



# Milwaukee Begins Major Reconstruction of W. National Ave



The City of Milwaukee, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, has officially launched a major reconstruction project along W. National Avenue, a key transportation corridor on the city's south side. The project, which began April 6, will rebuild approximately 2.6 miles of roadway between South 39th Street and South 1st Street and is expected to continue through 2028.

Construction is starting with eastbound lanes between South 39th and South 27th streets, bringing immediate traffic impacts to commuters and nearby residents. Officials say the long-term goal is to improve safety, accessibility, and efficiency for all users, including drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. National Avenue currently serves as a four-lane undivided arterial roadway, but the redesign will reduce sections to two lanes to better manage traffic flow and enhance safety. The project will be completed in three phases over three years. The first segment, from 39th to 27th Street, is scheduled for 2026. Work between 11th and 1st streets will follow in 2027, with the final stretch from 27th to 11th streets planned for 2028. City officials say this phased approach will help minimize disruptions while allowing continuous progress. Planned improvements include

the addition of a raised, protected bike lane, upgraded bus stops to maintain and improve transit service, and enhanced pedestrian features such as curb extensions, raised crosswalks, and high-visibility markings. The project will also bring all sidewalks and curb ramps up to ADA standards, replace aging pavement and sewer infrastructure, and modernize street lighting and traffic signals.

The reconstruction is expected to cost roughly \$37.8 million, with a large portion funded through a \$25 million federal grant aimed at improving infrastructure and reconnecting communities. Additional funding will come from state and local sources, reflecting a

broader investment in Milwaukee's transportation network. Residents and business owners along the corridor should expect periodic road closures, parking restrictions, and detours throughout construction. While some local businesses have expressed concerns about reduced access during construction, city leaders emphasize that the long-term improvements are expected to boost economic activity and make the corridor more inviting for visitors and customers. Public transit will continue operating throughout the project, with adjustments made as needed to accommodate construction zones.

Milwaukee County will maintain service along National Avenue, though riders may experience temporary stop relocations or minor delays. Officials say maintaining reliable transit access is a priority, particularly for residents who depend on public transportation for daily travel. City leaders also emphasize that community feedback has played a role in shaping the project's final design. Public meetings held over several years allowed residents to voice concerns about speeding, pedestrian safety, and accessibility. As construction progresses, officials encourage continued public engagement to ensure the project meets

Milwaukee County community needs while transforming National Avenue into a safer, more modern corridor. "This project represents a significant investment in Milwaukee's infrastructure and community safety," project leaders said, noting that the improvements are designed to serve the area for decades to come. Officials are urging residents to stay informed as construction progresses by signing up for project updates and checking for changes in traffic patterns and parking regulations. They also encourage drivers to use caution when traveling through work zones and to allow extra time for commutes.

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# 2026 CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

W. National Avenue, S. 39th - S. 27th Street



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## About the Project

The City of Milwaukee, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is rebuilding 2.6 miles of W. National Avenue (WIS 59) from S. 39th Street to S. 1st Street. Construction will occur over three years in three segments, beginning in 2026 between S. 39th and S. 27th Street.

## Reconstruction Work Includes

- Reduced number of travel lanes from 4-lanes to 2-lanes between S. 33rd Street and S. 27th Street
- Addition of raised protected bike track
- Maintain MCTS transit operations and improve bus stop features
- Addition of pedestrian roadway crossing safety features like curb extensions, raised crosswalks, flashing beacons, and high visibility crosswalk markings
- Replace all pedestrian curb ramps with improved features
- Improve street lighting, and updating traffic signals
- Replace all roadside pavement, curb, sidewalk, and driveway approaches, as well as storm sewers at select locations

## Construction Impacts & Schedule

Construction for this segment of the project is anticipated to begin in April 2026 and be completed in December 2026.



During construction, single one-way lane of traffic will be maintained through the work zone, with westbound traffic open during eastbound construction and vice versa. Greenfield Ave will be the signed detour route.



MCTS Route 18 will detour off National Avenue using Greenfield Avenue from Miller Parkway to Layton Boulevard, serving temporary stops along the way. Detour updates can be found at [RideMCTS.com/Alerts](https://RideMCTS.com/Alerts) or on the Umo App.



Access to all businesses and residences will be maintained. Detours will be posted if a sidewalk is anticipated to be impacted for longer than 24-hours.



On-street parking on National Ave will be limited for the safety of the public and construction team. There are various alternative parking lots and on-street parking on side streets available.

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#### Construction Kick-Off Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mitchell Park Domes

524 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215

Format: Presentation from 6:00-6:30pm, Q&A Open House to follow

### 39th - 33rd Street



### 33rd - 27th Street



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# FLOODING ALERT: WisDOT urges caution as highways close due to flooding

Multiple highways of Transportation are currently closed in northeast and north central Wisconsin due to flooding. Due to the potential for more rainfall, other areas of the state could be impacted as conditions change over the coming hours and days. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) encourages drivers to be aware of changing travel conditions and “know before you go” with 511 Wisconsin at [511wi.gov](https://511wi.gov) or via the free mobile app. Motorists are reminded not to drive through standing water

or around barriers. Follow designated detour routes as many state, county and local roads are experiencing flooding. As crews respond to storm damage and cleanup efforts, motorists are urged to move over or slow down for responder vehicles with flashing lights and

watch out for crews working alongside roadways. It’s common for roads to be flooded during or after heavy rains. According to the National Weather Service, more than half of all flood fatalities are vehicle-related. Motorists are advised:

- Never drive into standing water. It only takes a foot of rushing water to sweep away or float most cars and just two feet of rushing water can carry away SUVs and trucks.
- Just six inches of floodwater will reach the bottom of most passenger cars,

- causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- If you see barriers, turn around and find another route. Roads could be washed out under the water.
- Never walk in flood waters. Just six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock over an adult.



**Noticias de México**

# Aquí tienes el título optimizado y mucho más directo:

La presidenta de México, Claudia Sheinbaum, ha dado el primer paso para extraer gas natural a través del fracking en México. La mandataria ha presentado este miércoles al comité que evaluará la factibilidad de esta técnica en el país. Una docena de investigadores de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM), del Instituto Politécnico Nacional (IPN), así como del Instituto Mexicano del Petróleo, entre otros centros, se encargarán de analizar la hoja de ruta del Gobierno federal. Los integrantes de este comité están especializados en geología, manejo de residuos, tratamientos de aguas y mineralogía e hidrocarburos y otras ramas. “Es un ejercicio inédito. Científicos y académicos nos van a ayudar a evaluar en qué condiciones es factible explotar el fracking”, indicó la mandataria en su habitual conferencia en Palacio Nacional.

La encomienda es que los especialistas presenten su primer dictamen en los próximos dos meses. El rector de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Unam), Leonardo Lomelí, explicó que se pondrá el mejor empeño para calcular los costos y beneficios para poder aprovechar el gas natural mediante el fracking. “En los costos hay que tomar en cuenta el costo social, el costo ambiental, tener presentes las tecnologías que nos permiten minimizar estos costos y las opciones para mitigar los costos. En línea con el Ejecutivo, el titular de

la principal Universidad de México defendió la importancia de la soberanía energética y no depender en exceso del exterior, es decir, de las importaciones de gas natural de Estados Unidos.

En un viraje respecto al sexenio de Andrés Manuel López Obrador, el Gobierno de Sheinbaum ha abierto

la puerta a la extracción de gas natural mediante el fracking, un método muy señalado en el mundo por colectivos ambientalistas debido al uso de grandes volúmenes de agua y de aditivos tóxicos para la fractura hidráulica. Frente a estas críticas, Sheinbaum ha asegurado que este método se realizará en el país con criterios ambientales que

garanticen la protección del entorno, por ello, se tomarán en cuenta las recomendaciones de este grupo de especialistas, que trabajarán durante dos meses en este ambicioso plan. En este primer grupo de trabajo no se incluyó a personal de la paraestatal Pemex, los integrantes de este comité se han desempeñado, principalmente, en los pasillos de la academia

y la investigación.

Cuestionada por las críticas de colectivos por los impactos medioambientales de esta técnica, la presidenta ha subrayado que ahora es posible considerar el fracking porque existen nuevas tecnologías, las cuales resultan menos lesivas para las comunidades.

