"This Won't Hurt."



by Reg Green

"I feel your pain," our leaders tell us at election time. I never believe them. It's impossible.

Switching on your laptop when you wake up, you are often sickened by some barbaric act but, unlike the victim, you get on with your breakfast just the same.

I'm reminded of this uncomfortable truth by an essay I just read in which an editor remembered that his first thought on hearing that President Kennedy had been shot was, "Now we'll have to remake the front page."