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THE GROWN-UP ZONE

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Dear Grown-Ups,

You have in your hands the back-to-school issue of **P3**, The Earth-based Magazine for Kids! Back in issue #1 we told you putting out a magazine is tough. It remains tough. As we go to press, it looks like **P3** will be printed five times this school year. Don't worry about your subscriptions. We'll fulfill our obligation to send you 10 issues before we ask you to renew.

This month we're introducing themed issues. Theming streamlines the focus and allows us to examine important and far-reaching environmental topics from many perspectives. With each article firmly anchored to a single topic, a themed **P3** gives readers a more thorough understanding of the depth and breadth of the problem.

We've chosen **Garbage** as our first theme. Garbage on Planet **3** is quickly reaching critical mass. As our cover illustrates, we're running out of places to put our waste yet we continue to produce more and more of it every day. Not only is it encroaching on human habitat, it's destroying wildlife habitats and, more tragically, killing other earthlings as well. We must all make an effort to cut down on what we throw out. That means shopping differently, using things more than once and redefining what we mean when we say "garbage".

Garbage/Ungarbage tackles the task of separating non-reusable, non-recyclable, human-made trash from organic, compostable waste material. Even beginning readers will grasp the difference between these two categories thanks to the graphic depiction of the items that fall into each. Families and classes can make Daily Garbage Output (DGO) Reports and list the items they toss in a single 24-hour period. The results will stun you. Sit down with your children to strategize ways you can all reduce, reuse and recycle. Wherever possible, start a compost heap. Schools can team up with the cafeteria to start one in the schoolyard and make the compost available to community families for their gardens. Urban families can start compost heaps by putting non-meat food scraps in flower pots or window boxes.

The garbage glut's global effect is spotlighted in both **Action-Packed America** and **Other Earthlings**. Action-Packed America focuses on Greenpeace's efforts to put a stop to the ugly, often lethal litter legacy left by scientific and military personnel stationed in Antarctica. Other Earthlings zeroes in on how our plastic garbage kills over 30,000 northern seals each year. As always, **P3** provides addresses and actions to empower readers to help save everyone's favorite planet.

The response from schools and individual subscribers continues to be positive and uplifting. Thank you all for your enthusiasm. We are actively seeking foundation and corporate support. If you're a CEO or Foundation Director or know anyone who fits that description, please contact us. Every subscription helps, too. So spread the word about **P3** so **P3** can continue to spread the word about Earth.

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HELLO EARTHLINGS!

Welcome to **P3** #3! It's our special back-to-school Garbage issue! Why garbage? Because too many of us throw away too much of it every day. Garbage isn't only ugly, it's dangerous. And not just to humans. Other earthlings all over **Planet 3** are harmed by our rash trash habit. Fortunately, trashbusters are hard at work everywhere. You'll read about fishing crews who are bringing plastic garbage back to shore so seals won't die. You'll meet the Greenpeace team that's moving in to move garbage out of Antarctica. And you'll learn how you can cut the garbage glut at home and help keep our favorite planet a green, clean eco-machine. Thanks for sending all that mail. After we read it, we recycle it. Your letters could end up as part of a future issue of **P3**! That's because **P3** is printed on recycled paper. Earth! What a planet! Let's keep it great!

*Your friends on Earth,
The Editors*

What's the six-pack/seal connection?
Turn to page 12 to find out.



IT CAME from **HUMANS** and **THREATENED** to
DESTROY the **PLANET!** IT'S **GROWING!** IT'S **GROSS!** IT'S...

GARBAGE!

SEE

- the **BABY SEAL** DOOMED by **PLASTIC GARBAGE!**
- the **SURFER** who WOULDN'T **HANG TEN!**
- the **WATER** NO ONE would **DRINK!**
- the **PENGUINS** whose **NESTS** were **TRASHED** by **HUMANS!**

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GARBAGE

Garbage is something that people use once or twice then throw away. Garbage is everything human-made that can't be recycled. Garbage takes up lots of room. It takes a long, long time to break down into the gases and chemicals it's made of. Plastic garbage can take as long as 450 years to break down and as it does, it releases harmful chemicals into the soil, air and water. If the Pilgrims had 6-packs, we'd still have the plastic rings from them today.

UN GARBAGE

A lot of things we think of as garbage are not. They're ungarbage. Ungarbage is everything that's natural and organic*. Ungarbage breaks down quickly in sunlight and air and does not release harmful gases or chemicals. Some ungarbage, like apple cores and banana peels, takes less than a year to break down. And when ungarbage breaks down it becomes dark, rich dirt called compost* that's great for gardens. *If you don't know what this word means, turn to GarbageSpeak on page 10.

Earth Care Paper Company



Before...

John and Carol Magee sell birthday cards, stationery, envelopes and wrapping paper. What's so unusual about that? All their paper products are made from recycled waste paper. That's good business. Paper made out of paper cuts down on garbage, uses less energy and saves trees. "Paper that people throw away is what we use to make the paper we sell," says John. If you want to start using recycled paper, send for an Earth Care catalog. Write to: Earth Care Paper, PO Box 3335, Madison, WI 53704



...after.

It's Earth-positive! It's practical! It's profitable! It's...

GARBAGE INTO UNGARBAGE!

A lot of companies are in the business of turning garbage into ungARBAGE. Here are two of them.

