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# RAMMIN' JAMMIN' ACTION!

# NEW!



Check out the contest on the back page!

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BLASTIN'  
COMIC!**  
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**SIX  
SENSATIONAL  
PIRATE  
COUPONS!**  
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**Members  
Only!**



# new POSSIBILITIES

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

## THE ADMIRAL

**Favorite food:**

A "galleon" of rocky road ice cream

**Favorite basketball player:**

David "the Admiral" Robinson

**Favorite football team:** The Buccaneers

**Favorite song:** Row, Row, Row Your Boat

The admiral of the Imperial Armada is one of the toughest sea dogs to sail the seven seas. Everyone calls him "the Admiral" because no one knows what his name is. He was marooned on a desert island when he was a baby and found by some Islanders. Ever since then, he's been a sailor.

The Admiral wears his super shiny armor everywhere, even in the tub. It just takes him awhile to scrub the rust stains off his neck.

His favorite tub toy is #6289 Red Beard's Runner. "I like to practice sinking his ship," says the Admiral.

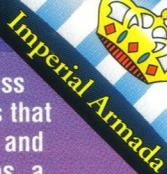
The Admiral is a real sports fan. He especially likes to hang out with his friends the Islanders and play soccer. In the islands, they use coconuts for balls and palm trees for goals. "My scores aren't too good, but we sure eat well after the game," he says.

Hey, kids. Help give my friend, the Admiral a name. See the contest on the back page to place your vote.

**#6280**

**Armada Flagship**

Look at all this seafarin' stuff — a working compass and steering wheel, sails that hoist up and down, a net and crane to crank up supplies, a swiveling cannon, and a collapsible mast that falls down during battle!



Pull the pin and drop the mast! After battle, snap the mast back into place.



Hoist sails up and down!



The Admiral's crew voted him best dressed in a shiny chrome vest.



A working compass helps point you in the right direction!

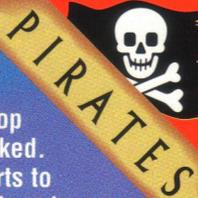
Hand over the Islander gold, Red Beard, or walk the plank!



# FOR SOME SEAFARIN' FUN!

## #6289 Red Beard Runner

Hoist the sails! This mighty pirate ship is loaded and ready for the toughest sea battles. When the mast collapses on to the deck, just pop it back up and you won't be shipwrecked. If the skull hull gets rammed and starts to break away, the crew can snap it back and save the day. Beware of the secret winch and net — Red Beard uses them to load all the treasure (and prisoners) he can get.



Keep Skull Cave a secret — push the tooth to make skull face swivel — look what's inside!



Push the catapult and watch Skully do the "Volcano Vault!"



Pull the pin to drop the mast!



A working compass on board!

## #6248 Volcano Island

Although Volcano diving may not be an official Olympic sport, it's pretty popular on Volcano Island. Skully's hidden the treasure so well that he can spend his days diving instead of guarding the treasure. Check out his latest dive, "Volcano Vault!"



Skull hull breaks away and then you can save the ship by snapping it back into place!

Hoist sails up and down!

Hoist treasure with crane to keep it safe!

Secret Jail

Hidden catapult sends treasure stealers sailing!

George, is that you?

You don't scare me, ah...what is your name anyway?

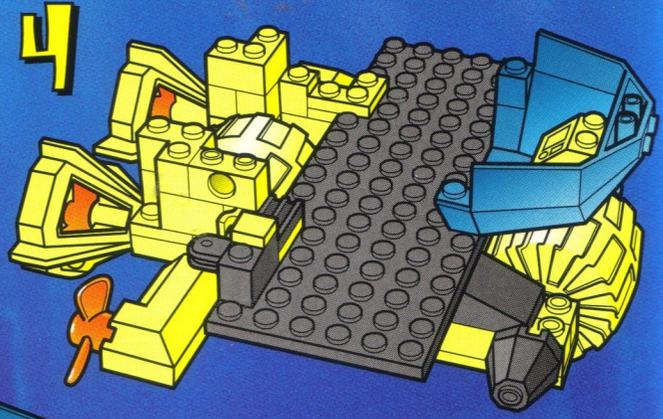
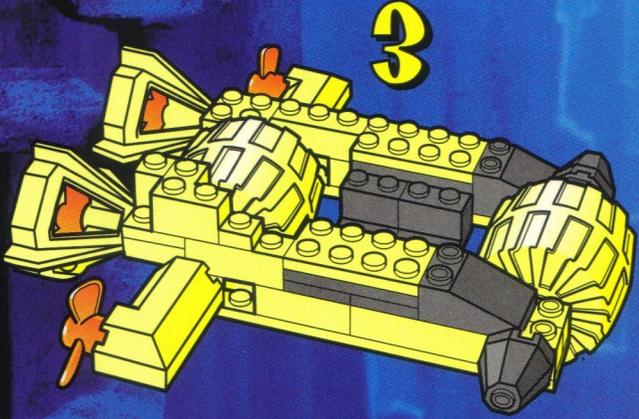
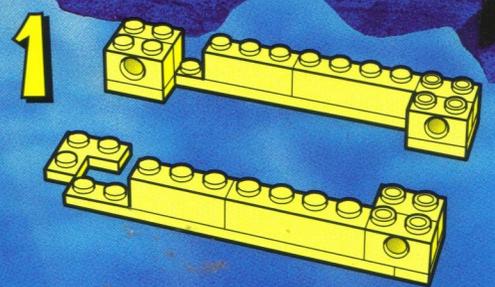
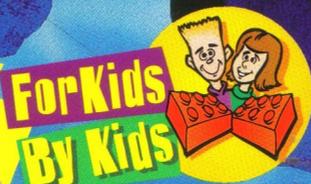
## #6232 Skeleton Crew

