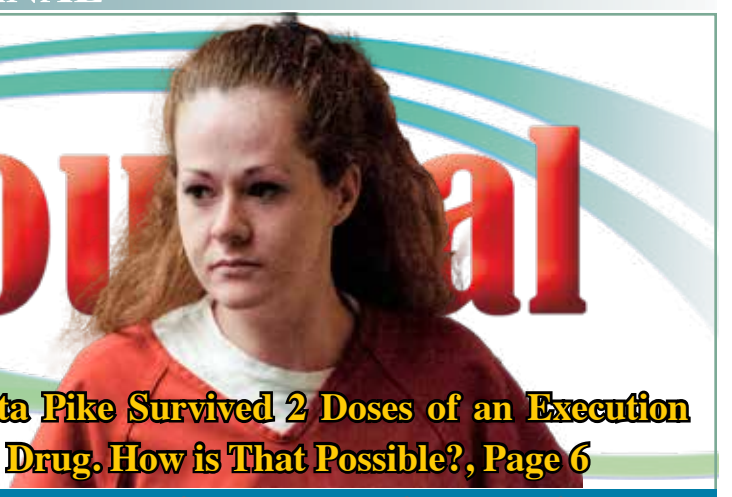
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David Crowley Announces Plan to Protect Reproductive Freedom in Wisconsin's Constitution



On October 6, 2026, David Crowley announced his proposal to protect reproductive rights and freedoms for women across Wisconsin.

As governor, David Crowley will work with the State Legislature to put a constitutional amendment before Wisconsin voters that explicitly protects reproductive freedom, including the right to abortion. Constitutional protection would provide a stronger safeguard against future efforts to take those rights away.

The 1849 criminal abortion ban is unenforceable after the state Supreme Court's ruling, but other restrictions remain and future legislatures can change the law. Right now, women's rights are only as safe as the next election, which is why David wants to enshrine them into Wisconsin's constitution.

"As a husband and father, I believe that every Wisconsinite deserves the freedom to make personal decisions about pregnancy and reproductive health care. Meanwhile, three billionaires are spending $34 million to buy this election for MAGA Extremist Congressman Tom Tiffany who is an anti-abortion extremist and who backed a nationwide abortion ban at zero weeks with no exceptions for rape, incest or life of the mother. We can't let him near the governor's office," Crowley said. "As governor, I will veto any ban, protect birth control, and fight to put your freedom in the state constitution where no politician, court, or billionaire can take it away. Bottom line: I will never stop fighting to defend a woman's right to choose and make their own reproductive health care decisions."

David's proposal would:

- Establish a fundamental right to make and carry out decisions about reproductive health, including contraception, fertility treatment, pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
- Keep medical judgments about viability and necessary care with the treating health care professional.
- Prevent the state from penalizing someone for seeking health care or helping another person seek care.

Legal protection must come with practical access. Crowley will also work to remove unnecessary barriers and improve access to affordable reproductive care throughout Wisconsin, including rural communities.

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Community Comes Together to Keep Children Warm

A warm blanket can mean comfort, security and a reminder to a child that their community cares. Last year, Alex Holcomb and community supporters helped more than 100 children receive new warm blankets, while more than 400 children received new coats and shoes.

This year, the goal is to provide new warm blankets to more than 250 children during the fall and winter. Organizers are asking the community to help make that goal possible. Donations of **$5, $10 or $20** can help purchase additional blankets and reach more children in need.

Those who would like to donate can contribute through the donation link on **Alex Holcomb's Facebook page**. Donations may also be made or delivered to:

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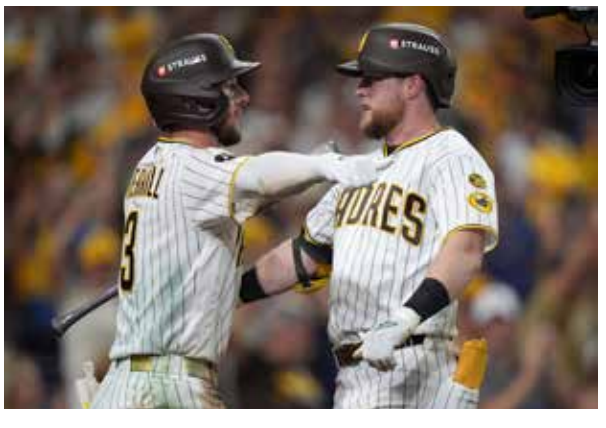


Alex Holcomb.



Ventura Lopez

Padres Hold Off Brewers 4-3, Force Game 4



SAN DIEGO — The Milwaukee Brewers missed a chance to sweep the San Diego Padres on Tuesday night, falling 4-3 in Game 3 of the National League Division Series. The Brewers entered the game needing one more victory to advance, but San Diego used timely hitting and strong late-inning pitching to keep its season alive. The Padres took an early 2-0 lead before Milwaukee began its comeback.

William Contreras got the Brewers on the board in the fourth inning with a solo home run, cutting San Diego's advantage to 2-1. Milwaukee then tied the game in the fifth when Jackson Chourio's sacrifice fly brought Cooper Pratt home.

The tie did not last long. Jake Cronenworth hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fifth to put the Padres back in front, 3-2. San Diego added another run in the sixth inning to extend its lead to 4-2.

Milwaukee continued to fight. Christian Yelich delivered an RBI single in the seventh inning, bringing the Brewers within one run at 4-3 and giving the team another opportunity to rally late.

The Brewers had chances in the final innings but could not find the hit needed to tie the game. Milwaukee collected 11 hits overall but left 11 runners on base, a costly problem in a one-run postseason game.

Contreras was one of the Brewers' top offensive performers, going 3-for-4 with his home run. Yelich also provided an important hit, while Chourio contributed the sacrifice fly.

San Diego's pitching staff held Milwaukee scoreless over the final innings and protected the narrow lead to secure the victory.

The result gives the Padres new life in the series, but Milwaukee still holds a 2-1 advantage. The Brewers remain one win away from advancing to the next round.

Game 4 will be played Wednesday night in San Diego. The Padres will need another victory to force a decisive Game 5, while Milwaukee will look to close out the series and move on to the National League Championship Series.

Noticias de México

Ocho familias más denuncian la muerte de sus bebés tras contagiarse de una bacteria en un hospital de Guadalajara (México)



El corazón de Yuliana Guadalupe Vega Hernández se quedó en Guadalajara, Jalisco. Son las palabras que la mujer de 37 años, originaria de Culiacán, Sinaloa, encuentra para describir la muerte de su hija Dayana. Viajó en mayo aún embarazada a la ciudad tapatía para ser tratada de un problema neural en un hospital de alta especialidad. A los siete días de nacida, su bebé "deseada, planeada, amada" contrajo una infección agresiva por hongos y bacterias que nunca pudieron erradicar, provocándole la muerte por dos paros cardíacos, el 4 de julio. Volvió a Culiacán sin la bebé, con secuelas físicas que le impiden volver a ser madre y una pérdida económica aproximada de 60.000 pesos en traslados y gastos funerarios. Hace unos días se enteró de que los hijos recién nacidos de otras madres que conoció durante los 34 días que pasó en el Centro Médico Nacional de Occidente, también fallecieron. Son 11 familias —aunque calculan que hay por lo menos 18— que exigen justicia por la pérdida de sus bebés al contraer las bacterias Klebsiella pneumoniae, Candida albican o ambas, en la misma unidad de cuidados intensivos neonatales del Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS).

La alerta por brotes de Klebsiella pneumoniae comenzó hace dos semanas en Durango, cuando cuatro recién nacidos con la misma bacteria fallecieron en un hospital del IMSS de esa ciudad. A 638 kilómetros de allí, en Guadalajara, los padres de Elián, de José Nayib y de Anthony Jassiel, que ya impulsaban una denuncia por la muerte de sus hijos ante la Fiscalía estatal, decidieron también alzar la voz. Ahora se les han unido otras ocho familias, que se conocieron, acompañaron y organizaron en la incertidumbre y el dolor de perder a sus hijos. "Toda la sala de terapia intensiva era de niños infectados con la bacteria", asegura Miriam Guadalupe Lamas, de 32 años, madre de Martín Emiliano quien falleció el 14 de septiembre. "Ya nada nos los va a regresar. Lo que queremos es justicia", asegura. Su otro bebé, gemelo de Martín, continúa internado en ese hospital por Candida albican.

Este domingo se han manifestado en Guadalajara algunos de los padres. "Mi bebé no debió morir", decía la pancarta de María Fernanda Reynoso Salazar, madre de Marcos Jassiel. "No más bebés muertos", rezaba otro cartel a las afueras del hospital.

Los casos se extienden del 14 de marzo al 28 de septiembre. El primer fallecimiento fue el 29 de marzo, hace casi siete meses. Corresponde a Elías Miguel Escalante García, quien nació el 14 de marzo y murió 15 días después. A partir de entonces se registraron otros casos: Dayana, que ingresó el 28 de mayo y murió el 4 de julio; Marcos Jassiel Baltasar Reynoso, nacido el 19 de junio y fallecido el 22 de septiembre; Camila Sofía Bautista Flores, nacida el 10 de julio y fallecida el 9 de agosto; Hannah Valentina Reséndiz Barajas, quien ingresó el 3 de agosto y murió un mes después; Matías Bautista Saldaña, nacido el 3 de agosto y fallecido el 7 de septiembre; Miriam, cuyo fallecimiento fue reportado el 14 de septiembre, y finalmente Ailany Guadalupe Ochoa González, nacida el 9 de abril y fallecida apenas este 28 de septiembre a los cinco meses de edad.

Los testimonios de todos son similares en cuanto al progreso de la infección y las negligencias que consideran como causas del brote. Vega Hernández observó que "las enfermeras no usaban cubrebocas, manipulaban teléfonos celulares sin lavarse las manos, tosían cerca de los niños y trasladaban a los bebés de un lado a otro sin cuidado", asegura. La semana pasada, Lorena de Jesús Ramírez, una de las primeras en impulsar la denuncia, compartía con este diario que los doctores "entran y salen sin bata ni protección", mientras que entre el personal de enfermería "tampoco había uso constante de guantes, batas ni cubrebocas. Hubo muy malas prácticas y falta de higiene".