Sewell Plastic Company



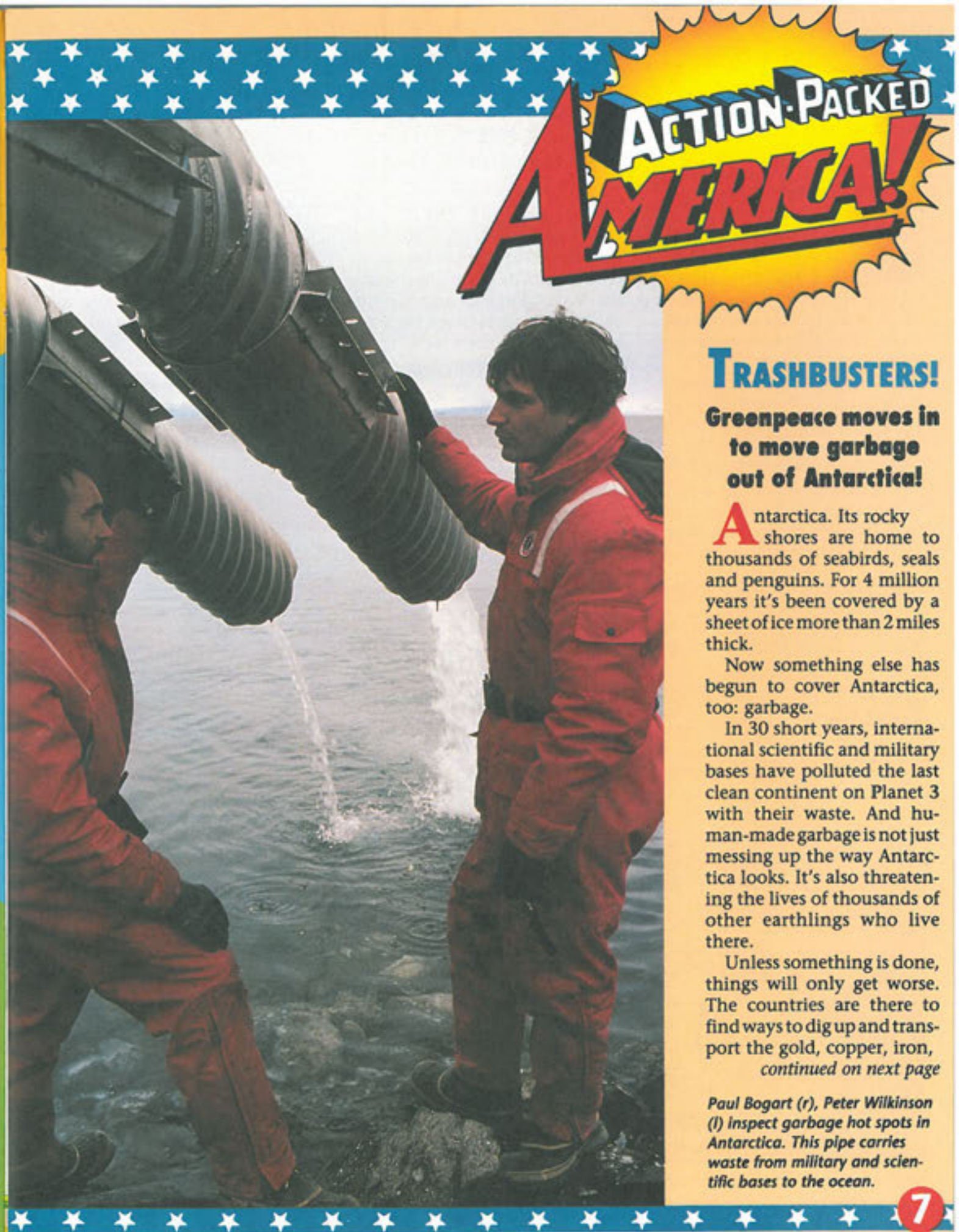
Before...

Plastic. It's tough. It doesn't break when you drop it. And when you throw it away, it doesn't go away. Unless you recycle it. That's why companies like Sewell Plastic make PET, a plastic that can be recycled safely, cleanly and quickly. When your PET soda bottles are recycled, they become things you wouldn't believe: ski jacket fillings, sleeping bag fillings and even carpeting.

The next time you walk on a new pink carpet, you might be walking on an old bottle of A&W Root Beer. If you want more information on PET plastic, call this number: 1-800-762-7267.



...after.



ACTION-PACKED AMERICA!

TRASHBUSTERS!

Greenpeace moves in to move garbage out of Antarctica!

Antarctica. Its rocky shores are home to thousands of seabirds, seals and penguins. For 4 million years it's been covered by a sheet of ice more than 2 miles thick.

Now something else has begun to cover Antarctica, too: garbage.

In 30 short years, international scientific and military bases have polluted the last clean continent on Planet 3 with their waste. And human-made garbage is not just messing up the way Antarctica looks. It's also threatening the lives of thousands of other earthlings who live there.

Unless something is done, things will only get worse. The countries are there to find ways to dig up and transport the gold, copper, iron, *continued on next page*

Paul Bogart (r), Peter Wilkinson (l) inspect garbage hot spots in Antarctica. This pipe carries waste from military and scientific bases to the ocean.

GARBAGE SPEAK

Leaching

Picture a garbage dump with inky pens, leaky batteries and an old oil can or two. It rains. Water passes through the garbage and into the soil. It carries with it some ink, some mercury from the battery and a little oil. That's called **leaching**. The poisoned water seeps into the ground and poisons any other water it runs into — including drinking water.

Toxic Waste

When you hear **toxic waste**, think poison. When oil is turned into fuel, plastic and rubber bands, **toxic waste** is released. When film is turned into pictures, **toxic waste** is left over. **Toxic waste** is a big problem. And most major industries keep making more of it every day.

Biodegradable

Anything that can break down without releasing harmful chemicals or gases is **biodegradable**. All ungarbage is **biodegradable**. So are brown paper bags. So are you.

Organic

Natural matter that has nothing human-made added is **organic**. Most biodegradable garbage is also **organic**.

Compost

When biodegradable ungarbage is piled outdoors in the sun and air, it breaks down into a rich, dark soil called **compost**. **Compost** is great for gardens. Plants really "grow" for it!

Recyclable

Human-made garbage like soda bottles, paper and tin cans are **recyclable**. They can be made into new bottles, paper, cans, park benches, carpeting and ski jacket filling.

M A X & his mom



SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT:

GARBAGE



WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Help keep P3 a green, clean eco-machine!

1. The White House uses styrofoam cups and does NOT recycle any of its garbage. Write to President and Mrs. Bush and tell them to do Earth a favor — recycle! Here's their address: President and Mrs. Bush, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington DC 20501

2. If something you buy comes in a non-recyclable container, send it back. The address is usually on the bag or box. Write a letter telling the people who make it to make the switch to Earth-positive packaging.

3. Bring your knapsack to the supermarket and pack your groceries in it. Tell your parents to bring their own bags, too.

4. Track your Daily Garbage Output (DGO). Write down everything you throw away from the minute you get up until you go to bed at night. See how much garbage you can cut down on by reducing, reusing and recycling.

