



Opinion from America's Outback

TRUTH

I subscribe to *RANGE* for the western stories, wonderful pictures and to see articles from those on the political right. Likewise, I subscribe to *Mother Jones* to see articles from those on the political left. Then I try and determine the state of the nation's politics. What has become crystal clear to me is that there are two sides to the truth!

STEPHEN J. BROWN, MERIDIAN, IDAHO

If brains were gasoline enviros, greeners and climate dupes wouldn't have enough to run a piss ant's minibike around the inside of a Cheerio!

HAROLD ROSENBACH (OLD LOGGER AND PLUMBER WHO SAYS, "WISH I'D BEEN A COWBOY"), ELMA, WASHINGTON

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Dr. Happer:

A short note to thank you for your great article, "The Ultimate Hobgoblin," in the Winter issue of *RANGE*. I am a retired geologist with a B.S. degree from a school of mines and worked in minerals exploration for almost 40 years and follow what passes as "science" as related to climate change hysteria. I especially appreciated your mention of the difficulty of dealing with fluid mechanics (turbidity) as related to the atmosphere.

Something I have long yapped about to my man-caused climate-change friends, who think me a bit of a nut job for not going along with the hysteria...after all, "the science is settled." Thank you very much for not allowing the crazies to silence you and your research. You are making a difference.



VIA INTERNET

BERT JEFFRIES, SALMON, IDAHO

Dear Bert:

Thanks for the kind note (and thanks to Caroline for forwarding it). Every generation of humanity seems to need a "righteous" cause, like ridding the world of witches, or saving the planet from greenhouse gases, an alliance between religious fanaticism and opportunists who differ little from an organized crime family. There is precious little science in the mix.

Sooner or later the truth will prevail, since the alternative is suicidal! Not everybody wants to commit suicide, especially when they learn that the justification is as bogus as they come.

Keep speaking out. We can all make a difference.

WILL HAPPER, PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY
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WHAT, ME WORRY?

Back in the '50s there was a mag featuring a cartoon character, Alfred E. Neuman, whose solution to problems was: "What, me worry?" This is the way the current "cartoon characters" running the U.S.A. approach our economy and all other subjects!

In "Gone with the Wind," Scarlet O'Hara chose to worry about problems tomorrow! Well, "tomorrow" has come and gone where the "holes" are just being dug deeper and deeper, not with shovels but enormous "backhoes!" Harken back to baseball. Manager Casey Stengel asked the newly formed "rejects" on the 1960s New York Mets, "Does anyone here know how to play this game?" as they had the worst record ever!

RON SPIKE, RONAN, MONTANA
P.S. Don't let yer hat size increase...but yer just like good whiskey, gettin' better with age and the latest issue proves it!

RANGE is the only magazine worth reading cover to cover!

STEVE DYNE, KANE, PENNSYLVANIA

Thank you for standing up for everyone who makes their living off the land in the West. It was a great day when you came to America.

CHRIS CONRAD, SONORA, CALIFORNIA

Never quit.

URSULA TRACY, CARSON CITY, NEVADA

Thank you for the work you do in advocating for ranchers. I was this year's Top Range Hand at Montana Range Days and received two of your books as prizes. I'm going into junior



ZORA WITH MOM AND DOG LEADING COBBLER

year of high school and I live on a ranch 50 miles out from Hinsdale. If you know Ron and Rose Stoneberg, they are my grandparents. I take both cows and horses to the fair. My breeding project herd has reached five cows this year (plus three new steer calves). Anyway, I just wanted to tell you that your work is greatly appreciated and absolutely not in vain.

ZORA HOLT, HINSDALE, MONTANA

LOVE & CHAOS

Congratulations on the new book, "Face to Face with the American West." I am glad to have my work in the book along with my photographer friends: Robb Kendrick, Scott Baxter, Larry Angier, Andy Westfall, Adam Jahiel, Kathy McCraine, Linda Dufurrena, and especially 90-year-old Chuck Guildner. And I particularly admire Diane McAllister's portrait of Isabella, the Maremma guard dog, and the lambs on the back cover.

Love and chaos.