No todas las familias participan en la demanda, ya que algunas se dicen agotadas del proceso, pero se mantienen informadas y unidas. "El dinero es lo de menos, mi pareja y yo perdimos a la que sería nuestra única hija", reclama Vega. Comparten, eso sí, otras quejas sobre la respuesta del hospital ante la crisis de una muerte tras otra. La preocupación al notar el brote llegó al jefe de la Unidad de Cuidados Intensivos Neonatales, que ya ha sido separado temporalmente del cargo junto al director del hospital. El titular de la zona reconoció ante tres familias que su personal "era plenamente consciente de las bacterias y hongos presentes en el área, ya fueran virales, por contacto, por agujas o catéteres". Les dijo además que en 20 días podía terminar con él.

Las coincidencias aparecen también en la atención durante el proceso. Reconocen que la información era constante, aunque no se mantenía por mucho, ya que había rotación de médico cada mes. "Cada que llegaba otro te decía una cosa completamente distinta", explica Vega. Por su parte, Lamas, asegura que el primer doctor la hizo sentir responsable de la infección de sus gemelos, hasta que llegó el siguiente a explicarle que se trataba de una crisis por las bacterias en el área de terapia intensiva.

El último comunicado del IMSS sobre el tema, de su director Zoé Robledo, anunció cuatro acciones ante las muertes de neonatos en el Hospital de Occidente. La primera, el anuncio de una auditoría clínica colegiada independiente que incluirá especialistas en neonatología, infectología y epidemiología externos al Instituto, provenientes de la Comisión Nacional de Arbitraje Médico (CONAMED), los Institutos Nacionales de Salud y la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), quienes revisarán cada caso.

También aseguró que se profundizará en la investigación epidemiológica con el análisis de los microorganismos por el Instituto de Diagnóstico y Referencia Epidemiológicos para conocer el origen de los brotes y determinar su relación con los casos identificados. La cuarta medida consiste en el anuncio de la creación de un "comando operativo" del sector salud para la seguridad de los recién nacidos en todas las unidades de cuidados intensivos neonatales del país.

Robledo dijo que esta medida fue propuesta y acordada con el secretario de Salud, David Kershenobich, y con el comisionado federal de COFEPRIS, doctor Víctor Hugo Borja. Como parte de la misma, se invitará a participar en este esfuerzo al ISSSTE, al IMSS Bienestar y a hospitales privados. "El Comando tendrá, entre otros elementos, vigilancia epidemiológica homologada, con alertas tempranas de brote; revisiones periódicas de las condiciones de atención y de las medidas de control de infecciones, con criterios de ingreso y estancia; la obligación de informar oportunamente a las familias y de escalar los casos graves a las autoridades centrales en plazos definidos; así como protocolos para evaluar fallecimientos asociados a brotes", precisó. EL PAÍS ha contactado al Instituto para pedir una actualización sobre la investigación sin obtener respuesta.

Noticias de México

Sheinbaum desacredita que el accidente de la avioneta en Nayarit fuera un atentado contra el gobernador

EL PAIS

La presidenta de México, Claudia Sheinbaum, ha cuestionado este miércoles que el accidente sufrido el domingo por una avioneta en Nayarit fuera un atentado contra el gobernador del Estado, Miguel Ángel Navarro, como apuntaba inicialmente la Fiscalía estatal. La aeronave era de uso cotidiano del político, que había denunciado amenazas desde tiempo atrás, y eso llevó a apuntar en esa dirección. La mandataria, sin embargo, ha desacreditado esa posibilidad. "No tenemos información de que haya alguna amenaza. No hay nada que tenga el Gabinete de Seguridad que lo asocie a alguna situación en contra del gobernador", ha dicho durante su conferencia matutina.

Sheinbaum también ha excluido que fuera una "caída como tal", sino que "más bien tuvo un desperfecto". En cualquier caso, el siniestro causó la muerte del piloto y del copiloto, que habían despegado del aeropuerto de Tepic, la capital del Estado, con destino a Aguascalientes. Llegado un momento se perdió su rastro en los radares y el avión fue encontrado el lunes en el municipio de Ixtlán del Río. La fiscal estatal, Elvia Ludmila Heredia, ha explicado que la avioneta no era de propiedad del Gobierno, pero que sí era utilizada con frecuencia por el dirigente, que ya había recibido amenazas con anterioridad.

"Ya detectamos desde febrero que su agenda, desde un día antes, se había filtrado", ha especificado durante una entrevista con Milenio. Es algo que ocurría con otros "funcionarios de Gobierno", según detalló en la conferencia de prensa sobre el suceso. La detención hace unas semanas del conocido como Talibán 2, ligado al Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación, derivó en la confiscación de varios teléfonos celulares donde vieron información sobre diferentes vuelos privados como el que se había siniestrado. "Eso nos lo alertó bastante. Tenían la matrícula, el horario, quiénes abordaban el avión", ha enumerado la fiscal.

La funcionaria ha revelado que ya le habían recomendado que cambiara a su personal cercano, tras tener "indicios de amenazas", la primera relacionada con una expropiación de 750 hectáreas cerca de Punta de Mita, en el extremo sur del Estado. Al tratarse de un accidente





aéreo, es la Fiscalía General de la República quien deberá investigar el caso y determinar si se debió a un fallo técnico o hubo una motivación detrás. El Gobierno estatal colaborará en las averiguaciones y no descarta, todavía, el intento de homicidio. El gobernador ha dicho que ya había recibido amenazas en su contra, y la Fiscalía de Nayarit, por su parte, informó de que en septiembre había habido un intento de ataque frustrado contra Navarro en el municipio de Bahía de Banderas.



Noticias de Puerto Rico

“Es demasiado”: Abatidos los comerciantes con el aumento en la luz



Wanda Rodríguez detalla que el alza del gas y la energía le obligan a pagar $2,000 mensuales, sin contar el pago de nómina y de los ingredientes en su negocio de bizcochos. (Ramon "Tonito" Zayas)

Para los pequeños y medianos comerciantes, sobrevivir en esta economía es mucho más que un deporte extremo.

“Mantener un negocio es algo más que extremo y se nos requiere a nosotros que seamos resilientes”, afirmó Lourdes Aponte Rodríguez, dueña del restaurante Il’ Bistro Criollo en Carolina y expresidenta del Centro Unidos de Detallistas (CUD).

Varios dueños de pequeños y medianos negocios explicaron que el problema es que los golpes son uno tras otro.

No se limita a que desde que arrancó este mes de octubre pagan por un servicio de energía eléctrica que es un 17% más caro. Es que ese aumento en el costo de la energía eléctrica llegó en momentos en que el precio del diésel para operar los generadores eléctricos, necesarios cuando el sistema es inestable, está mucho más caro y junto a un aumento en los costos del gas.

También mencionaron que hay que añadir un alza en los costos de los artículos, alimentos y otros equipos que necesitan para mantener su operación.

Wanda Rodríguez Castro, dueña de Waleska’s Cake en Guaynabo, se sinceró y aceptó que “yo estoy sufriendo las consecuencias de todo esto. Es demasiado”.

La mujer comentó que su factura de luz, con el reciente incremento aprobado por el Negociado de Energía, subió de $1,100 a $1,400 mensuales. Señaló que el gas para



prender sus hornos aumentó de $75 a $95 el cilindro. Utiliza unos cuatro tanques al mes, para una factura de alrededor de $400.

“¿Tú sabes todos los bizcochos que yo tengo que vender para poder llegar (a esa cantidad) y por lo menos tener algo de ganancia? Demasiados”, soltó la mujer.

Es que no solamente necesita los $2,000 para poder pagar el gas y la energía eléctrica.

“Yo tengo que tener en consideración la nómina, los gastos de los materiales, los ingredientes. Aquí se mueve un montón de bizcochos, porque es que la gente ya nos conoce. Gracias a que el nombre ya está establecido es que nosotros hemos podido mantenernos y tenemos ya nuestra clientela. Pero, es difícil, cuesta arriba. Ya uno lo siente… Si yo hubiese empezado los otros días, sinceramente, tenía que cerrar el negocio. Lo que pasa es que ya tengo mi clientela y ellos me apoyan. Pero, un negocio que está comenzando en esto ahora mismito es imposible”, aseguró Rodríguez Castro, al aceptar que aumentar los precios de sus servicios es una opción que considera para atajar el golpe económico.

En cambio, la propietaria del salón de belleza y boutique, Musa, localizado en Guaynabo, Ginny Barley, no puede darse el lujo de pasarles a sus clientes toda esta nueva carga que trae consigo el aumento en los costos del servicio de energía eléctrica.



“La realidad es que esa es una recomendación que hacen los expertos. Pero, a nivel personal, le puedo decir que no creo que sea una movida que nosotros podamos o debamos adoptar. Estamos comenzando y queremos, verdad, que el cliente se sienta cómodo, no solamente con el servicio, sino también con los precios. Además, como ciudadana y emprendedora que he recibido directamente el impacto en mi hogar y acá en los negocios que trabajamos, sería injusto también tener que pasarle, pues, una factura adicional al cliente que viene a recibir los servicios. Sin embargo, pues, significa un golpe adicional al bolsillo del empresario”, manifestó.



Musa abrió en junio en la avenida Esmeralda, aunque no fue hasta agosto que pudo dar todos los servicios que proyectaba la comerciante.

Barley indicó que pudo abrir su negocio tras meses esperando los permisos gubernamentales para poder operar y pagando renta en el local vacío. Además, tuvo que invertir unos $75,000 para prepararse para operar. Comentó que cree que le llevaría un año reponer todo ese dinero invertido.

Ahora tendrá que sumarle que su factura de luz aumentó de $350 a $500 mensuales. No dudó en establecer que el impacto será “significativo”.

