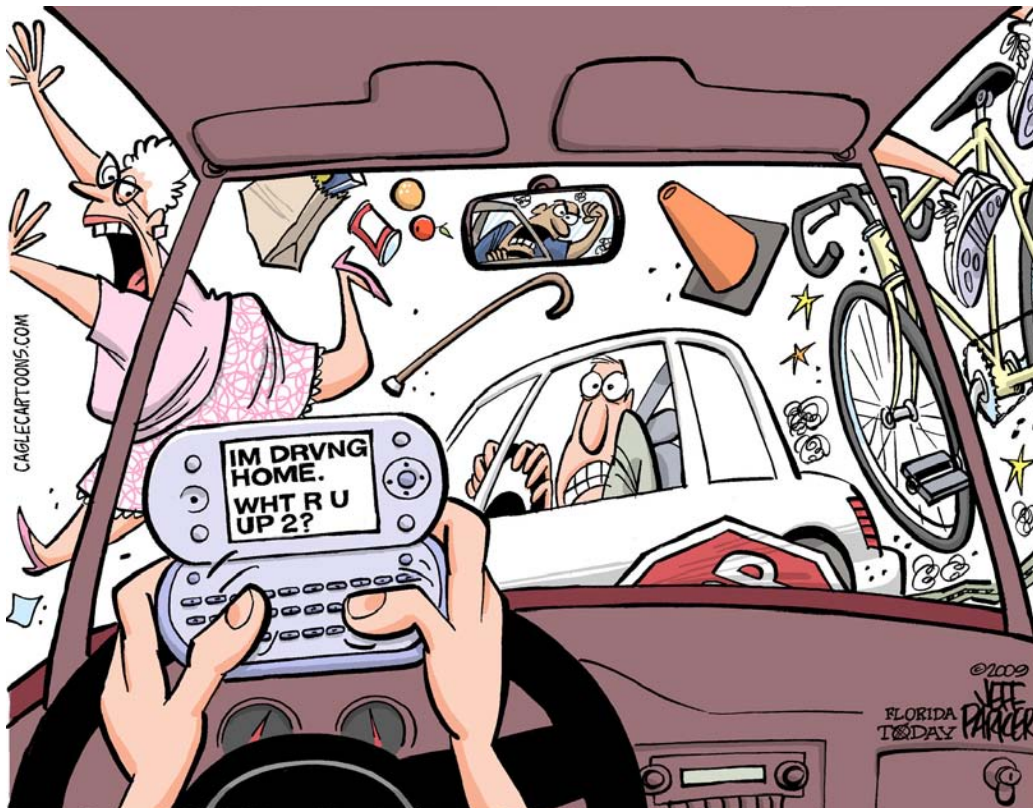


Cartoons for the Classroom



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Jeff Parker / Florida Today, courtesy CagleCartoons.com

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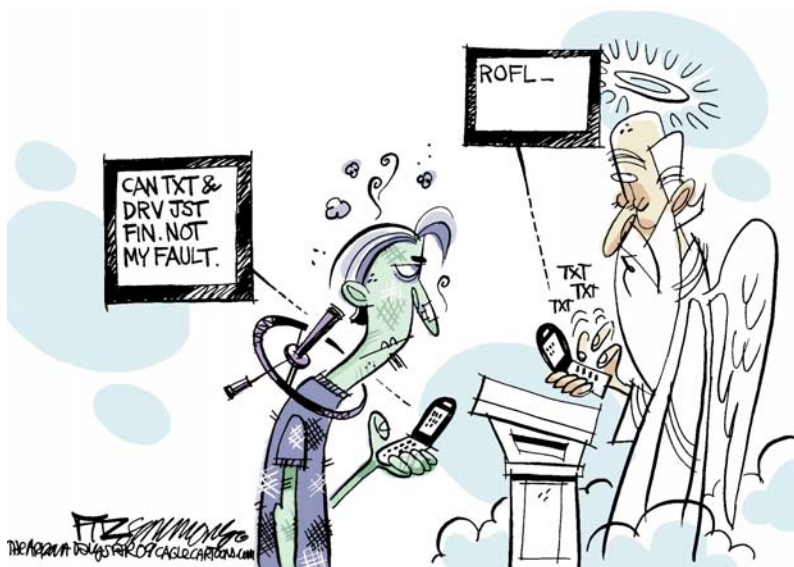
In an effort to curb accidents caused by distracted drivers, the Obama administration has banned federal employees from text messaging while driving and said it would consider new restrictions on cellphone use by rail, truck and bus drivers.

Driving while talking on cellphones has been banned in seven states, and texting while driving has been banned in 18 states.

Seventeen states have made it illegal for school bus drivers to use cellphones while driving.

— Los Angeles Times
Oct. 2, 2009

Drawing a bead on distracted drivers



David Fitzsimmons / The Arizona Star, courtesy CagleCartoons.com

Talking points

1. Both cartoons presented here use humor to get a point across and deal with a serious problem. Which cartoon appeals to you more. Why?
2. The message in both cartoons is very simple. Can you come up with any arguments AGAINST the opinion illustrated? How can you justify texting while driving? What will it take to stop people from driving while texting?
3. Driving distractions aren't limited to texting. What other dumb things do drivers do while behind the wheel? Eating? Smoking? Phoning? Should those distractions also be banned?

Additional resources

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<http://editorialcartoonists.com/>

More by Jeff Parker
<http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/parker.asp>

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