JAY DUSARD, DOUGLAS, ARIZONA
Check pgs.70 and 85 and look for other teasers for "Face to Face with the American West."—Ed.

I'm horseback in spring, summer and fall and paint in the winter. Keep up the good fight against the enemies of us all! Your magazine is a bright light against the devil cow haters and bug eaters who would rob us all of our God-given right to live, respect all creatures and feed the nation and the world.

BELINDA DAUGHERTY (COWGIRL, LAMBER AND ARTIST), TEN SLEEP, WYOMING

The recent passing of Baxter Black leaves a void that will be impossible to fill. He spent his internship in Idaho's Owyhees making many friends and gaining material for his writing and poetry. Along with artist Charlie Russell, Baxter would paint a picture with words—words and images that portrayed

our culture and heritage as only they could.
MICHAEL HANLEY, JORDAN VALLEY, OREGON

A TRIP TO MARS?

This photo shows my husband, Domingo Uhart, and son, Marcus, exploring the remains of a brush corral from the Wildcat Fire in O'Neil Basin in northeastern Nevada in



July 2022. Another storm was rolling in and kicked up dust and ash. The fire burned 21,429 acres per InciWeb, primarily public ground, both U.S. Forest Service and BLM with parcels of private ground scattered throughout. It felt like what I imagine being on Mars might be. Pray for a wet winter!

RUBY UHART, WELLS, NEVADA

Love *RANGE*. It has the perfect mix of politics, human interest, humor and warnings.

MELINDA CAMPBELL, ARBON, IDAHO

We are not going to renew. The magazine has too much about political views. I loved just promoting ranching/farming and those people who love it and have grown up being a part of agriculture. I believe politics is a personal and private choice.

ANNARAE LUEVANO, RENO, NEVADA

Politics are putting farming and ranching on tilt. That's serious and tough to separate.—Ed.

I have lived in Montana for 15 years. Moved from Northern California, worked for years for Ellington Peek at Shasta Livestock in the Andy Peek days. That was sad. No parent should outlive their children.

Anyway, I have been here in southwest Montana and have many friends from Bozeman and Gallatin Valley. Most have left. In the short time I've been here I've seen the destruction of Bozeman and the Valley. They are building on the most fertile ground in Montana, which has grown to about 50,000. They have not blended in and have brought all their crap with them. It's sad. I have no idea what folks are thinking. There's going to be no land for food. All they'll have is unfertile dirt.

JEFFREY REYNOLDS, CARDWELL, MONTANA

Keep up the good work and God bless you.

WILLIE TEMPLETON, OWLS HEAD, MAINE

THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE

This gift is for my 12-year-old great-granddaughter who plans to become a cattle rancher. She already lives on a small ranch with her parents, Geoff and Kayla Weight, and her younger brother, Garrett, who is 10. Emily is starting her third year in 4-H, raising another lamb. She loves *RANGE*. Emily can drive any of the ranch equipment and is excellent help on horseback or working cattle on foot in a corral. *RANGE* is an inspiration to all young people who want the ranching life to live on.

WARREN TAYLOR, LAKEVIEW, OREGON

I am a fifth-generation Jackson Hole native. Jim Stiles' story about my great-uncle Clover ["Jackson Down the Hole," Fall 2022] was mostly true, with a few mistakes and one that I have to say is probably not at all true and kind of disrespectful. In all the years that I knew Uncle Clover I never saw him drink, never saw him drunk. This story states that he lost his job as Clover the Killer because he was drunk. I think that really does a disservice to that man and his memory.

GENE STURLIN, JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING
Gene, I meant no disrespect to Clover. I was 18 years old from Kentucky at the time and worked at a local gas station. I was fascinated with Jackson and asked a lot of questions of the local residents. I was especially interested in Clover and they would mention his drinking, but always maintained that nobody but Clover could ever fill those tiny boots. I meant no disrespect to him then or now. He was one of the last of the Jackson Hole folks who made life interesting there.—Jim Stiles

Keep the change—you guys are terrific! Loved "Etched in Stone" by Jim Stiles in Winter 2023.

JON BULL, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO



Please accept full payment for my three renewals. I would rather you use the money to keep lights on and the presses running. Watch your top knot.

