



## How to Stay Safe During a Winter Storm



As winter storms continue to impact communities across the United States, safety experts are reminding residents to take precautions to protect themselves and their families. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, severe winter weather can bring freezing temperatures, power outages, dangerous road conditions, and communication disruptions, making

preparation and awareness essential. Health officials recommend limiting time outdoors whenever possible during extreme cold. Icy sidewalks and roads significantly increase the risk of falls and vehicle crashes, while exposure to low temperatures can lead to serious health conditions such as Hypothermia and Frostbite. Inside the home, residents are advised to heat their homes safely. Fireplaces, wood stoves, and portable heaters can help provide warmth during power outages, but they must be used carefully. Experts warn that space heaters should always be kept at least three feet away from furniture, bedding, and other flammable materials. Stoves should never be used as a heat source, as doing so can lead to fires or dangerous fumes. Power outages are another common hazard during winter storms. Safety officials suggest using battery-powered

flashlights instead of candles whenever possible to reduce the risk of house fires. If generators are used, they should be placed at least 20 feet away from doors, windows, or vents to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Staying warm is especially important for vulnerable populations. Infants and older adults are particularly sensitive to extreme cold. Health experts recommend dressing babies in warm clothing. **Winter Storm Guide** Continued on page 14

## Funeral Homes Owe Medical Examiner Money



The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office says funeral homes owed more than \$2 million at the end of last year. The county is moving to take legal action against some of the businesses. WISN 12 News obtained information from the medical examiner's office, on March 5, 18 funeral homes owed more than \$25,000. Seven owed more than \$100,000. Schabo said not all of the funeral homes are currently delinquent, but between 7 and 10 are.

“Do you foresee the medical examiner’s office having to go down that road and suing some of these funeral homes?” “You know, we really hope not,” Schabo said. The morgue collects fees from funeral homes for things like death certificates, body transportation, and cremation permits. Funeral homes, like Prasser and Kleczka, work with the families, acting as a middleman. “The majority of the funeral homes in this community are serving their families, collecting these fees on behalf of the medical examiner’s office, and then turning those fees over to them in a timely manner,” Funeral Director Jeff Kleczka said. “There are funeral homes in the Milwaukee County area that are obviously not paying their bills to the medical examiner’s office.” Keys asked Schabo if funeral homes were pocketing money from families give them. “That’s a question for the funeral homes,” Schabo said. “There is also the caveat that in Milwaukee County, we

have a lot of indigent cases. Cases where people qualify for assistance, both from the state or from the county. In those cases, when the funeral homes provide documentation that that is the case, Milwaukee County waives those fees.” Serenity Funeral Home is at the top of the medical examiner’s list of outstanding balances. County documents show they owed \$512,592 as of March 5. WISN 12 News tried reaching the funeral home for comment, but did not hear back.

“Do you think there’s any excuse for home funeral homes to be hundreds of thousands of dollars behind?” Keys asked Schabo. “We do not,” Schabo said. “That’s alarming. It’s fraudulent, and it’s **Funeral Home Saga** Continued on page 14



## Healthcare Workforce Trends

By Judith

Across Wisconsin and the nation, healthcare organizations are facing a growing workforce crisis. While headlines often highlight nurse shortages or overwhelmed hospitals, the reality is more complex and more concerning. The healthcare workforce shortage extends far beyond clinicians, affecting nearly every role that supports patient care. Understanding why this crisis is getting worse is the first step toward finding real solutions.

One of the least discussed challenges is the shortage of non-clinical healthcare workers. These roles include patient access staff, medical billers, care coordinators, schedulers, health information professionals, and administrative support teams. These workers rarely get recognized, yet they are essential to keeping clinics and hospitals running. When these positions remain unfilled, patients face longer wait times, billing delays, and difficulty navigating care — even when providers are available.

At the same time, clinical shortages remain severe. Nurses, medical technicians, behavioral health professionals, and allied health workers are leaving the workforce faster than they can be replaced. Behavioral health is especially strained, with the demand for mental health services rising while the supply of qualified professionals struggles to keep up. Rural and underserved communities often feel these shortages most acutely.

Several factors are fueling this crisis. Demographic shifts play a major role. A large part of the healthcare workforce is approaching retirement age, while fewer younger workers are entering the profession. Meanwhile, the population is aging, leading to higher demand for healthcare services even as the workforce diminishes.

Burnout is another critical factor. Long hours, staffing shortages, administrative burdens, and emotional stress have led many healthcare workers, both clinical and non-clinical, to reconsider their careers. The pandemic did not create burnout, but it accelerated it. Many workers left healthcare entirely, taking institutional knowledge and experience with them.

Looking ahead, the question becomes: what comes next? While there is no single solution, there are clear strategies that can help stabilize and strengthen the healthcare workforce.

First, healthcare organizations must invest in developing workforce pipelines. This involves forming partnerships with high schools, technical colleges, universities, and community organizations to introduce people to healthcare careers early on, especially non-clinical roles that offer stable jobs and growth opportunities.

Second, The healthcare workforce crisis did not happen overnight, and it will not be solved quickly. But with intentional planning, community partnerships, and a focus on people, not just positions, progress is possible.

Healthcare relies on people. Supporting the workforce means supporting our communities, families, and future. In the coming months, this column will continue to explore the trends shaping healthcare work and what they mean for all of us.

Third, workforce development and training must evolve. Short-term training programs, upskilling opportunities, and career pathways help workers navigate complex systems, build confidence, and envision longterm careers in healthcare rather than shortterm jobs.

## Tendencias de la Fuerza Laboral en el Cuidado de la Salud

Por Judith

La crisis de la fuerza laboral en el sector salud continúa profundizándose en Wisconsin y en todo el país. Aunque los titulares suelen enfocarse en la falta de enfermeras o en hospitales saturados, la realidad es más amplia y mucho más compleja. La escasez afecta no solo a quienes brindan atención médica directa, sino también a los trabajadores administrativos y de apoyo que hacen posible cada paso del proceso de atención.

Una de las áreas menos discutidas es la escasez de trabajadores no clínicos. Estos empleados incluyen personal de acceso al paciente, programadores, coordinadores de atención, personal de registros médicos, facturación, apoyo administrativo y muchos otros. Su trabajo determina la eficiencia del sistema: si estas posiciones no se cubren, aumentan los tiempos de espera, se retrasan las citas y surgen errores en la gestión de la información. Incluso con suficientes proveedores de atención, los pacientes pueden experimentar demoras y frustración cuando falta este personal esencial.

Por otro lado, la escasez clínica sigue siendo crítica. Enfermeras, técnicos, terapeutas, profesionales de salud conductual y otros trabajadores están dejando el campo más rápido de lo que los nuevos profesionales pueden reemplazarlos. En salud mental —un área donde la demanda crece sin pausa— la falta de proveedores es particularmente grave. Las comunidades rurales y las poblaciones vulnerables son las que más sufren las consecuencias.

Varios factores impulsan esta crisis. Primero, los cambios demográficos. Una gran parte de la fuerza laboral de salud está envejeciendo y acercándose a la jubilación, mientras que menos jóvenes ingresan al sector. Al mismo tiempo, la población general también está envejeciendo, lo que aumenta la demanda de servicios de salud justamente cuando hay menos profesionales disponibles.

El agotamiento (burnout) es otro factor determinante. La carga administrativa, los horarios extensos, el estrés emocional y la presión constante llevan a muchos trabajadores a reconsiderar su futuro en el sistema de salud. La pandemia no creó este problema, pero sí lo aceleró de manera significativa. Muchos trabajadores abandonaron la profesión por completo, llevándose consigo años de experiencia y conocimiento institucional.

Entonces, ¿qué viene después? Aunque no existe una solución única, sí hay estrategias claras que pueden fortalecer la fuerza laboral en los próximos años.

Primero, es crucial invertir en canales de formación y reclutamiento. Las asociaciones entre escuelas, colegios técnicos, universidades y organizaciones comunitarias pueden abrir puertas a carreras en la salud, especialmente en áreas no clínicas que ofrecen estabilidad y oportunidades de crecimiento.

Segundo, la mentoría es fundamental. Los trabajadores nuevos se quedan más tiempo cuando reciben apoyo y orientación. Programas de mentoría sólidos ayudan a que los empleados desarrollen confianza, se adapten a sistemas complejos y visualicen un plan de carrera a largo plazo dentro del sector.

Tercero, impulsar la capacitación y el desarrollo profesional. Programas de certificación corta, oportunidades de promoción interna y estructuras claras de crecimiento pueden reducir la rotación y mejorar el desempeño de los empleados.

La crisis de la fuerza laboral en el sector salud no surgió de la noche a la mañana, y tampoco se resolverá rápidamente. Pero con planificación, colaboración comunitaria y un enfoque centrado en las personas, es posible avanzar.