## #6296 Shipwreck Island

This treasure island is so much fun, that all the pirates just flip over it. One wrong step could send you sailing through the air, hoisted in a net, or a crocodile's lunch.

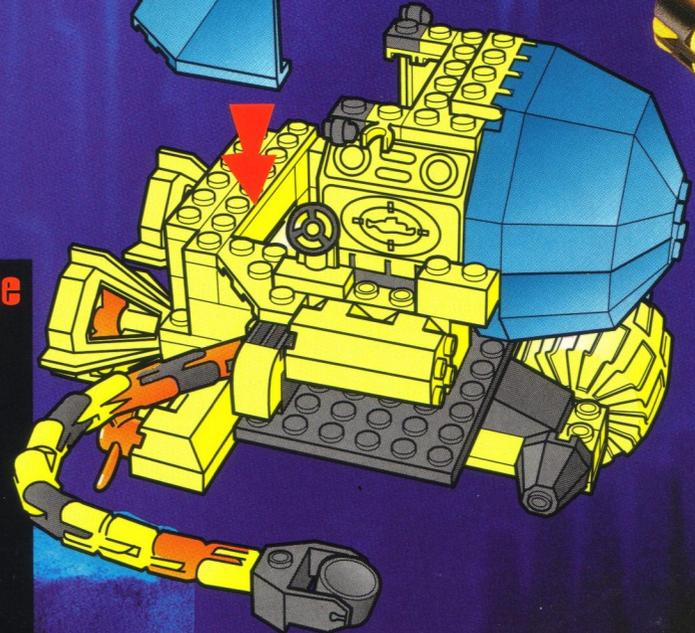
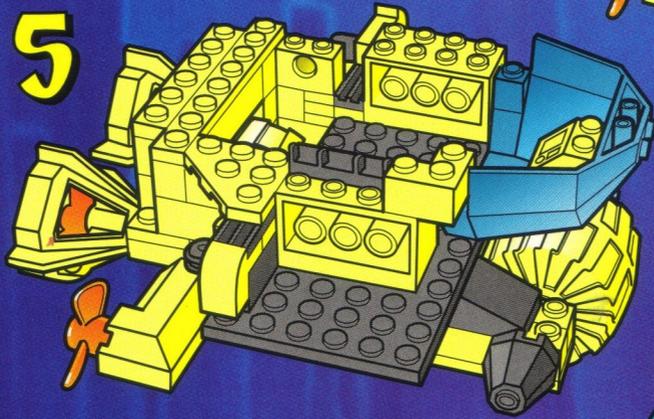


# COOL CREATIONS



You can cruise down the crookedest street here.

Tattoo McGoo



Use pieces from #1728 Crystal Crawler and #6175 Crystal Explorer Sub or pieces from your own LEGO collection to create your own Aqua 5!

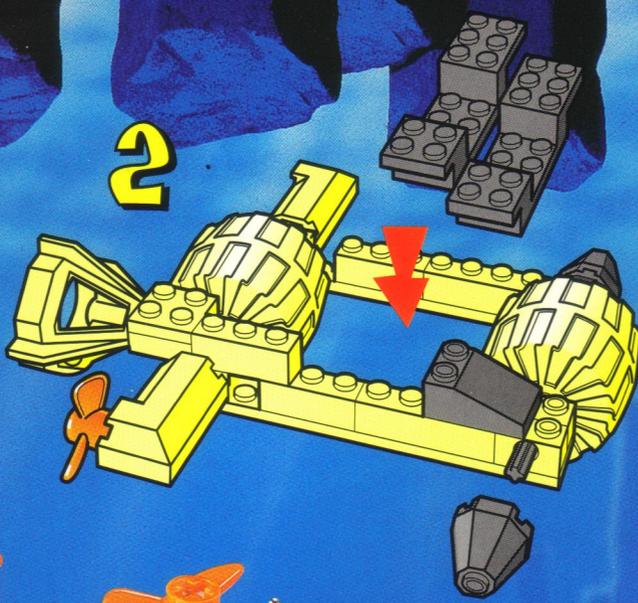
## The Building Challenge

Send a photo of your own original LEGO Time Machine by May 15, 1996 to:

LEGO Time Machine Challenge  
P.O. Box 1308  
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Look for photos of the top entries in an upcoming issue of MANIA Magazine. Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)





# Aqua 5

Hey Caley - Thanks for the cool logo design!

