

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.



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03/16/2015



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<http://www.bigcountryhomepage.com/story/d/story/proposal-threatens-future-of-sweetwaters-rattlesna/30184/NMvm8wy0i0eKWfRcsJT3TQ>

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KTAB News

Get Ready for the Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup



For some slithering fun this weekend head out to Sweetwater for the World's Largest Rattlesnake Roundup. All the festivities begin on Thursday with a rattlesnake parade and Miss Snake Charmer Pageant thru Sunday. Sweetwater Jaycees demonstrate safety tips and educate adults and children about rattlesnakes.

We are unearthing more and more distortions of the truth each and every time we take a look. Please see the video below and it all sounds so very reasonable.

<http://www.bigcountryhomepage.com/ktab4u/d/story/get-ready-for-the-sweetwater-rattlesnake-roundup/35141/f61kvhDFyUOr3qp8vuTs5w>

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What we have next is a series of letters, entitled 'The Two Faces of Jaycees,' Henry's been sending out to every contact on our lists. From the snake killers themselves to local businesses and from news channel's reporters to the local government representatives.

With the outright lies so obviously being banded around at every opportunity, as it would seem, it's about time everyone woke up to the truth. By now everyone on these lists would've been well and truly briefed as to exactly what's going on and not the pure fantasy they've clearly been drip-fed.

Copies of these letters can be read here together with any replies we've had. It must be emphasised however that there's a general veil of silence throughout so there aren't really that many getting back to us.

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Mon, 30 Mar 2015 12:23
Subject: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'



The angelic Kyndra Vaught of the Miss Snake Charmer Pageant.....

Kvue News, Austin, February 3 2015.

Rep. Susan Lewis King, hosting the Sweetwater Jaycees Roundup, took her display over to the State Capitol, Austin on this date and said, 'this is not just a chance to publicise their Roundup, it's also a chance to teach people how to live with their rattlesnake neighbours.' And in watching this piece of footage I almost had to do a double take. There are other humane events around the country where the snakes are given respect as well as giving them a PR. exercise; Jaycees however certainly isn't one of those.

February 3 was a busy old day as it happens for Susan King and her Roundup (passing her H.R. No. 251 by a non-record vote).

<http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2015/02/02/state-capitol-sweetwater-jaycees-rattlesnakes/22771153/>

In this above clip we see a truly nauseating scene of them actually being nice and respectful to their snakes, something which is so far removed from anything that actually happens there. Many will recognise the same snake handlers, complete with rattlesnake-skin hat bands, we're also treated to a brief glimpse of the angelic Kyndra Vaught, crowned Miss Snake Charmer 2013. They seem to care with statements like, 'through biblical times, snakes have been thought of as evil, but they're really not.' 'If you see a snake stand still, cause the snakes don't have ears they can't hear us so usually they'll slither off while you stand there watching them.'

Take a look at all of this previous footage below of course and you will see the true regards of what Jaycees is really about. It's a ploy, a ruse, a bit of bullshit, whatever you want to call it, in order to hoodwink the American public into thinking it's an OK. event. What these videos below reveal is the blood-lusting reality of what anyone can normally expect.

<https://youtu.be/1qnvTpH0VyE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N58fnP6xTII>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o1csl45CWo>



.....and here she is again skinning rattlesnakes.

From: thbrown777@aol.com
To: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Sun, 29 Mar 2015 18:21
Subject: RE: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'

Smart girl! Go Kyndra... race ya to 100 skinned!

Thomas H. Brown

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
To: thbrown777@aol.com
Sent: Mon, 30 Mar 2015 10:24
Subject: Re: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'

Hi There Thomas,

No two-face with you I still see!

From: thbrown777@aol.com
To: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Mon, 30 Mar 2015 12:58
Subject: RE: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'

Hi There Henry!

Nope!

Certainly will never cross the pond and meddle in your activities either.

Tom...

From: staylor@phenixsupply.com
To: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Mon, 30 Mar 2015 14:21
Subject: RE: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'

She's cute!