“Estamos involucrando a los mejores científicos de

México para que nos digan si, en efecto, hay nuevas tecnologías para la explotación del gas no convencional y en dónde sería viable explotarlo y seguir trabajando con ellos para que nos sigan asesorando”, indicó.

La mandataria reconoció que ella, durante muchos años, se opuso a esta tecnología, pero cambió de opinión al conocer que existen nuevas tecnologías.

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Noticias de Puerto Rico

Llegan a finca en Morovis para sembrar cultivos destinados a los adultos mayores

“Muchas veces de orientación a los las familias necesitan escuchar no solo orientación clínica, sino también la voz de alguien que les diga: ‘yo estuve ahí y sí se puede’.

Ese acompañamiento entre pares tiene un valor inmenso”, expresó por su parte, Johanie Carrasquillo, quien lidera la iniciativa y se desempeña como supervisora clínica, con más de una década de experiencia como coordinadora de trasplantes.

El grupo de apoyo proyecta mover sus encuentros a distintas regiones de la Isla, a través de las clínicas satélite del programa. La próxima reunión está programada para el 23 de abril, y se anticipa que a finales de mayo se visite la zona suroeste, programando el encuentro en la clínica satélite de San Germán, para luego llegar a la de Fajardo y a la de Ponce, municipios en los que están estos centros, con el propósito de facilitar el proceso

de orientación a los pacientes que requieren un trasplante sin que tengan que trasladarse a San Juan.

Las personas interesadas en recibir orientación o integrarse a esta iniciativa pueden comunicarse al (787) 771-7575, extensiones 9068 y 9021.

En el evento, que marcó el inicio de la celebración del Mes del Planeta Tierra, se sembraron unos 40 árboles frutales, que se suman a un centenar cultivados previamente por voluntarios de Happy Givers.

Entre las variedades de árboles y plantas figuran mangó, guanábana, carambola, limón, pana, aguacate y calabaza, alimentos seleccionados tomando en consideración el paladar de dicho sector poblacional y las temperaturas de la zona. Se contempla que la cosecha esté lista para finales de año.

“Esta iniciativa nos permite acercarnos aún más a esa realidad

y responder con acciones concretas que lleven alimento, acompañamiento y esperanza a los adultos mayores que muchas veces enfrentan el abandono y la pobreza en silencio”, agregó Rodríguez.

Esta iniciativa marca el inicio de una alianza entre la organización Happy Givers y las principales líneas de Master que abarcan productos para la siembra y cultivo bajo la marca Terramix, pintura Master Paints, productos cementicios y selladores de techo Masterflex para desarrollar otros esfuerzos dirigidos a mejorar la calidad de vida de adultos mayores en condiciones vulnerables.

Entre estos se contemplan la reparación de viviendas en condiciones críticas, huertos comunitarios, el cultivo de suelos agrícolas y el sellado de techos en residencias previamente evaluadas por Happy Givers y clasificadas como de



condición crítica o de alto riesgo para sus ocupantes.

Actualmente, Happy Givers ofrece almuerzos diarios a más de 300 adultos mayores en los municipios de Vega Baja y Vega Alta. Con esta nueva finca, la organización amplía su capacidad de producir alimentos frescos para beneficio de comunidades vulnerables en la zona montañosa.

Como parte del esfuerzo, Terramix donó fertilizantes, tierra y materia vegetal o “mulches”, para prevenir la erosión y enriquecer el suelo además de movilizar a unos 25

empleados voluntarios que participaron activamente en las labores de siembra en Morovis.

Terramix produce mezclas de sustrato destinadas a la elaboración de compostas y al cultivo de vegetales, hierbas y flores. “Apoyar una agricultura sustentable y que esto se convierta en fuente de alimento para nuestros adultos mayores nos llena de satisfacción. En Master creemos en el empoderamiento de las organizaciones y las comunidades. Como parte de nuestra responsabilidad social, apoyamos acciones que hagan posible

esa transformación”, expresó René Cardona, gerente de Terramix.

Happy Givers se sostiene exclusivamente de donativos privados y un modelo de economía circular mediante el cual vende productos cosechados para reinvertir esos fondos en sus programas de ayuda.

La organización cuenta con el respaldo de un equipo de profesionales de trabajo social y decenas de voluntarios que ofrecen apoyo psicosocial y asistencia directa a adultos mayores que viven solos y en pobreza, con el objetivo de proveerles condiciones de vida dignas.

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# How AI Is Changing Non-Clinical Work: What Billing, Scheduling, and Intake Staff Should Expect

By Judith

Spanish Journal — Healthcare Workforce Trends

Current trends suggest that artificial intelligence (AI) is widely regarded as the future of medicine. While much of the focus is on advanced applications such as diagnostics, imaging, and virtual care, I believe some of the most significant advancements are occurring in the quieter, more familiar area of the healthcare system: the non-clinical workforce.

Currently, in clinics, hospitals, and health systems, roles such as schedulers, billers, patient access teams, and intake staff are seeing some of the earliest and most visible changes. These roles, which support care behind the scenes, are where AI is already transforming everyday tasks, usually in ways that are more practical than headline-grabbing.

## AI in Scheduling: Shorter Wait Times and Fewer Errors

Traditional Scheduling	AI-Supported Scheduling
Phone Calls Only	Chatbot & self-service
Manual Calendar checks	Automated slot matching
Long hold times	24/7 access
Guessing no-shows	No-show prediction

In my experience working in healthcare, scheduling remains one of the most strained areas. In many organizations, appointments still rely heavily on phone calls. For patients, that often means long hold times and repeated attempts to get through. For front-office staff, it means constant pressure to move quickly while juggling interruptions, cancellations, and last-minute changes.

AI-supported scheduling tools are beginning to ease some of that burden. These tools can handle routine appointment requests, offer self-service options outside normal business hours, and help identify patients who may be likely to miss appointments. They can also suggest appointment slots based on urgency and provider availability.

What matters most is what these tools don't do. They don't replace schedulers. Instead, they reduce the volume of repetitive tasks, allowing staff to focus on complex scheduling needs, patient questions, and situations that require human judgment, areas

where experience and communication matter most.

## AI in Billing: Fewer Denials and Faster Payments

Traditional Scheduling	AI-Supported Scheduling
Manual Code Review	Automated cpde checks
Missing Documentation	Documentation flag upfront
High claim denials	Denial risk identifies early
Repeated paperwork	fewer resubmissions
Delayed payments	faster payments

However, billing teams face a different kind of pressure, driven by the need for accuracy, compliance, and constant changes to rules and requirements. Small documentation gaps can quickly lead to denied claims, delayed payments, and hours of rework.

In many healthcare organizations, AI is now used to support billing staff by identifying issues earlier in the process. These systems can flag missing documentation, highlight claims that may be at risk of denial, and speed up routine checks before submission.

From a workflow perspective, the impact is tangible. Fewer resubmissions mean less time spent repeatedly fixing the same claim. More predictable billing processes help stabilize cash flow and reduce frustration for staff and patients alike. In my view, this is one of the clearest examples of AI quietly improving how healthcare operates behind the scenes.

## AI in Intake and Patient Access: Smoother Check-Ins, Less Backlog

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Based on my experience, I have seen intake and patient access staff frequently juggle various tasks such as verifying insurance, entering data, reviewing referrals, and managing check-ins. Much

of this workload is repetitive, yet it requires careful attention to detail and must be completed promptly.

The trend is clear, AI tools can help by automatically extracting information from uploaded documents, prefilling electronic forms, and verifying coverage more quickly. Some systems can also help sort intake requests so staff can prioritize more urgent cases first, rather than processing them strictly in the order they arrive.

These tools don't eliminate the need for staff oversight. When information is unclear or cases are complex, human review remains essential. By reducing manual steps, AI can help prevent backlogs from building during busy periods, something intake teams know all too well.

## What Workers Fear—and What I'm Seeing Instead

Whenever new technology is introduced into the workplace, concerns about job security are natural, especially in healthcare. However, my observations so far indicate a different result.

