



### Who We Are Is What We Leave Behind



### Trash People Exhibit constructed from 20 tons of recycled material



### Around 100 million metric tons of **plastic** are produced annually 10 million metric tons ends up in the sea <u>About 80% of it comes from land</u>



### **102 Tons of Trash**

### <u>Americans make more trash</u> than anyone else on the planet, throwing away about 7.1 pounds per <u>person per day, 365 days a</u> year.



Across a lifetime that rate means, on average, we are <u>each</u> on track to generate 102 tons of trash.

# Best Buy offers comprehensive appliance and electronics recycling programs. The company <u>collects</u> more than <u>400 pounds of product for recycling</u> <u>every minute</u>

# What Will Samsung Do With Its 4.3 Million Recalled Smartphones?



According to calculations the 4.3 million smartphones contain more than 20 metric tons of cobalt, more than 1 ton of tungsten, 1 ton of silver, 100 kilograms of gold and between 20 and 60 kilograms of palladium.

# **Bike Ride Sharing in Beijing**

as new license plates (in lottery) are reduced by 1/3 by 2018, plus mandating even/odd driving days as traffic control measure since 2004. Cars increased by 303% from 1998 to2013



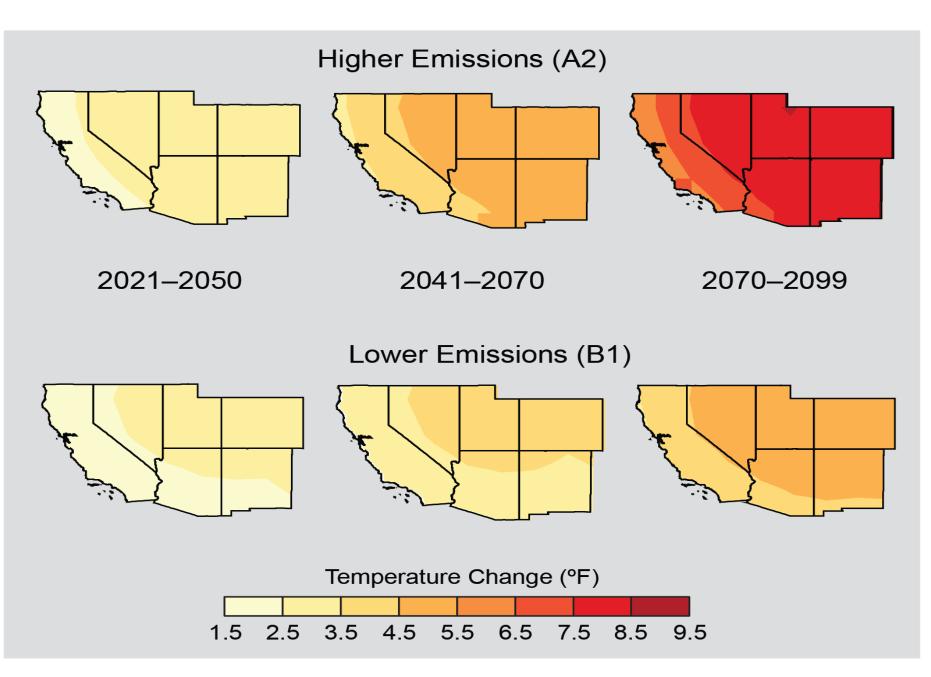


# SEARCH: 10 Most Polluted Cities in US

Here are the top 10 cities with the worst ozone or particle pollution:

- 1. Los Angeles-Long Beach, California
- 2. Bakersfield, California
- 3. Visalia-Porterville-Hanford, California
- 4. Fresno-Madera, California
- 5. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Arizona
- 6. Sacramento-Roseville, California
- 7. Modesto-Merced, California
- 8. Denver-Aurora, Colorado
- 9. Las Vegas-Henderson, Nevada
- **10. Fort Collins, Colorado**

#### **Projected Temperature Increases**





# We have grown so accustomed to plastic pollution that we hardly notice it anymore

#### It takes 500-1,000 years for plastic to degrade

The average American throws away approximately **<u>185 pounds of plastic</u>** per year





