

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Top Ten bad guys fingered by EU

The European Commission unveiled its plan of attack for controlling the top ten offending single-use plastic products that comprise roughly 70% of marine plastic pollution. Everything from regulation to an outright ban is on the table for items such as balloon sticks, cotton buds, plastic cutlery, drink stirrers, plates and straws. Another huge concern is the plastic beverage bottle and cap. Soon those bottles may be required to have non-detachable caps and more nations may opt for a deposit system that exchanges empties for cash.

Photo, below, illustrates the program we told you about in Litterland last week, the brainchild of www.beachclean.net. Fill a bucket with beach litter, earn yourself a free cup of java.



Plastic art showcased

Artists who use found material as a medium want to convey an environmental message as well as a beautiful impression. Clicking [here](#) will take you to an online gallery from German-based [DW Akademie](#) displaying seven different sculptures made of littered plastic waste, including this one, at left, by Ghana-born Ed Franklin Gavua.

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Mount Everest junk has locals in a funk

Residents of Khumbu, the Himalayan region around Mt. Everest, report that climbers have been contaminating the environment with human waste in the high camps of Everest. The tourism department took in US\$262,000 in trash deposits from 107 expeditions on 30 mountains.

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAY 27 - JUN 3)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Dundee taking pride in a big way [\(5/31\)](#)

Dundee says it is the first Scottish authority to develop a Community Litter Action Plan, part of its Take Pride In Your City campaign. Businesses, community groups and agencies met this week to talk about it.

Comic Johnny Vegas the butt of a joke [\(5/31\)](#)

Comedian Johnny Vegas was fined £150 for dropping a cigarette butt down a street drain in Doncaster and missed his train. He tweeted his annoyance and the council responded that "drains aren't the appropriate disposal areas for cigarettes. We hope this incident doesn't stub out our friendship."

Kerry tabulates a record haul [\(5/29\)](#)

Kerry, Ireland collected 8,000 large bags of litter on April 14, the most in the county cleanup's seven-year history. Plastic bottles and coffee cups were notable in number.

Galapagos Reserve under the microscope [\(6/1\)](#)

Professor Richard Thompson, a marine litter expert from University of Plymouth, has just completed a tour of the Galapagos Islands and is turning his attention to coming up with a plan to eliminate plastic pollution at Galapagos Marine Reserve. Distinguished scientists sponsored by Galapagos Conservation Trust hope what they develop and implement will be model for the world.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Washington State wildfire season is underway. The fine for littering a lit cigarette butt or other incendiary is set high enough to scorch the wallets of careless smokers - US\$1025. Washington State Patrol put out word this week that this law and one governing "potentially dangerous litter" will be strictly enforced.