

# Girl Guides mix work with pleasure

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The Acton Tanner

The Girl Guides who left Acton windows and townspeople sparkling Friday have helped create the perfect definition of a working vacation.

The 2,000 Canadian and 500 international Girl Guides who are camped in Guelph near Guelph Lake from July 12 to 22 are dividing into groups of 40 and invading Acton and area towns to wash windows, pick up litter, entertain senior citizens or help out the communities in other ways.

But they are also touring Wonderland, Niagara Falls, the CN Tower and other sites. The girls' traditional entertainment such as camping, hiking, canoeing, trail riding and sailboating is mixed with belly dancing, toymaking and scuba diving.

"The girls have seven days of planned activities, everything you can imagine, around the clock," one of the 500 Guide Leaders, Judy Clark, said Friday. "That Monday they arrived in Guelph and were still arriving at 11:30 pm; the buses were rolling in all night."

"Each day I have 40 different

girls, and we are doing community service in communities like Elora, Fergus and Eden Mills," said Clark. Friday was Acton's turn, and a group of 40 Canadian girls plus one Guide from Ireland and one from England targeted a score of community problems.

"We're doing window washing, cleaning, painting, visiting seniors and helping pregnant ladies," Clark said Friday, describing some Acton chores.

The project took two years to set up, with Girl Guide Service Coordinator Sheila Ripley calling communities in the area, finding out their needs, and deciding how many girls would be needed.

ASSIC Seniors and Volunteer Coordinator Sue Haggith was Acton liaison with the Girl Guides International Conference, and was excited by the idea of inspiring community service this way. "This is a new project so it takes some time and work to match the girls to people who need them, but it's also a lot of fun."

The 500 Guide Leaders arrived in Guelph Saturday July 10, to set everything up, and two days later 2,500 Guides from across Canada and the world showed up for 'Guelph '93 International,' the Guides' international conference. This year's theme is: Living in Harmony.



CLEANING UP: Girl Guides Holly Brinton, 14, (left) and Lauren Parsons, 12, came all the way from Nova Scotia to wash town windows. They were two of the 40 Guides doing chores around Acton Friday. The Girl Guides are holding their International Conference in Guelph. (Tim Morgetroyd photo)

## Majority vote needed

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for the olde Hide House, so it would be a good time to reopen.

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## Barbecue swap

The owners of a \$500 barbecue discovered their own barbecue stolen Friday, and replaced with a cheaper barbecue. Police report the barbecue theft and swap took place at Holmesway Place sometime between June 25 and July 16. The complainant said he will keep the inferior model until the top-of-the-line barbecue is returned.

## Possible stalker

Police report two 9-year-old girls were approached by a man in a red car near Rockwood Gardens on Harris Street in Rockwood Friday. At 5:05 pm the car was driving beside the girls when it suddenly swerved, and according to a police witness, almost struck the girls as it drove away. The car was last seen heading into Rockwood on Harris Street. Police have a license plate number, but do not know if the driver was a stalker or if there is some other explanation. Police are continuing to investigate.

## Trailer rolled into river

A small utility trailer owned by the Girl Guides was flipped over into a river bordering Valley Street in Rockwood last Thursday. The vandalism was reported at 9:46 pm Thursday, and police report several young offenders are suspected. The trailer had to be pulled out of the water next day by the Conservation Authority.

## Rock thrown

A rock thrown through a window on Bower Avenue Sunday night or early Sunday morning caused \$100 damage but no injuries, police report.

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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Leap years have come and gone and I haven't been caught yet, so I guess it will stay that way."

— Bill Near, 77-year-old bachelor and Ham radio operator, Page 9

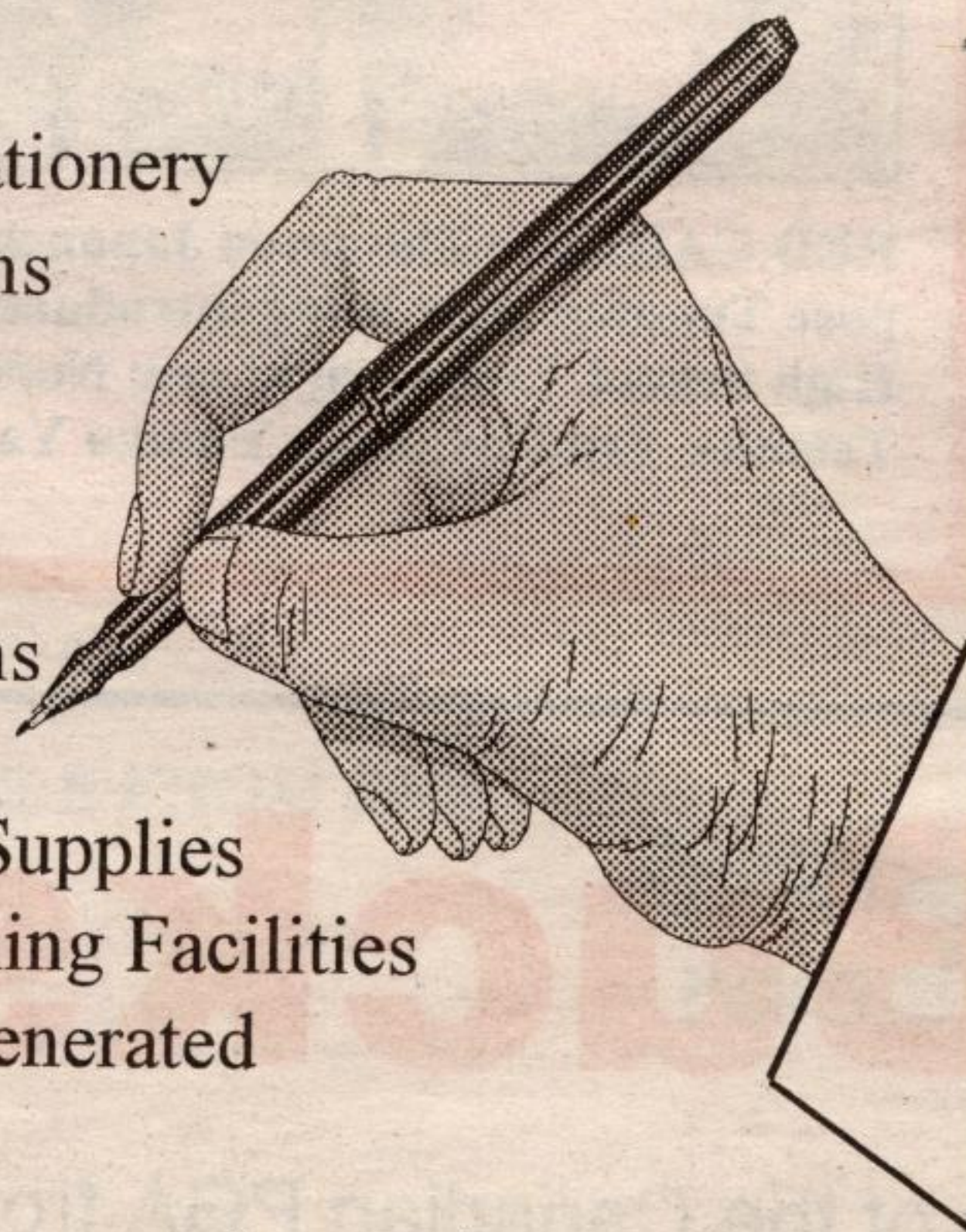
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