

Opinion from America's Outback

KINGS & TYRANTS

The history of the world has been one of dictators, kings and tyrants owning countries and everything and everyone in it, all controlled from a very centralized headquarters. Personal freedom was unheard of. Our Founding Fathers created the greatest country in the world by giving us a very decentralized government and the personal freedoms to manage our own affairs. We now have a group of people moving our country back into a situation where we are controlled by a very few, dictating our every move from a very centralized government. And they have the nerve to call themselves...progressives [Democrats and Republicans]. It seems to confirm my theory that the good Lord put common sense on the earth by the acre. As a result, most of those living in highly populated areas don't seem to get very much.

JIM EYRE, LYMAN, WYOMING

Still miss Nevada and still wonder where our strong leadership has gone. Hope all is well with you and yours. I'm 89 and once in a while I need a shot of Jack Daniels.

MARION BOND, ACAMPO, CALIFORNIA

Anything to hold a fence down! I was rebuilding fence for my son-in-law and found this old engine block holding one down in Prairie County, Mont.



Thought it should be featured in *RANGE*.

JOHN J. MAATTA, CHESTER, MONTANA

WOW!

Congratulations on the recognition your efforts have received. Good factual information is hard to come by nowadays. Keep printing the facts

and we'll keep talking. And get ready for the Ice Age!

LEON BAKER, SILVER LAKE, OREGON
See "Wow!" on page 26.—Ed.

RANGE brings things to light that nobody else does.

PAUL MAGART, MURPHY, IDAHO

It makes me so mad every time I read all that's going on. We have been fighting prairie dogs and now sage chickens and will not quit.

JEAN HARSHBARGER, NEWCASTLE, WYOMING

WHAT HAPPENED TO HISTORY?

December 7, 1941, seems to have lost any significance to the three or four generations younger than we are. Wonder how many teachers in their social studies classes even mentioned U.S.A.'s World War II beginning with the destruction of our fleets in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii? It is this war, however, that caused us to meet. George was a farmer raising fiber flax for the military parachute shrouds (this was before nylon) and Liz was a coed at Oregon State University. The women who normally hand weeded the cannery crops for farmers had gone to Portland to help build warships. Coeds were recruited on the weekends to go out and weed crops.

We see OSU and others promoting easements to keep your ag and forestry lands in their current use. Our advice on all easements is BEWARE. Read and reread and understand even the smallest print!

GEORGE & LIZ VANLEEUWEN
HALSEY, OREGON

RANGE is a significant source of information of "all things ranching." You and your staff of writers and photographers are the best. My copies are shared by at least three other readers. They may still be passing them on!

CAROLE JARVIS, WICKENBURG, ARIZONA

I read the NRA magazine, *National Review* and *RANGE*. What a terrific magazine! It gets read cover to cover on its arrival. Then I give it to a friend who needs to learn the truth as contrasted with the misinformation routinely put out by the mainstream media—print and electronic. Your efforts are helping to save our country.

WILLIAM R. CALLAWAY, LOS GATOS, CALIF.

NOT P.C.

Thank you for the wonderful article, "The Grass March," in your Summer 2015 issue. Thanks for honoring my husband, Grant.

Keep up the good work. Tell it like it is. I re-

ally admire your approach of not feeling like you have to be politically correct.

LENORE GERBER, SPRING CREEK, NEVADA

God bless and preserve all who defend America.

DAVID R. RAWLS, FLORENCE, ARIZONA

SAME STORY

Hang in there and keep the tree huggers and bureaucrats on their toes. We have a small operation in Indiana but I still find similarities between the Midwest and western states. We are a small group who believe in local control with minimal help from Washington.

WAYNE C. MULLIN, LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

What an inspirational and amazing publication. Please continue to shine the light on the attacks on our freedoms and the U.S. Constitution of the greatest country ever to exist. God bless you.

SCOTT KERBS, SARATOGA, WYOMING

As a fourth-generation cattleman, I enjoy your magazine although, as I mentioned to you before, it could include more Texas stories since Texas was in the cattle business way before other western states.

TONY CROSBY, DEVINE, TEXAS

You are right, but I need freelancers to offer Texas stories that suit *RANGE*. Check editorial guidelines at www.rangemagazine.com and send queries to edit@rangemagazine.com.—Ed.

MORE FOR BUREAUCRATS?

