate ‘80s rock ‘n’ roll tribute to the Bank Five Nine Main Stage on Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. on the opening night of the Wisconsin State Fair. Hairball doesn’t just put on a concert – they put on an event! Over the past 25 years, Hairball has evolved into an explosive national touring act that brings the glory of the ‘80s – think Van Halen, KISS, Queen and more – to hundreds of thousands of fans throughout the country with a drop-dead accurate homage to the biggest arena acts in the world. This bombastic, action-packed party is chock-full of surprises and guaranteed to thrill. Tickets go on sale Friday, February 20 at 10 a.m. at WiStateFair.com. All seating for this show is reserved, and tickets will be \$34, \$39, \$44 and \$49. Each ticket includes admission to the 2026 Wisconsin State Fair for the day of the show when purchased prior to entering the Fair Park. Tickets will be available for pre-sale on Thursday, February 19 for Friends of the Fair, a membership benefiting the Wisconsin State Fair Park Foundation. This non-profit organization helps support the State Fair and State Fair Park initiatives. Become a Friend of the Fair today by visiting WSFPFoundation.org.





Women raise awareness about menopause symptoms and work

It took five years for Crystal Burke to put a name to the symptoms that haunted her. Heart palpitations. Insomnia so severe she slept only two to four hours a night. A newfound struggle to make decisions in her job as a nurse. Confusion when dealing with statistics, which she used to handle with ease.

“It affected my work, it affected my relationships, it affected everything,” Burke said. “I felt lost. I didn’t talk to anybody about it.”

Then Burke saw an advertisement about a face cream which contained estrogen, one of the two hormones ovaries produce less and less of with aging. She began talking with friends about her symptoms. And she connected the dots: menopause.

At just 38, Burke had thought she was too young to be going through the life stage when menstrual periods stop and women no longer can become pregnant. But menopause is more than the pop culture stereotype featuring women in their 50s having hot flashes. Symptoms can start much earlier — during perimenopause, the time leading up to menopause — and go well beyond hot flashes.

The many manifestations include insomnia, migraines, brain fog, loss of concentration, memory problems, mood swings, depression, anxiety, heart palpitations, hair loss and weight gain. If that wasn’t enough, some people experience heavy, painful periods or recurring urinary tract infections. Chronic insomnia can make it difficult to concentrate. Brain fog leaves the afflicted struggling to find words during meetings. But social stigma and a lack of information have left menopausal people dealing alone with severe symptoms that may impact their work. Many stay silent, fearing they’ll be viewed as underperformers or weak.

Some women in senior leadership positions leave their jobs or reduce their hours as a result of debilitating side effects from menopause, said Lauren Redfern, executive director of Hormonally, a nonprofit that provides workplace training and education about women’s health. But those who feel supported by employers during the transition are more likely to remain at work, she said.

“When you open up a space to talk about these things, people are desperate to have a conversation,” Redfern said. “The symptoms are so diverse and so far-reaching and so prolific they impact every area of someone’s life.”

Promoting changes around ‘the change’

Menopause affects about half the world’s population at some point in life. Yet due to the epidemic of silence around it, women, nonbinary people and transgender individuals often don’t recognize the onset of unpleasant physical and emotional changes as side effects of declining hormone levels.

Finding health care providers who are trained to identify and treat their symptoms can be challenging. Some startups have sought to change that by providing access to referrals or telehealth appointments with doctors or therapists who specialize in treating menopausal patients.

“When you don’t know that something can get fixed, it’s very scary,” said Midi Health founder Joanna Strober, whose company connects women with professionals who understand menopause. “If you think, ‘For the rest of my life I’m going to have brain fog and not remember anyone’s name, and I’m going to keep losing my car in the parking lot and I’m going to keep gaining weight,’ then it’s very demoralizing.”

Burke found relief when she began hormone replacement therapy. Inspired to help others, she co-founded The Menopause Clinic in Louisiana to offer telehealth services focused on menopause.

“The biggest thing is for women to know what perimenopause is, what menopause is, and that there are options,” Burke said. “The suffering isn’t necessary.”

Hormone replacement therapy is not an option for those with certain medical histories, and some doctors are unwilling to prescribe it. Some experts recommend acupuncture, dietary changes and exercise to help manage symptoms.

The Mayo Clinic estimates that menopause symptoms lead to \$1.8 billion in lost work time per year in the U.S.



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Get the flu vaccine as soon as you are able.

