

RECYCLING DAY - NOVEMBER 15



"What we are living with is the result of human choices and it can be changed by making better, wiser choices."
-- Robert Redford

Each year Americans create about 240 million tons of solid wastes - about 4 1/2 pounds per person each day! Much of this waste ends up in landfills or is incinerated, but most of it can be recycled. Recycling is taking a product or material that is no longer being used and turning it into a raw material that can be used for something else. It is an easy but important way of helping to protect our environment from the pollution that our wastes can cause. Until 'modern times' recycling was a normal way of life. During World War II for example, 25% of all wastes were recycled, but by 1960 less than 8% of our wastes were recycled. Today, 32% of wastes are recycled in America and there are more than 10,000 curbside recycling programs!

You can help conserve resources by practicing the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **Reduce:** Precycle - 1/3 of all garbage is packaging - buy products with minimal or recycled packaging; **Reuse:** Many things can be reused before throwing them out. **Recycling:** Take the National Recycling Coalition's Recycling pledge:

-- I pledge to find out what materials I can and cannot recycle in my community; -- I pledge to lead by example in my neighborhood by recycling; -- I pledge to recycle batteries, cell phones and other electronic waste; -- I pledge to email my elected officials to ask them to increase funding for my community's recycling programs. -- I pledge to tell five friends that recycling is the easiest thing they can do to slow global warming.

Recycling Day, on November 15, is an important opportunity to educate people about the importance of recycling for our environment, and how each of us can make a difference for a better world by recycling.

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1. Take the Recycling Pledge
2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
3. Hold an event to raise awareness about the importance of recycling
4. Urge elected officials to work to meet the EPA's goal of 35% recycling

Recycling Links

- America Recycles Day (americarecyclesday.org)
- Earth 911 (earth911.org/recycling)
- EPA Office of Solid Wastes (epa.gov/epaoswer)
- Kids Recycle! (kidsrecycle.org)
- Ntl. Recycling Coalition (nrc-recycle.org)
- Paper Industry Assoc. Council (paperrecycles.org)

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**"But our waste problem is not the fault only of producers.
It is the fault of an economy that is wasteful from top to bottom—
a symbiosis of an unlimited greed at the top and a lazy, passive, and
self-indulgent consumptiveness at the bottom—and all of us are involved in it."**

