

Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters and articles are in Arial.



How it's done in the UK.

Here's David Cameron showing the Texans how we do hand-prints in Britain using paint. 'It may 've lost some of the edge,' he said, but later added, 'this is how it's done.'



Anyway. Let's now take a look at some more letters.

From: contact details withheld
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Subject: '5 Rattlesnake Roundup.' cont'd.
Date: Sun, 26 Apr 2015 13:32:12 +0100

The information that the "Sweetwater Jaycees have put on the rattlesnake roundup to help with rattlesnake population management for local ranchers", is a myth. Nature if left alone has it's own checks and balances. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, "TPWD" who are the managers for wildlife both game and nongame, have never in its history issued a special hunt or license just on "population mangement" period, for the western diamondback. No wildlife biologist will ever support that claim as mention by the Sweetwater Jaycees. The roundups were started for one reason in the first place; to exterminate the western diamondback. The snake hunters have to go and search them out!

The data that TPWD is collecting from weighing, measuring, and sexing as the Sweetwater Jaycees claim, is of no good! For any TPWD wildlife biologist to even come up with a curve or a trend is pointless. TPWD has no bag limit on harvesting rattlesnakes period. TPWD doesn't know where the snakes are coming from. Snake hunters do not give up their "honey holes" or hunting spots. TPWD issues the hunting licenses, but they don't require a hunting zone. As for counties, that's a stretch since many snake hunters will sell their collected snakes to other hunters or dealers. Prof Clark Adams at Texas A&M tried to do a field study with five counties that were located close to, or in roundup towns like Freer, Taylor, and Sweetwater Texas back in 2006. Sad to say, it was short on any sound data since the research was stopped. Mind you that Texas has well over 260 counties. What Prof Clark Adams did say was that, "TPWD leadership knows that they "the roundups" exist and generally knows little else about this phenomenon." You may wish to find his book titles "Texas Rattlesnake Roundups" 2008. So TPWD has no clue about rattlesnake mangement.

The Sweetwater Jaycees claim that their roundup venom that is collected is used in making antivenin or antivenom. This is so far from the truth. To TPWD's credit, last May in 2012, this agency was considering a "gassing ban", as to harvesting rattlesnakes. That's right, as of 2013, there is no law on the books that bans the use of gasoline being sprayed in den and hide areas which artificially drive out large numbers of rattlesnakes...a very dangerous product period that is harmful and fatal to wildlife. There is tons of documentation and data to prove this. One of the questions that was posed to TPWD from snake hunters and the Sweetwater Jaycees was the following. Question: How will venom suppliers obtain sufficient quantities of venom for research and antivenin production if gassing is banned?

TPWD's answer: Most rattlesnake venom used in medical research is produced by laboratories that maintain captive colonies of rattlesnakes and do not rely on venom obtained from gassed snakes. Current supplies of captive produced, lab certified venom far exceed demand.

Let me add, if roundups were to just shut down nationally, there would still be no shortage of healthy snake venom with captive healthy rattlesnakes. There are FDA guidelines that roundup venom can't get passed due to gassed snakes, blood, dirt, and other rattlesnake species documented being "milked" into the same container with the western diamondbacks.

What is rather sad, is that over the decades, the Sweetwater Jaycees have claimed that they are under a "confidentiality agreement" with the venom buyer. My personal communications with these guys tell me that the buyer "doesn't want protestors" at the labs. The biggest buyer was a guy named Ken Darnell who used to live in Arizona but has since fled to the south years ago. Arizona Game and Fish were very interested in talking to him since he claimed to have hundreds of rattlesnakes, and checking out his "Bioactive Lab" in Portal Az. Come to find out, it was a PO box number, and the Arizona Corporation Commission had no listing for such a company. So much for a big secret.

