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## Sylvia Ortiz-Velez: Voz de Milwaukee en la Asamblea



La representante Sylvia Ortiz-Velez es una política estadounidense y agente de bienes raíces retirado que actualmente

sirve como miembro de la Asamblea ESTATAL de Wisconsin, representando el Distrito 8 desde enero de 2021. Nació y creció en el

lado sur de Milwaukee, Wisconsin, en una familia numerosa con raíces puertorriqueñas y mexicanas que le inculcaron desde

un joven un sentido de responsabilidad cívica y servicio comunitario. Se graduó de Bay View High School y obtuvo una licenciatura en Ciencias Políticas de la University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Antes de su elección a la Asamblea estatal, Ortiz-Velez fue miembro de la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Milwaukee desde 2018 hasta 2022, donde trabajó en políticas de transporte público, parques y servicios de salud y

humanos, enfocándose en mejorar la calidad de vida de las familias locales.

En la Asamblea Estatal ha servido en varios comités, incluyendo Vivienda y Bienes Raíces, Asuntos Judiciales, Transporte, y Asuntos de Veteranos y Militares, y fue miembro de mayor rango del Comité de Protección al Consumidor.

Durante su mandato, Ortiz-Velez ha sido autora o coautora de numerosas iniciativas legislativas. Según su

sitio de campaña, ha sido autora principal de 20 proyectos de ley, coautora de 285 y ha contribuido a que más de 56 proyectos en los que participó fueran firmados como ley por el gobernador Tony Evers. Su trabajo ha enfatizado la expansión del acceso a la salud asequible, educación de calidad, protección del medio ambiente, apoyo a trabajadores y pequeñas empresas, y la defensa de los derechos

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## City Leaders Introduce 'ICE Out Milwaukee' Initiative



Milwaukee city leaders are beginning work on potential limits targeting how federal immigration agents operate in the city, unveiling early ideas

on Wednesday, Feb. 11, under the banner "ICE Out Milwaukee." Inside the Milwaukee Common Council chamber, several alders stood

alongside community members to preview proposals that are still being drafted and have not yet been formally introduced. "It is my duty to

serve and protect my constituents, no matter their status," Ald. JoCasta Zamarrripa. "We are taking preemptive action today to keep Milwaukeeans from

ICE." Among the concepts being considered: requiring immigration agents and local police to display their identities rather than operate while

masked, and preventing ICE from using city-owned property. Milwaukee Ald. Marina Dimitrijevic **ICE Out Milwaukee**  
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Noticias de México

# Qué saber sobre la muerte de 'El Mencho', jefe del CJNG en México

El ejército mexicano mató al líder del cártel más poderoso del país y a uno de los fugitivos más buscados por Estados Unidos, logrando una importante victoria mientras los miembros del cártel respondieron con una ola de violencia en todo el país.

El asesinato del domingo del líder del Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación, Nemesio Oseguera Cervantes, durante un intento de capturarlo en el estado de Jalisco, fue el golpe de mayor perfil contra los cárteles desde la recaptura del exjefe del Cártel de Sinaloa, Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, hace una década.

Tras la muerte de Oseguera Cervantes, las fuerzas de seguridad se pusieron en alerta en todo el país ante la violencia desatada por hombres armados. Autos incendiados por miembros del cártel bloquearon carreteras en 20 estados mexicanos. La gente se encerró en sus casas en Guadalajara, la segunda ciudad más grande de México y capital de Jalisco, y el lunes se suspendieron las clases en varios estados.

El asesinato podría dar al gobierno una ventaja en sus tratos con la administración Trump, que ha estado amenazando con aranceles o acciones militares unilaterales si México no muestra resultados en la lucha contra los cárteles. Sin embargo, el efecto a largo plazo en el panorama de seguridad de México sigue siendo incierto.

Esto es lo que debes saber:

'El Mencho' era el líder de un grupo criminal de rápido

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Oseguera Cervantes, mejor conocido como "El Mencho", tenía 59 años y era originario del estado occidental de Michoacán. Sus vínculos con el crimen organizado se remontaban al menos a tres décadas atrás.

En 1994, fue juzgado por tráfico de heroína en Estados Unidos y condenado a tres años de prisión. Al regresar a México, ascendió rápidamente en el submundo del narcotráfico mexicano.

Alrededor de 2009,

fundó el Cártel Jalisco Nueva Generación, que se convirtió en la organización criminal de más rápido crecimiento de México, moviendo cocaína, metanfetaminas,

fentanilo y migrantes a Estados Unidos, y utilizando la violencia con el uso de drones y artefactos explosivos improvisados.

El cártel se ganó una reputación por sus descarados ataques a las fuerzas de seguridad mexicanas, incluido el derribo de un helicóptero militar en Jalisco en 2015 y el intento de asesinato espectacular,

pero fallido, del jefe de policía de la Ciudad de México, Omar García Harfuch, quien ahora es el secretario de seguridad federal de México.

Reclutó agresivamente, experimentando con nuevas formas de llegar a miembros potenciales en línea, y generó ingresos a través del robo de combustible, extorsión y fraude de tiempo compartido, entre otras actividades.

**Oseguera Cervantes murió en una batalla con tropas enviadas para capturarlo.**

Oseguera Cervantes murió durante un intento de capturarlo, mientras sus seguidores intentaban luchar contra las tropas mexicanas.

El secretario de la Defensa Nacional, Ricardo Trevilla, informó el lunes que el Ejército y la Guardia Nacional lanzaron un operativo en el sur del estado de Jalisco para capturar a Oseguera Cervantes, con la participación de la Fuerza Aérea Mexicana y fuerzas especiales. La información de inteligencia obtenida sobre una de las parejas sentimentales de

Oseguera Cervantes los condujo a su escondite, añadió.

El cártel contratacó y, en el enfrentamiento subsiguiente, las fuerzas federales abatieron a ocho miembros del grupo criminal. Oseguera Cervantes y dos de sus guardaespaldas resultaron heridos y murieron posteriormente durante su traslado aéreo a la Ciudad de México, afirmó Trevilla.

En el lugar se incautaron lanzacohetes capaces de derribar aviones y destruir vehículos blindados.

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# La Fiscalía de Morelos confirma el hallazgo del cuerpo sin vida de Kimberly Ramos

EL PAIS Fernando Blumenkron, fiscal de Morelos, ha confirmado que la identidad del cuerpo hallado este martes coincide con el de Kimberly Joselín Ramos, la joven que fue vista por última vez el 20 de febrero en las inmediaciones de la Universidad Autónoma de ese Estado (UAEM). El caso de la estudiante de 18 años ha despertado indignación y consternación en esa entidad. Desde entonces, su familia y la comunidad universitaria protagonizaron marchas y protestas en demanda de acciones y transparencia en la investigación para dar con su paradero. La Fiscalía de esa entidad había dado a conocer este lunes el hallazgo de un cuerpo sin vida en uno de los polígonos de búsqueda en la zona norte de Cuernavaca. Asimismo, este sábado ha sido detenido Jared Alejandro N, otro estudiante de la UAEM, acusado de presunta participación en el hecho.

