

Opinion from America's Outback

STIRRING RAWHIDE

I think it is brilliant journalism when you print the anti-RANGE letters to the editor. You have no idea how much this stirs up the rawhide and vinegar in people who live and embrace ranching forever. Don't forget to add your personal thoughts. I love them.

TOM TWISSELMAN, MCKITTRICK, CALIF.

RANGE gets to the heart and meat of most all situations. Thank you so very much for a "worthwhile" magazine!

MRS. J.R. ZEDIKER, MONTAGUE, CALIFORNIA

Right-wing magazine. Great pictures but no Fox News for me. Let's see Native American viewpoints.

ANONYMOUS, NO POSTMARK

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE US

I joined the Marines on my 17th birthday with the extent of my mentality being girls, bull riding and hauling hay. I came home from Vietnam after catching part of a booby trap on a night ambush outside the perimeter in Chu Lai, later being discharged from the Naval Hospital [in] Corpus Christi, Texas, with my time in the Marines being up. When

TOO GREEN

I haven't read RANGE for probably more than 20 years. I quit way back when because I thought it was getting too green. My husband was a logging contractor in the Black Hills and I worked hard starting and participating in Women In Timber organizations in a mostly futile effort to save our resource communities and forests. Imagine my surprise and pleasure when I picked up the Fall 2021 issue at a local farm and ranch store, and absolutely loved it! Thanks much for all you have done to

I received my discharge (August 1966, honorably) all I knew was an M60 machine gun and hay hauling. You might say I was pretty confused in a lot of ways, like most of us, not knowing how to live in the world, but I saw some of our finest young men die in the effort, we were told, to stop Communism.



Now let me say to all of the BLMers: If I could make it, anybody could. It's not easy, but living in the greatest country in the history of the world gives us that ability; why do you think everyone wants to be here? It's a country that still stands One Nation Under God, no matter how you choose to believe. One last thing, there are some stupid people who think they'll change this great nation. They might be overestimating their ability and underestimating ours.

BEN WILLIS, VIA EMAIL

The photo shows Ben with Uncle Gay Culberhouse and Aunt Norma in March 1962 at age 17, as a private en route to Okinawa.—Ed.

INFLATION

October 2021: For all the Biden voters out there. This is how much oil and hydraulic fluid it takes to service a Class 5 combine,



which is one of the smaller combines in operation today. It also takes about nine gallons of coolant. What you don't see are the 10 to 15

make this a wonderful publication that conservatives, ranchers, westerners, and many others can enjoy and learn from!

ANGIE MANY, VIA EMAIL

Angie: We missed you and I haven't been Green since I left New York in 1972. Most of our hate mail comes from people who seem to be against anything considered conservative and waving Old Glory terrifies too many these days. I still wear a "Women in Timber" sweatshirt given to me by a California writer from Northern California a couple of decades ago. Thanks for that, too!—Ed.

tubes of grease it takes to keep all the parts moving during harvest season. Off-road diesel is now slightly over \$3 a gallon. Your food prices are about to go through the roof, but at least you don't have to worry about mean tweets or the president of the United States offending anyone.

INTERNET VIA ALAN HART, TROUTDALE, VA.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MARXISTS

Our pro-abortion, Catholic president has really stirred me up. I'm asking you to do me a favor, one that could save many lives.

When I was asked to do a life-size bronze of Mother Teresa, I wrote her for permission. She asked me to wait until one year after she died. She is the pro-life icon of the world. I have pulled many calves out of their mothers. It makes abortion real to me. I would like to think RANGE is not only about cow pies and grass, but Christian too. The murder of unborn Americans is the most important issue facing America today.

JOHN GILLIAM, LENORE, IDAHO

Please don't give up. We will defeat these Marxist bastards!

DAVE PHILPOTT, SHERIDAN, MONTANA

Enclosed is our check for the renewal of six gift subscriptions and a little extra toward "the cause." I've said this before but will say it again: You are a voice in the wilderness and of enormous value to this country. Keep telling the truth and exemplifying courage and representing the best of our beloved country.

PAM WESSEL, LAVINA, MONTANA

BIDEN YES, BIDEN NO

Biden won! Get over it. "Gulag Cowboy" by Marjorie Haun doesn't belong in RANGE.

