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#### Will gov't shutdown affect local residents?

By [Name] | [Date]

Local residents are bracing for a possible government shutdown. The federal government is expected to run out of money on Oct. 17, which could lead to a partial shutdown. This means that many federal services, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, could be suspended. However, some services, such as Social Security and Medicare, are funded by dedicated taxes and are not expected to be affected. Local residents are advised to check with their state and local government for more information.

#### No injuries in Okla. pipeline blast

By [Name] | [Date]

A pipeline explosion in Oklahoma on Wednesday resulted in no injuries and minimal property damage. The explosion occurred at a pipeline junction near [Location]. The cause of the explosion is still under investigation. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is working to repair the damaged pipeline as quickly as possible to restore service to the area.



#### HALF CENT TO BE ON BALLOT

By [Name] | [Date]

A referendum for a half-cent sales tax increase is set to appear on the ballot in [Location] during the upcoming election. The measure would generate an additional \$10 million in revenue for the local government. Supporters argue that the funds would be used for infrastructure improvements and public services. Opponents worry about the impact on the local economy and property values.

#### City commission will allow public vote

By [Name] | [Date]

The city commission has approved a public referendum on a proposed ordinance. The ordinance would allow for a public vote on a specific issue. The commission's decision was made after a lengthy public hearing process. The referendum will be held on the same day as the next city election.

#### Obama Administration denies Mass to Catholics

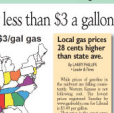
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The Obama Administration has denied a request from the Catholic Church in Massachusetts. The request was for a waiver from certain federal regulations. The administration stated that the regulations are necessary to protect civil liberties and the rights of all citizens. The Catholic Church is reportedly disappointed with the decision.

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

By [Name] | [Date]

Gas prices have fallen significantly across the United States, with 18 states now selling gas for less than \$3 a gallon. This is a record low for many of these states. The drop in prices is attributed to a combination of factors, including a decrease in oil prices and increased competition from alternative fuels. GasBuddy.com provides a map showing the current gas prices in various states.



#### Police arrest 8 House members at immigration rally

By [Name] | [Date]

Eight members of the U.S. House of Representatives were arrested by police at an immigration rally in [Location]. The arrests occurred during a protest where the representatives were speaking. The police cited the representatives for violating local laws regarding public demonstrations. The House of Representatives is currently investigating the incident.

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#### College scholarship auction raises \$46,000

By [Name] | [Date]

A college scholarship auction raised a total of \$46,000 for students in need. The auction featured a variety of items, including books, electronics, and travel packages. The funds will be distributed to students who have demonstrated financial need and academic excellence. The auction was a success and raised awareness for the importance of higher education.