Según los estudios practicados por la Coordinación General de Servicios Periciales, Blumenkron ha confirmado que el cuerpo sin vida localizado corresponde a Ramos. “No habrá

impunidad. Este es nuestro compromiso institucional”, ha dicho el fiscal. Ha aclarado, en un mensaje grabado, que dicha información fue comunicada previamente y de manera responsable a su familia, privilegiando su derecho a conocer la verdad antes de cualquier pronunciamiento público, y dijo que la investigación se ha conducido bajo el principio del debido proceso, dignidad de la víctima y de las víctimas indirectas.

De acuerdo con la versión de la familia, recogida por medios locales, la última vez que supieron de Ramos es el 20 de febrero, cuando se dirigía a la universidad. Sus allegados reportaron que ese día tuvieron contacto con ella por última vez y, de acuerdo con uno de sus tíos, la joven de 18 años abordó un camión de la ruta 1 y se siguió comunicando hasta después de una hora de haber llegado a la facultad, en el Campus Chamilpa, en Cuernavaca. El 21 de febrero la familia presentó la denuncia formal ante la Fiscalía Especializada en Desaparición Forzada



de Personas y se activó el protocolo de búsqueda.

Como seguimiento a la denuncia de búsqueda y tras indagatorias, las autoridades dieron con el domicilio de Jared Alejandro N, donde este fue detenido y donde se encontró la identificación y el bolso de mano de la joven. Según la versión del Ministerio Público, se ha relacionado al acusado con la venta de droga al interior del campus.

A más de 10 días de su desaparición, las autoridades de la UAEM han activado la alerta roja y han suspendido

las clases presenciales en el campus Chamilpa. Estudiantes de esa casa de estudios bloquearon los accesos al complejo y ocuparon físicamente la rectoría. En un comunicado y mensajes públicos, la universidad dispuso que las actividades académicas pasen a modalidad virtual en el turno vespertino, sin precisar la duración de la medida.

La gobernadora de Morelos, Margarita González Saravia, ha asegurado que dará seguimiento al caso con la Fiscalía General de ese Estado y ha pedido al Poder Judicial que no exista una “puerta giratoria” hasta esclarecer el hecho. “La universidad tendrá todo nuestro apoyo solidario para fortalecer el programa

de seguridad que tiene. Reconocemos la pronta actuación de la Fiscalía. Pedimos que continúen las investigaciones. Le pedimos al Poder Judicial que de ninguna manera exista puerta giratoria en este caso. Y como Gobierno del Estado trabajaremos para que no haya impunidad”, ha dicho a través de un mensaje. s

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### • Ventura Lopez – Entrepreneur, Mentor, and Community Advocate

Ventura Lopez is a dedicated wife, mother of three, and an inspiring entrepreneur based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As the founder of VeVa Beauty Bar and VeVa School of Beauty, she has created empowering environments that enable women to feel confident both inside and out. Her mission transcends beauty; for many years, Ventura has mentored and trained young women facing significant life challenges—including domestic violence, sexual abuse, homelessness, and aging out of foster care...guiding them toward sustainable careers in the beauty industry.



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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**Noticias de  
Puerto Rico**

# Vuelve la carrera por los albergues para mujeres sobrevivientes de violencia

La organización Albergues de Violencia Kilómetros de Cambio de Género, subrayó anunció este martes su la tercera edición de su carrera alrededor de Puerto Rico cuyo fin es apoyar y recaudar fondos para los nueve albergues para mujeres sobrevivientes de violencia y sus hijos.

Ante la presencia de personalidades del mundo artístico y de entretenimiento, el deporte y la política que se han unido al evento, como la cantante Melina León y la meteoróloga Deborah Martorell, así como de las embajadoras y embajadores que estarán al frente de los diversos tramos de la carrera, la presidenta de Kilómetros de Cambio, Deborah Maldonado, anunció que el evento se llevará a cabo entre el viernes 15 y el domingo 17 de mayo próximo.

“Es hora de unir voluntades para construir un Puerto Rico mejor donde no tengamos que normalizar que una mujer sea asesinada por su pareja y viva en terror en su hogar. Todos nos estremecemos con los feminicidios y asesinatos cuyo origen es la violencia doméstica. Con Kilómetros de Cambio hemos transformado el dolor y la impotencia ante la violencia doméstica en pasos de acción concreta para prevenir los feminicidios”, sostuvo Maldonado.

“Al apoyar a los albergues donde mujeres encuentran un techo seguro con sus hijos estamos literalmente salvando sus vidas”, agregó. “Si nos unimos mientras educamos y creamos conciencia, logramos mucho, porque combatir la violencia es labor de todos”.

Coraly León Morales, presidenta de la Red Nacional de

Albergues de Violencia de Género, subrayó que, esta carrera de Kilómetros de Cambio “más que un evento, es un movimiento que salva vidas, que ha salvado vidas ya por tercer año consecutivo”. Comentó que, en el 2025, los nueve albergues integrantes de la Red “salvaron la vida de 570 sobrevivientes y menores”.

“Son sobrevivientes que no fueron parte de las estadísticas de femicidio en Puerto Rico, son familias que cuentan con sus hijas, son hijos e hijas que tienen a sus mamás, y que tienen la posibilidad de reconstruir su vida, de sanar y de abrirse a la libertad. Ese es el trabajo que hacen los albergues integrantes de la Red”, afirmó, antes de agradecer a Kilómetros de Cambio por el respaldo a su gestión.

De manera similar Lisdell Flores, directora ejecutiva del albergue Hogar Ruth, se sumó a los elogios y agradecimientos y sostuvo que la carrera de Kilómetros de Cambio, “es la actividad de recaudación de fondos más importante que se hace para nuestros albergues”.

“Todas (las actividades de recaudación de fondos) son importantes, pero esto es un movimiento que trasciende, porque trasciende a lo que pensamos, porque llevamos una voz en unísono de que, sí, los albergues son importantes, pero la prevención es aún más”, afirmó.

Agregó que “en Hogar Ruth hoy hay 10 mujeres y 12 niños, y yo me sostengo todos los días de mi vida que no deberíamos existir”.

“No deberíamos hoy estar hablando de sostener albergues y espacios seguros.



