

**Opinion from
America's Outback**

NO FLUFF

Read Summer 2020 from cover to cover because there's no fluff. I learned something on every page. Sometimes I get so riled up learning about something that I have to put the magazine down until I cool off. Other times I just enjoy the fact that I learned something. You tell it like it really is and I thank you for that. You say it straightforward with honest reporting. What a great publication!

BOBI ALLARD, BILLINGS, MONTANA

How we love your magazine in this world of misinformation. Take that, Al Gore. Mom, at 94, is one of your Red Meat Survivors—healthy and by God's will living alone at her

GEEZERHOOD

Stages of life are infancy, childhood, adulthood, elderly, etc. Omitted is the stage "geezerhood." This occurs in some people at around 80.

At 84, I consider myself to be an old fart in the geezerhood stage. It is at this stage when you haven't yet learned you can't do what you once could.

Just after April Fool's Day, 2019, I decided to rebuild a washed-out dam on a channel of the lower Carson River. The river was at flood stage. My plan was to move the dozer, park it, and do the work the next day. I moved the dozer and got there in late afternoon when geezerhood took over. I went to work. I started the dam across the channel but gave out and decided to finish it the next day.

The next day, the water to the east side had risen about two feet. Still being in geezerhood mode, I went to work. On my first pass, I made it three-quarters of the way ac-



COURTESY ED DEPAOLI



ross when the right rear end of the machine started to disappear. Geezerhood instinct took over, which is: "Go back where you came from. It's safe there."

I put it in reverse and wallowed in deeper and deeper. I ended up sitting on a dead chunk of iron with water up to my

shirt pockets. Unlike a good saddle horse, machines just sink to the bottom and stay there.

I might have made it out if I had gunned it straight ahead but I'll never know. We got it out in November, thanks to Ricky and Fred at Advance Mobile Service. I am now using it again.

I have a question for Joe Biden: Considering life's stages, do you really want the job?

ED DEPAOLI, FALLON, NEVADA

home. Daddy went to heaven at 66 with a rheumatic heart. He was drafted and went with the guys in WWII and lost a lung at Battle of the Bulge. Had his own horse as a young man. We all lived in the nook of the San Gabriel Mountains in California. He took people on horseback picnics into the mountains. God bless and keep you.

ARLENE LUCIER, CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

BRIT TWIT?

I can't help but wonder if the person who wrote the caption for the "Outback Roundup" 1st place photo, "Hardworking Hands," on page 10 of the Summer 2020 issue has ever been to a branding. The way I see it, the calf is already roped, dallies taken and is headed to the wrestlers and the branding pot.

GEORGE W. PORTWOOD
WHEATLAND, WYOMING

Ugh! That would be one of our smartly uniformed staff, probably me. So sorry! That caption is fixed at rangemagazine.com. Click on Outback Roundup winners.—Ed.

Keep up the great reporting stories. Hope you can put this \$100 to good use.

ROBERT & PATRICIA WILLIAMS
WEISER, IDAHO

Oh, yes, we can. We will get a better caption writer. Thank you.—Ed.



INTERNET



CHECK YOUR CINCHES

The pseudoscience you put in your magazine is dreadful! The polar ice is melting. Glaciers are retreating and disappearing worldwide.... One result of the oceans rising is Alaskan fishing villages and Pacific Isles are being evacuated because of rising waters.... Wolves are one essential part of the ecosystem. They were here long before humans. We are the most wanton, vicious killers there are. We will destroy the earth. Please stop spreading pseudoscience to your readers.

LORI MICKEN, LIVINGSTON, MONTANA
Trustworthy journalists within. Check your cinches.—Ed.

Dear good people at RANGE: I have decided to split the bribe we all got from the feds (stimulus checks) with you and the Ron Paul Institute, as you two organizations are the most literate and clear seeing of all the news sources I look at. RANGE is the only print magazine I can stand—actually, I love it!

ELSBETH WALLACE, DEER PARK, WASH.

KUDOS TO SKINNER

I just wanted to drop you a note to say how much I appreciate all the great work that Dave Skinner has been doing. In my view, perhaps the primary mission of RANGE has evolved into "educating urban consumers about the realities of rural producers." Sometimes the truth can be hard to swallow, but RANGE does a great job of including enough sugar (great photography, fun, warm and feel-good pieces, etc.) to help the medicine go down. Unfortunately, Dave Skinner has the tough job of delivering the hard-to-swallow medicine in the form of cold, hard truth and realities about what is actually going on—there's almost always more to the equation than meets the eye. Thanks to Skinner for the great job he does delivering the medicine and

keeping it real, because as hard as it may be to swallow, any cure is in the medicine. Keep up the good work.