Arizona Lawmakers Forbid Cities From Enacting Plastic Bag Bans

Senate Bill 1241 April 2015

azcentral.com

# **Reusable Thinking**



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#### If it can't be reduced, reused, repaired, rebuilt, refurbished, resold, recycled or composted, then it should be restricted or removed from production

Berkeley Ecology Center

### Tubohotel features 20 concrete rooms



# **Drain Pipes Reused**

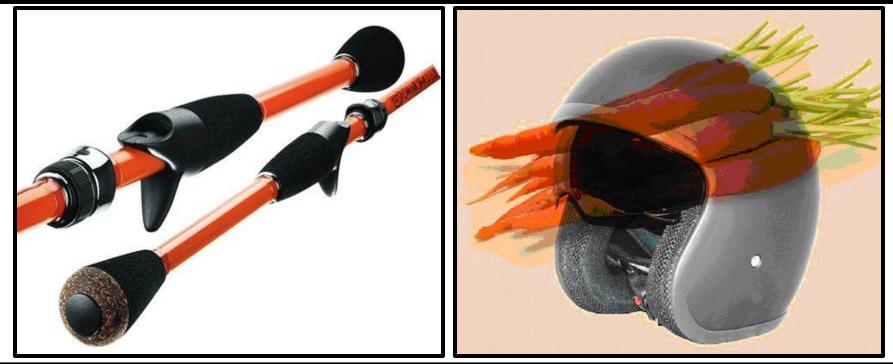


### 747 at Costa Rican Resort



# **Carrot Nano Fibers**

#### combined with high tech resins



Tough, durable components can be molded to whatever shape, degree of stiffness, strength or lightness required. Rods 50% carrot from rejected crop Carrot Fiber Helmets, Snowboards, Car Parts, Motor Home side panels are a few of future possible uses of Curran

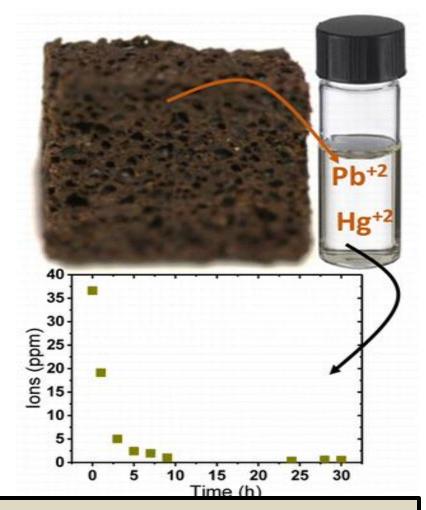
### **Biodegradable Golf Balls** made with crushed lobster shells (waste), and biodegradable binder & coating. Cost 19cents



Other applications: plant pots that decompose; survey stakes



**Spent Coffee-Bioelastomeric Composite Foams** used for the removal of Pb<sup>2+</sup> and Hg<sup>2+</sup> from Water



99% of Lead & Mercury ions removed from waste water over 30 hours

# **Solar-Powered Desalinization**

# one tube is estimated to be able to produce 1.5 billion gallons of drinking water a year



the Pipe ensures the safe reintroduction of brine deposits back into the ocean by passing them through a series of thermal baths.

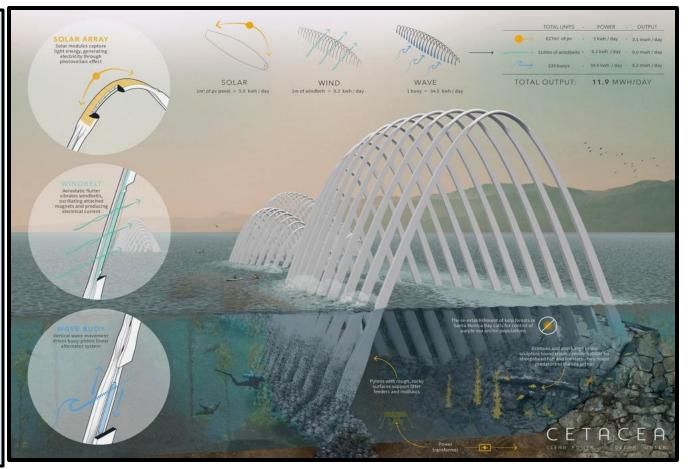


# **Carbon Neutral Power**

Wave Buoys Wind Belts Photovoltaic Arrays producing 11.937mWh/Day

**Combining:** 

Meeting clean water needs of 7,317 residents + left over power for 251 households



Design provides habitat for sea urchin predators [thus]giving kelp forest a chance to regrow, allowing for return of ecological diversity, and the sequestering of carbon .





