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THE DAILY QUEST

All the news that's fit to ignore.

ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL TRIO DISCOVERS ARCADE GAMES STILL EXIST

Dinner plans abandoned after unexpected encounter with pinball machine.

By The Daily Quest Entertainment Desk



The trio shortly before discovering that pinball remains a highly competitive activity.

Three local women went out for dinner Friday evening and returned home nearly three hours later without having eaten anything resembling a proper meal.

The trouble began when the trio noticed a brightly lit arcade across the street from their intended restaurant.

“I didn't even know those places still existed,” said 20-year-old Hannah Mitchell.

Her friends, Sophie and Raina, agreed to investigate for five minutes.

That was their first mistake.

Within half an hour, Hannah had become involved in a fierce pinball rivalry with a machine called Space Invader. Sophie had discovered that arcade basketball was considerably more difficult than it appeared, and Raina had exchanged most of her dinner money for tokens.

“We kept saying we'd leave after one more game,” Sophie explained. “Nobody was prepared to define what that meant.”

The evening reached its peak when Raina won 340 prize tickets and attempted to exchange them for an enormous stuffed bear.

She was informed that the bear required 12,000 tickets.

After considerable negotiations, she settled for a plastic spider and two pencils.

The three finally left shortly before closing time.

Asked about their abandoned dinner plans, Hannah shrugged.

“We came for dinner. Things escalated.”

The women have agreed to return next Friday.

This time, they intend to eat first.

TRY THE RELATED QUEST: GROUP QUEST #004 — ARCADE CHALLENGE →

TODAY'S WEATHER

FORECAST: Clear skies expected, assuming somebody remembers to look up.

TEMPERATURE: Appropriate for November. Complaints nevertheless anticipated.

OUTLOOK: A good day to discover the neighbourhood has been there all along.

THE DAILY ASSIGNMENT

OPERATION: THE UNPLANNED DETOUR

Go somewhere nearby you normally pass without stopping: a park, a library, a small shop, or another public place you've been curious about. Give yourself twenty minutes to explore, with no photos or posts required.

BONUS CREDIT: Invite a friend and let them choose the next stop.

Travel safely and respect private property.

INVESTIGATIONS

LOCAL MAN LEAVES PHONE AT HOME; WORLD CONTINUES WITHOUT HIM

Forty-minute absence produces surprisingly little disruption.

By The Daily Quest Investigative Desk

Arthur Pendelton, 43, accidentally left his mobile phone on the kitchen counter Tuesday afternoon while taking his dog for a walk.

He discovered the oversight halfway down Maple Street.

“My first thought was that I should turn around,” Arthur recalled. “Then Baxter found a stick.”

Baxter, a six-year-old Labrador, reportedly spent several minutes considering the stick before deciding it was worth carrying.

Arthur continued walking.

Without his phone, he found himself noticing several things he had apparently passed hundreds of times before, including a small pond, a garden filled with ceramic frogs and a house that had recently been painted blue.

“I thought that house was still yellow.”

The pair returned home forty minutes later.

Arthur immediately checked his phone.

He had missed six messages, two news alerts and a photograph of his brother's lunch.

One message asked whether he had seen the photograph of his brother's lunch.

“No,” Arthur replied.

He has since started leaving his phone at home during their afternoon walks.

Baxter has made no public statement, although witnesses report considerable enthusiasm whenever Arthur reaches for the leash.

ARTS & CULTURE

MAN ATTENDS WRONG CLUB FOR SIX MONTHS, DECIDES NOT TO CORRECT MISTAKE

Amateur photographer now owns eleven ceramic bowls.

By The Daily Quest Arts & Culture Desk

Gerald Baxter, 58, has spent the past six months attending pottery classes at the community centre under the impression that he had joined a photography club.

The confusion began in May when Gerald registered for what he believed was an introductory course in photography.

“I remember seeing something about composition,” he said. “I assumed that meant photographs.”

His first class involved a lump of wet clay.

Gerald assumed the instructor was demonstrating how cameras were made.

By the third week, he had completed two small bowls and a decorative dish.

“I did wonder when we'd get to the cameras.”

His wife, Linda, became suspicious when Gerald began asking for a pottery wheel for his birthday.

“He's always been a little slow to question things,” she said. “But six months seemed excessive.”

The misunderstanding came to light last Thursday when Gerald asked his instructor whether the class would eventually cover portrait photography.

She explained that this was a ceramics course.

Gerald considered the information for several moments.

“Well, that explains the clay.”

He has decided to remain enrolled.

His latest project is a vase, although Linda says it currently resembles a chimney.

Gerald has also purchased a camera.

He intends to photograph the vase when it's finished.

FOOD

LOCAL RESTAURANT INTRODUCES 'SURPRISE ME' MENU; CUSTOMER RECEIVES HOUSEPLANT

Chef maintains there has been no mistake.

By The Daily Quest Food Correspondent

A downtown restaurant has introduced a new menu option allowing customers to order dinner without knowing what they will receive.

The offering, simply titled Surprise Me, has proved popular among diners who have grown tired of making decisions.

Brian Walsh, 46, ordered the special Saturday evening.

His meal consisted of tomato soup, a slice of chocolate cake and a small potted fern.

“I thought the fern was a decoration,” Brian explained.

His waitress assured him that everything delivered to the table was part of the order.

Brian ate the soup and cake.

He then asked what he was supposed to do with the fern.

“That's entirely up to you,” she replied.

The restaurant's owner, Marco Bellini, declined to reveal the reasoning behind the selection.

“It's a surprise,” he said.

Brian eventually took the plant home.

His wife, Denise, has placed it in the kitchen window, where it appears to be thriving.

Brian returned to the restaurant on Tuesday and ordered the special again.

This time he received a grilled cheese sandwich, a pear and a handwritten note reading Good luck.

He plans to return next week.

“I want to see what happens.”

Denise has asked him to stop bringing home plants.