-- Wendell Berry

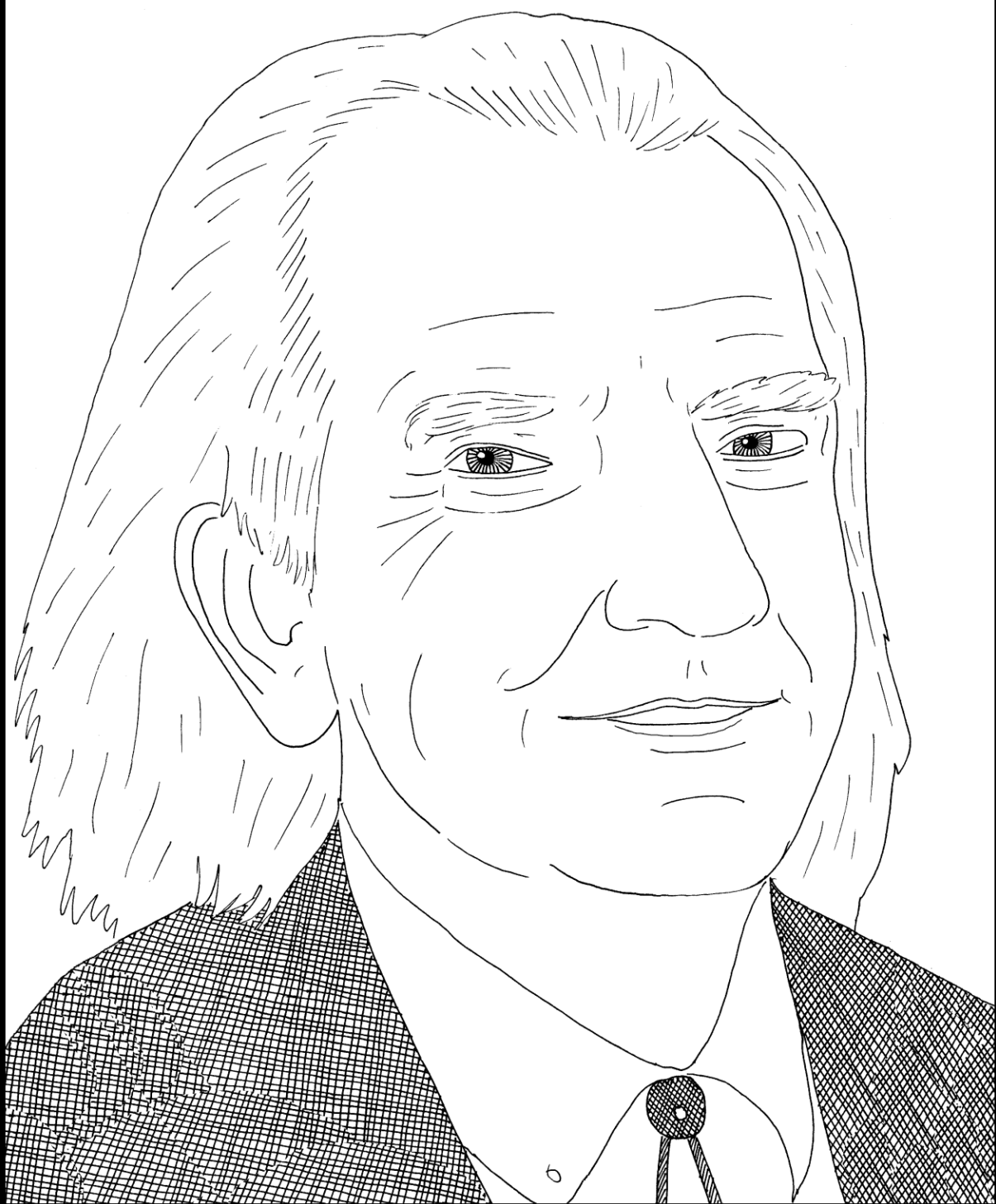
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**"...we must use the interlude of the present era to develop a new technology which is based on a circular flow of materials such that the only sources of man's provisions will be his own waste products.
-- Kenneth E. Boulding**

