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The brain can only take so much

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I didn't think it could get any worse. I certainly never thought it could get this bad. I wish Elvis were around. I would ask him to come over to watch TV. I really wouldn't care what he chose to watch. It would all be the same problem, and he would shoot my television for me. I knew he was ahead of his time, musically, but I didn't think he could also see that many years ahead with technology. He shot his TV many years ago. He must have seen what was coming.

Actually, Lewis Black gets credit, as well. A few years ago he was on CNN and he yelled at them until they stopped the scroll at the bottom of the screen, which was being superimposed over the live show. He said people want to hear us, they didn't turn on the (expletive) television to read!

At least they can use the excuse that there is too much news and the viewers should see the headlines continuously. Unfortunately, this has continued on almost every channel to the point of absurdity, if not sadism.

It started with the little logo on the bottom right of the screen during the shows. I thought they were trying to keep people from recording the show for resale on the black market by having the logo on all the time. I forgave them for that, but I was angry about it.

Then they started with little blurbs advertising upcoming shows. That was unacceptable, and I seriously considered getting a voodoo doll for each of the network presidents.

That was bad enough, and then some idiot came up with the idea that they could show live video on the bottom of the screen instead of stills, and suddenly there were little people on my TV taking

away some of my brain's concentration from the show I wanted to see, and forcing it to pay attention to the little people on the bottom right hand screen. I started getting headaches.

Before I knew what hit me, they started putting video feed on the whole bottom of the screen, not just the tiny right lower corner. One friend of mine started talking gibberish by the end of that week, and suddenly announced he had decided to get his pistol permit. My headaches got worse. I took him to a doctor.

The next step was that they enlarged the video, and those little people on my TV that were previously only taking away some of my brain's concentration from the show actually started to get in the way and block my view of the people in the show I was watching. I switched from Percocet to Oxycontin.

This week they actually started putting a scroll on the screen, bigger than the one Lewis Black complained about on CNN. They started putting that about a quarter of the way up from the bottom, as if it were news. It isn't!

By the way, I pay a lot of money for cable, which was originally supposed to reduce the need for advertising, thereby purifying my viewing experience. I've heard that some people have been asking what the popping sounds have been lately. Its the sound of viewers brains blowing

up. And my headaches just get worse.

Where's Elvis when you need him?

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