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Woman not dead yet

A POLISH woman, 91, surprised morgue workers by moving, 11 hours after being declared dead.

Janina Kolkiewicz woke up inside a body bag at a morgue in eastern Poland.

"Her heart had stopped beating, she was no longer breathing," doctor Wieslawa Czyn said.

Bogumila Kolkiewicz, the woman's niece added: "My aunt has no inkling of what happened since she has late-stage dementia. Once we got her home, she said she was freezing and asked for a hot cup of tea."

Wild cat on the prowl

A SEARCH by some 200 French police and members of the armed forces for a wild cat roaming through towns and across a major highway has come to one conclusion: It isn't a tiger.

One theory is that the mystery cat could be a lynx - the wild cat once common in France before being hunted out of existence.

Lynx were reintroduced in France in the 1970s, but the nearest known lynx habitat, the Vosges Mountains, is 350km away from where the large cat was first spotted on Thursday.

Microsoft rises to 2nd

MICROSOFT has surpassed Exxon to become the world's second-most valuable company.

Exxon's shares have been falling, along with the price of oil, while Microsoft's shares have been rising since October.

That month, the software company reported strong fiscal first-quarter results as its cloud computing business grew.

The companies swapped places on Thursday, when Exxon's market capitalisation dipped to \$US400.8 billion (A\$459.4 billion) from \$US403.9 billion the day before. Apple Inc remains the world's most valuable company.



"They're offered \$10,000 or \$15,000 and they're taking it because they've never had their own jobs or homes, and I just think it's wrong and should be fixed," he said.

Mr Grant was taken from Eden Park to Victoria for a time by Captain David Osborne, who went to trial in Melbourne last year charged with indecently and physically assaulting him.

Osborne, now in his 80s, was convicted of punching Mr Grant but the jury was hung on the sex charges.

"I was gutted, but we got him for the assault when he punched me in the face. The jury believed that and we got him on assault and that was it - he just got a conviction to his name and was sent home," Mr Grant said.

"I saw him last year and thought, 'how could I be scared of someone like that?' He was old and pathetic. At least he's now a convicted child basher."

Eden Park will be scrutinised by the Federal Royal Commission into institutional child abuse in Adelaide next year.

A SPOKESMAN for the Salvation Army said the organisation continued to co-operate fully with the ongoing royal commission.

"Once the royal commission has released its findings and recommendations, the Salvation Army will consider its response," he said.

"We reiterate that we are ashamed and deeply regret what occurred, and for those who were abused and whose lives have been so damaged, we are deeply sorry."

Graham Rundle said he held no animosity towards the Salvation Army, despite the years of abuse.

"Look at the good work they do - I am the first to admit that - but they've got to step up now, for Christ's sake," he said.

But Mr Rundle said the memories of his time at Eden Park would never leave him.

"I still have nightmares now. I sleep for two hours at the most and then wake up, but that's life and I have to deal with that."

didn't even have a car in the end, lost nice things that I had collected all my life just to keep going."

Aside from the regular beatings by carers, boys from the home were frequently put into a tiny, dark brick building known as "the lock-up".

"The lock-up was six-foot by eight-foot, bluestone, and the walls were lined.

"There was no light at all and no window or power in

there, and just a little vent with a concrete floor and an old horsehair mattress and that was it," Mr Rundle recalled.

"The Aboriginal boys came from the missions and that was the first place they went, straight in there, because they were pretty wild and it would break their spirit - that's what it was used for."

Another former resident, Steven Grant, says he was spared any sexual abuse dur-

ing the years that he and his younger brother were kept at Eden Park.

FORCED to wear shorts year-round in the icy hills, the boys would routinely be woken in the middle of the night to endure cruel and unusual punishment for the deeds of other residents.

"The punishment was horrible. If it wasn't physical punishment they'd round us all up and take us up to what was like

a basketball stadium shed with a concrete floor," Mr Grant said.

"For punishment they would throw buckets of wheat on the floor and we would have to pick it up grain by grain because they knew it would take a few hours."

Mr Grant, 57, said he knew other former residents who had settled civil claims for much less than they were entitled to.

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