

ORGANIZERS of Saturday's fundraising 101 Poker Run in support of Guelph General Hospital include from left, Gary Atkinson, Regina Pretrik, John Popp and Tim Popp. The banner behind the group was painted by Louise Johnston.

Poker Run to support hospital

By MAGGIE PETRUSHEVSKY The New Tanner

Area motorcycle enthusiasts will hold their 13th annual 101 Poker Run Saturday with proceeds going to support Guelph General Hospital.

Louise Johnston, representative for the organizing group, says the run is strictly a fun activity with participants seeking support from the community and donating proceeds to the hospital.

"We have no formal organization behind this. We started out as a group of old neighbours here who all rode motorcycles. We organized the first run just for fun. About the second or third time we held it, we figured we ought to be able to raise money at it. Then the search was on for a charity we could donate to. A number of organizations didn't want to associate with us because we were "bikers" and that carries a negative image. The hospital was willing to accept funds and we've been donating to them ever since."

The group has donated \$26,500 for new equipment for the hospital since 1988.

The Poker Run is like a huge poker game where participants pick up a card at each of five stops on the run. The scores are tallied at the final stop and trophies are awarded to the best and worst hands.

Runs are operated in many different ways using boats, cars, horses and snowmobiles as well as bikes. When the Halton group started they had 20 bikes and covered a course of about 101 miles – hence the name "101," Johnston says. The run started with neighbours and grew by word-of-mouth as members moved away and brought back new participants over the years.

Last year they had 350

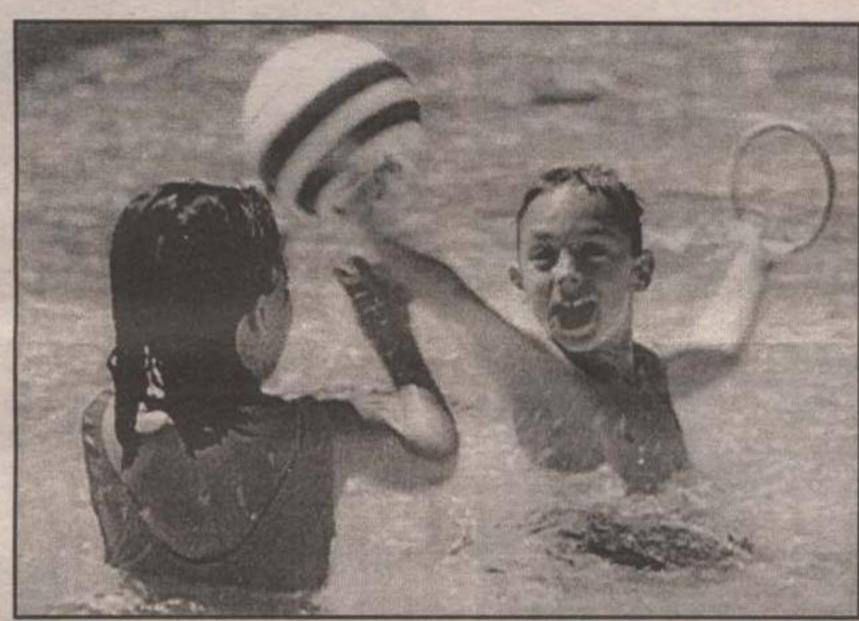
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riders and just as many walkins for the party held on the Fourth Line of Milton south of 20 Sideroad.

The run starts at the Station Hotel in Acton, proceeds to the Sunset Shack in Erin, then to Loretto, back to Arthur and finally to the Rockwood Hotel. After the run everyone gathers at the farm for precision motorcy-

cle games and a feed of hotdogs, etc.

The runs take a lot of volunteers from preparing the grounds for the party to cooking to operating the rescue vehicles and manning the gates for walk-in traffic. Everyone is welcome and those planning to attend are urged to take advantage of the free camping.



SPLASHING AROUND: The wading pool at Prospect Park was filled with many children cooling off in the water and playing games on Canada Day. – Angela Tyler photo

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Landry still fights quarry move

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Rita Landry will never get what she really wants, so she'll settle for a little justice. The north Halton environmentalist won't rest until she sees an Acton quarry penalized for continuing to extract limestone from the Niagara Escarpment with out a permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), despite two court rulings that the permit was required.

"United Aggregates Limited (UAL) can't put back the rock that they took and money to them is a mere drop in the bucket, but they can't get away with flouting the law," Landry explained.

Last week the Sierra Legal Defense Fund announced that it would appeal the acquittal of UAL - now known as Blue Circle Aggregates for quarrying south of Acton without a permit. In May a court ruled that UAL wasn't guilty because of a legal defence known as "officially induced error." The court accepted evidence from a UAL official who testified that then-environment minister Brenda Elliot told him to continue work at the quarry without the permit.