“En general, han sido demasiadas situaciones corridas. Desde los permisos (…), la situación con la energía eléctrica y los gastos adicionales, los imprevistos. O sea, tener que comprar la gasolina para las plantas (eléctricas), el agua, la cisterna, con esto del racionamiento. Ha sido bien cuesta arriba, bien cuesta arriba, y mantener el ánimo un tanto difícil. Hay que seguir confiando y creyendo que grandes cosas vendrán”, precisó la comerciante con resignación.

Entretanto, Miguel Rivera Almodóvar, dueño de Reno Bike, en Guaynabo, describió el aumento de la tarifa eléctrica como “bárbaro”.

“No es solamente la luz”, que dijo haberle aumentado de unos $175 a $250. “Es el inventario, con los aranceles. Lo que antes se vendía, hace tres, cuatro años atrás a $10 ahora ha subido. El costo son $25, $26. Es aumento sobre aumento”.

Comentó que tener el negocio, a los 76 años, ya es un “entretenimiento”.

Por ello, señaló que no busca aumentar los precios como para obtener ganancias. Dijo que lo hace para poder sostener el costo del aumento del inventario. Pero, tampoco tiene empleados que lo ayuden y se limita a aceptar trabajos de reparación de bicicletas que puede hacer solo.

“Si uno va a vivir del negocio, no es nada bueno. Si tiene un entretenimiento, como yo lo tengo, puedo subsistir todavía un tiempito más. Pero, si sigue subiendo, tengo que cerrar”, aceptó el hombre.

Aponte Rodríguez, por su parte, comentó que “lo último que uno desea y quiere es subir los costos”.

Aseguró que primero se intentan otras medidas, como reducir empleados o el horario de operación, cambiar el ofrecimiento de servicios o unirse a otros comercios para intentar hacer compras más económicas. Pero, señaló que a estas alturas y con una economía tan abatida, ya no les queda mucha alternativa.



“A la verdad que es bien drenante. Ya llega un momento en que uno a veces se pone a pensar si verdaderamente vale la pena uno mantener la operación de un negocio. Y no es por ser alarmista, yo soy sumamente positivo, pero la realidad es esa. Solamente hay que estar detrás de un mostrador para saber. Porque la gente se piensa que, porque tú vendas volumen, ya tú tienes una gran ganancia. No, ese volumen tú tienes que empezar a reducir todos los gastos adicionales que tiene la operación de un negocio. Pago de patente, pago de seguro, pago de nómina, pago de arrendamiento”, afirmó.



“En aquellos casos, los que tengamos algún préstamo, porque no tenemos la solvencia económica para cuando aperturamos (sic) el negocio. Así que verdaderamente son muchos elementos que están en esa ecuación que hacen bien cuesta arriba. Y esos son los negocios que llevan tiempo y se las ha hecho cuesta arriba, imagínate un nuevo emprendedor que está empezando un negocio. Se le hace mucho más complicado. Esa es la realidad”, añadió la comerciante, quien también paga unos $2,000 entre luz y gas para operar su restaurante.

Buena Vista Social Club Comes to Milwaukee

Milwaukee audiences will have the opportunity to experience the music, memories and spirit of Havana when BUENA VISTA SOCIAL CLUB™ comes to the Marcus Performing Arts Center from January 5 through January 10, 2027.

The Tony® and GRAMMY® Award-winning Broadway musical brings the legendary story of Cuban music to the stage through a powerful combination of theater and live music. The production takes audiences into the world of Havana and explores dreams, second chances, memory and the enduring power of music.

At the center of the story is Omara Portuondo, the legendary Cuban singer once celebrated as the "Queen of Feeling." After years away from the recording studio and largely out of the spotlight, Portuondo is presented with an unexpected opportunity by an ambitious young record producer. The encounter forces her to confront her past while considering the possibility of a new beginning.

The production draws inspiration from the iconic Buena Vista Social Club album, which became internationally recognized for bringing traditional Cuban music to audiences around the world. Rather than simply recreating the history of the recording, the Broadway production uses music and storytelling to explore the people and experiences behind the cultural phenomenon.

The Milwaukee engagement will be presented by Johnson Financial Group Broadway at the Marcus Center in Uihlein Hall, located at 929 N. Water St. The production is intended for audiences ages 8 and older and has a running time of approximately two hours and 10 minutes, including one intermission.

Performances are scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, through Friday, January 8, at 7:30 p.m. The show will continue Saturday, January 9, with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., followed by two performances Sunday, January 10, at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Single tickets are currently on sale, while subscriptions and group-ticket options are also available. Groups interested in attending together can contact the Marcus Center's Group Sales team to reserve seats.

The production has received national attention, with The Washington Post describing it as a "jaw-dropping, soul-stirring must see." Its combination of Cuban musical traditions and Broadway storytelling has helped introduce the Buena Vista Social Club story to a new generation of theatergoers.

For Milwaukee's Cuban, Latino and broader arts communities, the production offers an opportunity to experience a story deeply connected to Cuban cultural heritage while enjoying a major Broadway production close to home.

The Marcus Performing Arts Center is wheelchair accessible and provides additional accessibility services for patrons. With performances spread across six days, audiences will have several opportunities to see the production during its Milwaukee engagement.

Tickets and additional information are available through the Marcus Center and Ticketmaster.







Christa Pike survived 2 doses of an execution drug. How is that possible?

AP NEWS

Christa Pike regaining consciousness and speaking a week after receiving two doses of execution drugs in Tennessee has astonished even some medical professionals and left many people wondering: How did she survive?

Attorneys for Pike, 50, called her recovery "medically unprecedented" after she was placed on a ventilator following the bungled Sept. 30 attempt to make her the first woman put to death in Tennessee in 200 years. On Wednesday, they told a judge that Pike was "speaking limitedly" and that they expect a long recovery.

Pike is the only person to survive after receiving lethal injection drugs during an execution, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Many details of the execution process remain secretive, and Tennessee officials say they are investigating what went wrong.

Still, medical experts raised a few possibilities that could explain how Pike was able to survive the injections, including the potential drug quality and the placement of IV lines. Tennessee's executioners had difficulties earlier this year with IV lines for another execution, leading to it being called off.

Only a small amount of the drug may have entered her bloodstream

The 5-gram dose of pentobarbital used in executions is many more times the amount than what should put someone in a medical coma, said Dr. Jonathan I. Groner, a retired pediatric general surgeon at Ohio State University College of Medicine who has studied lethal injections.

"The fact that she woke, on one hand, says she got really little of it into her system. So that's kind of shocking," Groner said. "It says how badly they botched the execution."

At high doses the potent barbiturate should make a person lose consciousness and stop breathing.

Groner said the IV might have been placed improperly, or Pike's veins could have been fragile and ruptured, causing the drug to seep into the surrounding tissue instead of flowing through the bloodstream.



Pike's attorneys have said she was poked with needles at least seven times in the state's death chamber and that she has a blood disorder that makes it tough to get needles into her veins.

Sourcing of drugs for executions is shrouded in secrecy

Another possible problem could be the drug quality, said Michaela Almgren, a South Carolina pharmacist and educator who has consulted on several lethal injection cases.

Many major pharmaceutical companies refuse to supply drugs for lethal injections, which has raised questions about how states get them. Court orders have revealed that some states have turned to compounding pharmacies, which create custom drugs from raw ingredients and operate with less regulatory oversight.

Tennessee does not disclose its drug supplier and has not said where Pike's supply came from. Almgren said that makes it difficult to track if a drug was prepared, tested, handled and administered properly.

That also means the public may never know exactly what happened in Pike's case.

Pike's attorneys asked a court to order the Tennessee Department of Correction to preserve evidence, including drug lot numbers, records and other information from the attempted execution. A judge said Wednesday that she would issue an order to preserve "anything that was in the actual room."

Outgoing Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee has paused executions and ordered a "comprehensive, third-party review to determine exactly what occurred" with Pike.

Hospital treatment likely involved flushing the drug from her body

Before the execution attempt, Pike's attorneys told courts and prison officials that she had medical conditions that could complicate a lethal injection and make it agonizing.

Dr. Joel Zivot, a professor of anesthesiology and surgery in Atlanta who consulted as an expert for Pike's legal team, said Pike has a blood-clotting disorder that causes her body to produce an excess of platelets. Her lawyers had argued that the condition could cause clotting at injection sites or bleeding that could affect her lungs.

State protocol calls for a second dose of pentobarbital if the first doesn't result in death, but it doesn't spell out what to do if an inmate survives the second injection.

The attempted execution got underway around 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 when Pike was given a chance to make a final statement. About five minutes later, Pike raised her head and said her arm was hurting. At some point she appeared to lose consciousness, but she could be heard audibly breathing until media were escorted from the witness room at 8:53 p.m. An ambulance arrived at the prison at 9:14 p.m. to take Pike to a hospital.

When Pike arrived at the hospital, doctors likely tried to stabilize her breathing, checked how much pentobarbital was in her system and worked to quickly flush it out, said Dr. Michael Baden, the former chief medical examiner of New York City. Doctors may have also been dealing with muscle damage, both from the effects of the pentobarbital and because some may have entered muscle tissue near the injection site, he said.

Pike's lawyers said her arms were left burned and blistered from the failed attempt. She was unconscious and on a ventilator for several days.

"She was very fortunate that there was enough (pentobarbital) to put her into a deep sleep, but they were able to keep her breathing going and they were able to start flushing it out," Baden said.



Houthis strike Saudi targets, olive harvesters attacked in West Bank, and other Mideast developments

Yemen's Houthi rebels claimed to have attacked military facilities and airports in Saudi Arabia as the war between the kingdom and the Iran-backed rebels escalated.

Israeli settlers opened fire on olive harvesters in the occupied West Bank. Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio reiterated that the goal of the Iran war is to prevent Iran from ever developing a nuclear weapon.

Here is the latest news from the Middle East on Wednesday. Read our full coverage here.

