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### RUSTY ROLLERS

The long winter seems to have made Vikki Brannan and Susan Gray a little rusty at roller skating. At least, they seem to be having some difficulty staying on their feet.

and without the assistance of this friendly parking meter, they would be prone on the pavement. If they were of a mind to try again this week, they'd probably need snow tires.

## Halton regional chairman Raftis is blasted by Oakville councillor

By PAUL DORSEY  
Herald staff writer  
Halton regional chairman Jack Raftis came under attack from one of his council members last week because of remarks he made in a speech

to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce concerning the region's interest in industrial land banking.  
Oakville Coun. Terry Mannell charged last Wednesday that Mr. Raftis' conduct consti-

tuted "a breach of the privilege of this council" and warranted a motion of censure. Rather than asking council to formally go on record as being opposed to the chairman's actions, however, Coun. Mannell acknowledged that Mr. Raftis is new to his job and pursued the matter no further.

**COMPASSIONATE MAN**  
"I'm a compassionate man," he told the chairman "and I'm aware that you're new to your job and apparently new to the democratic process as well. I just hope that this council can anticipate a better standard of representation in future".

Coun. Mannell was upset by newspaper reports of Mr. Raftis' Mar. 8 speech to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, in which the chairman outlined steps being taken by the region to investigate the feasibility of landbanking in Burlington and Oakville. Mr. Raftis told Chamber members that he expects \$4 million to \$6 million to be set aside in Halton's capital budget for the purchase and preliminary development of vacant, industrially-zoned land, thus preparing it for the new industry Halton is hoping to attract.

Coun. Mannell cited other remarks he attributed to the chairman concerning Milton's newly-approved industrial park. It was "unfair" to Milton and Oakville, Coun. Mannell said, for Mr. Raftis to suggest in his speech that Halton Hills and the region itself could be "in direct competition" with them in bidding for future industrial assessment.

While admitting that newspaper reports of the speech had been his only source of information, Coun. Mannell said he had tried three different times prior to the council meeting to contact Mr. Raftis and verify the authenticity of the reports. The councillor has unsuccessfully in his attempts to confront the chairman beforehand.

**UNREASONABLE**  
Coun. Mannell complained that the programmes to which Mr. Raftis referred in his speech have yet to be considered by regional council, let alone approved. He said it was "unreasonable" of the chairman to tell the public that certain areas of the region will benefit from municipal policies that have not been discussed by council.

Mr. Raftis, in response, in-

formed council that the "very, very preliminary investigation" now being conducted by the region's business development officer, Bill Marshall, is the result of a request made about two months earlier during a meeting between the chairman and the mayors of Halton's four area municipalities. Two of the mayors, he said, had asked him to launch an investigative study that would assess the feasibility of acquiring land for future industry in Burlington and Oakville.

"I merely said we were looking into the feasibility," Mr. Raftis said, accusing Coun. Mannell of over-reacting to his speech in what he called the councillors' "normal, political fashion".

**DISCUSS MATTER**  
The chairman suggested to Coun. Mannell that he discuss the matter with his mayor.

Harry Barrett of Oakville, and get a proper perspective on what was said in the speech, rather than trying to start "a debate on what goes in the press".

Mr. Raftis received verbal votes of confidence from Burlington Mayor Roly Bird and Milton Mayor Don Gordon, both of whom assured council they had attached little significance to the "opinion" expressed by the chairman in his speech.

Oakville Coun. McLean Anderson told Mr. Raftis that he, too, had intended to question him about the remarks to the Chamber, but discovered in conversation with other council members prior to the meeting that the chairman's speech had created little impact.

"Let's get on with the business," Mr. Raftis declared and end to the discussion.

## Jamboree visits are rewards for crossing guards

Students working as safety patrolers at public and middle schools in Halton Hills will have the opportunity to be chosen for a day-trip to Toronto, and for the National Jamboree in Ottawa as a reward for their work in ensuring other children get to and from school safely.

Halton Regional Police Safety Officer Raj Swaminathan told The Herald students will be selected by schools, and names drawn to those those who will be going on a trip to Toronto April 4. The trip will include a tour at OPP headquarters in Toronto, a tour of the Royal Ontario Museum, a trip up the CN Tower, and dinner at Mother's Pizzeria and Spaghetti House.

