

Weekender

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Spring a joyous season

Although spring hasn't yet sprung, there is an expectancy in the air that the great thaw is just around the corner. A local woman called the Weekender this week and told about seeing the first robin of the season.

And everywhere we look, there are spring fashion shows — a sure sign that really warm weather is a matter of a few short weeks away. And that's a relief after the bleakness of winter.

Spring is a welcome time of year for several reasons. There is a feeling of renewal after the harshness of winter. A relief that Canada isn't just the Great White North — it's also warm summer days, swimming, boating and a leisurely day at the beach.

For the joggers, golfers and baseball enthusiasts, spring means getting outdoors again and vigorously pursuing a favorite activity. And, the warm weather is the delight of gardeners — cleaning up the yard and fertilizing the lawn as a prelude to the lush greenery that comes later in the season.

The joys of spring have inspired poets and athletes alike. We're encouraged that a new cycle begins again and that winter is not eternal, after all.

Good Luck Unionville Precision Skating Teams

at the "Canadians" in Vancouver B.C.
March 28-29-30th, 1986!



Weekender Mailbag

Raging creek has them cut off

Dear Sir:
A potential major natural disaster has begun to occur in the community of Unionville.

A previously unnoticed creek, swelled by spring floods to a depth of several inches and a width of more than a yard at spots has threatened to cut the residents of the Manhattan Development from the balance of Unionville.

The residents of this community are alarmed about the implications this trickle may have for our future. We suspect that it will increase as time goes on.

With no sense of panic regarding the problem, trustees of the York Region Board of Education this week voted unanimously to

exclude the Manhattan development from the balance of the Unionville community with a new boundary.

It is well known that McCowan Rd. is the eastern boundary of Unionville. When it came to establishing a boundary between Markham and Unionville for Board of Education purposes, they chose to ignore this boundary but sought one further West.

Initially determined to be the Kennedy Road Bypass, it has now been firmly entrenched in this previously unnoticed creek.

Residents assume the meaning is ominous — the Board of Education is working on a contingency plan which will allow Manhattan students to be evacuated daily to MDHS.

This must be because it is anticipated that in future as the creek increases in size and intensity, that it will not be possible to get school buses across the chasm.

With the foresight one expects from this group the Post Office has already come to the same conclusion. Although the street addresses are clearly Unionville, no one may receive mail addressed to them in Unionville.

It is either returned to sender or re-addressed to Markham. The Post Office knows that things are going to get worse and there is no need for postal employees to risk life and limb crossing the swelling tide when service can be easily provided by Manhattan residents

driving to Markham and lining up to retrieve their mangled mail.

No one can predict where this ditch is going to extend nor how fast it will grow as it renders our Unionville community assunder.

Will it, as is now the case, only erode properties and neighborhoods on its eastern bank or will it eventually create such a crevasse that residents on both sides will be falling into it? Will it eventually reach the proportions of the Grand Canyon — enveloping the whole of Unionville?

The solution is obvious — while the voracious beast is still a newborn, it must be destroyed, before it can destroy our community!

The ditch must be filled in, eliminating all the present and anti-

ipated problems. Manhattan Development must remain an inseparable part of Unionville community.

Concerned citizens of Manhattan, of Bridle Trail and of the balance of Unionville, will be arranging for emergency work crews to meet behind the Manhattan Homes' Sales Office complete with all necessary supplies and equipment to fill the creek on Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m.

It is believed that almost 10 heaping shovels of fill will be required. If we act together and if we act now, this pending natural disaster will be averted.

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