Wash your hands often to protect from germs.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Stay home from work and school when you are sick.

Practice good health habits in your daily life.

Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

La estrella estadounidense Mikaela Shiffrin se convierte en tricampeona olímpica con una emotiva victoria en el eslalon



CORTINA 1,50 segundos, experiencia”. D’AMPEZZO, Italia (AP) — Mikaela Shiffrin estaba en lo más alto del podio olímpico, mirando casi con incredulidad la medalla de oro que colgaba de su cuello

La estrella del esquí estadounidense no había ganado simplemente una carrera de slalom para poner fin a su sequía de medallas de ocho años en los Juegos de Invierno y subrayar su estatus como seguramente la mejor esquiadora alpina de todos los tiempos.

Ella también había ganado una batalla consigo misma.

“Es como”, dijo Shiffrin, antes de hacer una pausa, “... nacer de nuevo”.

Corriendo en lo que ella describió como un “estado espiritual”, Shiffrin realizó dos carreras dominantes en condiciones magníficas en medio de los picos irregulares de los Dolomitas para ganar por unos impresionantes

1,50 segundos, convirtiéndose en la primera esquiadora estadounidense en ganar tres medallas de oro alpinas.

En escenas emotivas después de la carrera, Shiffrin, de 30 años, fue abrazada por Camille Rast de Suiza, quien se llevó la plata, y la medallista de bronce Anna Swenn Larsson antes de luchar contra las lágrimas mientras se acercaba a su madre y entrenadora, Eileen, para un abrazo largo y profundo junto al área de meta.

A pesar de todo, dijo Shiffrin, nunca dejó de pensar en su padre, Jeff, quien murió a los 65 años en un accidente en la casa familiar en Colorado en febrero de 2020.

“Este fue un momento con el que siempre soñé, pero también me asustó mucho”, dijo Shiffrin. “Todo lo que uno hace en la vida después de perder a un ser querido es como una nueva

Y —añadió, con la voz temblorosa—, todavía tengo muchos momentos en los que me resisto. No quiero vivir sin mi padre. Y quizá hoy fue la primera vez que pude aceptar esta realidad.

Fue el margen de victoria más grande en cualquier evento de esquí alpino olímpico desde 1998 y el tercero más grande en eslalon femenino, el evento que ganó con solo 18 años en Sochi en 2014 para apuntalar su creciente estatus como superestrella del esquí.

Doce años después, y tras no haber logrado cumplir con las grandes expectativas en los Juegos Olímpicos de 2022, convertirse en la esquiadora de la Copa del Mundo más exitosa de todos los tiempos con un récord de 108 victorias, y superar los dos accidentes más grandes de su carrera y una batalla subsiguiente con el trastorno de estrés postraumático, volvió

a cumplir en su evento favorito.

En cierto sentido, su carrera como esquiadora había llegado a su fin.

“Tal vez”, añadió, “justo hoy me di cuenta de lo que me pasó en Sochi”.

En la ceremonia de entrega de medallas, estrechó ambas manos a los costados al estar a punto de recibir la medalla. Cuando se la colocaron alrededor del cuello, se llevó una mano a la boca.

Para Shiffrin, esto también fue un alivio de la presión que se había acumulado después de ocho carreras olímpicas sin una medalla desde que agregó oro y plata a su colección en Pyeongchang en 2018.

Una actuación de pesadilla de 0 de 6 en Beijing fue seguida en Cortina este año por un cuarto puesto en la combinada por equipos (cuando Shiffrin quedó en el puesto 15 en la parte de slalom después de que su compañera de equipo Breezy Johnson liderara la parte de descenso) y luego un 11.º puesto en el slalom gigante.

Fue material para los “guerreros del teclado”, reconoció Shiffrin, pero los ignoró a todos en una obra maestra el martes.

“No se me ocurre una medalla más merecida para una atleta”, dijo Sophie Goldschmidt, presidenta y directora ejecutiva de la Asociación

Estadounidense de Esquí y Snowboard.

“Ha sido muy dominante, pero como sabemos, estos grandes momentos deportivos en los Juegos Olímpicos conllevan una presión y un escrutinio adicionales. Y verla esquiar tan bien y lanzarse a por todas, no podría estar más orgullosa de ella”.

