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Who would Miss Ford contact if her washing machine suddenly broke down?

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What was the expert's explanation for the crow stealing a golf ball?

Story

Write your own account of Crow's Direct Hit or Miaowwwwwwwww!!
You must pretend you are a newspaper reporter and that you are actually on the scene at the time. Describe what you see and hear.
Make your account as exciting as possible – so that it will sell more newspapers!

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UNIT 14 Newspaper Articles

Daily News

Free pilchards for life!



Widow's £30,000 bequest to stray she befriended

Mary Burton had a cat of her own. His name was Tiger. Mary gave Tiger everything he wanted – a warm home and lots of lovely food. When she made her will, she left all her money to Tiger so that he could be kept in the style he had become used to.

Then Tiger died. Mrs Burton was heartbroken. But not for long. One day a stray arrived and immediately took over

from Tiger. Mary was overjoyed. She christened the stray Fluffy. Soon Fluffy was enjoying the wonderful life Tiger had once enjoyed.

Then in January Mary fell ill and died. She was 75. Fluffy had made the last few months of her life extremely happy. Even though she is dead, Mary's care and love for animals and in particular for Fluffy her lodger, has not come to an end. In her

will she left all her money to an animal charity on condition that the £30,000 was used to give Fluffy a new home with the charity. Her will stipulates that Fluffy, "should have a home in the sunshine and shall be provided with a diet of fresh pilchards, steamed cod (tail ends, no bones), best, lean roast beef and vegetables and only milk – no water"

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Crow's direct hit!

AT first no one would believe Karen Gilles, not even the nurses in the hospital where she went with the cut above her eyebrow. Karen insisted she was telling the truth. A golf ball had landed on her head!

Karen had been sitting in the playground of the nursery where she teaches in Sydney, Australia. She and the other teachers were watching three crows. They were squabbling about something. One of them had something white in its mouth.

Suddenly the birds took off and flew over the playground. The teachers watched and it was then the crow dropped something from its mouth. A golf ball. The ball plummeted to earth and scored a direct hit – on Karen's head. It sounds funny but it wasn't funny for poor Karen. The ball hit her with such force she was nearly knocked out! Her face was badly cut and she was immediately whisked off to hospital.

An expert on birds says some members of the crow family find shiny things irresistible! Karen's bird certainly did!

**Miaowwww
wwwwww!!**

MILOSH the cat decided he wanted a nice comfy snooze. So he crawled up on to the pile of clothes and promptly fell asleep. The clothes were comfortable – the trouble was the pile of clothes was ready for washing and it was already in the washing machine.

Then into the kitchen came Miss Ford. Slam went the washing machine door. Buttons were pressed and the machine was activated. Soon the clothes and the water were spinning round and round – and so was Milosh!

Luckily for Milosh, Miss Ford happened to glimpse him swirling in the washing machine window. Quickly she pressed the Stop button and rescued her cat.

Milosh was wet through and very very shocked. The cat was taken to the vet where he had to have water drained from his lungs. The next day he was home again – a very, very clean cat smelling strongly of washing powder!

Father of Fox's bear killed by toy

A polar bear has died in agony after eating a plastic toy thrown into its enclosure. Barney, 20, was one of Edinburgh Zoo's attractions. He was also the father of the bear made famous in the advertisements for Fox's mints. Barney had lived at the zoo since he was only a year old.

He was being kept under close observation because keepers suspected he was ill, but then the bear collapsed and died. A post-mortem examination revealed the plastic toy in Barney's stomach. The toy was only 15 cm long but it was enough to kill the huge bear.

Keepers at the zoo were very upset. It just shows what a nuisance and a danger litter, and thoughtless people, can be.



A walk in space

TWO American astronauts have made a six-hour space walk. Linda Godwin and Michael Clifford had no safety harness to pull them back in case of danger. They propelled themselves by firing tiny nitrogen thrusters from jet-powered backpacks.

Floating in space at 28 000 km/h, 400 km above the Pacific Ocean, astronauts Godwin and Clifford were working on the preparation for a planned international space station and were fixing equipment to the outside of the tunnel which links the Russian space station Mir to the American space shuttle Atlantis.



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Questions

1 What telephone number would you need if there was something wrong with the central heating or the gas fire at home?

2 In which country did the golf ball accident happen?

3 What was the £30 000 left to the animal charity used for?

4 Who would you telephone if you wanted a painting job done?

5 Barney died in agony. What lessons do you think his terrible death teaches everyone?

6 Explain these words or phrases:

close observation

stipulates

comfy

propelled themselves

irresistible

plummeted to earth