Rather than eliminating non-clinical roles, I believe AI is increasingly being used to reduce administrative overload. When documentation burdens shrink and workflows become more predictable, stress levels often drop. Those improvements rarely stay confined to one department. They tend to ripple across scheduling, billing, and intake teams, creating steadier days and fewer bottlenecks.

## What Non-Clinical Workers Should Expect Next

Looking ahead, non-clinical healthcare workers are likely to see:

- Fewer manual data-entry tasks
- More time for problem-solving and patient interaction
- New digital tools to learn and manage
- Improved accuracy across workflows
- Less burnout as workloads become more manageable

I believe healthcare will always depend on skilled people who understand patients, communicate clearly, and navigate real-world challenges. AI may change how work gets done, but people remain at the center of care.

*The views and opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and are intended for informational purposes only.*

# Rocketship Public Schools Wisconsin Hosts “Rocketship Cares Day” Across Three

Rocketship Public Schools Wisconsin, a public charter school located on both Milwaukee's north and south sides with three campuses across Milwaukee, is holding its annual Rocketship Cares Day, an opportunity for students to explore important issues affecting their communities, including food deserts, neighborhood safety, environmental health, and access to essential resources. Students then apply what they have learned by participating in hands-on service initiatives that directly benefit Milwaukee neighborhoods, from organizing food pantries and creating community asset maps to supporting local organizations and beautifying shared

spaces. Last year's event brought together partners from across sectors who shared Rocketship's belief that community and collaboration are essential to helping students grow holistically. For example, kindergarten students created school-based gardens with Teens Grow Greens to

grow fresh fruits and vegetables, while third graders made warm blankets for children receiving care at Children's Wisconsin. No matter the cause, Rocketship's young people are geared up to serve their community. And with this year's addition of Rocketship Stellar Elementary, Rocketship is looking to not only continue the trajectory of Rocketship Public Schools Wisconsin but also to grow it. “Rocketship Cares Day is about coming together to remind our community that when this year's event young people mobilize, change is undeniable,” said Dr. Kadeem Ruiz, Executive Director of Rocketship Public Schools Wisconsin. “And when you add a village of support, the outcomes are endless.” Continued to page 14



# Hugged by Jesus: Trump shares new AI image as his feud with the Pope escalates

President Donald Trump is not backing down from his battle with the Pope, resharing on social media an AI image that showed him being embraced by Jesus,

The latest post shows Trump with an angelic light and the American flag circling him and the AI Jesus. It follows another AI-generated image that he posted - and later took down - earlier in the week, of himself in red and white robes with a light in one hand and blessing a sick man with the other hand. It evoked imagery of Jesus healing the sick and sparked backlash from some in his own party. Trump denied that it depicted him as Jesus.

"I thought it was me as a doctor. And it had to do with Red Cross," Trump told reporters

at the White House on April 13. "And only the fake news could come up with that one ... I make people a lot better."

"The Radical Left Lunatics might not like this, but I think it is quite nice!!! President DJT," Trump wrote with the post, which had its own caption reading: "I was never a very religious man .. but doesn't it seem , with all these satanic ,demonic ,child sacrificing monsters being exposed ... that God might be playing his Trump card !"

### Trump and Vance double down on pope criticism

The first image of Trump "healing" someone was posted shortly after he issued a lengthy criticism of Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo has directly criticized the war in Iran and Trump's



harsh language, like last week's threat that "a whole civilization will die tonight." Trump called the pope "WEAK on Crime," and took credit for Leo's selection to the papacy in an April 12 Truth Social post.

Pope Leo responded to the post on April

13 while talking to reporters, saying, "I have no fear with neither the Trump administration, nor speaking out loudly about the message of the Gospel."

Vice President JD Vance, a Catholic, also said the pope should be careful.

"I think it's very, very important for the pope to be careful when he talks about matters of theology," Vance said at a Turning Point USA rally. "I like that the pope is an advocate for peace. I think that's certainly one of his roles. On the other hand, how do you say that God is never on the side of those who wield the sword?"

Trump has pushed forward with talking about Pope Leo in an April 14 Truth Social post.

"Will someone please tell Pope Leo that Iran has killed at least 42,000 innocent, completely unarmed, protesters in the last two months, and that for Iran to have a nuclear bomb is absolutely unacceptable," Trump said.

The public jabs from the president have also angered some Catholics, the

single largest religious denomination in the U.S., according to Pew Research Center.

The clash between the White House and the Vatican has reached a fever pitch this Wednesday as President Trump doubled down on his use of provocative AI imagery. Despite deleting a previous post that critics claimed depicted him as a Christ-like healer—a claim Trump dismissed by stating he thought it was him "as a

doctor" for the Red Cross—the President shared a new image this morning showing Jesus embracing him against a backdrop of the American flag. Trump labeled the post "quite nice" and used the caption to frame his presidency as a divine "Trump card" against what he described as "satanic" and "demonic" forces.

This digital escalation follows a week of sharp rhetorical broadsides against Pope Leo XIV, the first American-born pontiff. The rift centers on the ongoing war in Iran, which the Pope has condemned as "unacceptable" and "inhumane." Trump, who has boasted that

the Pope's selection was only possible because of his own political influence, countered by calling the pontiff "WEAK on crime" and "terrible for Foreign Policy." The President took to Truth Social late Tuesday to demand the Pope acknowledge reports that Iran has killed upwards of 42,000 protesters, insisting that a nuclear-armed Tehran is a threat the Vatican must not ignore.

Vice President JD Vance has stepped in to defend the administration's stance, issuing a direct warning to the Pope during a rally in Athens, Georgia. Vance, a devout Catholic, argued that while he respects the Pope's call for peace, religious leaders must be "careful" when wading into complex matters of theology and war. He pointedly asked whether God was on the side of those who liberated France from the Nazis, suggesting that the "sword" can indeed be used for divine justice—a clear pushback against the Pope's recent message that Jesus is never on the side of those who drop bombs.

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# Jefe militar de Pakistán media en Teherán entre EE. UU. e Irán.

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(AP) — El jefe del ejército paquistaní llegó el miércoles a Teherán para mantener conversaciones, en el último intento diplomático por aliviar las tensiones en Oriente Medio y organizar una segunda ronda de negociaciones entre Estados Unidos e Irán tras casi siete semanas de guerra.

La Casa Blanca indicó que cualquier conversación posterior probablemente tendría lugar en la capital paquistaní, Islamabad, aunque aún no se había tomado ninguna decisión sobre si reanudar las negociaciones.

El bloqueo naval estadounidense a los puertos iraníes continuó por tercer día consecutivo. Un alto funcionario del gobierno del presidente estadounidense Donald Trump advirtió sobre nuevas sanciones económicas a los países que mantienen relaciones comerciales con Irán, afirmando que la República Islámica sufriría el “equivalente financiero” de una campaña de bombardeos.

Pakistán se ha erigido como mediador clave en el conflicto tras acoger en Islamabad unas inusuales conversaciones directas entre Estados Unidos e Irán, una iniciativa que, según las autoridades, contribuyó a reducir las diferencias entre ambas partes. Los mediadores buscan una nueva ronda de conversaciones antes de que expire el alto el fuego la próxima semana.

El ejército paquistaní informó que la delegación enviada a Irán también incluía al

ministro del Interior y a otros altos funcionarios de seguridad. El grupo forma parte de los esfuerzos de mediación en curso, según indicó el ejército, pero no ofreció más detalles.

**Los funcionarios afirman que Estados Unidos e Irán están logrando avances.**

El bloqueo estadounidense a los puertos iraníes y las renovadas amenazas de Irán pusieron a prueba el acuerdo de alto el fuego vigente desde

hace una semana, pero funcionarios regionales afirmaron que se estaban logrando avances y declararon a Associated Press que Estados Unidos e Irán tenían un “acuerdo de principio” para extenderlo y permitir así un mayor diálogo diplomático. Hablaron bajo condición de anonimato para abordar el tema.

El portavoz del Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores iraní, Esmail Baghaei, al anunciar la llegada de la delegación paquistaní, declaró que Islamabad “ha mantenido conversaciones con los estadounidenses y también ha escuchado nuestras posturas. Durante esta visita se analizarán en detalle los puntos de vista de ambas partes”.

