



## Opinion from America's Outback

### PROPAGANDIZED CULTURE

Absolutely love *RANGE*! I read it cover to cover and often think I'll not renew my subscription because I get all riled up reading it, but always do. *RANGE* is a breath of fresh air to our propagandized culture.

CHUCK ZEHNDRER, VIA EMAIL

The war on ranching via the environmental movement is one large tentacle among many to force America into a global/one-world government. What you are doing, a hundred government workers couldn't accomplish—not that you would entrust them to it.

JEFF GREENWOOD, BECKWOURTH, CALIFORNIA

Ain't buying the raggedy old woman part. You'll always be the Brit chick on a Harley.

JOE ETCHART, GLASGOW, MONTANA

### IQ & WHISKEY

Please disregard this "Whiskey and IQ" story if you are not a whiskey drinker: A guy goes into a bar in Louisiana where there is a robot bartender. The robot says, "What will you have?" The guy replies, "Whiskey." The robot brings his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?" The guy says, "168." The robot talks about physics, space exploration, and the effect of BLM policies on keeping the range healthy.

The guy leaves and the more he thinks about it, the more curious he gets, so he decides to go back. The robot asks, "What's your drink?" The guy answers, "Whiskey." The robot returns with his drink and asks, "What's your IQ?" The man replies, "100." The robot talks about Nascar, Budweiser, the Lions, and LSU.

The man finishes his drink and leaves, but is so interested in his "experiment" that he decides to try again. He enters the bar and, as usual, the robot asks him what he

### DOG LOVERS UNITE

I've read *RANGE* for decades and ranched through all the same number of years. I love your article and photos on dogs. ["The Great Debate," by Cynthia Baldauf, Spring 2020] There are so many breeds, colors, personalities.... I've cried at the grave of every dog I've had over the years. Those pups are beautiful partners in life. I've also laughed joking with friends at the question, "What's your dog's name?" "...goddamitgetback."

I love working with dogs and feel naked without them. When I've had one dog, not two or three with me when I am out on the range, I swear my horse has looked over his shoulder to ask: "What? Where are the dogs?" because my dogs save my horses a lot of miles.

Keep on publishing and we will keep on cowpunching. Blessings.

GEORGE KAHRL, SARAH FAITH RANCH  
BIG PINEY, WYOMING

*Dear George: You are a heck of a fella for taking time to write such a nice letter. Dog lovers unite! How could we live without them? Our 13-year-old Cowboy Corgi has leukemia and my husband said no more dogs when he is gone because the heartbreak is too great. You would think after 43 years he would realize that my silence on the subject is not agreement. We are getting two pups next time.—Cynthia Baldauf*



wants to drink. The man replies, "Whiskey." The robot brings the drink and asks, "What's your IQ?" The man answers, "35."

The robot leans in real close and asks, "So...do you folks really think you're going to impeach Donald Trump?"

INTERNET & NYT CANTEN GOSSIP  
VIA JONAS DOVYDENAS, LENOX, MASS.

The headline read, "The Capitol Closes to Public Due to Coronavirus Outbreak." It would be one hell of a lot better for the health, safety, well-being, and freedom of the American people if, instead, they would close the damn place to all the senators and representatives. Note how the State rallies to protect itself from the people. It's the people who need to be protected from the State—the legislators, the taxers, the regulators... As Mark Twain wrote, "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

MIKE DAIL, MASON, TEXAS

### TRUMP HURTS PEOPLE

Mr. Trump has done well for the rich people, giving them the biggest tax cut ever, and doing away with all regulations. What has he done for the poor folks? I also think that Trump is hurting the people you represent by getting out of trade deals, and taking away markets with his tariffs for ranchers and farmers, especially dairy farms. His tariffs on steel and China are hurting American car companies. We have to have trade with the rest of the world or we have no markets for our surplus. Trump's "America First" only isolates us from the rest of the world. Pretty soon we will have no foreign allies, not a good thing if we get into another world war.

FRED SCOTT, WALLACE, IDAHO

### A CUT ABOVE

I just finished reading Vess Quinlan's "Pleasing New Faces on an Old and Failed Philosophy" in Spring 2020. *Wow*, what a lesson. It should be mandatory reading for every high school student. Looks like we have an over-the-road version of Eric Hoffer (the waterfront philosopher). Let's hear more from Vess.