Houthis claim more attacks in Saudi Arabia

The Houthis used ballistic and cruise missiles, as well as drones, to attack military facilities and airports in Saudi Arabia, the rebels' military spokesman, Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree said Wednesday on social media. He didn't provide evidence for the claim.

The attacks targeted King Khalid International Airport in the capital, Riyadh, with missiles, he said.

Also attacked were Abha airport, military facilities in Khamis Mushait and other "critical sites" in the cities of Najran and Asir, Saree said.

The Houthis also said they launched a missile strike early Wednesday against Yemen's port city of Aden, the seat of the internationally recognized government.

1 dead and 16 wounded as Israeli settlers fire on olive harvesters

Israeli settlers opened fire on olive harvesters in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, killing a Palestinian officer who responded to the attack and wounding 16, Palestinian officials said, the latest in a series of violent attacks since the harvest began this month.

Ali Hassan Yasser al-Bazzari, 44, was a member of the Palestinian National Security Forces who went to the Palestinian village of Burqa when news of the attack surfaced, said his cousin Abdul Latif al-Bazzari, who was also injured on site.

Sami Daghlas, a member of the Burqa village council, said that after the attack the Israeli military prevented emergency medical responders from reaching the injured for more than an hour.

The military went to the area after getting reports of an Israeli civilian injured by a rock. Several Palestinians suspected of hurling rocks were apprehended for questioning, the military said in a statement.

The Israeli military and police did not respond to questions about whether the person who shot and killed al-Bazzari had been arrested. Arrests following settler violence in the West Bank are rare, and convictions are rarer still.

In a second attack Wednesday, dozens of settlers chased olive harvesters from groves, forcing them to take shelter in a house near the village of Marda in the northern occupied West Bank, said Bassam Abdah, a former head of the village council.

Israeli soldiers fired tear gas at residents near the house and detained three people, Abdah said.

Five Palestinians have been killed and more than 100 injured this week in such attacks, according to Palestinian officials. They say Israelis have damaged thousands of trees, costing farmers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

'Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon,' says Rubio

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said there should be no confusion over the Trump administration's ultimate goal in the Iran war: to prevent the Islamic Republic from ever developing a nuclear weapon.

Rubio made the comments Wednesday after Vice President JD Vance told Reuters that the administration might be able to accept an agreement calling for Iran to make a "meaningful" decrease in its capacity for nuclear enrichment.

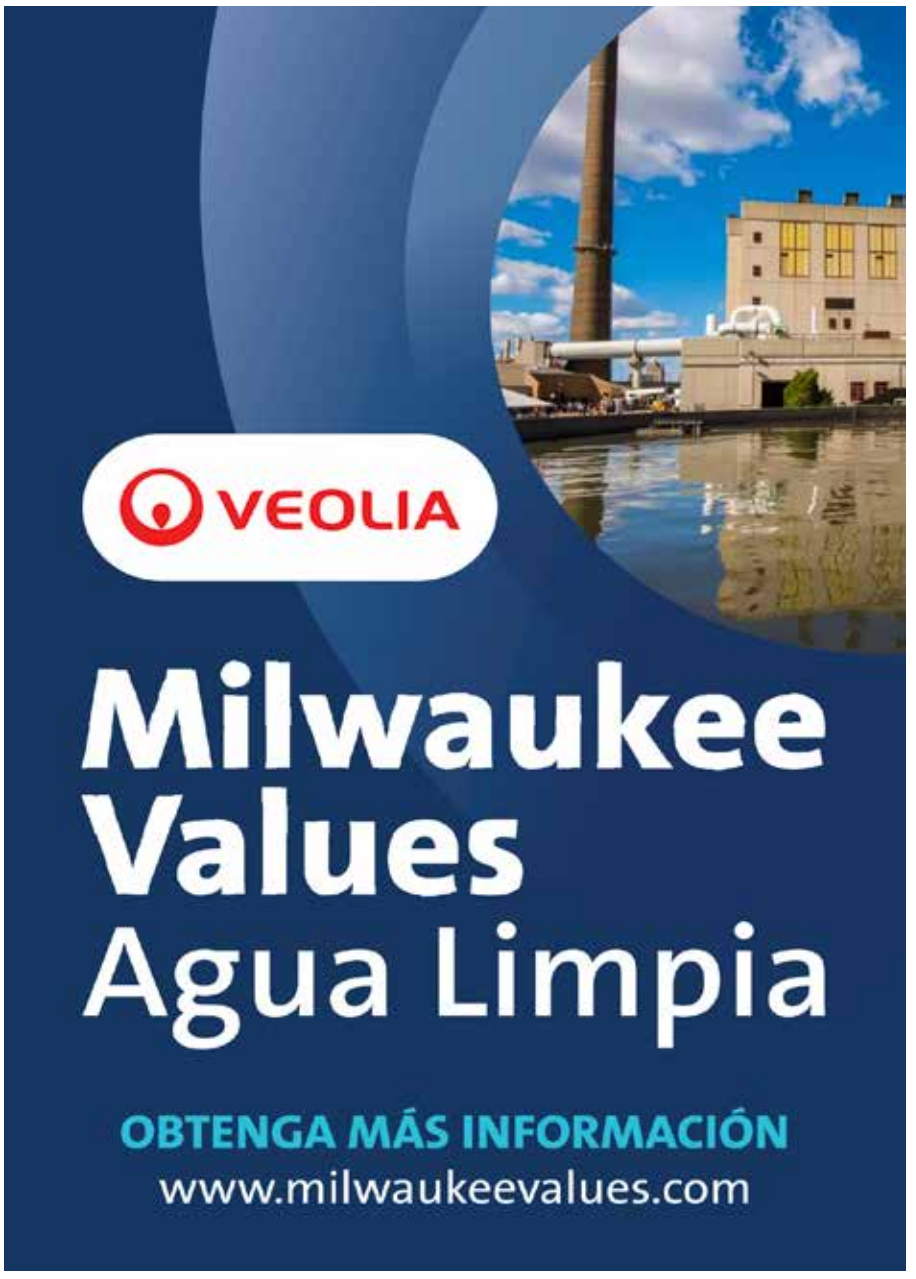
U.S. President Donald Trump has previously said Iran should not be allowed the capability to enrich.

"I don't understand where the confusion is about the nuclear program," Rubio said. "Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. Simple, period, end of story."

Strikes in Gaza kill 3 people

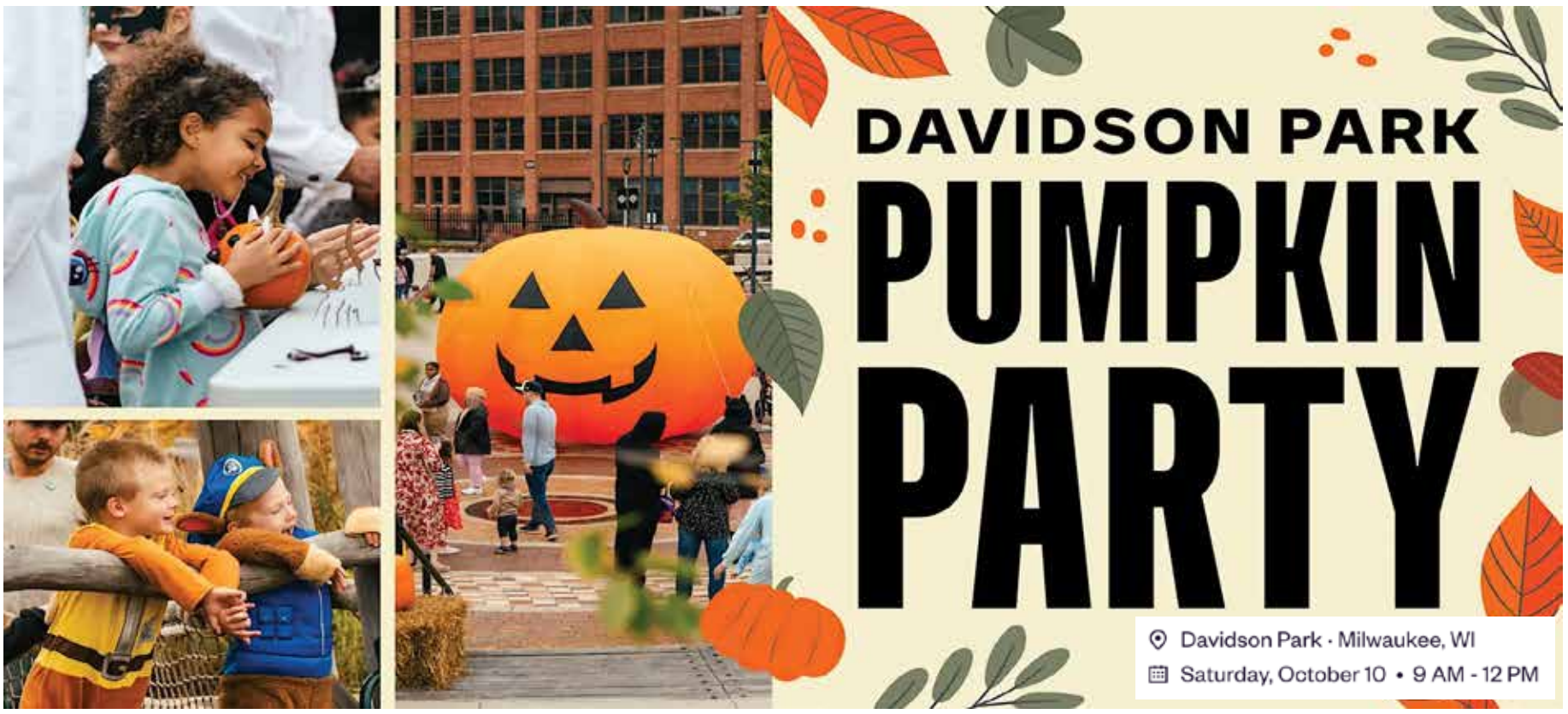
Israeli strikes in northern and southern Gaza killed three Palestinians and wounded at least a dozen others, according to health officials at Gaza hospitals.

