

### 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, which could affect local residents. 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, which could affect local residents.

### No injuries in Okla. pipeline blast

By David J. Phillips  
A pipeline blast in Oklahoma on Wednesday did not result in any injuries, according to officials. The blast occurred in a residential area, but the pipeline was quickly shut down, and the area was evacuated. The cause of the blast is still under investigation. The pipeline was owned by a private company, and the blast occurred during a routine inspection. The area was evacuated for several hours, but no injuries were reported. The pipeline was quickly repaired, and service was restored. The cause of the blast is still under investigation.



### HALF CENT TO BE ON BALLOT

By David J. Phillips  
A city commission will allow public vote on a half-cent increase in the local sales tax. The commission is expected to vote on the issue in the next few weeks. The increase would be used to fund various city programs, including public safety and infrastructure. The commission is expected to vote on the issue in the next few weeks. The increase would be used to fund various city programs, including public safety and infrastructure.

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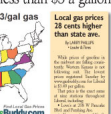
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### Obama Administration denies Mass to Catholics

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 life. The Administration has stated that it does not have the authority to do so. The Catholic Church has expressed its disappointment and has vowed to continue its efforts. The state's Supreme Court is expected to rule on the issue in the next few months. The Catholic Church has expressed its disappointment and has vowed to continue its efforts.

### 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, according to a report. The report is from GasBuddy.com. The states are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. The report is from GasBuddy.com. The states are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.



### Police arrest 8 House members at immigration rally

By David J. Phillips  
Eight House members were arrested at an immigration rally in Arizona. The rally was held in support of the state's immigration policies. The House members were arrested for obstructing justice. The state's Attorney General has announced the arrests. The House members are expected to be charged with obstruction of justice. The rally was held in support of the state's immigration policies.

