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## OPINION

# Are you a candidate for news rage?

Everyone knows about road rage these days, but there's almost nothing being said about another deadly scourge: news rage.



### View Point

Roy Green

The OPP has developed a road rage test you can take to determine if you're a candidate for transit psychiatry.

The true-or-false test has a series of questions, ranging from "I often mutter to myself about other drivers" and "When I'm in a hurry, I sometimes tailgate," to "I often take risks on the road when I am angry," "I often give the finger to others when driving" and - the ultimate road rage definition - "I have fought with another motorist."

It's a serious problem, sure, but I believe the incidence of news rage is also on the rise.

And I should know - I am a news rage sufferer.

As a public service, I have developed a test you can take to determine if you, too, suffer from this potentially lethal plague, clinically known as Data Disorder.

If you think you might be on the edge of this information infirmity, take the following test:

- I regularly shout obscenities at the top of my lungs during news broadcasts.
- I put my fingers in my ears and howl gibberish whenever I hear the names Bill Clinton, Monica Lewinski, Mel Lastman or Lady Diana.
- I have thrown a rock, shoe, blue-mountain pottery, family pet and/or other objects at TV while watching the news.

• Conditions of my probation prohibit me from watching television between 6 and 7 p.m. and from 10 p.m. to midnight.

• When I can't find the remote, I will put my finger in a wall socket to short-circuit a newscast.

• I have sent threatening letters to Lloyd Robertson.

• I have tried to run the VR Land news cruiser off the road.

If you answered yes to three or more of these questions, contact the nearest radio psychologist immediately.

# Ditch the laser show

Dear Editor:

Last night I attended the Canada Day Laser and Fireworks Display at Memorial Park and just have to express my disappointment. After waiting for dark to finally fall, the children yelling "where are the fireworks" and shivering in the cold of the night, it finally started.

What a disappointment it was. I don't know how much the laser show costs, but I would suggest it be cancelled and the funds concentrated on buying more fireworks.

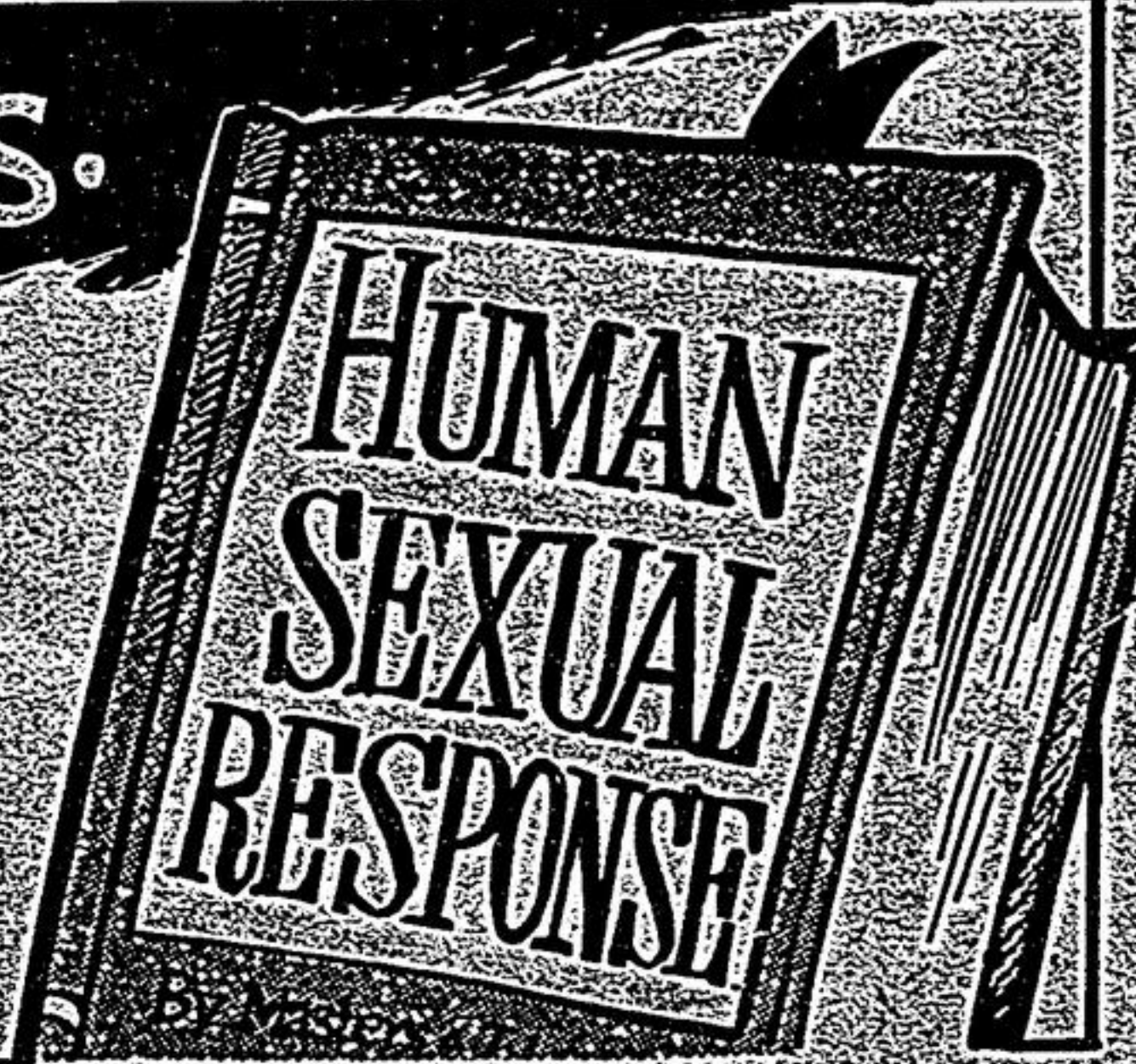
I guess the laser show is ok for those lucky enough to find a spot inside the perimeter of the ball diamond but hundreds of people couldn't see it and merely waited and waited and waited for the few fireworks there were which everyone can see as they are high in the sky.