An Israeli strike in the vicinity of Kamal Adwan hospital in northern Gaza overnight killed one civil defense worker, according to health officials at the territory's Health Ministry

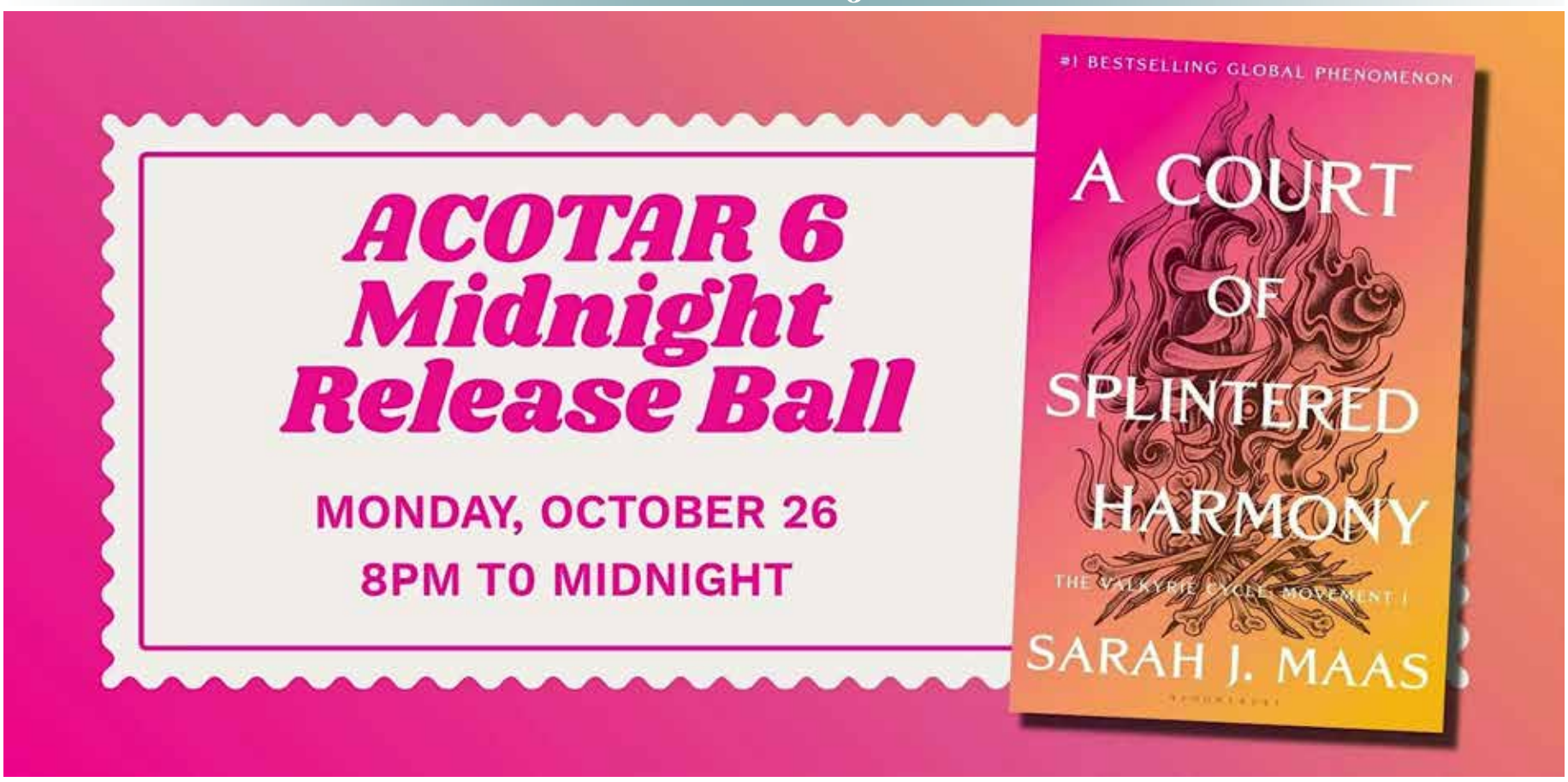




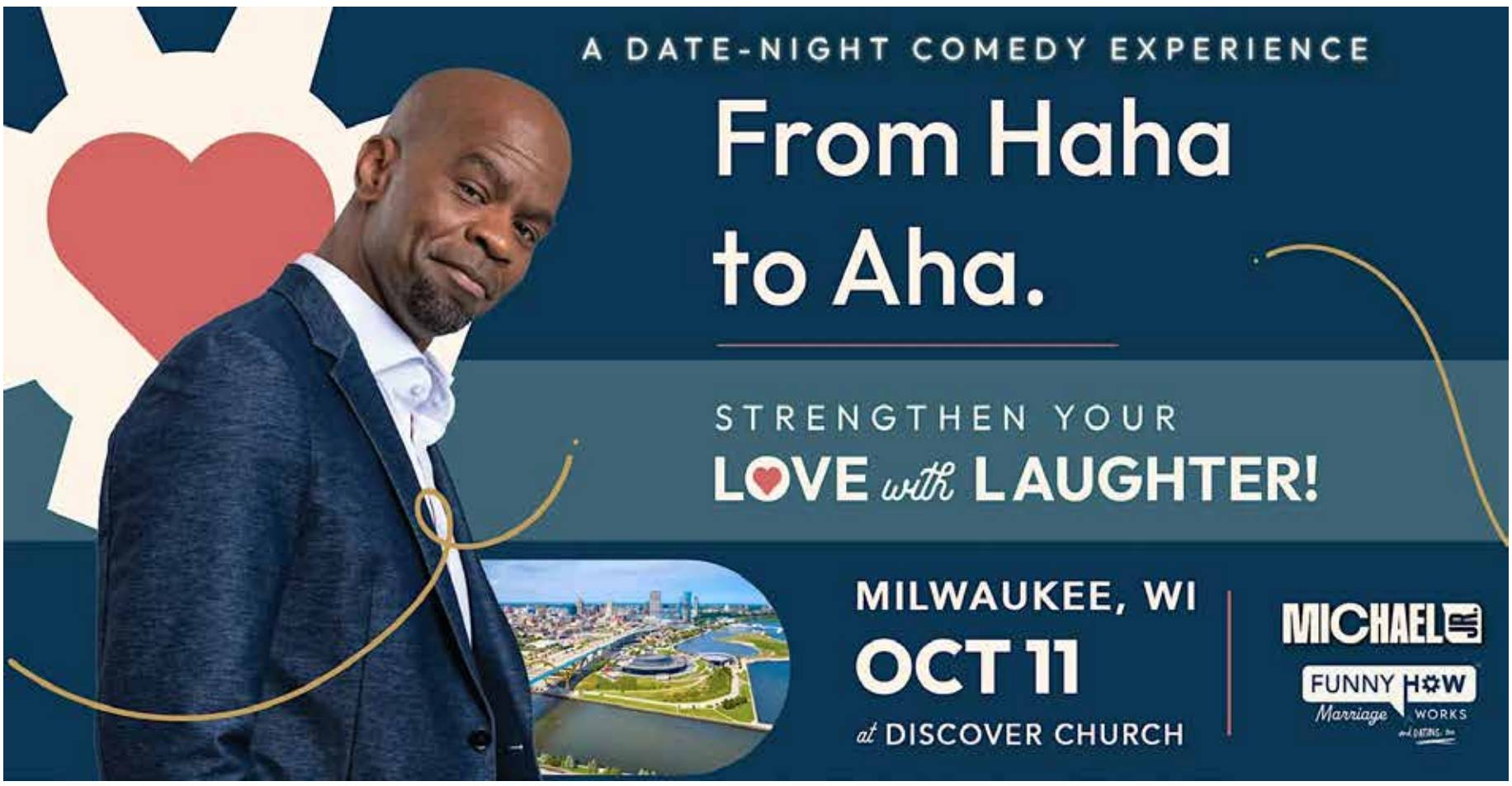

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The footballing world witnessed an emotionally charged and historic evening at a packed Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires on Tuesday, as Lionel Messi officially pulled on the Albiceleste jersey for the final time. The specially arranged farewell friendly against Benin brought down the curtain on a legendary 21-year elite international career that cemented Messi's status as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

From the moment Messi arrived at the stadium, the atmosphere was thick with reverence and emotion. Fans lined the streets to greet the team bus, and the iconic captain was visibly moved to tears during the national anthem. True to form, the 39-year-old icon did not just make a ceremonial appearance; he actively orchestrated the match's defining moments. After setting up Nicolás Otamendi for the opening goal with a precise corner kick in the 48th minute and assisting Nico Paz in the 61st, Messi capped off his fairytale night by slotting home a clinical penalty kick in the 70th minute to seal a 3-0 victory.

The final whistle triggered an elaborate celebration that included a dazzling drone show over Buenos Aires, heartfelt video tributes, and a standing ovation from a worshipful crowd. Addressing the nation in an emotional post-match speech, Messi expressed his deep gratitude for more than two decades of representing his country. "It's difficult to say something today," Messi told the crowd, fighting back tears. "There is not much more for me to say than to say thank you. It was a huge pride to wear this shirt for more than 20 years."

The match officially concludes Messi's international legacy with staggering career numbers: 126 goals and 69 assists across 208 appearances for the three-time world champions. While the white-and-blue stripes will miss their talisman, the final chapter of Messi's international career ended fittingly under the Buenos Aires lights, leaving an immortal legacy for generations of Argentine fans to cherish.





Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Confirmed in Racine County

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has identified a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a backyard poultry flock in Racine County. Birds on the premises were depopulated and will not enter the food system.

The HPAI virus has continued to circulate in both wild and domestic birds in North America since December 2021. HPAI viruses are highly contagious and often fatal to domestic poultry. Caused by influenza type A viruses, the disease varies in severity depending on the strain and species affected. The disease can be spread by contact with infected birds, commingling with wild birds or their droppings, equipment, or clothing worn by anyone working with the animals.

