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PLANTING SEASON: Patsy Irving (front) and Scott Ames inspect plants at the Acton Horticultural Society's annual plant sale on Saturday. (Elizabeth Kessler photo)

Encountering Canada

BY JULIAN SARK The Acton Tanner

Many people spend their entire lives in and around the town they were born in, rarely getting to see the diversity of people, ideas and places Canada has to offer its citizens. For students, this would probably remain the case but for "Encounters with Canada," a weeklong program that takes place in Ottawa throughout the year.

"It involves students from all over Canada meeting and studying different subjects such as science, technology, the arts and Canada in general," says Tosha Peterson, a student at Acton High School who was a part of the program over the March Break.

Students who participate in the program spend a day at Parliament Hill, as well as touring Ottawa and Hull. They fill the rest of their time attending seminars centred on their chosen subject area, usually with a uniquely Canadian viewpoint.

"And of course, shopping," says Christa Rigney, another Acton High School student who attended the program just after Valentine's

Day. "And meeting new friends."

There's an unusual twist to the festivities, though. "Unfortunately, the government

of Ontario doesn't sponsor their students in the program, even though they're the host province," says Tosha. "But the other provinces sponsor their students!"

On that note, both Christa and Tosha would like to thank the Acton Rotary Club, the Acton Legion, Mr. Calderelli, and Dr. Edward Hiasaki for having the kindness to sponsor them for the trip. They would also like to thank Mrs. Kruger for handling all the organizational details.



Cinema Listings

41 Quebec St. Downtown Guelph 821-9271

Wednesday, May 19 7pm: Hurt Penguins (PG) 9pm: Diva (AA)

Thursday, May 20 7pm: Lorenzo's Oil (AA) 9:30: Hurt Penguins (PG)

Friday, May 21 7pm: Hurt Penguins (PG) 9pm: Lorenzo's Oil (AA)

Sat. Sun & Mon., May 22, 23, 24

7pm: Untamed Heart (AA) 9:15: Damage (R)

Tuesday, May 25 7:30: Manufacturing Consent (AA)

WHAT'S HAPPENING! A Weekly Round-Up of Coming Events in Acton & Area

May 19, Wednesday — 7 pm to 10 pm: Don't be scared — be prepared! Self Defense for Teens and Women at M.Z. Bennett. Instruction includes mental preparation, five keys to defense, effective blocking and striking, prevention techniques and dealing with acquaintance assault (manual included). Call Recreation and Parks for registration information at 873-2600, ext. 275.

May 26, Wednesday — 8 pm: POWER meeting at Georgetown District High School. Get an update on the initiatives that POWER is pursuing and hear representatives from the Regional Planning Staff present the draft Regional Official Plan. We will focus on the water situation. Contact Barbara Halsall, 873-0344.

May 29, Saturday — Social Hour 4 pm to 5 pm; Dinner at 5 pm: Beth-el Christian Reformed Church is celebrating their 40th Anniversary at the Acton Curling Club, half-mile north of the church on Churchill Road North. Tickets are \$15 per person.

May 29, Saturday — 11 am to 2 pm: PACT (Parents Assisting Children and Teachers) is holding a Carnival at Robert Little School. There will be a BBQ, raffle, fishing pond, prizes, games, bake sale, toy sale. Constable Riddle will be there and a whole lot more. Come out and join the fun.

May 30, Sunday — Registration 9 am, official start 10 am: Bike-a-thon for the North Halton Association for the Developmentally Handicapped. Refreshments, awards and draws will take place after the ride. Pledge forms are available at Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances, The Acton Tanner, Mr. Mugs, IGA, Family Barbershop and the olde Hide House.

June 2, Wednesday — 7:30 pm: Dowlais Male Choir from Wales will be preforming at the War Memorial Hall in Guelph. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors. Sponsored by Ebenezer United Church.

June 5, Saturday — 10 am to 3 pm: Nassagaweya Stampede Fun Fair. Fun Run begins at 9 am at Brookville Community Centre. Fun Fair is at Brookville School starting at 10 am. No admission.

June 12, Saturday — 10 am to 3 pm: The Seniors' Safety Fair at the Halton Regional Centre at 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville. For more information call the Acton Social Services and Information Centre at 853-3310.

June 13, Sunday — 3 pm: Memorial Service at Ebenezer Cemetery, Guelph Line north of 20th sideroad. Refreshments follow service. All welcome.

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Annual Beef Barbeque on June 26

LEGION NEWS

BY MIKE MATTOCKS

Attention to all veterans, ex-service men and women, the Provincial Service Officer will be visiting Branch 15 in Brampton on Monday, June 21.

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding War Disability Pensions, Treatment for Entitled Veterans, Application for Benevolent Funds or Appeals Against Adverse Original Applications for War Veterans and Widows Allowance should contact our Branch Service Officer Ab Irwin at 853-0696. Please make sure you contact Comrade Irwin prior to June 5.

Euchre winners for Thursday, May 13 were: Warren Schenk, Alexandra Barden, MacIntosh, Mike Manuel and Helen Jeffrey.

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Coming Events

Saturday, June 26 — Annual Beef BBQ. Tickets are \$7.50 per person for a roast beef dinner you can't top anywhere. There is always a large turn-out for this event so make up a group and mark off June 26.

See you at the Branch!

Ladies Auxiliary News

New Executives for 1993-94 are: Past President, Gloria Dunn; President, Rhona Thornhill; First Vice, Lucy Synnott; Second Vice, Eva Cutting; Secretary, Fern Shultis; Treasurer, Joyce Buchanan; Recording Secretary, Betty Green;

Sgt. of Arms, Helen Fowler; Standard Bearer, Sharron Barker; Sick and Sunshine, Gloria Dunn; Membership, Lucy Synnott; Banquet Convenor, Eva Cutting; Property Convenors, Roberta Hughes and Fern Shultis; Social Convenor, Lily Higgins.

There will be a pot-luck supper Thursday, June 3 at 6:30 pm and General Meeting following at 8

Donation to the Cancer Society was \$200.

The Charter was draped in memory of Grace Agnew, who would have been a 45-year member this year.

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Movie Reviews by Julian Sark

Time Runner The spirit is willing, but the budget is weak in this science fiction thriller starring Mark Hamill and Ray Dawn Chong. Hamill plays Matt Ryson, a man who is sucked into a wormhole in space, and backwards in time, on the eve of an alien invasion. Trapped in the past, he attempts to stop the sequence of events that leads to alien domination 26 years later with the help of a beautiful scientist (Chong). Weak both in plot and acting, Time Runner is definitely a movie to miss.

Rated AA, 92 minutes.

Reservoir Dogs Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Lawrence Tierney star in this explosively violent, expertly directed suspense-thriller about an elite cadre of men with mafia ties, who join forces to rob a diamond wholesaler. The job goes sour, with police on the scene the second they arrive. Most of the action takes place at a warehouse where the mobsters regroup to try to figure out who informed the police. Despite its acid language and violence, Reservoir Dogs is one of the best films of the year, with memorable characters and an almost theatrical feel to the production. Rated R, 100 minutes.

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