

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Why do we obsess about Twinkies?



By Marshall Ramsey / The Clarion-Ledger, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

### Talking points

1. What comment are cartoonists Marshall Ramsey and Bob Gorrell making about Americans' reaction to the news that Twinkies may disappear?
2. Is it normal for people to seek distraction from serious news? Find some historical examples.
3. How many reports can you find about Americans fighting in Afghanistan compared with news about celebrities?

### Between the lines

"There are going to be no more Twinkies, Ding Dongs, no Cupcakes, no anything. That has got to be a sign of the Apocalypse."

- Di Roy, Arizona Twinkie shopper.

[http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region/phoenix\\_metro/central\\_phoenix/arizona-rushes-to-grab-last-twinkies](http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region/phoenix_metro/central_phoenix/arizona-rushes-to-grab-last-twinkies)

### Additional resources

#### More by Marshall Ramsey

<http://www.cagle.com/author/marshall-ramsey/>

#### More by Bob Gorrell

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