Pero incluso mientras los mediadores trabajaban por la paz, las tensiones persistían. El comandante del mando militar conjunto de Irán, Ali Abdollahi, amenazó con detener el comercio en la región si Estados Unidos no levantaba su bloqueo naval.

El secretario del Tesoro estadounidense, Scott Bessent, declaró que la Casa Blanca ha advertido a países y empresas privadas que “si compran petróleo iraní, si tienen dinero iraní en sus bancos, estamos dispuestos



a aplicar sanciones secundarias”. Esta medida busca infligir mayor daño económico a Irán.

Estados Unidos ha enviado cartas amenazando con sanciones a instituciones financieras en China, Hong Kong, Omán y los Emiratos Árabes Unidos.

La secretaria de prensa de la Casa Blanca, Karoline Leavitt, dijo que Estados Unidos no había “solicitado formalmente una prórroga del alto el fuego” con Irán, que expira el próximo martes.

“En este momento, seguimos muy involucrados en estas negociaciones, en estas conversaciones”, dijo Leavitt, y agregó que cualquier otra conversación presencial “muy probablemente” se llevaría a cabo en Islamabad.

**Los mediadores buscan llegar a un compromiso en los puntos conflictivos.**

Según un funcionario regional involucrado en los esfuerzos de mediación, los mediadores están presionando para lograr un compromiso sobre tres puntos conflictivos principales que descarrilaron las conversaciones directas el fin de semana

pasado: el programa nuclear de Irán, el estrecho de Ormuz y la compensación por los daños de guerra.

Baghaei afirmó que Irán está abierto a debatir el tipo y el nivel de enriquecimiento de uranio, pero que su país, “en función de sus necesidades, debe ser capaz de continuar con el enriquecimiento”, según informaron los medios estatales iraníes.

Según un funcionario regional y una persona informada sobre el asunto, el equipo negociador encabezado por el vicepresidente JD Vance instó a Irán a aceptar una moratoria

de 20 años sobre el enriquecimiento de uranio como parte de un posible acuerdo para poner fin a la guerra.

Los iraníes rechazaron el plan estadounidense y ofrecieron suspender el enriquecimiento de uranio durante cinco años, añadieron el funcionario regional y la persona informada sobre el asunto. Ambos hablaron bajo condición de anonimato por no estar autorizados a hacer declaraciones públicas sobre las negociaciones.

La Casa Blanca rechazó la propuesta iraní. El New York Times fue el primero

en informar sobre las propuestas de Estados Unidos e Irán.

Los combates han dejado al menos 3.000 muertos en Irán, más de 2.100 en Líbano, 23 en Israel y más de una docena en los estados árabes del Golfo. Trece militares estadounidenses también han fallecido.

La guerra, que ya lleva siete semanas, ha sacudido los mercados y afectado a la economía mundial, ya que el transporte marítimo se ha interrumpido y los ataques aéreos han devastado la infraestructura militar y civil en toda la región.

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# Doc Rivers out as Bucks coach, discussing advisory role



Doc Rivers is out as the head coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, the team announced Monday.

The Bucks will pay Rivers his eight-figure salary for the 2026-27 season, sources told ESPN, and the franchise and Rivers are discussing whether he will move to an advisory role in the organization. The Bucks, meanwhile, will embark on their third head coaching search in three years.

thankful for Doc's class and professionalism during his tenure in Milwaukee."

This starts a summer of change for the Bucks after Rivers went 97-103 during his three seasons in Milwaukee, with two first-round playoff exits and missing the postseason and play-in tournament this season.

"I have truly loved my time in Milwaukee,"

Rivers said in a statement issued Monday. "Coming back to where I got my start, to a city that has always embraced me, has been a privilege.

"I am disappointed that things did not turn out the way any of us hoped, but I am deeply grateful for this experience, the relationships built, and unwavering support from our fans and the community. Milwaukee will always mean a lot to me, and this chapter will hold a special place in my heart."

Team sources said there was a seasonlong disconnect between Rivers and the players, including instances that annoyed the locker room.

"[The season] didn't go the way I wanted it to go, obviously," Rivers said after Milwaukee

dropped to 32-50 with a loss to the 76ers on Sunday. "I always say I could do a better job. We could have had better health. We could have had all kinds of things. I'm not a big guy at looking back. All you can do is look forward. We did a lot of things to improve a lot of the young guys. Unfortunately, that was the road that kind of presented itself for us, and we did that."

Rivers took over as coach for the Bucks in late January 2024, replacing Adrian Griffin, who had gone 30-13 before being fired. Rivers guided the Bucks to a 17-19 mark to finish the 2023-24 campaign. Milwaukee went 48-34 in Rivers' first full season in 2024-25.

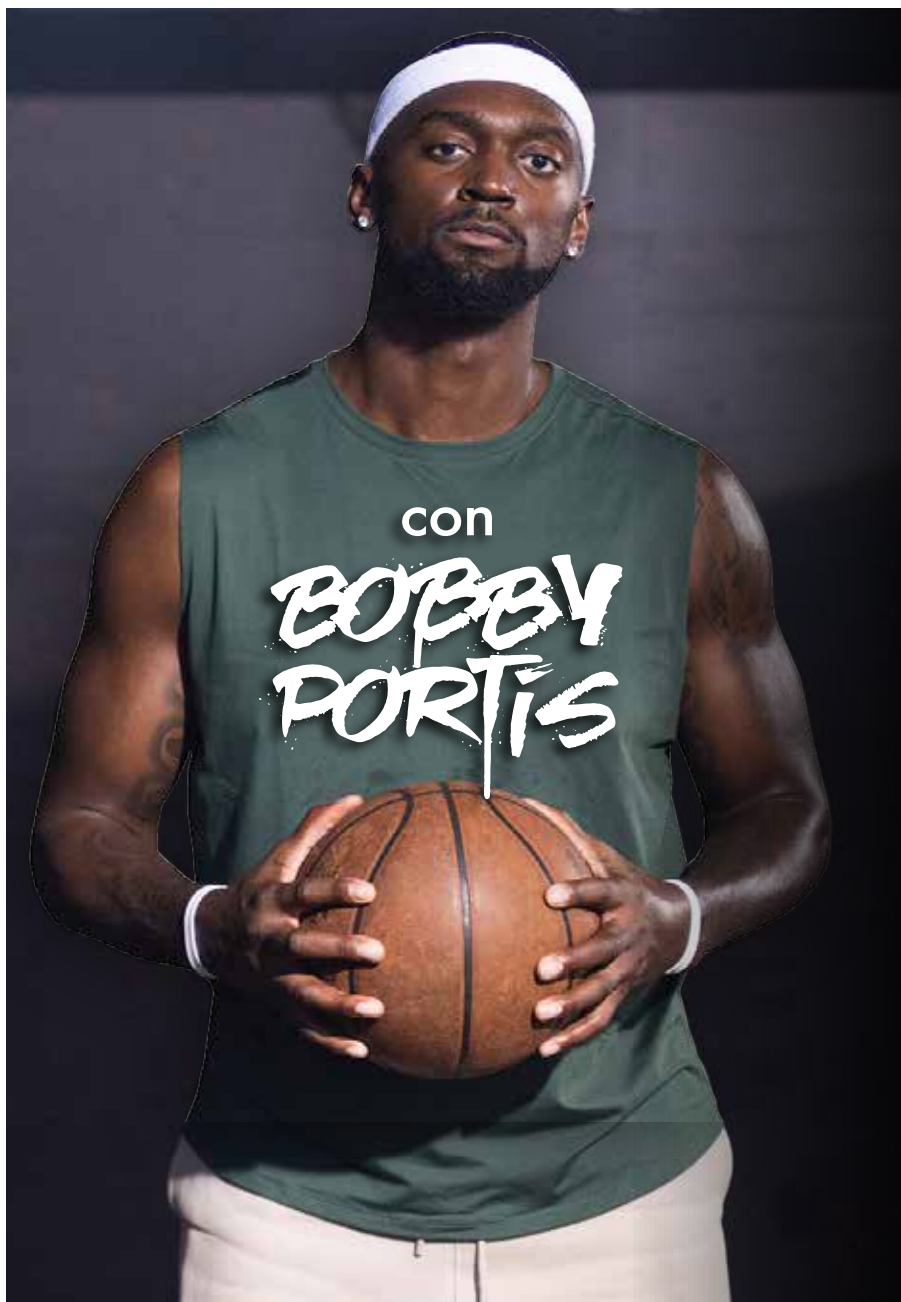
Rivers dealt with injuries to his top players in each season. Damian

Lillard and Giannis Antetokounmpo missed time in the 2024 and 2025 playoffs, and Antetokounmpo was healthy for just 36 games in 2025-26.

