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By: [MadHemingway](#) Sunday March 7, 2010 12:55 pm



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Today's gem comes from the St. Louis Post Dispatch's David Nicklaus "[It's time to privatize our mail service](#)".

I tell ya, the guy's a genius.

The problem is that mail volume is shrinking rapidly. People don't need the Post Office when they can e-mail their friends and pay bills online. Postal officials estimate that they'll handle just 150 billion pieces in 2020, down from 177 billion last year and 213 billion in 2006.

Uh oh, he's got the think tank behind him.

Chris Edwards, director of tax policy at the Cato Institute in Washington, is more blunt: "If they're raising their rates and cutting service, that sounds like a death spiral."

I tell you, this guy learned his P's & Q's at Milton Friedman High School. I suppose the Nobel Economics Committee will be calling him soon enough. Phucking Brazilliant!!!!

It's time to admit that the Postal Service is broken. Ending Saturday service will save money, but won't fix an outmoded business model.

Brings up memories of the whole Mike Royko "Hoosiers" thing.

Which prompted me to send him a note:

Nice to know the brain dead thinking that has come to symbolize the St Louis Post Dispatch ownership and propagandized through its columnists is alive and well in the 21st Century. Like they say, everything looks like a nail when all you have is a hammer. Critical thinking, it's such a lost art.

If the public has learned anything the last thirty years, it is "privatization" as well as the rest of Milton Friedman's nonsense have been widely recognized as failures here and abroad; especially here where it has left the country hollowed out.

Hope your masters gave you a pat you on the head and a doggie bone for your Sunday tome. Like a good obedient pup.

I'm glad I read a real paper like the Financial Times. Y'know the one, it's 2 inches wider (like the PD used to be). There's something to be said about the "one less olive in the bottle" philosophy of business; namely, it loses readers.

*Sincerely
Madison Hemingway*

Ps: You might notice I didn't say "dopey fuckwit" when addressing you. Afterall, it's Sunday and I am feeling generous.

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[iremember54](#) March 7th, 2010 at 1:14 pm

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Could it be that raising the price of stamps to fuel the high falutin objectives of the Post Office, had alot to do with it.

The post Office just got to big for it's britches and thought they could just make people pay, because their was no competition.

Well people do without or find other ways when thing get alittle out of hand.

A damn birthday card between the card and the stamp is about five bucks. You can call or E-mail that sentiment alot cheaper.

The Post Office big wigs and their million dollar mansions are now in hard times.

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MadHemingway March 7th, 2010 at 1:25 pm

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In response to [iremember54 @ 1](#)

My point for the illustrious columnist was that no matter what the question was, the answer was always