

**Editor's Mail**

**Resident's poem for evening peace**

We moved into this neighborhood just three short years ago,  
 A charming town, nice people and the pace, a little slow.  
 Oh it was such a joy to live in Markham, what a change,  
 from living in the city where we came within the range.  
 Of all the noise and sounds one hears from people late at night,  
 We now could open windows to the stars, and sleep at night.  
 But what is that I hear these days as I lay down to sleep,  
 The roaring of a motorbike, car horns that loudly beep.  
 My clock tells me it's 2 a.m. the noise is getting worse,  
 And now we hear the people as they yell and scream and curse.  
 It's weekend after weekend, can something please be done,  
 I've asked around the Village and I'm not the only one.  
 I understand the need for fun we all enjoy our share,  
 but after midnight please, I beg you, show a little care.  
 I'm appealing to the patrons of the hot spot in our town,  
 When you leave Dirty Bert's at night please keep your volume down.  
 Maureen Kirby  
 Markham

**Burglar's intrusion felt more than actual theft**

Dear Sir,  
 On Friday evening between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. while visiting friends and celebrating the possession of their new home, an uninvited and unwelcome person or persons entered our home.  
 Our feelings at discovering this intrusion are almost indescribable — fear, grief, anger, mistrust, frustration — and can probably only be understood by someone who has experienced the same thing.  
 I have heard others say that it's not material loss that is upsetting, but the fact that someone had been in their home and violated their privacy.  
 I now understand what that means. I felt fear that someone knew we were out — did they watch us leave?  
 I resent that someone unknown has made me nervous in a home where I had previously felt safe and secure, even when alone.

All of my jewelry is gone. So is my husband's, and some cash. These items cannot mean as much to this "criminal" as they did to me.  
 The ring I gave my husband on our 3rd anniversary (I tucked aside a few dollars every week and took a year to pay for it), the watch I gave him when we started dating, the earrings he gave me when our son was born, a necklace given to me when my aunt passed away, a locket given to me with my grandmother's picture in it when she died — all gone.  
 Also taken (and most upsetting) was my grandmother's engagement ring which I had hoped to pass on to my daughter one day.  
 I could go on about the items taken, which to me were pieces of my life, but only meant money to this intruder.  
 I know it could have been worse — no damage was done to the house and my family is safe but it

upsets me to be reminded so vividly that some people have so little regard or conscience for others and their belongings.  
 Name withheld


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If you have a beef or want to pat someone on the back, sit down and write a letter to the Weekender.  
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