El sistema de salud depende, ante todo, de su gente. Apoyar a la fuerza laboral significa apoyar a nuestras familias, a nuestros vecinos y al futuro de nuestra comunidad. En las próximas ediciones, esta columna continuará explorando las tendencias que moldean el trabajo en la salud y lo que significan para todos nosotros.



Noticias de México

# Mujeres indígenas y afroamericanas abren el debate sobre los cuidados en México: “Cuidamos para preservar la vida”

El debate sobre los cuidados en México ha estado dominado en los últimos años por la idea de que es una tarea doméstica invisibilizada y sin paga que recae casi siempre en las mujeres. En medio de las discusiones entre políticas públicas y sistemas de cuidados, una obra colectiva busca ampliar el centro de esa conversación. El Recetario de saberes para los cuidados y el buen vivir, impulsado por el Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir (ILSB), reúne prácticas curativas, reflexiones y experiencias de mujeres jóvenes indígenas y afroamericanas que entienden el cuidado como algo mucho más amplio que el trabajo del hogar: una práctica comunitaria, política y espiritual vinculada al territorio, que pone la protección de la vida en el centro.

Para Silvia Soler, directora interina del ILSB, el proyecto surgió precisamente de esa ausencia en la conversación pública. “Faltaban voces. Éramos siempre mujeres en ciudades, mayormente blancas, hablando de cómo los cuidados entorpecían en el ámbito del trabajo”,

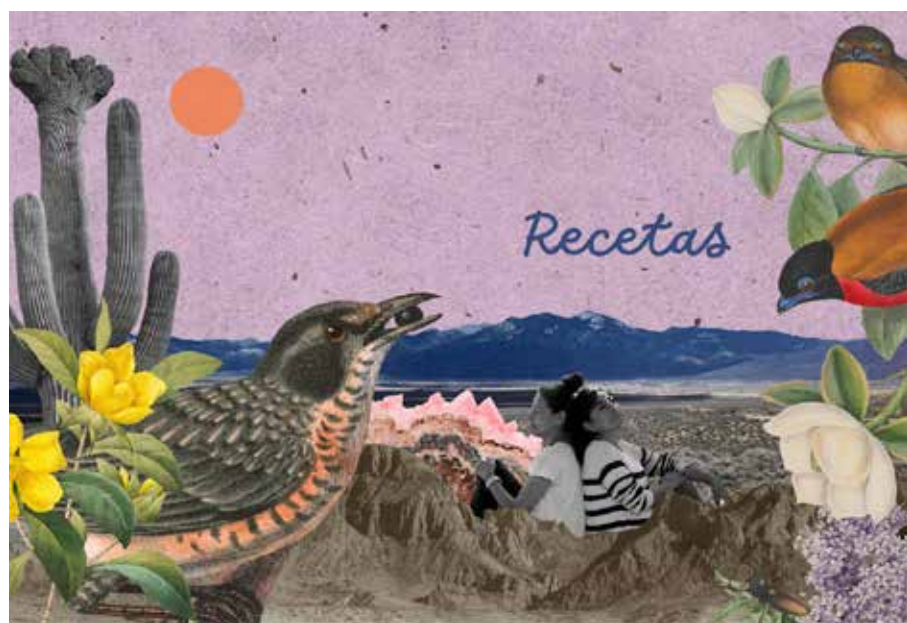
afirma a EL PAÍS. El documento recoge saberes transmitidos entre generaciones y los coloca en el espacio público como conocimiento legítimo. Y, más profundamente, invita a “repensar cómo estamos viviendo nuestras vidas en un planeta con recursos finitos. Poner una pausa a los ritmos voraces y poner la vida en el centro”, agrega.

**Qué es el cuidado: un llamado al buen vivir**

“Cuidamos para preservar la vida. (Durante la escritura del recetario), el buen vivir nos hizo sentido porque conectaba con lo que sentimos que es el cuidado dentro de nuestras comunidades”, dice a EL PAÍS una de las autoras del recetario, Yajayra Saavedra, una joven mixteca (Ña savi), originaria de Metlatónoc, Guerrero. Su propuesta para el recetario fue un temazcal para madre y bebé. “Durante los primeros 30 días después del nacimiento, los baños diarios fortalecen a la madre y al bebé, y al cerrar el ciclo se realiza la ceremonia sagrada Chikoo í’in, en la que la comunidad agradece al

fuego del temazcal por la salud y el porvenir del recién nacido”, escribió Saavedra en el recetario. En entrevista, agrega que ese acompañamiento comunitario contrasta con la vida y la medicina occidental que “individualiza y atiende solamente a una persona”.

El proceso de trabajo permitió identificar cuatro dimensiones del buen vivir. Una espiritual, que conecta cuerpo, alma y naturaleza; una relacional, centrada en la escucha y el acompañamiento; una política, que entiende el cuidado como defensa de la dignidad; y una territorial, que vincula el bienestar con la protección de la tierra y los alimentos. Las autoras dejaron plasmada “una concepción del cuidado muy relacionado con el territorio, una dimensión comunitaria muy enriquecedora”, agrega Soler. En esta narrativa, cuidar no se limita a la familia inmediata ni al ámbito privado, sino que implica también la relación con la tierra, las plantas, los alimentos y la comunidad. La activista Elba Rosario



Martínez Romero dice que el cuidado no puede reducirse a una tarea o a un servicio. “Cuidar no es trabajo: es memoria, es raíz y es la forma más alta de decirle al mundo que seguimos aquí”, reflexiona.

Hay también una intención de rescate y permanencia. Belén del Carmen Ramírez, una joven afroamericana del Valle de Chalco, en el Estado de México, cuenta a este diario que le requirió recordar las

enseñanzas heredadas de sus “ancestras, abuelas, tías, amigas y más grandes”. Para ella, eso justamente evidenció cómo el conocimiento intergeneracional de las comunidades está en riesgo de perderse.

**Recetas para sanar el cuerpo y el alma**

En el Estado de México, la joven mazahua Dyo Ñuu Luna llena, una práctica que busca restaurar la identidad y procesar

el dolor. En su práctica, cada color tiene un significado: rojo para la vida, verde para la tierra, rosa para la flor, negro para la historia y el duelo. “Jñatjo t’ani ña ndä ñaa ñ’ää juä. La sabiduría de las abuelas vive en nuestras manos”, afirma.

En Veracruz, Joss Batista propone una limpieza energética con agua, sal y la luz de la Luna llena, una práctica que busca liberar las cargas acumuladas en el cuerpo y el entorno.

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**Ventura Lopez – Entrepreneur, Mentor, and Community Advocate**

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Ventura Lopez

In 2024, Ventura furthered her entrepreneurial journey by founding a Latina woman-owned custom apparel and promotional item company situated in the vibrant Walker's Point neighborhood of Milwaukee. Focused on uplifting the Latinx community, the company offers resources and professional branding solutions to assist local businesses in establishing a polished and cohesive image. Under Ventura's leadership, the company has rapidly gained recognition for its dedication to quality and community empowerment, and has formed Partnerships with Organizations such as Visit Milwaukee.

As the summer of 2026 approaches, Ventura has committed herself to her community by organizing events that support local entrepreneurs and showcase their businesses throughout the city. She is passionate about aiding small business owners in transitioning from pop-up events to permanent brick-and-mortar locations, drawing on her expertise in entrepreneurship, marketing, and her deep affection for Milwaukee.



Having experienced the challenges of being a first-generation American herself, Ventura collaborates with community partners to deliver financial literacy education. She emphasizes the significance of financial tools such as IRAs, 401(k)s, life insurance, and strategies for building generational wealth, with the goal of empowering individuals and families to achieve long-term financial stability.



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# Tribunal Supremo suspende a Wanda Vázquez de la abogacía

Primera Hora

La exgobernadora Wanda Vázquez Garced fue suspendida de manera “inmediata e indefinida” de poder ejercer la abogacía y la notaría, según la determinación que tomó el Tribunal Supremo de Puerto Rico.

Vázquez Garced se declaró culpable de un delito menos grave como parte de un acuerdo en un caso de corrupción a nivel federal, aunque luego fue indultada por el presidente Donald Trump, que también extendió ese indulto a los coacusados del esquema.

La exmandataria le había pedido al Tribunal Supremo que no la disciplinara como abogada, pues, según habían expresado sus abogados, José Andréu Fuentes y Edgardo Rivera García, en su caso había “ausencia absoluta de fraude, corrupción, depravación moral, como tampoco deshonestidad en el ámbito profesional ni personal”.

No obstante, el Supremo consideró que sí procedía una sanción disciplinaria contra Vázquez Garced.