Rivers, who was named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2026 and led the 2007-08 Boston Celtics to an NBA championship, ranks sixth all time among NBA coaches in regular-season wins and fourth all time in career playoff victories.

The Bucks snapped a streak of nine consecutive postseason appearances this season. They have not won a playoff series since 2022.

Milwaukee won the 2021 championship under Mike Budenholzer, who was let go in 2023.



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## Los bebés son vulnerables al sarampión por no tener aún la vacuna triple vírica.

LANDRUM, Carolina del Sur (AP) — Con el pequeño Arthur demasiado pequeño para recibir la vacuna contra el sarampión y un hermano que nacerá en junio, los Otwell se pusieron nerviosos cuando la amenaza del virus altamente contagioso comenzó a influir en sus compras de comestibles.

“Íbamos al Costco que era una especie de foco de contagio”, dijo John Otwell, quien estaba al tanto de las advertencias del departamento de salud estatal sobre la exposición pública en la tienda. “Mucha gente simplemente no lo entiende; piensan que es solo un resfriado. Pero no lo es”.

Para la revisión de los 9 meses de Arthur, el brote en Carolina del Sur se había convertido en el peor del país en más de 35 años, superando al del año anterior en Texas. Esto significaba que, según las directrices estatales, Arthur podía recibir su primera dosis de la vacuna MMR (sarampión, paperas y rubéola) antes de los 12 a 15 meses habituales. Su nuevo bebé no podrá vacunarse hasta al menos los 6 meses, una perspectiva que preocupa a los padres de bebés en cualquier lugar donde se propague el sarampión.

Los bebés demasiado pequeños para ser vacunados se encuentran entre los más vulnerables durante un brote de sarampión. La enfermedad puede causar estragos en sus frágiles cuerpos, provocando que se enfermen tanto que dejen de comer y beber. Pueden desarrollar neumonía o inflamación cerebral, e incluso morir.

Los bebés dependen completamente de la inmunidad colectiva: al

menos el 95 % de una comunidad debe estar vacunada para prevenir brotes de sarampión. Sin embargo, la disminución de las tasas de vacunación ha mermado la protección en Carolina del Sur y en todo el país. En el condado de Spartanburg, epicentro del brote, menos del 90 % de los estudiantes han recibido las vacunas obligatorias.

“Los bebés se convierten en presas fáciles”, dijo la Dra. Deborah Greenhouse, pediatra de Columbia. “Es responsabilidad de todos protegernos a todos”.

Sin embargo, cada vez más, algunos legisladores y funcionarios promueven la visión de la vacunación como una cuestión de libertad individual y derechos de los padres, en lugar de una cuestión de salud pública para salvaguardar a la población en su conjunto.

A nivel federal, el secretario de Salud, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., un veterano defensor de la lucha contra las vacunas, ha intentado reformar la política de vacunación y ha supervisado recortes multimillonarios en salud pública. Y aunque un fallo provisional de un juez federal ha frenado su impulso, se han presentado numerosos proyectos de ley en varios estados, incluido Carolina del Sur, que amenazan con reducir aún más las tasas de vacunación.

El brote de sarampión en Carolina del Sur, que sumó alrededor de 1000 casos, ha disminuido. Sin embargo, el sarampión se está propagando en muchos estados, con 17 brotes este año y 48 el año pasado, y Estados Unidos está a punto de perder su estatus como

país que ha erradicado el sarampión.

**Los médicos trabajan para proteger a los más pequeños contra el sarampión.**

La Dra. Jessica Early jamás pensó que tendría que lidiar con el sarampión, pero esta pediatra temió por sus pacientes y por su propio bebé cuando la enfermedad apareció en su comunidad de Greer. Ella y otros médicos comenzaron a ofrecer una dosis aprobada de la vacuna MMR para bebés a partir de los 6 meses de edad. Su consultorio también comenzó a administrar la segunda dosis de la vacuna MMR — que generalmente se administra a niños de 4 a 6 años— de forma temprana.

Para disgusto de muchos médicos, nadie sabe cuántos bebés de Carolina del Sur han contraído sarampión o han sido hospitalizados a causa de esta enfermedad.

Las autoridades estatales solo revelarán que 253 de los 997 casos correspondían a niños de 4 años o menos; afirman que no proporcionarán más detalles por motivos de confidencialidad. No es raro agrupar las estadísticas de esta manera.

Las autoridades tampoco saben con exactitud cuántos bebés fueron hospitalizados con el virus porque, al igual que en otros estados, los hospitales no están obligados a informar sobre los ingresos relacionados con el sarampión.

En todo el estado, los médicos dijeron haber recibido muchas preguntas sobre si era seguro llevar a los bebés a las salas de espera o a las

guarderías.

Thomas Compton, director regional de Miss Tammy’s Little Learning Center, una red de guarderías que opera en la región afectada por el brote, declaró que 18 padres retiraron a sus hijos de sus instalaciones, a pesar de no tener casos confirmados. Algunos cancelaron los depósitos días antes de que sus hijos comenzaran las clases, lo que obligó a la empresa a despedir a una maestra.

Si bien las guarderías autorizadas deben exigir la vacunación según la ley estatal, las familias pueden obtener fácilmente exenciones por motivos religiosos. Aproximadamente una quinta parte de los 300 niños de la Sra. Tammy cuentan con exenciones de vacunación.

Cuando el sarampión se disparó, Compton dijo que los funcionarios estatales brindaron poca orientación. Su personal desinfectó superficies, como lo hicieron cuando la COVID-19 estaba en su apogeo; rastrearon



los casos locales de sarampión en Facebook; declaró que 18 padres y recurrieron a Google para obtener información sobre la enfermedad. a pesar de no tener casos confirmados. Algunos cancelaron los depósitos días antes de que sus hijos comenzaran las clases, lo que obligó a la empresa a despedir a una maestra.

“Muchos padres estaban muy estresados”, dijo Compton. “Cada vez que teníamos algún pequeño problema de salud, nos preguntaban: ‘¿Crees que sea sarampión?’”.

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## The family that prays together stays together



There's a famous saying, "The family that prays together stays together." My parents had this quote on a plaque hanging on the wall in our game room. The author is Fr. Patrick Peyton, a priest who later became famous for promoting the rosary all over the world. When he was a kid in Ireland, his mother would call him and his eight siblings to pray. Then their dad would teach them the rosary. Well, sort of. He didn't have to teach it. He would just kneel down and lead it. By and by, the kids learned it.

It was the same for me. Nobody ever sat me down to teach me my prayers. Nobody ever handed me a card with the Our Father on it and said, "Memorize this." We just said the prayers so often that I learned them. I remember kneeling with my family in the living room and struggling to keep up until one day, I just knew all the words.

### The Supernatural Connection

Praying together

bonded us as a family. Some people might argue that anything a family does together would have the same effect, be it baseball, fishing, or competitive duck herding. True to a point, but those are all natural activities. Praying goes beyond. It is supernatural.

While a shared hobby builds common interests, prayer builds a common soul. In sports, someone usually wins and someone loses. In family arguments, pride often demands a "victor." But in prayer, everyone kneels at the same level. It is the great equalizer. When a child sees their father—the strongest person they know—bow his head in humility before God, it teaches a lesson in leadership and love that no textbook can replicate.

Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

Think about that. "There am I..." Jesus actually comes to you, into your midst. He is there. And if you've got Jesus with you, nothing can destroy you. You aren't just talking about God; you are hosting Him in your living room.

### A Bond Beyond Borders

A young Dominican sister I once interviewed shows just how close a family can be when it prays together. While she was growing up, her parents and four siblings pledged themselves to Our Lord and Our Lady daily. To this day they continue to pray "together."

