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It was a beautiful ^{RONALD D. LEONHARDT}~~after~~ while my wife shopped at the Canvas Bag, I was enjoying my walk around the Allen Bradley Tower when I took that fateful turn and started walking west on Washington Ave. I had just crossed the 4th ST. heading towards the 5th when in a flash everything changed.

I stumbled against the concrete slab (opposite house # 423) which was raised a good 4" and I was falling. By some divine grace I avoided hitting my head on the concrete slab, ~~but~~ I landed on my left palm, left knee and the face. I suffered intense pain in my thumb and the knee which had been badly wounded and bleeding. The time was just before noon.

I lay helpless for at least 4-5 minutes unable to get up. I looked around hoping someone will come to my rescue but there was no one. I tried to get up but couldn't. I could neither take the weight on the left hand nor the injured knee, but

realising that no one was coming to help, I made a herculean effort putting weight on my left palm and injured left knee suffering excruciating pain to get up.

I saw a car, waved and requested the lady to kindly drive me to the corner of 2nd and Washington where my car was parked but she refused.

I literally had to drag myself to the car from where my wife took me to the Emergency at St. Francis Hospital.

The trauma, suffering, pain and humiliation has left an indelible mark both on my body and my mind. The very thought of that accident still gives me the creeps. I, an avid walker, am fearful of walking. I suffered in pain for almost two weeks.

I was doing a Taxation course at that time and because of this injury, I couldn't concentrate and my grades suffered barring me from the

Tax season next year. This alone has caused me a loss between five to ten thousand, besides the fact that I have to look for other opportunities to keep myself busy.

An unnecessary medical expense of approx. \$1500.⁰⁰ had to be incurred 'coz of this fall which was solely due to the negligence on the part of the City responsible for the maintenance of side walks. I do hope it has been corrected now.

I demand a sum of \$10,000.⁰⁰ as compensation for the trauma, pain and suffering caused by this accident plus the financial loss for not being able to do the taxes next season.

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