Getting back to the gassing issue. TPWD made public on their website and also on the TF&G Report in 2012, considering a gasoline ban for rattlesnake hunters. Many in Texas and across the U.S. thought this was illegal. What TPWD can do is "use their authority to prohibit gasoline usage as a means of protecting nontarget wildlife. This is hardly enforced. Check for citations issued by TPWD! What is really sad is the fact that TPWD wants public comment from stakeholders and citizens to determine if gas is bad on wildlife. What nonsense since gasoline is harmful and fatal period to living things. Public comment to make it so is plain stupidity!

In closing, the Sweetwater Jaycees can exploit rattlesnakes to death for a paying crowd in any fashion that's inhumane because TPWD has no code in their rules and regs for humane treatment of this wildlife. TPWD condones the carnage. This is not wildlife management at all. Less numbers are coming in. Texas can do better than this!

Dale Burton

From: contact details withheld
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Subject: '3 Rattlesnake Roundup.' cont'd.
Date: Fri, 24 Apr 2015 11:08:02 +0100

The Sweetwater Jaycees openly brag about this to the press and public during their rattlesnake roundup. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have the authority to prohibit gasoline usage in rattlesnake dens as a means of protecting non-target wildlife. Have they ever used their authority in the 43 years of the Sweetwater roundup? Sadly, the answer is no because if they ever did, the Sweetwater Jaycees and every other roundup hack would scream! It's so absurd that people like this will gas rattlesnakes in the name of hunting, and dismiss out of hand the toxic, dangerous and deadly end from gasoline usage on animals. They believe that gassing is benign to wildlife. It shows the lack of common sense when these groups will continue to use gasoline until something better comes along or an alternative is found. What intelligent reasoning.

What will happen when TPWD has to make gasoline as a method of take in the codebook illegal? Trust me on this, it's coming. I smell bootleg gas in the future of this mess. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission mandate of enforcement for 210 gallons of gasoline being used in this manner as well as dumping or spilling, will have to change to zero tolerance.

It's sad that wildlife management and humane treatment of harvesting the western diamondback rattlesnake is null and void for Sweetwater, roundup organizers and TPWD. Shame on TPWD for its lack of wisdom and common sense while letting a tradition run wild on gasoline. It leaves us all choking in the fumes. We as a nation deserve better than this.

Rattlesnake Awareness Programs of Arizona, Glendale, Ariz.

And this more or less concludes our involvement in this years roundup. I believe we are all getting closer to the day when the snakes are going a far better deal than they have at present. This year has been a major success exposing more and more institutions who are up to their necks in these murky events. We'd like to offer our thanks to those Texans and other Americans who have helped us put these articles together. So until next year, and we will be back, we're bringing this topic to a close.



In the meantime I'll remind you all of this reply we received back in March this year. We'll certainly be following proceedings in September too.

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Sent: Tue, 17 Mar 2015 15:54:36 +0000
Subject: RE: 'snake gassing ban proposal.'

Mr. Piller,

Thank you for your inquiry. In response to the email below and other emails from you to various TPWD employees regarding the TPWD's regulatory affairs **with respect to the use of noxious substances to collect non-game wildlife**, at the direction of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, TPWD staff is conducting outreach and education processes with the public and the regulated community and **intends to present recommendations to agency leadership in September.**

Ann Bright, General Counsel, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

And now moving on to other topics:

