



## Opinion from America's Outback

*RANGE* brings the life of the West to our front door. I will share it with friends.

PAMELA GROVE, CLIMAX, MINNESOTA

### I WANT \$20,000!

Put me in for a ticket to the Western Ranchers Beef raffle and a few dollars for Range Conservation Foundation. Keep up the good fight.

J.F. HOLTSBERRY, MOUNT VERNON, OHIO  
*Thanks for reminding us that there are still tickets for the drawing and the odds are terrific. See page 18, and buy a ticket!—Ed.*

I want a paper magazine, not an email version.

CLIFF MCGOWN JR., WAVERLY, TENNESSEE

### ONLY IN NEVADA



Someone needs to buy the NDOT guys a beer, this is classic. The coyote couldn't have landed in a better [or worse] spot after it got hit on Alternate Highway 50 in Fernley.

LEE SMITH, WASHOE VALLEY, NEVADA

### WOLF NOT SHEEP

There have been many periods of warming and cooling since the last ice age. Sea levels have been rising for 11,000 years. The earth is colder now than it was 1,000 years ago. They say Greenland ice is melting. Greenland was colonized in 968 and at its height had 3,000 colonists who farmed and raised cattle. In the 1300s the climate became colder, and in the 1400s the colonists became extinct because it was too cold to survive. Today the climate is still colder than when Greenland farming was at its peak.

Of course the earth is warmer than it was 11,000 years ago. It always gets warmer between ice ages. But to lie about science in order to promote a politically correct agenda is sinful. Al Gore and many others are getting rich at our expense for this boondoggle. It is

true that the polar ice on Mars is melting. Are we also responsible for that? I believe the teachers and parents who have been scaring their pupils and children into thinking they will soon drown because the ice and glaciers are melting faster because of humans should apologize to those kids for all the tears and loss of sleep these children have endured.

Before forming an opinion, do research and find out for yourself. Be a wolf, not a sheep. Knowledge is not a bad thing.

RICHARD BRUINSMA, BIG PINE, CALIFORNIA

I love *RANGE* photos and "Red Meat Survivors," but the magazine got a little too right wing for me so I won't renew. I do believe

there is climate change caused by man-made pollution. I raise beef cattle on a small private-property ranch and believe public-range folks look like princes to you even when I know some people in my area abuse their permits.

FLYING N RANCH  
NEDDENRIEP/JOHNSON  
GARDNERVILLE, NEVADA  
*We'll miss you.—Ed.*

Just want to say thank you for what you put out on the magazine racks—the best and only magazine about real cowboys and ranchers in the West. Fall issue was great, especially the stories about Montana ranches.

SHORTY BERTOLINO, JUDITH GAP, MONT.

### TEXAS PIONEERS

We bought a copy of *RANGE*, Fall 2010, to read Marge Bennett's "Pioneers Who Broke the Texas Sod," about the Easley family. Fayette Easley, who is one of the sons of John Ellington Easley and Sarah Jane Cliett Easley, is my husband's great-grandfather. My husband is James Oscar Easley, so we enjoyed seeing some of the family history in print. After reading that article, we read the whole magazine cover to cover and enjoyed it immensely, so are sending our money for a subscription. We appreciate your efforts in keeping the West alive, and writing about the atrocities of our current government and the environmental extremists who seem bent on destroying anything that has to do with ranching, farming and making a living off the land. Keep up the good work!

JIM & GLORIA EASLEY, WISE RIVER, MONT.

### DON'T DISPLACE US

Thanks for the article by Dave Skinner, "Move Over, Bruce Babbitt," unmasking Ken Salazar's agenda in the Summer issue. My family has ranched in Phillips County, Mont., since 1892, when my great-great-grandfather and six brothers came up from Texas with the trail herds. I still ranch in Phillips and Valley counties; in fact, our cow camp sits on the northern border, right next to the grasslands park. I hope that your article and more like them inform people about our situation and how ridiculous it would be to displace thousands of people on the misplaced notion that there are any better land stewards than those of us who have our blood, sweat and

### BORDER FAMILY SUFFERS MORE TRAGEDY

On March 27, 2010, Cochise County, Ariz., rancher Rob Krentz was murdered by an illegal alien. While the killing truly was the shot that was heard around the world, not nearly enough has been done to stop the violence along the Mexican border with the U.S.