Steve Taylor

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
To: staylor@phenixsupply.com
Sent: Tue, 31 Mar 2015 10:34
Subject: Fwd: 'The Two Faces of Jaycees.'

Sorry Steve,

This next one's not quite so cute.

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk>
Sent: Wed, 1 Apr 2015 13:27
Subject: '2 The Two Faces of Jaycees.' cont'd.



Brian Bethel describes himself as a 'mild-mannered reporter' on his webpage below.....

http://brianbethel.com/?page_id=2

Rattlesnake skinning provides eye-popping entertainment at Sweetwater roundup

By: Brian Bethel

What: Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup

Where: Nolan County Coliseum, 1699 Cypress St., Sweetwater

Cost: \$8 adults; \$5 children 10 and younger

Sweetwater Jaycees are not responsible for pay-to-park lots.

Gates open to the public: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Events include: Guided hunt, weigh-in of snakes, bus tours, fried rattlesnake meat, snake-handling shows, rattlesnake eating contest, prize awards, and Sweetwater Gun, Knife and Coin Show

SWEETWATER — There are many things to see and do at the yearly Sweetwater Rattlesnake Roundup, including safety demonstrations, snake hunts and chances to dine on their allegedly chicken-like flesh.

But for some, the bloodied, still-beating heart of the event is the chance to skin a snake, taking home at least a picture or — for a bit extra — the sandy, gold-scaled prize itself.

Second-generation Sweetwater Jaycee Michael Hurd II, 25, standing with pride among the blood-spattered floor — and in the shadow of a wall of bloody handprints and autographs of those brave enough to take up the knife — grinned broadly as he pointed toward the endlessly-popular event's appeal.

"Everybody seems to love it," he said, gesturing toward a practically perpetual line of eager snake-shavers Saturday morning.

The chance to skin-it-yourself is particularly popular with tourists who "come in from all over" to visit the roundup, Hurd said, though the process itself was a sight Saturday that elicited a mixture of outright disgust on some faces, almost dreamy fascination on others.

Young and old took up the small, sharp knives — the snakes are killed before skinning by having their heads lopped off — and separated skin, meat and innards. Ongoing muscle spasms meant many of the snakes were still squirming slightly while participants went about their somewhat-grisly but largely laugh-inducing work.

Mark Mabee, 24, of Nacogdoches described skinning his snake as a "real experience."

"It's like fighting with something that's ... partially dead?" Mabee said, attempting to describe the struggle. "It still moves when you cut into it. It's fun, though, and if you've never done it's definitely an experience to try."

After placing his snake-soaked handprints and signature on the wall, Mabee suggested skinning skeptics shouldn't "knock it until you try it."

"It's definitely worth the experience," he said.

Similar sentiments were shared by Robert Gallegos, 17, who along with Rubi DePaz, 19, had come from Dallas to see the roundup.

Gallegos declared the experience "worth the \$20" he paid for it.

"Honestly, it was actually worth it — it was awesome," he said, following his own serpentine conquest. "We came here to look around, and there's something amazing going on — so why not give it a shot?"

Cutting up a snake, DePaz said, "looked like a fun thing to do."

"It was an amazing feeling," she said with a giant grin afterward, noting that she "felt the heart beat while it was still in."

Hurd, showing off a still-beating snake heart himself, elicited cries of wonderment and even a touch of sympathy as he noted that "as long as it (the heart) stays moist, it can beat for up to 30 minutes."

"After you cut the head off, it can still bite you, and the venom stays good for 24 hours," he said, again drawing out intermingled cries of shock and amusement.

As may be expected, the roundup, and the skinning area, goes through a "ridiculous" amount of snakes throughout the course of the show, Hurd said.

Many of the snake skins collected are sold to vendors, while the meat is taken to the event's cook shop, he said.

Last year's event ended up netting about 1,500 pounds, lower than the usual 4,000 or so, according to Reporter-News archives.

Hurd wasn't sure how many pounds of snakes the event had captured this year, though things were somewhat depressed in light of "nature giving us wildfires, drought and a cold spell."