Carnegie Wave Energy

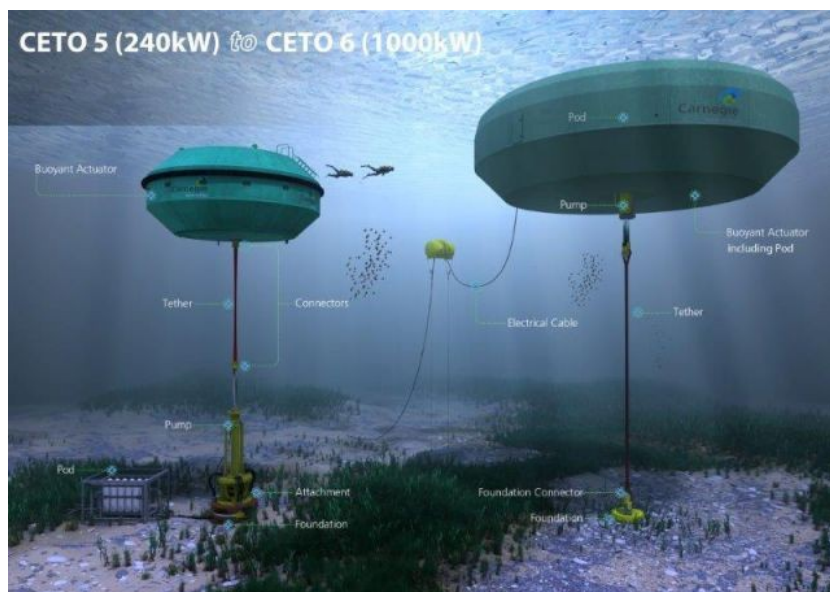
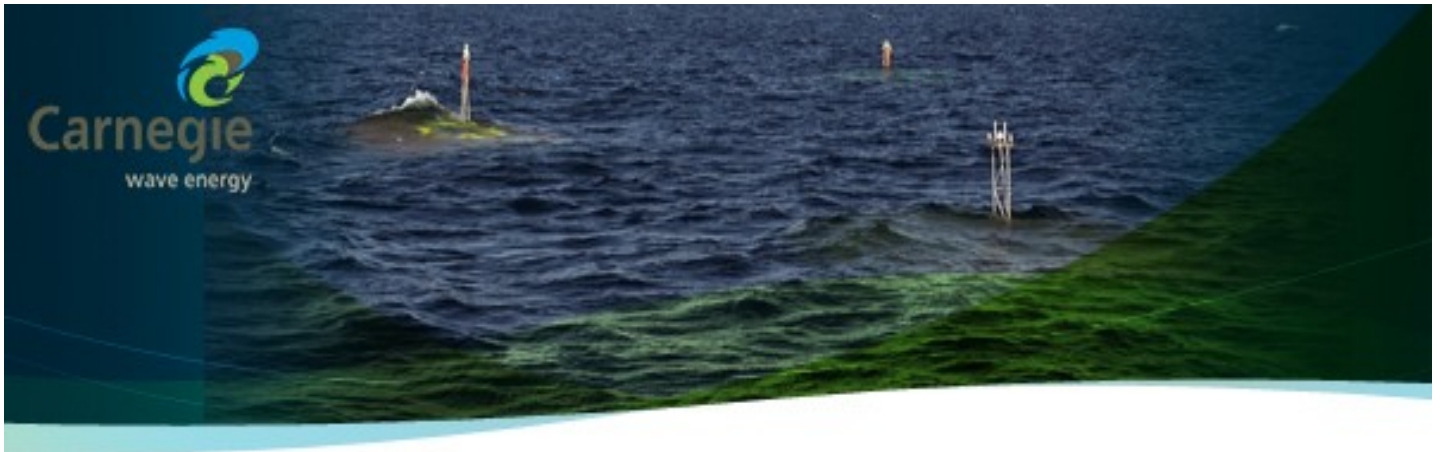
Over this past week or so we've been looking into pros and cons of these wave-energy projects. Sitting below the water surface, less visible, less prone to storm damage, and most importantly of all, with no external turbine-blades. And as an extra plus they'd instantly create vast stretches of no-go fishing-zones. Weighing up all of these advantages we have very much come to the conclusion that this is something we ourselves might like to become involved with in some way. The only possible downsides are anti-fouling paints, which hopefully they don't use, and that outstanding seascapes like coral-reefs and whale migration routes etc. are all avoided. The possibility of tsunamis might also be something worth considering.

This attitude which has had us go full on for anything carbon-free has been an unmitigated disaster and has led us to the utter mess we have today. We really do need to steer away from all of those highly damaging in your face installations, and there are many examples of them out there, that are responsible for so much destruction. Wind-farms which kill on mass and look terrible. Those solar-farms that use mirror lenses to concentrate huge amounts of heat onto a central column and are also a total death-trap to anything flying past. Even tidal is very natural resource hungry as well as, in my mind, the still very much unresolved issue of blade-speeds. Standard solar panels are not exactly a great addition to our village or townscapes and are also very land-hungry in many of the pristine deserts.