Dear Senator utopian know-it-alls:

EPA fouled the water at Durango unwilling, unknowing, or unable to follow safety protocols. EPA created a new rule—Waters of the United States—willing, knowing, and able if you fund



this, to regulate all water if just one of these descriptions applies: traps sediment, recycles nutrients, traps filters and/or transports nutrients, stores floodwaters, stores runoff, contributes flow, exports organic matter, exports food resources, provides aquatic habitat, or the water is 4,000 feet from regulated (or soon to be regulated) water.

The EPA will have the authority to regulate and levy fines for unnamed infractions and if

WOTUS is funded, U.S. citizens will pay for more bureaucracy. Does EPA care more about water or about control? Please don't fund this ruling.

Our state has an active Dept. of Environmental Quality. If existing water quality has diminished, please remember who made the rules and who fouled the waters in Colorado.

SUSAN STICKNEY, STAPLETON, NEBRASKA

You folks are truly awesome. Thank you so much for your love of our country.

MICHAEL SMITH, ARROYO SECO, NEW MEXICO

STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW

Enclosed are many charts that dispute your recent article denying global warming.

The whaling industry and steam power gave way to newer technology. Fossil fuel employees, investors and owners are not ready to move on. That is their livelihood. But denying that it should be replaced by showing us false charts will not change the facts. Europe is doing okay except for some countries like Greece. Many have moved on to a safer form of generating electricity.

I like your articles on the farm/ranch families. All forms of agriculture have challenges without much monetary reward. These are facts that the rest of the world needs to become informed about. Stick to what you are good at. Don't be a mouthpiece for the super-right-wing wealthy who control too much of our economy.

SUZANNE P. LAMBORN

NOTTINGHAM, PENNSYLVANIA

RANGE has no connections to super-rightwing wealthy. It might help if we did. And...anything can be found online to suit a point of view, truth and fiction. Analysis and reasoning is missing, which won't be missed in RANGE. By the way, while Germany is mothballing its older brown-coal plants to be used for backup, it is building 25 new coal-fired plants. You might want to find out why.—Ed.

I love your magazine. You stand for what's right, conservative and law-abiding.

BENJAMIN SUDUL, ESTACADA, OREGON

I was especially delighted when reading Rod Miller's piece, "Where Animals Fare Poorly," to see his mention of the Old Spanish Trail going near the Quitchumpah Ranch in Utah [Fall 2015]. As I write this, several friends and fellow Back Country Horsemen from the Los Padres Unit in California are riding that trail. They may have been near Bill Stansfield's ranch or already passed it as now they are near Moab. I read *RANGE* cover to cover.

LINDA CLARKE

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed is a picture of me taken in 1946 when I was the first rodeo queen at the Columbia Basin Rodeo. My name then was Margaret Saunders. I was raised on a cattle and wheat ranch at Moses



Lake, Wash. Now I live on a ranch that raises almonds, wheat and alfalfa. My sons have an almond hulling and shelling plant.

MARIE ROMINGER, ARBUCKLE, CALIFORNIA

AHHHH! A MILLION MORE...

As a longtime cattle, sheep and hay rancher, I really enjoy *RANGE*. Don't give up; the enemy is at the gates! What you need is one million more subscribers.

ROBIN MOERMAN, POTTER VALLEY, CALIF.

"Old-Time Haying" by Dick Bradford in the Fall issue of *RANGE* brought back memories of when I worked for a rancher in Harney County, Ore., in the '50s and he used the beaverslide-net-hay-buck method of stacking hay. I drove the Jim Wagon—pulling up the net onto the stack with a tractor. Also, my stepfather, Tom Cordova, his father, Juan Cordova, and his uncle, Dave Richards, cowboied for the U.C. (Utah Construction) in the Wells, Nev., area in the 1930s. Tom Cordova also worked for Archie Bowman, whose wife wrote the book "Only the Mountains Remain." My stepdad had some interesting stories about the U.C.

BILL BOREN, VIA EMAIL

Regarding Dr. Barry Perryman's "Creativity Required" in Fall 2015. My farm is in Montana but I live in Minnesota. I grew up on this farm. I think farming requires disciplined creativity which needs specific education. The best education is FFA and 4-H, not a "creative college degree." Students need disciplined thinking, motor skills, good judgment, but not creative education.

GARY WATERS, VIA EMAIL

Dr. Perryman says "Amen."—Ed.

