

## **JANUARY 29, 2012**

I haven't seen Margaret working at the Logan Square Post Office since the beginning of the New Year. While I do not wish unemployment on anyone, it seems that my prayers just may have been answered by a higher postal power.

It took a lot of restraint for me not to ask if Margaret was still working the last time I went to that PO.

There is still one other consistently rude person, but she doesn't seem to be on the register as much as Margaret was. I remain delighted with our new mailman, though I sort of miss William shouting profanity into his cell phone as he walked past the building, for this was the indication that we were about fifteen seconds away from getting our mail.

I do not know the new woman's name but she is younger and has more of a propensity for playing with her phone and handling things in an aggressive manner. Recognizable for the way that she shouts "NEXT!" as though she cannot wait to be finished serving you and hopes you never come back.

If only you could see the way I am greeted when I visit the Nancy Jefferson USPS branch where Temporary Services and Half Letter Press have our PO Boxes. You would not believe the contrast. Everyone warmly says, “Hello,” and asks how I’m doing, even if they aren’t assisting me. They ask how my wife Jen is doing, too. The men who work at the Logan Square Post Office are all really nice. Anton, with his “Spread Love” button, is perfectly charming. Larry is an absolute delight.

#### **FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

Logan Square Post Office News Alert: Margaret has returned. A huge setback for people who mail things in 60647. However, there was a magical ray of light that shone across the line to the door this evening: my dear friend Angie from the Nancy Jefferson PO was behind the counter for a special guest appearance! When I asked if she was being punished, she quietly replied: “I’m beginning to think so.” Stay strong, Angie!

I was tempted to hold to my pledge for 2012 that if Margaret was working, I would simply





leave, no matter how short the line was. I decided to roll the dice and hope I'd get Angie, or Yolanda, if necessary. I got lucky.

A new revelation from Yelp: "One woman who 'works' there keeps a Bluetooth headset hidden under her hair and takes personal calls in the middle of dealing with customers."

#### **FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

If you have to mail something in Logan Square you might get lucky. I confirmed yesterday that Angie, a formidable talent and exceedingly friendly postal clerk from the Nancy B. Jefferson Post Office has been temporarily transferred to help show 'em how it's done at the Logan Square Post Office. One neighborhood's loss is another 'hood's gain. You will recognize Angie by her polite demeanor and lack of desire to interrogate you about why you are using Media Mail.

#### **APRIL 4, 2012**

My new least favorite person at the Logan Square Post Office is not an employee, but a