TODD MACFARLANE, KANOSH, UTAH

I find myself continually enchanted by the similarities between rural Australia and the country areas of the United States. Our problems are much the same and attitudes are almost identical. I get sick of people who have never traveled pontificating on your much-televised problems. The truth is that if you take a bunch of cities out of the equation, America is more law abiding than Australia. What is very obvious is the similarity of the media in both our countries, both very ill informed and very partisan in their reporting. Trump gets a very bad deal from our media but I think he is a winner and that, overwhelmingly, the silent majority concur. I hope that you will keep the faith and give him resounding success in November when the silent majority will be heard.

GRAEME CAMPBELL
KALGOORLIE, WEST AUSTRALIA



I was pleased to see New Mexico rancher Stephen L. Wilmeth invoke the name of David Douglas Duncan at the end of his article “Esperanza, or Status Quo?” in Summer 2020. David was a friend of my father’s, through Michael Lerner, of big-game fishing fame and who gave Duncan one of his first photographic jobs. This entailed catching broadbill swordfish and giant squid off Chile and Peru for the American Museum of Natural History in New York City in 1940, with Duncan as expedition photographer. In 1966, after he had become a true American hero with his combat photos from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, he gave me a copy of his new autobiography, “Yankee Nomad: A Pictorial Odyssey.” He was visiting my father, who was then director of the same museum, and he autographed the book, writing that he hoped my life would be as adventurous as his had been. Luckily, that did happen although in completely different ways. I donated the inscribed copy of his book to the Chiricahua Desert Museum, in Rodeo,

N.M., to help keep his memory alive (he died in 2018 at the age of 102). Now Steve Wilmeth has done the same. Small world.

DEXTER OLIVER, DUNCAN, ARIZONA

After all the “news” about politicians and government-paid scientists saving us from their invented crises, it is good to read about genuine human beings. It is moving to see how so many are fighting to keep a way of life in the face of bankers and government inflating our money and savings into nothingness.

RICH GRANT, BASALT, COLORADO

RANGE does a great service. I hope that some of the D.C. crowd will at least read and understand that America’s ranch and farm operations are essential to us all.

FRED FREEMON, TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

ASIDE FROM THE BITCH...

Hey, hope you are doing okay. Just got the latest issue. Your printer still is doing a wonderful job...craftsmanship like that is rarely seen nowadays. Now for the gripe: That mini section you ran on the border country was daring, informative, well researched, well written...everything it should be if you are going to expand the reader’s experience, which is the point of any magazine after all...or should be. But we know *RANGE*’s stance and yet a third of the way through the fascinating profile of the Stuart Nelson shepherding article, you stop everything in its tracks by allowing Nelson to deliver an extended diatribe about the government versus the shepherd. *Fine*. It’s a definite and familiar problem. But damn near every other article in the magazine puts forth the same bitch...it would have served you well to reference this in a sentence or two and get on with the unique lifestyle and historic, almost feudal, conditions in which the Nelsons seem to thrive. But no, he is allowed to yammer on with this theme until the reader begins to wonder if he didn’t read the same argument in the last story, or maybe the last issue. Driving a thumbtack with a sledgehammer is just unnecessary, borderline gratuitous. Aside from this bitch I greatly enjoyed the section and came away satisfied at the unexpected widening of my, and *RANGE*’s, horizon. There is nothing wrong with editing a story to sustain its pace. So there.

BOB BROWN, PORTLAND, OREGON
My favorite and former boss at Car & Driver and Sports Illustrated likes to keep me on my tippy-toed John Weinkauff cowboy boots!—Ed.

Thank you for the best magazine in the country. You represent natural resources and rural America well.

VIKI PURDY, NEW MEADOWS, IDAHO

A TRUE HERO

We are dropping you a line to tell you of the passing of one of the last real cowboys of the West, Denny Jones (Red Meat Survivors, Winter 2015). He will be remembered as a good cowman, land steward, and historian. He was not afraid to try things that would improve the ranch. He was a great husband, father and grandpa. He loved the land, Wyoming and America. Denny loved his family and taught many what he knew about cattle, sheep, roping, the land and the history of the West. Denny Jones was a true hero to many.

