



Zip line from the Eiffel tower!

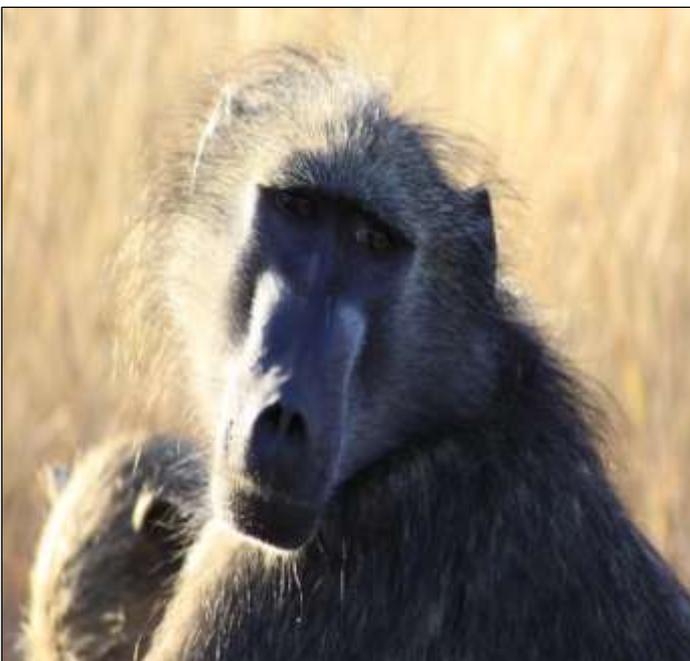
In celebration of the 118th French Open and Perrier's 41-years in partnership with the tennis tournament, the beverage company have set up a zip line from the Eiffel tower. Not everyone can try the extreme attraction - only winners of an online raffle took the wild ride from the second floor of the tower.

Dubbed Le Perrier Smash, it was created to give participants an idea of what a 'smash serve' feels like. A smash is a shot that is hit above the hitter's head with a serve-like motion. A smash can usually be hit with a high amount of force and is often a shot that ends the point. The tennis move often exceeds 124mph. The 60-second ride starts off 115 metres in the air, and plunges participants across the Champs de Mars park at over 56 miles per hour. It ends 0.5 miles away at the Place de L'Ecole Militaire.



Pictured: The Eiffel tower.

Baboon pool party!



Pictured: A typical baboon.

A pair of baboons have been caught on camera, by a homeowner, monkeying around in a pool in South Africa. The baboons are seen diving in and out of the water and enjoying playing by the side of the pool.

The duo were seen by Garth Bradley, through the window of his home, he said, "I then noticed the two baboons playing around the pool and drinking water. The young baboon then jumped in the pool and the bigger one joined. This is the first time we have had them in our pool - they normally come down every second week or so to forage in the garden. They played in the pool for about five minutes and it was wonderful to witness."



'Ploggers' clean up



Pictured: The runners with all the rubbish they collected taken from Plogolution's Twitter page.

Plogolution, the anti-plastic pollution group, collected thousands of pieces of litter during a six-day run along the River Thames. The environmental group run regular 'plogging' (running whilst picking up rubbish) events, saying they help to clean up communities and raise the runners' endorphin levels!

During this event they ran 189 miles and picked up 1107 plastic bottles, 489 glass bottles, 931 cans and 44 bags of landfill!

Michelle Parkes, one of the people who runs community action team said, "None of these people taking part have ever run that far or would consider themselves ultra-runners, we are all just incredibly passionate about raising awareness and protecting the environment."

£5.5m Shell Ocean Discovery XPRIZE awarded!

A robotic boat and submersible have won the XPRIZE to find the best new technologies to map the seafloor.

They will now play a part in the "Seabed 2030" challenge to have Earth's ocean floor fully mapped to a high standard. Creating a good map of the sea floor would help scientists better predict tsunamis, estimate sea-level rise, and assist rescue crews as they hunt for downed planes and ships.

The GEBCO-NF (Nippon Foundation) Alumni team won with its HUGIN autonomous underwater vehicle (an established industry tool for echosounding the depths) and its unmanned surface vessel that deployed and recovered the sub which was developed specially for the competition. This boat, called Sea-Kit Maxlimer, was designed in Essex.



Pictured: The Sea-Kit Maxlimer taken from the SEA-KIT Twitter page.

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