Having found something that I believe both works and is about as benign as is possible to get for the natural environment, then there really should perhaps be no holding back in this particular case. We need to steer things around into a right and proper direction and to do this all of us can play our own parts. And for ours this is precisely why we've decided to get involved by offering them a free full-page ad from here on. In the past we'd 've had paper, ink and postage costs to consider but with the technology of today it's mainly free anyway and it's something practical we can easily do to play a decisive role in making an actual difference. As always, if anyone has anything to add to the argument then please do write in and have your say. But for now and without further ado here is the first of many ads we intend to give.

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Contact: enquiries@carnegiewave.com

From: do-not-reply@peta.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Sent: Sun, 12 Apr 2015 08:00:57 -0400
Subject: Take Action: Baby Seals Need You Now!

Right now, a mother harp seal is giving birth to a wide-eyed seal pup on the ice floes off the eastern coast of Canada. Just like our moms, this new mother feels joy as well as a deep sense of responsibility toward her newborn pup, as the chubby, helpless young seal is still too young to survive on the ice alone.

After a few weeks, this baby seal will shed his or her white fur, revealing a shiny "greycoat" underneath. It will then be legal to kill the seal for his or her skin.



For the last 11 days, baby seals have been crying out in terror and pain as Canadian sealers—the last proponents of a shameful, dying industry—bludgeon them to death with spiked clubs or metal hooks or even shoot them with high-powered rifles. It is nothing short of a massacre.

These photos reveal exactly the kind of senseless, extreme cruelty happening right now:

Warning, contains images some may find upsetting.

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Images Courtesy of Peta

This suffering must end.

We're so close to stopping the seal slaughter forever, especially with bans on the sale of seal fur now in place in the U.S., the EU, Taiwan, Mexico, and Russia—which had been importing 95 percent of the pelts from Canada. We can't let the seals down now.

Your gift to PETA today will support our lifesaving work for seals and all other animals killed for their skins—and, in so doing, will help save thousands of baby harp seals in future years. Please don't wait—make your much-needed gift of \$5 or more right now.

Kind regards,

Ingrid E. Newkirk

President

Please everyone write just one more time. Thank you.

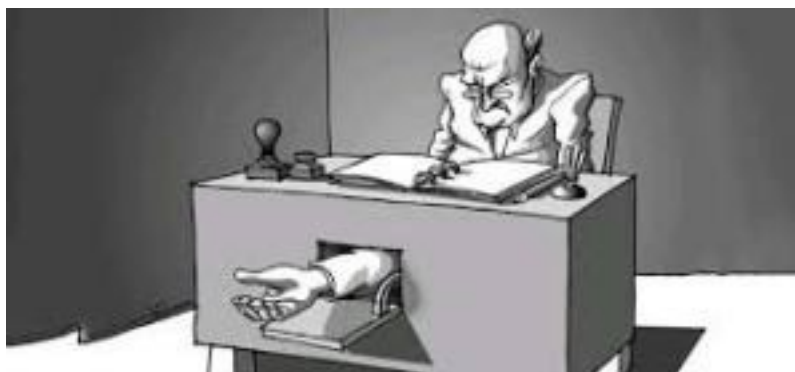
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Subject: Huge wind farm corruption scandal in Spain

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Could top one billion euros



Spanish tax agency uncovers wind farm payoff scheme

Part of the Spanish press covers the story, and television channels ignore it so far. The wind business is taboo in this country, where Greenpeace and other wind-crazy NGOs have a huge audience.

Tax inspectors have only started to reveal their findings in this complex web of corruption: €110 million worth of illegal commissions paid in Castilla y León, one of Spain's 17 states (Spain is a de facto federation of 17 "autonomous communities": Catalonia, Valencia, Andalusia, the Basque country, etc.). The Spanish IRS is presently investigating in other states. At the national level, illicit enrichment at the cost of taxpayers could easily top one billion euros.

