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LOCAL NEWS

LOCAL TEEN LEAVES HOUSE VOLUNTARILY

Wi-Fi reportedly functioning normally. Family members stunned.

BY THE DAILY QUEST NEIGHBORHOOD DESK

A local teenager left the family home voluntarily Tuesday afternoon, despite a fully operational internet connection and no known interruption to household snack supplies.

According to witnesses, the teen put on shoes, opened the front door and proceeded toward the corner store at what one family member described as “a pace suggesting independent intent.” No reminder, appointment or emergency was involved.

“At first I assumed the router had gone down,” said the teen’s father, who checked it twice before accepting the situation. “Then I saw four green lights. That’s when we knew this was something bigger.”

The outing reportedly expanded to include a walk through a nearby park and several minutes spent looking at a creek. A municipal recreation expert confirmed that both activities are permitted without advance registration.

The teen returned 47 minutes later carrying a drink and one unusually shaped leaf. Asked whether the trip had been enjoyable, the teen replied, “Yeah, actually,” before declining further comment.

Family members have not ruled out another departure, although officials cautioned against describing one successful outing as a trend.

FIELD REPORT

LOCAL MAN GOES OUTSIDE, DISCOVERS THERE’S A WHOLE THING OUT THERE

Authorities confirm it has apparently been there the entire time.

BY MILES PATHWAY, OUTDOOR AFFAIRS

In a surprising development, a local man stepped outside Thursday afternoon and discovered what experts are calling “a whole thing out there.” The finding occurred shortly after lunch and without a scheduled delivery requiring him to open the door.

Witnesses say the area contained fresh air, trees, walking paths and at least one location not designed to sell him charger cables. Early reports suggest the outdoors had been operating normally for quite some time, largely unnoticed.

“I thought outside was mostly weather and somewhere to put the recycling,” the man said. “But there were birds doing things. One of them appeared to have an appointment.”

Officials confirmed the man’s phone remained safely inside during the initial discovery period, though sources say he may return later to photograph a sign, a coffee or “something with a view.” No formal documentation of the first visit was produced.

A municipal field researcher described the discovery as encouraging but urged the public to remain calm. “Fresh air is still available,” she said. “Local shops remain browseable, and trails continue refusing to scroll no matter how long you stand there.”

Residents are being reminded that similar findings may be available in their own neighbourhoods, sometimes within walking distance. Authorities have established no admission fee and confirmed the area is expected to remain open tomorrow.

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

NEIGHBORHOOD BENCH DECLARED “ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE”

Seven-minute investigation overturns years of public indifference.

BY MARJORIE CLIPBOARD, MUNICIPAL CORRESPONDENT

A wooden bench beside the east walking path was formally recognized as “actually pretty nice” Monday after a resident sat on it long enough to notice the view.

The bench, installed in 2018 and ignored with remarkable consistency ever since, faces two maple trees, a small hill and what officials described as “a respectable amount of sky.”

“I had passed it hundreds of times,” said resident Dana Pell. “I assumed sitting there would require a reason. It turns out the bench itself was the reason.”

Pell’s seven-minute field assessment noted acceptable back support, moderate bird activity and no immediate demand to accomplish anything. The findings were later repeated by two dog walkers and a person carrying groceries who agreed the location had “potential.”

A parks department specialist urged the public not to overwhelm the site. “It remains a normal bench,” she said. “There is no gift shop, guided experience or premium seating tier.”

Council has postponed plans for a commemorative plaque until someone locates the original installation paperwork.

FAMILY DESK

BOARD GAME NIGHT ENTERS FOURTH HOUR AFTER RULE DISPUTE

Participants remain committed to fun in principle.

BY ELLIOT SCOREPAD, HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS

A casual family board game night entered its fourth hour Saturday after players disagreed over whether a move described as “clearly legal” was, in fact, clearly legal.

The evening began at 7:04 p.m. with snacks, optimistic laughter and a stated intention to “keep it relaxed.” By 8:16, all four participants had formed separate interpretations of a sentence containing the phrase “adjacent territory.”

“The rules are very plain,” said one player while holding the booklet upside down. Another requested that the group consult an online forum, a proposal rejected on the grounds that outside rulings would damage the integrity of the league.

A neutral observer—invited from the kitchen—reviewed the board for six minutes before announcing that nobody appeared to be enjoying themselves. This finding was entered into the minutes but did not affect play.

At 10:52 p.m., the match concluded through a negotiated settlement allowing everyone to claim a moral victory. Remaining snacks were divided equally.

Organizers called the event a success and scheduled a rematch for a date far enough away to feel hypothetical.

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SPORT

FIGHTING SLOTHS ANNOUNCE BOLD STRATEGY OF ARRIVING EVENTUALLY

IAB Athletics officials praise team's disciplined lack of urgency.

BY CHIP WHISTLE, SENIOR ATHLETICS REPORTER

The Institute of Applied Boredom Fighting Sloths unveiled a major competitive strategy Thursday built around arriving eventually and conserving energy until circumstances become clearer.

Head coach Marla Venn presented the plan beside an untouched whiteboard. "Other teams waste valuable resources being early," Venn said. "We intend to enter the venue after the atmosphere has settled and the folding chairs have revealed their weaknesses."

The strategy will debut across all 20 sanctioned Athletics events, including Precision Arrival, Sock Curling and Armchair Conducting. Athletes have been instructed to warm up only if already warm.

Sports analysts questioned whether a team can dominate by remaining broadly available. IAB statistician Neil Crumb responded with a chart showing the Sloths undefeated in contests they had not formally entered.

Supporters gathered briefly outside the training office before learning practice had been rescheduled to "later." Merchandise staff confirmed that commemorative towels will be produced once somebody chooses a colour.

The season opener remains listed as "forthcoming," a designation league officials called unusually honest.

CULTURE

COLONEL KERNAL DENIES ROLE IN COMMUNITY POPCORN SHORTAGE

Film night proceeds under strict kernel-accounting measures.

BY RUTH REEL, ARTS AND SNACKS EDITOR

Colonel Kernal denied responsibility for a temporary popcorn shortage at Friday's community film night, calling allegations against him "salty, poorly buttered and unsupported by inventory records."

The shortage was discovered 11 minutes before showtime when volunteers found three empty serving bowls and one bag containing what investigators described as "mostly hopeful crumbs."

Colonel Kernal, who arrived wearing a ceremonial sash and carrying no visible snacks, insisted he had attended strictly as a private citizen. "My rank is honorary," he said. "My appetite is a separate department."

The Bureau of Ordinary Recreation, Events and Diversions dispatched two clipboard officers from B.O.R.E.D., who established a controlled distribution system of one modest scoop per attendee. An independent snack economist warned that panic chewing could worsen conditions.

The screening began only six minutes late after an emergency saucepan produced a second batch. Witnesses reported strong morale and no measurable decline in cinematic comprehension.

A final audit accounted for every remaining kernel except seven found beneath row three. Colonel Kernal described the result as "a complete vindication" and requested a larger bowl for next week.

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

CORRECTION 1

Yesterday we reported that nothing happened in the park. We have since learned that a duck was present.

CORRECTION 2

The Daily Quest described a neighbourhood bench as surprisingly comfortable. The bench has requested that surprisingly be removed.

CORRECTION 3

Officials clarify that the Fighting Sloths have not arrived eventually. They remain on schedule.

WEATHER

MOSTLY OUTSIDE

Scattered leaves possible. Visibility improves considerably once the curtains are opened.