En la opinión del Supremo, emitida por el juez asociado Roberto Feliberti Cintrón, se destaca que la exgobernadora fue arrestada tras ser acusada por un gran jurado federal por los delitos de conspiración, soborno asociado con programas federales y fraude electrónico de servicios honestos, y que se alcanzó un acuerdo con la fiscalía para declararse culpable de un delito menos grave de aceptar una promesa aportación política de una persona de nacionalidad extranjera en conexión con su candidatura primaria a la gobernación, con lo cual “admite que es

culpable de lo que se le imputa”, y además que lo hizo “a sabiendas y con intención”.

Resalta además que, como parte de ese acuerdo “la acusada (Vázquez Garced) acuerda y acepta que, de haberse dilucidado el asunto en juicio, los Estados Unidos hubieran probado esos hechos más allá de toda duda razonable”.

Con respecto al indulto presidencial, subraya la decisión que, aunque “borra la convicción del acusado, la concesión de éste no tiene la facultad de borrar los actos cometidos, a los fines de determinar la suspensión o desaforo”, cuando se trata de un abogado.

“Al actuar de esta manera, (Vázquez Garced) se apartó del deber ético de exaltar el honor y la dignidad de la profesión legal. De igual forma, el delito de financiamiento de campañas políticas por el cual se declaró culpable mientras ejercía sus funciones de gobernadora, menoscaba gravemente la confianza de la ciudadanía en los procesos electorales, así como la integridad y credibilidad que deben caracterizar a la profesión legal”, expresa la decisión.

“Nos encontramos ante un caso en el que la conducta deshonrosa de la abogada, ocurrida mientras se encontraba en funciones como gobernadora, vulnera las normas de conducta profesional que deben observar celosamente todos los abogados lacerando, además, la confianza del Pueblo en los funcionarios públicos y en los procesos electorales democráticos”, agrega.

Aclara que, aunque tomaron en consideración la trayectoria profesional



de Vázquez Garced como servidora pública por casi 39 años, el hecho de que nunca había sido disciplinada por el Tribunal Supremo, que esta es su primera falta y que se trata de un hecho aislado no relacionado a la práctica de la profesión legal, así como el hecho que aceptó su culpa y recibió un perdón presidencial total e incondicional, comoquiera “no podemos ignorar el hecho de que, dado a su amplia experiencia como abogada, fiscal, Secretaria de Justicia y funcionaria pública, la licenciada Vázquez Garced debía tener plena conciencia de las consecuencias de sus actos al haber cometido un delito como el aquí envuelto (cuya comisión admitió), en violación a la ley. Aún más, al momento de los hechos, en cuestión, la licenciada Vázquez Garced ostentaba el máximo cargo en el Gobierno de Puerto Rico al desempeñarse como gobernadora”.

“Como mencionamos anteriormente, su conducta menoscabó gravemente la confianza de la ciudadanía en los procesos electorales atentando contra la

integridad misma del sistema electoral, mancillando igualmente la toga y deshonorando el buen nombre de la profesión legal”, agrega.

“Por los fundamentos antes expuestos, se suspende inmediata e indefinidamente a la licenciada Vázquez Garced del ejercicio de la abogacía y la notaría”, lee la sentencia.

Los jueces asociados Erick Kolthoff Caraballo y Ángel Colón Pérez emitieron opiniones de conformidad, expresándose en términos similarmente severos contra la exgobernadora por la conducta que exhibió.

La exgobernadora fue acusada en el foro federal de participar de un esquema en el que el banquero Julio Herrera Velutini le prometió apoyo financiero para su fallida campaña a la gobernación del 2020, a cambio de que utilizara su influencia política para destituir y remplazar al entonces comisionado de la Oficina de Instituciones Financieras (OCIF), Joyner Kelly, pues ese organismo regulador estaba investigando a Bancrédito, el banco de Herrera Velutini.

Kelly presentó su

renuncia, presuntamente bajo presiones, en febrero de 2020. Vázquez Garced nombró como su remplazo a Víctor Rodríguez Bonilla, quien se alega fue recomendado por Herrera Velutini.

Según se alegó en la acusación federal, la exgobernadora recibió un soborno de \$300,000 por su gestión para facilitar ese cambio de mando en OCIF.

En el acuerdo de culpabilidad que alcanzaron Vázquez Garced, Herrera Velutini y el exagente federal Mark Rossini que sirvió de contacto entre ambos, se eliminaron los cargos de corrupción pública. El trío aceptó declararse culpables por un cargo menos grave de violación a la Ley de Campañas

Electorales (FECA, por sus siglas en inglés), específicamente la disposición que prohíbe que corporaciones y sindicatos hagan contribuciones o gastos en efectivo, bienes o servicios a campañas federales o a partidos políticos para propósitos de una elección.

Al recibir un perdón presidencial “completo e incondicional”, los imputados no pueden ser considerados como convictos.

Como parte del caso también fueron acusados Frances Díaz, presidenta de Bancrédito, y John Blakeman, exasesor político de Vázquez Garced, cuyos procesos eventualmente fueron desestimados por petición de la fiscalía federal.





# Winds, blizzards and triple-digit heat put over half of the US in the path of extreme weather

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chaotic weather, from surprising heat in California to damaging winds around Washington, D.C., put over half the U.S. population in the path of extreme conditions Monday.

Storms across the nation's eastern half forced airlines to cancel more than 3,000 flights nationwide Monday, and many schools closed early in the mid-Atlantic states, where high winds and tornadoes were in the forecast for the evening.

Blizzards buried parts of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota while torrential rains flooded homes and washed out roads in Hawaii.

In Washington, the House of Representatives postponed votes because

of difficulty traveling with inclement weather, and federal agencies told workers to go home early.

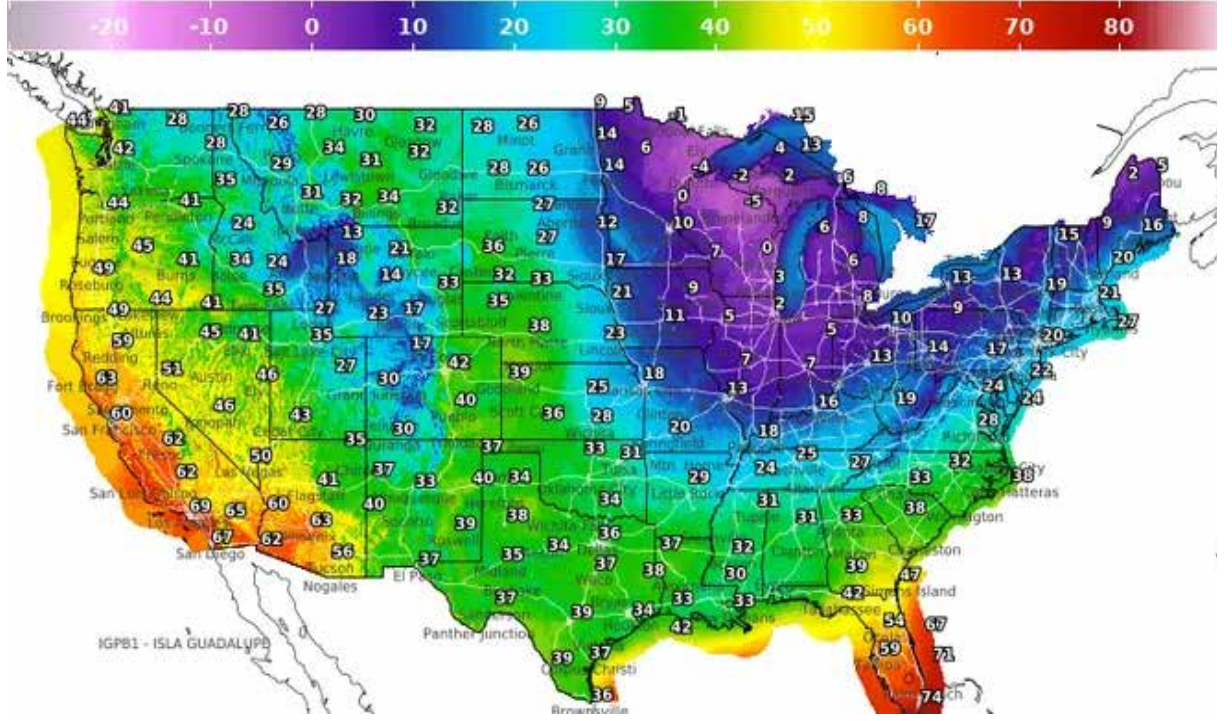
Airport delays and cancellations piled up Monday in some of the nation's largest airports — including those in New York, Chicago and Atlanta.

The private weather service AccuWeather calculated that more than 200 million people were under threat Monday of some kind of dangerous weather.

Those range from extreme heat and wildfire advisories to flood and freeze watches from the National Weather Service.