Caley Carson, Age 12 of Colorado inspired this Cool Creation -- Aqua 5

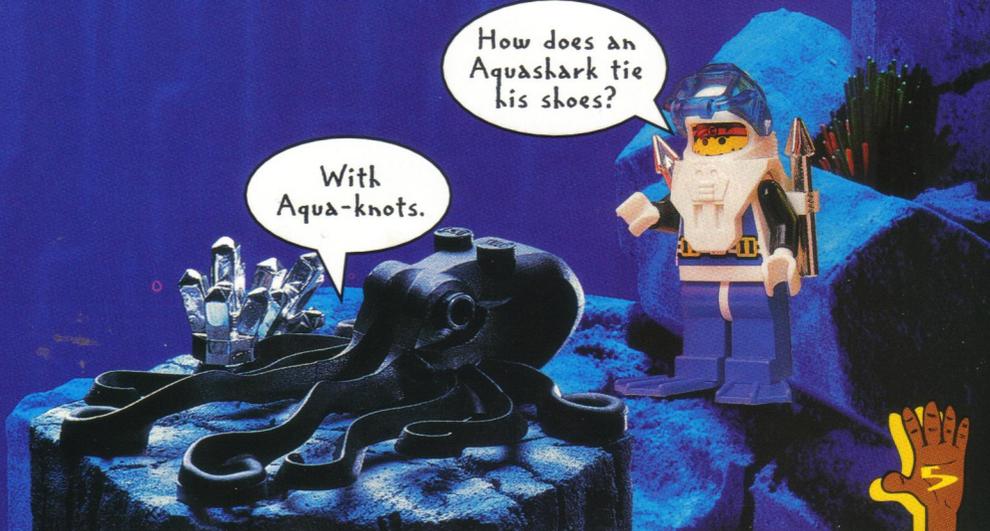


Use the FREE Playscape in #1728 to create your own ocean bottom. There are lots of cool crevices to hide crystals from the Aquasharks.



How does an Aquashark tie his shoes?

With Aqua-knots.



Take the Aqua 5 out for a spin -- search the ocean floor for precious crystals!



# Feature Story

## EXPLORER FRANCIS DRAKE - AROUND THE WORLD IN 1095 DAYS?



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4 1579: Drake stopped near California to repair the ship. He stayed a month visiting with the local Indians.

It's a good thing Francis Drake became a sailor. He didn't live on land very much. He was born around 1540, and when he was eight, his father moved the family onto an abandoned boat. By the time he was 17, Francis was captain of his own ship. He probably didn't mind getting away from home - he had 11 brothers!

In his lifetime, Drake was a hero and a pirate, depending on which country you ask. In 1580, he became the second explorer to sail around the world. And in 1588, he helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada. Join Drake in his adventures around the world. Just follow his stops on the map.

# Sailing with the Armada

**P**retend you're Francis Drake living in England about 400 years ago. Coming toward you is a fleet of 130 sailing ships...the Spanish Armada!

The Armada made an awesome sight as it sailed toward England in 1588. At that time England and Spain were fighting each other. An Armada warship, or galleon, looked a lot like the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. The galleons' hulls were painted in bright colors, there were carved decorations on the ships, and big red crosses filled the sails.

The ships carried spare masts and sails because these were the parts of ships that were damaged the most. The masts were made from big trees and couldn't just be snapped back in place like those on the #6280 Imperial Armada Flagship. During a battle, men rushed to repair



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damage to the ship's hull. They used canvas and tar to patch holes. Repairing a #6289 Red Beard Runner is much easier - you just pop the hull back in place.

A Spanish Armada galleon could fire 50-pound cannonballs as far as five football fields (500 yards). The Spanish fired over 123,000 cannonballs at the English galleons without seriously damaging one ship! Their cannonballs were defective.

Because Drake was such a successful pirate against their ships, the Spanish called him The Dragon. They even believed that he had a magic mirror on his ship that showed him where their treasure was hidden!



## Drake's around the world trip took almost three years. (1577 - 1580)



1 In 1577, England sent Drake after Spanish treasure ships.

Psst, kids, here's a contest clue! California or bust!

8 1588: After his trip around the world, Drake helped the English navy defeat the Spanish Armada.

5 1579: Drake headed to the Spice Islands and loaded his ship with valuable spices.

Save the treasure!

3 1578: As Drake's ship, The Golden Hind, entered the Pacific Ocean, a nasty storm greeted the sailors. The storm beat masts, shredded sails and hurled the ship up 60-foot waves.

2 1578: After capturing a large Spanish treasure ship in the Atlantic Ocean, he decided that the best way to return to England would be to sail around South America and cross the Pacific Ocean.

6 1579: The ship became trapped on a reef. Drake tried to raise the ship off the reef by throwing cannons and supplies overboard, but he wouldn't throw away any treasure. Luckily the wind shifted and blew the ship off the reef.

7 1580: The Golden Hind sailed around Africa and then headed home to England.

Because the English ships could shoot cannonballs 700 yards, the English tried to sink the Spanish galleons from far away. But from that distance, their lightweight cannonballs just bounced off the Spanish ships. Of the 130 ships in the Armada, about half returned to Spain. But only one ship was sunk by English cannons. The rest were abandoned, wrecked by storms, or damaged from crashing into other ships.