Please send me a Latin safari green T-shirt. I like the statement, "*Illegitimi Non Carborundum.*" Lately I feel that I'm being ground down by both the Democrats and Republicans. You have to put up with Harry Reid but look what I have to put up with in California.

EARL MATTSON, BOULDER CREEK, CALIF.

NO STRANGER TO COW PADDIES

This was my first *RANGE* read. I liked some art and loved "Portrait of the West" about Tom Marvel, Nevada old-time buckaroo. Then I was surprised to find at least three odd comments

and writings aimed at vegetarians. Are they a threat of some sort? Making fun of veggie eaters apparently goes hand in hand with disparaging comments about tree-loving hugger types, greenies (whoever they are), and conservation-leaning left-wing trash trying to destroy the planet with cumbersome regulations. Who knew?

Having been born and raised in Montana I am no stranger to cow paddies or rope-twirling boot-wearing fellas slapping dust-encrusted hats against lean and long Levi- or Wrangler-clad legs. We all ate meat. I can say with authority that back in the day there were no vegetarians in Montana...until now. A few have slipped in and begun to mingle with the red-meat-eating crowd.

It hasn't been pretty. I know this from first-hand experience because, as you may have guessed by now, I am a vegetarian! For 45 years now I have put up with friends and family who considered it their right to pummel me with rantings and ravings about what an idiot I am for having made this choice which greatly offends them. I've tried to keep a low profile but it is futile. I probably reek of carrots and the word



Kari and Percy

tofu just flips them out. Not long ago whilst at lunch with a friend, I mistakenly lamented the fact that slaughterhouses don't treat the cows so very well. Her paramour works on a cattle ranch and she was reporting on one of his many danger-filled roundups. In an effort to join in, I told her the story of how the cow, off-loaded, had fallen and was unable to get up. She lay in the dirt and barked in the sun all day, bellowing. Finally a worker of fine moral character, taking a break from slaughtering, got in the front-end loader, scooped her up, and dumped her in a pile of dead cows. She wasn't dead. No one put her out of her misery. My friend said, "It's just food."

Isn't that just special? I had forgotten who I was talking to in a fit of lost judgment, having let my guard down as I shoveled lettuce and peas into my mouth and she ripped and tore at her T-bone which was surely the size of New Hampshire. We don't go to lunch anymore and are both glad of it. *Bon appetit.*

KARI COPLAND, BILLINGS, MONTANA
Kari: Gwen Petersen's vegan cowboy piece was "humor" and enjoyed by thousands. Sorry it missed for you. What's the name and location of the awful slaughterhouse and who witnessed it? We do not condone cruelty to animals.—Ed.

CJ: I fear I cannot give you the name or place of the slaughterhouse, but it was reported by an undercover employee from an animal welfare group.—Kari

ODE TO GRANDPA

Thank you for the beautiful tribute to my grandfather, Tom Marvel, by Ivan Agerton and Aaron Hitchins [Fall 2015]. Just one correction: Tom was born in 1924, not 1927. Rosita was born in 1925. They are 91 and 90 years old, respectively, and will be married 70 years this December. Thank you also for all of your hard work “fighting the good fight” for ranching and people like us.

KATIE DELONG, WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA

[The Hammond family in Oregon is being accused of domestic terrorism! Trust that *RANGE* will investigate. These people don't care about the environment as much as they want people and livestock off the land.

SUSAN MAASS, HILLROSE, COLORADO
Check “*Enemies of the State*,” Spring 2013, and “*Government Tyranny*,” Summer 2014, at www.rangemagazine.com.—Ed.

“A Boy Among Men” [Fall 2015] by Vess Quinlan was a fine story. I published a similar story in 1985 in *Gray's Sporting Journal*. It was about me being a camp keeper in a Montana guide outfit and the task of taking a bath in the winter. My short storybook, “Hot Tub In Hunt Camp” is available online.

SAM PARSONS, FOREST, VIRGINIA

NO TO XMAS

“XMAS IN AUTUMN”! You misspelled Christmas on your cover wrap. Get it right!

J.T. HANKS, CALDWELL, IDAHO

RANGE contributors present a great deal of common sense but the writer from North Pole, Alaska, hit the nail on the head with “go back to the Bible.” In it are all the things we are doing wrong and how we have put the creation ahead of the Creator and His ultimate plan for creation. The starting point to getting back on track, if it is not too late, would be to humbly put Christ back in “Christmas.” Our revisionist historians have skewed our compass; 2 Chronicles 7:14 points the way.