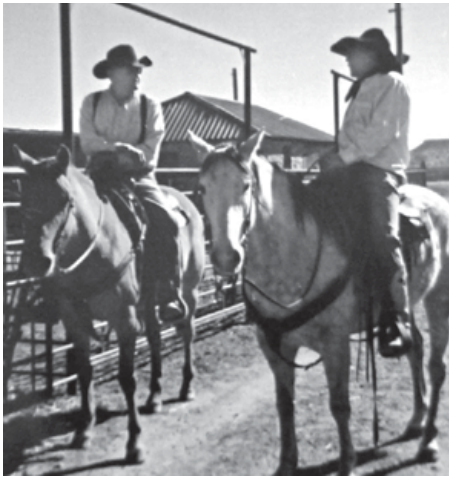
POSTMARKED PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

I can't live without RANGE! I give a gift to a lady who reads every word and calls me every issue to talk about it.

RICHARD RONALTER, PLAINVILLE, CONN.



JOHN GILLIAM BRONZE OF MOTHER TERESA



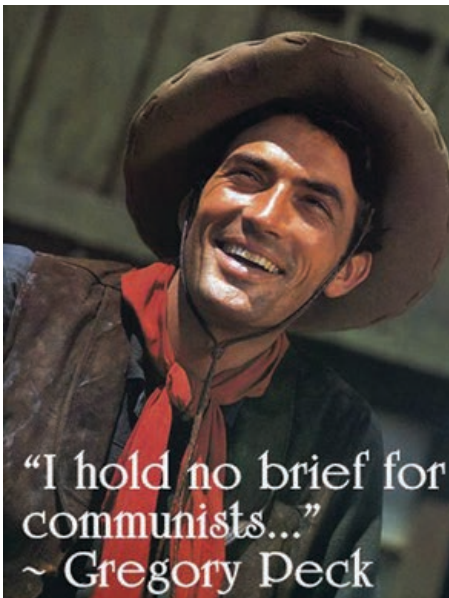
Congratulations on the recent awards. I really appreciate you and *RANGE*.

This photo shows two old New Mexico cowboys (me and sculptor Curtis Fort) telling each other how smart we were.

BILL HUMPHRIES
TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO

RANGE is such a breath of fresh air in these troubled and trying times! It is wonderful getting the truth from your magazine when almost all the news channels spout lies and false information. Keep doing it for as long as they will let you.

BRENDA BURDICK
SPRING CREEK, NEVADA



ANOTHER WORLD

I found the Summer 2021 edition of *RANGE* and it is a blessing to have your magazine in my possession. The stories took me to a whole other world than what I am in. And the photos—"A Perfect Quarter," "Outback Roundup," and especially "Kinship"—are

phenomenal. I returned from Iraq in 2008 and did not cope well from my experiences as a combat medic. My battle started when I came home. *RANGE* gave me some ideas of when I am released. The outdoors and range life may be more appropriate for this disabled combat vet. Your magazine has given me the hope of possibilities. I believe in your cause, your values and preserving our lands. I do not have much, but I would like to donate 10 postage stamps. If you can't use them, please do not send them back. I cannot receive stamps in the mail. Thank you again.

SHON PERNICE
MOBERLY MISSOURI CORRECTIONAL CENTER
Thanks, we used your stamps and hope your future improves greatly. God bless you.—Ed.

We have survived the craziness of the past two years fairly well—drought, COVID, deaths of friends and family. I hope you've escaped the COVID—it's evil stuff.

As nearly everywhere, it was horribly dry. Our hay crop was very short. We bought a lot of hay. However, we were blessed with a few storms that kept us from complete disaster.

Thank you for all you do for those who depend on the land to survive.

LYNN TOMERA, BATTLE MOUNTAIN, NEVADA

RANGE is the most commented on magazine in my writing room.

STEVE WRIGHT, SEDONA, ARIZONA

Great magazine. Here's a renewal plus breakfast for CJ at the local café!

WILLIAM SHERMAN
CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK

Thanks. Being a former Brit and a bad cook, that Icelandic cod-and-chips was divine.—Ed.

Thank you for covering Americans in the West. We are the salt of the earth!

MARY LUNDIN, MIDVALE, IDAHO

I wasn't going to renew my subscription 'cause I just get angry reading about our government's invasion in the West. But I can't stand not getting your magazine so I wanna re-up. I was a newspaper editor for years in Utah and used to write a column in every issue. I often wrote about the B(ullies) of Land Management and it's only gotten worse.

CHUCK ZEHNDER, HOLLISTER, MISSOURI

FEAR BAITERS

You have forsaken solid journalism for fear baiting. I'm done.

NANCY COOK, MISSOULA, MONTANA



Slowly he would cruise the neighborhood, waiting for that occasional careless child who confused him with another vendor.

