

BRING will give a home to your old wine bottles

One empty Gatorade jar makes a nice flower vase, but what do you do with the other 20? You made candle holders with the first few exotic-looking wine bottles, but now there's a shelf full of them. What can you do with them? Give them to BRING, the local recycling agency.

BRING is an acronym for Begin Recycling In Neighborhood Groups and it stands for a non-profit membership organization that collects glass containers, tin cans, paper, cardboard and aluminum foil, and ships them to recycling plants.

For the campus area, BRING will have a mobile

unit stationed at 13th and University Street every Monday starting today, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., according to BRING manager Ernie Fraim.

Fraim asks that you remove labels from cans and take all tops and rings off bottles.

Has dumping your old motor oil been a problem? Now you can give that to BRING, too. Starting this summer, Fraim will have a 55-gallon drum for oil at the BRING warehouse on Franklin Boulevard at Seavey Loop Road. The facility is open on Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but there are places to leave recyclables there during the week, too. Old oil can be left at the campus pickup point, too, but it must be in a tightly sealed container.

The idea for a local recycling agency was conceived on Earth Day, 1970. The BRING organization was founded in 1971. It elects nine Board members from a membership of persons who have either paid \$5 or donated labor. Fraim and a few paid assistants take care of the day-to-day operation while the board sets policy.

BRING survives on what it gets for recycling sales plus a \$1,000 a month subsidy from the county. The contract with Lane County expires June 30 and a new contract is being negotiated, says Fraim.

by Phil Waldstein

Have no fear — Switchboard is here!

Did your cat just drown in that vat of yogurt you're making? Or did your new parrot just fly straight into the neighbor's bee hive?

Whatever your problem, help could be just as close as your telephone, which hopefully still works after Cousin Jesse poured glue all over your receiver last night while watching your TV explode because he was having a water-gun fight with the cops and robbers of "Dragnet."

Call Switchboard, the multi-service organization which replaces the panic button, at 686-8453. It's Eugene's hot line, funded by private donations and staffed with volunteers who man

the lines every day from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Switchboard offers a host of services, perhaps the most popular being Rides and Riders. The procedure for this is very simple: a traveller with a car full of empty space just waiting for passengers calls Switchboard and posts his destination in the Switchboard file of rides. Then, another traveller, who is going in the same direction, has no car and would like to fill up that empty space in traveller number one's car, calls Switchboard also, and the two would-be-lonesome travellers hook up together, usually splitting the gas bill.

Other Switchboard services are Lost and Found Pets (operating similarly to Rides and Riders), a housing list, a health referral agency, a general referral agency, phone counselling and just good old-fashioned listening ears.

If you would like to be one of those ears, you are welcome to help out, since Switchboard handles over 42,000 calls annually.

by Martha Bliss



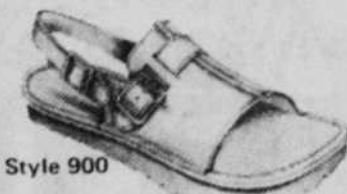
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