### **Bioengineered Rhino Horn**

**<u>Challenges</u>:** <u>Save the Rhino</u>? Supposedly the **3D printed** horns are physically and genetically indistinguishable from real rhino horn..., ..companies survey-45 percent of rhino horn buyers would be willing to buy the 3D printed

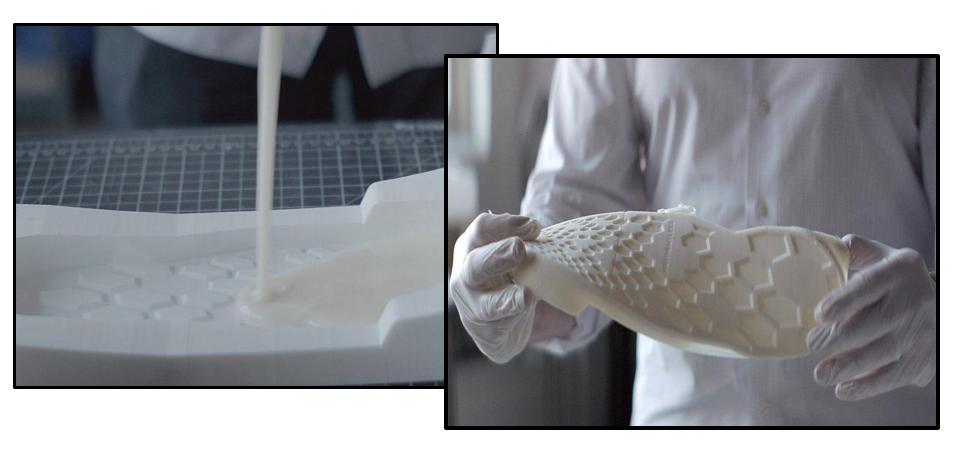
**Of** <u>Create increased demand</u> for the real thing, & <u>make it harder to catch illegal rhino horns</u>

### "Shoe Without A Footprint"

.... is made using beverage-grade CO<sub>2</sub>. Novomer, a chemical technology startup, developed a proprietary catalyst that reacts with CO<sub>2</sub> to create polyurethane, which was then used to make the foam for the shoe.

**NRG Energy** 





#### **CO<sub>2</sub>-based rigid foams have varied applications**

In May 2016, Ford Motor Co. became the first automaker to announce plans to use captured  $CO_2$  in its foams for seat cushions. Other industries..comm'l & res. construction are also interested in CO2-based rigid foams because they are less flammable and less likely to break down due to UV exposure

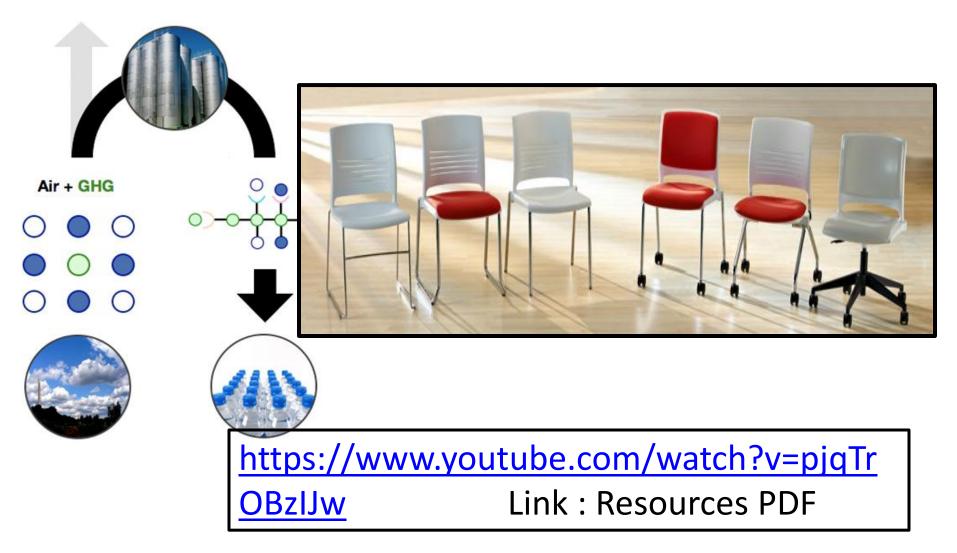
### Making a "Shoe Without a Footprint"