CHUTZPAH

As a longtime reader of your western neighbor, *High Country News*, I just have to say that any editor who has the chutzpah to slot philosopher/songwriter/artist Tom Russell right next to the tinfoil hat meanderings of the likes of Lee Pitts and David Wojick [*RANGE*, Fall 2021] has my respect. Here's my \$19.95, so sign me up.

SAN TELICZAN, CAMBRIA, CALIFORNIA

TOO SERIOUS TO WAIT

Have been enjoying *RANGE* for a long time but had a few tough years. Instead of buying my own subscription, I read my friend's copies for several years. Last week he stopped by to invite me to his funeral. His cancer is worse and he's on hospice. He left the center insert intact, so I will buy my own copy again now. Better yet, I'm buying subscriptions for my grown kids and grandkids. Back when we were ranching and farming, we let the issues wait until winter to read. It was easier to find reading time then, at least until calving season. Now the issues are too serious to put off until winter.

CHRIS HANKINS, BONANZA, OREGON

You do know Trump lost?

RENEE & MISSO, TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA

Not going to renew. Too much Trump, not enough cowboys. Y'all should be ashamed of yourselves for pumping out hate and divisiveness. Eat s—t and die.

POSTMARKED EUGENE, OREGON

Must be a disenchanting conservative.—Ed.

The Left, though increasing consolidation of its control of government and gross, illegal abuse of its immense power, is destroying our

nation—economy, culture, legal foundations, liberties, international position. We are being devoured by our own government.

JOHN HOAK, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

WHAT COLOR IS YOUR HEART?

Don't we Americans have something to teach the world besides division, anger, killing, destruction, stealing and all other forms of lawlessness? What happened to love, patience, kindness, etc.? So, I ask you ladies and gentlemen, "What color is your heart?"

CHARLES BULLINGER, BISMARCK, N.D.

I used to love *RANGE*, but not anymore.

Trump is a con. Biden won. The January 6 insurrection is a blight on our Republican Party. No signature because I don't want to be hunted down and shot.

POSTMARKED PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

We found a box of old issues at the Idaho City library during a book sale this summer. We are very pleased to put a copy on several flat surfaces around our house as there is so much in an issue we can't digest it all in one sitting in one place. We are 65 and 70 years old and have witnessed a lot of the historic episodes you've covered. It's been great to learn more of what went into the thoughts, laws, struggles and successes in our neck of the woods and beyond. Yours is a very professional journal with articles that may even be republished as current events play out. I especially liked an article about a woman rancher who used the word "neighbor" as a verb.

NANCY BROSSMAN, BOISE, IDAHO

THE LITTLE PEST

Lee Juillerat's article about the Fee family ["Five Generations, Still Counting" in Winter 2021/2022] jogged my memory. Jim Fee said Jimmy Washoe called him "Tibonatza." When I was seven or eight years old in the early '40s my grandfather would hire a lot of men from the Pyramid Lake tribe for haying in the summer. After a big lunch they would spend some time in the shade.

I was always there, fascinated by the Paiute language. Several times I was referred to as Tibonatza. When asked what it meant, I was told "lazy boy." It probably means "little pest."

ED DEPAOLI, FALLON, NEVADA

Find enclosed my check for renewal and a gift subscription for my brother. Keep the difference to fight "wokism."

DENNIS HOOVESTAL, VIA EMAIL
That's gonna need a war chest!—Ed.

IF ONLY...

In Winter 2021/2022, as usual every article is great! If only the government would listen.

TWILA JOY BARRETT

REDAVALE, COLORADO

What an extraordinary thought!—Ed.

Your magazine is the highlight of every season in our house. Too bad it doesn't come more often. It takes me about a month to read it, but then I have to read it twice more before the next one arrives. The extra is for you, the staff or just to keep it moving along.

LARRY BRADSHAW, CLEVELAND, N.M.

RANGE is one of the last voices of reason out there in this crazy world.

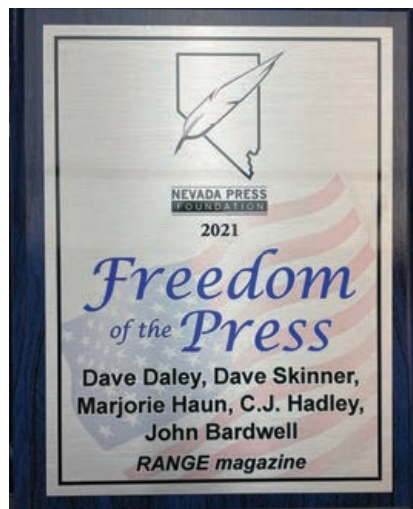
KATHY MCCRAINE, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

VERY NICE PRIZES

Congrats! You deserve it. ["The Will Rogers Medallion Award Lifetime Achievement" award.] For a Brit, your story is remarkably American.