DAVE SCHULER

NORTH FORK, IDAHO

To hell with people who cancel. Are they leftists who subscribe just so they can cancel?

KRISTENE LEVER

LAKE STEVENS, WASHINGTON

Keep exposing the hypocrisy and corruption that we are facing today. Good must prevail. Keep up the true patriots' way!

CHRISTINE M. WOLCOTT

FAIRBURN, SOUTH DAKOTA



As an "East Coaster"—not by choice but by (unfortunate) circumstances—I just want you to know that there are a few of us patriotic conservatives in love with the U.S. Constitution who have deep respect for western ranchers and their labors of love raising livestock and working the land. I pray that I'm displaced out to Montana or Wyoming so I can be free from the "progressive" hordes who live here. I yearn for wide open spaces and quietness—neither of which exist here.

CHRISTINA KOCH

FOREST HILL, MARYLAND

THE TRUTH ABOUT FOOD

My wife and I bought a small ranch in Tuolumne County, Calif., in 1989 after I ended four years in the U.S. Navy and a 26-year career as a field engineer. The ranch dated back to the gold rush era, but it had been neglected for 30 years. Growing up in a rural area gave me the appreciation of agriculture and its importance in society. Hence, other than making our small ranch better than we found it, we

also supported local agriculture in various ways and also through the California Foundation for Ag in the Classroom. The latter offers the story of food and its path from seed to harvested product. Its effort is to educate those students who live in an urban environment and to teach them that food in all forms does not come from the supermarket but from the ground, a vine or a tree, tended by farmers and ranchers.

PETER & PENNY JELITO, LEANDER, TEXAS

A GOOD MARRIAGE

I really like *RANGE* and your beautiful calendar. Good to know that people still exist who treat their land like a marriage. If you do it right, you take care of each other.

MARY S. HAMILTON
TRINITY CENTER, CALIFORNIA

Just received Winter 2022/2023. Wow! Please send five copies for me to pass around. Enclosed is check for \$200, \$100 for *RANGE* and \$100 to cover cost. Pocket any leftover balance. "Let's go Brandon."

TOM KENNEDY, OTISVILLE, MICHIGAN

In the Winter 2023 issue, Tom DeWeese wrote an excellent article, "An Agenda for World Domination." I live in the Bible Belt and believe what the Bible says. There are many atheists in the world and he listed several. In Genesis 6:5-17, God thinned out the people to only eight, the family of Noah. He will do it again as stated in First Thessalonians, Chapter 4:16-17. Those who believe will disappear and go to heaven to live forever with our creator.

EDMUND WILLIS
MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI

To support Tom DeWeese and the American Policy Center go to americanpolicy.org.—Ed.

LIGHTEN UP!

The problem with too many people is they lack humor. A good laugh clears the mind. Got your 2023 calendar, so sending you a Grant and a couple of Jeffersons, just for the hell of it all. Hope this kind of helps your humor and energy factor. Take care. Blend in.

WILLIE SLADE, STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA

I loved Jim Petersen's article, "A National Disgrace," in Winter 2022/2023.

KEVIN COLLINS
ROUGH & READY, CALIFORNIA

A MOB OF DOLTS

It is most interesting that millions of people around the world with weak knees and even

weaker bladders have enjoyed unprecedented freedoms and prosperity because of those who were willing and able to take up arms, then sacrifice their lives and livelihoods to preserve and protect the liberties of such an undereducated, self-aggrandizing and ungrateful mob of dolts. And to add further insult to injury, they contentedly wile away their days sniffing, whining and generally making ostentatious obfuscations while sipping toddies and nodding amenably during their daily mass media indoctrinations. Truly, none are so blind as those who will not see.

ALAN HART, TROUTDALE, VIRGINIA

Although you only claim to perpetuate the "cowboy spirit," your reporting exposes and highlights the extent and effect of the out-of-control government and the various overreaching agencies. Thank you for that, and, as a bonus, you put it in a beautiful package.

RICK TATE, MARFA, TEXAS



Your articles are informative, interesting, sometimes happy, with a little sadness, but always with a feeling of heartfelt honesty.