NORM ROSS, GREELEY HILL, CALIFORNIA
“Xmas” goes back about a thousand years and is an ancient and respectful use of the word Christmas. “X” is Greek for Christ and not a negative for this holy and joyful holiday.—CJ

CJ: Thank you for the reply. I was unaware of the history of the origin of the word Xmas. I am appreciative of your explanation and not at all offended. Respectfully, Norm

HELL ON EARTH

On the phone last week, speaking of the catastrophic collapses of western ecosystems and economies by wildfire and other causes, nature restoration genius and friend Mark Vande Pol (“Wildergarten” author) mused: “I wish certain lying, money-grubbing *nature experts* would worry more about going to hell—and spend less time making hell on earth with their policies.” Kinda sums it up.

STEVE RICH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

My husband packed mules on the Flathead Forest in Montana... tells some harrowing stories



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about the fire camp supply trips during fires. And some people want to take livestock out of the mountains. Recent legislation—The Merced River Plan—no longer allows operation of stables and pack strings in Yosemite National Park, effective 2016.

PEGGY KRATZER VIA FACEBOOK

COOL STUFF

My son, Linden, seven, said to me today: “God isn't finished with me yet, and I guess he never will be, because even when I'm rotting there'll be some really cool stuff going on with me.” Um...yeah. Keep smiling.

SIERRA D.S. HOLT, HINSDALE, MONTANA



MAKING A HOME ON THE RUBY

Three seasons ago, my brother, Montana long-horn rancher Dan Quinn, watched a pair of osprey course the Ruby River below his cabin. Daily he admired their hard work, enterprise and aerobic skills and wondered if they would ever nest in the ancient cottonwoods nearby. They did not.

With his own determined logic he erected a 40-foot lodgepole with a platform atop. The big birds discreetly eyed the possibilities of the new furniture and then ignored it. The following spring they installed a few twigs and branches on the platform and then abandoned it. This year the pair constructed a full nest and soon three hatchling heads could be counted. Here are the fledglings: two females and a male about to test their long wings in a new western world.

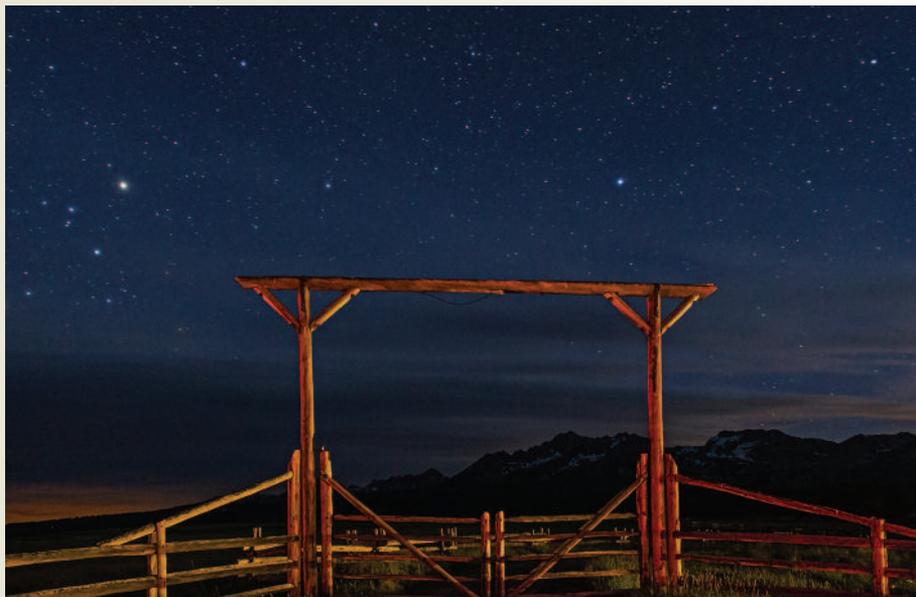
THOMAS QUINN

POINT REYES STATION, CALIFORNIA

THE REVOLUTIONARY

Doesn't *RANGE Revolution* have more of a ring to it than *RANGE*? *RANGE* is a revolutionary publication because it is leading edge in every topic that it covers. It is contrary to what the Associated Prevaricators, the whacko environmentalists, the government (RINOs and Socialists), the United Nations, etc., report. This, in itself, makes *RANGE* revolutionary because it stands alone in a tidal wave of indoctrination and biased information that is strictly disseminated for the purpose of controlling the minds of the masses. Its primary audience resides in large urban population centers. If only *RANGE Revolution* could reach that massive urban target market (and I'm not saying it doesn't reach some), they would see, with time, the handwriting on the wall and cross over to the other side.