LEO W. BANKS, TUCSON, ARIZONA

I'll drink a toast today to the lions of *RANGE* magazine—visionary powerhouse C.J. Hadley and the indomitable writers and contribu-



tors. Journalism in America is alive and strong as long as *RANGE* roars. ["Up Front," Winter 2021/2022] Many thanks for your excellent work, and hearty congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

JOHN HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

The writers who recently won first place for RANGE in the Freedom of the Press Awards at the Nevada Press Association banquet are Dave Skinner for "West First," Marjorie Haun for "The Big Squeeze" and Dave Daley for "The Bear Fire." Judged by Montana Press Association and up against all newspapers, blogs and

magazines in Nevada, it proves that RANGE writers are magnificent.—Ed.

I know lots of magazines have gone broke but if you are still printing *RANGE* would you please send me a one-year subscription?

BOYD WARD, OMAHA, NEBRASKA

We are not ready to roll over yet. Please spread the word!—Ed.

How did you get a live example of Ben Crane's most famous cartoon for your Winter 2021/2022 cover?

CHARLES WILLIAMS
ROWLETT, TEXAS



COURTESY CATHY BROWN

I had to show Magic the exciting news that she is the cover girl of *RANGE* magazine. She couldn't believe it!

CATHY BROWN, GRASS VALLEY, OREGON

Love your magazine, keep them, pull them out and read again. Your authors are all great!

JOANNE LEDBETTER, OROSI, CALIFORNIA

SUBLIME BUT SINKING

Do we have a prayer of keeping our "sublime now sadly sinking" wonderful U.S.A. from doing just that? ["Up Front," last issue.] Somehow this administration worries about climate change as all taxpayers are worried about inflation and the number of illegals who break our laws just by entering against our laws. Instead, we knuckle to them with gifts of cash, transportation and housing—even enabling them to vote by printing our ballots in Spanish! 'Tis sad that common sense, especially in government, no longer exists, but the fact that we've become dependent on foreign parts for autos may just wake up a sleeping segment of our society!

DONNA ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Stay strong and close!

FRANK GIROUX, KEARNY, ARIZONA

OLD-SCHOOL DEMS

To my favorite Democrat—CJ—a young old-school Democrat? You think like my dad did. I think of him often during these trying times. He passed in May 1975. Your “nay-sayers” are typical of today’s progressives. I don’t understand their blatant blockhead stand.

MARVIN REED, RENO, NEVADA



I absolutely loved the photo of the mom with her sleeping son by Rochelle Danielson in the last issue. “What better place to fall asleep than on a horse with your momma.” It represents love, kindness, and trust that is so sorely lacking in today’s society.

DEB OVERTON, VIA EMAIL

CONFUSED IN MISSOURI

The other day I thought I was dreaming. I don’t know what being a Liberal or a Con-

servative is anymore. Meritocracy is a vanishing concept. The principals upon which our country was founded are being ignored and distorted. Religion is being denigrated. Absurd vulgarity abounds in our daily lexicon with little or no resentment. There has never been more easily available information, but stupidity prevails. There have never been more laws or lack of enforcement. Food has never been more plentiful, but few know where it comes from. What does social justice really mean? Who are the white supremacists? I may be one and don’t know it! When did the government take over educating our children? Why am I more dumbfounded and disturbed than ever? It wasn’t a dream!

DANA SAYLOR, WARSON WOODS, MISSOURI

FANS OF THE OUTFIT

CJ, I just read Linda Meyer’s letter about looking for books by J.P.S. Brown. I am a huge fan of both Tom Russell (who wrote “Tonight We Ride” on Brown in Fall 2021) and J.P.S. Brown, who was a friend about whom I wrote several magazine articles (including for *RANGE*). Joe Brown’s contribution to the literature of the American cowboy was phenomenal. His three best works are: “Jim Kane,” “The Outfit,” and “Forests of the Night.”