Rob's widow, Sue, has been a strong and loud voice for border protection for nearly a decade and in the past few months has become the face of this divisive issue. On September 25, while leaving evening Mass with an elderly friend, both women were run down in a crosswalk by an alleged drunk driver. Sue took the brunt of the impact and received leg, pelvis, back, facial and neck injuries. As of Oct. 4, 2010, Mrs. Krentz remains in Intensive Care in Tucson, Ariz., where she may be for some time to come.

The Arizona Cattle Growers' Association has set up a fund to help the Krentz family in this medical crisis. Contributions can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank outlet by referring to memorial and donation account number 5206283169 for deposit and/or simply requesting the money go to the Sue Krentz Recovery Fund.

Please keep Sue and her family in your prayers.

STEPHEN L. WILMETH, MESILLA, NEW MEXICO

tears seeped deep in our land.

JODI WHITAKER BARNARD, HINSDALE, MONT.  
*See pages 24, 28 and 31.—Ed.*

### PUBLISHER PRO AND CON

Tim Findley states in his "Davy Crockett & the Sockdolager" article that "our own president and his first lady show Memorial Day respect for those who sacrificed their lives by placing their left hands on their chests." This fallacy has been circulating the Internet for quite some time. The photograph of the president and first lady was digitally manipulated to attempt to show them with their left hands over their hearts during the playing of the national anthem. A full explanation can be found on Snopes. Your investigative reporter should do better at checking his facts and not believe everything he sees on the Internet.

DAVID CAMPBELL, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.  
*Mr. Campbell, I am stung and shame on me. I had doubts when I first saw the photo, but was*

*convinced by the wedding rings and buttons that it had not been simply reversed. The photo to me was cropped and did not include the Marine in the background. Frankly, I am still such an old-timer that I did not imagine what could be done digitally and really didn't see how anyone would go to so much trouble...but...thank you for bringing the error to our attention. I'll try to follow your advice forthwith.—Tim Findley*

I am not a fan of President Obama but I do believe in sticking to the facts. For that reason I have strong reservations on your role as a publisher based on your selection of “Davy Crockett and the Sockdolager” in the Fall issue. While I would probably prefer that you did not run such a highly charged and partisan article in a publication that does not list itself as a political publication, I respect your right to publish anything you like. However, I am asking that you be more respectful of your readers by not disseminating lies.

EVE YOUNG, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

## **COWBOYS AND GOD**

I enjoyed looking at the pictures and reading the short article by Robb Kendrick in Fall 2010. I would add another connection to the cowboy life—God. Even though many cowboys aren't the typical Sunday-go-to-meeting church attendee, most of the cowboys I have known are connected with God. How can they not be, working in His great outdoors?

I can't give enough accolades for the “Soldolager” article written by Tim Findley. It is one of the best stories I have read on the limitations of Congress.

MIKE HEID, HURRICANE, UTAH

Thank you for your time and tireless efforts in keeping the publication alive. I enjoy all your issues and wish you all the best. God bless RANGE and staff. God bless the U.S.A.

JIM GILLIS, FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Keep up the good reporting. I leave RANGE in doctors' offices, hospitals, dentists' offices—wherever people can read it and find the truth.

ROBERTA R. COOPER, ORLAND, CALIFORNIA

You guys are doing an awesome job!

ALVIN HALL, ONTARIO, OREGON

## **A PLUS FOR PIGS**

A cattle rancher friend of ours sent us a copy of the article “Pigs in the City” by Richard Menzies from your Fall 2010 issue. It was

about our friend in Las Vegas, Nev., who is a pig farmer. When interviewing Bob Combs one can hardly not write a fun piece. My husband has known Bob since 1966 and helped Bob out during the cholera outbreak. It's hard for him to tell the story without tears in his eyes. Thank you for honoring Bob with this article. He is a gem and a great American.

