

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Texan shame



The Texas Rangers baseball club had to apologize for a mess of bottles and cans that fans had littered at the base of a memorial sculpture (above) outside Globe Life Park in Arlington. Erected on April 5, 2012, the bronze by Bruce Greene is "in memory of Shannon Stone and dedicated to all fans who love the game." Stone died in July 2011 from a fall at the ballpark trying to catch a ball for his son.

DID YOU KNOW?

Marine litter videos from 14 countries are set to premiere in May in Bremen, Germany. The contest is one of many activities flowing from a three-year, €4.5-million, EU-funded MARLISCO scientific project on ocean litter. See entries at www.marlisco.eu/

Smile, you're on CANdID camera!

Those surplus, thoughtlessly littered cans, left, could have been recycled into products like cameras, right.

Source: Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association



HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAR 30-APR 6)

Some of what made our News Reel this week
litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html

Fan litter behind Garth Brooks concert protest (4/2)

Litter, illegal parking, noise and anti-social activity have driven some in Dublin, Ireland to protest a five-date comeback concert tour by American country music legend Garth Brooks at the 82,300-capacity Croke Park stadium in July. Patrick Gates, head of Croke Park Residents Alliance, describes a community under siege. "We've been unable to move in and out of our homes without harassment." He said the venue has breached an existing accord with his group.

The Entrance looking to show litter the exit (3/31)

A place called The Entrance in Australia has taken to Facebook hoping to get the word out that littering is not welcome there. Find it at C.A.R.E., for Coasties Against Rubbish in our Environment. They blame Sydney tourists for the area's litter problem and want to talk about it online.

AU Tidy Towns competition, Rundle in the running (3/31)

Of the 360 entrants and 1300 submissions for Australia's 2013 Tidy Towns title, South Australian state winner, Rundle, is in the running. The east end downtown district logged 23,000+ volunteer hours over the past 12 months, shepherded ongoing litter-reduction initiatives, and the Go for Gold Chinese Easter Festival.

Grumbles bubble and brew over late-night tax (04/1)

Pubs and clubs in Cheltenham, UK selling alcohol between midnight and 6am now have to pay a late-night litter levy of £299 to £4,440 a year. Venue owners are unhappy.

'Pick it up' t-shirt gains Boy Scouts' endorsement (4/04)

A clever t-shirt we featured in *Litterland #6* has won its N. Carolina creator, Jeff Poster, an endorsement from Boy Scouts of America, enabling local scout troops to sell Just Pick It Up products to raise funds. www.StopLittering.com