

Some ideas for eliminating the deficit

Well, next Monday is the day we go to the polls to put our "X" beside a name. But whose name is the big question. Do you actually know what platform has been set out by any of the

parties? Seems to me it's a case of running down the opposition.

I know one way to help decrease the deficit, and that is to do away with the excessive pensions paid to retired MPs, cut down their expense accounts and their non-taxable income. It's their choice to run for Parliament so why should it be a swan-song tour to increase their monetary standing?

Just how much do they pay into a pension fund in six years to allow them to receive a pension? Not too darn much I'm thinking.

Maybe I should get a "soap box" and stand on a street corner, but then maybe I shouldn't because I might be charged with "treason" or "discrimination" or

Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



something.

And speaking of discrimination, we must not go to see "Show Boat," which is truly a most delightful story of Negro roots and beautiful songs.

I'm really cheesed off with all the fuss they make about discrimination. Lordy love a duck, there's a Bill of Rights, which is being very badly handled and which is

being used as an excuse to cause dissension in the world. In most cases it's being used out of context and maybe it's a bill which should never have been made law.

Gee, I hear you aren't supposed to ask for black coffee, but should say "make it clear."

Silly, isn't it, when we can't use the word "black" because it's discrimination.

Gee, maybe Paul will think this shouldn't be printed, but it's my thoughts I'm expressing.

Today was a much better day as far as bowling went. I finally made over 500. Gee, I was ready to store the old bowling shoes away and forget about them.

Yikes! The scores have been terrible both on Monday afternoon and on Friday nights. I hated the game, but then again as everyone says, "the season has just started."

Say a little prayer for me that I will continue to improve and get back to last year's average.

Reading for Acton seniors

ASSIC ALERT

Acton Social Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) would like to alert you to an informative publication called "Good Times." This magazine is aimed at helping Canadians retire successfully. Information regarding health, living, travel and home is highlighted in this monthly publication.

Articles on issues related to seniors are written very descriptively. Recently, information on arthritis, making a will and retiring were printed in addition to "investing for after-tax profit" and the "nuts and bolts of Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan."

In a column titled "Your Rights," tips are given on a variety of different issues including investing for success, being wary of insurance bargains and tailoring home insurance to your needs. In addition, a different senior is profiled in each issue. Recently, Lynn Redgrave and Ed Broadbent were profiled for their achievements.

If you are interested in browsing through the publication in greater detail, just drop in to our office at 19 Willow St. N.

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Zero tolerance for vandalism

The Acton community has requested the Halton Regional Police maintain the standard of policing at Halloween that has been in force for the past two years.

In response to this request the police service has adopted a "zero tolerance" policy toward rowdiness and vandalism.

There will also be several extra officers assigned for both foot patrol and motor patrol. Some officers have been assigned to work in plain clothes and there will be volunteers also on patrol to call police to potential trouble spots.

The Town of Halton Hills by-laws provide a \$103.75 fine for littering and \$53.75 for loitering in an area. The Highway Traffic Act of Ontario provides a fine of \$90 for littering also and a court appearance will be necessary for criminal charges of mischief and assault.

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