What was it like aboard the Armada during the long voyage from Spain to England?

**Stinky.** To save water the crew didn't wash themselves or their clothes for two months!



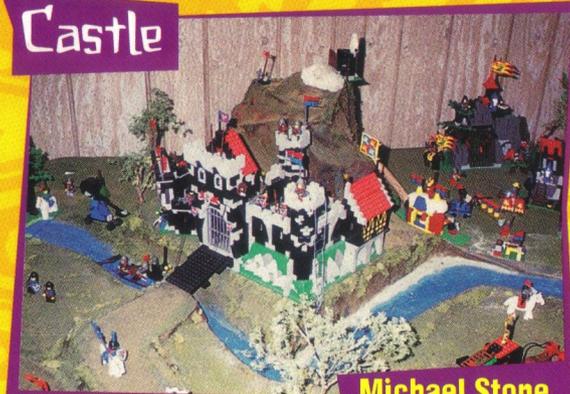
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Remember to write your name,  
address, age and model name on  
the back of the photo. Pictures  
will not be returned, so take an  
extra photo for yourself!

Castle



Michael Stone  
Age 9, Arizona

Dilophosaurus

Robert Wall  
Age 13, Illinois

Mike Manechote  
Age 9, Illinois

"Live"



Check out the crowd surfer, he's nuts!

Timothy Schumacher  
Age 4, Illinois

Chickenzord

Hey kid, let  
go of me!

Sparky's  
Doghouse

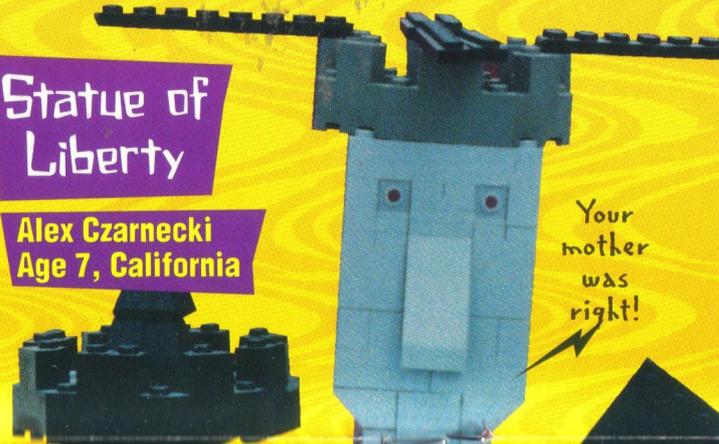
Becky Freeman  
Age 8, California



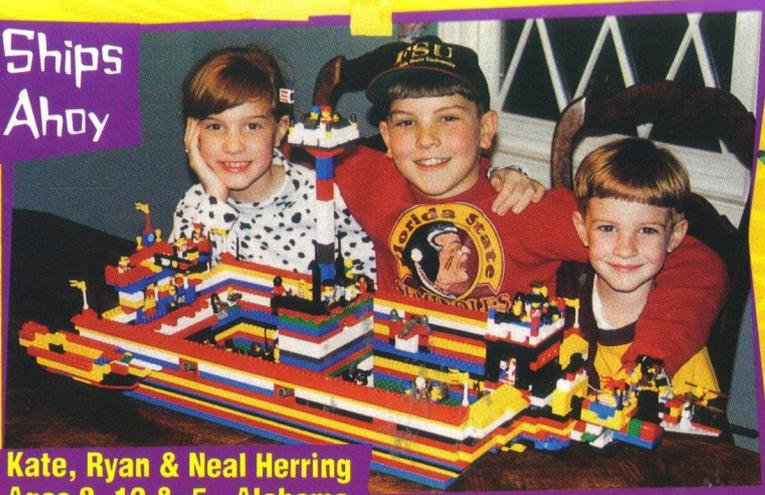
Statue of  
Liberty

Alex Czarniecki  
Age 7, California

Your  
mother  
was  
right!