RANGE offers a forum for anyone who wants to speak out against the establishment. Observe the support the publication gets from the middle class. These hardworking people who write letters to the editor wouldn't have anything to write about if it weren't for the content of *RANGE*. On a quarterly basis, factual reporters such as Michael Coffman, Dave Skinner, Hank Vogler, Carolyn Dufurrena, Steve Rich, Barry Perryman, and many others cover their topics of expertise to revolt against the lies that



Starry night in Idaho. © Ross Andreson

are perpetuated by the propagandists. The very fact they support such a spectacular publication makes *RANGE* the go-to magazine for the unadulterated truth.

Approximately 25 years ago when C.J. Hadley started producing quarterly *RANGE*, she crossed over and saw the truth about the West—the cowboy, the rancher, farmers, loggers, environmental issues, etc.—and started a *RANGE* revolution. Through her tireless effort, and a staff of (almost) three others, she

has put together a publication that is unmatched in the world of information. In a small but methodical way *RANGE* has revolutionized the truth about the West and everything it stands for.

Wouldn't it be a powerful movement to have *RANGE Revolution* in every school, office and home in America to show the indoctrinated masses the truth? Can you help spread the word?

CHUCK CUNDY, CORA, WYOMING

A WAR ZONE

After reading "Eight Miles From the Line" by Leo W. Banks in the Fall 2015 issue of *RANGE*, I thought it would be a good idea to give another eyewitness account of the illegals situation at Potrero, Calif. It is near the "legal" crossing of Tecate, Mexico, and of course the illegals use it but make their own paths.

From April 1, 2007, to September 2008, I was living on an 1,100-acre ranch just three miles from the line in San Diego, to protect a real-estate deal that my sister Pam and I were involved in. We brought the buyers in—Blackwater U.S.A.—who were going to develop it into a training facility for Navy Seals. The ranch had nine drilled wells on it for 26 chicken houses. In August 2006, prior to my arrival, illegals left eight wells running after drinking and burned them up. Only one well survived and it was for the cattle and the house. The destruction of the wells resulted in the deaths of 26,000 chickens.

My first week there, an illegal tried to get in the yard to get a drink. Border Patrol and a sheriff came and did a three-hour search for him in the dark. In October 2007, an illegals'

campfire burned hundreds of acres and homes in East San Diego County.

About eight months prior to my moving back to the ranch, a 72-year-old woman who lived three miles from me was raped, robbed and murdered. When I worked around the ranch it had to be between nine and noon and I would always take a weapon with me. The mobs would always start moving about then and continue all night.

The most illegals I saw together was 42. They had weapons and backpacks. When I called Border Patrol, I told them to bring a bus. They were on-site in 15 minutes. They consider any more than 10 to 20 to be an invasion—probably not anymore, under Obama.

I would describe myself as a strong conservative. Anymore, I vote for people who take biblical stands and are hardworking Constitutionalists and strong patriots. I am a registered Independent now due to liberal stands that the RNC has flip-flopped in the past five to 10 years.

My dad, Page H. Tulloch, voted for Ronald Reagan and passed away the next day. My dad

was my hero. He was in WWII and commanded his own PT boat in the Mediterranean. His boat was PT 211, same squadron as Kennedy, and he was instrumental in saving Kennedy's life. (We have a lot of family history too. If you go on San Diego Historical Society's website and look up Helen Tulloch Bowles, there is a lot more. Helen was also a jitney coach driver down in the desert. She stopped a runaway horse in downtown San Diego.)

The week before I moved back to Missouri, my Border Patrol and U.S. Customs friends were out for their weekly target practice. They told me that at the lake off the northwest corner of the ranch they had arrested 384 illegals the day before. I'm thankful I didn't see them.

Every day of the 17 months I lived there, I had to fire either my .38 pistol or a 20-gauge shotgun up in the air. It truly is a war zone. People who haven't lived near the invasion don't understand. Illegals do not care about our laws or property.

CONNIE TULLOCH, FORDLAND, MISSOURI