**Forecasters warn about line of storms, tornadoes**

The storm system that dropped snow by the foot in the Midwest is barreling



toward the East Coast with dangerously high winds and potential for "producing strong and long track tornadoes," the weather service warned Monday.

"Wind is the primary threat, but within any of these areas of strong wind there could be some embedded

tornadoes and even the potential for a tornado to develop ahead of the line," said Evan Bentley, a meteorologist with the weather service.

The biggest threat stretched from Maryland to the upper edge of South Carolina.

North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein urged residents to enable emergency alerts on their phones ahead of expected gusts topping 70 mph (112 kph).

**Big snows in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan**

Blizzard conditions continued in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes on Monday after the storm walloped parts of Wisconsin and Michigan with several feet of snow.

Since Saturday, nearly 3 feet (61 centimeters) had fallen in the northern Wisconsin town of Mountain.

Another round of snow and gusts on Monday could bring another foot of snow across Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

**Temperatures will soar into triple digits in the West**

A heat dome over the Southwest will push temperatures well into the triple digits in

Arizona most of the week, much earlier than the region usually sees.

Much of California is starting to feel like summer too. The San Francisco Bay Area and Sacramento will see temperatures pushing toward 90 F (32 C) by midweek.

"This is a heat wave that we have not seen before in recorded history in the Southwest," said AccuWeather meteorologist Dan DePodwin.

Phoenix is expected to have five straight days of triple digit temperatures this week — only once before, in 1988, has the city recorded a 100 F (37.8 C) day in March, DePodwin said.

Dry and windy conditions were charging the largest wildfire in Nebraska's history. Fires in the state have consumed more than 937 square miles (2,428 square kilometers) of mostly grassland.

**Landslides, rescues, collapsed home on Maui**

Unrelenting rains triggered landslides, washed away roads and flooded homes and farmland in Hawaii over the weekend.

All of Hawaii's islands had spots with more than 15 inches (38 centimeters) of rain while parts of Maui were overwhelmed with double that amount, the weather service said.

While the worst of the storm has passed, more heavy rain is forecast for later this week. Maui Mayor Richard Bissen said there were no reports of injuries or deaths and crews were assessing damage.

**Storm will bring cold into the East Coast**

Forecasters said the East Coast storms were expected leave sharply colder weather in its wake.

The storm will stick around parts of the Northeast until Tuesday morning. By then, wind chills below freezing were expected to reach the Gulf Coast and the Florida Panhandle with warnings in effect across the Southeast and in part of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Texas, forecasters warned.

To the north, rain was expected to change over to snow behind the cold front with heavy snow possible in the central Appalachians of West Virginia.

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# Israel intensifica su campaña en Líbano; Irán mantiene su control sobre el tráfico marítimo

BEIRUT, Líbano (AP) — La guerra en Oriente Medio continuaba en múltiples frentes el lunes, mientras Estados Unidos e Israel golpeaban objetivos militares en la capital iraní, Israel intensificaba su campaña contra militantes respaldados por Irán en Líbano e Irán respondía con un ataque de dron que obligó al cierre temporal del aeropuerto de Dubái, un crucial centro para los viajeros.

Los temores a una crisis energética mundial persistían, incluso mientras un pequeño número de barcos pasaba por el estrecho de Ormuz, una vía fluvial vital por donde normalmente se transporta una quinta parte del petróleo mundial.

Los ataques iraníes contra buques comerciales en y alrededor del estrecho, e incluso la sola amenaza de esos ataques, han ralentizado el transporte marítimo allí hasta reducirlo a un goteo. Eso ha elevado drásticamente el precio del petróleo y ha puesto presión sobre Washington para hacer algo que alivie el golpe que están sintiendo los consumidores y la economía mundial.

El crudo Brent, el referente internacional, se mantuvo por encima de los 100 dólares por barril el lunes. El presidente Donald Trump ha reclamado a media docena de países que envíen buques de guerra a fin de mantener abierto el estrecho de Ormuz, pero hasta ahora sus llamados no han obtenido compromisos.

El ministro iraní de Exteriores, Abbas Araghchi, dijo sobre el estrecho: “Desde

nuestra perspectiva está abierto” — sólo que no para Estados Unidos, Israel y sus aliados. En redes sociales, Araghchi también calificó de “delirantes” las afirmaciones de que su país podría estar buscando un fin negociado de la guerra. Señaló que Irán no buscaba ni una “tregua ni conversaciones”.

Desde que Estados Unidos e Israel atacaron a Irán hace más de dos semanas, Teherán ha estado disparando con regularidad drones y misiles hacia Israel, a bases estadounidenses en la región y a la infraestructura energética de los países árabes del Golfo Pérsico.

**Israel golpea Beirut y lanza nuevos ataques contra Teherán**

Se oyeron enormes explosiones en Beirut mientras Israel lanzaba nuevos ataques contra la capital libanesa antes del amanecer, y afirmó que estaba atacando infraestructura relacionada con el grupo armado Hezbollah, vinculado a Irán. Hezbollah comenzó a disparar cohetes hacia el norte de Israel después del ataque de Estados Unidos e Israel contra Irán el 28 de febrero.

El ejército israelí ha emitido órdenes de evacuación para muchos barrios de Beirut, así como del sur de Líbano.

Los ataques de Israel han desplazado a más de 1 millón de libaneses —un 20% de la población— de amplias franjas de la región sur del país y de los suburbios del sur de la capital, según el gobierno libanés, que dice que unas 850 personas han muerto. Algunas tropas israelíes han avanzado hacia el sur de Líbano, y hay temores de que Israel esté preparando una



invasión a gran escala.

En el sur de Líbano, siete personas murieron en ataques aéreos israelíes, según autoridades y reportes de prensa.

No mucho después de que el ejército de Israel anunció que había lanzado nuevos ataques contra Teherán dirigidos a infraestructura, se oyeron explosiones en la capital iraní y en zonas periféricas.

No había más detalles de inmediato, ya que la información que sale de Irán está severamente limitada por apagones de internet, ataques aéreos las 24 horas y estrictas restricciones a los periodistas.

Más de 1.300 personas han muerto en Irán hasta ahora, según la Media Luna Roja iraní.

Israel ha llevado a cabo unos 7.600 ataques contra Irán hasta ahora, dejando fuera de combate el 85% de sus defensas antiaéreas y el 70% de los lanzadores de misiles de Irán, dijo a los periodistas el lunes el portavoz militar teniente coronel Nadav Shoshani.

En Israel, 12 personas han muerto por la caída de misiles iraníes. Al menos 13

miembros de las fuerzas armadas de Estados Unidos han muerto.

**Trump busca la ayuda de aliados para vigilar el estrecho de Ormuz**

El cierre virtual del estrecho de Ormuz está inquietando a la economía mundial, elevando los precios de la energía y los fertilizantes; amenazando con escasez de alimentos en países pobres; desestabilizando estados frágiles; y complicando los esfuerzos de los bancos centrales por reducir los precios para los consumidores.

En un evento en la Casa Blanca el lunes, Trump dijo que “numerosos países” le han dicho que “van en camino” para ayudar a vigilar el estrecho de Ormuz. Pero también sugirió que la reticencia de algunos países a sumarse a la guerra contra Irán mostraba una falta de reciprocidad en los acuerdos de defensa con Estados Unidos.

“El nivel de entusiasmo me importa”, dijo. Trump no especificó los países, pero anteriormente ha apelado a China, Francia, Japón, Corea del Sur y Reino Unido.

El crudo Brent

estaba por encima de los 101 dólares en las operaciones de la tarde, un alza de aproximadamente el 40% desde que comenzó la guerra. Muchos funcionarios buscan apresuradamente aliviar los precios. Fatih Birol, el jefe de la Agencia Internacional de la Energía, dijo que sus 32 países miembros aún tienen reservas adicionales de 1.400 millones de barriles además de los 400 millones récord que acordaron liberar la semana pasada para abordar las limitaciones de suministro.

El almirante Brad Cooper, el principal comandante militar de Estados Unidos en Oriente Medio, dijo en un video publicado en X que las fuerzas estadounidenses se están centrando en las amenazas de Irán contra los cargueros que transportan petróleo y gas natural.

Los europeos han criticado a Estados Unidos e Israel por no ofrecer claridad sobre sus objetivos en la guerra.

Antes de una reunión en Bruselas, la jefa de política exterior de la Unión Europea, Kaja Kallas, dijo que los

ministros de Exteriores del bloque discutirían la posibilidad de ampliar una misión naval que protege a los barcos en el mar Rojo al estrecho de Ormuz, sin dar detalles.

El ministro italiano de Exteriores, Antonio Tajani, dijo a los periodistas en Bruselas que su país está a favor de fortalecer las misiones antipiratería y defensivas en el mar Rojo, pero dijo que no creía en ampliar sus funciones al estrecho de Ormuz.