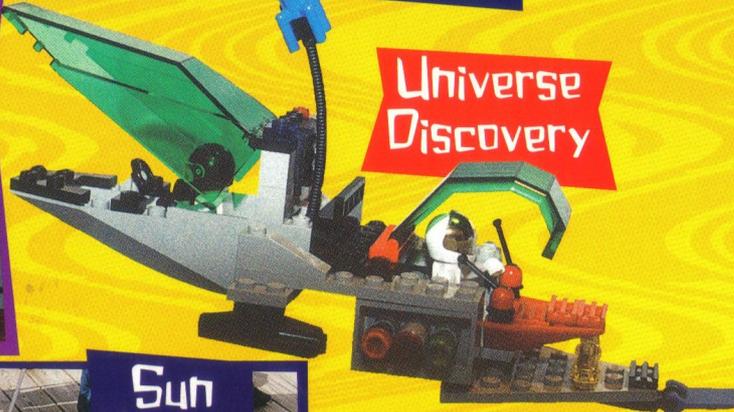
# Ships Ahoy



Kate, Ryan & Neal Herring  
Ages 8, 12 & 5, Alabama

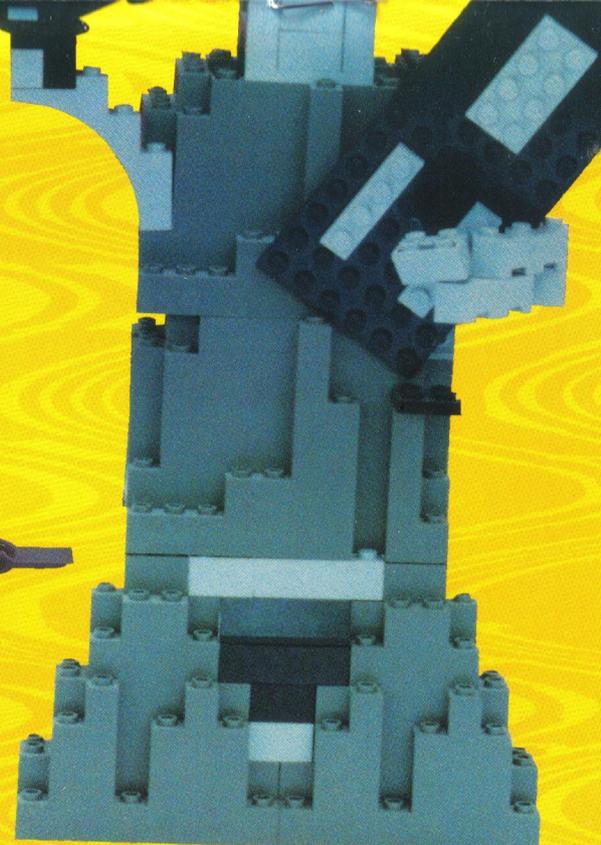


Gear reduction makes Sparky's door open & close!



# Universe Discovery

Thomas Stokes  
Age 5, Maryland



# Golden Gate Bridge Tower

Lee Chern  
California

It's Huge!



# Sun Cruiser

Solar Powered

Ben & Becky Whitcomb  
Vermont

Ben & Becky used solar panels to power the propeller on their "Sun Cruiser"! They're so bright.

Parma Sean LaFeet

Mateys, this bridge, tis' a clue



I was the "Helper"!



# "HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY HELPER" CONTEST WINNERS November/December MANIA Magazine

- Robbie Cochrane, Washington, Age 6
- David Bulman, New Jersey, Age 10
- Adam Boyle, Vermont, Age 13
- Jin Ding Cheung, New York, Age 12
- Patrick Steen, Kansas, Age 10
- Sam Marcello, Indiana, Age 10
- Tyler Andrew Jackson, Ohio, Age 11
- Erik Krebs, New York, Age 8
- Ching-Shih Yang, Texas, Age 10
- Chris Soto, Texas, Age 9

# Spaceship

Clement Beaumont  
Age 7, New York



# COOL CREATIONS



Experience real off-roading action. You'll find all the pieces you need to build the Rad Racing Rig in #1821 Rally Racers, or use pieces from your own LEGO collection.

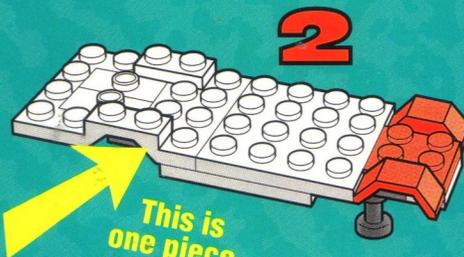
# The Rad Racing RIG



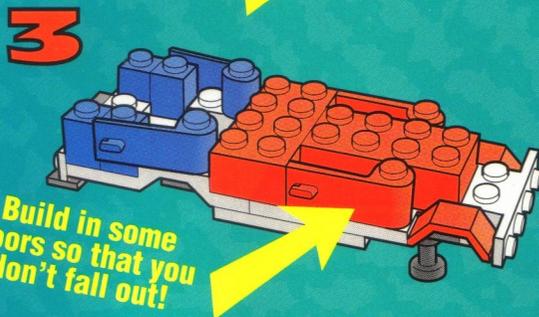
Create an off-roading race course with the ramp and free race plate in #1821 Rally Racers or create your own, like member, Nathan Ray, of New York. He used roof pieces and a baseplate to create an awesome motorcycle stunt course!