JIM FALK, FALLON, NEVADA

*Mr. Falk: Thank you for the kind words. When I was foreman on what was left of the old Pine Cone Ranch in the Black Forest near Colorado Springs, Colo., Eric Hoffer spoke at the Air Force Academy. I was in the audience and remain a great fan.—Vess Quinlan*

*Vess: I'm a regular RANGE reader and marvel at the abundance of commonsense articles that emphasize good government, respect for our flag and trust in God, things that children no longer learn in school. It must have been a great moment to have actually heard Mr. Hoffer speak. Please keep the great articles coming. And, CJ, please keep publishing them. I wish I could praise all your writers individually, but I think they understand that if they are published in RANGE they are a cut above and that they have something important to offer us all.—Jim Falk*

## TRUE GRIT

*RANGE* isn't merely a magazine with printed words and pretty pictures, it's a whole experience of spirit, culture, can-do attitude, and rapidly diminishing role models of true grit with solid, old-fashioned values.

JAN GOLON, NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT



My happy little cowgirl Rilee braves the rain to feed her bumper calves at the barn.

KAIT MEDART, ROSEBURG, OREGON

## CLUTTERERS

It seems a bit ironic that the largest oil-producing state [Texas] is also now the largest wind-power-producing state. Having low cost and abundant fossil fuel resources as a reliable energy backup obviously makes wind power more viable. However, we have to ask, "When the subsidies are removed and all the actual costs of wind power are factored in, will it still be viable?" Based on what we are learning from other countries such as Germany, it will not. No doubt, this idea should be given a great deal more thought before we continue cluttering the landscape with more costly and unreliable windmills.

DANA H. SAYLOR SR., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

I enjoyed the Winter edition's "Confessions of Red Meat Survivors" by Rebecca Colnar Mott about my friend Jim Hamilton of Decker, Mont. The article noted in passing that Jim is a cowboy poet. I'm here to tell you that Jim Hamilton is one fine cowboy poet! If you want to hear him recite his poetry, I'm sure he'll be at the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Lewistown, August 14-15th.

JERRY LAKODY, ST. IGNATIUS, MONTANA

Since I read every page in *RANGE*, it took me a while to reach the "Heroes" page. There, big as life, was the name of our hero—Dave Cobb of Livingston, Mont. Dave is from a prominent cattle family in California and provided us with a gift subscription. Never received a better gift. And never miss Lee Pitts' column. (Believe we competed with Lee at livestock shows during our college years.) We raise Southdown sheep which has been the major livestock enterprise since 1929.

Thank you for putting into print the concerns most of us in the livestock industry have relating to today's skewed attitudes on American life and times.

JAN & HARRY MADDUX, MARIPOSA, CALIF.

## MORE FORKED TONGUES

I request permission to copy Chance Gowan's article, "Forked Tongues (and a Nasty Attitude) Make Easy Money" in your Spring edition. We have wolf problems in Wisconsin and would like to pass this article on to some of the people working with this issue.

JACK McCRAW, LAONA, WISCONSIN  
*Chance says, "Go ahead, and thanks."—Ed.*

Just finished reading and looking at every picture in the Spring 2020 issue. As usual, a great job. Chance Gowan's story on wolves is sad but so true, a cash cow for enviros.

Just a little something I noticed in your "Red Meat" story on page 64. The 48 bales of wool in 1964 look as though they are on a 1972 Chevy three-quarter-ton pickup.

RICHARD KRAWZE, LAONA, WISCONSIN  
*Good catch! Richard Snider was selling wool into the '70s so might not have noticed the different truck. We sure didn't!—Ed.*

Perhaps the Republican Party should take a note from President Lincoln when a group demanded he get rid of Gen. Grant because he was a coarse rough-talking man of multiple vices and many flaws. The Republican leaders might say, "We cannot spare Trump, he fights."

VESS QUINLAN, FLORENCE, COLORADO

## PROTECT THE HARVEST

Received my Spring 2020 issue of *RANGE* today and read the "Protect The Harvest" ad and I'm glad I did. I was aware Pelosi and her "lawfare" crowd had rewritten and significantly changed the House Rules for the 116th Congress. I was aware of it because by doing so those changes deprived a person being investigated for possible im-

peachment of his/her rights to due process, just as President Trump was deprived of his in the fall of 2019.