DATCP continues to urge all livestock owners to implement strong biosecurity measures to protect their flocks and herds from the disease. This includes washing hands, disinfecting equipment, restricting access to animals, and separating new additions to the flock or herd for at least 30 days. Poultry owners are asked, when possible, to keep their birds indoors.

When HPAI is diagnosed in a backyard poultry flock, risk factors are evaluated and a 10-kilometer surveillance zone may instead be implemented, without movement restrictions for surrounding poultry premises. To help producers determine if their poultry are located within an active control area or surveillance zone, poultry owners are encouraged to use DATCP's mapping tool.

DATCP reminds Wisconsin livestock owners to register their premises. State law requires that all livestock owners register where their animals are kept. Poultry is included in the definition of livestock for premises registration. Registration helps animal health officials communicate with flock and herd owners during disease outbreaks.

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, dairy cattle, or other animals, contact DATCP by following the instructions on the Animal Disease Reporting webpage. For updates on how the virus is affecting domestic birds in Wisconsin, and to find resources on protecting Wisconsin poultry, visit DATCP's HPAI in Poultry webpage.

HPAI in Other Species

The HPAI virus has continued to circulate in both wild and domestic birds in North America since December 2021. Since that time, the HPAI virus has also affected other species, including mammalian species. DATCP continues to work with USDA to conduct testing for HPAI, encourage biosecurity, and provide resources to producers.

For updates on how the HPAI virus is affecting dairy cattle across the country, and to find resources on protecting Wisconsin dairy cattle, visit DATCP's HPAI in Dairy Cattle webpage.

Ballet Icon and Boys & Girls Clubs Alumna Misty Copeland Featured as Clubs Deepens Investment in Youth Arts Programming

Milwaukee – (October 6, 2026) – Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (BGCGM) will welcome world-renowned ballet dancer and Boys & Girls Clubs of America Hall of Fame Alumna Misty Copeland as the special guest at its 2026 Presidents Society Gathering, hosted by the Baird Foundation. During the gathering, the City of Milwaukee will proclaim Monday, Oct. 12, "Misty Copeland Day," honoring her achievements in ballet and her lifelong support of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Copeland's appearance reflects BGCGM's growing investment in sports and arts programming, creating more opportunities for Milwaukee youth to explore their talents, build confidence, and experience in the arts—including dance. BGCGM's new MarVan Sports & Arts Program, supported by the recent addition of Randy Howard as MarVan Director of Sports & Arts Programming and a new partnership with Contessa Cole of TBEY Arts Center, will serve as a foundation for outreach to thousands of Milwaukee youth in the central city. The program will provide well-rounded opportunities to be active, creative, and connected while putting young people on a path to become productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

Sports and arts offerings are often the reason youth first attend a Club, invite their friends, and then keep coming back to participate for years to come. Access to the arts helps young people build confidence, discipline, and creativity. Copeland, who found her start in the gym of a Boys & Girls Club, is a powerful example of what can happen when a young person is given opportunity and support. Her visit highlights BGCGM's commitment to expanding those opportunities for Milwaukee youth. Media are invited to interview Copeland immediately following the event.

The gathering will celebrate the dedicated BGCGM supporters whose generosity and investments help transform the lives of Milwaukee's youth. Guests will include representatives of community dance organizations, including the Milwaukee Ballet, Club youth and alumni who have participated in dance programming, and a host of other Milwaukee Community leaders and VIP guests.

WHEN: Monday, October 12, 2026

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Media interview opportunities:

- 12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.: Interviews with Misty Copeland, and her remarks are limited to her experience with the Boys & Girls Clubs and her career in ballet.
- 12:50 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.: Jeff Snell, president and chief executive officer at BGCGM

WHERE: The Pfister Hotel, Grand Ballroom (7th Floor)

424 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202





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The rise and fall of America's deadly love affair with the cigarette



NEW YORK (AP) — Cancer stick. Coffin nail. Cowboy killer. Those are nicknames, through the decades, for the cigarette — the once-glamorous desideratum of American society that has been tied to tens of millions of U.S. deaths.

The cigarette is not an invention of the United States. And while Marlboro is a top-selling international brand, more than 100 countries make cigarettes. The largest manufacturer is in China.

But U.S. ingenuity drastically altered the global tobacco industry. And American culture embraced it in the 20th century, making it — for a time — a symbol of stylish adulthood in U.S. movies and media, and omnipresent in bars, restaurants, airplanes and even hospitals.

Smoking became "a right of passage for many young people," and by the 1950s nearly half of U.S. adults smoked, says K. Michael Cummings, a tobacco history scholar at the Medical University of South Carolina.

"I remember making ashtrays for my parents for Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts," says Cummings, 73. "I remember giving cartons of cigarettes as Christmas gifts. I mean, smoking was so common. It was just part of Americana."

Early versions of cigarettes can be traced back thousands of years to the Mayans. But hand-rolling each cigarette was time-consuming and labor intensive.

That changed in the 1880s, when a Virginia inventor named John Bansack invented an automated cigarette-rolling machine that could make smokes 50 times faster. Early tobacco magnate James Buchanan Duke invested in the technology, and used it — along with the development of more palatable tobacco blends — to build the cigarette business into a major American industry.

Cigarettes were clearly addictive, and the idea that smoking could kill was long suspected. Automaker Henry Ford warned against cigarettes in the 1910s, putting out a brochure in 1914 that called them "little white slavers" and argued they were habit-forming bad for health, and were associated with bad morals.

A watershed moment came in 1964 with an authoritative U.S. surgeon general report that said smoking causes illness and death, helping to lead the way to warning labels on cigarette packs, bans on cigarette commercials, and restrictions on where people could light up.

The dangers of smoking began to sink in to the public consciousness, though it took decades for smoking rates to plummet to the historically low levels they're at now. The chain-smoking writer Kurt Vonnegut Jr., who favored Pall Malls, in 1968 penned that "the public health authorities never mention the main reason many Americans have for smoking heavily, which is that smoking is a fairly sure, fairly honorable form of suicide."

Florida's dengue outbreak is now the largest in the US in decades

NEW YORK (AP) — Florida's current dengue outbreak appears to be the largest in several decades in the continental United States.

State health officials reported this week that more than 250 locally acquired cases of the mosquito-borne disease have been tallied so far this year. The vast majority of them were in Hillsborough County, home to Tampa.

Federal health officials say their data on dengue outbreaks is limited. But available information from state health departments and medical journals suggests the Florida outbreak marks the most cases in a calendar year for any state since at least the 1940s.

Puerto Rico is consistently hit hard by dengue, with numbers much higher than what's seen in any of the 50 states. But in the continental U.S., Florida usually gets the most locally transmitted cases. The state's previous worst year was 2023, when just under 200 locally spread cases were reported.

Officials in Hillsborough and surrounding counties have declared local emergencies, and workers in the Tampa area are spraying day and night to tamp down the population of disease-transmitting mosquitoes.

What is dengue?

Dengue (pronounced DEHN'-gay) is caused by a virus spread by a type of mosquito.

Many infected people don't get sick, but some experience fever, flu-like symptoms and — notoriously — aches. It's been nicknamed "breakbone fever" for the excruciating pain some people experience. Severe cases can cause bleeding, shock and death.

There has been one dengue death in Florida this year — an elderly Tampa woman on Sept. 4.

There are four types of dengue virus, simply known as 1, 2, 3 and 4. When someone is first infected, their body builds antibodies against that type for life. If they get infected with another type of dengue, the antibodies from the first infection may fail to neutralize the second type — and actually can help the virus enter immune cells and replicate. That's made it difficult to develop an effective vaccine.

Most people in the Tampa area don't have prior immunity to any form of dengue, said Dawn Wesson, a Tulane University expert on dengue and other diseases spread by mosquitoes.

How does dengue spread?

The warm-weather mosquitoes that spread dengue live in Florida and some other hotter U.S. locales, but experts say they have been expanding their geographic reach because of climate change.

For decades, most continental U.S. infections were found among people who caught the virus while traveling internationally, along with locally acquired cases in Puerto Rico.

But in 2009-2010, Key West, Florida, reported the first dengue cases acquired in the continental U.S. outside of the Texas-Mexico border since 1945.

The largest outbreak of dengue in any U.S. state since then occurred in Hawaii, where 264 locally acquired cases were reported over a six-month span in 2015-2016. The Tampa-area outbreak, which first came to light in July, is already on the verge of surpassing that.

Across the world, more than 2.2 million infections and nearly 1,200 deaths have been reported this year, according to the World Health Organization.

There have been nearly 1,900 locally acquired U.S. cases this year, most of them in Puerto Rico, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Why is it so bad in Tampa?

Florida tends to get a lot of dengue in part because the state receives a lot of travelers who have been to Puerto Rico or other places where the disease is present, Wesson said.

Usually most cases are in southern Florida, around the Miami area. It's hard to say what's happening in the Tampa area this year, but the surge may be at least partly related to travel patterns, she added.

Locally acquired cases in Florida have actually surpassed travel-associated cases, by a count of 252 to 245 as of last week. But it's close, and at least 13 Hillsborough County cases were diagnosed in travelers, according to the state.

Traditionally, the CDC would be highly visible in a situation like this, but it hasn't been this time, Wesson noted.

The U.S. public health agency has to be invited in by state officials, however, and Florida officials have not asked for CDC disease investigators to come in, CDC spokesman Jason McDonald said. The agency has provided $800,000 in assistance to the state health department, he added.

What can you do to prevent infection?

The current outbreak is centered just north of Tampa, and workers have been spraying to kill mosquitoes. They also have been checking properties for pooled water, including in tires, where mosquitoes might breed.

People in an outbreak area can take their own steps for protection, experts say.

The virus-carrying mosquitoes can bite any time of day, so it's important for people in an outbreak area to apply EPA-registered insect repellents containing active ingredients like DEET, experts say.

Wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants to cover the skin and make it harder for mosquitoes to bite. Staying indoors, behind screens or in rooms with air conditioning.