I know I would rather see my "donation" go towards fireworks and not the laser show, and I think there would be a lot more happy people heading home afterwards. Food for thought.

Marilyn Heydon

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# Blast from the past better than today's lasers

## LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Well... the day has finally arrived. You know, the one my four-year old has been anticipating for a week.

Canada's Birthday, which, in a four-year old's mind, means one thing: FIREWORKS! Cool!

All day all I hear is "when do we go to the park for the fireworks? It's Canada's birthday, you know."

So... we wait for Daddy to get home, and then we have to wait until Mommy gets the one-year-old out of bed and dressed... something that did not entirely please him.

The four-year old is practically turning himself inside out. OK, we pile into the car, find a parking spot... a good one, too. Get the baby settled into the stroller and set off to find the perfect spot.

This is no easy feat considering the whole town has turned out for the occasion. We are in a good mood... going to see some great fireworks!

We find a spot... not perfect, perhaps, but pretty good. Daddy sets off with the boy for a pizza slice while Mommy and baby get settled.

Ok, so the spot isn't great now... almost get beamed with a basketball three times... but hey, they're kids.

They are just having fun. And we wait. And wait.

Baby is getting fussy. Pizza is finished and we are more than ready for the show. We wait.

Finally it's time to stand for the anthem... the show is about to begin! Then the lasers start, at least I think they did... we didn't see any of it. None.

The boy is upset. Don't worry, we say, the fireworks will start and we will be able to see those.

Think again Mommy and Daddy... won't happen. Not the big ones anyway... there aren't any of those this year. None. Not a one.

A few bright ones, a couple of loud ones, a few sparkly ones... those were cool according to the boy. But big colorful ones? Nope, not this year.

Guess the town broke the budget on the lasers; that 70 percent of the people there didn't see.

Seven years ago, the first year we lived in Stouffville, before kids, Hubby and I went to the park to get some town spirit. We got that and a great 10 minutes of fireworks. Ok, it was short... but hey, it's a small town! That year blew away this year hands down.

We, among many others, left the park this year disappointed... and with the resolve that next year we will be going OUT of town for Canada's birthday.

D. H. Walker

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