WENDIE WALDMAN, SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO

I like the conservative articles and keeping abreast of what is going on here in the West that the mainstream media won't even lie about. These days it seems like the federal government lies awake at night trying to figure out how to destroy this nation, destroy our family values, destroy our liberty and freedom, and destroy our faith in God.

DAVE WILCOX, NUCLA, COLORADO

Keep up the fight and good coverage.

TOM A. DAVIS, BRIGHAM CITY, UTAH

Keep stirring the pot.

ED MARZOLF, CALIENTE, CALIFORNIA

## **STARS OF OLD**

I am 87 years old, bought first ranch in New Mexico in 1948 in Las Vegas area. My wife and I bought a smaller ranch at Hamilton, Mont., in 1962. She died Sept. 25, 2009, and I'm getting tired, but I love your magazine.

JACK A. EVANS

HAMILTON, MONT.

*Jack, I am sending you a copy of our new hard-back book, “The Red Meat Survivors.” It's positive, fascinating and fun (see page 13).—Ed.*

RANGE has spurred many conversations and much research in our home. We have a question we hope you will address in the future. In “Amazing Facts & Quotes” it is stated by Bob Stallman of the American Farm Bureau that the federal government wants to plant 59 million acres of valuable crop-producing farmland with trees to, we assume, produce more oxygen for the atmosphere. Question: If it is so important to do this, why isn't the federal government planting 59 million acres of trees on federally owned property?

BILL & SHELLEY HANSEN, VACAVILLE, CALIF.

*If readers have an answer to this question, send c/o cj@rangemagazine.com.—Ed.*

## **WRONG DATE!**

Re my painting called “Throwing a Fit” on the cover of the Spring issue: Martinez was top hand in that cow country of the Tehachapis,

and in the old days was head horse breaker for Miller and Lux in the early 1900s (not 1940s). I was with him in 1944 on the Crofton Ranch out of Tehachapi, then went into the Navy in World War II.

I don't know how you get the great articles for the best magazine that's ever been published. It gets better every issue. What a job you do! Thanks for including my artwork.

JACK SWANSON, CARMEL VALLEY, CALIFORNIA  
*Jack: Your work is sublime and your support is too huge to measure (see page 103). Sorry about the error on the date.—Ed.*

## **WILD HORSES**

I love seeing the spirit of wild horses, seeing them running free. I don't know who doesn't. The problem with them is the government and the feel-good folks are making the management of the horses impossible. I have an aging horse and, while he is still sound, I know I will, too soon, be making a decision about putting him down. This horse is a longtime pard and that decision will be hard. But, if I am a caring owner, I will be an adult and make that decision when necessary. It's the same with wild horses—hard decisions must be made.

I get emails from feel-good types. City people who send videos of how the wild horses are rounded up. These videos are full of injured horses and show the cruel pens where the wild spirits are contained. These articles tug on the heart but offer no solutions. I think the feel-goods learned their ecology in Disney movies. They forget that in the real world, Thumper would gladly eat enough to starve Bambi if he could, and vice versa.

There's a hungry world out there that needs the protein. Selling horse meat abroad will help the trade deficit. Slaughtering horses in a packing plant is no more cruel than penning them for years, or having them get slaughtered in the wild by predators. Government dollars are growing short. City folks need to be educated as emotional arguments are useless. Why can't we come up with a wild-horse management program that works?

PAUL ETZLER, CEDAR CITY, UTAH

## **PROTEIN IS GOOD**

This follows up Vess Quinlan's “Red Meat” in the Fall 2010 issue: “Red and Processed Meat Consumption and Risk of Incident Coronary Heart Disease, Stroke and Diabetes Mellitus: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis” was published in *Circulation* on May 17, 2010

([circ.ahajournals.org](http://circ.ahajournals.org)). It states that red-meat consumption does not cause any of the diseases Dr. Ansel Keys so loudly proclaimed it did in his widely circulated and deeply flawed 1950s' work.