Shiffrin ha ganado tres oros y una plata en los Juegos Olímpicos, sumándose a su récord de victorias en la Copa del Mundo, que incluye 71 en eslalon, también un récord. También cuenta con títulos mundiales en eslalon (cuatro), eslalon gigante y supergigante, completando posiblemente la mejor trayectoria en las carreras alpinas.

“En otra liga”, lo expresó Larsson.

Shiffrin lideró por 0,82 segundos después de la primera manga en un recorrido mayoritariamente plano que los funcionarios del equipo de EE. UU. le describieron por radio como una “carrera de alto ritmo”.

Hubo un pequeño tambaleo cuando chocó contra una puerta y, por una fracción de segundo, pareció que se encaminaba hacia otra decepción olímpica.

Esta vez no.

Recuperó su forma para marcar un tiempo, con el dorsal número 7, al que nadie pudo acercarse

“Cuando vi que iba un segundo atrás después de la primera carrera”, dijo Rast, “pensé: ‘Bueno, el oro se ha ido’”.

Mientras intentaba tomar una siesta antes de su segunda carrera, Shiffrin dijo que comenzó a llorar porque estaba pensando en su padre.

“Y luego”, añadió, “estaba pensando en que hoy puedo presentarme y decir honestamente en la puerta de salida que tengo todas las herramientas necesarias para esquiar lo mejor posible y ganarme ese momento”.

Dadas sus emociones, la segunda carrera de Shiffrin fue impresionantemente fluida, ya que atravesó la difícil sección superior sin problemas y siguió adelante con la sección central, más lenta.

Después de cruzar la línea de meta, Shiffrin se puso en cuclillas lentamente y se tomó un momento privado para pensar en todas las personas que la habían llevado hasta ese momento.

“Sentí todo tipo de emociones en los últimos tres meses, los últimos cuatro meses, los últimos cuatro años, los últimos ocho años”, dijo Shiffrin. “He recorrido tantos caminos diferentes para llegar hasta aquí hoy”.





How Do I Stay Hungry For God? 7 Things You Need to Know

By Duncan Smith

I knew I had to ask him to pray for me. The preacher, Ken Gott, spoke with fire and passion in his voice. He had clearly experienced God himself, and I didn't want to go home without him praying for me. I was desperate for more of God.

But it was getting late. As the meeting finished, crowds of people poured out of the building. It was raining as I scanned the car park to find him. Ken had reached his car and was saying goodbye to the leader of the movement. I ran over and approached him, just as he was about to get into the car

"Excuse me, I'm ever so sorry to interrupt. But do you have one more prayer?" I asked.

Ken must have been exhausted, and surely ready to go home, but he agreed. He walked over and prayed for me, and I felt the power of God and I fell over in the Holy Spirit. I landed in a puddle in the car park, but I didn't care. I was just so hungry and beyond grateful for this amazing encounter.

That night wasn't a one-off for me. I was in my early 30s at the time, and ever since I had a radical salvation encounter with Jesus at age 20, on a trail in the Rocky Mountains, I was desperately hungry to know Jesus more and more deeply. I'd started a lifetime of tasting and seeing how good God is, knowing that there's nothing in this world that compares to Jesus.

We read in Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (NIV). It's the greatest blessing to be hungry and thirsty for Jesus; to hunger after the bread of life, to thirst for living water.

So how can we develop that hunger for God, and stay hungry for Him?

1. Receive Hunger as a Gift

Hunger for God isn't

something that we conjure up ourselves. It's a gift that we can only receive from Him. A lot of Christians try to coerce themselves into hunger for God, thinking, "I've got to have more faith, I've got to be more hungry, I've got to be more loving."

In Galatians 2:20 we read, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (NIV). In the King James translation, we read "I live by the faith of the Son of God." When we grasp that Christ is alive inside of us, that we are no longer alive in our old ways, then we can understand that all of our ability to live the Christian life comes from Jesus. All our ability to love God comes from Him. Our hunger for God is because of Jesus' passion for the Father and the Holy Spirit.

To ask for that gift of hunger, simply pray,

"Father, give me the heart that you have for your Son. Jesus, please give me the love that you have for your Father. Holy Spirit, give me your love for the Father and the Son."

2. Ground Yourself in the Fear of the Lord

True hunger for God comes from a revelation of the fear of the Lord. When you're grounded in the fear of the Lord, you want your life to bless Him, for His sake, more than for your own gain. Our hunger is fueled knowing that Jesus is the center of our salvation rather than ourselves. It's all by Him, through Him and for Him.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites were chosen as a nation to be priests and kings for God's purposes and His glory.