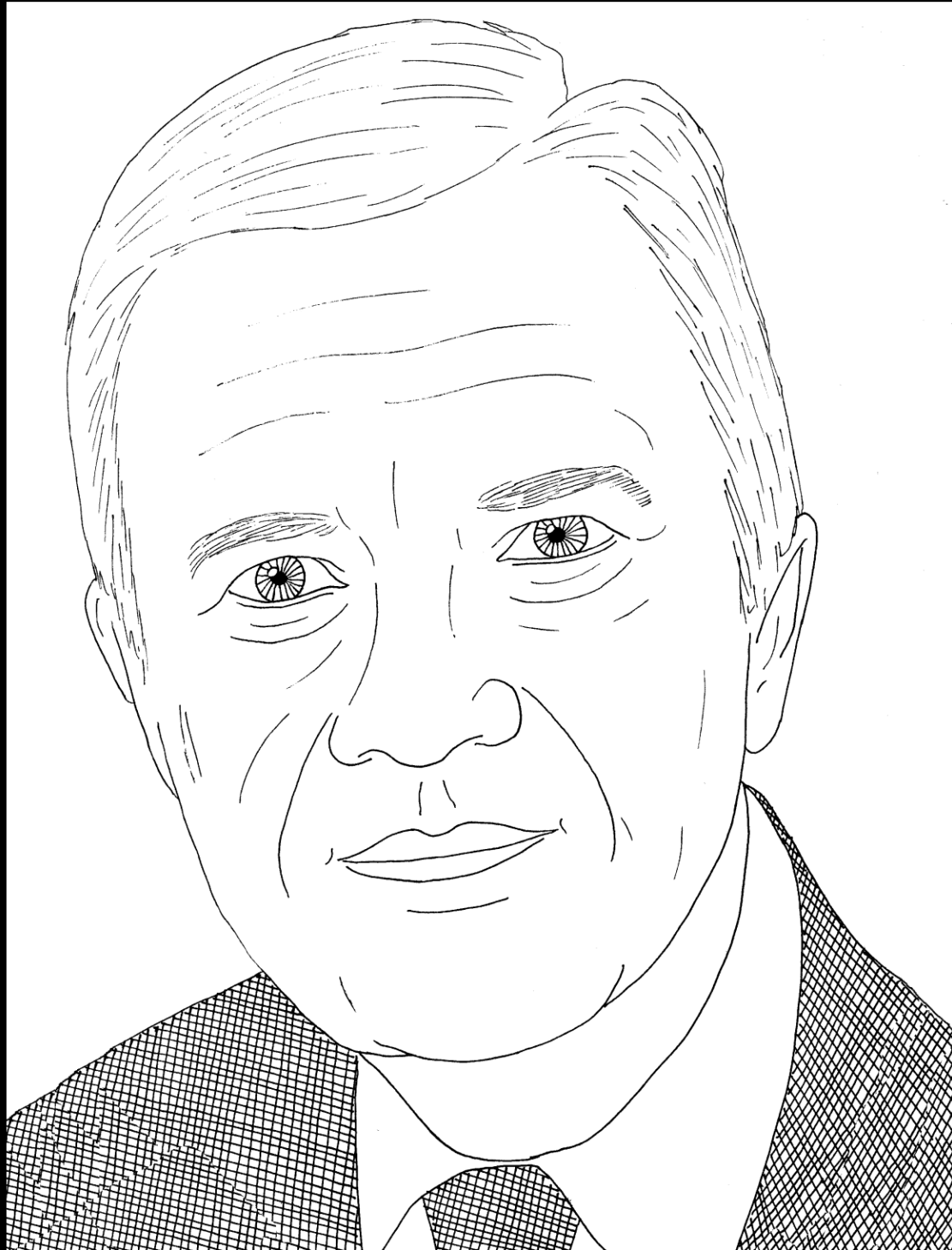
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""Solid wastes' are the discarded leftovers of our advanced consumer society. This growing mountain of garbage and trash represents not only an attitude of indifference toward valuable natural resources, but also a serious economic and public health problem." -- Jimmy Carter

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**"Mostly, I spend my time being a mother to my two children, working in my organic garden, raising masses of sweet peas, being passionately involved in conservation, recycling and solar energy."
~ Blythe Danner**

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**"Years ago, we all talked about recycling and not dumping things down your drain and all of that, but talking doesn't help much. Basically, it's going to have to be legislation because the impact is so huge and diversified."
-- Ted Danson**