The big trip, however, Constable Swaminathan said, is the national safety patrolers' jamboree in Ottawa, which will be held May 24, 25 and 26. The trip for the Halton safety patrolers will be sponsored by the Halton Regional Safety Council and the Hamilton Auto Club. Ron Smith, director of safety and public relations for the Hamilton Auto Club, will be organizing the students from Halton.

**ENSURE SAFETY**  
About 70 students from Halton will be attending the jamboree with the only stipulation being that the students have not attended one previous-

ly. This is to ensure that every student has an equal chance to attend. A student from each school with a safety patrolers' program is selected by the principal or the safety patrolers' staff advisor.

In Ottawa, the students will be going on various tours, and will visit the Governor-General's residence to receive a life-saving award. About 5,000 students from across Canada will be attending the jamboree.

Constable Swaminathan said he would like to see more schools organize safety patrolers' programs, and more students enrolled in existing programs.

The job is not a dangerous one, and "it's a challenge for the child if the child is allowed to do it," Constable Swaminathan said. The children are well-trained in what is expected of a safety patroler, he added.

"Most parents are aware that the student, during the time he or she is performing their duties is not to leave the curb at any time," Constable Swaminathan said. The safety patroler's job differs from an adult crossing guards' responsibilities in that a safety patroler's job is to hold the children at the curb until the road is clear, rather than stopping traffic and escorting them across.

### VIEWPOINT

## Iranian woman columnist is correct

By Gerry Landsborough  
Herald columnist

Iranian columnist Minou Moshiri's writing in the English-language daily The Tehran Journal made some interesting comments and observations regarding our Western civilizations ideas of liberation. She directed her remarks to Western feminists and Kate Millet in particular now in Tehran.

The following are some of her comments... "Your so called liberation has only given you the freedom to be dreadfully alone, to be alcoholic, to be drug addicts, to be promiscuous to be over-aggressive and finally to be most terribly frustrated and unhappy. Your movements Ms. Millet is doing more harm than good it is reaching for the absurd and is quite frankly becoming increasingly difficult to take at all seriously without a genuine feeling of embarrassment. Our women are perfectly capable of taking care of themselves. Thank-you".

**I AGREE**  
I can only agree with Minou Moshiri's statements. It is rather ironic that with so much dissension at home that feminists have taken to going abroad. One should always sweep clean their own house

before trying to clean a neighbour's.

The liberation movement, if you can call it that, made its first mistake when, in order to rise above the negative aspect they saw in a male dominated society, they chose to step upon the male ego in order to elevate their own position.

You can never achieve success in anything if you have to walk all over something or someone else in order to get it.

Liberation stands for freedom and true freedom never comes without responsibility. Throwing personal responsibility to the wind and assuming responsibilities that were not yours in the first place is not where its at. Denouncing motherhood and femininity has only served to confuse and isolate many women. The result has been a marked increase in drug abuse and alcoholism.

In order not to be abused by anything or anyone it is always a two-party system. No one can make you feel less than you are unless you accept their opinion as truth.

**DOUBTING POPULATION**  
Feminists upon discovering that roses smelled better than cabbage assured a doubting female population that they would indeed make better soup.

The echo of liberation that came back is akin to Dr. Spock's permissiveness - in the final analysis more deadly than what it was supposed to overcome.

Where is a woman's place? Wherever she chooses to make it. The key word however is choice.

If a woman "chooses" the combined roles of wife and motherhood her place is home

with her children.

If a woman "chooses" a business career her place is wherever she "chooses" to climb on the corporate ladder.

Female executives have never considered themselves liberated - in their climb to success liberation was not a consideration. Long hours and hard work put female executives where they are. Opportunities are not sitting waiting there for you - you have to go out and make them.

**NO EASY WAY**  
There is no easy way - and equality alone will never do it for you. To denounce her own femininity is the greatest mistake a woman can make. She is not a man nor does she have to emulate him in order to say something of consequence.

To get back to the columnists in Tehran, I agree whole heartedly with her that Western feminists have no place directing Iranian women.

What is good for one culture is definitely not good for another.