When they understood this, they were on the right track. When, on the other hand, they focused on themselves, whether they were blessed or not, they lost their way and followed other gods. The fear of the Lord was not at the centre of their hearts.

We develop the fear of the Lord by understanding who He is, and who He has made us to be. When you're grounded in the fear of the Lord, you want God to be glorified in your life. Your entire motivation for your life is to please Him. As you live a life worthy of Jesus Christ, a deep hunger for God overwhelms you.

3. Read the Bible to Develop Lasting Hunger

How do we know that the God we're relating to is the true and living God? I'm so thankful that He's given us His Word. It's by reading and studying His Word that we discover His ways and His character. We can't learn God's ways without knowing His Word.

By reading the Bible every day and soaking in His Presence, we develop a lasting hunger for God. I have read the Bible, cover to cover, every year for the last 31 years. Reading and studying God's Word has absolutely transformed me. It has caused me to be more in love with Him, and to be increasingly more hungry to know Him.

I urge you to develop a disciplined approach to reading God's Word. It will create a broad and wide foundation for your spirituality. Your passion for God will grow, your fear of the Lord will grow and you'll develop discernment about how He's leading you to live your life.

4. Express Your Devotion Through Prayer

As you read the

word, your devotion to God grows, and prayer becomes the way you express that devotion.

Prayer looks different in different people's lives. I pray when I'm riding my motorcycle, or walking. I love nature, and when I'm in the midst of creation, prayer bubbles up inside of me. I look for the sweet kisses of our good Daddy! It might be a butterfly I haven't seen in a long time, or a particular bird's song, or the light dancing through the trees, or a fragrance on the breeze. I can't help but magnify God in worship for all that He's done and created. I reflect on what He's done in my life and ask Him to come crashing in on my city, on Catch The Fire churches, in my family. Prayer is a discipline of our faith, but when our hearts are devoted to Jesus, it doesn't feel like a chore. It's a deep pleasure.

There are so many ways that you can practice prayer. Maybe it's in a House of Prayer setting, maybe in a more liturgical, structured format. Find ways to pray that help you express your devotion to Jesus and inspire a greater hunger for Him, not based necessarily on what everyone else does, but from your heart of pure devotion to Jesus.

5. Let Encounters Fuel Your Hunger

Encounters with God are where our theology becomes a reality. When we encounter God, we meet the person of God. We get to experience Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father's love, and that brings a fullness to our faith.

Not all encounters with God will be dramatic, but every encounter with God has drawn me into more hunger for Him, as I long to know His heart and hear what He has to say. But it's faith that

truly counts.

Thomas told the other disciples that he wouldn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side," (John 20:25b NIV). When Thomas eventually met Jesus, Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29 NIV). What's Jesus saying? Faith even beats encounter!

There are many people who are hungry for God that have never experienced God physically, and yet they believe in Him and continue to pray. I believe that they're more blessed than those who have big encounters with God and then end up with an outworking of their faith that goes up and down, depending on when they had their last encounter.

God is present and good, whether we feel Him or not. Encounter is a beautiful part of our journey of developing hunger for God. It fuels our desire, our passion, and our hunger, but it can't determine our faith in who God is.

6. Avoid Hunger-Suppressing Fillers

We're all made with an inbuilt desire for God. We're made to be hungry for Him. But if we snack and fill up in other areas that satisfy for a short amount of time, that hunger for God will grow dull. These "fillers" look different for different people. For some, fillers are numbing habits, for others perhaps a better salary, bigger success, more possessions, or greater status, even

within Christian circles.

The way to figure out if something in your life is a filler is to ask yourself how you're motivated. Love is always self-sacrificing, and the sinful nature is always motivated by selfish gain. Who is the beneficiary of the things you're pursuing? Is it God, others, or you? The things that will develop hunger for God in you will be motivated by your love for God, they'll be things you do as a result of God's love for you. These things will result in God being glorified, rather than your personal gain.

7. Pursue a God-Focused Life

Your top vertebrae, supporting your skull, is your atlas. I've heard it said that if your atlas press in. I believe that is correct and in place in your skull, then your entire vertebrae hangs correctly. And if your atlas is out of position, your spine will be out of line. It's like that in our spiritual lives. Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit must be at the centre of our lives. Then our hearts will be filled with the fear of the Lord, and all our motivations will be for His glory. All our affections will be focused on God, and our behaviours will come into line with that.

