

THE FIRST HUMAN RORSCHACH TEST THREW UP SOME INTERESTING RESULTS

FLOWER POWER

RUSSIA
A group of 101 female skydivers have set a new world record for assembling the largest flower pattern during a freefall, after leaping from planes 5,500 metres above the town of Kolomna, near Moscow and joining hands in mid-air to form the floral shape. The women, members of the all-female Russian skydiving team Pearls Of The Sky, dedicated the spectacular display to their former captain Irina Sinitsina, who died from head injuries sustained in a collision during a skydiving stunt in California last September. Sinitsina had previously led the parachute team in their Russian record-breaking 88-person flower pattern dive. The team spent two days practising the intricate new routine, and decided to leave one open space in the middle of the formation as a fitting tribute to their "missing petal".

FOUR LEGS GOOD

PERU
It seems four legs are definitely better than two, at least when it comes to skateboarding. A video of talented Peruvian pooch Biuf, a one-year-old English bulldog, has gained over 10,000 views online with his four-wheeled antics, mounting the board by gripping it with his teeth and using one of his legs to push off. Now his owner Ivan Juscamaita, who taught the canine how to skate, has announced ambitious plans to open a skateboarding school especially for dogs, donating the profits to dog shelters. Juscamaita currently runs free Saturday skateboarding classes for other bulldogs at a car park in Peru's capital, Lima. "All the bulldogs who follow Biuf on Facebook come and get together, we have fun and practise the sport," he said.



AUDITIONS FOR THE LITTLEST HOBO MOVIE WERE A BIG SUCCESS



AFTER ANOTHER CALL OF DUTY MARATHON, IT WAS TIME FOR A GOOD WRIST MASSAGE

DRAWING DESTINY

JAPAN
Talk about taking fate into your own hands. Palm cosmetic surgery is on the rise in Japan. Patients undergo a 15-minute procedure using an electric scalpel to create or extend up to ten lines – including the money and marriage lines used in palm reading – in the hope it will improve their fortune. Takaaki Matsuoka, a plastic surgeon who has performed 20 'palm surgeries', says: "If you try to create a palm line with a laser, it heals. You have to use the electric scalpel and make a shaky incision on purpose because palm lines are never completely straight." Ouch.



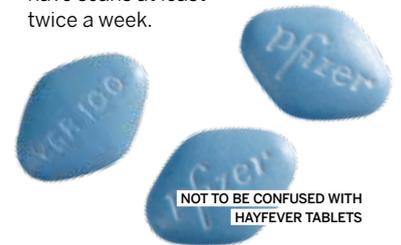
FOR SOME REASON, THE THEME FROM JAWS WAS STUCK IN HER HEAD

NOW YOU SEE ME...

AUSTRALIA
Scientists from the University of Western Australia have designed two wetsuits they think could reduce the amount of lives lost from shark attacks. The blue patterned 'Elude' suit, based on the discovery that sharks are colour-blind, is said to camouflage a swimmer like an invisibility cloak, while the black-and-white striped 'Diverter' mimics signals found in nature that warn animals when something is unpalatable, causing them to stay away. Research began in 2011 after five fatal shark attacks in western Australia in 12 months. The designs have been trialled with tiger sharks – although not by humans – and will soon be tested with great whites.

BOUNCING BABIES

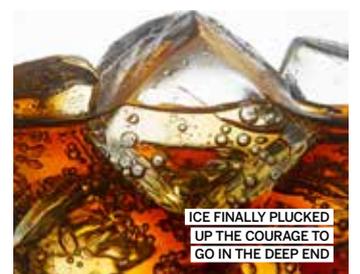
NEW ZEALAND
In a radical new medical experiment, Viagra is to be given to pregnant women to see if it boosts their baby's growth. Researchers in New Zealand believe the drug – long associated with impotence in men – could help the development of babies struggling to grow in the womb. Stunted growth during pregnancy can lead to babies being disabled or stillborn. Scientists at the University of Auckland claim Viagra ensures better blood flow to the womb, meaning more oxygen and nutrients can enter the placenta. The experiment will involve 122 expectant mothers. Half will be given the medication, the rest a placebo, and all will have scans at least twice a week.



NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH HAYFEVER TABLETS

SOMETHING IN THE WATER

CHINA
Next time you order a cola in a fast food joint, think again. A report has found that ice cubes at KFC outlets in Beijing contain 13 times more bacteria than toilet water. China's CCTV channel tested the ice at a number of restaurants in the city, and found they fell short of national standards. McDonald's did slightly better than KFC, with ice marginally cleaner than tap water, but still not up to drinkable standard. Don't think we're off the hook in the UK, though – reports found branches of McDonald's, Burger King, KFC and Starbucks all provided ice no cleaner than the stuff in our toilets. Finger lickin' good? Not so much.



ICE FINALLY PLUCKED UP THE COURAGE TO GO IN THE DEEP END