El primer ministro británico, Keir Starmer, cuyo país no es miembro de la UE, dijo a los periodistas que Reino Unido y sus aliados estaban trabajando en un plan para reabrir el estrecho. Starmer dijo que Reino Unido podría desplegar drones británicos de búsqueda de minas ya en la región, pero insistió en que “no será arrastrado a la guerra más amplia”. Señaló que era poco probable que el gobierno británico envíe un buque de guerra.

Japón y Australia dijeron el lunes que no se les ha pedido que ayuden a proteger el estrecho y que no tienen planes actuales de hacerlo.



# 10 things to know about this year's surprisingly fierce flu season

At least 19 million Americans have come down with the flu — and 10,000, including 44 children, have died from the illness — during the 2025-26 flu season so far, making it one of the most brutal in recent memory.

Here, infectious disease doctors answer 10 common questions about the spread of flu and how to shore up your defenses.

## 1. What's behind the ferocity of the flu season this year?

The culprit is a strain of influenza A(H3N2) virus called subclade K, Roberts says. This strain is responsible for 90% of the season's flu cases.

Despite some media reports, this year's flu is not a super flu.

"There's no evidence yet that this particular strain is more severe than other strains, but it is more mutated," Roberts says. "There are seven mutations that are different from what was expected and put in the vaccine. It's different enough that it's bypassing some of our baseline immunity and therefore leading to more infections."

Subclade K emerged during the summer and was first detected in Europe after the strains of flu used to formulate this year's flu shot were already chosen.

## 2. How effective is this year's flu vaccine?

Since subclade K mutations allow the flu to evade some of the flu vaccine's protection, its effectiveness is muted.

"Some people define effectiveness as 'You got the shot, did you get the flu?'" says Michelle Barron, MD, professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and senior medical director of infection prevention and control for UHealth. "And that's

how we typically define vaccine effectiveness. But in a really good year, the flu vaccine is at best 60% to 65% effective at preventing you from getting sick. From some of the early reports, it's somewhere between 30% to 40% this season."

Although the flu shot may not keep you from succumbing to the illness, Barron says, it lessens your odds of having a severe case, keeps you out of the hospital, and shortens the duration of illness, even in flu seasons like this one, when the vaccine is less than a perfect match for the virus.

"Any protection you get from the vaccine is better than zero protection you get without it," says Robert H. Hopkins Jr., MD, professor of internal medicine and pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and medical director of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

## 3. How robust has uptake of the flu vaccine been so far for the current flu season?

The childhood vaccination rate in 2025 was similar to that of 2024 — almost 43%. "But if you look back over the last several years, we've seen a decline in childhood flu vaccination rates, going back to the 2019, 2020, and 2021 seasons," Hopkins says. Rates were higher among younger children (51.7% of children ages 6 months to 4 years) than for older children (45% of those who were ages 5 to 11) and adolescents (34% of children ages 12 to 17).

Among adults, rates of influenza vaccination increased slightly in 2025, Hopkins says, but "statistically, it's about

the same" — about 43%. As one might expect, "the rates of flu vaccination are higher as you get into older adult age groups, as opposed to younger groups," he adds.

There were significant differences in uptake by state and by region. The Northeast had more states falling within the higher 47.2% to 57.6% vaccination range than any other region. Virginia, Iowa, the District of Columbia, Colorado, Georgia, and Hawaii were the only locations outside the Northeast with this level of coverage. Southeastern states (including Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana) and Western states (including Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho) had the lowest vaccination coverage, ranging from 16.2% to 37.3%, says Hopkins.

## 4. Is it too late to get a flu shot?

There's still plenty of flu season ahead, so experts recommend that people get the vaccine if they haven't already.

"We think that the vaccine is still going to afford a reasonable degree of protection from severe disease, hospitalizations, and bad outcomes," Russo says. "Getting the flu vaccine is still critical as part of our prevention plan."

It's particularly important for people with compromised immune systems and chronic diseases. Because it takes 10 days to two weeks for the body to mount an immune response to fight the flu virus, the sooner you get the jab, the better.

Although preventing the flu is reason enough to get

a flu shot, Barron says, there are other benefits. Vaccination is linked to a lower risk of having a heart attack, 2022 research shows. People who received the flu shot had a 34% lower risk of experiencing a major cardiovascular event in the 12 months following vaccination. Other data show a lower risk for Alzheimer's in the four years following vaccination.

## 5. What do we know about symptoms of this year's flu?

Importantly, this year's flu virus doesn't seem to cause more severe illness than in previous years — it just makes more people sick. Regardless of the season, the flu produces fever, chills, body aches, and a "run-over-by-a-truck" degree of fatigue. Cough, sore throat, and runny nose may start initially or develop later, Barron says. Children often experience gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea and diarrhea. In general, flu illness is more severe among people with compromised immunity, underlying cardiac, pulmonary, or renal diseases, or cancer, and the very young and old.

"A common question we get is, 'How do I know it's flu versus anything else?'" says Roberts. "With flu, people will describe a sudden-onset fever — so sudden that some people can pinpoint exactly what they were doing the moment the fever arrived. With COVID or RSV there's usually a more gradual buildup of symptoms."

If complications develop, there can be new signs.

"When people do die from the flu, it's often from things like bacterial pneumonia," Barron says. "The way you recognize that is



your fever has gone away and then two days later you suddenly start getting fevers again or you have trouble breathing." People with such symptoms should see a doctor immediately.

## 6. How important is it to get tested when flu-like symptoms strike?

Testing is a wise move, because, depending on what's causing the illness, there may be beneficial treatments, including antiviral medications such as Tamiflu (oseltamivir) for flu and Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir or ritonavir) for COVID.

"Think about having a few over-the-counter flu and COVID test kits sitting around the house, so you can know what you have and can provide that information to your health care professional to help them make the best recommendations to get you through this," Hopkins advises. There are combination tests that identify both COVID and flu, and others that cover the three top seasonal respiratory viruses — flu, COVID, and RSV.

## 7. How do antiviral flu medications work?

Tamiflu and other antivirals work by shortening the duration of illness by a day or two. They may also reduce viral shedding, so patients are less likely to pass the flu to others. "They limit

progression," says Barron. "They help decrease the viral load over time causing less of the inflammatory process in your body. Ultimately our goal is to keep patients from developing pneumonia."

Antivirals work best if treatment starts within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, so it's important to get tested sooner rather than later.

Unfortunately, Roberts says, "one thing I see a lot with physicians in the community is somebody comes in with flu and the doctor says, 'You're okay. Let's see how you do, and we'll start the treatment if you get worse.' But by then you're out of the treatment window."

Even if they are past the 48-hour window, high-risk patients will get some benefit by taking a prescribed treatment, Barron says. They can also be used to prevent infection when someone has been exposed to flu. For instance, if an individual gets sick with flu, others in the same household can take an antiviral drug to prevent transmission.

## 8. What are the alternatives to Tamiflu, and the pros and cons of each?

In addition to Tamiflu, there are newer antiviral medications for flu, including Xofluza (baloxavir). With Tamiflu, patients take a pill (or liquid dose) twice a day for five days. It's approved for individuals two weeks of age and older and is the preferred treatment for women who are pregnant or postpartum. Xofluza is a single-dose tablet, approved for people age five and older.

Xofluza has several key advantages. "There are some flu strains out

there that are Tamiflu-resistant because it's been around for a long time," Roberts says. "Xofluza overcomes that."

The new drug also appears to produce fewer side effects. With Tamiflu, "people can have stomach upset, nausea, vomiting," Roberts says. "Kids can experience neuropsychiatric effects."

However, Xofluza can be more expensive than Tamiflu — as much as \$200 for the pill, without insurance

— which puts it out of reach for many patients.

There are two other newer antivirals: Rapivab (peramivir), an intravenous infusion that's used in the hospital, and Relenza (zanamivir), which is administered through an inhaler twice a day for five days and costs around \$90. Both have mostly mild side effects.

**9. How long does the vaccine's protection last? What if you got the shot at the end of the summer?**

Experts agree that the vaccine should be

effective throughout the flu season, which typically ends in April or May, even if people received a flu shot in the early fall.

"It's individualized," says Barron. "But if you got it in September or even August, you should be well protected through the spring."

**10. How can you prevent the spread of flu and other viral illnesses that are circulating?**

"First and foremost, if you're sick, stay away from others," Hopkins

says. "You don't want to spread what you have."

Frequent handwashing is crucial, he says, adding, "If you cough or sneeze, I encourage people to cover their mouths with a tissue or with their sleeve, rather than with their hands, because that helps to avoid the spread of those respiratory droplets."

If someone in the household is sick, disinfecting surfaces can help prevent others from coming down with the flu, Roberts says.

Also, now is a good

time to consider wearing a mask, "particularly if you're high risk and are going to be in crowds or in situations where people are likely to be sick," Hopkins says.

