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FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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A HEAD START



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SCIENTISTS in Japan have discovered that certain types of sea slug can remove their head and grow a whole new body!

Once removed, the head can move around on its own. Within a few weeks, it can grow a whole new body, complete with heart and other internal organs.

It's not known why the slugs detach their head from their body, but it could be an extreme way of removing a parasite.

WOW!

THE world's oldest known wild bird has had a baby! Wisdom the albatross, who is believed to be at least 70 years old, welcomed her latest chick in February. She gave birth in a wildlife refuge in the North Pacific Ocean. Cute!



Jon Brack/Friends of Midway Atoll NWR



David Morris/Apex

SKY SHIP!

WE didn't know that ships could fly!

David Morris took this picture near Falmouth, England, but is the ship really floating in mid air?

No, it was an illusion, said BBC weather expert David Braine. "Superior mirages occur because of the weather condition known as a temperature inversion, where cold air lies close to the sea with warmer air above it," he explained. "Since cold air is denser [more closely packed] than warm air, it bends light... changing how a distant object appears."

BOWLED OVER

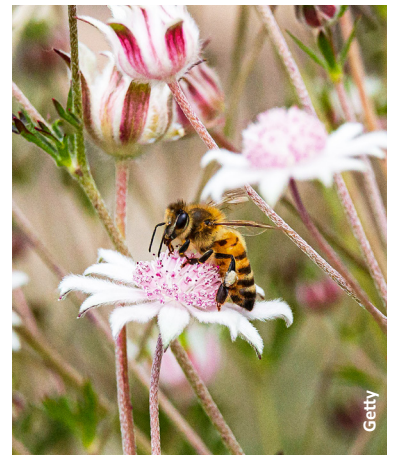
A BOWL bought at a garage sale has turned out to be a rare Chinese artifact.



Sotheby's

The porcelain bowl was bought for just US\$35 in Connecticut, USA. The rare 15th century piece is worth up to US\$500,000, and is one of only seven such bowls known to exist.

BEE CAREFUL



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DESPITE Australia being home to some of the most venomous creatures in the world, Australians are twice as likely to end up in hospital due to a bee or wasp sting, than from a spider or snake bite.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare found that from 2017 to 2018, five in every 100,000 Australians were taken to hospital for bee and wasp stings. Twelve were killed by bees and wasps, compared to seven deaths caused by snakes.

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