Processed meats (bacon, lunch meats, etc.)—though equal in cholesterol, etc.—did not fare so well. This study—with more than a million total subjects—echoes the results of many recent studies: i.e., don't believe everything you hear on "Good Morning America." It's disturbing how long utterly disproven nonsense hangs around—even in the minds of professionals who ought to know the data.

STEVE RICH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Keep up with the news, facts and, most of all, the most interesting but true stories of folks makin' a life for themselves out'a good ol' hard work, and the best photos I've ever seen. You don't know love till you got dust in your face, sweat all over, and the cowboy or cowgirl you love right alongside you. And never forget the most important things you'll ever need when you're out there with your stock—your gun and your dog.

ISABEL "BELL STARR" COSANS  
BEACH BLUFF, TENNESSEE

*RANGE* has real value and tells it like it is.  
MIRIAM REED, FLORENCE, ARIZONA

### **GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY!**

You folks need to get your written stuff into the big cities where those people live in a different world. Get into newspapers, magazines, talk shows, etc., in the cities. Who else enjoys the backcountry roads, etc?

MILES YATES, SELAH, WASHINGTON

*Our website, [www.rangemagazine.com](http://www.rangemagazine.com), gets close to two million hits a year, more than 80 percent urban. We send 800 news briefs each quarter to all the groups you mention. And half of our 173,000 readers live in town.—Ed.*

In the Spring 2010 issue you published a letter by an angry liberal who not only blamed you for people having fun in and living in Las Vegas, but for writing a magazine that is one-sided. She couldn't have read many issues of *RANGE* because she also praised The Nature Conservancy. I wish I could tell her how TNC has killed thousands of animals (goats, eagles, pigs, sheep, deer, etc.) on California's Santa Cruz Island to try and return the island to the

time before humans. Where else does Mz Lib suggest we get this kind of information? Not from CNN or ABC or *TIME* magazine.

GEOFF BLOOMINGDALE, GOLETA, CALIFORNIA

### **CHAMPIONS**

We have had many champions for our cause during the history of the West, but none have done what you have. In our entire history, no one has so meticulously and relentlessly organized the documentation and the positive visual image of our side of the issues. I am so proud to work with you and be counted in your circle of friends!

SEN. TAYLOR BROWN, NORTHERN BROADCASTING SYSTEM INC., BILLINGS, MONTANA

As a longtime subscriber to *RANGE*, I hope you will indulge a proud new grandfather. This is a picture of a three-year-old quarter filly (Macadeucy) getting acquainted with our new granddaughter, Kenna Genatone. This filly was racing only 45 days ago and is currently learning some cattle skills at Kenna's great-grandparents' Hammond Ranch near Hardin, Mont. We have "repurposed" many ex-racehorses and this one is clearly special as you can see from the photo. Kenna's parents are Nick Genatone, an Army officer stationed in Iraq, and Mackenzie Lawrence, our horse-savvy daughter who just finished her teaching degree. The common values and ideals which *RANGE* bravely promotes and protects are the ones these kids are building their family upon. Thank you for doing your part! With your help, we are raising a new generation who can think for themselves and will fight for liberty.

MITCH LAWRENCE, VIA EMAIL

Here's a check for my raffle ticket for "Ride for the Range." [See page 18] I love *RANGE*. My great-grandfather sold mules to the cavalry. My two great-uncles rode with Gen. Pershing after Pancho Villa. My father was a cowboy several years in Texas—helped round up the first Brahmans brought by train to the King Ranch from India! As an 11-year-old, he watched Pancho Villa at a secret meeting on the Texas border. Those were the days.

VIRGINIA RUFF, HAVANA, FLORIDA

Hair on ya, folks, and keep up the good fight. Let's keep Arizona in our prayers. Looks like they might be the head of the spear.

DON BOUMA JR., BUSHNELL, NEBRASKA