“Forests of the Night” should have been a candidate for the Pulitzer Prize in Literature, and “Jim Kane” was close behind. “The Outfit” was an amazing book also that was be-

CHANNELING CHURCHILL

The Democrats have supermajorities in most major U.S. population centers (the states with the highest numbers of U.S. representatives). Democrats control “the message” (the Greta Thunberg message), not just domestically but also internationally. Democrats seek not to just dominate, but to eliminate partisan competition. Democrats furthermore seek to eliminate oil, gas and coal.

The most potent ammunition of the conservative wing of this great Republic has been the fact that common sense eventually wins the day, but in today’s cultural tattooed society, that weapon is not as reliable anymore. Recently heard on NPR that there are now more than 139 gender reassignment clinics in the United States alone, for one example. Bear in mind that this means multiples of actual clinicians who went to actual medical schools for eight years—the former “commonsense” totems of society.

Odd how quickly it’s all happening too. Especially the *laissez-faire* attitudes of the general population. On the other hand, we must channel our inner Churchill and never give up. Never never never.

JONATHAN CONNERY, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



loved by all working cowboys and therefore is the hardest to find now. A company called Make a Hand Publishing (makeahand.com) is keeping his work alive, but unfortunately, it mostly offers Kindle books. I looked on abebooks.com and did find some used copies of Jim Kane for less than \$100, so maybe that is a place Linda should check out. I just wish Make a Hand would reprint some of these books so that more people could enjoy them.

KATHY MCCRAINE, PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

CJ, FRED & THE DARK AGES

I have read and reread the letter exchange you published in *Up Front* in Fall 2021. I would like to know the location of the small mining town where Fred S. Scott grew up and I wonder if his family members share his attitude. The fake press (whose “reporters” are mostly Ivy Leaguers) has done an amazing job of building the Hate Trump Movement. But I have observed that those who work with their hands, who do not hold “positions” with any government and often own their own businesses, can appreciate what Trump actually *did*—The Wall, making us energy independent, making the economy boom, etc.—and we can forgive his crudeness although he was most often accurate. Many of us talk as he talks and think like that as well.

In less than a year, Biden has destroyed America by canceling most of the good that Trump made possible. Biden and his swamp ilk have abandoned Americans and others, armed our enemies, and made the world doubt our ability to protect them and ourselves. Biden—or whoever is his puppeteer—lies and then proclaims how “kind” he is even as we *see* what is not true. He gives away America and allows criminals, dope dealers, child and women abusers to overrun our country. And who will take care of all the truly needy masses that flood us? Not Biden. Not Pelosi. They have walls. Now he wants to

change the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. When America is gone, there will be no more freedom and we descend into another Dark Age.

MARY BRANSCOMB, LAMOILLE, NEVADA

After you printed my article in “Confessions of Red Meat Survivors” on Wayne Cook (Fall 2021), the Cooks received a wonderful letter from a subscriber in Fruitland, Idaho, who had read the piece. She was so excited because she had gone to Alder Slope grade school with him. The Cooks received another letter from someone who ruminated about the good old days, bringing back a lot of memories. Jean, Wayne’s wife, said it was so uplifting for him and “made his day.”

ROCHELLE DANIELSON
ENTERPRISE, OREGON

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OVERVAXXED?

If you still need a booster after being fully vaxxed and you still need to get tested after being fully vaxxed and you still need to wear a mask after being fully vaxxed and you still can transmit the virus after being fully vaxxed and you still can be hospitalized after being fully vaxxed, it’s probably time you admit that you’ve been fully conned!

VIA EMAIL AND INTERNET

You go and have fun breathing on the other anti-vaxxers. The more the merrier. Did it ever occur to you people that most of those who are dying of COVID are Trumpers? Elderly, fat, white, uneducated, rural or disaffected former rust-belt workers. Take off that mask and LIVE! At least until you inhale the Angel of Death. Just kidding.

SMITH, UPSTATE NEW YORK

(CJ’S FORMER BOSS IN MANHATTAN)

You’ve described me perfectly, and it’s been so long since we were at Car & Driver.—Ed.

Congrats on the awards. Practice roping some and old Will Rogers might get jealous.

MARK WRIGHT, VIA RANGEFIRE.US

RANGE finally got the blue ribbon.

JOHN RADOSEVICH, ROCK SPRINGS, WYO.

CJ’S OFF THE RAILS

I miss the RANGE magazine of the 1990s with incredible photographs and stories of the people of the great ranches of the West... before CJ went off the rails and joined the Trump racist cult.