I pray that your hunger for God will increase. That your Heavenly Daddy will center you in His love and the life of His beloved Son Jesus. I pray that you would experience His wonderful Spirit every day through His Word and His world and that your life will be ever increasingly filled with His joy. May Jesus become your magnificent obsession. May you live a life loving and pleasing Him as you walk in His love and give it away to those He loves.

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South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Presents Funny Women of a Certain Age



1983 South Milwaukee High School graduate and nationally-touring professional comic Jackie Kashian will be one of four featured comics in Carole Montgomery’s Funny Women of a Certain Age, presented by South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center on Friday, March 6 at 7:30 pm. The nationally touring show is part of the SMPAC’s 2025-2026 Performing Arts Series. View Jackie’s personal invitation here.

What started as Carole Montgomery’s passion project to share the stage with her friends has grown into a groundbreaking comedy movement. Declared by The Today Show as “A hit!” A veteran of over 40 years in stand-up, Carole knew all too well that when she began, you’d never see two women on the same comedy lineup—and decades later, not much had changed. So she did something about it.

Funny Women of a Certain Age (WOACA) was born to showcase fierce, hilarious, and unapologetically authentic women over 50—women who paved the way for the comedians you see today. In 2019, WOACA shattered expectations when it became Showtime’s highest-rated stand-up premiere of the year. That first special made history, sparking two more Showtime specials that kept audiences laughing and wanting more.

Now, all three Funny Women of a Certain Age specials have been re-released by Comedy Dynamics, bringing this trailblazing comedy series back to the forefront where it belongs. With a rotating cast of powerhouse performers, WOACA proves that comedy doesn’t have an expiration date—it just gets sharper, bolder, and funnier with age.

These women aren’t just comedians—they’re legends, survivors, and game-changers. And they’ve got a hell of a lot more to say. The show’s creator Carole Montgomery will host a night of stand-up comedy along with three other comics: Jackie Kashian grew up in South Milwaukee and graduated from South Milwaukee High School in 1983. She’s been seen on After Midnight, Conan, Corden, HBO, Netflix, Comedy Central, and or heard on NPR and Audible. Her tour is called “The Job She Loves Tour.” Her 5 comedy albums and specials have been number one on Amazon and Apple and #3 on Billboard. In addition to two podcasts The Jackie and Laurie Show and The Dork Forest, you can also read her writing in “The Comedy Film Nerds Guide to Movies” and the comic book “Comics Comics Quarterly”. Currently, she is working on her new hour and will record and film her new album and special this year or watch her TINY comedy special “LOOKING BACK” shot from the camera of a Mazda 6 in reverse.

Tammy Pescatelli is an Emmy-nominated, American stand-up comedian celebrated for her sharp wit, observational humor, and relatable storytelling. Raised in the suburbs of Cleveland, OH, she developed her comedic voice in a big Italian-American family, which continues to inspire much of her material. Pescatelli first broke out as a finalist on NBC’s Last Comic Standing and later won Comedy Central’s Stand-Up Showdown in 2010. Her Netflix special Finding the Funny hit No. 3 on iTunes, and she co-created, executive-produced, and starred in the WE TV reality series A Stand-Up Mother. Her most recent special, The Way After School Special, ranked among Amazon’s top 10 streamed comedy specials in 2021. She also appeared in Netflix’s 2025 comedy-drama Nonnas alongside Vince Vaughn. Known for her bold, sarcastic, and raw take on family life, dating, and everyday struggles, Pescatelli continues to tour nationally, earning laughs with her signature mix of authenticity and bite.

Leighann Lord named one of the 35 Most Hilarious Comedians of Diversity, was a national finalist in the American Black Film Festival-HBO Comedy Wings Competition, and received the NYC Comedy Award for the Most Thought-Provoking Black Female Comic. Leighann can be seen in Showtime’s Even More Funny Women of a Certain Age and her Dry Bar Comedy special, I Mean Business, has had over one million views. Classy like Lena. Sexy like Eartha. Funny like Leighann. She’s La Crème de la Comedy.

TICKETS
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South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (SMPAC) is a public school affiliated, professionally-managed facility that has been providing the greater Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin communities with creative, innovative, and diverse performing arts for more than 20 years.