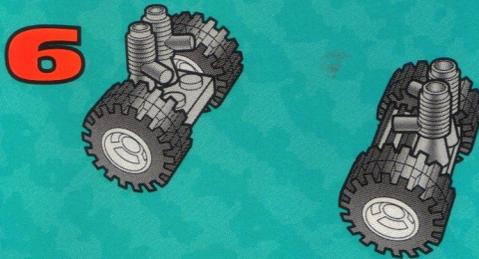
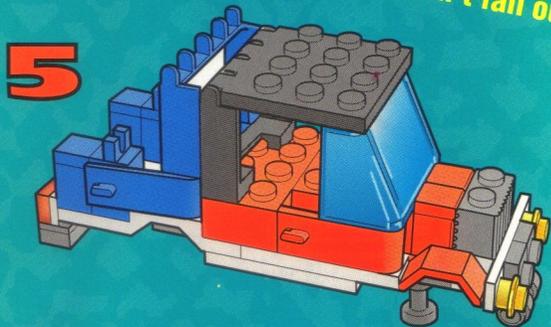
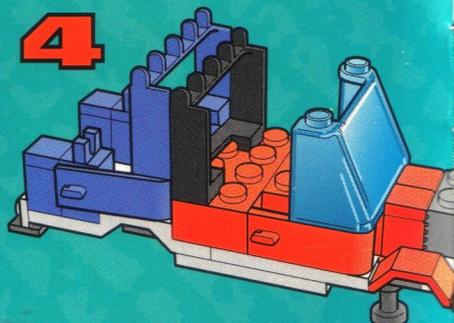
1 This is a grey cup



2 This is one piece.



3 Build in some doors so that you don't fall out!



Let 'em eat your dust!

Football 49ers "rush for gold" here.

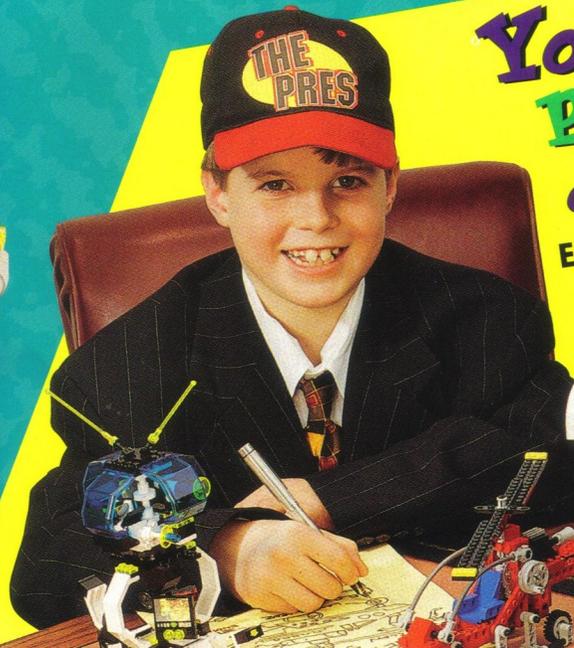
Jake the Snake Blake



## You Could be President of LEGO!

Enter the LEGO President for A Day Sweepstakes at your local Wal-Mart Store from March 15th to April 15th, 1996

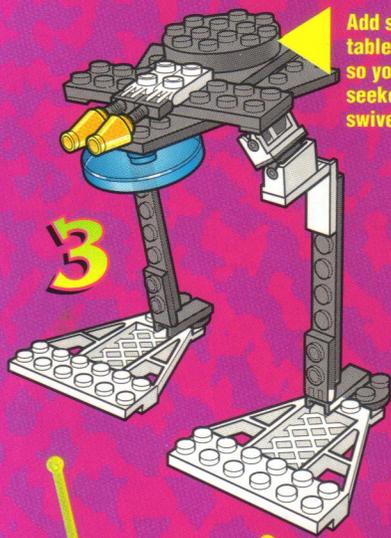
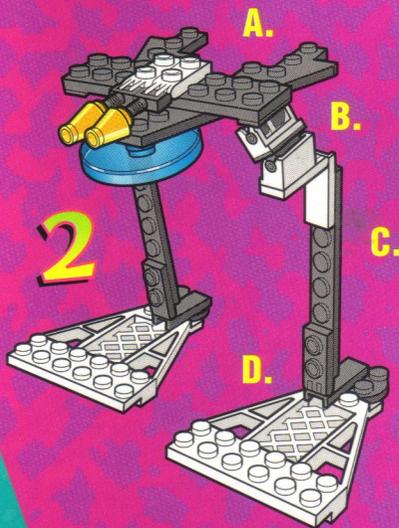
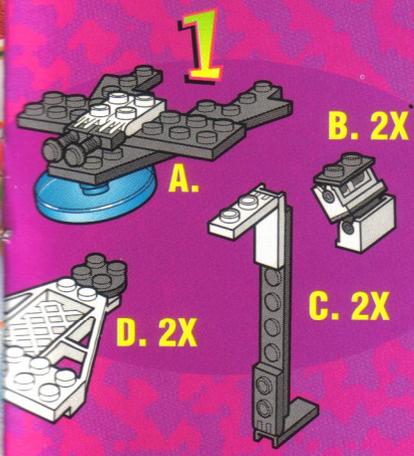
**Hurry!**  
Sweepstakes entries must be received by May 1, 1996.



