

Will gov't shutdown affect local residents?

By David J. Phillips
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, which is a popular issue among voters. However, a shutdown could also lead to a loss of funding for various state programs, including education and healthcare. The impact on local residents will depend on the specific details of the shutdown and the state's response.

No injuries in Okla. pipeline blast

By David J. Phillips
A pipeline explosion in Oklahoma on Wednesday night resulted in no injuries and minimal property damage. The explosion occurred at a pipeline junction near the town of Muskogee. The cause of the explosion is still under investigation. The pipeline is owned by a major energy company. The explosion was heard for miles around the area. The pipeline was shut down for several hours to allow for an investigation. The company is working to repair the damaged section of the pipeline as quickly as possible.



HALF CENT TO BE ON BALLOT

By David J. Phillips
A city commission will allow public use of a half-cent sales tax. The commission is considering a proposal to allow the city to raise its sales tax by half a cent. The revenue from the tax would be used for various city services, including police and fire. The proposal is expected to be put to a public vote in the near future. The city council is currently reviewing the proposal. The city manager is also providing input on the matter. The city is looking for ways to increase its revenue to maintain and improve its services.

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College scholarship auction raises \$46,000 to be used to provide a college education to area students

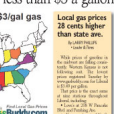
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Obama Administration denies Mass to Catholics

By David J. Phillips
The Obama Administration has denied a request from the Catholic Church in Massachusetts. The request was for the state to recognize the church's right to refuse to perform same-sex marriages. The administration argued that the state's constitution requires the recognition of all marriages. The Catholic Church is currently appealing the decision. The state's Supreme Court is expected to hear the case in the near future. The Catholic Church is a major religious institution in the state. The decision has caused significant controversy and debate.

18 states now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon

By David J. Phillips
Eighteen states are now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon. This is a significant decrease from previous years. The decrease is due to a combination of factors, including a drop in oil prices and increased competition from foreign oil. The states with the lowest gas prices are California, Texas, and Oklahoma. The decrease in gas prices is a relief for many consumers. However, it is also a concern for some states that rely on oil revenue. The oil industry is also concerned about the decrease in prices.



Police arrest 8 House members at immigration rally

By David J. Phillips
Eight House members were arrested at an immigration rally. The rally was held in a public square in Washington, D.C. The House members were arrested for blocking the entrance to the square. The police used force to clear the area. The House members are currently being held in custody. The incident has caused significant controversy and debate. The House members are claiming that they were exercising their right to free speech. The police are claiming that they were enforcing the law. The incident has raised questions about the rights of House members and the role of the police.