"But the rattlesnake population is still very much there," he said, and there seemed to be snakes aplenty for those wanting to collect a souvenir or simply longing to prove their bravery in the face of their still-squirmy quarry.

The primary message throughout all of the roundup is one of safety, not cutting up snakes, Hurd said.

If in the wild you see a rattlesnake, which Hurd described as "one of the nicer poisonous snakes," stand still, he said.

"A rattlesnake will only bite for two reasons, for food or defense," he said.

Since your average human is way too large to be food, the rigorous rattle is an attempt to fend off what the snake sees as potential aggression.

"As long as you stand still, you can yell for help, you can holler to your buddy, whatever it takes because they're deaf," he said. "Once you stand still, they say, 'All right, this person is not going to harm me,' and then they will leave."

Sage advice. But for young and old, the skin was what was in Saturday.

Jonathan Meador, 16, a member of the Jayteens in Sweetwater, approached his grim task at a group demonstration booth Saturday with aplomb.

"It's a lot of fun, and I like to help out," said Meador, who skinned his first snake last year. "But it's really bloody."

Meador suggested that those "not ready to get a lot of blood on you" might enjoy some of the other activities at the event. Others were a touch more reserved about the experience, though pleased with their performance.

"It feels kind of gross, but was OK," said a giggling Jayteen Destiny Neves, 16, who sliced her first snake Saturday.



.....but he's not beyond revelling in the local gore.

<http://www.reporternews.com/news/big-country/rattlesnake-skinning-provides-eye-popping-at>

From: thbrown777@aol.com
To: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Tue, 31 Mar 2015 13:04
Subject: RE: '2 The Two Faces of Jaycees.' cont'd.

Ah Henry!!!

Once was enough – getting this shit daily is too much.

SORRY YOUR BLOCKED!

BTW, Killed 10 rattlers yesterday! YEEHAW!!

Tom

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Tue, 31 Mar 2015 09:14
Subject: '3 The Two Faces of Jaycees.'



David Sager says, 'snakes have been thought of as evil but they're really not,'.....

<http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2015/02/02/state-capitol-sweetwater-jaycees-rattlesnakes/22771153/>

Every year, the Sweetwater Jaycees bring about a dozen of the venomous snakes to the Capitol. It's an unforgettable way to get the word out about their annual rattlesnake roundup, the largest event of its kind in the world.

"This is Texas being Texas," said Glen Austin. "In Texas, you can be running down the trail and see a snake crawling by. It's not that unusual."

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The Jaycees and their snakes will be at the Capitol rotunda from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their rattlesnake roundup is the second weekend in March.



.....but at the end of this video below he can be seen dancing around with a crowd of others taunting these snakes prior to decapitation.

<https://youtu.be/1qnvTpH0VyE>

From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Tue, 07 April 2015 12:26
Subject: '4 The Two Faces of Jaycees.'



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From: h.pagan.pla@aol.co.uk
Sent: Wed, 08 April 2015 09:13
Subject: '5 The Two Faces of Jaycees.'



Susan King, 'it's a chance to teach people how to live with their rattlesnake neighbours.'

And finally we have Susan King (the Wicked Witch of the West). The reality of course is that she's doing everything she can to drag things out for as long as she can and the last thing she's interested in is 'living with her rattlesnake neighbours.' Her aims are more about exploitation, torture and destruction.

<http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2015/02/02/state-capitol-sweetwater-jaycees-rattlesnakes/22771153/>



She 'looks forward to help setting the best policies for her region and her state.' What she actually means is for the practice of snake-gassing to continue for as long as possible.

Please Note! No puppy was harmed in the making of this film.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9gWEolbMaE>

Please write to these Oklahoma Representatives and respectfully request that they bring action against persons attending these roundups on the grounds of animal cruelty. Thank you.

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Moving on now to other issues.

Wind Powers "Green" Growth in Kenya, but for Whom?

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/29845-wind-powers-green-growth-in-kenya-but-for-whom>

More on this in another report.

