

Cartoons for the Classroom



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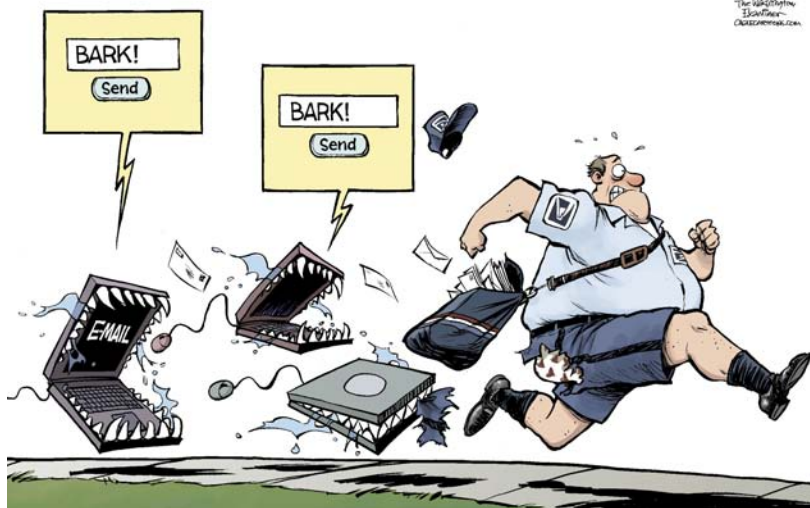
The United States Postal Service is asking Congress for permission to end Saturday delivery.

In 2006, people sent 213 billion pieces of mail. By 2009, that was down to 177 billion. It's expected to shrink to 150 billion by 2020.

The Post Office is projected to lose \$7 billion this year and as much as \$238 billion over the next decade



Mike Keefe / Denver Post, Courtesy CagleCartoons.com



Nate Beeler / The Washington Examiner, Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

You've got mail! (Unless it's Saturday)

Talking points

1. Both cartoons point to new technology as the reason for the decline in the fortunes of the U.S. Postal Service. Mike Keefe's tongue-in-cheek suggestion is to have people print out their emails and then mail them. What if the government required virtual stamps for email to be sent? Would you still use email if you had to pay 15 cents per email?
2. When was the last time you sent a letter to someone? What kinds of items still need the Postal Service for delivery? Will you miss it if the mail stops on Saturdays?
3. One of the disadvantages with sending letters via the Post Office is the delay. Email is faster. Messaging via Twitter or Facebook, even faster. Do you still send email? Or is email too slow for you and your friends?

Additional resources

More by Nate Beeler

<http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/beeler.asp>

More by Mike Keefe

<http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/keefe.asp>

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