



**EASY RIDERS!** Acton residents Greg and Marilyn Jones get set to take off for the annual Poker Run, which began at Prospect Park on Saturday. The 10th annual event, which wound up at the Rockwood Hotel later in the day, raised money for Guelph General Hospital. (Eve Martin photo)

## MP opposes 'death'

"We all know of people who have been convicted of an offence that would demand capital punishment but who were found innocent at a later date."

With that statement, Halton-Peel MP Julian Reed last week voiced his opposition to capital punishment.

The issue of the death penalty has been raised by Reform Party Leader Preston Manning, who has

called for a binding national referendum on the issue.

Reed argued: "I take my queue from the late Arthur Maloney, who was a criminal lawyer, and defended many murderers and had always been an advocate of the death penalty until a case came up where a young client of his was convicted of murder and hanged. Three months later the real perpetrator of the crime was caught."

## Library job bank really works

Job searches for Acton area residents are now much easier, thanks to the Canada Employment Centre's Job Bank kiosk, located at the Acton Public Library.

Although there are no statistics to show how many people found jobs using the computerized system, with almost 300 uses in its first six weeks of operation, the Job Bank is considered a success by Canada Employment officials.

"Most of the people using the Job Bank at the library did so after 4:30 pm when the Employment Centres in Georgetown, Milton or Guelph are closed," explained Canada Employment and Insurance officer Judy Dame in an interview last Wednesday.

"At this point we don't have any stats to tell us how many people who accessed the system found jobs, but I know that employers giving us job orders are getting the applicants that they need."

The Job Bank, consisting of a user-friendly computer, monitor, and printer, allows job hunters to do a self-service job search, either locally, in surrounding towns and regions, or Canada-wide.

The Job Bank lists all job orders that employers have filed with a Canada Employment Centre and is updated every 15 minutes.

Users can scan the job categories and print out any they are interested in, listing the job description, skill and or education requirements, duties and the name and phone number of the company contact.

Acton Library branch manager Cathie Yestadt said because of the library hours, the Job Bank's location there is a good fit.

"I think they looked at putting the Job Bank at ASSIC's offices and a few other locations but couldn't find some place that was

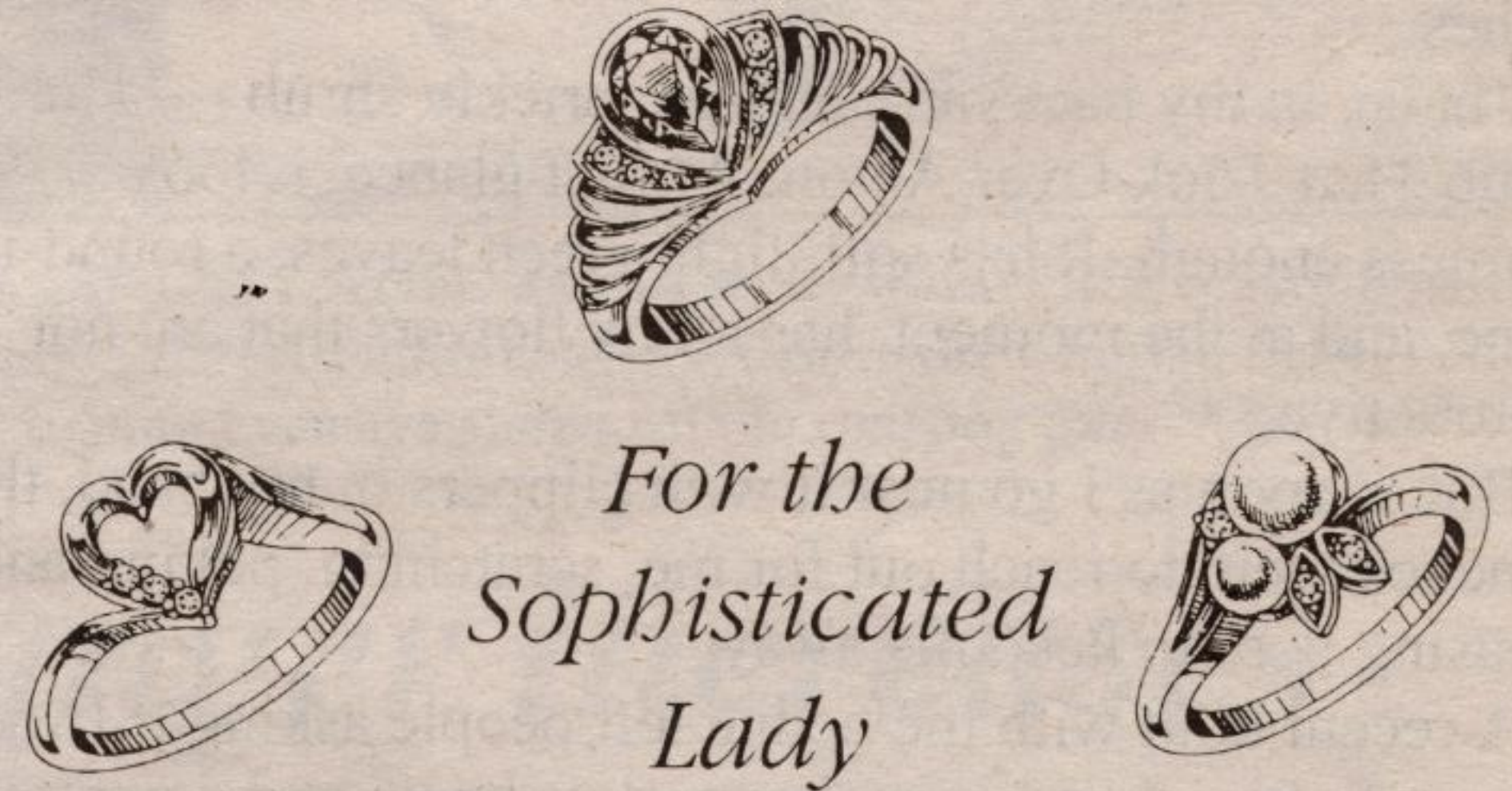
regularly open at night," Yestadt explained on Wednesday.

Yestadt, who said she initially had some concerns about placing the Job Bank in the library, said it is working very well.

"I thought that library staff would be spending a lot of time teaching people how to use the system, but it is very easy and I think the only thing we've had to do is change paper in the printer."

Yestadt said that Job Bank users can also use library resources in their job search, including books on resume writing and a collection of books about career choices that detail what's involved with various jobs.

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