"We're looking at a potentially severe flu season," says Hopkins. "That doesn't mean panic, but let's take care of each other. Let's think about our neighbors, friends, and family members, and get vaccinated. And let's try to stay active and eat well so we're best able to get through this illness if we get it."

# MPS Board Approves 263 Job Cuts to Address \$46 Million Budget Gap

Leaders at Milwaukee Public Schools have approved hundreds of job cuts as the district works to close a significant budget shortfall. The Milwaukee Board of School Directors voted 5-2 on March 9 to eliminate 263 positions across the district in an effort to reduce a projected \$46 million budget deficit.

District officials say the reductions are part of a broader plan to stabilize finances following audits that revealed the district spent millions more than expected in recent years. Superintendent Brenda Cassellius said the district must take difficult steps now to avoid deeper financial problems in the future.

"We can't continue to kick the can down the road," Cassellius

said following the vote. "We have to face our reality courageously because our children are depending on it."

**Majority of Cuts Outside the Classroom**

District leaders emphasized that none of the jobcuts directly affect classroom teachers. Instead, the reductions focus primarily on administrative and non-classroom positions.

Of the 263 jobs being eliminated, about 116 are in central administrative services—including departments such as academics, communications, finance, human resources and operations—while roughly 147 positions are school-based but outside the classroom, including assistant principals and deans of students.

Officials also noted that approximately 40 of the eliminated positions are already vacant, meaning the number of employees who may ultimately lose their jobs could be smaller. Employees whose roles are eliminated will have the opportunity to apply for other openings within the district.

**Savings Still Short of Closing the Gap**

The staffing reductions are expected to save about \$30 million, but that still leaves the district with a significant financial gap to address.

To make up the remaining shortfall, district leaders are implementing several additional measures, including a hiring freeze on non-essential positions, reviewing district contracts for potential savings, and

closely monitoring transportation and operational costs.

Financial audits conducted in recent months confirmed that the district faces a structural deficit, prompting administrators to begin a multi-year plan aimed at restoring fiscal stability.

**Concerns From Staff and Union Members**

The budget process has drawn criticism from some employees and union members who spoke during the board meeting.

"I don't trust it," said Joanna Rizzotto, an MPS employee who addressed the board. "I'm a committed employee who has been asked to trust the processes of the district and this board, and my direct experience says that I can't. It's too

chaotic."

Another employee, teacher Chris Hermann, said the budget process has been "alarming" and raised concerns about transparency and planning.

**Funding Debate at the State Level**

The district's financial struggles come at a time when Wisconsin lawmakers are debating how to use a multi-billion-dollar state surplus. Education funding has become a central issue in those discussions, with school leaders across the state pushing for additional support for public schools.

Cassellius said one of the district's top priorities is securing more funding for special education programs, which districts often must partially fund with local dollars.

"We're hoping to press the legislature around the special education revenue piece," Cassellius said. "That's a really important part of the conversation."

**Changes Expected Next School Year**

The approved job cuts are expected to take effect at the start of the 2026-27 school year, beginning July 1. District leaders say the goal of the restructuring is to shift resources away from administrative offices and toward classroom instruction.

While the decision was difficult, school officials say the changes are intended to protect classroom learning while putting the district on stronger financial footing in the years ahead.



# Bucks Struggling as Losing Streak Reaches Four Games



The Milwaukee Bucks are facing a difficult stretch late in the season after dropping four consecutive games, raising concerns about the team's form as the playoff race intensifies. Milwaukee's latest setback came in a 122-99 loss to the Atlanta Hawks, where Atlanta dominated much of the game behind strong performances from CJ McCollum and Jalen Johnson. McCollum scored 30 points while

Johnson recorded a triple-double, helping the Hawks secure their ninth straight victory. The defeat extended the Bucks' losing streak to four games and added to a troubling stretch in which the team has

dropped seven of its last eight contests.

## Slipping in the Standings

Milwaukee entered mid-March with a 27-39 record, placing the team outside the top playoff positions in the

Eastern Conference and fighting to remain in the play-in race.

The recent skid has raised questions about the team's consistency on both ends of the court. Defensive breakdowns and scoring droughts have plagued the Bucks during this stretch, including a blowout loss earlier this month when the Chicago Bulls defeated Milwaukee 120-97 after going on a stunning 27-0 run late in the game.

## Injuries and Lineup Challenges

Part of the team's struggles have come while dealing with injuries and lineup adjustments. Star forward Giannis Antetokounmpo has had his minutes monitored at times due to a calf issue and missed at least one

recent game for injury management.

Without their full roster consistently available, the Bucks have had difficulty maintaining rhythm and defensive intensity during games.

## Looking to Regain Momentum

Despite the rough stretch, Milwaukee still has time to turn things around before the end of the regular season. The team is hoping to halt the losing streak in upcoming matchups, including a home game against the Indiana Pacers, as both teams try to reverse recent struggles.

For a franchise that won the NBA championship just a few seasons ago, expectations remain high in Milwaukee. However, with the playoffs approaching, the Bucks will need to quickly regain their form if they hope to stay competitive in the Eastern Conference.

# UConn beats Texas for another national championship

For those who will be entering an NCAA women's college basketball tournament bracket pool this year, let's begin with the ending:

You're probably going to pick Connecticut to win March Madness.

And almost everybody else in the pool will, too.

Do not overthink this. If you're a fan of South Carolina, UCLA or Texas — obviously, excellent teams — then go ahead and pick one of those schools to win the national championship.

If it happens, you'll have a great chance to win the pool because everybody else will have picked UConn.

Here's the trick to winning a women's tournament pool: You've got to win the first weekend. It's what separates those who get

to brag from those who don't.

By Week 2, the brackets will mostly look the same. It's rare that a team seeded lower than No. 8 reaches the Sweet 16; only three such teams in the last five years (Miami in 2023, Creighton and South Dakota in 2022) have gotten there.

To win, find those early upsets. There are three No. 11 seeds that seem like they could fit the bill.

Let's start with Fairfield. The Stags,

champions of the Metro Atlantic, are 28-4. Sure, drawing Hannah Hidalgo and Notre Dame in Round 1 won't be easy, but if the Irish are off their game even a tiny bit this one will get interesting.

Next, Rhode Island. Also 28-4, the Atlantic 10 champions face Alabama in Round 1. The Rams do not let you score.

And now, South Dakota State. It takes

on Washington in Round 1.

The Jackrabbits — come on, you have to love that name — gave Texas a relatively tough game in December and star forward Brooklyn Meyer is a problem. She's the best player in the country that you've probably never heard of.

And if you want a live longshot or two (or four), take a look at these teams: Fairleigh Dickinson has won 22 in a row, Idaho 18 in a row, Murray State 15 in a row and Howard 14 in a row.





## The Truth of Dating Someone Who Is Not a Christian



Dating is tricky and very complicated. There are a lot of factors to take into consideration. There are so many ways to meet someone these days: online, through an app, by speed dating, being set up on a blind date, and more. From there, though, you are talking to a complete stranger. Many people gauge dating potential by physical looks, charming character, or a great sense of humor. But what about the person's religion? Does that have any effect on your dating decisions?

For the longest time, I didn't care about religion and dating. It did not have that big of an effect on me. My mom had always stressed to me that dating someone who shared the same religious beliefs as me would help the relationship. I always thought that my mom wanted me to find a nice, cute, Lutheran boy because it would just make life easier—he wouldn't have to take the time to go through catechism classes and such to become an official member of the Lutheran church. Now,

I understand what she really meant.

### Dating a Non-Christian

I dated two people who were not Christian; one was Jewish, and the other was atheist. I was never really open with my religion when I was in these relationships, because the guys never made their feelings on it clear, and I did not want to "stir the pot." I tried to be understanding and accepting; however, this made for some disagreements. Religion often influences your values and aspects of life and shows who you are as a person. Therefore, one of the reasons both relationships ended was religion.

I started caring when one boyfriend blatantly started insulting my religion. I became personally offended, because Christianity is how I grew up. It formed me to be the person that I am today.

### What the Bible Says

It can be tricky to date someone who is

not the same religion as you. In 1 Corinthians, Paul speaks about having an unbelieving wife or husband:

To the rest I say (I [Paul], not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her. If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace. For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? (7:12-16).

Being married to an unbeliever provides

you with opportunities to witness your faith to that person in words and actions, which can lead your spouse to faith in the one true God. There is no guarantee of this, however, and if the unbeliever chooses to leave, that is on that person. So was it unfair for me to break up with someone based on his religion and beliefs? Or should I have just focused on the superficial features of this sinful world and the relationship?