Deberíamos hoy estar corriendo por otras causas, no por esta. Y me voy a sostener en eso siempre, hasta el día que lo logremos; hasta el día que nos levantemos y ni una más nos falte; hasta el día que nos levantemos y ni un hijo más tenga que morir por causa de la violencia doméstica; hasta el día que en el que mi hija, en el que la hija de todos ustedes, pueda sonreír libre y sin miedo; y hasta el día que yo también pueda vivir sin miedo; hasta el día en el que todas y todas caminemos por otra causa, por la diabetes, por el Alzheimer, por otras cosas que ahí no tenemos el control. Pero de esto, de esto sí tenemos el control”, afirmó.

Pidió a las y los embajadores que antes de salir a correr miraran “los rostros de las mujeres que ya no están”, y les prometieran “que más ninguna, que vamos por todas y que más ninguna va a perecer”.

“Y proméтанos a nosotras que sí, que pronto vamos a tener que buscar otro trabajo porque no vamos a ser necesarias en estos

espacios”, agregó.

La carrera, de unos 360 kilómetros, se correrá en tres etapas, una por cada día del evento, a través de 21 municipios. La primera etapa será de Caguas a Ponce, pasando por Cidra, Cayey, Salinas, Santa Isabel, Juana Díaz; la segunda de Ponce a Ciales, a través de Adjuntas, Utuado; y la tercera de Morovis a San Juan, pasando por Vega Baja, Vega Alta, Toa Baja, Bayamón.

Como elemento novedoso, en esta ocasión se han unido 12 hombres como embajadores. Asimismo, estarán participando

niñas y adolescentes, en representación de esos menores que pueden estar viviendo en ambientes de violencia doméstica.

Además de la carrera de relevo, este año Kilómetros de Cambio realizará un 5K el sábado 11 de abril en el área de El Escambrón. Los organizadores destacaron que este año la participación en estos eventos cobra todavía más relevancia, pues los albergues han sufrido notables recortes en los fondos estatales y federales que reciben.

Tan solo en el 2024 y 2025, en los albergues se protegieron las vidas

de 1,025 sobrevivientes y sus hijos.

Los interesados en correr o caminar en estos eventos pueden inscribirse en [micarrerapr.com](http://micarrerapr.com).

Los ciudadanos pueden apoyar a Kilómetros de Cambio donando a través de ATH Móvil, inscribiéndose en las carreras y comprando camisetas y productos. Las empresas e individuos que deseen hacer desde ahora donativos para respaldar a los albergues, u orientarse de cómo apoyar, pueden escribir a [kilometrosdecambio@gmail.com](mailto:kilometrosdecambio@gmail.com), o llamar al 787-248-5871.





# Military families anxious about unknowns of Iran war

In the military-heavy communities surrounding Fort Campbell, a sprawling U.S. Army base that straddles the Tennessee-Kentucky line, the war in Iran is on a lot of people's minds.

The base is home to the 101st Airborne Division, known as "the Screaming Eagles," which has been a key force in America's major conflicts since World War II. After Sept. 11, 2001, tens of thousands of troops from the post started regular deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. During troop surges in those countries, yearly combat casualties in the division surpassed some of its deadliest years in Vietnam.

## 'Mixed emotions' about the conflict

Juan Munoz is an Army veteran who spent time in Afghanistan and now works as a career counselor in Clarksville for people leaving the military. He said families in the area have "mixed emotions" about the new war. Many younger soldiers are excited to deploy, while their spouses, parents and siblings worry about their safety.

The towns of Oak Grove, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee, surround the base and cater to the soldiers there

with military clothing stores, barbershops and fast food restaurants. War memorials and monuments fill the cities' green spaces. There are American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and military support centers. At Austin Peay State University, in Clarksville, a third of the students are military or veterans.

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"You can't ever



give up the concern for your loved one, who's potentially putting themselves in harm's way," he said. However, that concern doesn't stop them from supporting the attack on Iran. "At the end of the day, they're going to support their service member."

Munoz said he thinks the war is a "great move," because Iran is equipping our enemies,

putting our troops and our allies in the region in danger.

"It's what needs to be done," he said.

## Trust in Trump

Edward Bauman, a veteran with 23 years in the Army who deployed to Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, spoke to a reporter on Monday outside an Oak Grove box store. He based his support for the war on his trust in President Donald Trump.

"My takeaway is there had to have been some reason for him to bomb them. I don't think he would have just went out of his way to just, 'I'm going to bomb these people,'" he said.

He does not believe Trump is taking America into another prolonged conflict in the Middle East.

"It's not going to be another Afghanistan. It's not going to be another Iraq. We're not going to go in and try to occupy them," he said.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Monday that the conflict "is not endless" even as he warned that more American casualties are likely in the weeks ahead.

## Many unknowns for families

Shannon Razsadin, CEO of the Virginia-based nonprofit Military Family Advisory

Network, said there is "a good amount of stress and anxiety from the community just around the unknowns right now."

In spite of the stress, she said, "They're incredibly proud. Military families are proud of their service. And our military, our service members are prepared, and they are ready."

Susan Lynn, a state representative in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) southeast of the Army base, is one of those proud but concerned family members. In 2020, she took to Facebook to thank Trump for not sending her son, who is enlisted in the Air Force, into "another war." On Saturday, she posted that he has been deployed and asked for prayers.

"From the time my son was a little boy, he wanted to be in the Air Force," Lynn said in a phone interview on Monday. "He's extremely patriotic. He will do anything to support our commander in chief. And I feel the same way. That if our commander in chief has made this executive decision, that this is something we should do, then I will trust that."

## Some veterans oppose the attack

Meanwhile, Chris McFarland, another veteran who served out of Fort Campbell and deployed to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan, has been making his opposition to the war in Iran well known. As soon as he learned of it, he had a sign made declaring "No more wars" and has been holding it on a major thoroughfare in Clarksville every day.

McFarland, who leads the nonprofit Veterans for All, which advocates for veteran healthcare, said he has seen some hostility from drivers during his protest, but also some people have pulled over to talk to him. Many want more information about what is happening.

They are "in shock, confused, concerned," he said.

McFarland does not mince words in describing his personal feelings about the attack on Iran.

"It is 100% unnecessary. It is unconstitutional.

Literally, our own Congress didn't even approve of this. This was done without anyone's acknowledgement at 3:00 in the morning to murder people over in Iran." S

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# Israel y EEUU intensifican bombardeos contra Irán mientras Teherán promete destrucción

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(AP) — Israel y Estados Unidos intensificaron el miércoles su bombardeo contra las fuerzas de seguridad de Irán y otros símbolos de poder, mientras Teherán prometió destruir por completo la infraestructura militar y económica de Oriente Medio, indicios de que la guerra estaba lejos de terminar y corría el riesgo de expandirse aún más.

En una sesión con la prensa en el Pentágono el miércoles, el secretario de Defensa Pete Hegseth informó que un torpedo de un submarino estadounidense hundió un buque de guerra iraní.