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Finding Peace in a Noisy World



SUSIE LLOYD

There is an old story about a man who spent years searching for peace. He traveled to remote mountain monasteries, read thick books by ancient scholars, and sat under the guidance of famous teachers. Yet, everywhere he went, his heart remained restless. Finally, an old monk pulled him aside and said, "You are looking for peace like a man sitting in his own kitchen, searching for water while holding a glass under a running faucet. Turn off your mind, look down, and drink."

We often make the spiritual life far more complicated than it needs to be. We treat peace as a distant prize to be earned after we finally get our schedules under control, clear our inbox, or fix every problem in our lives. But in the Christian tradition, peace isn't the absence of trouble; it is the presence of a Person.

The Noise of the World

Every single day, an avalanche of information competes for our attention. We are constantly notified, alerted, and updated about crises happening thousands of miles away, alongside the local pressures of work, finances, and relationships. It is easy to live in a perpetual state of low-grade anxiety, waiting for the other shoe to drop.

The world tells us that the solution to stress is self-reliance—work harder, manage better, control more. But self-reliance is a heavy load to carry because deep down, we know how little control we actually possess. True Christian peace begins at the precise moment we stop trying to be the general manager of the universe and hand the reigns back to God.

Jesus spoke directly to our restless hearts when He said:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

Notice the distinction He makes: "Not as the world gives." The world offers a conditional peace—a temporary quiet that depends entirely on smooth circumstances. The peace of Christ, however, exists right in the middle of the storm. It doesn't promise that the waves will instantly stop crashing, but that your anchor will hold while they do.

The Practice of Surrender

So how do we actually live in that peace when daily life feels chaotic? It starts with the quiet practice of daily surrender. Surrender isn't giving up or being passive; it is an active trust. It is saying, "*Lord, I cannot control this situation, but I know You are good, and I trust You with the outcome*."

A friend once shared a simple morning reflection that she keeps taped to her bathroom mirror. It serves as her daily reminder before stepping into the noise of the world:

Lord, I surrender this day into Your hands.

Take my plans, my worries, and my expectations, and align them with Your will. Grant me the grace to accept the things I cannot change and the wisdom to see Your hand in every circumstance.

When anxiety rises, quiet my heart with the knowledge that You are near. Teach me to trust Your timing, rest in Your mercy, and reflect Your love to everyone I meet today. Amen.

Starting the day with that mindset doesn't erase life's difficulties, but it shifts our stance from defensive panic to quiet confidence.

Resting in the Present Moment

Much of our anxiety lives in two places: regrets about yesterday or fears about tomorrow. Neither of those places actually exists right now. God gives us grace in daily bread—enough for today, not for next week. When we drag tomorrow's hypothetical problems into today, we carry a weight God never intended us to bear.

When you feel overwhelmed, train yourself to pause and return to the present moment. God is not waiting for you in some distant, stress-free future; He is with you right now, in the mess of this hour, offering the exact strength you need for the next step.

Living as an Ostrich or an Anchor?

Choosing peace doesn't mean ignoring reality or pretending bad things don't happen. It means choosing where you fix your gaze. If you focus entirely on the waves, you will sink; if you focus on the One who walks on the water, you will stand. If you want to find quiet in a noisy world, start by creating small spaces of silence in your day. Turn off the radio during your commute, leave your phone in another room for thirty minutes, or sit quietly in prayer before the day begins. In those still moments, you will discover that the peace you've been searching for was never that far away after all.

David Crowley

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Wisconsin's Constitution requires approval by both legislative chambers in two successive legislative sessions, followed by voter approval. Crowley will advocate for passage and build public support for ratification.

Congressman Tom Tiffany celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's unprecedented decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and has said he would bring the same agenda to Wisconsin that's so extreme that doctors are sounding the alarm.

By contrast, Crowley has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin and Reproductive Freedom for All. And years before the Dobbs decision, Crowley supported the Assembly Joint Resolution 10 which declares abortion is healthcare.

Learn more about how David Crowley will build a Wisconsin that works for all of us at crowleyforwi.com.

Milwaukee Invited to Free Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Deer District

Milwaukee will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a free, public celebration at Deer District on Thursday, October 8, from 5 to 9 p.m., bringing together live music, food, Latino vendors, culture and community for an evening open to everyone. Presented by the Hispanic Collaborative, Mexican Fiesta and the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, and the City of Milwaukee, this year's celebration carries the theme SOMOS MÁS — More than a month. More than one story. The theme reflects the many people, experiences and contributions that make up Milwaukee's Latino community—and the importance of telling a fuller story of who we are.

The celebration will feature live music by Calakas Sonoras, along with Latino vendors and food trucks. The first 200 attendees will also receive a free, limited-edition SOMOS MÁS 2026 commemorative T-shirt. A special program beginning at 5:15 p.m. will recognize two Milwaukee women whose work has helped tell, preserve and expand the Latino story.

- Longtime Milwaukee journalist Georgia Pabst will receive the CUENTA Award, recognizing her decades of work telling, documenting and preserving the stories of Milwaukee's Latino community.
- Artist and photographer Nicole Acosta will receive the AMPLIFICA Award, recognizing her use of creativity and voice to expand the narrative of who Latinos are and help others see the many dimensions of the Latino experience.

Together, the awards reflect a central idea behind SOMOS MÁS: there is no single Latino story. The people who tell those stories—and those who broaden the narrative by bringing more voices, experiences and perspectives into view—can have a lasting and positive impact on how the Latino community is seen and understood.

The 2026 Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration takes place Thursday, October 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. at Deer District in Milwaukee. The special program begins at 5:15 p.m. Admission is free and the celebration is open to the public.



Milwaukee invita a una celebración gratuita por el Mes de la Herencia Hispana en Deer District

Milwaukee celebrará el Mes de la Herencia Hispana con una celebración gratuita y abierta al público el jueves 8 de octubre, de 5 a 9 p.m., en Deer District, donde habrá música en vivo, comida, vendedores latinos, cultura y la comunidad en una noche para todos. Presentada por Hispanic Collaborative, Mexican Fiesta y la Fundación de Becas Hispanas de Wisconsin, y la Ciudad de Milwaukee, la celebración de este año lleva como tema SOMOS MÁS — Más que un mes. Más que una historia. El tema refleja la diversidad de personas, experiencias y contribuciones que forman parte de la comunidad latina de Milwaukee, y la importancia de contar una historia más amplia sobre quiénes somos.

La celebración contará con música en vivo por parte de Calakas Sonoras, además de vendedores latinos y food trucks. Los primeros 200 asistentes también recibirán gratis una camiseta conmemorativa SOMOS MÁS 2026 de edición limitada. Un programa especial que comenzará a las 5:15 p.m. reconocerá a dos mujeres de Milwaukee cuyo trabajo ha contribuido a contar, preservar y ampliar la historia de la comunidad latina.

- La periodista de Milwaukee Georgia Pabst recibirá el Premio CUENTA, en reconocimiento a sus décadas de trabajo contando, documentando y preservando las historias de la comunidad latina de Milwaukee.
- La artista y fotógrafa Nicole Acosta recibirá el Premio AMPLIFICA, en reconocimiento a su creatividad y su voz para ampliar la narrativa sobre quiénes somos y ayudar a mostrar las muchas dimensiones de la experiencia latina.

Juntos, estos reconocimientos reflejan una idea central de SOMOS MÁS: no existe una sola historia latina. Quienes cuentan nuestras historias—y quienes amplían esa narrativa incorporando más voces, experiencias y perspectivas—pueden tener un impacto duradero y positivo en la manera en que se ve y se entiende a la comunidad latina.

La Celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana 2026 se llevará a cabo el jueves 8 de octubre, de 5 a 9 p.m., en Deer District en Milwaukee. El programa especial comenzará a las 5:15 p.m. La entrada es gratuita y la celebración está abierta al público.

WisDOT and WI State Patrol mourn Trooper Bradley Ritger

It is with profound sadness that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Wisconsin State Patrol announce the line-of-duty death of Trooper Bradley Ritger at the age of 29.

On September 21, 2026, Trooper Ritger was responding to a traffic pursuit when he deployed a tire deflation device on a bridge deck west of the Dunn County/Eau Claire County line. As he moved to a position of cover, he fell from the bridge onto the roadway below. Despite lifesaving efforts and critical medical care, Trooper Ritger succumbed to his injuries on October 2, 2026.

"The entire law

enforcement community mourns the loss of a brave and dedicated colleague. His service and sacrifice will never be forgotten and while he may not be with us, his legacy will forever be embodied by those who, like him, go to work often placing service above self," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said.

Trooper Ritger joined the Wisconsin State Patrol as a member of the 67th Recruit Class. He served in the Northwest Region for nearly five years, primarily in the Dunn County area. During his career, he attained certifications as a general law enforcement instructor, mobile field force team member and squad leader, and salvage vehicle inspector. Prior to his service with the Wisconsin State Patrol, Trooper Ritger served with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections for nearly three years.

Trooper Ritger was a dedicated public servant whose strong work ethic and positive presence left a lasting impact on anyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He approached every situation with professionalism, integrity and a genuine commitment to serving others. Whether assisting the public, supporting his fellow troopers, or taking on difficult challenges, he consistently demonstrated compassion and willingness to help wherever needed. His dedication to his family and unwavering commitment to his profession will not be forgotten.

WisDOT and the Wisconsin State Patrol extend their deepest condolences to Trooper Ritger's family, friends, loved ones and all who served alongside him.

Out of respect for the family, no additional information will be shared at this time. Funeral arrangements are being made by the family. We kindly ask media and the public to respect their privacy and space for grieving.



