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The U.S. Postal Service, citing security and privacy concerns of children, will no longer forward "Dear Santa" letters to the Alaska town of North Pole, putting in jeopardy the town's 55-year-old volunteer letter-answering effort by the town. - [Comment?](#) (0)

Detroit father (a carrier) accused of killing his teenage son - Mom just wanted dad to help her with son - [Comment?](#) (0)

APWU: Arbitrator Rules 'Separation of Casuals' Language in Article 12 Applies Only to Casuals in the Impacted Craft (PDF) - Also see **APWU** - [Comment?](#) (0)

Canada Post (contract) Letter Carrier Drops and Loses Mail (YouTube video) - [Comment?](#) (0)

Do you feel Members of Congress should be forced to enroll themselves in the health care plan they vote for?

Congressman John Fleming - "In response to the almost 2 million Americans that have contacted my office in support of House Resolution 615, I have introduced an Amendment to the Pelosi health care bill that will automatically enroll all Members of Congress and all Senators in the public option." PEN Ed: If site is too busy with traffic try again later. - [Comment?](#) (0)

The End of Mail? (Just Kidding)

Courier, Express, and Postal Observer - [Comment?](#) (0)

Deputy Postmaster General Pat Donahoe on "Progress with the Postal Act of 2006"

Courtesy of PostCom - [Comment?](#) (0)

Carrier charged with fraudulently obtaining disability pay in excess of \$400,000 - [Comments](#) (2)

Police: Mail Carrier Found Drunk, Eating Leftovers

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Government Mail Loses \$3.8 Billion

from your friends @ The Cato Institute - [Comment?](#) (0)

Health Care Reform: The Good, Bad & Ugly

Federal workers, postal employees and retirees may (or may not) have a lot riding in the health care reform proposals taking shape on Capitol Hill. Both as health plan consumers and ordinary taxpayers. - [Comment?](#) (0)

Weighing Postal Service's Future

NPR: National Public Radio - [Comment?](#) (0)

USPS To End Saturday Service?

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Those Who Tell Workers to Sacrifice Fail to Understand Postal Realities

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APWU: Arbitrator Rules Maximization Provision Only Applies to Work Hours of PTFs

A recent national arbitration award by Arbitrator Linda Byars found that the Postal Service does not have an obligation to combine the hours of all non-full-time employees, i.e. part-time regular, part-time flexible, transitional and/or casual employees, as well as the regularly scheduled overtime hours of full-time employees, in order to maximize full-time positions pursuant to Article 7.3.B of the National Agreement. The arbitrator found that this provision "applies only to the relationship between full-time employees and part-time employees with no fixed work schedule." - [Comments](#) (1)

Postal Service Ends 2009 with \$3.8 Billion Loss

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) today filed its 2009 fiscal year-end financial results, showing a net loss of \$3.8 billion for the year — despite cost-cutting efforts resulting in \$6 billion in cost savings and a \$4 billion reduction in required payments for retiree health benefits. - [Comments](#) (16)

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 - NEW USPS HR WEBSITE LAUNCHES TODAY (Note: You still must access the HR site from a USPS computer)

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The choice of labor law going forward for the USPS may not be clear, FedEx has a clear preference for keeping the FedEx Express Service under the provisions of the RLA. FedEx Express's current position under the action has been under attack by United Parcel Service and the Teamsters who would prefer that that FedEx Express status be changed so that it would be covered under the NLRA. - [Comment? \(0\)](#)

Fact & Fiction: The US Postal Service

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Postal service, union officials disagree on delivery dates

Rocky Mount, NC mail carriers are being misinformed by their supervisors that the post office is trimming a day from weekly delivery starting next October, the head of the local postal worker's union said. Postal officials deny the allegation. - [Comments \(4\)](#)

NYU prof: It's no longer 'going postal,' it's 'going Muslim' - [Comments \(3\)](#)

Potter insists on five-day delivery as part of Postal Service reform

John Potter, postmaster general and CEO of the US Postal Service, used the open session of the November 13 USPS Board of Governors meeting to press again for structural reform of the agency, insisting that real reform must reduce the number of delivery days from six to five per week. - [Comments \(12\)](#)

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