Agregó que el ataque del martes por la noche fue el primero de ese tipo contra un enemigo desde la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Además de bombardear Teherán en el quinto día del conflicto, Israel golpeó al grupo político-paramilitar libanés Hezbollah —respaldado por Irán—, mientras que Irán disparó contra Bahrein, Kuwait e Israel. A medida que el conflicto se descontrolaba, el Ministerio de Defensa de Turquía dijo que las defensas de la OTAN interceptaron un misil balístico lanzado desde Irán antes de que entrara en el espacio aéreo turco. Y un buque de guerra iraní se hundió frente a la costa de Sri Lanka, aunque no estaba claro de momento qué ocurrió.

El ritmo de los ataques contra Irán fue tan intenso que la televisión estatal

anunció que se pospondría la ceremonia luctuosa por el líder supremo iraní, el ayatolá Alí Jamenei, quien murió en el conflicto. Mientras los aviones de combate rugían por encima, los que estaban en Teherán se preocupaban por si debían huir y cómo hacerlo.

La guerra ha matado a más de 1.000 personas en Irán y a decenas en Líbano, al tiempo que ha interrumpido el suministro mundial de petróleo y gas, ha trastocado el transporte marítimo internacional y dejado varados a cientos de miles de viajeros en Oriente Medio.

**Ambos bandos siguen atacando sin descanso**

Israel dijo que atacó edificios asociados con el Basij, una división voluntaria de la Guardia Revolucionaria, el brazo paramilitar de Irán, que se encargó de la sangrienta represión contra los manifestantes en enero que dejó miles de muertos y decenas de miles de detenidos en el país.

El ejército israelí también dijo que atacó edificios asociados con el mando de seguridad interna de Irán, que también ha reprimido manifestaciones en el pasado. También bombardeó localidades cerca de Beirut el miércoles.

Israel y Estados Unidos han dicho que quieren que el público iraní derroque la teocracia del país. Los ataques contra fuerzas de contraprotesta probablemente forman parte de ese esfuerzo.

La televisión estatal iraní mostró las ruinas de edificios en el centro de la capital, Teherán, y a entrevistados quejándose de que los ataques dañaron sus hogares. También se han reportado ataques en la ciudad seminario



chif sagrada de Qom, dirigidos contra un edificio asociado con un panel clerical encargado de elegir al próximo líder supremo de Irán. Los medios locales dijeron que estaba vacío en el momento y que su labor continuaba.

La televisión estatal ha comenzado a llamar al conflicto la “guerra de Ramadán”, una referencia al mes sagrado musulmán de ayuno que se celebra actualmente. Pero ese término también sugirió que los líderes están tratando de preparar al público para que la guerra continúe durante algún tiempo.

El almirante Brad Cooper, el principal comandante militar de Estados Unidos en Oriente Medio, se hizo eco de ese sentimiento, al decir: “Apenas hemos comenzado”.

Cooper y las fuerzas estadounidenses han dañado las defensas aéreas de Irán y eliminado misiles balísticos, lanzadores y drones. El portavoz militar israelí, el general de brigada Effie Defrin, dijo que eso ha llevado a un descenso en los lanzamientos desde Irán.

Aun así, el miércoles resonaron

explosiones en el cielo sobre Jerusalén, y el ejército israelí dijo que Irán había lanzado misiles hacia el país.

Irán también ha atacado en toda la región. Por la mañana sonaron sirenas antiaéreas en todo el reino insular de Bahrein, sede de la 5ª Flota de la Marina de Estados Unidos.

Las autoridades dijeron que 32 personas fueron rescatadas del buque iraní que se reportó en apuros frente a la costa de Sri Lanka. No estaba claro de inmediato qué le ocurrió con el buque ni cuántas personas había a bordo. El ejército de Estados Unidos dijo anteriormente que ya había destruido 17 buques iraníes y que su objetivo era hundir “toda la Marina”.

Al menos 1.045 personas han muerto en Irán, dijo el miércoles la Fundación de Asuntos de Mártires y Veteranos de Irán; 11 en Israel; más de 50 en Líbano y seis soldados de Estados Unidos.

Los que permanecían en Teherán no saben qué hacer

Un residente de Teherán, que dirige una tienda de ropa, dijo que no sabía qué, si acaso, podía hacer

para protegerse del bombardeo. más alto desde julio de 2024.

“Es muy difícil decidir qué hacer. Si me voy de la ciudad, ¿cómo se supone que voy a ganar dinero y sobrevivir?”, dijo el hombre, que habló bajo condición de anonimato por temor a represalias.

“Sólo espero que los árabes no se involucren. Si lo hacen, sus misiles no serán tan precisos como estos”.

**El suministro de energía en la mira**

La Guardia Revolucionaria de Irán emitió su amenaza más intensa hasta ahora.

“La continua mala conducta y el engaño de Estados Unidos en la región tendrá como costo la destrucción completa de la infraestructura militar y económica de la región”, afirmó la organización paramilitar en un comunicado emitido a través de la televisora estatal.

Después de que Irán paralizó el paso de petroleros a través del Estrecho de Ormuz, la estrecha boca del Golfo Pérsico por la que pasa casi una quinta parte del petróleo mundial, los precios del crudo Brent subieron a 84 dólares por barril, más de un 15% desde el inicio del conflicto y en su nivel

Los mercados bursátiles mundiales han sido golpeados por las preocupaciones de que el aumento de los precios del petróleo pueda frenar la economía mundial y mermar las ganancias corporativas.

**Los clérigos de Irán están eligiendo a un nuevo líder supremo**

Los líderes iraníes trabajan para reemplazar con rapidez a Jamenei, quien gobernó el país durante 37 años, y murió el primer día de los ataques.

Es apenas la segunda vez desde la Revolución Islámica de 1979 que se elige a un nuevo líder supremo.

Los posibles candidatos van desde los de línea dura comprometidos con la confrontación con Occidente hasta reformistas que buscan un compromiso diplomático. Mojtaba Jamenei, un hijo del difunto ayatolá, desde hace tiempo ha sido considerado entre ellos, a pesar de que nunca ha sido elegido ni nombrado para un cargo gubernamental.



# 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."

# Milwaukee County Invites Community Input on Newly Released Draft Recommendations for Future State Project

Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley announced the release of draft recommendations aimed at strengthening the County's services, policies, practices, and organizational structure. These draft recommendations represent the next step toward advancing Milwaukee County's shared vision of becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

The draft recommendations are preliminary and will be further refined through robust community engagement over the coming months. This work is part of the Future State Project, a comprehensive effort to reimagine how Milwaukee County serves everyone who lives, works, and plays in our community. The draft recommendations cover several areas, including community engagement, County operations, housing, legal services, parks, public health, social services, transit, and the zoo.