http://paidpost.nytimes.com/nrg/makingproducts-from-air.html?emc=eta1

Carbon XPRIZE applicants submissions have a range of applications for CARBON CONVERSION

By storing CO<sub>2</sub> in everyday products, instead of relying on the trees and oceans to absorb it, the Carbon XPRIZE looks to reframe how we address CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy production

# Greenhouse Gas [Methane] to Plastic AIRCARBON Chair (Newlight)



# World's First Zero-Emissions Hydrogen Train Unveiled



The hydrogen, aka "hydrail," train is powered by a hydrogen fuel cell and emits nothing but steam and condensed water-with Speeds up to 87 mph & storage capacity for a 497 mile range

### Solar Energy to produce Potable Water for a family of four or an entire hospital, depending on how many panels used

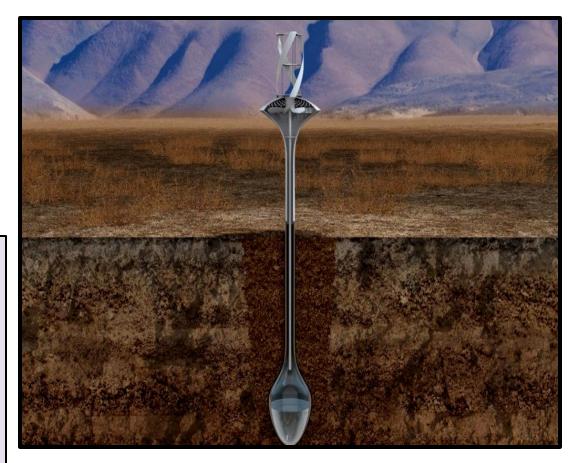
Zero Mass Water founder, ASU Professor



### Water Seer relies on simple Condensation - draws air into the subterranean chamber, cools the air, causing water to condense creating 'artificial' well



Devise can collect up to 11 Gallons of clean water every day with no: external power supply required, no greenhouse gas emissions, or adverse environmental impacts



### **World's Largest Solar Project**

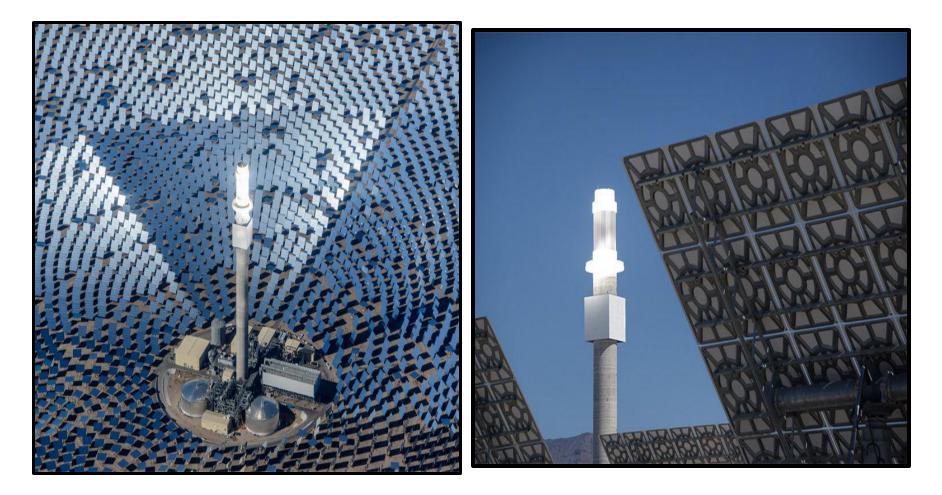


http://www.npr.org/2016/10/12/497637737/solarpower-project-would-generate-electricity-24-hours-aday SolarReserve LLC

...at least 100,000 mirrored heliostats capture the sun's rays and concentrates it onto 10 towers equipped with a molten salt energy storage system. Each Heliostat is aimed toward focal point at the Tower with (dedicated) computers.

