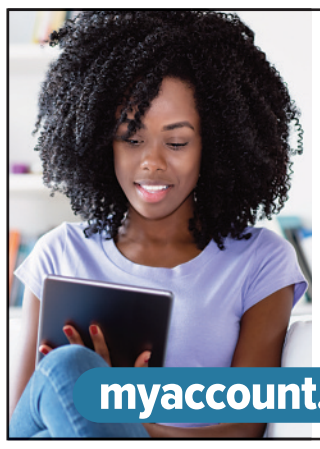
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ST. PAUL

What's ahead for '27 property taxes

Homeowners in West Seventh, Highland, Summit Hill, West Side will see higher bills

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When it comes to property taxes, St. Paul homeowners look to be in for some ups and downs next year, given wide variations in value increases and decreases by neighborhood. Residential tax increases will be buffered by strong demand for industrial warehouse facilities, which will help shoulder some of the tax burden for the city and Ramsey County.

WHERE THE LARGEST INCREASES WILL BE

Homeowners in St. Paul's West Seventh neighborhood, Highland Park, Summit Hill and the West Side can expect some of the sharpest property tax increases in the city next year, in the range of 6% to 6.6%, as property values there climb 2% to 3%. Property owners in these neighborhoods can likely expect to pay out an extra $250 to $560 in city, county and school district property taxes next year, depending on where they live.

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SOUTHWEST U.S.

A BREAK IN THE DROUGHT



The flooding that has followed a spate of destructive storms raised the level of Lake Powell, the second-largest reservoir in the U.S., by 20 feet amid a multiyear drought. Recent flooding has helped refill reservoirs and aquifers in the American Southwest, though levels are still low. Lake Powell is just a quarter filled, and most of its 17 boat launches remain inoperable, including two of the three on Wahweap Bay inside the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, shown Wednesday near Page, Ariz. **Story, Page A10.**
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IMMIGRATION

For migrant kids, shelter stays getting longer

Trump administration changes process of release, detains parents at release appointments

By Claudia Boyd-Barrett and Renuka Rayasam
KFF HEALTH NEWS

One morning this summer, a 9-year-old girl from El Salvador picked through colorful markers at a Houston-area shelter for migrant children and crafted a letter to her mom.

"I want to be with you already," the little girl, M.R., wrote in misspelled, unpunctuated Spanish, adding hearts, a rainbow, and a large "I love you" surrounded by pink and blue dots. "I miss you a lot, mami I love you a lot mami I want to be with you."

The girl had begged to leave the government-run shelter where she had been held for more than seven months, an attorney for the child said. She'd become distraught, telling her mom on the phone that she felt sad and lonely, that she desperately wanted a hug, that she was getting nosebleeds and thought she had an infection.

Meanwhile, as her mother, Carmen, was going through the process to regain custody, federal immigration officials instead arrested her, sending her to a Louisiana detention center though she had a pending asylum case and no criminal record.

"Both of us are trapped," Carmen said in a September interview from the detention center. "She's just a helpless little girl. The process shouldn't be like this."

KFF Health News is using only the mother's first name and daughter's initials, because they fear government reprisal for sharing their story.

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Relief workers targeted

Russian drone hits site where 55 died last week

By Vasilisa Stepanenko
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ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — A Russian drone struck emergency workers on rescue missions in southern Ukraine on Sunday, hitting a former school and nearby shelter that had been earlier blasted by multiple Russian guided bombs as residents waited for humanitarian aid, authorities said.

No one was injured in Sunday's strike on the village of Komyshuvakha, but specialized rescue equipment was damaged, according to Ukraine's State Emergency Service.

Ukraine said Monday's attack on the same location killed at least 55 people, near the front line in the Zaporizhzhia region. As of Sunday afternoon, 45 people were listed as missing, according to the acting head of the regional military administration, Mykhailo Semikin.

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ELECTION 2026

Voters pick Native women for top roles

By Savannah Peters
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A third-grade field trip to the Navajo Nation Council sparked Crystalyne Curley's political ambition when she witnessed a fiery debate erupt between two tribal lawmakers.

"I thought to myself at a very young age, that's where I want to be," Curley said.

On Election Day, Curley surpassed that childhood dream and broke a barrier she says she never imagined as a nine-year-old: She was elected the first woman president of the Navajo Nation.

This week's elections brought a wave of milestone victories, from the nation's first Black female governor to the first openly gay man and first Muslim elected to the U.S. Senate.

It also marked a turning point for Native American women, whose leadership in their families

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