ROD THORSON, VIA FACEBOOK

If Trump supporters are a racist cult then Biden supporters must be a child-fondling cult.—Response by Paul Nettleton, via Facebook

In RANGE, Summer 2021, “Corruption Without Consequences Will Destroy America,” by Scott McKay, several things: (1) Trump was not elected by a mass of Americans; Hillary had the popular vote. Trump had the Electoral College for the win; (2) It is not presidential power to change laws, that’s congressional; (3) We do have a president who can lead if he knows how. Remember President Reagan was an actor; and (4) The Electoral College was set up by the Founding Fathers for just such a circumstance as 2016. They already knew what happened when there was large central government even in 1620—they served the rich and powerful.

Circa 1850-56, Abraham Lincoln said: “Our progress in degeneracy appears to be quite rapid when it comes to this. I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense, where despotism can be taken pure without the base alloy of hypocrisy.”

RENEE HALL, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA



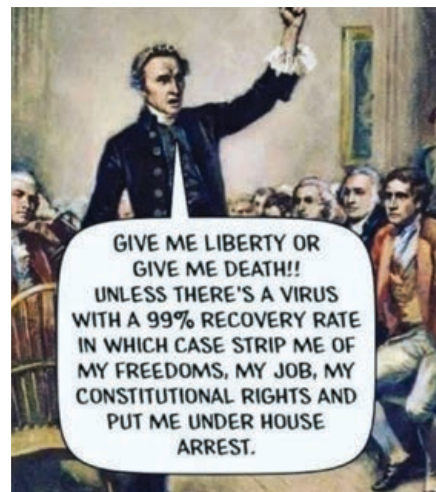
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Love this picture by Todd Klassy.

BARBARA K. ALEXANDER, CARSON CITY, NEV.
See the “Relax” ad on page 5.—Ed.

NOBODY SPEAKS

I read this statement written by a Holocaust survivor concerning the current situation of



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“science, doctors and government” joining forces. I just thought it may be something to consider in Amazing Facts & Quotes. Vera Sharav stated: “The stark lesson of the Holocaust is that whenever doctors join forces with government and deviate from their personal, professional, clinical commitment to do no harm to the individual, medicine can then be perverted from a healing, humanitarian profession to a murderous apparatus.”

Ms. Sharav is one of hundreds of Europeans suing a scientific and medical branch of the United Nations for violating the Nuremberg treaty concerning COVID-19 government procedures in most European and North American nations.

I personally found this to be a stunning statement from “a nobody” who was an eyewitness to how atrocities are slowly “sold” to the masses. I am a 70-year-old Vietnam veteran, healthy enough to have “beaten COVID” with the help of Ivermectin in November without being vaccinated. As Ronald Reagan said when it comes to government, “Trust but verify.” I do not trust our federal “health peddlers” and my distrust has been verified.

From a Pennsylvania subscriber who loves your work.

DUANE BENNETCH, VIA EMAIL

Love your magazine! Our farmers, ranchers and cowboys/cowgirls are the most patriotic, God-loving family-oriented, amazing people on earth, who work hard to keep the western way of life as we know it. And when push comes to shove, we stand up for what is right!

LINDA COX, HAVRE, MONTANA

SAVE THE FORESTS

I love your magazine and all the letters to the editor and articles. I agree with Larry Angier and his article, “Green Ideals and Blackened Forests,” in Winter 2021/2022. I too live in a



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very fire-prone area where we have had two major fires in two years. The Sequoia Complex, 181,000-plus acres, and the Windy Fire.

Unfortunately for us, in 2000, President Clinton turned at least 50 percent of the Sequoia National Forest into the giant Sequoia National Monument. We live in a small community of Camp Nelson and Pierpoint Springs. The Windy Fire this year destroyed one of the sequoia groves the U.S. Forest Service was supposed to protect. And without logging—which is why they wanted the monument—the fires destroyed what should have been logged.

I hope that the greenies can see what is wrong. We need conservation and thinning, not preservation. The blackened trees that are left all around are a testament to what should have been done in the last few decades.

MICHELLE RAY, CAMP NELSON, CALIFORNIA



PERFECT BALANCE

Thank you for a great publication that prints the truth and gives the viewpoint from us ranchers, cowmen, horse people and rural America! It gives us hope that if we stick together trusting in God, maybe our country isn't doomed yet. Keep up the great work, great photos and stories and updated political news that we need to know. Perfect balance.

NANCY BLAKE, DeBERRY, TEXAS



PRINCES PLUME, NEVADA DESERT © LINDA DUFURRENA

RANGE COVERS A WIDE RANGE.



SUMMIT LAKE MOUNTAIN, NEVADA © LINDA DUFURRENA

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