No matter where they are in the world, each one of them stops at a certain time of day to say their family prayer "together." They don't stop everything to hit a volleyball, though they did share a love of sports. Only prayer keeps them united, even across the miles. One look at the prayer they use, and it's no secret

why they are still so close-knit:

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, we renew our pledge of love and loyalty to You. Keep us always close to Your loving Heart and to the most pure Heart of Your Mother.

May we love one another more and more each day, forgiving each other's faults as You forgive us our sins. Teach us to see You in the members of our family and those we meet outside our home, and to love them as You love them, especially the poor and the oppressed, that we may be instrumental in bringing about justice and peace.

Please help us to carry our cross daily out of love for You, and to strengthen this love by frequent Mass and Communion. Thank You, dear Jesus, King and Friend of our family, for all the blessings of this day. Protect us and all families during this night. Help us so to live

that we may all get to Heaven.

### The Fruits of the Habit

This isn't just about sentimental feelings; it's about building a fortress. When a family prays together, they are creating a safe harbor where collective anxieties, thanksgivings, and failures. It becomes much harder to hold a grudge against a sibling or a spouse when you have just asked God, in their presence, to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Prayer acts as a "spiritual glue." It fills the cracks in our relationships and that stress and time naturally create. In a world that constantly tries to pull families apart—through busy schedules, digital distractions, and differing opinions—prayer is the gravity that keeps everyone

### Starting Your Own Tradition

You don't need a perfectly decorated home or a theological degree to start. You just need a willing heart and a few minutes. Whether it's a decade of the Rosary before bed, a simple grace before meals, or a spontaneous prayer of thanks during a car ride, the effect is cumulative. Like the steady drip of water that eventually carves a canyon, daily prayer carves a path of grace through the heart of a home.

If you want to have a happy family, make praying together a daily event. Ask God to bless your family, bring you closer together, and make you a blessing to everyone you meet. You might find that while you are busy talking to God, He is busy weaving your lives together in ways you never thought possible.

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# Tornado and Flash Flooding Devastate Milwaukee Metro as Recovery Begins



The National Weather Service has confirmed that a powerful EF-2 tornado packing 115 mph winds touched down in the Town of Lisbon Tuesday night, leaving a path of destruction through the heart of the community. The storm's fury was most visible at the historic Lisbon Presbyterian Church, where a massive chimney collapsed

through the roof and a heavy steel door was ripped from its hinges. While the structural damage to the 19th-century landmark is severe, congregation members gathered at dawn to express relief that the building was empty when the twister struck. Utility crews have been working around the clock to clear the splintered trees and downed power lines that

currently block several major secondary roads in Waukesha County. Simultaneously, the city of Milwaukee faced a harrowing night of flash flooding as torrential rains overwhelmed the metropolitan sewer system. The Milwaukee Fire Department was forced to conduct over 50 water rescues, many concentrated in the Granville neighborhood where streets like 107th

and Donna became impassable rivers in a matter of minutes. Frantic drivers were seen climbing onto the roofs of their submerged vehicles as water levels rose above door frames, prompting a massive coordinated response from emergency services. By Wednesday morning, dozens of abandoned cars littered the North Side, serving as a grim reminder

of how quickly the urban landscape turned treacherous. The recovery effort is now in full swing, though city officials warn that the danger has not entirely passed. With the ground fully saturated from the record-breaking rainfall, the risk of basement flooding and further road collapses remains high through the end of the week. Milwaukee

Public Works crews are currently prioritizing the clearing of storm drains and the assessment of bridge integrity across the Menomonee River. Residents are being urged to exercise extreme caution near standing water and to report any downed live wires immediately as the region braces for the possibility of additional light rain forecasted for Friday.

# Bullpen blues: Brewers' skid hits six as Megill struggles at the finish



MILWAUKEE — The late-inning magic that defined the Milwaukee Brewers'

2025 postseason run seems to have vanished into the cool spring air at American Family

Field. Following a heartbreaking 9-7 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays in 10 innings on Tuesday

night, the Brewers find themselves stuck in a six-game losing streak that has completely erased their red-hot 8-2 start to the season. The frustration reached a boiling point in the ninth inning when All-Star closer Trevor Megill took the mound. Tasked with protecting a lead, Megill instead surrendered three runs, continuing a brutal stretch that has seen his early-season ERA balloon to a staggering 14.40. As the go-ahead runs crossed the plate, a chorus of boos rained down from the

home crowd—a rare and jarring sound for a player who was a hometown hero just six months ago. Manager Pat Murphy was quick to come to his pitcher's defense after the game, calling the fans' reaction "poor taste." Murphy reminded the media that Megill was the same man who saved 30 games last year and anchored the bullpen during the NL Division Series. However, the skipper didn't shy away from the reality of the situation, admitting that the team may need to

"temporarily consider other options" for the ninth inning until Megill finds his rhythm again. The bullpen collapse overshadowed a gritty performance by young starter Jacob Misiorowski, who struck out eight and left the game with the lead. Misiorowski, widely considered the future of the Brewers' rotation, looked every bit the ace on Tuesday, but he was ultimately left with a no-decision as the relief core failed to shut the door. The loss was the latest in a string of "close-but-no-

cigar" finishes that have defined the team's slide over the last week.

Adding to the tension is the absence of superstar Christian Yelich. With the face of the franchise currently on the injured list, the Brewers' offense has lacked the late-inning spark needed to bail out a struggling pitching staff. Outfielder Sal

Frelick has been asked to step into a larger role during Yelich's absence, but he has struggled to find his stroke, slashing just .188 through the first few weeks of the 2026 campaign.

The defensive side hasn't been much better. While Brice Turang continues to flash gold-glove caliber leather at second base, the team

overall has looked uncharacteristically shaky during this six-game stretch. Small errors and mental lapses have compounded the pitching woes, turning manageable leads into uphill battles. The Brewers are now sitting at a .500 record (8-8), falling to fourth place in a highly competitive National League

Central division.

Despite the mounting pressure, the locker room remains focused on the long game. Veteran catcher William Contreras noted after Tuesday's loss that "the season isn't won in April," but he acknowledged that the team needs to clean up its execution. The Brewers are

desperate for a "stopper" performance to break the cycle and prevent this early-season slump from defining their first half.

Looking ahead, the road doesn't get any easier for the Brew Crew. They are scheduled to face a tough divisional opponent this weekend, and all eyes will be on the bullpen door when

the late innings arrive. Whether Murphy sticks with his embattled closer or turns to a fresh arm remains the biggest question looming over the clubhouse. For now, Milwaukee fans are left hoping that the ship can be righted before the division lead gets out of reach.

# Art in bloom: Milwaukee Art Museum offers floral sanctuary amid stormy week



The Milwaukee Art Museum is preparing to transform its galleries into a vibrant indoor garden as the annual "Art in Bloom" event returns this Thursday. Despite a week of severe weather and local flooding, the four-day celebration of spring is moving forward, providing a much-needed sanctuary for residents seeking a quiet escape from the storm damage outside. Local florists have already begun arriving at the lakefront landmark to start the delicate process of matching live floral arrangements to iconic works in the museum's collection.

This year's event is particularly significant as it coincides with the recent grand reopening of the museum's refreshed Modern Wing. Visitors will have the unique opportunity to see dozens of regional floral designers interpret 20th-century masterpieces by artists like Georgia O'Keeffe and Gabriele Münter. The scent of fresh lilies

and roses is expected to fill the halls of the Calatrava-designed addition, creating a sensory experience that contrasts sharply with the gray skies and rain-slicked streets of the city.

Organizers have curated an ambitious schedule that extends well beyond traditional museum hours to accommodate the high demand for tickets. Thursday evening kicks off with an official awards ceremony to recognize the most creative floral interpretations, while Friday night features the highly anticipated Floral Fashion Show. This sold-out runway event will showcase wearable art, with local artisans crafting entire gowns and accessories out of real botanical elements, blending high fashion with horticulture in a display of local craftsmanship.

Saturday's "After Hours" session promises a social atmosphere with live music and specialty cocktails, allowing guests to wander the blooming galleries until

11:00 PM. Museum officials noted that while many outdoor spring activities have been postponed due to the saturated ground and flooding, the museum remains fully operational and ready to welcome those looking for beauty and resilience. The event serves as a reminder of Milwaukee's creative community coming together to celebrate renewal, even when the local weather is at its most unpredictable.