The draft recommendations were developed by consultants BerryDunn and Kairo Communications. They were informed by the Current State

Assessment and Gap Analysis report, which gives an overview of County programs and services while identifying gaps and opportunities for improvement. The draft recommendations are also shaped by research on racial equity programming and services as well as overall health and quality of life in other communities across the country.

"As we consider the Future State Project's draft recommendations, Milwaukee County recognizes that our path forward must reflect the perspectives and lived experience of people across our vibrant and diverse community," said County Executive David Crowley. "I encourage residents to get involved and share their thoughts and reflections on these draft recommendations. Everyone has a unique point of view to contribute, as we chart a course together towards a healthier future for Milwaukee County."

Residents are invited to get involved and provide feedback on the draft recommendations in four ways.

**1. Review the draft recommendations.** Visit the Future State website to read the draft

recommendations and learn more about the Future State project: [county.milwaukee.gov/FutureStateProject](http://county.milwaukee.gov/FutureStateProject).

**2. Complete a survey.** Residents can share input on the draft recommendations through an online survey. The survey is available [HERE](#) and will be available until Friday, April 3, 2026.

**3. Register to attend one of six community listening sessions.** During the listening sessions, the Future State Project team will briefly present on the draft recommendations. Most of the session will focus on hearing attendees' reflections on the draft recommendations. Below are the details for the upcoming Future State community listening sessions. Registration is strongly encouraged to ensure all attendees can be comfortably accommodated.

Listening session registration is available. **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM:** Franklin Public Library, Fadrow Room, 9151 W. Loomis Road, Franklin

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM:** Kosciuszko Community Center, Community Room, 2201 S. 7th St, Milwaukee

**Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM:** Brown Deer Public Library, Community Room, 4301 W. Brown Deer Road, Brown Deer

**Monday, March 9, 2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM:** Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street, Milwaukee

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM:** Hosted by 5Points Neighborhood Association at Grace Fellowship Church of Milwaukee, 3879 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee

**Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM:** ThriveOn King, Neighborhood Hall, 2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Milwaukee

County believes that

achieving equity in all measurable areas is essential to becoming the healthiest county in Wisconsin. This community engagement effort is a crucial step in understanding the needs and perspectives of County residents to ensure that our policies and programs are effective and inclusive. Questions can be directed to the Future State Project team at [SHFutureStateProject@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:SHFutureStateProject@milwaukeecountywi.gov).

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## GET INVOLVED IN FUTURE STATE PROJECT

The Future State Project explores how Milwaukee County can change its services, policies, practices, and organizational structure to become the healthiest county in Wisconsin.

**Join the conversation to change how Milwaukee County serves our community now and in the future.**

**READ THE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Visit the Future State website to learn about proposed changes for Milwaukee County.

**REGISTER FOR LISTENING SESSIONS**  
Hear a Future State presentation and share your thoughts on the recommendations.

**COMPLETE THE SURVEY**  
Use the QR code to fill out a survey and tell Milwaukee County what you think about the recommendations by Friday, April 3rd.

**SPREAD THE WORD**  
Invite others to participate! Everyone has a role in shaping the future of Milwaukee County.








# Comunidad Latina brilla en “Noche Latina” con los Milwaukee Bucks



La energía, el orgullo y la unidad de la comunidad latina del sur de Milwaukee se hicieron sentir con fuerza durante la reciente celebración de “Noche Latina” en el partido de los Milwaukee Bucks. Lo que comenzó como un evento especial dentro de la temporada regular se transformó en una

poderosa demostración de identidad cultural y apoyo comunitario. Organizado con la participación activa de emprendedores y líderes locales como Cultura Printing Studio, el evento reunió a empresarios, vendedores, familias y amigos que acudieron para representar con orgullo sus raíces. Desde

personalizadas hasta productos de pequeñas marcas locales, los vendedores exhibieron su trabajo ante cientos de asistentes que respondieron con entusiasmo y respaldo. “La energía fue inigualable y la unidad, innegable”, expresaron organizadores tras la jornada. Muchos destacaron que la

presencia latina se sintió en cada rincón del estadio, convirtiendo la noche en algo más que un simple partido de baloncesto. Además de celebrar la cultura, la velada sirvió como plataforma para fortalecer la colaboración entre emprendedores locales y promover el movimiento de apoyar lo local en

Milwaukee. Para muchos participantes, la noche representó un mensaje claro: la comunidad latina está presente, unida y dejando huella en la ciudad. Más que un evento deportivo, “Noche Latina” fue una declaración de orgullo cultural y crecimiento colectivo.

Los organizadores aseguran que este es solo el comienzo y que continuarán impulsando espacios donde la cultura, el emprendimiento y la comunidad sigan elevándose juntos. “Que viva nuestra cultura. Que viva nuestra raza”, fue el sentir que marcó una noche inolvidable en Milwaukee.

## With 100 days to go, World Cup faces new challenges



Here’s a look at some of the issues drawing scrutiny as the countdown began. **A backdrop of geopolitical tension** It’s not unusual for international politics to overshadow a global sports event like the World Cup — at least in the early stages before the soccer action takes over the headlines. In 2022, Qatar’s treatment of migrant workers and the LGBTQ+ community drew headlines off the field. LGBTQ+

rights, the annexation of Crimea and the poisoning of a spy in Britain were in focus when Russia hosted the tournament in 2018. In Brazil in 2014 and South Africa in 2010 there were concerns about crime and security. The 2026 tournament looks set to kick off amid a backdrop of political tensions involving the U.S. and the participating nations. Many have been hit by tariffs. Some are facing travel restrictions.

Denmark, which can still qualify through playoffs in March, has been shaken by President Donald Trump’s calls for the U.S. to take over Greenland. And with 100 days to go, the U.S. was in a military conflict with Iran, one of the first teams to qualify. **Iran’s status at the World Cup is unclear** Iran is set to play two group stage games in Inglewood, California, and one in Seattle. However, whether the Iranian team will come to the U.S. is

uncertain. “What is certain is that after this attack, we cannot be expected to look forward to the World Cup with hope,” Iran’s top soccer official, Mehdi Taj, said last weekend as the U.S. and Israel launched coordinated attacks that killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and dozens more senior officials. Still, Iran has not announced it is withdrawing from the tournament, which no team that qualified has done in the past 75 years. Iran, the second-highest ranked team in Asia, was drawn in a group with Belgium, Egypt and New Zealand. “I really don’t care,” if Iran participates, Trump told Politico on Tuesday. “I think Iran is a very badly defeated country. They’re running on fumes.” FIFA did not immediately respond to a request on whether