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Wisconsin Police Chase of Stolen Ambulance With Patient Inside

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Milwaukee Habitat is requesting bids/quotes from subcontractors and suppliers for Excavation, Foundations, Laterals, Framing, Siding, Roofing, Gutters, HVAC, Plumbing, Insulation, Drywall, Flooring, Finish Carpentry, Fencing, Landscaping, & more for the following projects:

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LOCATION: Harambee, Bronzeville, Midtown, and Amani Neighborhoods, Milwaukee, WI & West Allis

**Bids are also accepted for construction of the entire house.*

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Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: 2432 W. Garfield Ave

BID DUE DATE: February 25, 2026

Plans and specs are available by sending an email to the Project Contact listed below.

CONSTRUCTION START DATE: April 6, 2026

OWNER: Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
3726 N Booth Street
Milwaukee, WI 53212

PROJECT CONTACT:

Chris Garrison
cgarrison@milwaukeehabitat.org
414-316-5623

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

38 new construction homes in Harambee, Bronzeville, Midtown, and Amani neighborhoods of Milwaukee
2 new construction homes in West Allis

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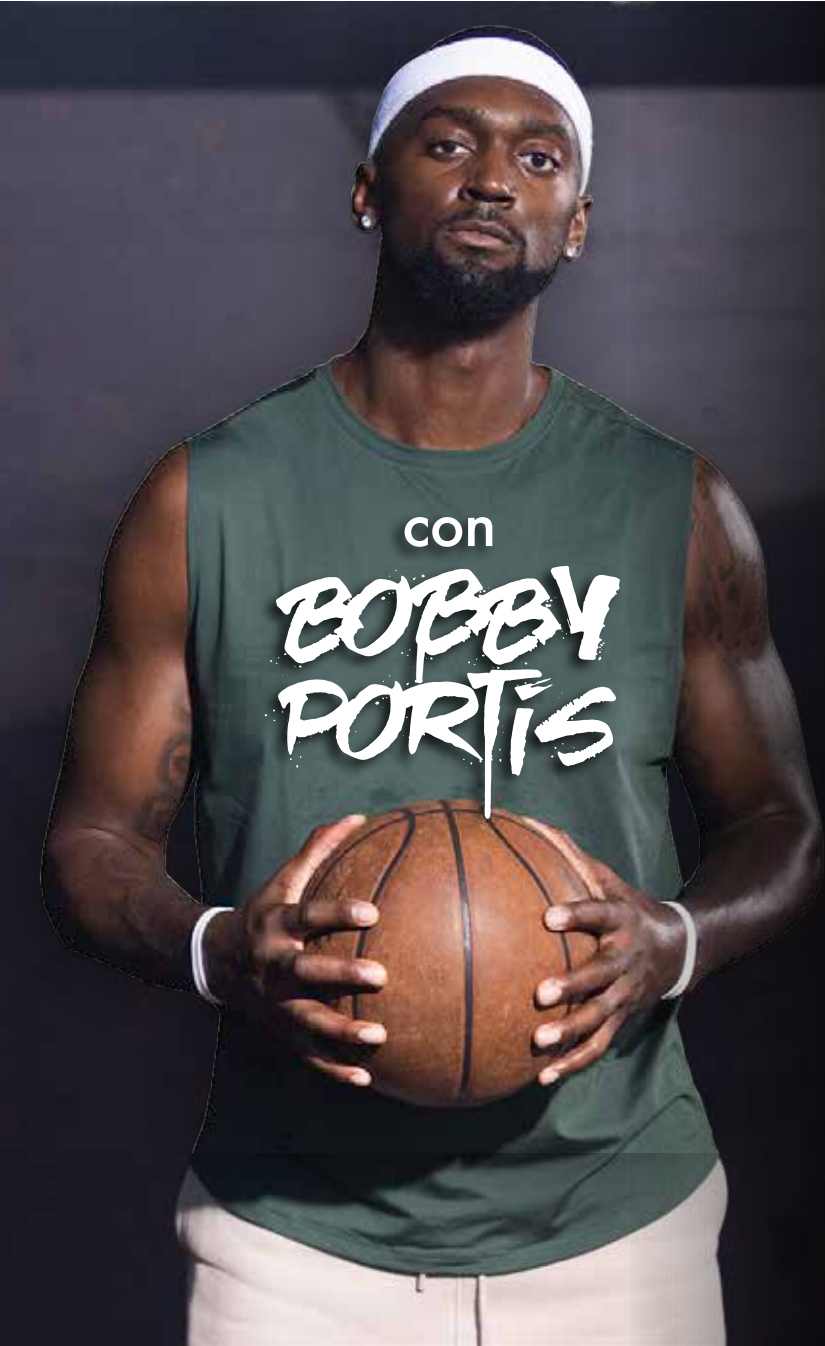
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‘The year of housing’: Milwaukee leaders celebrate more than 3,000 new homeowners

Residents and city leaders came together at the Community Development Alliance, 3800 W. Lisbon Ave., on Wednesday, Feb. 18 to unveil a mural celebrating more than 3,000 new homeowners since 2023.