5. Start a compost heap at home and at school. For more information on how your school can compost cafeteria leftovers, write to: Division of Solid Waste Management, Agency of Natural Resources, 103 S. Main Street, West Building, Waterbury, VT 05676. Ask for the cafeteria composting guidelines.



When Ms. Lee's 3rd graders at Clearcreek School in Ohio tracked their Daily Garbage Output (DGO) for P3, they were stunned. In one day, nine kids threw away 109 pieces of garbage...and ungarbage! They tossed plastic bags, orange peels, green gummy bears, pudding containers, straws, juice boxes, scrap paper, paper napkins, soda bottles, apple cores, dead batteries, plastic forks, candy wrappers and more.

"Just think of these totals multiplied by the world's population," said 3rd grader Mary Dodge. "Unbelievable!" Ms. Lee and her class have helped their school start recycling white paper. So far they've recycled 285 pounds!



How can this baby seal swim safely if the seas are full of plastic garbage?



Plastic six-pack rings like these are killers in Planet 3's oceans.



SEAL Ordeal!

Six-pack rings are deadly toys for northern seals! You can help save them!

The seas aren't safe for northern seals anymore. And that's terrible because they live there.

Plastic garbage is killing about 30,000 seals every year. Tons of plastic six-pack rings, fishing nets and other garbage is dumped in the oceans. The six-pack rings are one of the biggest seal killers of all.

Young seals play with six-pack rings and end up catching their sleek necks in a loop. The loop gets tighter and tighter as the young seal grows until it finally chokes the animal.

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Male Northern seals weigh 600 pounds and make a lot of noise.

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Northern seals have been swimming and fishing in the frigid salt water of the northern Pacific for hundreds of years. Their thick fur and muscular flippers help them catch salmon, squid and herring. But in the last 40 years, too many of them have been caught in plastic garbage and died.

Most ocean garbage comes from fishing boats. And our Navy throws *all* its garbage — including more than 1,000 pounds of plastic — into the seas every day.

Oil companies are big ocean polluters and not just because of killer oil spills. Offshore oil rigs are awesome drills that dig deep under the ocean for oil and gas. Rig workers toss thousands of hardhats and big plastic rings into the ocean every year.

Families who leave plastic bags and six-pack rings on the beach are ocean polluters, too.

Seals aren't the only animals killed by plastic garbage. Sea turtles have been found with plastic bags and old balloons in their stomachs. So have whales. And seabirds and fish get caught in plastic nets, fishing lines and six-pack rings, too.

Fishermen and women are beginning to understand that if the ocean is full of their garbage, they won't be able to fish. So they're starting to bring their trash back to shore with them. That's good.

In 1987, Congress passed a law that requires fishing boats to bring garbage back. That's good, too.

Popeye's even helping. He stars on posters that remind people not to throw plastic overboard.

Beach clean-ups help cut down on ocean pollution, too. On one Texas beach, over 15,000 six-pack rings were collected in three hours. That probably saved a lot of seals. Ocean currents can carry garbage from Texas beaches all the way to the waters the seals fish in.

These Earth-positive actions are a good beginning. After all, we're the only ones who can clean P3's oceans — and keep them clean.

NORTHERN SEALS AT A GLANCE

FAVORITE FOOD: Squid, salmon, herring and cod

WEIGHT AT BIRTH: 9 pounds

AVERAGE ADULT WEIGHT: Males: 600 pounds
Females: 150 pounds

SWIMMING STATS: Females and pups swim over 2,000 miles south to spend the winters in the warm waters near San Diego

Seals spend summer here

Seals spend winter here



Before...



...and after the clean up.

P3's Easy-to-Read RECYCLABLE Do-It-Yourself Save the Seals Kit

Here are some steps you can take now to make sure there are plenty of northern seals swimming in clean oceans in the future!

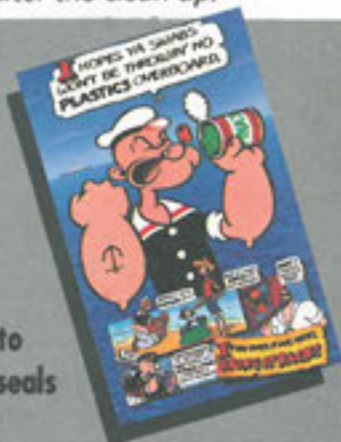
1. The US Navy is still dumping tons of trash into the sea. President Bush is the Commander-in-Chief. Write him and tell him what you think of the Navy's garbage habits. Send your letters to:
President George Bush, Commander-in-Chief, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC 20501

Send a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, too. Here's his address:
Henry L. Garrett III, Department of the Navy, The Pentagon, Washington DC 20350

2. Anytime you see a six-pack ring on the ground, pick it up. Take it home and cut all the loops with a pair of scissors before you throw it away. That way, even if it reaches the oceans, it won't choke any birds, seals or fish.

3. If you live near the beach, get involved in a beach clean-up program. There are lots of different kinds. For information write to: Center for Marine Conservation, 1725 DeSales Street NW #500, Washington DC 20036.

Don't buy soda in six-pack rings. Buy plastic or glass bottles instead. And don't forget to recycle them!



THE CALL OF THE WILD



The wolf is a beautiful and very intelligent animal. When the world was more wild, there were many wolves. But men hunted the wolves and drove them away. Today there are few wolves left in the United States outside of Alaska.

Wolf expert David Mech says that the wolf is an animal that we all need. He thinks that Yellowstone National Park in northwestern Wyoming is a place where wolves should be allowed to live. But there are no wolves in this large, wild park today.

Because the wolf is now listed as an endangered species, part of the federal government's responsibility is to make sure that the wolf can again live in places like Yellowstone, where it can balance populations of elk, moose and other prey.

Although wolves should be a part of the natural wildlife of Yellowstone, many political problems have prevented their return. At Patagonia, we support efforts to bring the wolf back to Yellowstone and to conserve healthy wolf populations elsewhere in North America.