Iran federation officials attended the Atlanta workshop. **Cartel violence in Mexico** Mexico’s ability to co-host the World Cup has been under scrutiny after a surge in violence last week in the state of Jalisco following the military’s killing of a powerful cartel boss. The state’s capital, Guadalajara, is set to host four matches during the group stage. Mexico’s government insists the World Cup won’t be affected and President Claudia Sheinbaum said there’s no risk for fans coming to the tournament. Infantino told Sheinbaum that he has full confidence in Mexico as a World Cup host. The FIFA leader has repeatedly promised the 2026 World Cup will be the greatest and most

inclusive. **Pushback against FIFA’s ticket prices** FIFA has about 7 million seats to fill for the World Cup matches and said last month it received 500 million ticket requests. FIFA president Gianni Infantino has proclaimed all 104 games are sold out and yet some fans received emails last week offering an extra 48-hour window for tickets sales. FIFA’s prices in December ranged up to \$8,680 per ticket. After criticism, FIFA said it will offer a few hundred \$60 tickets for every game to the 48 national federations in the tournament. Those federations will decide how to distribute them to their most loyal fans who attended previous games. Most seats on FIFA’s ticket resale platform — seeking to cut out the secondary market and earn FIFA extra 15% fees from buyers and sellers — are well past the \$1,000 mark.



## 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

for her work. She has 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.

# AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE AMPHITHEATER HEADLINERS



**SAHBABII** JUNE 19



**CHE** JUNE 19



**SOFAYGO** JUNE 19



**SOSOCAMO** JUNE 19



**CHASE B** JUNE 19



**LELO** JUNE 19



**CARÍN LEÓN** JUNE 20



**ED SHEERAN** JUNE 25



**MYLES SMITH** JUNE 25



**CODY JOHNSON** JUNE 26



**JESSIE MURPH** JUNE 26



**POST MALONE** JUNE 27



**CARTER FAITH** JUNE 27



**MUSE** JULY 2



**ALEX WARREN** JULY 3



**JELLY ROLL** JULY 4



**TYLER HUBBARD** JULY 4



**2026 LINEUP**

# FESTIVAL STAGE HEADLINERS



**CHARLIE WILSON** JUNE 18



**STYX** JUNE 19



**DAVID LEE ROTH** JUNE 20



**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

# 2026 LINEUP

**GENERAL ADMISSION**



**AMPHITHEATER**



# TICKETS

**Sylvia Ortiz-Velez**

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de voto.

Asimismo, ha impulsado iniciativas como aumentar las penas por conducción temeraria, asegurar fondos para víctimas de violencia doméstica, proteger la seguridad de los jueces, fortalecer las

leyes de financiamiento de campañas y promover vivienda accesible. Ha coautoría proyectos para permitir que beneficiarios de DACA trabajen en profesiones protegidas como policía y enfermería, y ha votado a favor de mapas electorales más justos que buscan representar

mejor a los votantes de Wisconsin.

En 2025, Ortiz-Velez introdujo una Resolución Conjunta para designar del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre como el Mes de la Herencia Hispana en Wisconsin, destacando las contribuciones económicas y culturales

de las comunidades hispanas y latinas a lo largo del estado. En años recientes, también ha habido tensiones dentro de la legislatura con algunos colegas y caucus políticos. En 2025, se separó del caucus demócrata de la Asamblea después de un desacuerdo con

otros legisladores sobre resoluciones legislativas, y fue objeto de controversia por comentarios descritos por líderes como “hipérbole mal expresada”. Ella negó comentarios violentos y continúa identificándose como demócrata.

En su tiempo libre,

Sylvia disfruta estar con su familia y amigos, practicar kayak y pasar tiempo al aire libre.

Para contactar a la oficina de la representante Ortiz-Velez: Correo electrónico: rep.ortiz-velez@legis.wisconsin.gov. Teléfono: (608) 237-9108.

**ICE Out Milwaukee**

From Front Page

said this is “completely different” than the COVID-19 mask mandate.

“We’re talking about not your regular person wearing a medical mask. This is a person of authority with arresting authority,” Dimitrijevic said. “Authorities should always display their identity, and so that anyone can properly see who is possibly going to be arresting them or detaining them. That is scary. We don’t want a secret police anywhere in this city.”

What they’re

saying:

Some leaders said they want to block ICE from city property.

A similar action taken recently by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, which passed legislation barring law enforcement from staging in county parks without authorization. County attorneys said the ordinance could not single out ICE and instead had to apply to all law enforcement agencies.

As the city explores its legal options, Dimitrijevic

said proposals would

undergo review.

“This is being drafted as we speak. We look at what the county just did. We do have jurisdiction over city property, we will look at a permitting way, we will look at adding transparency,” she said. “The people have the right to know how they’re local resources are being used. So we can promise you that every piece of this legislation will be drafted, discussed, legally reviewed.”

Some questioned whether the effort could invite increased federal attention.

“We have got to prepare, should there be a surge here,” Zamarripa said. “We can’t just ring our hands and cross our fingers that there’s not going to be a surge, and then it’s upon us, and we’re not prepared whatsoever.”

Dig deeper:

Milwaukee Police Association President Alexander Ayala said officers would face limits on how they could respond.

“We’re not going to sit here and arrest ICE agents at a protest. That’s not our job. That’s an illegal order,”

he said. “Who’s going

to fine them? It’s not going to be MPD. How do you fine the federal government? An officer is not going to write a ticket and then give it to an ICE officer.”

Dimitrijevic said the intent is to create a framework residents can understand, even if it is never used.

“We hope we never have to use it,” she said. “We hope that they don’t come. But the people of our city want a plan and this is the beginning of a plan.”

While not discussed publicly Wednesday, lawmakers are also reported to be reviewing

whether to use authority granted under Wisconsin’s Act 12 to modify Milwaukee Police Department standard operating procedures – potentially requiring officers to intervene if they witness federal agents using inappropriate force.

What’s next:

Any proposal would still need to be written, introduced, debated in committee, opened to public hearings, approved by the Common Council and signed by the mayor, who has not yet seen the draft language.

## Second Ellen & Joe Checota MATC Scholarship Program is Largest Scholarship Program in MATC History



Ellen and Joe Checota and the Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) announced the launch of the largest scholarship program in MATC history. The Second Ellen & Joe Checota MATC Scholarship Program will provide comprehensive support to students in need who are enrolled in the MATC trade and technical programs.

The Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program will provide \$15 million for scholarships for MATC students who require

trade and technical certificates and degrees in order to achieve meaningful employment or career advancement.

Ellen and Joe Checota will provide a \$5 million gift and MATC will provide a \$5 million contribution to fund the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program. Together these funds will serve as a two for-one \$5 million matching challenge to the MATC Foundation and other donors. Each time funds that are donated to MATC through the MATC Foundation total \$500,000 of the \$5 million matching challenge, \$500,000 of the Ellen and Joe Checota \$5 million gift and \$500,000 of the MATC \$5 million contribution will be donated to the Second Checota MATC

Scholarship Program.

