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Federal Employees in an 1880's Rural Farm Setting

Federal employees often work in locations that are now well-known and providing a service that many Americans do not think of as being part of the federal government. Here is one example from a rural outpost in western North Carolina.

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I Earned Those 'Entitlements'

The author says, "I believe that most citizens do not understand what a federal entitlement program is. There are earned entitlements versus a special government entitlement that is given to an individual who needs assistance that is mandated by law."

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New Study Shows Only 31 Percent of Americans Give Federal Agencies High Marks for Customer Service

MeriTalk (www.meritalk.com), the government IT network, today announced the results of the "Uncle Sam at Your Service: 2011 Federal Customer Experience Study," which found that despite year-over-year improvement, just 31 percent of Americans are very satisfied with Federal customer service.



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Perry: Social Security is a 'Ponzi Scheme'



Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry continued his attack on Social Security over the weekend, calling it a "Ponzi scheme" and a "monstrous lie" to younger Americans who should not expect to get back their contributions upon retirement.

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Hours Some USPS Workers Are Paid to Do Nothing: Now Under 1 Million

The U.S. Postal Service last year reduced by nearly a third the number of hours it pays some employees to do nothing, a report by the agency's inspector general shows.

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How will FEMA pay for Hurricane Irene?

With less than \$1 billion currently available for federal disaster assistance, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is temporarily suspending payments to rebuild roads, schools and other structures destroyed during spring tornadoes in Joplin, Mo. and southern states in order to pay for damage caused by Hurricane Irene.

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TSA Employee Charged with Lewdness



A city officer arrested a Spring Creek man Wednesday morning at the Elko Area Regional Airport, where he works for the Transportation Security Administration, on a warrant charging six counts of lewdness with a child.

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The Postmaster General's Challenges

In his report to a Senate subcommittee Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe spelled out clearly why the U.S. Postal Service can't make any money: too many cooks in the kitchen. Hamstrung and limited by rules and "stakeholders" with differing and often competing agendas, what's remarkable is that the postal service isn't deeper in the hole.

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Barack Obama's Uncle Has Been Arrested and Held as Illegal Immigrant

Barack Obama's long-lost "Uncle Omar" has been arrested for alleged drink-driving outside Boston and detained as an illegal immigrant.

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Hurricane Lost Steam as Experts Misjudged Structure and Next Move



It began as something far off and dangerous - a monster storm, a Category 3 hurricane that packed winds of 115 miles an hour as it buzz-sawed through the Caribbean last week, causing more than a billion dollars of destruction in the Bahamas alone.

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Hurricane Irene an Economic Blow Or Boost?

The power outages and shuttered airports may stop the engines of commerce for several days, but Hurricane Irene might have provided some short-term economic stimulus as billions of dollars will likely be spent to repair the damage to the East Coast over the weekend.

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Irene Could Be Among Costliest U.S. Storms

Hurricane Irene may have been overhyped, but the fact remains that 26 lives were lost, and the Eastern seaboard is in major cleanup mode.

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