

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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Yup, this is the 300th issue of *Litterland*, founded in 2013.

## Injured owls spark concerns

Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Truro, Nova Scotia has in its care two great horned owls and five barred owls, all seven injured after being hit by cars. The centre reports a lot of owls being hurt lately and suggests roadside litter is partly to blame. Owls swoop down in the hunt for rodents feasting on food litter that people toss on and near the roads. [See story.](#)



## Litter cops get spy-tech vehicles

This week all six zones of Hyderabad, India will receive a littering surveillance car like the Nano vehicle above in Khairatabad. It is outfitted with three CCTV cameras for scanning streets and a computer that relays images of illegal waste disposal and sewer discharges to central command for review and decisions about laying charges.

## No MOrE Trash

Missouri runs an annual trashcan decorating contest for grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. [No MOrE Trash](#) awards three prizes, one per category. The grand prize is \$600 plus a trophy. Deadline for entries is March 15. Photo at left, 2018 winner Logan-Rogersville Elementary, Grades 3-5.



## It's the last straw for this chain

A&W Canada, the first restaurant chain in North America to swear off plastic straws, announced its changeover to paper straws in dramatic fashion. Using the last of 140,000 straws in its stock, the company had them made into a 35-foot sculpture spelling the phrase, 'Change is good', and had it installed in front of Union Station, the major rail terminal located in downtown Toronto, Canada.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Modern golf balls biodegrade in water over time and leach microplastics and chemicals. They are made of a polyurethane elastomer shell and a synthetic rubber core. Manufacturers add zinc oxide, zinc acrylate and benzoyl peroxide to the solid core for flexibility and durability. These substances are acutely toxic to marine life.

Source: [www.phys.org/news](http://www.phys.org/news)

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (JAN 20 - 27)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

### 12-hour-a-day patrolling part of package [\(1/24\)](#)

Private, uniformed, 'specialist officers' from company 3GS will be patrolling Bath and North East Somerset from 7am to 7pm for a 12-month test under a council-approved deal for litter enforcement and education.

### Golf ball toxicity the subject of study [\(1/21\)](#)

Carmel, California teen Alex Weber's concern about misdirected golf balls polluting waterways triggered a study of their toxicity at Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. She and a friend had retrieved 10,000 balls in waters near area golf courses and, in all, with a group retrieved 50,681 from the Pebble Beach vicinity.

### Trafford exceeds 2,000 nabbed in 2018 [\(1/24\)](#)

Statistics from Trafford show 2,020 individuals were slapped with £80 fines for littering last year. Topping the list of dumping sins: cigarette littering (1,555) and placing garbage bags beside, not in, the bin (364). The council says more covert CCTV cameras are coming.

### Record numbers caught red-handed [\(1/23\)](#)

The final few months of 2018 saw record numbers in Bengaluru, India charged and fined for littering and dumping. In less than three months the municipal marshals caught 4,466 people red-handed. The equivalent of USD15,000 in fines was collected.