The MATC \$5 million contribution is limited to \$1 million per year.

The Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program is a comprehensive scholarship program that will fund the cost of tuition, books, supplies, meals, transportation and child care.

Like the \$8.5 million Ellen & Joe Checota MATC Scholarship Program the Checotas established three and one-half years ago, the MATC trade and technical students who receive financial support from the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program will be able to achieve meaningful employment in a wide range of trade and technical occupations, including carpenters,

plumbers, electricians, medical and dental assistants, website developers, property managers, welders and auto mechanics.

The Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program will place special emphasis on employment opportunities that are associated with manufacturing and construction.

The funds of the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program will be last dollar funds. All state, federal and other available financial support must be exhausted before the funds of the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program are utilized.

MATC students must maintain a C average and earn 9 credits each semester to qualify for the

continuation of financial support from the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program.

MATC will administer the distribution of the funds of the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program to qualified MATC trade and technical students.

In announcing the \$5 million MATC contribution and \$5 million Ellen and Joe Checota gift, MATC President Anthony Cruz said, “As we look to the future of the Milwaukee Area Technical College, the Second Ellen & Joe Checota MATC Scholarship Program is about honoring a legacy while investing in possibility. This scholarship opens doors for students who have the talent and determination to succeed but need financial support to stay

on their path. When we sustain opportunities like this, we change lives, strengthen families and build a more vibrant Milwaukee for generations to come”.

Joe Checota said, “Ellen and I established our two MATC scholarship programs to provide financial support to our fellow Milwaukee citizens who need a leg up to improve their lives and the lives of their families. The First Checota MATC Scholarship Program helped change the lives of 1,200 greater Milwaukee residents and their families, and we believe the Second Checota MATC Scholarship Program will help change the lives of an additional 2,500 greater Milwaukee residents and their families.”

# The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts Announces

The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts (SLWCA) is pleased to announce that Kortney Hamm has joined the organization as Executive Director. In this role, Kortney will guide the organization's strategic vision toward continued growth. Working closely with staff, the Board of Directors, and the broader community, she will expand SLWCA's visibility and strengthen its comprehensive offerings in arts education, high-quality performances, and community engagement throughout southeast Wisconsin. Kortney brings an extensive track record of building and leading high-performing nonprofit teams, most recently serving as Executive Director of the Upper Plains Region for Blood Cancer United. In prior leadership roles, she achieved double-digit year-over-year growth, guiding her most recent region from \$6 million to more than \$9 million in revenue over the past four years. She is widely recognized for her strategic leadership and revenue accomplishments and is excited to bring her experience to support this exceptional organization in Brookfield. Wilson Center Board Chair, David Konkel said "Kortney is an outstanding leader and the right choice for SLWCA. She has a proven record building outstanding teams, growing support, and leading with clarity and care. We're excited to welcome her and to partner closely with her as she helps build momentum for our 25th anniversary." This marks an exciting and pivotal moment for the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center as the organization commences a five-year strategic plan, with preparations already underway to honor and celebrate their milestone 25th anniversary in 2027. Welcoming a new leader at this critical time helps build momentum for the celebration and the promising future. "The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts has been a cherished cornerstone of the Waukesha community and Southeast Wisconsin", said Hamm. "The opportunity to ensure our community has access to educational resources, meaningful creative outlets, and a welcoming space to grow personally is something I care deeply about. I am truly honored to lead this organization toward sustainable, consistent growth and beyond." Hamm is a proud member of TEMPO Milwaukee and remains active in her community. She currently resides in Pewaukee with her family and has long valued the arts experiences offered by the Wilson Center. Meet the new Executive Director. The public is invited to meet the Kortney Hamm, Executive Director, at the 2026/27 Wilson Center Season Announce on Tuesday, April 14. Doors and Bar open at 6pm. Event begins at 7pm. RSVP here. About the Wilson Center: The purpose of the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is to enrich lives and strengthen community through the arts. The Wilson Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization situated in a beautiful 400-acre park in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Recognized as a cultural anchor in Southeast Wisconsin, the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts serves as a catalyst for lifelong discovery and exploration of the arts. This nonprofit serves more than 55,000 people annually, including 10,000 students. The Wilson Center focuses on three main disciplines: performing arts, arts education, and visual arts.

# Council adopts legislation in opposition to We Energies' 75/25 plan



Today (Tuesday, March 3), the Common Council unanimously adopted among members present file #251889 – a resolution expressing opposition to the Wisconsin Electric Power Company proposal before the Public Service Commission (PSC). The file, authored by Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, follows the Alderwoman's written testimony to the PSC in opposition to the proposal. The file is co-sponsored by Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderman Alex Brower, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderwoman Sharlen Moore, Alderperson JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderman Peter Burgelis, and Alderwoman Larresa Taylor. The Wisconsin Electric Power Company has requested that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin approve a proposal that would establish a very large customer and bespoke resources tariff system, in the context of providing electricity to customers such as data centers. Under the current proposal, average customers could be left footing a portion of the bill for data centers. "Large data center customers should be required to pay 100% of all incremental and fixed costs required to serve them, full stop," said Alderwoman Dimitrijevic. "Currently, aspects of the proposal put average customers at risk of paying additional costs to support the electricity and infrastructure needs of large data centers. Because of this, it was necessary to put the city on record as objecting to this proposal unless it is substantially altered. Ratepayers have no business shouldering corporate risk." "Milwaukee families are already paying too much to keep the lights on, and we should not shift more financial risk onto residents," said Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II. "We must also seriously examine the health and environmental factors associated with these large data centers. Our residents deserve to know the entire picture up front." The Executive Director of the Citizens Utility Board of Wisconsin previously noted concerns over loopholes believed to exist under the current proposal. Additionally, a utility auditor for the PSC testified to the PSC that if data centers use less power than expected, terminate service early, or leave the state, other customers could still be paying plant and fuel costs associated with the data centers. According to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, energy burdens above 6 percent are considered high. A 2021 report from Data You Can Use found that many low-income Milwaukee households spend 15 to 20 percent of their income on energy bills, far above the national median of roughly 3 percent. Council action today underscores the belief that this is unacceptable in a city where families are already struggling to afford basic utilities. Alderwoman Dimitrijevic also authored legislation, introduced on Tuesday, to enact a pause on potential large-scale data center construction in the City. This pause would be intended to give the City time to develop comprehensive standards for large-scale data centers and ensure that this type of land use is compatible with the health, safety, and well-being of residents. The file will be heard before the Council's Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee at a future meeting.

