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Will gov't shutdown affect local residents?
A federal government shutdown could affect local residents in several ways, including the possibility of a pay raise for state employees. The state's budget is set to expire on Oct. 1, and a shutdown could delay the passage of a new budget. This could result in a pay raise for state employees, as the state would be unable to pay them for the period of the shutdown.

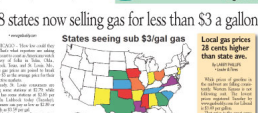


No injuries in Okla. pipeline blast
A gas pipeline explosion in Oklahoma on Wednesday did not result in any injuries, according to local officials. The explosion occurred in a residential area, and the cause is still under investigation.

HALF CENT TO BE ON BALLOT
A city commission will allow public vote on whether to raise the city's sales tax by half a cent. The commission is expected to vote on the issue in the coming weeks.

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\$46,000 to be used to provide a college education to area students
A local organization has announced that it will provide \$46,000 in scholarships to area students. The funds will be used to cover tuition and other expenses for students attending college.

Obama Administration denies Mass to Catholics
The Obama Administration has denied a request from the Catholic Church in Massachusetts to allow the state to opt out of the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. The administration maintains that the mandate is a requirement of the law.



18 states now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon
According to GasBuddy.com, 18 states are now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon. This is a significant decrease from previous years, and it is attributed to a combination of factors, including a decline in oil prices and increased competition.

Police arrest 8 House members at immigration rally
Eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives were arrested by police at an immigration rally in Arizona. The arrests occurred during a protest against the administration's immigration policies.