



Swans find romance in Lockdown

A swan and her mate, known affectionately as Mr and Mrs Newbie, lived on Highgate pond in Hampstead, London for six years. But Mrs Newbie was left heartbroken after Mr Newbie died. Since then, the female mute swan had shown no interest in other swans and spent her days alone. Her keepers were so worried that she may be upset that they transferred her to a swan sanctuary the day before the national Lockdown in March. Who would have known that she would find romance there? As soon as she met Wallace, it was love at first sight! The instant decision was made to return the lovebirds back to Highgate pond together before the Lockdown began. Since then, they have become inseparable and have even started their own family. The couple's keepers tweeted on Twitter: "Yesterday the perfect happy, fluffy ending to the swan love story hatched."



*Pictured: When a swan falls in love, it will stay with its mate for life
Source: Andy Rodgers*

Baseball fan's kindness wins a smile



Pictured: Reece Osterberg supports Giants Source: @RyanCTJ Twitter feed

When her family lost everything in a Californian wildfire this autumn, nine-year-old Reece Osterberg's 100-piece baseball card collection was also destroyed. In an effort to raise donations to replace the collection, the town's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection put out an appeal on the radio. A San Jose man heard Reece's plight and decided to take action. Kevin Ashford has been collecting the cards since the 1960s and the collection is thought to be worth several thousand US dollars. He told a US news channel: "I had initially planned on selling my cards. But when I thought about the smile I could put on that little girl's face, it was an easy decision. I felt compelled to donate the cards to her." Mr Ashford and Reece's family are planning to see a Giant's game together once baseball games can begin again.



'Walking' building spotted in Shanghai

Residents in the Chinese city of Shanghai may have thought that their eyes were deceiving them last month when an 85-year-old primary school looked as if it might be walking! Historians were keen to preserve the old structure but the space was needed for a new commercial and office complex. Engineers attached nearly 200 mobile supports under the five-story building, lifting it completely off the ground. They relocated it using the new technology, named "the walking machine." The supports act like robotic legs. They split into two groups, which alternately rise up and down, imitating the human stride. The company, Shanghai Evolution Shift, developed the new technology in 2018. "It's like giving the building crutches so it can stand up and then walk," a spokesperson for the company said. The commercial office buildings will not be completed until 2023.



*Pictured: Historic schools like this one in China are being preserved
Source: Marufish*

Your thoughts on the news...

I think we should, to save lots of materials and so the pieces don't go to waste and get dumped in the ocean.

Aayda – age 9



I believe cruise ships should be used as floating hospitals so that sick people can use the beds and doctors can help them.

Xanthe - age 8

I think that they should because they can be used for longer and have a new purpose.

Erin - age 10

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I think no, because people that are doing something else are going to be busy working on that ship.

Hannah - age 10



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