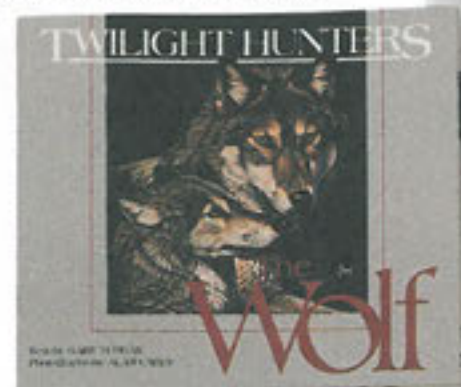
The Wolf Fund, a small non-profit conservation organization based in Moose, Wyoming also believes that wolves belong back in Yellowstone and that they can be reintroduced without endangering ranching or hunting in the region. Patagonia supports The Wolf Fund by donating \$1.00 from the sale of every Kids' T-Shirt you see here.

If you would like more information on The Wolf Fund, please write:

The Wolf Fund
P.O. Box 471
Moose, WY 83012

For information on the groups we support, please write:

Patagonia
Environmental Program
P.O. Box 150, Ventura, CA 93002

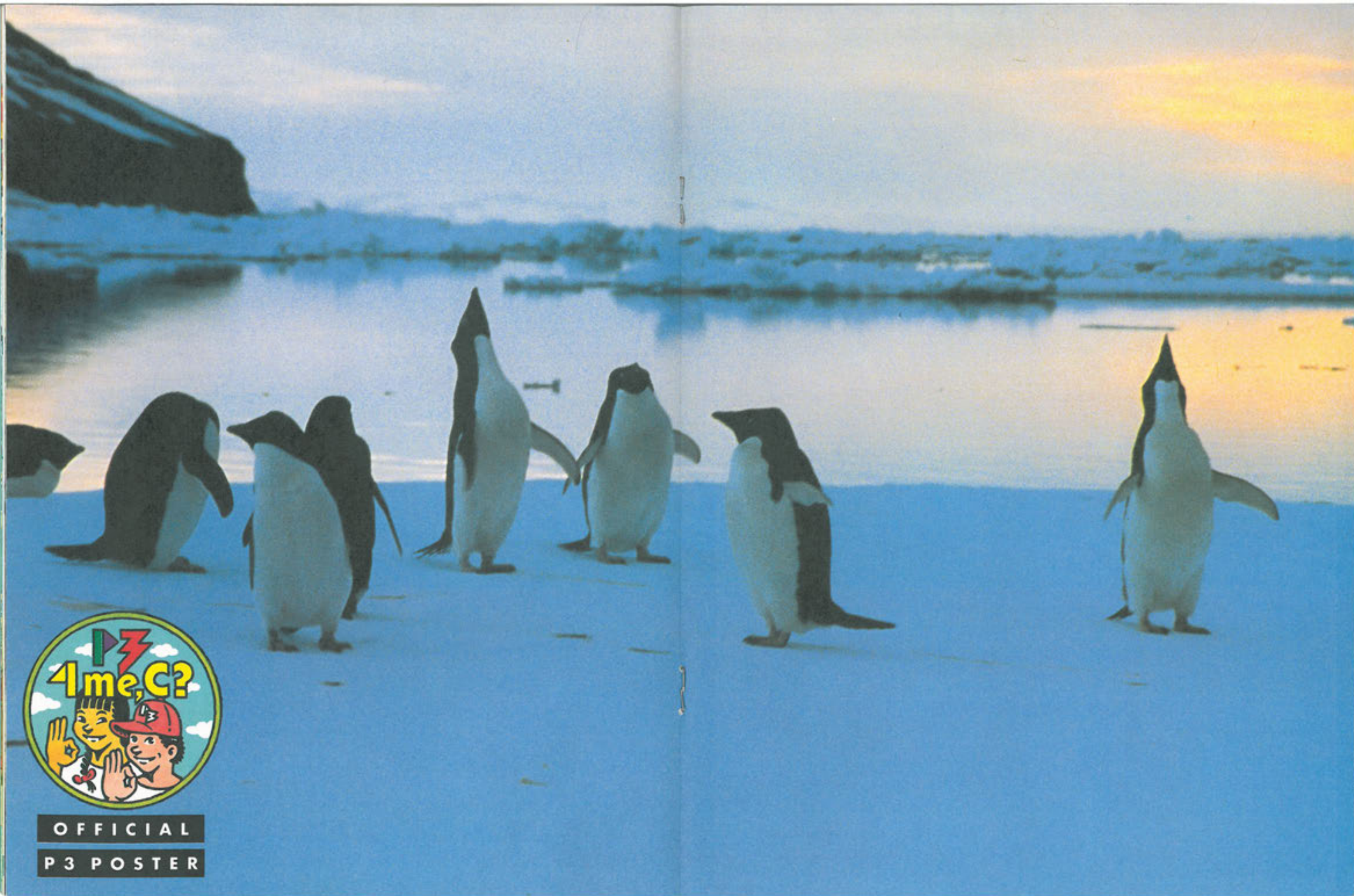


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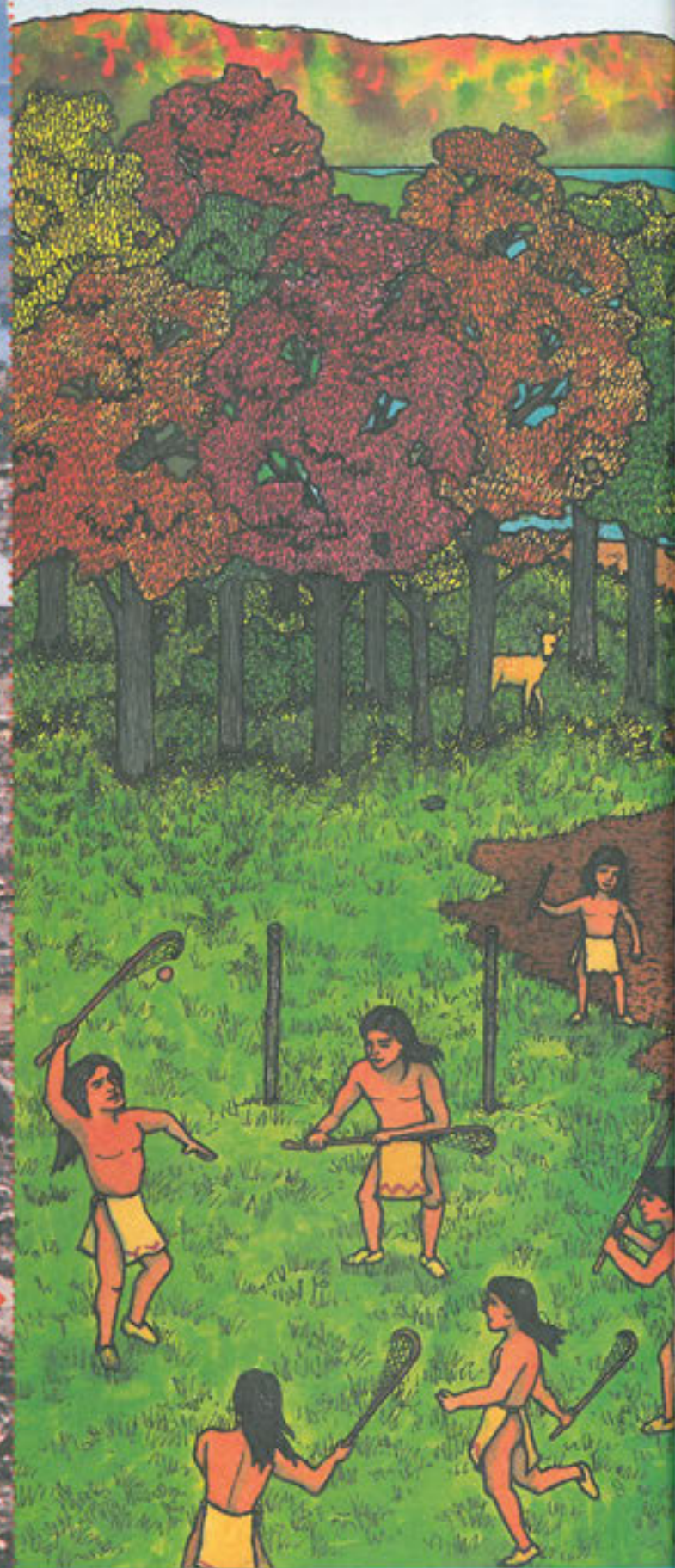
