

THIS WEEK IN "LITTERLAND"

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French president vows to act

President Emmanuel Macron has pledged to improve the less than postcard perfect condition of the country's iconic Mont Blanc, Europe's highest alp. He went there Thursday to announce actions for punishing its littering visitors. These include the formation of a green enforcement squad and fines for rule-breaking climbers. Controversy over the mess on the mountain came to a head in August when a British Marine veteran carrying a rowing machine up the mountain on his back abandoned it 1,500 meters from the summit. The mayor of Saint-Gervais, a town on the French side of Mont Blanc, blasted Macron publicly for ignoring the matter. Jean-Marc Peilleux said the situation was no longer tolerable. He blamed the president for failing to protect the mountain from "wackos".

Take your seat on a 'Buddy Bench'

Fort Myers Beach Elementary students collected and sifted through 1,500 pounds of beach litter to find the 400 pounds of plastic caps needed to make a "Buddy Bench" with help from the FMB Lions Club, FL.



How they do it in San Francisco

A new law in San Francisco, CA that took effect July 1 means dine-in, take-away and delivery orders no longer routinely come with cutlery, cups, napkins, stirrers and condiments. While certain items may still be provided in self serve areas, a customer must ask for them otherwise. As for plastic straws, they are entirely forbidden unless requested and needed to accommodate a customer's disability. Paper, natural fibre and reusable straws may be given to customers upon request. The Plastic, Toxics, and Litter Reduction ordinance is seen as a litter reduction measure.

DID YOU KNOW?

Facing the stark reality of a Covid19 outbreak (corona virus), Vietnam's health ministry is pressing for a high fine for the littering of face masks. Officials say a fine of VND3-7 million (\$129-301) is necessary because the public is tending to ignore the given instruction to dispose of used masks in an enclosed bin. Many just drop them on the street after use.



Cliftonville, UK residents were reportedly "at the breaking point" when the Clean Up Cliftonville campaign emerged in response to their protests. Posters like the one above encourage people to photograph and report littered sites. #cleanupcliftonville

HEADLINE LITTER GRABBERS (FEB 9 - 16)

Some of what made our News Reel this week

Their winning conduct is totally cricket (2/10)

Bangladeshi cricketers won extra points with the [media](#) post-game. Players from the World Cup U-19 winning cricket team cleared the field of litter after the match.

What's up in Canada's most eastern province (2/10)

A fat [report](#) for the government of Newfoundland and Labrador recommends a wholesale assault on littering and dumping using tools such as cameras, beefed up enforcement, fines, fees and education. It also calls for waste management in the K-12 school curriculum.

Animal welfare group announces body count (2/12)

RSPCA says upwards of 5,000 animals are harmed by litter every year. The UK agency receives an average of 14 such reports every day. Along with the British Veterinary Association, it urges animal lovers to pick up litter. To date 149,000 have already signed up for the [Great British Spring Clean](#), March 20 to April 13.

Krewe of Klean sweeps parade, party route (2/13)

When Mardi Gras partying ends in New Orleans' Ouachita Parish, volunteers - The Krewe of Klean - work to make it look like a parade never happened.

Basketball bin a nudge in the right direction (2/14)

There's a garbage game going on in Cairns, AU. A bin that looks like a basketball hoop aims to entice people to pitch their litter in the basket and score a slam dunk for the environment each and every time.