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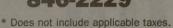
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"We have local vendors that we can get supplies from, and a lot of those vendors have made alternative plans for how they're going to be shipping, too," she said. "It may [have an impact] if it lasts for some time."

Postal Plus owner Richard Baur said the strike could be detrimental to his business. His company is an authorized shipping outlet for UPS, providing customers with UPS services, in addition to Federal Express shipments.

"When [the strike] was first advertised, people were very concerned, and the number of packages dropped off dramatically," he said. "People are continuing to ship packages, just using an alternative method."

A few UPS trucks are still delivering highpriority packages to businesses, Baur said.

'UPS has used management people to maintain a level of service," he said. "They have made a concerted effort to deliver materials to businesses.

Although he is not worried about the immediate effects of the strike, Baur said he is concerned about the future of his business.

'This could force us into a situation where people decide not to use our services," he said. We would be forced to lay off some part-time employees, as opposed to full-time employees. It could force the realignment of schedules if it continues over a long term.'

Since most time-sensitive packages are directed to Federal Express, Baur said, the service

is scrambling to meet increased demand. "FedEx is running an hour behind because their system is geared to a certain number of

packages, and their move-rate has incre significantly, putting stress on the infras ture," he said

Although the U.S. Postal Service has posed a four-package limit per customer, l

problem dealing with the strike. "The general public's needs are being very adequately right now by U.S. mail said. "People have adjusted to it, knowin

said Postal Service customers should have

they have a reduced number of options. Stanislaw said the sudden depen on the UPS could create an influx of

ages handled by the University Mail Ser "If people sending packages no lor have the UPS option, we should see m activity," he said. "If the strike lasts m than one week, we do expect our l mail service to see more mail volumet

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Similarly, FedEx, which normally ships 2.8 million packages a day, saw its volume approach last Christmas' record of 4 million and had to push back dropoff times, close offices early and suspend money-back guarantees.

When Phyllis LeBlanc and her employees from LeBlanc's Harbor Sweets carted 60 boxes of perishable chocolates to a FedEx office in Salem, Mass., they were told they would be allowed to ship just one box.

"If this were December 15, we'd be screaming," said LeBlanc, whose company sells about \$2.5 million in chocolates annually, nearly all via UPS.

Lobster dealers held back on their perishable shipments, fearing other carriers would be unable to deliver on time.

"Everybody you talk to is not shipping — you wouldn't dare to," said Peter McAleney of New Meadows Lobster in Portland, Maine.

Teamsters President Ron Carey, who walked out of the federally mediated talks Sunday night, said UPS forced the strike by refusing to resolve such concerns as the large number — about 60 percent — of unionized

jobs that are part time.
On PBS' "NewsHour With Jim Lehrer" Monday night, Carey said the strike had been "very effective." "It appears all over the country

that our members are supporting' the walkout, he said. UPS chief negotiator Dave

Murray challenged the Teamsters leadership to let its members vote on the company's final offer, made last week.

'We believe that we have made the Teamsters a fine contract proposal that does award our people quite generously," said Murray,

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who also was interviewed on NewsHour. "... We believe the Teamsters should let ... (the workers) decide if it's a good proposal or not.'

The Teamsters represent near-ly two-thirds of UPS' 302,000 employees in the United States.

The walkout is the first nationwide strike in UPS' 90-year history. There had been scattered walkouts before, including a dayle action in 1994 that the comp estimated cost it \$50 million.

very important to the country won't get involved. "I hope the go back to the table," the pr dent said, "but at this time I de think any further action by me appropriate.

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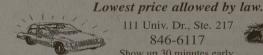
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