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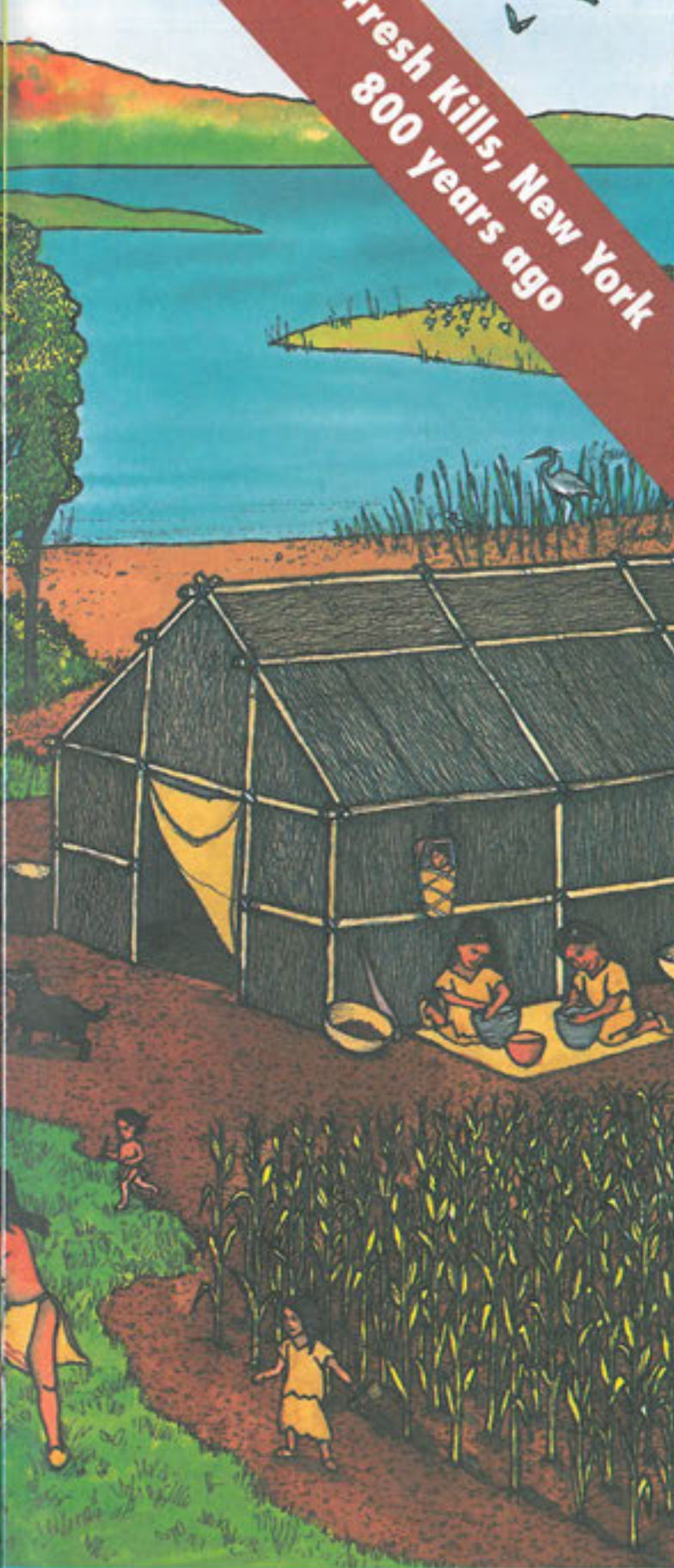
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ANY PLACE IN TIME

Where the past and present meet



Leni Lenape Indians lived in long houses. Squaws cooked crushed corn cakes and crafted clay pots. Wildlife watched from deep in the woods while warriors played wild games. Children sprinted spryly and were hardly ever spanked.



To see what Fresh Kills, New York looks like today, fold these two pages in so the arrows marked "A" meet the arrows marked "B".
THE FOLDED IN PAGES WILL RESULT IN A COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF MODERN-DAY FRESH KILLS.