In 2021, the city of Milwaukee launched the Milwaukee’s Collective Affordable Housing Strategic Plan. The 10-year plan lays out a road map on advancing racial equity and ensuring a quality affordable home for every Milwaukeean.

The plan has four main focuses: strategies to increase Black and Latino homeownership; strategies to ensure that Black and Latino residents stay in their homes; systems to make housing more affordable for those earning

between \$7.25 to \$15 per hour; and ensuring that existing affordable housing for residents earning \$7.25 to \$15 per hour is preserved.

Local muralist Tia Richardson created a mural commemorating the new homeownership efforts after collaborative brainstorming with local residents and staff from the Community Development Alliance.

“I wanted to visualize that connection to developing the hearts and minds of the community, developing all of those involved and developing the future,” said Richardson.

Ensuring residents have stable, quality housing has become one of the main focuses for Mayor Cavalier Johnson, who declared 2026 “the year of housing.”

“I’ve asked every single city department to see what we can do to support housing this year,” said Johnson.

For Beatriz Espinoza, homeownership was not a priority until she became pregnant with her daughter, Elena Fernandez. She no longer wanted to have to deal with a landlord and closed on their home

shortly after daughter was born.

Espinoza said she doesn’t think she would have been able to become a homeowner without support of the Community Development Association.

“Even if I would have, I wouldn’t be as financially stable as I feel that I am,” Espinoza said.

Espinoza took significant advantage of the organization’s Early Childhood Homes, a program run in collaboration with several community partners. The program provided homes exclusively for early childhood educators for approximately \$105,000.

While 3,000 new homeowners is a significant milestone, the efforts to make homeownership more accessible in the city won’t stop there.

“The main goal of the affordable housing plan is to get and sustain 1,000 new homeowners each year,” said Teig Whaley-Smith, the Chief Alliance Executive for the Community Development Alliance.





Drivers urged to give crews more space as 13 Wisconsin county snowplows struck this winter



Following 13 separate incidents involving vehicles striking county snowplows, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) are urging motorists to give snowplows plenty of space while crews work to keep roads safe during winter weather.

“Road and weather conditions can change quickly during Wisconsin winters and snowplow operators brave winter’s worst to keep our roads safe and passable,” WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. “We all want it to make it safely to our destination, so let’s take it slow on the road and please give space to snowplows.”

According to WCHA, 13 county highway department snowplows have been struck so far this winter. Serious incidents have occurred in Calumet, Marinette, Portage, Shawano, Waukesha and Wood counties. In many cases, snowplows are struck from behind, highlighting the need for drivers to remain alert and adjust their driving behavior in winter conditions. The crashes resulted in vehicle damage and forced several plows out of service, reducing the county highway department’s ability to clear roads efficiently.

“Every time a snowplow is hit, it puts operators at risk and takes critical equipment off the road,” WCHA Executive Director Patrick Vander Sanden said. “These crashes are preventable. Drivers need to slow down, stay back and be patient.”

Snowplows travel at slower speeds to effectively apply liquid brine or road salt and clear the lane of snow and ice. Following too closely or attempting to pass an active plow puts drivers – and plow operators – at serious risk. Snowplows have flashing amber or green warning lights to increase safety, enhance driver awareness and improve visibility of maintenance vehicles.

Drivers are reminded to:

- Watch the road ahead, avoid distractions and leave room to brake, especially in slick conditions.
- Most traffic crashes in winter are caused by drivers going too fast for conditions.
- Posted speed limits apply when travel conditions are ideal.
- Slow down when roads are slick or visibility is reduced.
- Give space and stay at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow. If you can see the plow’s mirrors, the driver can see you.

