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THE DAILY QUEST

All the news that's fit to ignore.

LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL GHOST COMPLAINS NOBODY NOTICES HIM ANYMORE

After 147 years of successful haunting, resident spirit considers retirement.

By The Daily Quest Local News Desk



Edgar Whitmore has haunted the same Victorian house since 1879. Until recently, he considered himself rather good at it.

'I had people running down the stairs in their nightclothes,' he recalled. 'One chap moved out before breakfast.'

These days, things are different.

Edgar rattles chains in the hallway. Nobody looks up. He moves a chair across the sitting room. The family assumes someone is cleaning. Last Tuesday he appeared at the foot of the stairs, pale as a bedsheet, and let out a long, dreadful moan.

'The youngest one asked me to keep it down. She was watching a video.'

The worst incident came on Thursday, when Edgar stood directly behind the girl for forty minutes.

'She thought I was a reflection.'

Edgar says he's considering leaving the house, although moving presents certain difficulties when you've been dead for nearly a century and a half.

'I don't need much,' he said. 'A creaky staircase. A decent draught. Someone willing to be frightened occasionally.'

He has started looking at houses without Wi-Fi.

TODAY'S WEATHER

FORECAST: Dark by evening. Experts confident.

WIND: Sufficient to make that one tree outside your window look suspicious.

HALLOWEEN ADVISORY: If something moves in the bushes, it's probably a squirrel. Probably.

THE DAILY ASSIGNMENT

OPERATION: THE SPOOKY DETOUR

Take a walk around your neighbourhood and look for the most creative Halloween decoration you can find. Or make a simple decoration of your own.

No contest to enter. No photographs required. Just enjoy what people have created.

BONUS CREDIT: Compliment someone on their decorations.

Keep to public paths, respect people's property and take care after dark.

ARTS & CULTURE

MILDRED POTTER WINS PUMPKIN-CARVING CONTEST WITHOUT TOUCHING PUMPKIN

Judges praise minimalist approach.

By The Daily Quest Arts & Culture Desk



Mildred Potter, 72, arrived at the town's annual pumpkin-carving contest carrying a pumpkin and a shopping bag.

As the other entrants worked with knives, scoops and elaborate stencils, Mildred placed her pumpkin on the table and sat down.

When judging began, her pumpkin remained completely untouched.

A visiting art professor studied it for several minutes before declaring it 'a courageous exploration of negative space.'

The judges agreed. Mildred received first prize.

Afterward, a reporter asked how long she'd worked on the design.

'I forgot my knife,' she said.

COMMUNITY

NORA BELL TAKES FIRST DANCE LESSON, APOGIZES TO SIX PAIRS OF SHOES

Beginner returns for second class despite early difficulties.

By The Daily Quest Community Desk

Nora Bell signed up for a beginner ballroom class because she'd always wanted to learn to dance.

By the end of the first evening, she'd apologized to her instructor, three partners and at least six pairs of shoes.

'I kept getting the left and right mixed up,' she said. 'Then the music started, which didn't help.'

Her instructor, Elaine, suggested that Nora stop watching her feet and listen to the rhythm. Nora tried that and walked straight into a chair.

During the final practice, she managed the entire sequence without a mistake. Unfortunately, the music had already stopped.

Nora has signed up for next week's class.

'I haven't had that much fun being terrible at something in years.'

AROUND TOWN

BUCKY ESELHEIMER WINS HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WITHOUT WEARING ONE

Bucky Eselheimer attended a neighbourhood Halloween party in his regular clothes and the bowl haircut he received earlier this month at Sal's Barber Shop.

He was awarded Best Costume. Three guests guessed 'school picture day, 1987.'

Bucky's mother, Carol, was delighted.

'I told him it was a nice haircut.'

THE CLASSIFIEDS

HAUNTED HOUSE FOR RENT

Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, original hardwood floors.

Occasional unexplained noises. Previous tenant refuses to leave.

Excellent location. Walking distance to cemetery.

No pets. Ghost negotiable.