

# THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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## For every family's bookshelf

Read "the Circle", a delightfully written and illustrated little book by D. Nelson Gain, of Barrie, Ontario; from his dragonfly press inc. Printing is wholly environmentally sustainable. The Ottawa-born Don Gain, Jr. took nine years to produce this gorgeous, First Nation-inspired offering. Well worth the wait. His verses and drawings inspire readers to reconnect with the natural world. A book you will want to read to your children, grandchildren and yourself time and time again, there's no better gift. "the Circle" is a gem for \$7. [www.dragonflypress.ca](http://www.dragonflypress.ca)

**Toronto committee to hear our ideas**  
*litterpreventionprogram.com's Sheila White will make a pitch Tuesday to Toronto public works and infrastructure committee about easy steps the city can take to fight littering.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

New York has two litter-related laws up for debate in 2013. The State Senate will vote on a proposed deposit-return system for cigarette butts. NYC will be considering a ban on polystyrene packaging.

## WILL AUSTRALIA CRUSH COKE?



A hopping big battle is brewing in the land of the kangaroo following a court decision ordering the wind-up of a beverage container deposit system in Northern Territory. Now the Australian Senate has pulled a legal hammer from its pouch – a unanimous motion aiming to protect the nationally planned 10-cent refund on bottles and cans. The court challenge, sponsored by Coca-Cola Amatil, Schweppes Australia and Lion, upset environmental groups, which have lobbied hard for a program to address 13 billion beverage containers Australians buy every year. Eight billion of them go to landfill. That's 15,000 bottles a minute, according to enviro-group Boomerang Alliance.

## HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (MAR 10 – 17)

Some of what made our News Reel this week  
[litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html](http://litterpreventionprogram.com/news-reel.html)

### Violent confrontations over littering (11/3)

This week an Australian reporter was punched in the head repeatedly and required hospitalization after challenging a cigarette-littering male motorist. A woman was arrested in Key West, Florida for biting a female in a beach fight after witnessing her littering.

### Dinging driver's licence in Ireland if you litter (12/3)

Kerry County Council has proposed penalty points against motorists who litter as are given for other road infractions.

### Officer bursts this lovebird's balloon (13/3)

A state trooper arrested a man, 40, for releasing a dozen red and silver, heart-shaped Mylar balloons in Dania Beach, Fla. Out to impress his sweetheart, now he faces charges under the Florida Land and Water Protection Act. The maximum penalty is five years in jail. Roses next time?

### Texan law would ban plastic bag bans (15/3)

Republican State Rep. Drew Springer, of Muenster, Texas, has introduced "The Shopping Bag Freedom Act" to thwart grocery bag bans in cities like Austin and Brownsville.

### Cardiff to throw the boots to "fly-tippers" (15/3)

This Welsh town has new guidelines calling for punitive fines and up to three years in prison, hoping to make it so costly for litterers that they will stop their habit.