For many local business owners, the event is also a vital economic boost following a difficult week. The 2026 lineup includes over thirty different floral shops and studios from across Southeast Wisconsin, ranging from historic city florists to modern botanical collectives. These small businesses have been working for months to plan their displays, and for many, the museum event represents their largest showcase of the year. As the city continues

its cleanup efforts from Tuesday's storms, the "Art in Bloom" event offers a symbol of hope and the literal arrival

of spring. Timed-entry tickets are still required to manage the flow of visitors through the galleries, and

staff are encouraging people to book their slots in advance as popular times are filling up quickly.

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3. A **mandatory tour** of each project site will be conducted. See Instructions to Bidders for details.
4. Bids will be publicly opened immediately after they are due in Room M70, MATC, 700 W State St., Milw., WI 53233, and virtually on Google Meet or by Phone. See Instructions to Bidders for details.
5. A goal of 20% for the participation of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) is included in the specifications and is strongly recommended. MATC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and complies with all requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

**Official Advertisement**

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 19, 2026.

**Electronic bids will be received until Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 1:30 PM** on-line through A/E Graphics, Inc., pursuant to Section 119.52(3) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractors(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Per 2015 WI Act 55, prevailing wage rate laws have been repealed for all MPS Construction Projects beginning January 1, 2017.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

**BURNHAM PLAYFIELD PARKING LOT RENOVATION**

**Burnham Playfield 1755 S. 32nd Street, Milwaukee, WI**

MPS HUB, COIN and Student Employment / Participation requirements are identified on the Project Manual Cover and Bid Form and defined within the Contract Compliance Services Participation Plan Requirements in the Project Manual.

Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00

MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

**The bidding documents may be viewed and downloaded for free from A/E Graphics On-line Plan Room, at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/>.** Hard copies may be obtained 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 bid documents for pick up.** Plans and specifications will be loaned to a prospective bidder upon receipt of the deposit listed, which deposit will be returned upon surrender of the plans and specifications in good condition. Bid documents must be returned only to A/E Graphics, Inc.

**A pre-bid walkthrough for the site will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 10:00 AM,** at Burnham Playfield Parking Lot.

**All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2026** to [DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us). No questions may be answered after that date and time. No questions shall be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their Bid. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Each bid shall be for a fixed lump sum. Bids shall be submitted on-line through **A/E Graphics On-line Plan Room**, at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/> using the "Submit Bid" tab on the **BURNHAM PLAYFIELD PARKING LOT RENOVATION - Burnham Playfield** project information page from which bid documents were obtained. Submit bid forms per Instructions to Bidders, Article B-5 of the Specifications.

**Official Advertisement**

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 26, 2026.

**Electronic bids will be received until Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 3:00 PM** on-line through A/E Graphics, Inc., pursuant to Section 119.16(4) Wisconsin Statutes in accordance with plans and specifications for the following work:

All contractor(s) and subcontractors(s) are subject to the current livable wage rate, in accordance with the City of Milwaukee Ordinance 310-13. Per 2015 WI Act 55, prevailing wage rate laws have been repealed for all MPS Construction Projects beginning January 1, 2017.

BID GUARANTY TO ACCOMPANY BID: MPS Bid Bond, Certified or Cashier's Check: 10% of Contractor's Base Bid.

**2026 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING (JOC) RE-BID Various Sites**

1124 N. 11th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53233

MPS Property No. 600

MPS Project No. 26-016

MPS HUB, COIN and Student Employment / Participation requirements are identified on the Project Manual Cover and Bid Form and defined within the Contract Compliance Services Participation Plan Requirements in the Project Manual.

Deposit for Drawings and Specifications: \$25.00

MAILING CHARGE: \$35.00

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**A face-to-face pre-bid for the project will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2026** at 1:00 PM, at MPS DFMS, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee 53233. A virtual pre-bid will be held at 2:30 PM that same day, refer RFP for how to connect.

**All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2026** to [DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:DFMSProcurement@milwaukee.k12.wi.us). No questions may be answered after that date and time. No questions shall be answered verbally. No verbal information from any source is to be relied upon by any respondent in the development of their Bid. Written questions and responses will be documented by way of addenda, which will be forwarded to all bidders.

Each bid shall be for a fixed lump sum. Bids shall be submitted on-line through **A/E Graphics On-line Plan Room**, at <https://mps.aegraphics.com/> using the "Submit Bid" tab on the **2026 JOB ORDER CONTRACTING (JOC) RE-BID - Various Sites** project information page from which bid documents were obtained. Submit bid forms per Instructions to Bidders, Article B-5 of the Specifications.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive informalities.

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals at the bid opening through sign language interpreters or other auxiliary aids.

03-26-26

Dr. Brenda Cassellius  
 Superintendent

**CONSTRUCTION BIDDING OPPORTUNITY**

Milwaukee Area Technical College is seeking bids for the following:

**BID REFERENCE NO. 2026-002**

**DUE: 3:00 PM, Thursday, April 16, 2026, followed by the public bid opening**  
 OCC – Outdoor Training Course  
 PROJECT 2026617.01

Single Prime Contract including: General Requirements, Existing Conditions, Demolition, Electrical, Exterior Improvements, Etc.

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## WEST LEG CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### Construction – 2025-2028

Construction is well underway on the West Leg of the project from 70th Street to the Zablocki Bridge.

Following the long-term closure of Hawley Road, crews got to work on temporarily widening the I-94 bridges over Hawley Road to accommodate bi-directional traffic in the westbound lanes while eastbound lanes are reconstructed in 2026.

### What will be built in 2026?

Construction between 70th Street and Zablocki Drive includes:

- Reconstruction of I-94 eastbound in the cemetery section
- Construction of screening/retaining wall in the cemetery section
- Temporary widening of I-94 westbound bridges to accommodate bi-directional traffic in 2027



### LONG-TERM CLOSURES:

Several long-term closures and lane restrictions are or will be implemented in 2026 as part of the West Leg project.

- 68th Street entrance ramp to I-94 eastbound closed through late 2026
- I-94 westbound exit to 68th Street closed through fall 2028
- Hawley Road, between Park Hill Avenue and S. Hawley Court, closed through late 2028
- I-94 eastbound exit to Hawley Road, closed through fall 2027
- Hawley Road entrance ramp to I-94 eastbound closed permanently
- I-94 westbound exit to Hawley Road closed permanently
- Hawley Road entrance ramp to I-94 westbound closed through late 2028
- WIS 175 southbound ramp to I-94 westbound closed through late 2027
- Long-term lane reductions on I-94 eastbound and westbound through 2027
- West of the stadium, I-94 eastbound will be three lanes for most of the summer



**Additional closures will be communicated as the project progresses.**



## EARLY EAST LEG CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has begun the Early East Leg phase of the I-94 East-West corridor reconstruction. This phase of the project is near 27th Street, at I-94. Preliminary work started in late 2025, with major construction running from early 2026 into early 2028.



### What will be built in 2026?

Construction in the 27th Street area includes:

- ✓ Reconstruction of the 27th Street bridge, over I-94
- ✓ Reconstruction of St. Paul Avenue, between 29th Street and 27th Street
- ✓ Rebuilding 28th Street as a cul-de-sac at St. Paul Avenue
- ✓ Temporary widening of the I-94 eastbound lanes, under 27th Street
- ✓ Wall construction west of 27th Street, south of I-94



*These changes allow I-94 traffic and local streets to be rebuilt while keeping some north-south access across and to the Valley.*



### LONG-TERM CLOSURES:

Several long-term closures and lane restrictions will be implemented as part of the Early East Leg project.

