

# The Earth Care Edition



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## Issue 1

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Hello! This is the Earth Care Edition, your fix on the latest of news. Just one thing, we are going to tell you news on your environment instead of the other boring stuff! So read on and enjoy!

## Why We Help

Here in this world we live in, there are animals that need our help. Have you ever seen a picture of a cute, fluffy baby seal? Those might all be dead in a couple of years, and guess why. Yep. Us. We are killing those adorable baby seals. You are probably thinking right now "I've never killed a baby seal!" but guess what, every time you leave on a light or leave the water running in the sink, you might be killing more than baby seals. What about penguins? We are taking away all their fish! What about eagles? We are taking away all their trees! What is your favorite wild animal? (Not a cat or dog). Guess what? That's right, odds are, it's going extinct.

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## The Amazon Problem

By Rebecca Hassler

The Amazon Rainforest area is home to some very exotic creatures. But many of these creatures are endangered. Do you know why? It is because the Amazon has a variety of environmental issues such as habitat destruction, poaching, mercury-tainted water and much more. If we're not careful, many beautiful animals may go extinct. Continue on page 4 for "What We Can Do To Help."



## Dolphin Slaughter in Japan

By Skyler Ispisua and Medora Rorick

In Japan hundreds of dolphins are mass-murdered each day. 2,800 fishing licenses are issued every year, with the sole purpose of killing dolphins. The worst thing about it is that the government says it's part of their culture, yet more than half of Japan didn't know this was happening until the word got out. The Japan Times sent out an article reporting the ten human rights of Japanese citizens; the right to slaughter dolphins was number four! Dolphin meat is then labeled "whale meat" and sold in Asian supermarkets. This is a major problem because bottlenose dolphins and other species of dolphin are threatened and endangered. Another gut-wrenching aspect of this issue involves Sea World and other aquariums. Reports show that these organizations play a large part in rounding up the pods of dolphins. They purchase the ones they want for their aquariums from the fishermen and knowingly leave the rest to be murdered. If you would like to learn more about this subject go to [www.savejapandolphins.com](http://www.savejapandolphins.com).

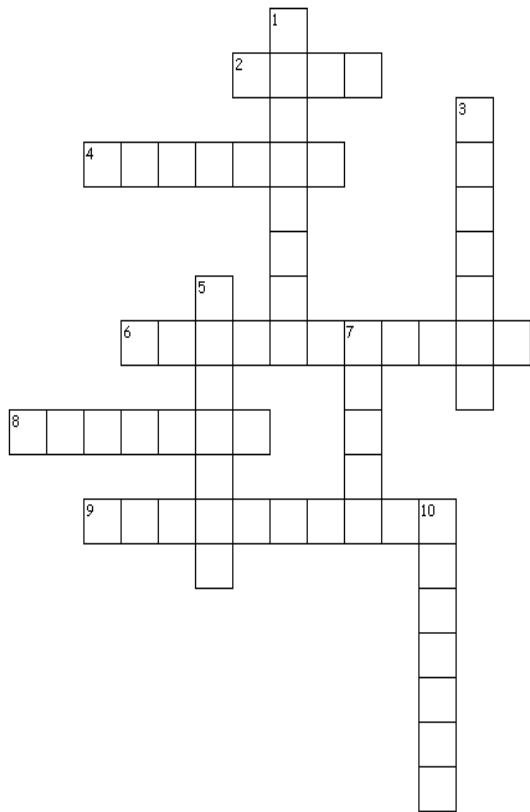
Announcement: You can still join EarthCare! Friday after school every week we meet in Ms.Rorick's room, A202, until 4:30. There are no activity busses so **ARRANGE YOUR OWN RIDE**.

### A Local Problem

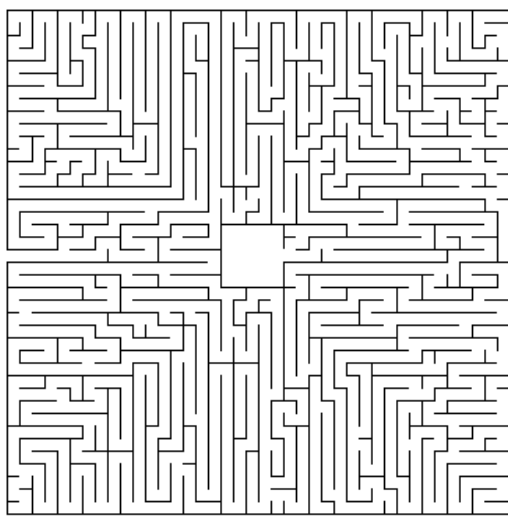
By Medora Rorick

Over the years, the Mendenhall Wetlands Wildlife Refuge has been a favorite place for many to walk man's (or woman's!) best friend, a dog. They have also been a favorite place for migratory birds to stop and refuel. What happens when those two species collide? For one thing the birds get very stressed. Imagine if you were trying to eat and a huge monster came and chased you. Stressed yet? As with any problem, there is a simple answer. **KEEP YOUR DOGS ON THE LEASH!** There is even a city ordinance that says you have to. If you do that simple thing, birds will be able to migrate through here and use us for their five star hotel. Give the birds a break. Control your dogs.

# X-tra EarthCare Fun



Welcome to the fun page!  
Whoever brings in both the  
crossword and the maze  
finished first gets a special  
prize!



- Across
- 2. a geographic dolphin habitat
  - 4. way beyond endangered
  - 6. killed violently
  - 8. short, aquatic, tuxedo bird
  - 9. almost extinct
- Down
- 1. illegal hunting
  - 3. a sea cow
  - 5. an animals home
  - 7. biggest cat
  - 10. endangered marine mammal

## Comics

A large empty rectangular box intended for drawing or writing comics.

# What We Can Do to Help

Here in EarthCare, we make it our business to help the environment in any way we can and to educate the public. Many don't realize that things people do every day, without considering the effects of their actions, may contribute to environmental problems in the world. As mentioned on page 1, leaving the faucet on, or leaving on the lights, or turning up the thermostat, can harm this wonderful environment. You see, that water or electricity has to come from somewhere and it is taken from the environment. Water is stolen from fish. Trees are stolen from many species of native birds. Whenever we build a new building we tear up the ground and kill almost everything living in the area! This is why the EarthCare members put together this list of things YOU can do to help all those fluffy baby seals.

| What we can do                               | Why this helps  |
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| Turn off the lights when you leave the room. | It will save electricity which will possibly save many aquatic animals. |
| Turn off the water faucet.                   | Save water for animals to drink or live in.                             |
| Learn about the environment.                 | The more you learn about the environment, the more you can do.          |
| Recycle.                                     | Uses less of the Earth's resources.                                     |
| Respect the environment.                     | Trees don't like disrespect any more than you.                          |