**Proposed for the Nevada Desert** 

# **Molten Salt Powering Homes**



Molten salt is heated to 1000 degrees, stored, then used at nighttime to make steam to power a generator. Tower plus receiver height typically 640 feet.

Phoenix Recycling and Diversion Programs aim to divert <u>40</u> percent of trash from the landfill by 2020; & to achieve <u>zero waste</u> by the year 2050



Possible Anthem Recycling Committee resource? Any body here on that Committee?



Palm fronds ground into hay-like substance then pelletized into livestock feed.



### Phoenix finds solution for pesky palm fronds

The city spends about \$578,000 per year to haul palm fronds to the landfill (making up to 3%of all trash). It will pay Palm Silage about \$408,000 to dispose of them, saving \$170,000 annually.



# **Grazing Goats Get Work**

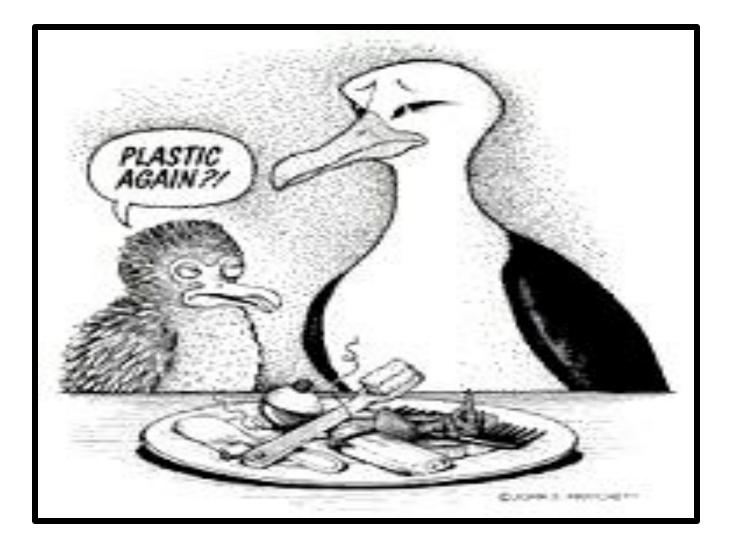
Goats have returned to the City of Mesa water treatment plant to help control the weeds, & an invasive tree species. They eat 8-10# /day



# What Next? Is there a way back from the 102-ton legacy?

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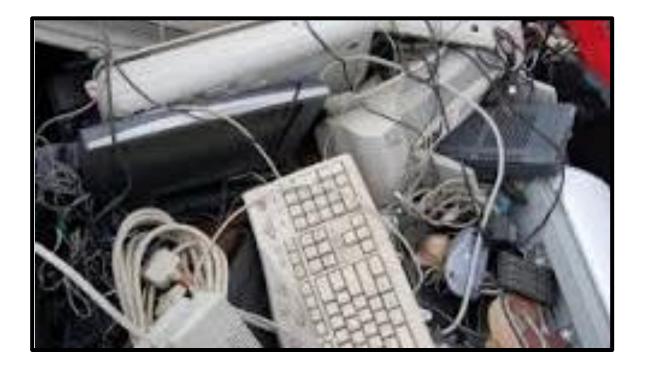
How Did We Get Here? From Patriotic Conserving of Resources (Thrift) to Obsolescence as an Obsession





#### **BUY SHOP LIVE**

Mantra of Buy-N-Large, Mega Corporation, as Earth, contaminated with garbage, is abandoned in 2805



"Our willingness to part with something before it is completely worn out is a phenomenon noticeable in no other society in history.. It must be further nurtured even though it runs contrary to one of the oldest inbred laws of humanity, the law of thrift."

J. Gordon Lippincott, 1947-[who pioneered the modern fields of product design and corporate branding].

# What More Can You Do?





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 $\rightarrow 100$ solutions for climate action in cities





"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

- Desmond Tutu



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