Blind Boys of Alabama - Oct. 18

The upcoming concert event at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center promises to be an extraordinary cultural highlight for the community, featuring the legendary, six-time Grammy-winning gospel ensemble The Blind Boys of Alabama. Scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 PM, this highly anticipated performance brings world-class musical royalty directly to a local stage. Rather than performing a standard setlist, the group will deliver a deeply moving and meticulously crafted musical tribute centered around Stevie Wonder's monumental and universally acclaimed masterpiece, *Songs in the Key of Life*, seamlessly weaving those beloved pop and soul classics together with their trademark soaring spirituals and traditional roots music. Tickets for the evening are currently available for purchase, ranging from $61 to $81, with special discounted rates thoughtfully provided for local seniors and students wishing to attend. Music lovers, community members, and fans from across the region can easily secure their seats by visiting the official venue box office website or by calling 414-766-5049 directly. Local organizers and cultural enthusiasts anticipate that this rare appearance by such a decorated heritage act will draw an enthusiastic crowd, making early ticket reservation strongly recommended for anyone hoping to witness this unique celebration of American music history.

The astonishing legacy of the Blind Boys of Alabama stretches back more than eight decades, having been originally formed in 1939 at the Alabama Institute for the Negro Blind. Throughout their historic, multi-decade trajectory, the members have fundamentally shaped traditional gospel and American roots music, evolving from a regional student ensemble into a global cultural institution. During the difficult era of Jim Crow segregation, the group courageously broke down significant racial barriers, touring through deeply divided territories and proving with undeniable power that gospel music could transcend cultural divides, touch diverse audiences, and resonate across mainstream American society. Over the course of their legendary career, the ensemble has earned six Grammy Awards, a prestigious Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and a well-deserved induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Their profound influence extends far beyond traditional gospel spaces, having performed for multiple U.S. presidents at the White House and collaborated with a diverse array of modern icons such as Stevie Wonder, Tom Waits, Prince, and Peter Gabriel. By continuously reinventing their sound while honoring their spiritual roots, the Blind Boys of Alabama have left an indelible mark on modern culture through tireless touring, groundbreaking recordings, and an enduring commitment to inspiring younger generations of artists worldwide.





Tackling the Squeeze Inside David Crowley's Economic Platform for Working Families

As working families across Wisconsin continue to feel the heavy squeeze of rising household expenses, gubernatorial candidate David Crowley is placing kitchen-table economics at the absolute forefront of his platform. Drawing directly from his own upbringing in a working-class Milwaukee household, Crowley emphasizes that the daily financial stress of paying mortgages, managing utility bills, and keeping up with the cost of living are challenges he understands intimately. For Crowley, these economic realities are not just abstract talking points from a campaign memo, but lived experiences shared by thousands of parents across the state who are trying to build a stable future for their children.

His comprehensive campaign vision focuses heavily on practical, results-driven solutions designed to make life more affordable in every single zip code. Central to this plan is tackling the state's housing crisis by cutting red tape that slows down new construction, expanding support for first-time home buyers, and establishing sensible guardrails to prevent large corporate investors from hoarding starter homes that working families desperately need. By ensuring that everyday people have a fair shot at homeownership, his administration aims to stabilize neighborhoods and protect long-term community roots across both urban and rural counties. Beyond housing, Crowley's platform targets the upstream cost drivers that continuously strain household budgets, including healthcare access, prescription drug costs, and utility expenses. By bridging political divides and fostering cooperation between Democrats and Republicans, he aims to implement structural reforms that protect consumers from unfair pricing and utility overcharges. This bipartisan ethos is framed not as a political compromise, but as a mandatory tool for getting actual results for taxpayers who are tired of gridlock.

Furthermore, his agenda emphasizes empowering local communities with the final say on major regional infrastructure decisions—such as the placement of large data centers in residential neighborhoods. Alongside local control, Crowley stresses the importance of holding big tech and corporate developers accountable by ensuring they pay their own way rather than shifting infrastructure and utility tax burdens onto local residents. It is a philosophy rooted in the idea that growth should benefit the community hosting it, rather than exploit it.

Crowley's approach also extends deeply into economic development and job creation, seeking to take successful local workforce models statewide. By prioritizing small business growth, expanding technical and trade apprenticeship programs, and investing in resilient infrastructure, his platform is built to create family-supporting jobs that do not exclusively require expensive four-year degrees. These investments are designed to ensure that workers of all backgrounds have access to meaningful career pathways right here in Wisconsin.

The campaign also places a significant emphasis on educational equity and supporting the public school systems that anchor local neighborhoods. Crowley believes that strengthening public education is a critical economic pillar, because working parents need reliable schools and after-school support to successfully maintain their employment and advance their families.

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NOTICE

Office of the Milwaukee Public Schools, DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1124 North 11th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 24, 2026.

Electronic bids will be received until Thursday, October 15, 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.

ROOF REPLACEMENT
Hartford Avenue University K-8 School
2227 E. Hartford Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53211
MPS Property No. 208
MPS Project No. 9364

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, October 1, 2026 at 8:00 AM, meet at the school's main entrance.

All questions should be submitted in writing prior to 12:00 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2026 to 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 **ROOF REPLACEMENT - Hartford Avenue University K-8 School** 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. The following TDD number is available for the hearing impaired for questions prior to bid opening, (414) 283-4611.

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Dr. Brenda Cassellius
Superintendent

ATTENTION: 8(a)/DBE/DVB/MBE/SBE/ SDVOSB/VOB/WBE

Subcontractors & Suppliers

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

PROJECT: Amani Scattered Sites

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
40 new, modular, single-family homes

LOCATION: Between N. 20 th , W. Meniecke, N. 22 nd , and W. Center Streets in Milwaukee, WI

BID DUE DATE: October 8, 2026

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: Dec 2026 – Dec 2027

OWNER / DEVELOPER:
Amani Scattered Sites LLC

PROJECT CONTACT:
Humberto Sanchez
414-465-2808
bids@meshconstruct.com

INCLUSION REQUIREMENTS:
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CONSTRUCTION BIDDING OPPORTUNITY

Milwaukee Area Technical College is seeking bids for the following:

BID REFERENCE NO. 2026-005

DUE: 2:00 PM, Thursday, September 3, 2026, followed by the public bid opening

MATC DMC FH Bookstore Relocation

PROJECT 2025521

Single Prime Contract including: Demolition, Masonry, Carpentry, Drywall & Finishing, Painting, Electrical & Lighting, HVAC & Sheet Metal

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1. Bids are due on the public matc.aegraphics.com portal at the time & date shown.

2. Plans and Specifications can be viewed and purchased online in the A/E Graphics Public Jobs Plan room at matc.aegraphics.com or follow the Online Plan room link on the home page. **Plans and Specifications can be viewed at no cost**. Contact Steve Wellman, Project Administrator, at 262-781-7744 or stevew@aegraphics.com if you need assistance.

3. A **mandatory tour** of the project sites will be conducted. See Instructions to Bidders for details.

4. A goal of 20% for the participation of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) is included in the specifications and is strongly recommended.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGING & DISABILITIES SERVICES AREA AGENCY ON AGING

The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Aging & Disabilities Services (ADS), Area Agency on Aging (AAA) invites community agencies, organizations and interested parties to participate in the RFP process by submitting proposals for Socialization and Meal Site Supervision for Native American Elders to be tentatively provided in 2027:

Ref. # DHHS-POS-ADS-2704

- DHHS ADS RFP for Socialization and Meal Site Supervision for Native American Elders

RFP materials are available at:
https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

RFP Issue Date: July 23, 2026

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM CDT, September 9, 2026

SOLICITUD DE PROPUESTAS

SERVICIOS PARA PERSONAS MAYORES Y DISCAPACIDADES DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD Y SERVICIOS HUMANOS DEL CONDADO DE MILWAUKEE AGENCIA DE ÁREA PARA EL ENVEJECIMIENTO

El Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Milwaukee (DHHS), Servicios para el Envejecimiento y Discapacidades (ADS) y la Agencia de Área para el Envejecimiento (AAA) invitan a agencias comunitarias, organizaciones y partes interesadas a participar en el proceso de solicitud de propuestas presentando propuestas para la Socialización y Supervisión de Lugares de Comida para Ancianos Nativos Americanos, que se proporcionarán provisionalmente en 2027:

Ref. # DHHS-POS-ADS-2704

- DHHS ADS RFP para socialización y supervisión de sitios de comida para ancianos nativos americanos

Los materiales de la RFP están disponibles en:
https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

Fecha de publicación de la RFP: 23 de junio de 2026

Las propuestas deben entrgarse antes de las 4:00 PM CDT del 9 de septiembre de 2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

MILWAUKEE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Behavioral Health Services (BHS) invites community agencies, organizations and interested parties to participate in the RFP process by submitting proposals for CCS Survey Collection, to be tentatively provided from July 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

Ref. # DHHS-POS-BHS-2701

- DHHS BHS RFP for CCS Survey Collection

The Department welcomes new prospective vendors including joint ventures and other innovative partnerships to participate in this RFP process. Existing agency currently providing this service must reapply to be considered for 2027 contract.Entities currently contracted to provide CCS services to Milwaukee County BHS are not eligible.

RFP materials are available at:
https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

RFP Issue Date: July 27, 2026

Proposals are due by 4:00 PM CDT, September 18, 2026

SOLICITUD DE PROPUESTAS

DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD Y SERVICIOS HUMANOS DEL CONDADO DE MILWAUKEE SERVICIOS DE SALUD CONDUCTUAL

El Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos del Condado de Milwaukee (DHHS), Servicios de Salud Conductual (BHS), invita a agencias comunitarias, organizaciones y partes interesadas a participar en el proceso de RFP presentando propuestas para la Colección de Encuestas CCS, que se proporcionará tentativamente del 1 de julio de 2027 al 31 de diciembre de 2027.

Ref. # DHHS-POS-BHS-2701

- DHHS BHS RFP para la Colección de Encuestas CCS

El Departamento da la bienvenida a nuevos proveedores potenciales, incluyendo empresas conjuntas y otras alianzas innovadoras, para participar en este proceso de RFP. La agencia existente que actualmente ofrece este servicio debe volver a solicitar para ser considerada para el contrato 2027. Las entidades actualmente contratadas para proveer servicios de CCS a Milwaukee County BHS no son elegibles.

Los materiales de la RFP están disponibles en:
https://countymilwaukee.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities

Fecha de publicación de la RFP: 27 de julio de 2026

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