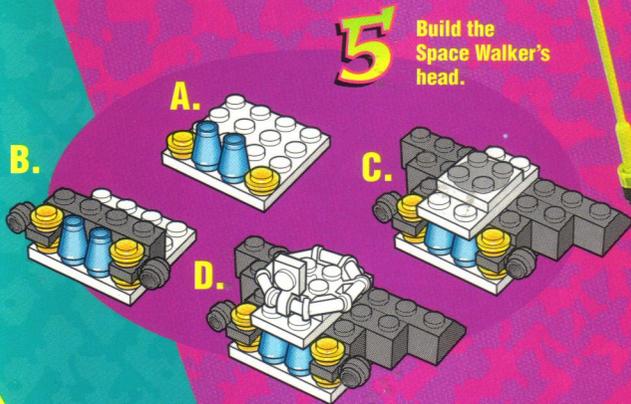
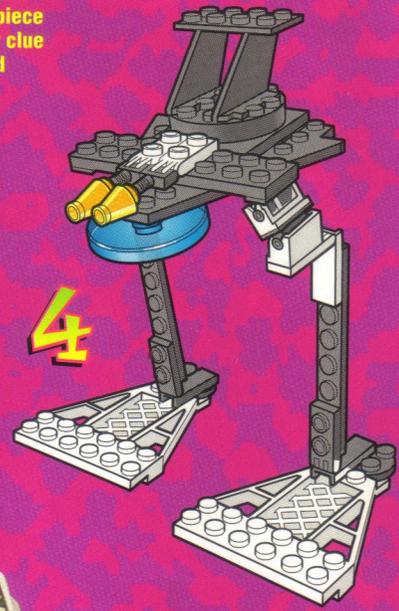


Our sources tell us that Beau Hesterberg of Texas is working for the Exploriens. His latest creation -- Space Walker -- is a super f-l-e-x-i-b-l-e clue seeker and decoder. Use pieces from #6854 Alien Fossilizer and #6856 Planetary Decoder or pieces from your own LEGO collection to create your own Space Walker!

# SPACE WALKER

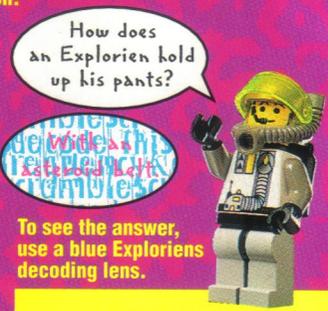


Add special turn table swivel piece so your super clue seeker's head swivels.



Build the Space Walker's head.

This decoding wiz makes yoga look easy because its flexible legs can bend in just about any direction.



To see the answer, use a blue Explorien decoding lens.

**The Grand Prize includes:**

- A \$1,000 LEGO Shopping Spree at Wal-Mart
- An all expense paid trip for 4 to our U.S. Headquarters where you'll get to see some top secret new LEGO sets, hang out with the LEGO model designers and see how life-size LEGO models are made, inspect the super secret LEGO factory, and get interviewed for MANIA Magazine!

Your design could be featured in Cool Creations. Send your original model-making instructions to:

LEGO Club, "Cool Creations"  
P.O. Box 1308  
Enfield, CT 06083-1308

Club members featured will receive a free LEGO set of their choice (\$100 value)



Practice taking your first steps and start searching for clues to decode!

See Sweepstakes entry form at Wal-Mart Stores for more details. Entry forms available from March 15-April 15, 1996.



# the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac

UH, OH. IT LOOKS LIKE RED BEARD'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.

TIME TO JOIN THE IMPERIAL ARMADA.

PUT YER BACKS INTO IT YA SWABS! WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR GOLD BACK FROM THE IMPERIAL ARMADA.

SINK THE ARMADA.  
*SQUAWK!*

AYE! CAPTAIN RED BEARD!

YO-HO-HO!

HOW DO WE LOOK, CAP'N RED BEARD?

LIKE A COUPLE OF UGLY PIRATES AT HALLOWEEN.

BUT YOU'LL DO!

HOIST 'EM UP!

WHOA!

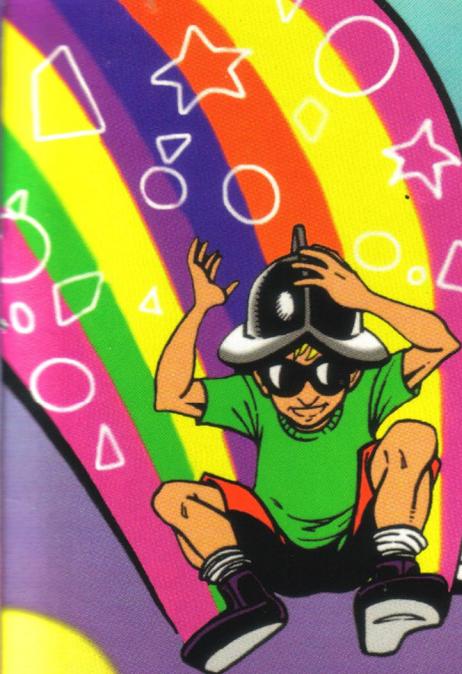
NOW TO BAIT THE TRAP WITH SOME IMITATION ISLANDERS.

THAT'S IT! THE ARMADA WILL COME TO YOUR RESCUE, AND WE'LL BE WAITING.

HELP!  
HELP!

HA!  
HA!  
HA!

BLAM!