DAVE & CINDY DENTON
THERMOPOLIS, WYOMING

Thanks for all you do for America’s real heroes.

HAROLD E. ROSENBACH, ELMA, WASH.

The summer issue is superb cover to cover.

RICHARD H. SCHMIDT
EL PRADO, NEW MEXICO

SAY IT AIN’T SO!

We love the magazine! I have to admit that I have a little trouble with the editor proclaiming to be a card-carrying democrat with all that party does to diminish our country.

DAVIS BURRUS, MEMPHIS, MISSOURI
Dems have lost their way so it’s been tough to vote for one for a long time. I am so conservative that my relatives avoid me.—Ed.

Your magazine is great. Keep up the good job!

HAROLD B. LEPPICH, MONROE, LOUISIANA

I listen to Beth Ann on CSC Radio and that’s how I heard of your honest journalism and efforts to protect private property rights. I enjoy the photography and the stories. Private property, without which we have no freedom, is under mortal attack by the globalist crowd! May the Lord bless you.

AL MCFARLAND, STERLING, NORTH DAKOTA

What you do is very important and appreciated. The extra money is for whatever you need.

LEIGH THOMAS, TONASKET, WASHINGTON

COMPLIANCE OR LIBERTY?

Everyone agrees with acting responsibly, but we’ve gone past that into paranoia. We are

now dealing with full-fledged enacting of “behavioral modification.” We, as free agents, assume the threat of mortality every time we take a daily step, eat, drive our car or do any activity. Why do we *now* need government and the bureaucrats they’ve put in place—without our consent—to tell us how to live?

Public control through hysteria and government edicts are here. Will we be sheep? Let your voice not wither. Patriots have been in the forefront and we need to be strong again. Statutes and acts are *not* law unless you concede, agree to it by your actions or lack of action. People are destroyed by a lack of knowledge, don’t be swayed by the media, silence is consent and your vote counts. Don’t hesitate to call your representatives, governor, or any local official...they’re on your dime.

LINDA MEYER, SPEEDWELL, VIRGINIA

I wouldn’t be without *RANGE*. It is the best magazine ever.

ROBERTA COOPER, ORLAND, CALIFORNIA

Thank you for the awesome work you do.

BOB INNES, GILLETTE, WYOMING

I was raised in Southern California till after the Vietnam War. I got out of the Army and headed north. I wanted to be a cowboy. I grew up with horses and mules, no cattle and ended up in Cottonwood, Calif., in 1975, home of Ellington Peek and Shasta Livestock. Moved to Montana in 2007 and learned the cow business (still learning), worked for Ellington and ranches, shod horses, hauled cattle for Woolery Livestock, hauled for Bob deBraga (ZX Ranch). Anyway, you get the picture. I was reading your Summer 2020 issue and came to Tom DeWeese’s, “Looking for Paul Revere.” Man, he hit the nail on the head. So here I am pen to paper. The point being, if we do not do what he’s saying we’re gone. What we need is Ellington’s daughter, Callie, and Bob’s son, Dusty, to help lead the charge. *We need help in a bad way.*

JEFFREY REYNOLDS, WHITEHALL, MONTANA

I just finished reading Tom DeWeese’s call to action in the Summer 2020 edition and would like to commend him on continuing the fight to keep America free. It goes to Margaret Thatcher’s famous observation about running out of other people’s money. And that surely would be the case if sustainable development went into full swing, which would mean taking from those who produce the wealth and distributing it among those who

don’t. I wish Mr. DeWeese luck in finding a ton of Paul Reveres to carry his message across the land. The effort to kill ranching is just one part of Agenda 21’s continuing mission to abolish personal freedoms and control the world. It must be stopped at all points.

JIM FALK, FALLON, NEVADA
Help Tom. Donate to americanpolicy.org.—Ed.

I am the tiniest “star” in the universe but would not have the slightest sparkle if it weren’t for you. Andy got a big kick out of my reply to the admirer of “The Great Debate.” [Spring 2020] Loved seeing Blue in print.

CYNTHIA BALDAUF, PITTSBORO, INDIAN

DEBOOSTED

I was so happy to see that articles were being posted on Facebook so I could have some excellent things to read between magazines arriving. I signed up. I liked. I commented. Then I noticed I wasn’t getting any notifications from Facebook that *RANGE* had put out a new post. Occasionally I’d check—and would be shocked that there were posts I’d not seen or been notified about. Yesterday I read “The Gremlins of Silicon Valley” by Marjorie Haun in Summer 2020. Yep, that’s what has been happening to me. I was not getting *any* notifications from Facebook about your posts. Ever. Not one. Is there a way to complain to Facebook about that? How do we make sure we get notified? Most annoying that *RANGE* has been “deboosted.” Sign me Sooooo Saaaaad in Washington state!

