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Subject: Re: 50 Things being killed by the internet  
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The ones I agree with the most:

Quote:1) The art of polite disagreement

While the inane spats of YouTube commencers may not be representative, the internet has certainly sharpened the tone of debate. The most raucous sections of the blogworld seem incapable of accepting sincerely held differences of opinion; all opponents must have "agendas".

9) The myth of cat intelligence

The proudest household pets are now the illiterate butts of caption-based jokes.  
Icanhasreputashunback?

13) Memory

When almost any fact, no matter how obscure, can be dug up within seconds through Google and Wikipedia, there is less value attached to the "mere" storage and retrieval of knowledge. What becomes important is how you use it – the internet age rewards creativity.

21) Delayed knowledge of sporting results

When was the last time you bought a newspaper to find out who won the match, rather than for comment and analysis? There's no need to fall silent for James Alexander Gordon on the way home from the game when everyone in the car has an iPhone.

28) Respect for doctors and other professionals

The proliferation of health websites has undermined the status of GPs, whose diagnoses are now challenged by patients armed with printouts.

32) Chuck Norris's reputation

The absurdly heroic boasts on Chuck Norris Facts may be affectionate, but will anyone take him seriously again?

42) The nervous thrill of the reunion

You've spent the past five years tracking their weight-gain on Facebook, so meeting up with your first love doesn't pack the emotional punch it once did.

One I don't necessarily agree with:

Quote:16) Hoaxes and conspiracy theories

The internet is often dismissed as awash with cranks, but it has proved far more potent at debunking conspiracy theories than perpetuating them. The excellent Snopes.com continues to deliver the final, sober, word on urban legends.

True, but the internet has given people a place to spread all the crazy theories without fear of personal ridicule; examples, 9-11 and the Lunar Landing.

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