Paul also says to the Corinthians, "Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?" (2 Corinthians 6:14-15). Paul is clearly saying that a Christian should marry a Christian—but if one becomes a believer of Jesus after marriage, then they should stay

married. As Christians, we enter dating knowing our end goal for the relationship is marriage. If you choose to date someone who does not share your beliefs, you two need to have a conversation about faith. You need to be firm with your significant other that this relationship will end in either marriage or a breakup, and if you are not on the same page about religion, it will certainly be the latter.

Proverbs 31:30 says, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." Verses 10-31 of this chapter talk about an excellent wife who, in fear of and praise for God, is strong and cares for her husband, family, and community. She works hard in her business of selling linen garments. She is generous to others while still providing for her family. Her husband and others praise her

charm and beauty, but she relies on her faith in God for strength. She knows He is almighty and powerful. She believes.

### Dating a Christian

Now, I am dating a Christian. I never saw it coming. I have known him since I was a child. We have gone to the same church all our lives; we went to Sunday School and confirmation together—we even stood next to each other during our Confirmation questioning! God works in mysterious ways, but something great always comes from His work.

After dating a Lutheran man, I can say how much I value a Christian relationship. Our values are very similar and, more important, we put God first. I am thankful that I can praise the Lord with a man who understands and shares those beliefs with me. My mother was right all along.

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**CHARLIE WILSON**      **JUNE 18**



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**THE ROOTS**      **JUNE 25**



**LOUIS TOMLINSON**      **JUNE 26**



**RUSSELL DICKERSON**      **JUNE 27**



**ELLA MAI**      **JULY 2**



**BUJU BANTON**      **JULY 3**



**STEPHEN MARLEY**      **JULY 3**



**SAM BARBER**      **JULY 4**

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# TICKETS

**Winter Storm Guide**

From Front Page clothing and keeping indoor temperatures at a safe level, while also checking frequently on elderly neighbors and relatives to ensure their homes remain heated.

Residents should also take steps to protect their homes from the effects of extreme

cold. Leaving faucets slightly dripping can help prevent pipes from freezing, and opening cabinet doors under sinks allows warm air to circulate around plumbing.

When going outside, proper clothing is essential. Officials advise wearing several loose-fitting layers of

clothing, along with hats, scarves, mittens, and water-resistant boots. Staying dry is critical, as wet clothing can quickly lead to heat loss.

Travel during winter storms should be avoided whenever possible. Drivers who must travel should check weather advisories from

the National Weather Service and carry emergency supplies such as blankets, warm clothing, and a charged mobile phone. If stranded in a vehicle, staying inside the car is often the safest option while waiting for help.

Health officials emphasize that recognizing the signs of

cold-related illness can save lives. Symptoms of hypothermia include shivering, confusion, exhaustion, and slurred speech. Frostbite often appears as numb skin that turns pale, gray, or waxy. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention immediately.

Experts say

preparation and awareness remain the best defenses against winter storms. By taking simple precautions at home and outdoors, residents can reduce risks and stay safe during severe winter weather.

**Funeral Home Saga**

From Front Page wrong,” Kleczka said. “The funeral homes that

are in the top ten, I think, deserve heavy, heavy scrutiny and absolutely have some explaining to

do.” A Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors committee

approved the legal action against the corporation counsel’s request for permission to move forward with

the funeral homes with outstanding balances of more than \$25,000. The

measure still needs to go before the full board for approval.

# County Executive David Crowley Calls for Passage of Legislation Upholding Milwaukee County’s Climate Commitments Amid Federal Rollbacks



County Executive David Crowley urged the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to approve legislation reaffirming the County’s commitment to the principles and goals of the Paris Agreement that promotes environmental sustainability, with the goal of combatting the global climate crisis. The resolution also supports the scientific basis of the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding that determined greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health and welfare, thereby providing the scientific and legal foundation

for regulating emissions to mitigate climate change. The proposed County Board resolution, authored by Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell and Supervisor Anne O’Connor, comes in response to recent federal rollbacks in climate policies and investments.

“In Milwaukee County, we know that the climate crisis is a real, pressing threat to our environment, our economy, our health, and our quality of life,” said County Executive Crowley. “In reaffirming

our commitment to the Paris Agreement and Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding, we are standing with science and facts to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050, while advancing equity, justice, and resilience throughout our community. Looking ahead, my administration will continue implementing our Milwaukee County Climate Action Plan to promote clean energy, improve health conditions, create jobs, and combat the climate crisis in Wisconsin.”

“Milwaukee County

continues leading the way in the march toward a more environmentally sustainable community,” said Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell. “As we celebrate Women’s History Month and the trailblazing efforts that women around the globe advance to promote environmental, economic, and social sustainability, we recognize that our work is far from over. That’s why I introduced this legislation recommitting Milwaukee County to the Paris Agreement and Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding: Because our children’s future depends on how we combat the climate crisis and build the equitable future we all deserve.”

“Milwaukee County has a responsibility to lead with evidence and long-term thinking when it comes to protecting our environment and public health,” said Supervisor O’Connor. “This resolution reaffirms that our decisions will continue to be guided by science and by our commitment to future generations. By standing behind the principles of the Paris Agreement and the scientific findings that support regulating greenhouse gas emissions, we are

ensuring Milwaukee County remains a strong, steady voice for climate action and environmental stewardship.” Milwaukee County first committed to the goals and principles of the Paris Agreement in 2017, following an initial federal withdrawal. In 2021, Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell introduced legislation directing the Milwaukee County Office of Sustainability to adopt goals to reach net-zero operational emissions by 2050 and administer a strategic plan to do so. In response to this, County Executive Crowley signed into law the Milwaukee County Climate Action 2050 (CA50) Plan that is aimed at achieving net-zero carbon emissions in Milwaukee County operations by the year 2050, marking a significant step forward in the County’s commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship. Under the leadership of County Executive Crowley and Chairwoman Nicholson-Bovell, Milwaukee County has already reduced operational greenhouse gas emissions by more than 46% from 2005 levels,

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In the year ahead, Milwaukee County will unveil a public dashboard to track and share ongoing emissions reduction progress. By reaffirming its alignment with global climate goals and upholding the scientific foundation for greenhouse gas regulation, the County continues to lead with urgency, transparency and a clear vision for a more equitable and sustainable future.

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# Trump eludió la diplomacia al ir a la guerra con Irán. Ahora pide ayuda a China y a otros



WASHINGTON (AP) — El presidente estadounidense Donald Trump confió en su instinto y prácticamente eludió la coordinación diplomática mientras tomaba la decisión de lanzar ataques contra Irán, junto con Israel. Pero ahora, con las consecuencias económicas y geopolíticas de la guerra desarrollándose rápidamente, está presionando a aliados y otras potencias internacionales para que ayuden a limpiar el desastre.

Trump dice que ha pedido a una media docena de países que envíen buques de guerra para reabrir el estrecho de Ormuz, una importante vía marítima que cruza una quinta parte del petróleo comercializado en el mundo. Hasta ahora, ninguno se ha comprometido. Trump incluso indicó que usaría su viaje largamente planeado a China para presionar a Beijing a ayudar con una nueva coalición destinada a que el tráfico de petroleros vuelva a circular por el estrecho, una idea que su secretario del Tesoro de Estados Unidos posteriormente minimizó.

“Alentamos firmemente a otras naciones cuyas economías dependen del estrecho mucho más que la nuestra... queremos que vengan y nos ayuden con el estrecho”, dijo Trump en la Casa Blanca el lunes, enumerando a Japón, China, Corea del Sur y

varios países de Europa como ejemplos. El mandatario asegura que el canal de navegación no es algo que Estados Unidos necesite debido a su propio acceso al petróleo.

Es el tipo de intimidación para impulsar a la acción que ha asegurado victorias clave de la política exterior para el presidente republicano en su segundo mandato, como lograr que casi todos los países de la OTAN aumentaran su gasto en defensa el año pasado después de que pasó años acusando a los aliados de aprovecharse de la generosidad estadounidense, y usar aranceles para extraer inversiones y concesiones de socios comerciales.

Pero con los precios del petróleo disparándose y Oriente Medio sacudido por la violencia, hay poca inclinación de otros países a atender el llamado de Trump.

China no se compromete. Francia es un tal vez para escoltar barcos cuando “las circunstancias lo permitan”. Es poco probable que Gran Bretaña envíe un buque de guerra.

A juicio de Trump, esta falta de apetito por ayudar a asegurar el estrecho confirma sus sospechas sobre los beneficios de trabajar con otros países, porque “si alguna vez necesitáramos ayuda, no estarían ahí para nosotros”.

“Siempre he sentido que esa era una debilidad de la OTAN”, expresó Trump

el lunes. “Acudíamos a protegerlos, pero siempre dije que cuando se necesitara, ellos no nos protegerán”.

Sin embargo, no mucho después, Trump insistió en que Estados Unidos no necesitaba ayuda de nadie porque “somos la nación más fuerte del mundo”.

