

Dear Editor...

'Murder Mile'; Drunk Driver; Pitchfork; Woman; Toe—OUCH!

Editor, Torrance Press. Happy New Year. Our three daughters who live in Torrance (Walteria) have families and we visit them whenever we can. One time, about five years ago we were down there—and I took my three grandchildren—about 4 and 5 years of age—to visit one of the daughters who lived on the other side of Highway 101.

The green light shone at Highway 101 and Hawthorne blvds. I took two children's hands and the other child with the other hand and started across Highway 101.

I got to the intersection when who should come around the corner from Hawthorne blvd.? Guess? It was a police car and two policemen in it!

They turned right in front of me and—so help me, if I hadn't turned and ran back, they would have run us down! They kept right on going—real fast.

I yelled at them to come back so I could tell them what I thought of them, but they kept right on going. I wanted to go to the police station and report it, but my husband said it would be useless—now I know he was right.

Another time one of my daughters was weeding in the garden.

She lives on Hawthorne close to Highway 101. She saw a drunk drive his car into a woman's car and he blamed the woman for it.

No cops there—so the drunk got away.

My daughter was so mad about it, she said blankety blank, blank—and WHAM! She pounds the pitchfork through her toe! Yeah—she had to go to the doctor and have it cauterized and was laid up for two weeks. She had to pay—on account of that drunk! And no cops around.

I wonder WHY they don't have MORE policemen around that Murder Mile—it's just as bad as Hawthorne. It's dangerous to cross the blvds., even on Hawthorne, where the kids have to cross to go to school. I never know if it's your turn next.

Maybe the cops DON'T know about it!

Enjoy your paper—my daughter brought up a bunch for us to read.

(Signed) Mrs. J. A. Scholler Glendora, Calif.

Sad Plight

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Editor, Torrance Press. A couple of weeks ago I read in a Torrance paper regarding a man who was upset by clothes on lines. At first my attitude was amusement, however in the meantime I have come to the conclusion that a disappointment in the property you have purchased can be a very real thing.

Perhaps you will let me relate my disappointment. One year ago this month we received the keys to our new home. No two people were ever more pour or happy. While making arrangements to buy our home it was explained to us that there would be an elementary school built on the large field behind us.

During the year we have spent much on putting every improvement into our home. Most week ends we also spent in hard labor putting in flower beds, lawns, etc. Suddenly a few weeks ago, heavy equipment came into the field and workers began piling up dirt to our amazement. The mud wall behind our house is now 12 feet high and still climbing. When you stand in our yard now, instead of a view of the hills, you are standing in a hole. Can you imagine what this has done to the value of our home?

This though is not the worst. During the rain the mud from this embankment poured down through our lawns. We and three of our neighbors have literally become the gutter for this horrible mound that has already destroyed the value of our property. Four back yards are completely destroyed. Mine is covered with four inches of mud. The water rushed through so hard at one point that brick planters were actually undermined. The rose bushes are standing with their roots exposed.

What can people do when a year's expense and labor are washed away—all because someone needed a place to get rid of dirt. We in Ellinwood are a group of new home owners who felt Torrance would be an ideal community to live in. I'm wondering if we were right.

(Signed)—MRS. CHARLES D. PEEBLES, 4938 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance, Calif.

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