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Fall is full of trips, sports and malarkey!

Holy Mackerel, Andy, here it is Monday and it's 8:45 am so I guess I'd better tackle this stupid typewriter once again.

Last Tuesday saw the Golden Age Club start off the new season with a bang — there were 82 members in attendance — you can just

imagine the din before the meeting while news of the summer happenings was shared. As you read this Wednesday's paper we will be sitting down to the first pot luck supper of the year — yummy!

The trip to Penetang for the fall colours and cruise has a couple of

Seniors Scene

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Pat Giguere



vacancies but boy, did the trip to see the Geritol Follies ever fill up fast — there's about 16 on the waiting list. And speaking of trips, we leave the olde Hide House at 7 am and the IGA parking lot at 7:15 on Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Bowling started on Monday, Sept. 13 and we still need a few more bowlers — give me a call at 853-2738. The price this year is \$6.50.

Boy, it's sure going to take a lot of decisions now as to what sport you're going to watch — take your pick, will it be baseball, hockey, football, golf, basketball? And talking of baseball, will someone please tell me why the heck the Blue Jays were so all out in obtaining Rickey Henderson? They should have got the other Henderson — at least he can hit!

Another big decision we'll be making is to listen to the malarkey spoken by our glorious leaders of the different parties and deciding what we can believe and what should go in one ear and out the other.

Hope you have made a pledge to someone who is taking part in the Terry Fox Run on the 19th!

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Commercial issues take OMB to May

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The Acton Tanner


Arguments concerning the housing matters at the Acton Ontario Municipal Board hearing may be heard this week. The commercial issues may take until next May to finish, according to a schedule presented to Halton Hills Council on Sept. 13.

According to the schedule, contained in a report to Council by the municipality's senior planner G.J. Wellings, arguments concerning the residential issues are to be heard by the Board until today (Sept. 15).

"The Board has subsequently set aside Friday, Jan. 14, 1994, for a pre-hearing conference, to deal with the commercial component, and an update of the servicing issues. Monday, Apr. 25 through Friday, May 13, inclusive, have also been scheduled, by the Board, to complete the 'macro' commercial issue," stated Wellings.

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The perception that Acton is not a safe place to live may come from economic pressures, but we're not alone in these pressures. Personally I have found Acton a good place to be and I hope to stay as the Village Constable until I retire.

The Region of Halton is a safe place to live and, in my opinion, one of the better-policed areas in the Golden Horseshoe. Did you know that in Halton in 1992 the cost to each person for policing was \$117.02? This contrasts with Peel Region at \$143.09 per person, Hamilton at \$148.93 per person and Niagara at \$144.77.

The ratio of police officer to members of the public has a significant effect on the tax dollar. In Halton we have one police officer for every 831 people. In Peel they have one officer for every 650 persons. Hamilton and Niagara, one for every 657 persons.

The number of police officers in an area is governed by need. This need is determined by the public through their elected representatives. As a police officer I would like to see more officers to serve the public need and to be able to put two officers in each patrol unit. As a citizen I have to balance the cost, safety of the officers and safety of the public.

I believe Halton to be one of the safest areas to live and work in and this tells me that Halton is well-policed and that Halton Police Service's style of policing is meeting the needs of the community we serve.

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