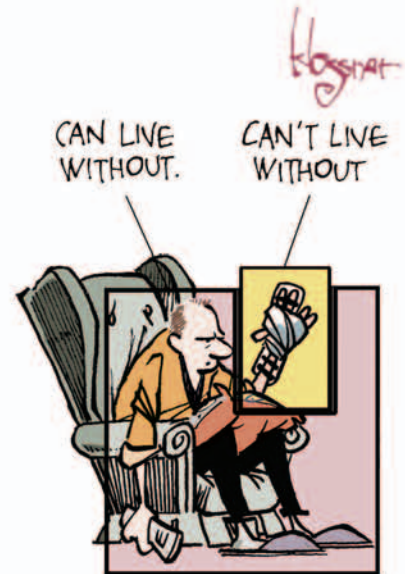


editor's note

Federal Computer Week's longtime cartoonist, John Klossner, has been out for the past two weeks after he injured his writing hand, which required surgery. We asked him to tell about his experience in a way that only Klossner can. He will return to the editorial page May 1.

My Cartoon Purgatory



There are many body parts a cartoonist can do without. A hand is not one of them.

I couldn't draw.
I couldn't tie my shoes.
I couldn't rake.
I couldn't open ketchup bottles.
I couldn't floss.
I couldn't do dishes.



All I could do was go for long walks and catch up on back issues of Federal Computer Week.



Just don't tell my family.