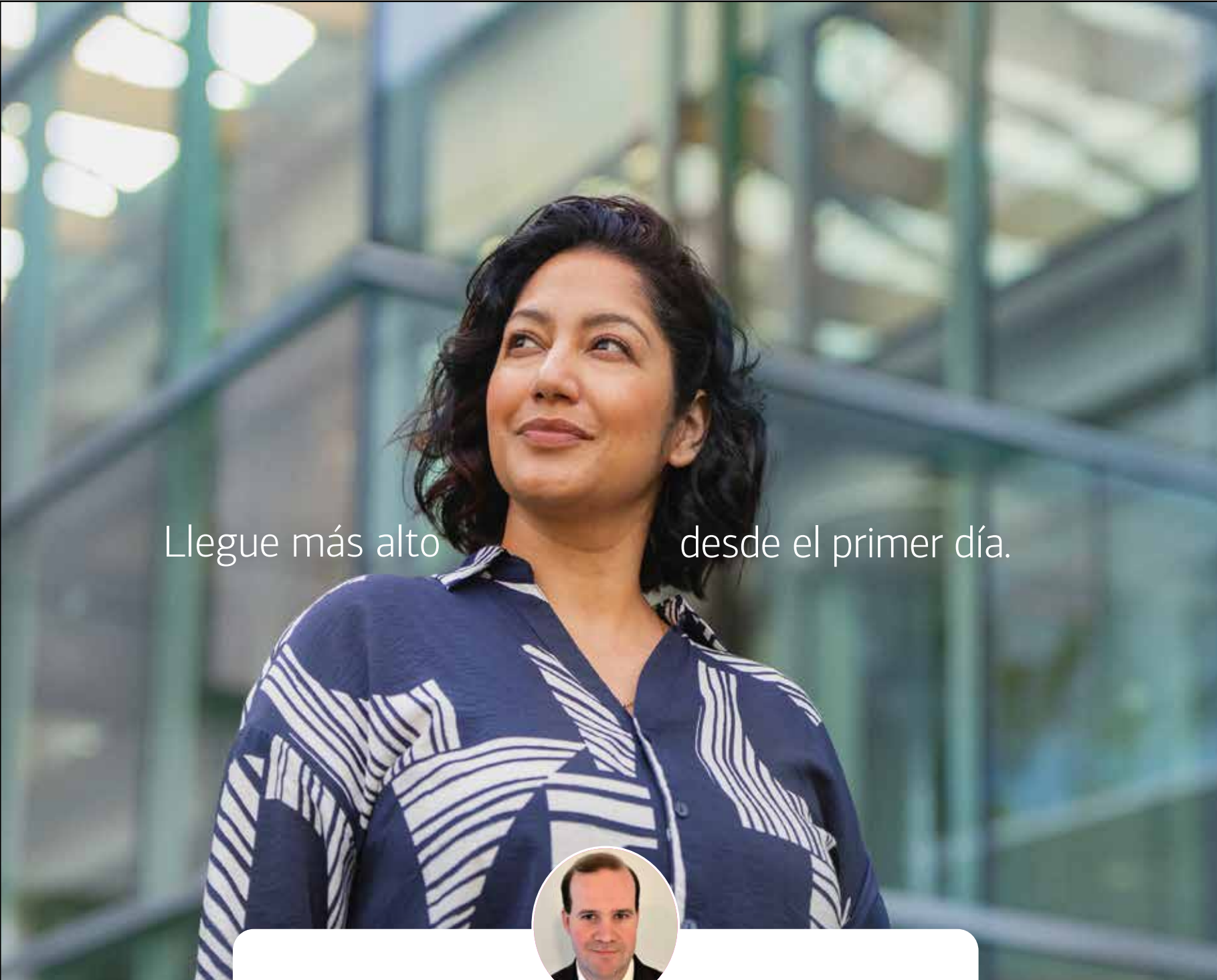
- If you must pass a snowplow, be careful. Snowplows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure vision. Road conditions in front of the plow are likely worse.

- Don’t be overconfident if you operate a four-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicle. Those vehicles still require a considerable distance to stop on slick roads.

- “Know before you go” with 511wi.gov or the free 511 Wisconsin mobile app to check road conditions, live video from traffic cameras and possible incidents.

- During major winter storms, postpone or cancel your trip. Stranded motorists and vehicles become hazards that interfere with snow removal efforts.

For more than 100 years, Wisconsin has maintained a unique partnership with the state’s 72 county highway departments. During the winter, county highway workers keep interstate, U.S. and state highways safe by snow plowing, salting and applying liquid brine. WisDOT works closely with Wisconsin counties year-round to establish best practices and test new tools for safety and efficiency.



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