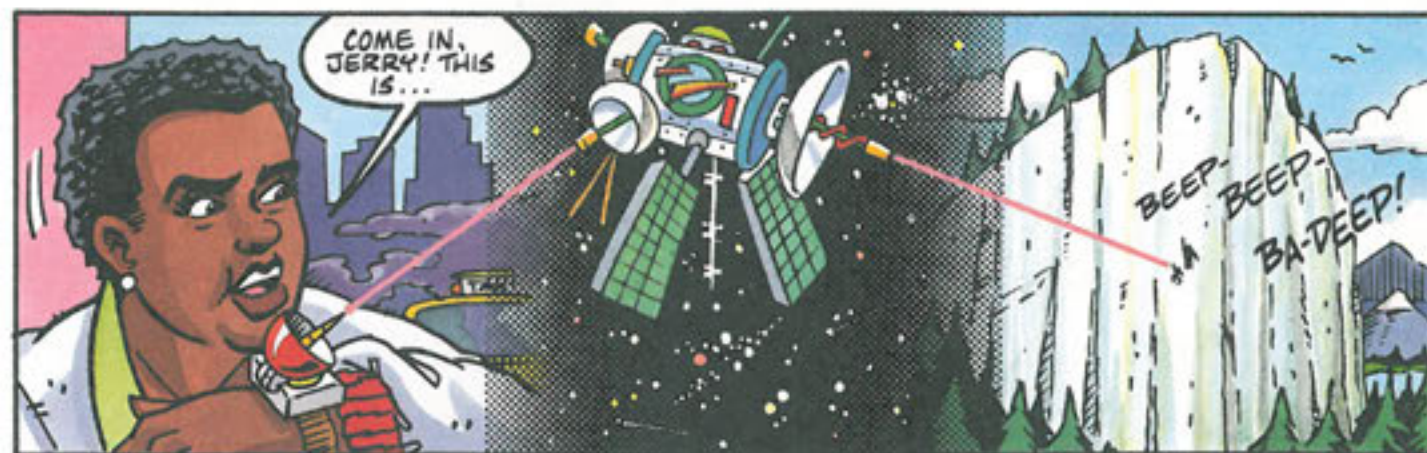


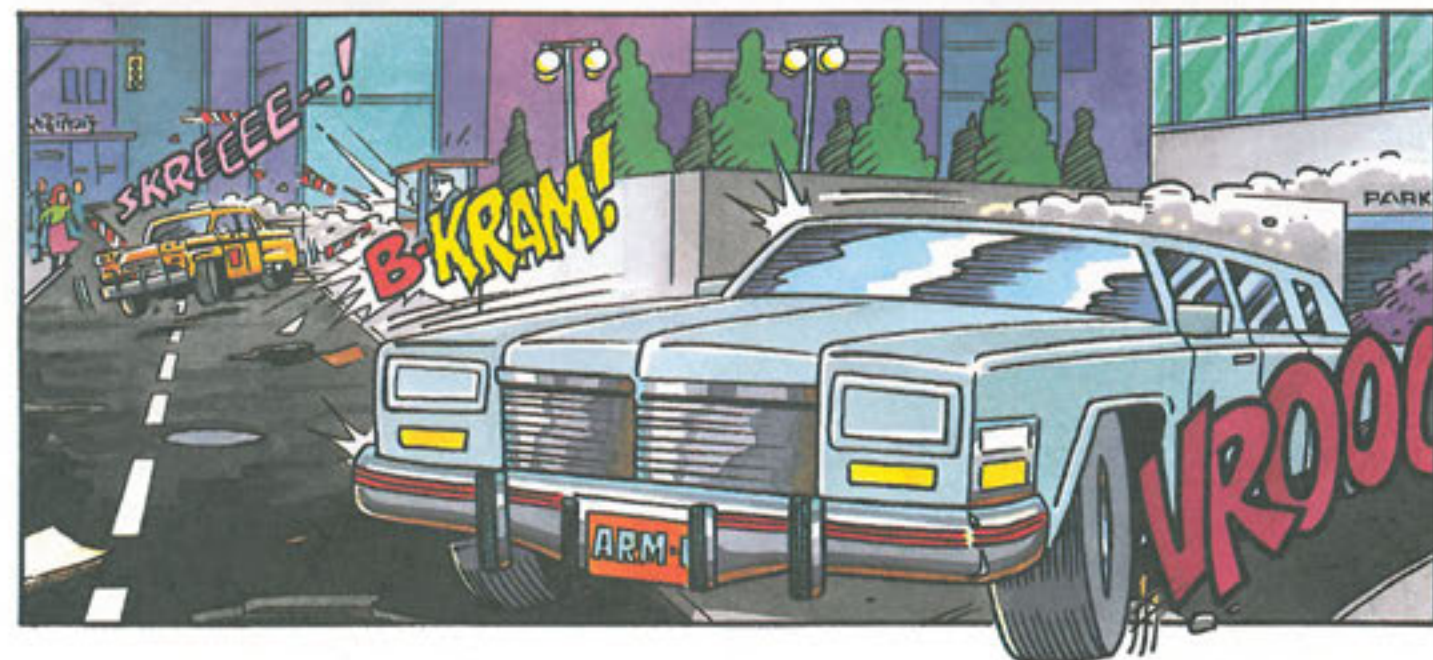
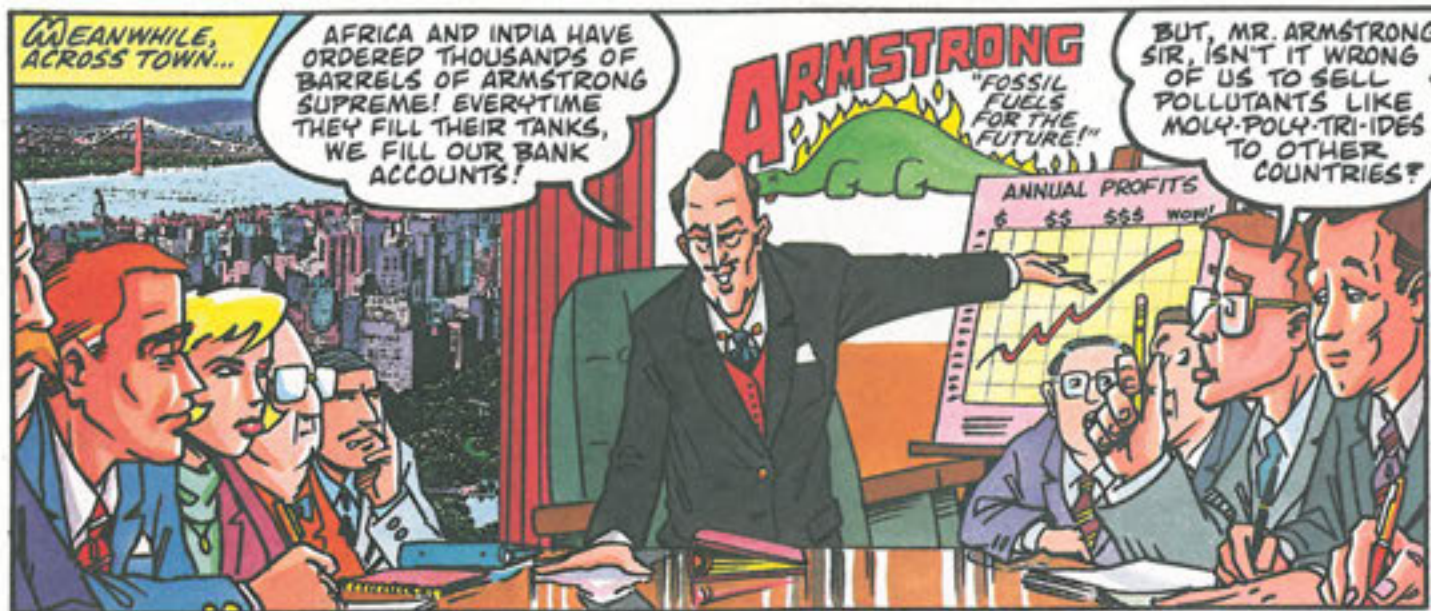
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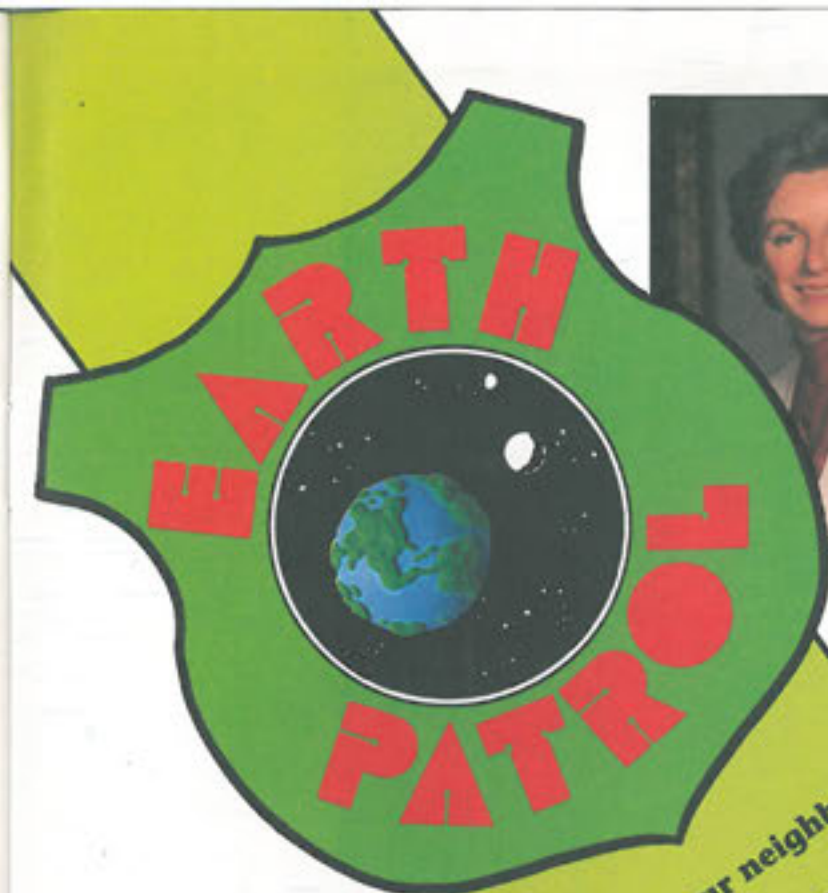
Fresh Kills, New York
1990