# BOOM!

AS THE ADMIRAL GOES TO SAVE THE FAKE ISLANDERS, CAPT. RED BEARD SHOOTS A CANNONBALL AT THE ARMADA FLAG SHIP.



HAND OVER THE TREASURE!

NEVER RED BEARD. I HAVEN'T BEGUN TO FIGHT!

INCOMING PIRATE, ONE O'CLOCK!

AAAHHH AAA HAAA AAAHH!

GRAB THE GOLD GEORGE!

I CAN'T SEE! UH, OH. LOOK OUT THERE!

I WANT TO BE AN EXPLORIEN!

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©

This city is home to Baseball Giants.

Black Jack Hawkins

MANIAC, WE'RE SINKING. WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP.

HANG ON ADMIRAL. I'M GOING TO GIVE RED BEARD A BATH

SSSSSS

THE SKULL HULL BREAKS AWAY-- SENDING RED BEARD OVERBOARD!

BLAST YOU, MANIAC!

POW!

I'LL HAVE THE ARMADA FLAGSHIP REBUILT IN NO TIME...

... WITH A SPECIAL SURPRISE FOR RED BEARD!

THE MANIAC RETURNS TO NORMAL SIZE TO REBUILD THE FLAGSHIP.

THANKS MANIAC. OUR SHIP IS AS GOOD AS NEW.

NO PROBLEM ADMIRAL. IT WAS A SNAP.

AND SPEAKING OF SNAPS, LET'S SEE HOW RED BEARD IS DOING.

SWIM FASTER!

HEY, YOU'RE IN THE WRONG STORY! GO CHASE CAPT. HOOK!

SNAP! SNAP!

THE END.

# TECH TIPS

LEGO Technic



## Just Crank It!

Turn the knob on top to steer your Buggy over tough terrain!

Protective Roll Bar!



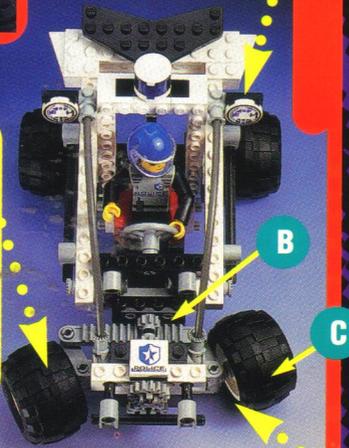
The new #8230 Police Buggy chases crooks, over any terrain. And thanks to its rack and pinion steering, turns will be super smooth and in control.

What's rack and pinion steering, you say? Here's the real deal. See that knob on top of the Buggy. That steers the front wheels. But not right away. **A** First it cranks the axle connected to the wheels. **B** The axle cranks a gear connected to that bar with the teeth on it. **C** The bar then turns the wheels. Actually, it's a lot easier to do than to explain, so just crank it and cruise!

And here's a building tip from our Master Builder, Allen about using rack and pinion steering with your other LEGO sets. "It's great for making things turn," Allen says. "If you want to turn a radar dish on a police station or rotate a satellite dish on a house, you can do it with rack and pinion steering pieces."

Building Instructions for 2 Cool Vehicles!

Moveable headlights tilt into just the right position.



Air-filled, off-roading tires make even the roughest bumps a breeze!

Real Rack and Pinion Steering!

Motorize the alternate model with #8720 Power Pack!



Hop a trolley car here.

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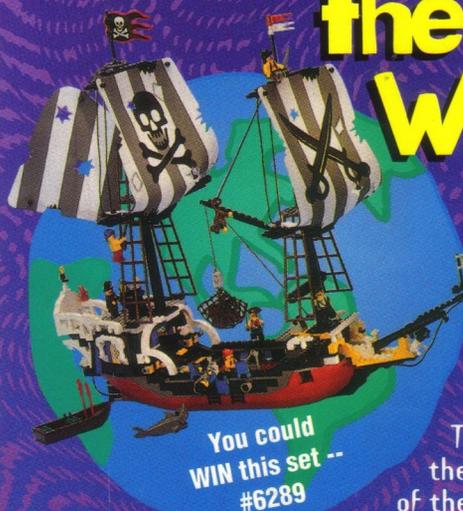
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# Travel the World & WIN a Prize!



Can you figure out the name of the U.S. city that Drake visited on his trip around the world? To get you started, flip to page 6 where you'll find a map of Drake's trip. Then look throughout the magazine for pirates with more clues about this famous modern-day city. Good sailing!

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Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by May 27, 1996 to:

**Travel the World Contest**  
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Entries must be postmarked by May 27, 1996 and received by May 31, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1996 LEGO Group.

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## Travel the World Contest Entry Form

On his trip around the world, Sir Francis Drake stopped near this city in the United States:

Fill in your answer here \_\_\_\_\_

**Just for fun...Name the Admiral!** Help us pick a name for the Admiral of the #6280 Imperial Armada. Look over his "Up Close and Personal" biography on page 2 and vote for the name that you think fits him best. (Or write a name on the blank if you think of a better one.)  
I think the Imperial Armada's Admiral should be called: (Please circle one)

- A) Billy Cannonball Cordoba    B) Don Diego de LEGO    C) \_\_\_\_\_

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