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JAPAN'S MACAQUES:  
CULTURAL ICONS OR  
ABUSED ANIMALS?

SHINING A LIGHT  
ON TRAILBLAZING  
WOMEN EXPLORERS

STUNNING PHOTOS  
OF WILD BEES REVEAL  
HIDDEN BEHAVIORS

# NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

# THE END

CAN WE SAVE THE PLANET BY REUSING ALL THE STUFF WE MAKE? ▶

# OF TRASH

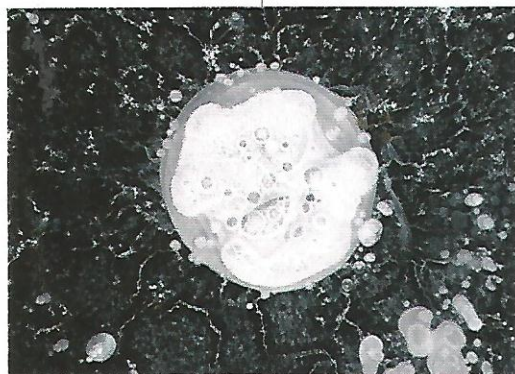
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Mountains of wool and cast-off clothes in this Prato, Italy, facility are sorted by color, cleaned, processed, and used to make new clothing.

LUCA LOCATELLI

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In bubbles captured by ice on Alaska lakes and ponds, a photographer found inspiration—and sobering evidence—of climate change.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY RYOTA KAJITA

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#### Finding Our Way to the Future

A *Cosmos* author's plea: Let's take what scientists tell us to heart.

BY ANN DRUYAN

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Agar helps scientists grow microbes in labs. It's also a canvas for unconventional art.

BY JENNIFER TSANG



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Visiting the mountain monasteries of Meteora, Greece, is worth the steep climb.

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