

and JEERS of the Week

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will open in Newfoundland at noon while they're opening on the west coast at 7:30 a.m. They'll close in the East at 10 p.m., in the West at 5:30 p.m. and somewhere between those times in other parts of Canada. Let's hope the legislation is introduced and passed before the next election. Anything that helps assuage Western alienation is welcome — and timely.

CHEERS for Picton author Janet Lunn who has been awarded the Book of the Year for Children award by the Canadian Library Association. She's a stylist whose subject matter (suspenseful time-travel into the Canadian past) provides a welcome antidote to other writing



Author Janet Lunn: honored

for children, including Judy Blume's melodramas of puberty.

JEERS for Liberal MPP Sheila Copps for arriving at the Brockville Psychiatric Hospital this week without warning and demanding a tour for herself and her entourage. The supervisor was away attending a meeting, and the person left in charge refused to accept responsibility for allowing non-medical people free access. Fair enough. And how very unfair of Ms Copps to complain that she'd been stonewalled. "The official opposition party was denied access to a facility that is paid for by tax dollars," she claimed. Rubbish. If only they'd known she was coming, they would no doubt have baked a cake.

CHEERS for the organizers of a new citizens' coalition group called Access Ontario. Its formation was announced this week, and its purpose is to press for stronger freedom-of-information legislation in Ontario. A bill on the subject, promised by the Conservatives yea these many years, is still to be introduced. As the group's spokesperson, June Callwood, has asked: How can a government be responsible if the public doesn't know 80 per cent of what it's doing? Besides, the public pays for all information collected by the government, and therefore has a right to it.

CHEERS, also, for Liberal MPP James Breithaupt, for

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