Military pay freeze offer studied

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The Federal Office of Personnel Management has offered to freeze military pay for members of the armed forces in the United States.

The offer was made in response to a request by the Defense Department, which has proposed a pay freeze for civilian employees.

The offer is voluntary and would not apply to members of the military who are not civilians. However, it is expected that many members of the military will accept the offer.

The offer is in line with the administration's overall strategy of reducing federal spending. The administration has been advocating for a pay freeze as a way to save money and reduce the federal budget deficit.

Recent gas pipeline incidents

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These incidents have prompted calls for increased regulation of gas pipelines. The government is considering proposals to strengthen safety standards for these systems.

Council OKs budget of $123 million

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The City Council has approved a budget of $123 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

The budget includes funding for various city programs, including education, public safety, and infrastructure.

Officials say gas line mishaps could become more numerous

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Edwards' hopes dimming for health plan changes

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Governor Mike Edwards has been pushing for changes to the state's health plan, but his hopes are dimming.

The governor has been advocating for a plan that would expand Medicaid coverage and reduce the burden on state taxpayers. However, the legislature has been resistant to the proposal, making it unlikely that it will be approved.

DEQ says Rollins PCB burn off until review completed

By JIM HARRISON

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The Department of Environmental Quality has announced that the burn off of PCBs at the Rollins site will be delayed until further review.

The burn off was set to begin this week, but the department has asked for more time to review the plan. The decision has been met with criticism from some environmental groups, who argue that the burn off could lead to the release of harmful chemicals into the environment.