"They'll never be able to replace what they've taken away. UAL has bulldozed and blasted tons of limestone and even if UAL pays a fine they can continue to do the same thing until there's no escarpment left," Landry complained. "I would like to see the government rescind

the exemption that they gave pits and quarries up and down the escarpment, that meant those licenced before 1975 don't need a NEC development permit."

Sierra Legal Defence Fund lawyer Tom Heintzman said the appeal is based partly the fact Elliot was not called to testify at UAL's trial. "One of the main grounds is that the supeona requiring Brenda Elliot to testify was improperly quashed by a Justice of the Peace and that her evidence should have been taken," Heintzman said.

Repeated phone calls to UAL/Blue Circle Aggregates from *The New Tanner* were not returned.



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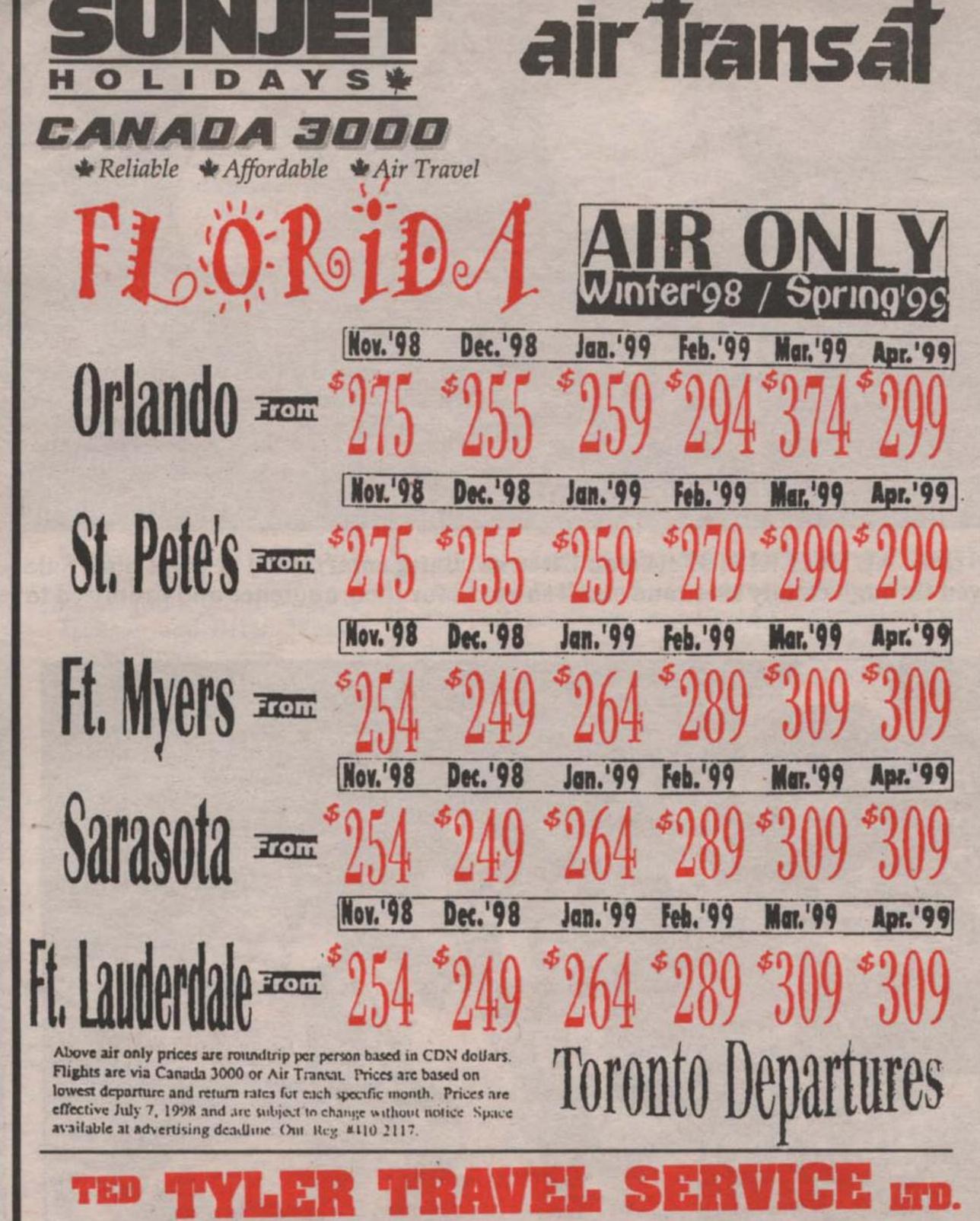
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