MRS. JIM (DIANNE) ZEDICKER
MONTAGUE, CALIFORNIA

HONEST & CHEAP

Dear *RANGE* gang. You are still the best truth teller of events in the West to our dark, dark East. Warmest regards.

JIM PASS, GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Your magazine is a bargain. Good luck. Pray for diesel fuel, Tylenol and baby food.

RICHARD PETERSEN
CORRECTIONVILLE, IOWA

I have a degree in wildlife management and as

a retired Marine, *RANGE* gives me a perspective that shows there are right-thinking people still out there. Thanks for all you do.

JOHN MOISUK, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

Thank you for "The Future of Spotted Dog" by Pat Hansen in the recent Winter issue. I stayed in a camp up there in the early '70s working for the Williams and Tavenner Ranch. Keep cows on grass.

REID COLDWELL
GLASGOW, MONTANA

I have enjoyed *RANGE* for some time and once questioned why you print the naysayer remarks. *RANGE* provides all of us why. This magazine provides the proof and value that each issue speaks to its readers. Please continue the great work for the people in the U.S.A.

JOHN WURST, EMMETT, IDAHO

Here is my renewal with a little extra. I like what you do. You once told me that you were a Democrat. I do not see how a Democrat can publish the conservative articles you do. Maybe you can explain it to me.

JIM HOLLINGSWORTH, HAYDEN, IDAHO
I left New York after meeting no Republicans and working as managing editor of Car & Driver, became a rodeo photographer, then a tragically wanting 21-day tuna fisherman (during which I puked 21 pounds of my own viscera into the Pacific). Soon after I was dropped on the docks in Sausalito and escaped to Nevada, the closest and driest state of the Union and one without a coastline. Then I wandered the Intermountain West and met cowboys, sheepherders, farmers, loggers and miners and had a revelation. That's when I became a passionate advocate for America's real producers.—CJ

Enclosed please find my check for six copies of "Face to Face" and a "pinch" for however you would like to use it. It boggles our minds how uncommon common sense is today. Thank you. Keep the forked end down!

LAUREN AND LYLE CHARTER
ARBUCKLE, CALIFORNIA

Marjorie Haun did an outstanding job capturing the essence of the Ivins ranching family in "The Long Haul" in Winter 2023. Thank you for the great article.

BUNNY MCCOMB, CORTEZ, COLORADO

WE WILL PREVAIL

Even though *RANGE* puts me from one end of the emotional scale to the other—wanting

to strangle somebody (bureaucrats mostly), sympathizing with another and wanting to hug the next—I love it dearly. Keep it up. We will prevail with hard work, honesty and God. How can we not?

DALE MAGART
DEER PARK, WASHINGTON

The U.S. cattle industry recently lost a giant: Merv McDonald of Petaluma, Calif. The story of his trials and tribulations through nearly 99 years to remain an independent rancher is one everyone should be aware of. I know you already are.

ERIC NELSON, MOVILLE, IOWA
Check “Dancing on Dark Side” and “Unbroken” by Carolyn Dufurrena via rangedex.com, Winter 2018 issue.—Ed.

KEEP US THINKING

I always enjoy the photography, stories about ranch life and issues affecting ranch and rural life. And I always read “Amazing Facts & Quotes” and copy some to refer to later. The Fall 2022 issue had a couple that are especially relevant today, both attributed to Adolph Hitler: “The Big Lie is a major untruth uttered frequently by leaders as a means of duping and controlling the constituency.” Think of Trump and his lapdogs. The other: “Let me control the textbooks and I will control the state.” Think of Idaho, Texas, Florida and other states going that way. Keep us thinking with “Amazing Facts & Quotes.”

DAVID WALB, SPRINGFIELD, OREGON

Love Barry Perryman’s tales and *RANGE*. Perhaps the craziest thing was making the call to the sheriff on a cell phone in 1983 [“One Crazy Evening,” Winter 2022/2023] The last paragraph was masterful.

