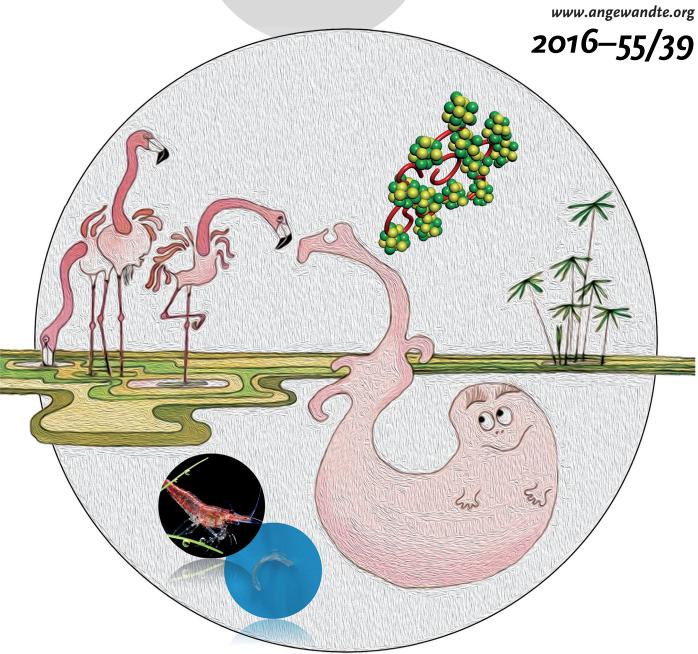
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... may bring new hope to solve current environmental issues, such as "white pollution". In their Communication on page 11765 ff. H. Cölfen and co-workers report a bioinspired hydrogel material composed of very small amorphous calcium carbonate nanoparticles and poly(acrylic acid). The hydrogel is shapeable and self-healable like the character "Barbapapa" and can reversibly form macroscopic rigid transparent films upon drying.

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