**ATTENTION: SBE**

**Subcontractors & Suppliers**

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:

**PROJECTS:** Milwaukee Habitat TID-119, 124 & 59 Homes

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

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

**PRE-BID MEETING:**

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

**INCLUSION REQUIREMENTS:**

25% City of Milwaukee SBE  
40% of workforce hours by RPP  
City of Milwaukee Living Wage

*Notice is given that portions of this project will be funded by various public grants and sources, including but not limited to HOME, SHOP, TIF, and/or other municipal, state, and federal funds. Preference is given to any offers of in-kind services.*

**NOTICE**

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is requesting proposals for **RECYCLING and TRASH ISPOSAL at various**, 1124 N. 11th Street, Milwaukee, WI. Project scope, proposal requirements and guidelines may be obtained online at: <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>, **THEN:**

1. Click on "All Public Jobs".
2. Search for the project listed above.

3. **OR** paper copies may be obtained from 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Monday through Friday from A/E Graphics, Inc.; 4075 North 124th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005; phone (262) 781-7744; fax (262) 781- 4250. Call A/E Graphics, Inc. for availability of proposal documents.

The **HUB** requirements for this contract is **4%**

The minimum **Student Participation** requirements for this contract are:

**Paid Emploment: 800 Hours**  
**Educational Activities: 10 Hours**

A virtual pre-proposal conference will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 as outlines in the RFP

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

**ATTENTION:**

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SDVOSB/VOB/WBE**

**Subcontractors & Suppliers**

Pepper Construction is requesting bids/quotes from subcontractors and suppliers for the following project:

**Bucks Block Five Mixed Use Development**

1225 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53212.  
Construction of a 7-story, mixed-use, 269-unit multifamily building with precast parking structure, gymnasium & commercial spaces.

**PRE-BID QUESTIONS DUE: 11/25/2025**

**BID DUE DATE: 12/04/2025 at 12:00 pm via email to Brandon Applebee at [bapplebee@pepperconstruction.com](mailto:bapplebee@pepperconstruction.com)**

**CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: April 2026 – April 2028**

**OWNER / DEVELOPER:**  
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## Man dies after shooting at Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee



The man critically injured in a shooting at Aurora Sinai Medical Center near 12th and State in Milwaukee on Monday, March 2, has died.

**The backstory:** According to Milwaukee police, two people were shot at the hospital around 2:15 a.m. on Monday. Robinson was

initially treated at that hospital for life-threatening injuries before being transferred to another hospital for higher care. He succumbed to his injuries Monday afternoon. A second victim, a 38-year-old, is being treated for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

Milwaukee police District Attorney's Office took a 38-year-old man into custody in connection with this shooting. The circumstances that led up to the shooting are under investigation. Charges will be reviewed by the Milwaukee County

# 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.



map not to scale



MCTS is working with the I-94 East-West project team to plan for and give advance notice of Transit impacts throughout the project. For the latest boarding information and trip-planning updates, please visit [RideMCTS.com/Alerts](https://RideMCTS.com/Alerts) or use the Umo app.



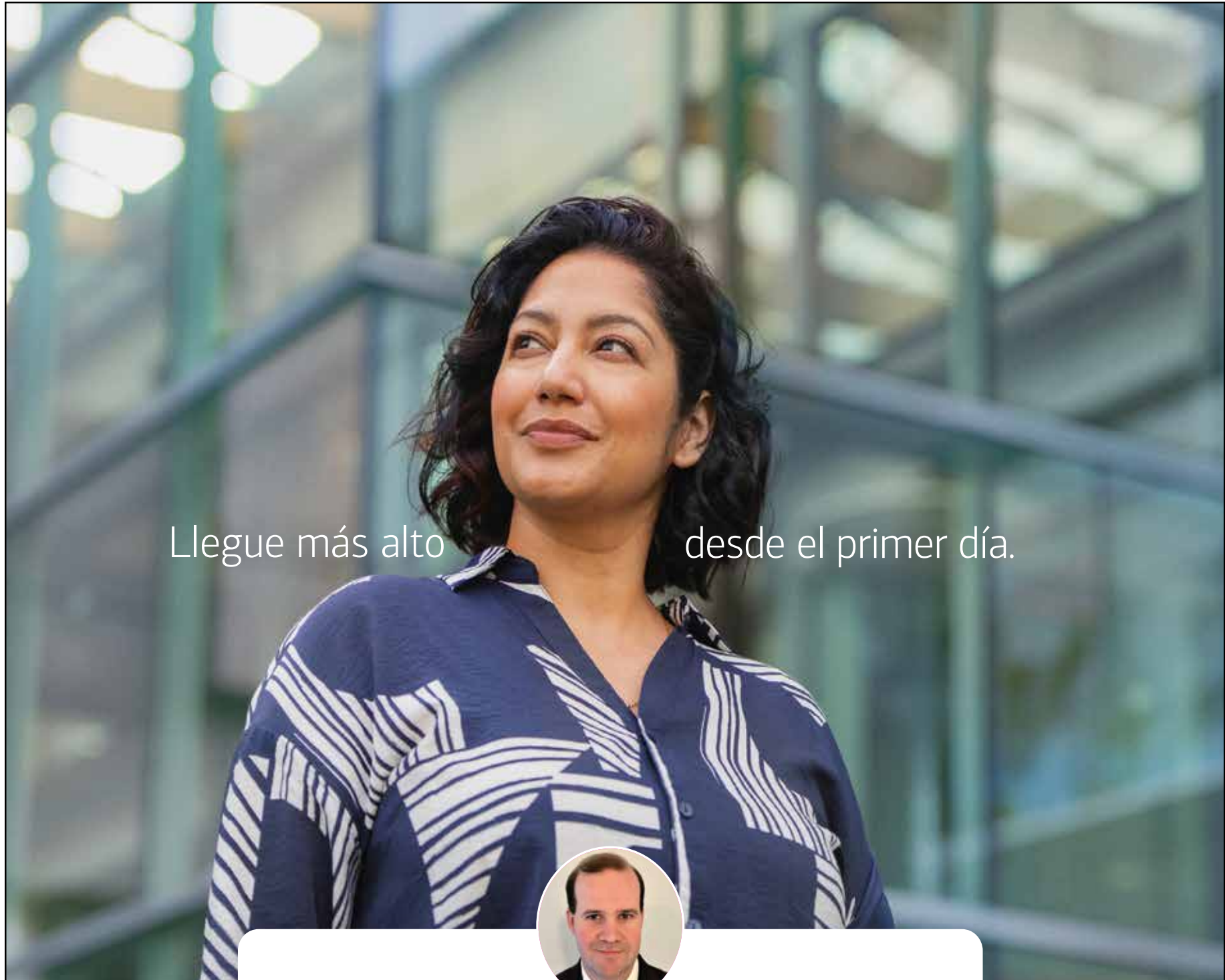
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Scan the QR code for more information, or go to the project website at: [94eastwest.wisconsin.gov](https://94eastwest.wisconsin.gov)



### For Construction Questions: HEATHER WEBER

Public Involvement Contact  
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