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Anyone wan' a good laugh, 'ave a look at this.

<http://time.com/3761053/monsanto-weed-killer-drink-patrick-moore/>

Go to Moore's webpage and take a look.

<http://www.ecosense.me/>

" As sensible environmentalists we can find solutions that balance environmental, social, and economic priorities."

Dr. Patrick Moore, co-founder of Greenpeace, has been a leader in the international environmental movement for over forty years

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Tidal Lagoon Power has announced it is undertaking early feasibility studies at Cardiff and Newport, as well as in Colwyn Bay, Bridgwater in Somerset and West Cumbria. An Environmental Impact Assessment scoping document is due to be submitted for the Cardiff Tidal Lagoon this morning, nearly four years after site selection and feasibility studies began in 2011.

<http://www.southwales-eveningpost.co.uk/Plans-laid-Cardiff-Newport-lagoon-national-tidal/story-26104918-detail/story.html>

We actually gave the original location at Swansea support but had reservations on blade-speed issues. It has also come to our notice that this seems to be attracting all other kinds of less desirable developments within Swansea City itself. Developers are coming out of the woodwork so to speak in order to join in on the local bonanza.

This often seems to be the way of course. Build a bypass for example, which happened in my local area some years back, with the council telling everyone this would be of great benefit, the next thing we knew there were developers wanting to build along the entire artery. Policies like this need stamping upon as and when they occur.

We need genuine green-energy, without everything else thrown in. A free-for-all for developers is an entirely different matter and it is something everyone needs to be aware of.

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Please now see this video and sign the petition. Thank you.

[http://www.soidog.org/uk_petition.htm?
utm_campaign=FEEDCASH&utm_medium=email&utm_source=UKparl&utm_content=
button](http://www.soidog.org/uk_petition.htm?utm_campaign=FEEDCASH&utm_medium=email&utm_source=UKparl&utm_content=button)

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From: defenders@mail.defenders.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Sent: Thu, 2 Apr 2015 07:30:06 -0500
Subject: URGENT: Anti-wildlife proposals flood Capitol Hill

Anti-wildlife Senators showed their true colors last week as they unleashed a torrent of proposals that if adopted, could cripple endangered species conservation efforts for years to come.

Proposals ranged from delaying the listing of highly imperilled species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to restricting access to the courts to enforce the ESA, to creating loopholes in restrictions on the elephant ivory trade for special interests.

Tell your elected officials to uphold the nation's commitment to protecting imperiled wildlife!

The proposals came as part of the shameless free-for-all in the Senate known in Washington as "vote-o-rama." Technically, it's part of the Congressional budget process, but in practice it's little more than a special interest stampede to raid the federal budget and advance extreme ideological agendas.

Here's just a sampling of what was proposed:

Amendment #759 by Senator Mike Lee would ban federal protection for any endangered species whose range falls entirely within one state. Roughly half of all endangered species would fall under this exception and lose federal protection.

Amendment #452 by Senator Dean Heller would indefinitely delay a listing decision on the dwindling population of greater sage-grouse under the ESA, making it all but impossible to provide federal protection for this imperilled species.

Amendment #606 by Senator Steve Daines would relax restrictions on trade in elephant ivory, creating further enforcement loopholes that would aggravate the poaching crisis that these magnificent creatures face.

While these proposals never made it to an actual vote, their Senate sponsors have tipped their hands and identified their anti-ESA agendas - and many of these proposals are likely to be reintroduced in the Senate in the months ahead.

Tell your elected officials the future of imperilled wildlife conservation depends on stopping these deplorable attacks.

Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely, Jamie Rappaport Clark, President, Defenders of Wildlife

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From: biogemsdefenders@savebiogems.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Date: Fri, 3 Apr 2015 09:10:10 -0500
Subject: Court victory for whales!

Victory for whales and dolphins over deadly sonar!

Court Rules for Whales

BIG NEWS: Yesterday, a federal court, siding with NRDC and our partners -- and whales -- ruled that U.S. Navy training exercises off the coasts of Southern California and Hawaii illegally harm whales, dolphins and countless other marine mammals.