**Casa Blanca: Trump tiene “razón” al exigir ayuda con Ormuz**

No obstante, la campaña de presión desde la Casa Blanca continúa.

Cuando se le preguntó por qué otras naciones que no fueron consultadas ni estuvieron involucradas deberían poner a sus tropas en peligro para asegurar el estrecho de Ormuz, la principal portavoz de Trump argumentó que otros países se estaban beneficiando directamente del intento de Trump de desarmar al régimen iraní.

“Esto es algo con lo que no sólo Estados Unidos sino todo el mundo occidental ha estado de acuerdo durante muchos, muchos años”, dijo a los periodistas el lunes la secretaria de prensa de la Casa Blanca, Karoline Leavitt.

Por separado, Trump señaló en una entrevista el domingo con el Financial Times que “nos gustaría saber” antes de la cumbre a finales de marzo en Beijing si China ayudará a asegurar el estrecho debido a su dependencia del petróleo de Oriente Medio, y agregó: “Podríamos retrasarla”.

Sin embargo, cancelar la visita cara a cara con el presidente chino Xi Jinping podría tener sus propias consecuencias económicas

importantes, ya que las relaciones entre las dos economías más grandes del mundo son tensas por los aranceles y otros temas. En una entrevista con CNBC el lunes, el secretario del Tesoro de Estados Unidos, Scott Bessent, dijo que cualquier retraso no se debería a disputas sobre el estrecho y exhortó explícitamente a los inversionistas a no reaccionar negativamente si Trump pospone su viaje.

“Si la reunión por alguna razón se reprogramara, se reprogramaría por cuestiones logísticas”, señaló Bessent desde París, donde se reunió con el viceprimer ministro chino He Lifeng para una nueva ronda de conversaciones comerciales que pretendían allanar el camino para el viaje.

En Beijing, el

portavoz del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Lin Jian, no respondió directamente a las preguntas sobre el llamado de Trump a ayuda externa en el estrecho. Señaló el impacto en el comercio de bienes y energía y repitió el llamado de su gobierno a poner fin a los combates.

Hasta ahora, nadie acepta el llamado de Trump a una coalición para asegurar Ormuz

En los primeros días del conflicto con Irán, Trump había dicho que buques de la Marina de Estados Unidos escoltarían a los petroleros a través del estrecho, que conecta el Golfo Pérsico con el golfo de Omán, y restó importancia a la amenaza que representaba Irán. Pero, a medida que los precios del petróleo se dispararon,

él y su gobierno se

han visto obligados a considerar nuevas opciones, incluida la idea, planteada este fin de semana, de que otros países se sumen al esfuerzo con sus propios buques de guerra.

Trump dijo a los periodistas que ha pedido a unos siete países que participen en una coalición que ayudaría a los petroleros a navegar por el estrecho de Ormuz, que Irán dice que sólo está cerrado para Estados Unidos, Israel y sus aliados.

Además de China, Japón y Corea del Sur, Trump ha hecho llamados de ayuda a Gran Bretaña y Francia.

El primer ministro Keir Starmer dijo el lunes que Gran Bretaña está trabajando con aliados en un plan para reabrir el estrecho de Ormuz, pero “no se

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Location: 2432 W. Garfield Ave

**BID DUE DATE: February 25, 2026**

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**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  
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All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 to [DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us). No questions will be answered after that date and time. No questions will be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their response to the RFP. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Submit all proposals, as stated within the proposal document instructions, no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

02-24-26

Dr. Brenda Cassellius.  
Superintendent of Schools

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Gran Bretaña está discutiendo con Estados Unidos y aliados en Europa y el Golfo Pérsico la posibilidad de usar drones cazaminas que el Reino Unido tiene en la región, dijo Starmer. Pero indicó que es poco probable que Gran Bretaña envíe un barco de guerra.

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# PROJECT UPDATE



## EAST-WEST

I-94 East-West Freeway Project | I-94 at 27<sup>th</sup> Street

March 2026

### I-94 Eastbound Lane and Ramp Closures

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has begun construction on the Early East Leg of the I-94 East-West Freeway Project, between 70<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. As part of this work, long-term lane and ramp closures are scheduled to begin.

#### Closures Beginning Monday, March 9:

- **9 p.m.** - 35<sup>th</sup> Street entrance ramp to I-94 eastbound through late 2026
  - **DETOUR:** utilize 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Wisconsin Avenue, 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Clybourn Street, and 25<sup>th</sup> Street
- **11 p.m.** - Lane closure on I-94 eastbound from 35<sup>th</sup> Street to 25<sup>th</sup> Street through late 2026

Local and regional alternate routes are encouraged. Travelers should plan ahead and allow extra time.

**UTILITY NOTE:** Several utilities are completing work ahead of the project. Expect lane closures and traffic shifts along local roads. As part of this utility work, the 28th Street entrance ramp to I-94 westbound will continue to be closed through late March.

All work is weather dependent and subject to change.



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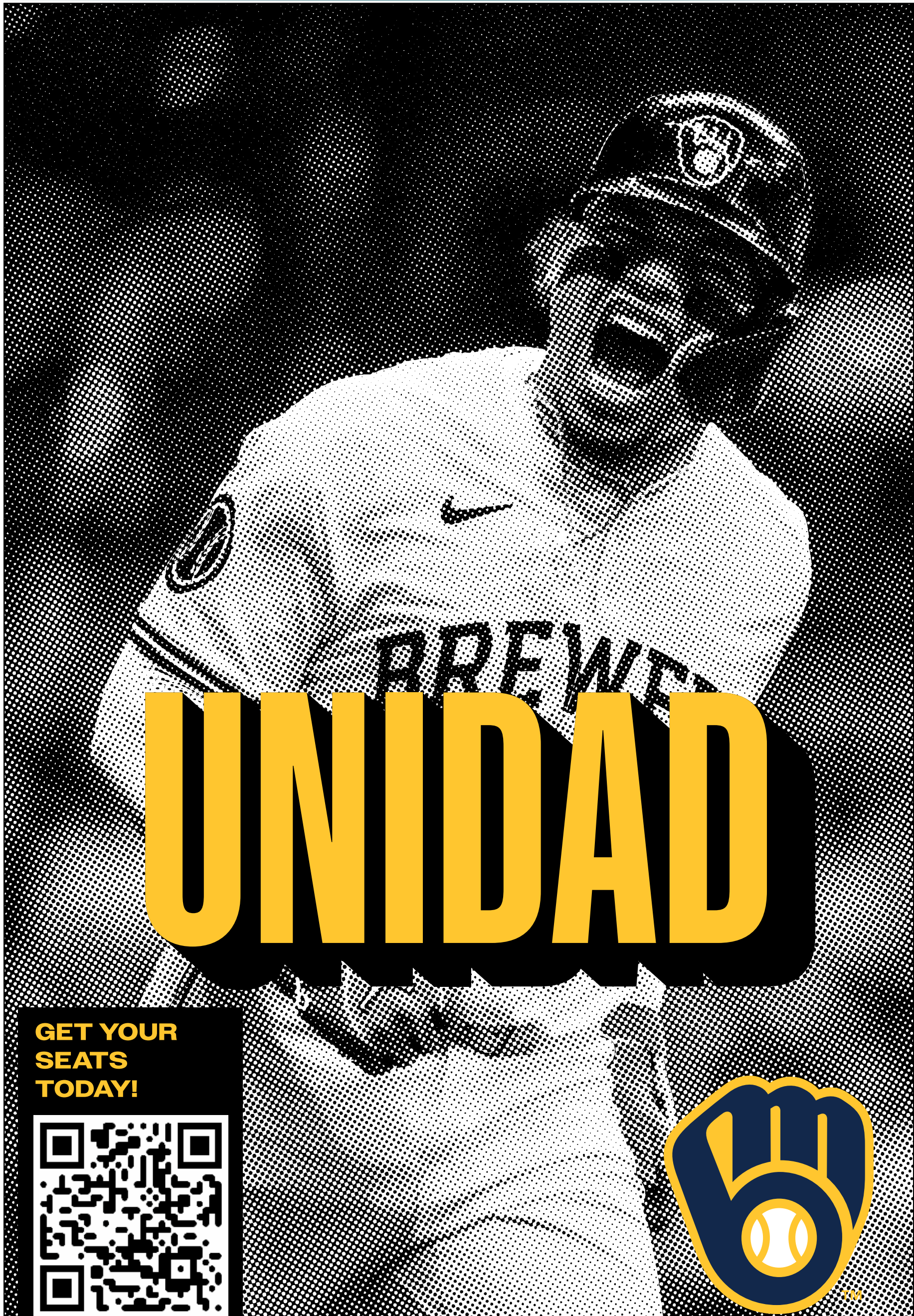
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