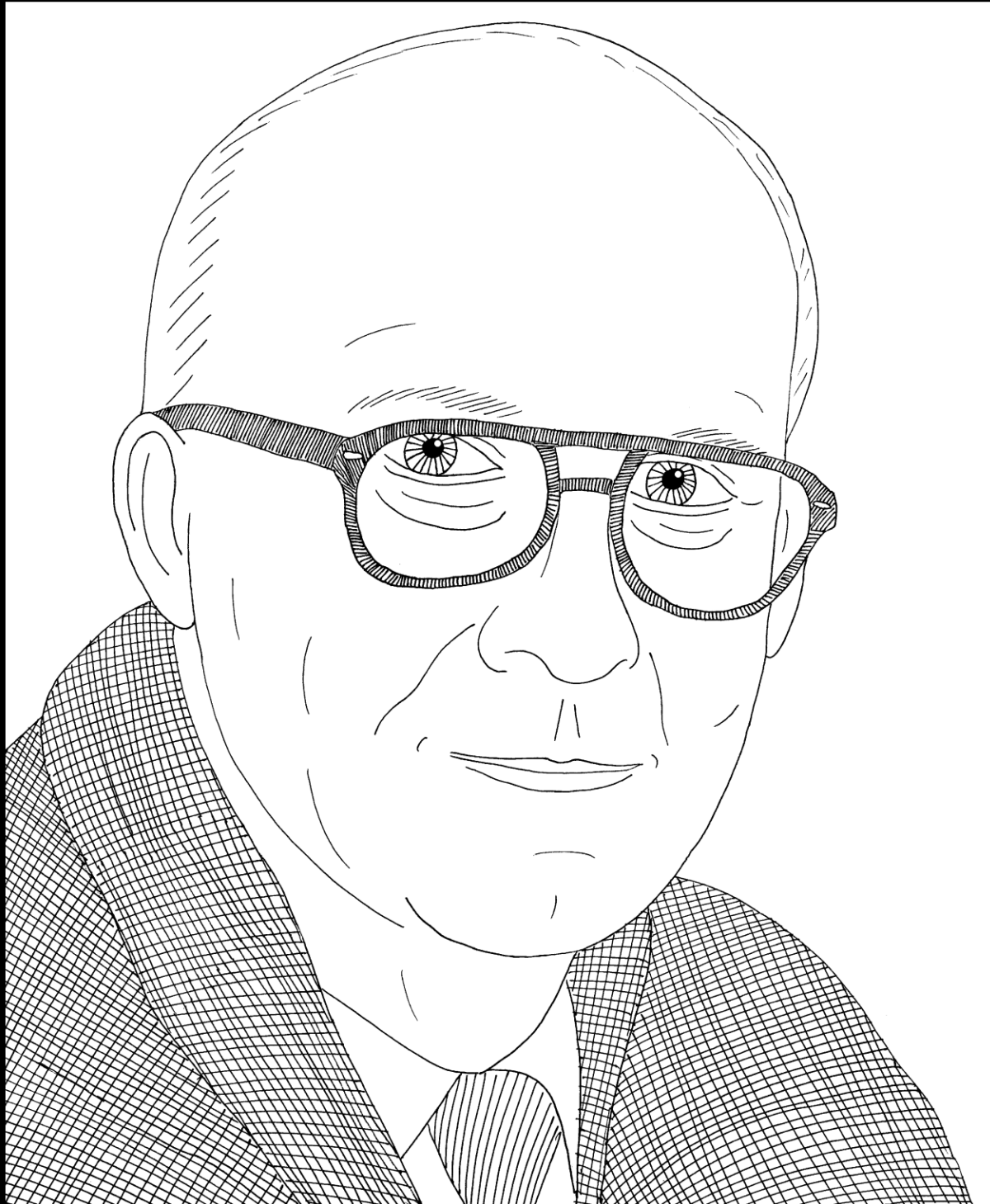
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**"Pollution is nothing but the resources we are not harvesting.
We allow them to disperse because we've been ignorant of their value."
~ R. Buckminster Fuller**

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"Listen up, you couch potatoes: each recycled beer can saves enough electricity to run a television for three hours."

-- Denis Hayes

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"The agriculture we seek will act like an ecosystem, feature material recycling and run on the contemporary sunlight of our star."

-- Wes Jackson

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"To achieve true sustainability, we must reduce our 'garbage index' - that which we permanently throw away into the environment that will not be naturally recycled for reuse - to near zero."

-- David Korten

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"We can help educate our families and communities about the importance of recycling, and how each of us can make a difference for a better world by recycling."

-- Robert Alan Silverstein

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**"I only feel angry when I see waste.
When I see people throwing away things we could use.
-- Mother Teresa**

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