I was *not* aware they also instituted a new rule by which holding committee hearings on proposed legislation could be eliminated... by placing the legislation on the House "consensus calendar." That, in combination with Senate "hotlining," allowed the PACT Act—Preventing Animal Cruelty & Torture—to move from introduction to "law of the land" in a mere 40 days. Who are the shakers and movers behind the PACT Act? According to the ad, HSUS, and the Humane Society Legislative Fund. Those folks are not our president's supporters, but his enemies. Where was the U.S. Department of Agriculture? Asleep? Or way overpopulated with "swamp rats"?

SCOTT JOHNSON, KALISPELL, MONTANA

## JUST FLAT WRONG

In 1957 they told us we would never fight a land war in Asia, just some quick in-and-out missions. They were wrong...and we are all diminished. Bill Jones' memoir, "The Body Burning Detail," confirms this. Thanks for the opportunity to reflect!

JACK CROWLEY, LT., USMCR 1957-1959  
1ST MARINES, 1ST MARINE DIVISION  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

*Copies of Bill's book are available from RANGE. Call 1-800-726-4348.—Ed.*

Please save yourself time and money by removing me from your mailing list.

JOANN PHILLIPS, RENO, NEVADA

## NEVER GIVE UP

"So God Made My Mom" by 17-year-old Saige Moss in the Spring 2020 issue so moved me that it took four attempts to get through it. I'd get tears in my eyes after a couple of paragraphs and couldn't see to read any further. As a city kid who worked on a neighbor's two ranches in Idaho during my teen years, I've seen how hard farmers and ranchers work in all kinds of conditions that would force most folks to give up. This young authoress captured the miracle of her mother's (and most farm/ranch wives) hard work, perseverance and love for her family and lifestyle in a writing style that is both endearing and understandable. All I can say is, her parents "raised her right" for her to be able to write such a beautiful tribute to her mother. I thank God for her and her family and pray there are many more young adults like Saige who "were raised right." There may be hope for this nation yet!

J.S. McELHINNEY III, RENO, NEVADA



Thanks for what you do and not giving up. John Quincy Adams said, "Duty is ours, results are God's." Your friend in the fight.

MIKE HERREN, KAMPSVILLE, ILLINOIS

## AFTER A LONG COLD WINTER

RANGE has done more to preserve the survival of life in the West than any other entity I can think of. I'm always so starved for new editions that rarely does it take more than a single day or two before I've read the entire issue and begin hoping somehow you might manage more than four issues a year.

In Spring 2020, I was absorbing Dave Skinner's pieces ["Rivers of Darkness" and "Rivers of Cash"] on the snake pit when, checking your photo of the gold security door, I saw a name I hadn't come across in probably 30 years. Back in the '80s, if my memory is correct, Bill Press was the head of the Democratic Party in California. He used to appear on Bay Area radio talk shows quite often to spread the party line and he may even have had his own occasional show. It goes to figure he would be in Washington and involved in a scam like this.

Keep up the great work—each issue is like the first warm day of spring after a long, cold winter!

TOM REESE, BAKER CITY, OREGON

Together in concert with democrat/liberal political leaders and politicians and their friends in ivory-tower Hollywood and throughout snooty progressive academia the Trump-hating news/sports/entertainment media daily shrill their hatred for Trump. But their breach of trust with America and willful refusal to report fairly, objectively and thoroughly and across the ideological spectrum simply spotlight their disregard for professional standards of sound journalism and their acid disdain for real Americans who largely disagree with their views and methods.

JOHN HOAK, BIG HORN, WYOMING

Please cancel! Your magazine is too political.

