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THE DAILY QUEST

All the news that's fit to ignore.

SPORTS

TOWN CANCELS ANNUAL LEAF-RAKING CONTEST AFTER WIND DECLARED WINNER

Judges concede weather demonstrated superior technique.

By The Daily Quest Sports Desk

The town's annual leaf-raking championship ended in controversy Saturday afternoon after a strong gust of wind was awarded first place.

Twenty-three residents had gathered at Memorial Park for the competition, which involves collecting as many leaves as possible within an hour.

Defending champion Douglas Mercer, 61, was considered the favourite. He arrived with two rakes, gardening gloves and a thermos of coffee.

"I've been practising all week," Mercer said.

Forty minutes into the competition, Mercer had assembled three enormous piles of leaves. Several spectators remarked that he appeared unbeatable.

Then the wind picked up.

Within eleven seconds, most of the leaves had disappeared from the competition area.

Some landed across the street. Others were last seen heading toward the football field.

After a brief discussion, the judges declared the wind the winner.

"It cleared more leaves in eleven seconds than anyone else managed in forty minutes," explained chief judge Raymond Collins. "We have to respect the results."

Mercer immediately objected.

"It didn't even bring a rake!"

The judges reviewed the official rulebook and found no requirement for competitors to possess gardening equipment.

Mercer's appeal was denied.

The trophy has been placed on a bench in Memorial Park.

It has since gone missing.

TODAY'S WEATHER

FORECAST: Autumn continuing despite repeated objections.

WIND: Currently undefeated in local sporting competitions.

OFFICIAL ADVICE: Secure anything you intend to see again.

THE DAILY ASSIGNMENT

OPERATION: THE IMPERFECT MASTERPIECE

The Daily Quest Arts & Culture Desk would like to remind readers that being good at something is not a requirement for enjoying it.

Today, make something.

Draw a picture. Bake something unfamiliar. Try pottery, knitting, woodworking or a craft you've never attempted.

If it turns out beautifully, congratulations.

If it looks nothing like what you intended, congratulations anyway.

BONUS CREDIT: Give your creation an unnecessarily impressive title.

The Daily Quest cannot guarantee artistic success. We can, however, recommend having a good time.

COMMUNITY

RETIRED POSTMAN CONTINUES DAILY ROUNDS, REFUSES TO DELIVER MAIL

Forty years on the same route proves difficult to forget.

By The Daily Quest Community Desk

Arthur Bell retired from the postal service in June after forty years delivering mail throughout the neighbourhood. He lasted eleven days before returning to his old route.

"I got tired of sitting around," Arthur explained. "Besides, I wanted to see how everyone was getting on."

Each morning, Arthur puts on his walking shoes and visits the streets he knows by heart.

He stops to talk with neighbours, checks on Mrs. Peterson's garden and occasionally reminds people that their house numbers are difficult to read.

Several residents have begun leaving biscuits for him.

Arthur says retirement is considerably more pleasant now that nobody expects him to carry a heavy mailbag.

There have, however, been misunderstandings.

Last Tuesday, a neighbour hurried outside and handed Arthur a letter.

"Could you drop this off at the next street?"

Arthur looked at the envelope.

"No."

The neighbour seemed surprised.

"I'm retired," Arthur explained.

He then continued along his old route, stopping at the next house for tea.

ARTS & CULTURE

SHEILA MORRISON'S FIRST POTTERY LESSON PRODUCES UNEXPECTED ASHTRAY

Local woman maintains that the original assignment was a cereal bowl.

By The Daily Quest Arts & Culture Desk

Sheila Morrison, 53, attended her first pottery class Thursday evening with the intention of making a cereal bowl. Two hours later, she had produced something considerably smaller.

"It sort of collapsed in the middle," Sheila said. "Then I tried fixing the sides, which made it worse."

Her instructor encouraged her to see the result as an opportunity for creative expression.

Sheila examined the shallow, uneven dish.

"Looks like an ashtray."

The instructor suggested it might also serve as a small decorative bowl.

"An ashtray," Sheila repeated.

Sheila doesn't smoke and has no intention of starting.

Her daughter has offered to use it for jewellery, although Sheila remains concerned that the earrings might roll out.

Despite the setback, Sheila has signed up for another class.

"I'm going to make a coffee mug next."

Her instructor has suggested beginning with a saucer.

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMMUNITY CENTRE — LOST & FOUND

The following items remain unclaimed following last month's activities:

- One red umbrella.
- Two knitting needles, neither belonging to the same person.
- A pair of reading glasses.
- A handwritten recipe for something involving turnips.
- One exceptionally confident chess player, last seen looking for an opponent.

The chess player is not technically lost.

He simply refuses to leave until someone agrees to play him.

Interested parties should inquire at the front desk.