CHARLIE HOKE, CPA (RETIRED GEEZER, 87),
MESA, ARIZONA

Thanks for the kind words! Always good to hear from readers like yourself. By the way, the phone was a mobile phone. Back in my oilfield days we had mobile phones that you had to go through a mobile operator to use. My wife was an operator for Mountain Bell then and covered mobile phones and pay phones at a switchboard. Keep reading!—Barry Perryman

“Egyptian Cowboys” by Denyse Pellettieri White in the last issue was entertaining, realistic and informative. As a child, I lived in Libya for almost four years. Unfortunately, there are simply no “animal cruelty” laws in Third World countries. In fact, many of them routinely eat what we consider our pets. American

values are not universal. Most Americans don’t have any idea how good they have it here.

BILL JONES, NEW TAZEVELL, TENNESSEE

“Kinship” by Pierre and Paul Carricaburu in Winter 2022/2023 kind of says it all. A ship we are all on together. Cody Clark’s experience with his horse Fuzzy in “Kinship,” Fall 2022 is almost identical to one I had as a young man with my own bay mare. A Morgan-cross that could keep me chasing her for hours in a field one late evening slipped on some poor footing on our way home with darkness and a winter storm close on our heels. She, too, rolled on my ankle rendering it useless and the knock on my head made me a bit woozy. Instead of galloping back to her field a mile away she stood over me and patiently let me crawl onto her back. She went from an always got-to-get-there-fast mindset to gingerly packing me home to my back door.

That experience made it clear she knew she was my horse. I named her Soul. It was the beginning of thousands of miles of adventure and kinship, and thousands of miles more with her son.

URI DRISCOLL, MCCLOUD, CALIFORNIA

Pretty certain the administration is monitor-



TINFOIL HATS VIA INTERNET

ing our emails. We’ll soon be forced into this.
BERT JEFFRIES, SALMON, IDAHO

TIME TO CLEAN UP

In the ’60s we had predator control so other species could live and thrive. In the ’70s it was still fairly common to control coyotes, skunks, raccoons, cats and bears. Fast-forward to the mid-’90s and we have the government in conjunction with the environmentalists and animal rights activists buying wolves from Canada to introduce to the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Pryor to the introduction of *Canis lupus*, we had some of the most prolific elk herds, moose and deer (both whitetail and mule) in the continental United States. Within five years we were feeling the loss of our beloved game herds in the North-

west. Hunting seasons were shorter and quotas were less. The wolf is nothing more than a predator that hunts in packs and is a cold-blooded killer of anything that lives and breathes. Fish and game agencies insist that cats and bears kill more big game than wolves. Funny thing though, bears both black and grizzly as well as cougars have been around for a very long time and we had very good populations of big game. Enter the Canadian gray wolf and within three to five years big game herds were in trouble. We need to bring back the methods used in the ’60s and clean up this mess caused by the United Nations, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and fish and game agencies all over the Northwest.

CLINT DERR, ST. REGIS, MICHIGAN

SCHOOL CHOICE

One might think that students with their \$200,000 university educations might have learned how to use condoms or IUDs or swallow pills. But one would be wrong. In the age of two plus two equals five—or any answer you prefer—there is no longer a correct answer to anything and idiocy reigns. One might ask: What education? Let’s hope they enjoy their matriculation at the universities of Beijing, Moscow, or Havana. Write when you get work. Tell us how you’re enjoying Brittney Griner’s former cell in Russia.

R.J. SMITH, WASHINGTON, D.C.

GOD, GUNS & BOOZE

Great magazine. Use the extra money to buy yourself a bottle of Buffalo Trace. It will calm your nerves and help you relax in these crazy times in our country. Keep telling it like it is. We’re behind you 100 percent!

MARK LESTER, FOREST, VIRGINIA

RANGE is a light of good in an ever-increasing world of darkness. I am a retired rancher and farmer, now 84 years old. I do not walk very well nowadays but my mind is clear and my memory goes way back to World War II days. I wish we had unity as we did then. But I will settle for God, guns and the Bible. We will be needing all three.

ED SHINN, ZILLA, WASHINGTON

RANGE is gutsy. I love you. It’s a tough and dirty job, but someone’s got to do it.

NANCY SHERWOOD, MARSING, IDAHO