

2009 Articles, Television and Radio Broadcasts on Social Security Backlog/Service/Funding Issues

1. AP Story from the 12/30/08 Oregonian: Social Security disability appeals in a logjam (1/1/09 and 1/2/09)—See below

Philadelphia Inquirer

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York Daily Record (Pennsylvania)

http://ydr.inyork.com/ci_11351994

The Register Guard (Springfield, OR)

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/O/OR_DISABILITY_CLAIM_BACKLOG_OR_ROL-?SITE=OREUG&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

The Olympian (Olympia, Washington)

<http://www.theolympian.com/northwest/story/714235.html>

The Examiner (Baltimore)

http://www.examiner.com/a-1772279~Social_Security_disability_appeals_in_a_logjam.html

Central Daily (State College, PA)

<http://www.centredaily.com/news/state/story/1038377.html>

Public Opinion (Chambersburg, PA)

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<http://www.pennlive.com/newsflash/pa/index.ssf?/base/news-69/123086274811520.xml&storylist=penn>

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<http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/newsflash/index.ssf?/base/news-69/123086274811520.xml&storylist=penn&thispage=1>

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<http://www.timesleader.com/news/ap?articleID=1372707>

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<http://www.columbiatribune.com/2009/Jan/20090106News010.asp>

4. CNN Report on Lost Money to Taxpayers including SSA (1/7/09)

<http://www.cnn.com/video/#/video/politics/2009/01/07/johns.lost.taxpayer.money.cnn>

5. NextGov: Social Security Administration faces increasing demand for data (1/7/09)

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6. CQ Weekly: Federal Managers Worried Obama Might Cut Their Jobs (1/12/09)

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<http://www.oregonlive.com/news/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/news/1232079919161210.xml&coll=7>

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15. Spartanburg Herald Journal Editorial: Lack of insurance shouldn't keep Gaffney man from getting a transplant (2/3/09)

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17. Spartanburg Herald Journal: Man needing transplant gets disability benefits (2/5/09)

http://www.goupstate.com/article/20090205/ARTICLES/902051096/1083/ARTICLES?Title=Man_needing_transplant_gets_disability_benefits

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http://www.mgwashington.com/index.php/herd_washington/index/social-security-chief-to-visit-tampa-bay/2507/

19. St. Petersburg Times: Disabled workers get some relief (2/7/09)

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/aging/socialsecurity/article973941.ece>

20. WMNF Radio: Tampa may get second Social Security Hearing Office (2/9/09)

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<http://gcn.com/Articles/2009/02/10/SSA-service-delivery.aspx?p=1>

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