TIME TRAVEL
opportunity
Is there a place in time you'd like to see?
Write the name of the place and the time in Earth's history you want to see it on a postcard. Make sure your name, age and address are on the postcard and send it to:

Any Place In Time
P3 Magazine
P.O. Box 52, Montgomery,
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Dirty diapers are a smelly mess. But throwing disposable diapers into the garbage doesn't get rid of that mess. Disposable diapers never break down. When they're put in garbage dumps, they leach dangerous matter into the ground and water. Still, every year Vermont parents toss millions of dirty disposable diapers into the garbage. **Governor Madeline Kunin** decided to do something — she wants to ban disposable diapers. Not everyone in Vermont likes her idea. People think cloth diapers take too much time. But they don't seem to care that using disposable diapers today means a bigger mess for their kids to clean tomorrow. Governor Kunin knows that so she's acting today for a cleaner tomorrow. Good luck, Governor!



CALLING ALL EARTHLINGS!

Send us a postcard about someone you think belongs in Earth Patrol. Put your name and phone number on the postcard, too. Send it to: Earth Patrol, P3 Magazine, PO Box 52, Montgomery, VT 05470

When **Justin Sher** was 13 he loved to take his surfboard to the New Jersey shore and ride the waves. That summer three years ago, beaches all around Justin's favorite surfing spot were closed. The reason: Garbage. Medical waste and sewage were making the surf too dangerous. This made Justin think. "I realized that what I enjoyed couldn't be taken for granted anymore," he says. So when school started, Justin organized an environmental club. The first year 10 kids showed up. Last year, 90 kids joined Justin to make the Fieldston School in New York a more Earth-positive place. So far, they've raised money to plant 1000 trees in Costa Rica, banned dolphin-dangerous tuna and styrofoam from the cafeteria, adopted two acres of tropical rainforest and started working to get their school to use recycled paper. Radical, Justin!