Could females from any other culture come here and direct your way of life? I think not, only Western stupidity is so convinced of its own superiority that it blindly assumes that its right for everyone else. Considering what has happened to family life here in our Western civilization and the abuses that have followed I feel we should definitely stay home and work on our own situation.

We have become a very materialistic society where monetary pursuits are the end all be all, we can consider that ideas on liberation can be well dressed foolish ideas just as today there are many well dressed fools.

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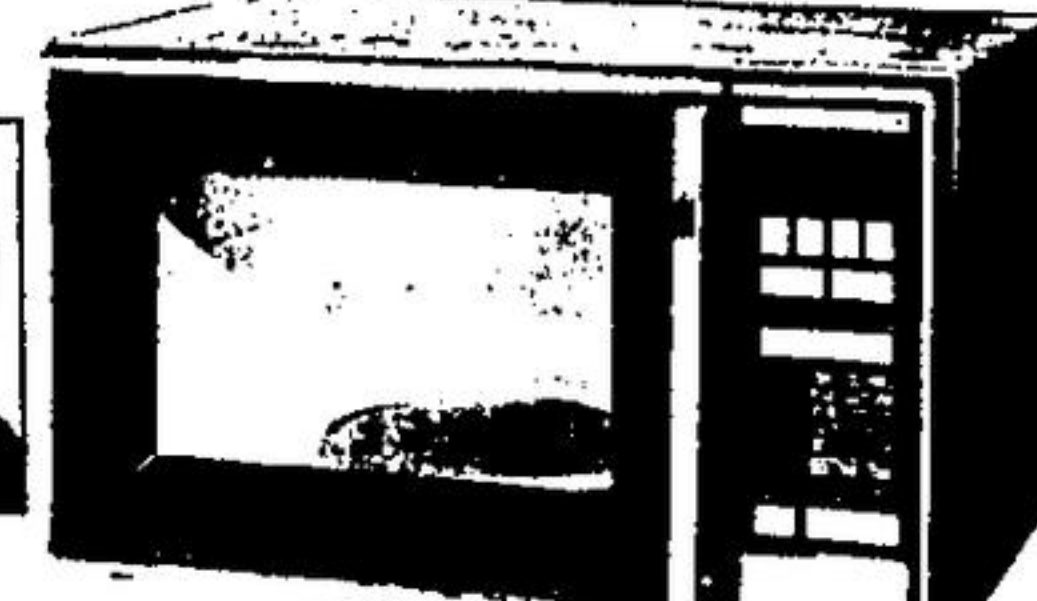
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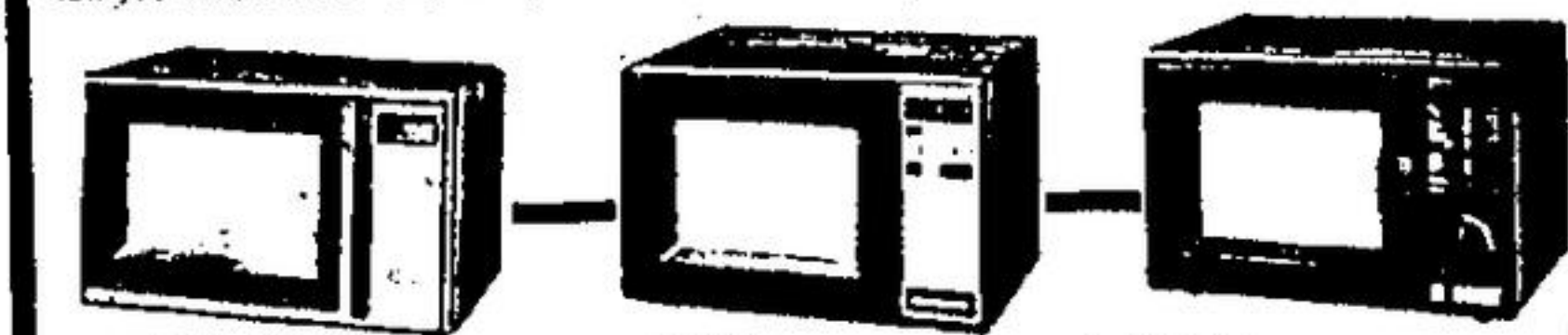
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