This is a huge victory in our long-running legal battle to end the Navy's senseless attack on whales -- and we have NRDC Members and activists like you to thank.

You stood with us every step of the way, deluging President Obama and even the Navy with hundreds of thousands messages calling for immediate action to protect marine mammals from the Navy's deafening blasts. You also lent your generous financial support to help us fight tooth and nail in court for as long as it took to win.

Read more about this win here.

[http://www.onearth.org/earthwire/government-rules-against-navy-sonar-protect-whales?
s_src=EMOSONBLGBGD0415ACT&utm_source=victoryemail&utm_medium=text1&utm_campaign=email](http://www.onearth.org/earthwire/government-rules-against-navy-sonar-protect-whales?s_src=EMOSONBLGBGD0415ACT&utm_source=victoryemail&utm_medium=text1&utm_campaign=email)

For years, the Navy has used high-powered sonar and explosives in training exercises around the world that scientists know are harmful to whales, including endangered blue, fin and humpback whales. The Navy itself predicts this sonic bombardment could kill nearly 1,000 whales and deafen or injure thousands more in coming years.

Yesterday's federal court ruling finally set the record straight, deeming that the impact of those underwater assaults were incorrectly assessed as "negligible" -- and are therefore illegal.

But make no mistake: our fight for whale survival is far from over. NRDC will continue fighting -- in and out of court -- to defend whales and make sure the Obama Administration follows through with desperately-needed safeguards protecting marine mammals without compromising our military readiness.

Thank you for making this amazing victory possible. Together, our hard work truly paid off.

Sincerely,

Rhea Suh

President, NRDC

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Below we have a recent Springwatch Programme, BBC 1, UK. TV. Yet again, in this televised broadcast there's a very much given emphasis on global-warming as being the main cause for most of the ills, and whilst this to some extent may be true it certainly is not the whole story.

Citing global warming over and over and above everything else just gets everyone thinking we need more and more wind-farms. Whereas wind-farms along with farming are in fact the main problems in themselves. The know-nothing RSPB. will continue to blame everything on global-warming rather than admit to their utter ineptitude, until they are blue in the face, reinforcing their baseless rhetoric whilst conveniently ignoring pollution, farming and fishing practices. TV. programmes like this are exploiting the nation's ignorance and are spreading this charity's lies and deceit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b05ps37q/springwatch-springwatch-at-easter>

From: news@ifaw.org
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk
Sent: Tue, 7 Apr 2015 12:53:09 +0000
Subject: Horror for seals on the ice - Help end the Canadian hunt

Slaughtered - just for their fur.

Year after year, tens of thousands of seals are killed during Canada's commercial seal hunt. The animals are skinned, and sometimes their flippers are cut off. Then their bodies are tossed away.

It's an unnecessary, horrifying waste of life.

The fight to end this cruel hunt needs YOU.

Seal meat, while eaten in some parts of Canada, is not the product hunters focus on during the commercial seal hunt on Canada's East Coast. Almost all of the animals - 92 percent in 2013 - are dumped on the ice or tossed back into the ocean once their fur has been removed. Shockingly, this is completely legal.

How can Canada justify this cruelty and waste?

Despite increasing global outcry and the closure of markets for seal products in 34 countries, the Canadian government continues to support this cruel and unnecessary slaughter - defying international opinion, providing millions in financial bailouts to the sealing industry, and spending additional millions contesting the measured findings of international legal bodies.

This year, incredibly, the Canadian government has sanctioned the slaughter of 400,000 harp seals to be clubbed or shot to death.

It's time to end the seal hunt.

Take a moment to write Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea. Ask them to stop supporting this unnecessary commercial seal hunt, and start supporting a transition for sealers out of this cruel and wasteful industry.

Thank you for caring about the animals.

Sheryl Fink, Wildlife Campaigns Director, IFAW Canada

Please sign the petition below and also see again second attachment. Thank you.

<http://g.ifaw.org/1lkeyIV>

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.