Unexplained payments to public officials received from Switzerland, shares in obscure windfarm companies resold for hundreds, even thousands of times the initial capital invested, home mortgages paid off by opaque entities, homes renovated by generous donators, etc. Some names and amounts are already known, but these suspected officials decline to comment. One of them now lives in Poland.

“Private renewable energy firms may have paid more than €110 million in commissions to government officials and local businessmen in Castilla y León to help them obtain licenses and push through paperwork to install wind farms across the region between 2004 and 2007, tax inspectors said.”

Read more in one of Spain's leading newspaper, English edition:El País

Wind corruption is also rampant in France*, the United States**, and most probably in other countries as well. Where there are government subsidies, there is fraud. Where subsidies are huge, fraud is huge.

* Wind corruption in France: in this video, an anonymous windfarm victim relates that commissions paid to village councillors to vote in favour of a wind project range from €100,000 to €150,000. The Big Swindle

** Wind corruption in the US: read about the Obama bundlers. Windfarms used to finance political parties

http://elpais.com/elpais/2015/04/20/inenglish/1429523798_153803.html

<http://en.friends-against-wind.org/realities/energie-eolienne-la-grande-escroquerie>

<http://en.friends-against-wind.org/realities/windfarms-are-only-good-for-financing-political-parties>



SSE. has begun once again with its sick planet saving TV. ads. Please send them the links below to wake them out of their slumber. Thank you.

customerservice@sse.co.uk

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NAAzBArYdw>

<http://www.epaw.org/multimedia.php?lang=es&article=b6>

One swallow doth not a summer make. Neither doth it exactly make for a breeding pair. Take a look at the wires in your area. Empty, empty, empty! Gather around the wires where you live everyone. See for yourselves firsthand what our current energy policies are doing.



Yet another advert we should all hate is this. Highly toxic and not only to Vultures.

Please write to:

medinfo.uk@novartis.com

<https://worldcowgirl.wordpress.com/2011/07/15/in-india-cattle-and-the-vulture-crisis/>

And also sign the petition.

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Subject: Notícias da Semana



This is another way he likes to destroy Amazonia. We're now on his mailing list so we'll keep you posted.

Please drop Mr. Maggi a line and let him know what you think.

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Watch your plastic!

From: revbilly@revbilly.com
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Subject: All Charges Dismissed

This morning all charges against me were dismissed. The 1st Amendment is rising again. The five freedoms - worship, speech, press, assembly and petition - suffer when we're at war. Security trumps freedom. Even Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus. But 9/11 was 15 years ago...

I was arrested while speaking on behalf of Black Lives Matter. Five kinds of police stood there watching: Homeland Security, NY state troopers, National Guard, NYPD and police from the transportation authority, whose officers did the hand-cuffing. Later, sitting in the jail cell, I listened to the police try to decide what to charge me with. I was given the usual protest charges of Disorderly Conduct and Obstruction. These charges are a complete fiction and videotapes showed this within hours of the We Will Not Be Silent rally. That evidence was available to the District Attorney's office eleven weeks ago. We were unable to keep the implications of a year in jail from the soul of Lena, turning 5 on Monday.

There are two possible conversations with law enforcement. One is children and the other is the United States Constitution. If we talk to the police about the 1st Amendment, and establish an understanding the five freedoms in it are guaranteed to all of us, then we can work on the interpretation together. The five freedoms were not protected in my case. And children? Many of us are parents and safety from climate change, economic and racial injustice are three great threats. Occupy Wall Street, the Peoples Climate March and Black Lives Matter are three efforts that broke through a pernicious system of injustice.

Consumerism and Militarism are systems that try to outmaneuver the Bill of Rights. We're not at war now. We're building our world with trust, not guns. We're building with free speech in public, not corporate marketing. The Church of Stop Shopping, our little group of singing activists, pledge to return the tradition of the 1st Amendment to every corner of our city.

Earthalujah!

Reverend Billy Talen

Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to the subject matters and provided it's not obscene we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's been said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say. Contact details will always be withheld on request.