BUNKY BOGER, LOWELL, ARKANSAS

## QUIT THE BLOVIATIONS

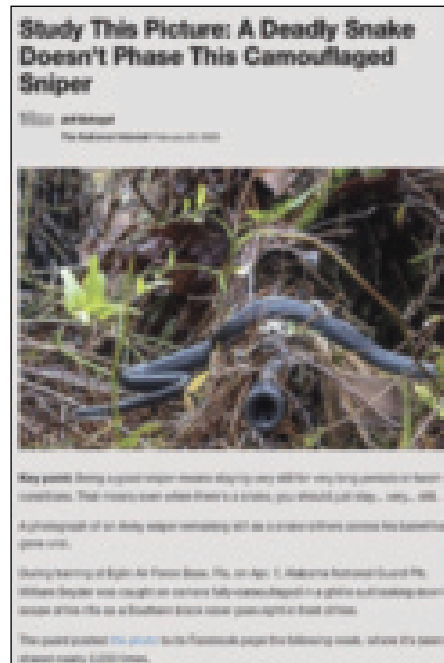
Yeah, yeah. I'm not a receptive audience for your bloviations. You'd have more luck preaching eugenics to the Nazis (as Winston called them). I'm not sure where we'd be if Al Gore had made it. I don't think he could have stopped America's slide into idiocracy. I blame Rupert Murdoch for that. Although, maybe both he and Trump are

more symptoms than cause.

STEVE SMITH, WYOMING, NEW YORK

## GREAT RACE TO THE BOTTOM

Quiz: Since when is a black-racer snake deadly to anything but birds and mice? Answer: When "Public Fool System" graduates become reporters! A friend pointed out



that the headline should have used the word "faze" instead of "phase." Guess all their editors are very busy attending the liberal press marathon, "The Great Race to the Bottom." To quote Jed Clampett, "Pitiful, plumb pitiful."

ALAN HART, TROUTDALE, VIRGINIA

## WHO COOKED THIS UP?

I want to make sure my subscription doesn't expire before I do. Need something to read before the coronavirus gets me. Going to break the nation with all the hysteria. Wonder who cooked this up?

JANE YECNY, SHERIDAN, WYOMING

I'm 70 years old and have been around livestock my entire life. I'm puzzled by a photo in the Spring 2020 issue. In "The Will to Survive" by Marjorie Haun is a photo of Mr. Curtis Wilcox in a corral full of cattle. He is holding a gadget that appears to be made of iron rod and attached to a piece of tarp with a short length of chain and rope. Please let us know what this contraption is used for.

JERRY KAMP, WOOSTER, OHIO

*It is a nordfork, which holds the calf's head while the roper holds the heels during branding.—Marjorie Haun*

## POCKETS OF SANITY

We are proud to carry RANGE magazine in the Graeagle Store. There are still some pockets of sane people in California.

THE CREW, GRAEAGLE, CALIFORNIA

RANGE helps keep the D.C. swamp in check.

JIM JIRAVA, OGEMA, MINNESOTA

Surely you are not a liberal democrat? That worries me. You seem like a great lady.

ANDY BORGESON, MONA, UTAH

We ranch near Mountainair, N.M., next to Chapadera Ranch. Loved "New Mexico Tough" by Julie Carter in Winter 2020.

WAYNE BRAZIL

LAKE ARTHUR, NEW MEXICO

RANGE is about real people who care about the land, their livestock, the wildlife and their neighbors, who want to be left alone, without big brother telling them what they can and cannot do. RANGE will open your eyes to what is really going on in the West.

NOLAN ANDERSON, VIA FACEBOOK

## HORSE LOVERS

When I read the letter from Darla Hunsaker [Spring 2020] I thought it was someone being facetious. Sadly, it was not. I never met a horse hater, but something should and needs to be done about the overpopulation of wild horses. There are many solutions to this problem that have been kicked down the road since the 1970s and will continue into our children's and grandchildren's years. The solutions are hard but necessary. I would hope that in the next five years, someone of stature could present a plan to the get-things-done man in the White House. If someone could bend his ear with a plan, his bulldog demeanor would work on a solution until the problem is resolved.

Just think what the country would look like with a sustainable level of wild horses. Smaller herds would equate to healthier and happier animals. This in turn would help our lands maintain a healthy environment.

MARC OLSON, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

"What Would Wild Horse Annie Say?" in Fall 2019 [by Rachel Dahl] was a horrible story. This is why we won't renew our subscription. "A brutal sight for anyone to witness," yet you still print the picture. Shame on you!

LARRY & DEBBIE GREEN, MIDVALE, IDAHO

*The truth is ugly. Sorry to offend.—Ed.*

## RADICAL RANGE

Aha! Back when Ted Shannon drove a CHP car he was known as "Ticket Ted" by all the log truck drivers here. As Ticket Ted thinks you are a radical, he must be blind to the shenanigans being pulled by the commies of the Dumbocratic Party who realized three years ago that they could not beat The Donald so they have wasted untold time and our money pursuing what even us uneducated right-wingers knew wouldn't happen.