- Greves Street (west of 27th Street) closed in early December through late 2026
- 27th Street closed across the Menomonee Valley through late 2026
- I-94 eastbound exit to 26th Street/ St. Paul Avenue closed through summer 2026 (will also close for approximately one week in fall 2026)
- 35th Street entrance ramp to I-94 eastbound closed through late 2026
- Long-term lane reductions on I-94 eastbound near 27th Street

### UPCOMING:

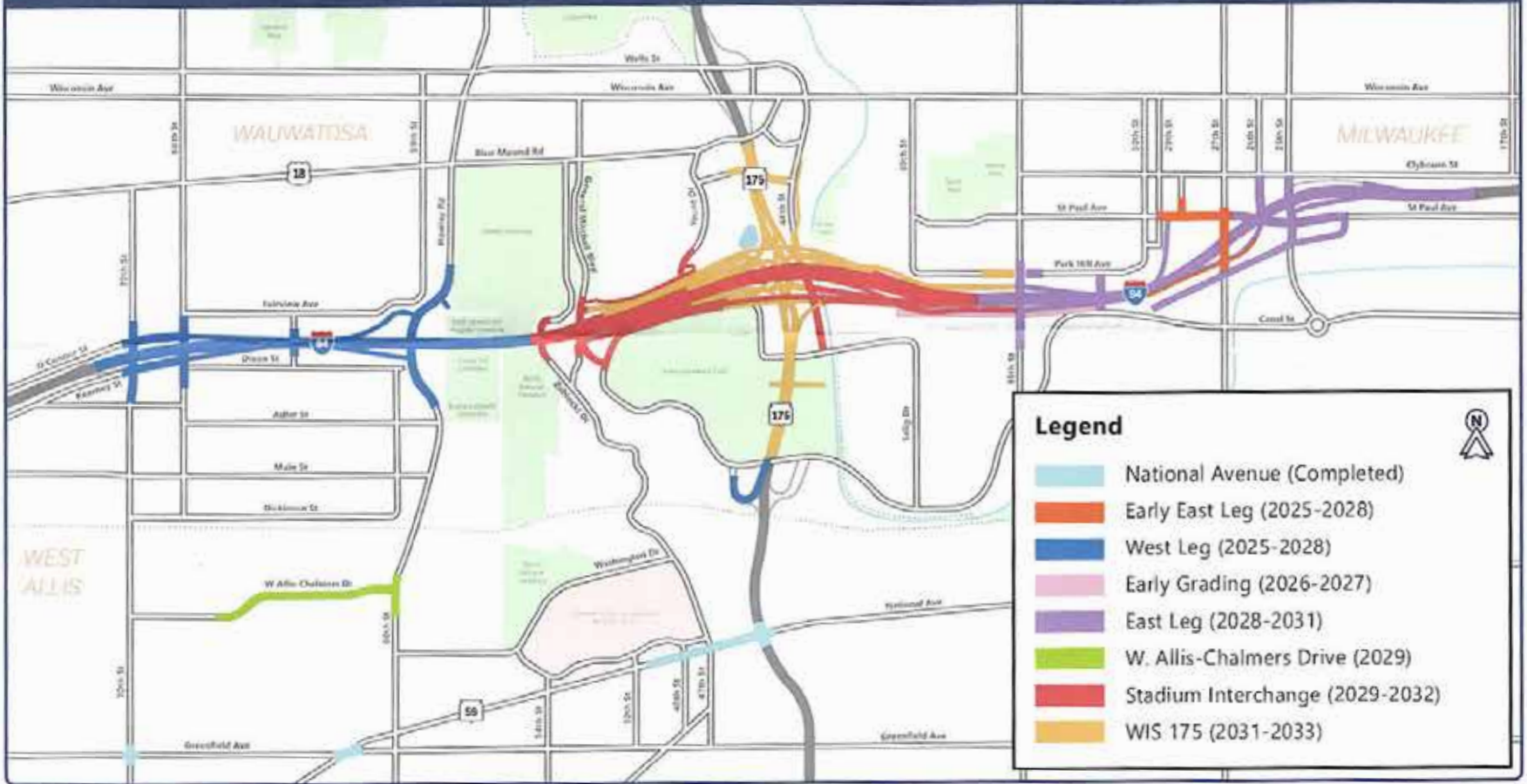
- 28th Street entrance ramp to I-94 westbound to close summer 2026 through late 2026
- WIS 175 southbound ramp to I-94 eastbound to close summer 2026 through late 2026
- Long-term lane reductions on I-94 westbound near 27th Street



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# ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

The map below is the current plan for constructing and sequencing the reconstruction of the full I-94 East-West corridor. Many variables impact this plan including accommodating existing traffic, utility relocation, and available funding. This plan will continue to be refined and is subject to change.





**STAY UP TO DATE!**  
Scan the QR code for more information, or go to the project website at: [94eastwest.wisconsin.gov](http://94eastwest.wisconsin.gov)

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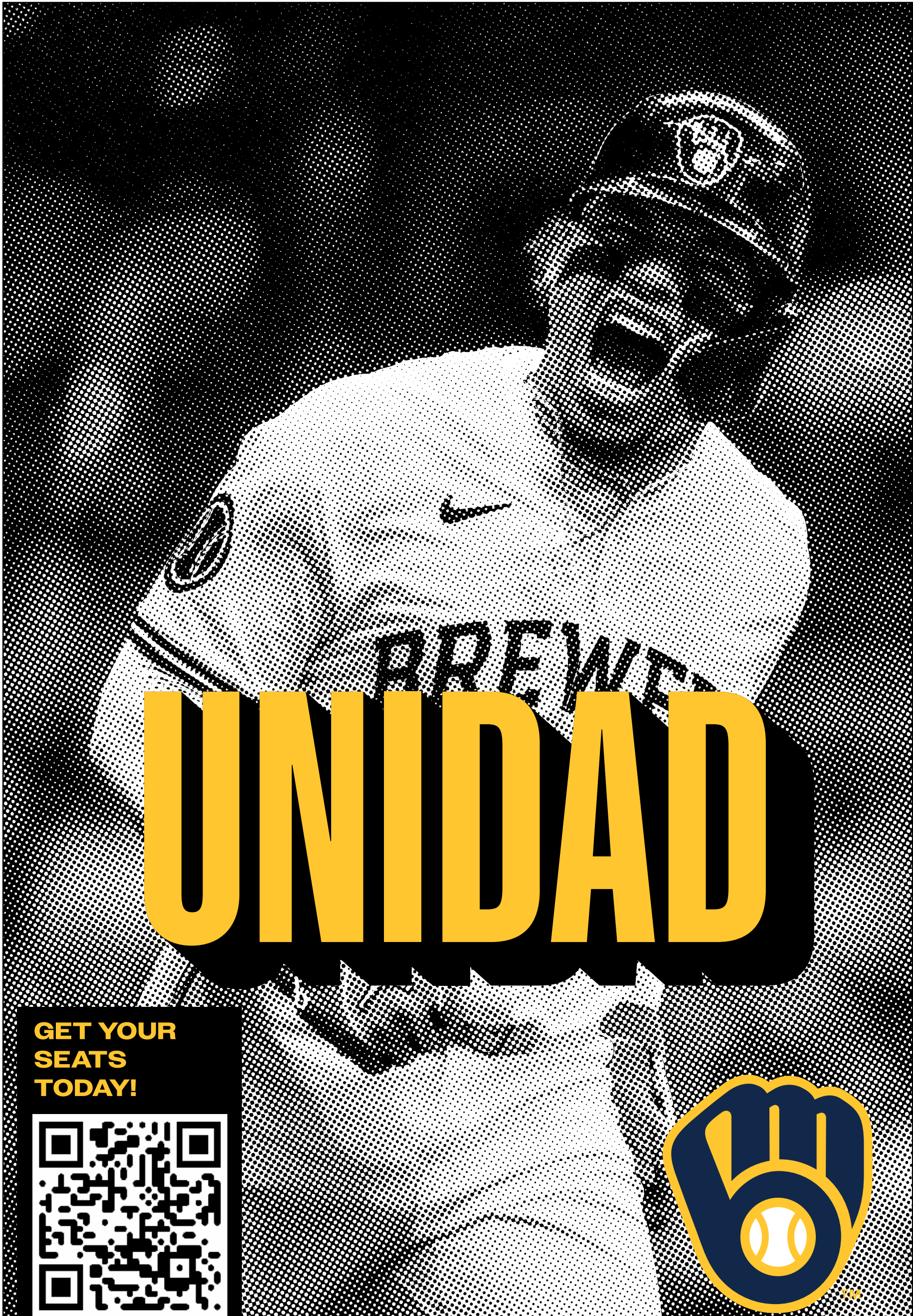
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