They're your neighbors!
They're your teachers!
They're your friends!
They're you!
They're the elite
members of
Earth Patrol!
And every day,
in their own way,
they're making Earth
a better place to live.
P3 is proud
to promote the
following people
to the rank of
Earth Ranger.
Congratulations!



the CORN SPIRIT

Skano (SGAH-no). That is how my friends the Seneca people say hello. They believe we must respect the spirit of the plants we eat.

Long ago, they say, there was a village whose harvests were abundant. So much corn grew in their fields that they grew careless. They threw away what they didn't eat. They let their children trample the corn stalks. They buried their baskets of dried corn poorly.

Only one man remembered to thank the Corn Spirit. His name was Dayohagwenda (dee-ah-ha-KWEN-da). He worked hard and cared for his cornfields. "Don't work so hard," said the others. "There's plenty of game in the forests."

But Dayohagwenda kept right on working.

Early in winter, the men went hunting. They found no game. "No matter," said one hunter. "The rivers are full of fish." But the fish didn't come.

"Looks like we'd better eat our dried corn after all," said the people. But when they dug up their stored corn, the baskets had fallen apart. Some of the corn had been eaten by mice and the rest had rotted away.

"Dayohagwenda has corn," said the people. "Maybe he'll share it." But Dayohagwenda was walking in the forest on an old trail. Soon, he found himself in a clearing. An old man in dirty clothing wept in front of a lodge.

"Grandfather," said Dayohagwenda, "why do you weep?"

"You'd weep, too if people had forgotten you," said the old man.

"Grandfather, why are your clothes so dirty?"

"Your clothes would be dirty, too if children trampled you."

All at once, Dayohagwenda knew he was talking to the Corn Spirit.

"Because your people have treated me so badly, I must leave and never return again," said the Corn Spirit.

"Please do not leave us," said Dayohagwenda. "I will go and remind my people how to treat you." Dayohagwenda ran swiftly home.

"I have met the Corn Spirit," he said.

"He's not pleased with us. He said he was going to leave."

"No!" cried the people. "If he leaves we'll die!"

"Will you treat him with respect?" said Dayohagwenda.

"Yes!" said the people.

"Then he will help us through the winter."

Dayohagwenda dug up his corn. There was enough to feed the whole village all winter. There was even enough left for planting in the spring.

"Thank you, Corn Spirit," said Dayohagwenda and his people. From then on they showed respect for the corn and taught their children to do the same.

I'll have another story at the time of the Falling Leaves Moon. Until then, walk lightly on Earth.

Your nidoba (friend)

Sozap



Dear P3,
Stop killing the
animals. Stop pollut-
ing your making a
tool out of your
self.

Jesse Gleason
Missouri
age 7
From,
Well said, Jessel

Elephants
Elephants are special. So stop desroyins
them. Elephants are special To me
thein just like jems. Elephants are
special. Their also really nice.
Elephants are special. Since their so
scared of mice. THE END



Thanks for writing. Please write again and
tell us your name.

P3 wants to hear
what kids all
over the country
think of **P3** — the planet and
the magazine! Write to us!

Excellent Earth.
An adventure of life.
Raccoons and other animals live here.
Tadpoles and other water things live here, too.
Her things are beautiful.
Earth.

Kenny Crier, 9
Ms. Cavanaugh's 3rd grade
Ft. McCoy FL
Another Earth fan!

Dear P3,
This is poem
Earth
O Earth, O Earth your
nice round like New York
s streets I would
never trade you in for a
Stegosaurs, penguin, 1000
dollars, or even a pi-
tendo game. O Earth, O
Earth I'll never leave
you for 1,000 dollars,
but maby a hot blue
porche. by Doug, 11
A solar-powered Porsche, we hope!

Dear P3,
I think it's your magazine. I
and how we can save it. I think
the articles and photographs are the best
One as my favorite article was "Mar-
and His Mom. I like the illustrations
in "The Earth Rangers" too. And
"Turtle Back" is great. All together
is a great magazine!
Sincerely,
Kiley Fussa
age 10

Thanks for a great letter!

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the P3 Team! P3 wants to
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name, age and address on
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Dear P3,
I think your may a zens are good.
I think we shoud not let balloons 20. They milt kill
Animals. from Debbie Hodge, Warrensburg, age 7
Debbie's right. Hold on to those balloons!

Dear P3,
Please keep our Earth clean.
I like your magazine too.

to: P3
from: Krister Dene
age 7
Warrensburg, Mo. 64092

We like your letter.

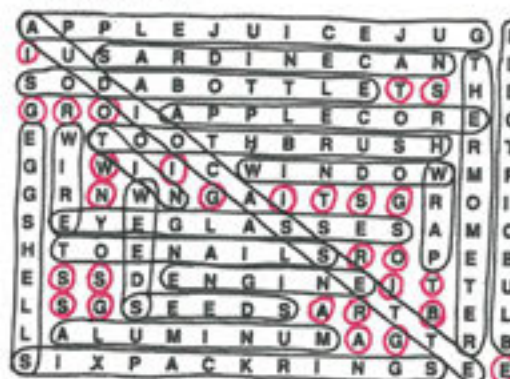
THINK-O-RAMA

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DISPOSABLE DAN goes to the supermarket

GARBAGE GRID



	PLASTIC	GLASS	METAL	COMPOST
W	WRAP	WINDOW	WIRE	WEEDS
A	AUDIO CASSETTE	APPLE JUICE JUG	ALUMINUM	APPLE CORE
S	SIX PACK RINGS	SODA BOTTLE	SARDINE CAN	SEEDS
T	TOOTH BRUSH	THERMOS	TIN	TENAILS
E	EX GLASSES	ELECTRIC BULB	ENGINE	EGGSHELLS

IT'S GROWING! IT'S GROSS!
IT'S GARBAGE!

P3
SNEAK
PREVIEW

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- **Stop the Chop?** - Loggers from the Pacific Northwest did *not* like the Earth Rangers comic in issue #1. So your Earth-based reporter traveled to Washington state to get the loggers' side of the old growth story. We'll tell it their way then ask you to vote: Stop the chop or not?
- **P34me, C?** - How's the kiteflying on Venus? Find out here!

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BACK TALK



*starring
Rick Moranis*

**HEY KIDS!
WRAP THE NEXT
PRESENT YOU GIVE
IN *BACK TALK* STARRING
ME! IT'S RECYCLED AND
RECYCLABLE!**

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