BRIAN SMITH, WEST POINT, CALIFORNIA

The Crescent Dunes pictured in "The Empty Quarter," Spring 2020, are actually north of Tonopah, not south as stated.

BOB HOVEY, PAHRUMP, NEVADA

Just a note to say how much I've enjoyed "Tales From Out There," a beautiful book with beautiful stories! Also enjoyed the latest *RANGE*, as usual jam-packed with important, meaningful and entertaining articles.

KENT STOCKTON, RIVERTON, WYOMING

## HOLDING HOT ROCKS

Last year I was getting two copies, one a gift, so I was able to leave one in waiting rooms. I am a fourth-generation rancher; the fifth generation is now running the outfit. The sixth generation is now on the ground, only about four feet tall, but engaged in helping.

I commend you on your coverage of the Bundys and Hammonds. You are the only one telling the truth. The so-called conservative media dropped this travesty like a hot rock and capitulated to the socialist/communist faction in this country.

JOHN HANSON, KAYCEE, WYOMING

Way cheap for all you do. Please use the little extra to keep doing your great work.

RICK TATE, MARFA, TEXAS

More wild turkeys in Arizona just south of Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca, 20 miles



north of Mexico and in state senator Gail Griffin's yard. A flock that size can totally destroy a formal flower garden in minutes.

R.J. SMITH, VIA EMAIL

## INSPIRATION

Fear of failure has kept me from doing things I later wish I had. After reading the NASA website one year ago, the fear of not doing something gripped me even more. Since then, I have been on the steepest learning curve of my life. I am still not sure of what I am doing but I am sure of why! I also know it would not have happened had it not been for others. It began with the inspiration of Dr. Will Happer, the enlightenment of Professor Bill Smith, the critique and support by my wife, Giuliana, and C.J. Hadley, who gave it light. Please accept my gratitude.

DANA H. SAYLOR SR.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Check "Living a Lifetime of Climate Change" by Dana Saylor, *RANGE Spring 2020*.—Ed.

I discovered *RANGE* in the magazine rack at Walmart in Silver City, N.M. Summer 2019 featured an article by Chance Gowan ["Are Wolves Really the Problem?"] which is a topic of importance to ranchers and landowners of western New Mexico. The article was wonderfully done, as was the rest of the issue and I was hooked! *RANGE* carries articles, photos and opinions displaying the style and attitudes that have made western living what it is. Further, it exposes the efforts afoot designed to adversely change the West forever—a movement I find intolerable.

DAN MURPHY, HANOVER, NEW MEXICO

Keep giving your unique view of ranching, farming and what government and the One World Order cabal are doing to our land and heritage. Praying that God keeps us all safe in the land of the free.

CLAUDIA HUNTER, ROSEBURG, OREGON

I look forward to *RANGE* coming in the mail, then I read it cover to cover. The problem is that it does not come often enough.

KEVEN INMAN, GRAHAM, WASHINGTON

I'm enclosing a donation to the Range Conservation Foundation, attention Ed De-paoli, treasurer. I'm happy to donate to help *RANGE* which I get and read. I am proud to say that I support "the search for solutions that will halt the depletion of the American cowboy."

JACQUELYN CARDUCCI

NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS

## IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT

Here's the deal. Went to work this morning and slipped on the ice. Fell on my left side



and busted a rib. The lady at the clinic said, "Take these pills and try not to cough or laugh." So far, so good. Came home, whined to the wife, who commiserated and sent me to the basement with a brown bottle that had a big red Seven on it. Bad to worse. Picked up the latest *RANGE* and went straight to the back and read "Riding the Cowboy Poetry Trail" by some comic genius named Bill Jones. I didn't know a person could laugh and weep with pain simultaneously. Thanks, Bill Jones. Wyoming Worker's Comp can blame you for my absence from work for at least one day.

LARRY JORDAN, GILLETTE, WYOMING

*RANGE* is amazing, gutsy and honest in the wake of so much dishonesty and intentional manipulation of information for Americans and the rest of the world who see independence and hard work are core to the human spirit. Thank you—all of you!

JAN WILSON, LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON

Keep the extra for the best damn magazine on the market.

DENNIS DUGAT, WINNIE, TEXAS