

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Every year, Californians witness at least one FATALITY in California rodeo-- whether in San Diego, Gilroy, Clovis, Salinas or elsewhere. I said WITNESS, because those are the crashes, broken bones, twisted necks, contorted backs we actually SEE occur in the arena. Behind-the-scenes fatalities fall into the shoot-shovel-and-shut-up category. Then there are all the injuries: sub-cutaneous bruising on "jerked" 3-month old calves; twisted horns on the steers, limping bulls and broncs. If those injuries are serious, those animals too are euthanized. Like Man-Hater today. Conversely, they are kept alive (and in pain) like Waco Kid, to generate false audience PERCEPTION. This isn't a sport, it's a racket! Where most of the participants are NON-consenting. Where rural utilitarian sensibilities about animal death (bovines are bred for slaughter and beef after all) are masked with an illusion of respected "athletes," so silly urbanites will pay money to watch man vs. beast gladiatorial games. Civilized society should ban events where spectators watch intimidation, overpowering and death of animals. I urge Los Angeles to join civilized society and end this ugly perversion.