SUZANNE BALLARD, VIA EMAIL

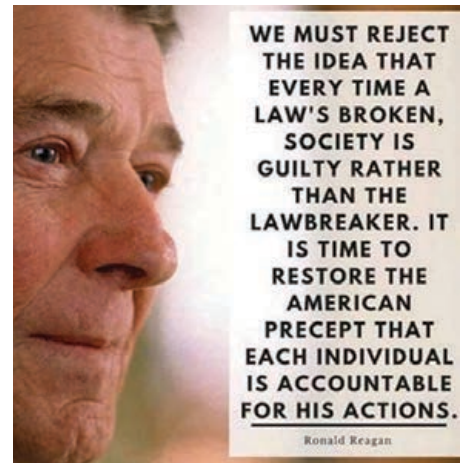
As impossible as it may seem, all the tech giants are ratcheting us down even more. I’m praying for some divine intervention at this point. Maybe a fiery asteroid or 9.0 earthquake to take out Silicon Valley.—Marjorie Haun

LACKING INTELLIGENCE

I have subscribed to *RANGE* off and on for about 15 years and have generally been pleased with its content while not agreeing with all of the articles, particularly those in the last two years. This last issue, however, I have taken exception to. The inclusion of the article “Way to go, Vlad,” in which the author states, “No matter if Putin is helping Trump this time or last time...way to go, Vlad” was illustrative of a mentality that is simply not consistent with intelligence or any form of objectivity. To actively thank and encourage the “President for Life of Russia” for interfering in our elections and applauding his decision to do so cannot in any way be viewed as supportive of the sovereignty of the United

States.... The author is fortunate we are not in the era of Joe McCarthy so that he can write this article without fear of persecution for having done so!

PAUL NEUHARTH, POST, OREGON
Paul, I don’t agree with everything in the magazine either but you seem to have missed Hank Vogler’s tongue-in-cheek humor—which is why I added the crazy meme to his column. During national suicide we are constantly looking for lighter moments but, sadly, smothered that for you. Please don’t quit RANGE for that.—Ed.



Thank you for your courage to show the old traditions and American positive life.

ROGER CRUIKSHANK, BIEBER, CALIFORNIA

Thanks for the good you do in our country.

DAVE CHATELAIN, HEMINGFORD, NEBRASKA

MISGUIDED, IMBALANCED

Poor old Joe Biden exhibits clear signs of early dementia—unmistakable clinical signs. I’m not a doctor or a seer, but I am reasonably intelligent and observant, as are most Americans. It’s a tragic disease, and it’s sad to watch this guy stumble pathetically through a gauntlet of public scrutiny, even though the press has been typically incompetent and utterly negligent in exposing or covering or even commenting much on Biden’s profound and obvious deficiencies—as is always the case in their coverage of liberals and favored leftist elites.

We may have a free press, but, in the main, we do not have a fair, competent or rigorous press—sadly, quite the contrary. We have a press largely bent on proffering the leftist agenda and serving those who would embellish their own power and wealth while imposing heavy-handed, suffocating centralized government on America, more even by far than has become the case already today. Be-

ware your sources, work the continuum of news and information outlets. Be and remain skeptical of all sources and of power. Trust your own innate sense and senses, unpoluted, if they are, by America's corrupt, propagandist news media.

JOHN H. HOAK, SHERIDAN, WYOMING



We are longtime subscribers. I thought you might enjoy seeing how we are doing our part to flatten the curve here in California's Central

Coast region. The stampede string is integral to keeping it in place over the nose. Of course, for many years I have explained to people that our cowboy gear is not just a fashion statement, but actually PPE!

CORAL ARMSTRONG, DVM, VIA EMAIL

Call 1-800-RANGE-4-U for your own silk wild rag (page 27). Lots of colors!—Ed.

I just got my first issue (Spring 2020) and read it from cover to cover the first day. I especially liked "The Art of Catching Wild Cattle" by Kathy McCraine. However, there's one detail that I missed. How on earth did Tyler and KJ load that crazy wild steer onto a trailer?

DICK FREELAND, SOLANA BEACH, CALIF.

Mr. Freeland: KJ's open-topped gooseneck trailer has two rings welded on either side of the top back rails. Each of them had a head loop on the steer and rode off to the left and right of the open tailgate, dragging the steer between them to the opening. They each looped their rope over the ring on their side as they came by, which gave them the leverage to drag the steer right onto the trailer. Then one of them jumped off his horse and slammed the gate shut. It also sometimes works, if the steer is going good with the horse, that the guy leading the steer can jump his horse right into the trailer and the steer will follow. Hope that explains it.—Kathy McCraine, Prescott, Arizona

MORE HELL FOR HAMMONDS

One more example of how the Bureau of Land Management has managed to wreck lives in the farming/ranching industries! Despite pleas that no one file against the Hammonds in their request for renewal of their grazing permits, at least two have filed.

With the present record of BLM actions Hammonds don't stand a fair shake! The liberal U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals does

not give much hope to the Corrigan's either. ["Looking for Preference," Summer 2020] This terrible attack on honest landowners *must* stop! At least they have RANGE in their corner. Please do keep exposing this assault on those who provide the country with its essential foods.

DONNA JO ANDRESS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Thank the Lord for RANGE magazine, Donald Trump and Fox News! We raise some hay and a few cows in eastern Montana and it's nice to know there are a few others like us out there. The Bible says if you know the truth, the truth shall set you free. Thank you for printing the truth.

BUZZ CHAFFEE, WIBAUX, MONTANA

I've spent two hours devouring RANGE, instead of working. Can't wait to finish it! RANGE is a national treasure and makes me wish I were riding the range in a rig or a truck; a horse if I were younger.

KATHY SMITH

LOVING LIBERTY RADIO NETWORK
OGDEN, UTAH

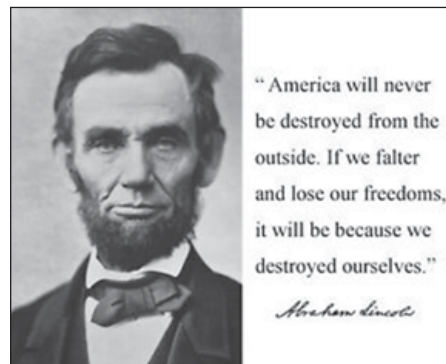
I live where the American Prairie Reserve is putting their headquarters and information center. ["Critical Mass" by Dave Skinner, Fall 2019] They claim they will replace our ag dollars with tourist dollars, but I'm afraid if they get their way, they will bankrupt the area.

ROGER HOLLOWELL

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

I consulted Wikipedia after reading Dave Skinner's "Digging Deeper" in the Summer 2020 issue. I learned that Daniel Patterson's resignation from the Arizona House of Representatives came just hours after the House Ethics Committee voted unanimously to expel him from the House. Allegations of ethics violations included domestic violence, intimidating fellow lawmakers, outbursts of anger, marijuana use, and offers to a lobbyist



to trade sex for a vote. It makes one wonder if the Bureau of Land Management did a background check on Mr. Patterson before hiring him for the job in its Tonopah, Nev., office.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS, ELGIN, ARIZONA

Hope you're weathering this madness in a safe fashion. Thought I'd send you a photo taken in my backyard here in southeast Arizona. The roadrunner hatchlings and eggs don't give a hoot about COVID-19, it's business as usual for them. Kinda cute, huh?

DEXTER OLIVER, DUNCAN, ARIZONA



When did you first publish RANGE magazine? It seems I've had a subscription for about 25 years now (if that's possible) and I look forward to each issue. As I read the articles I wish I could get on my rooftop and shout out the information with such clarity as your writers do to all who would listen. They may not agree but would at least be much better informed on the important issues facing those who like to eat and those of us who feed the world. Ultimately we must learn to work together and no longer be pawns in the hands of just a few wealthy, politically advantaged individuals and organizations with very private, self-serving agendas.

CORY WEBSTER, THE HAYWIRE RANCH
("WHERE EVERYTHING IS BROKE EXCEPT FOR THE HORSES"), MARSH VALLEY, IDAHO
Our first issue was Spring 1991.—Ed.

You are appreciated here in South Dakota.

CHRIS WOLCOTT

FAIRBURN, SOUTH DAKOTA

As usual, the Summer 2020 issue of RANGE is a masterpiece. I was especially impressed by Richard Maybury's article, "Was Iron Mountain a Hoax?" Could anything be more timely, coming when the COVID-19 pandemic conveniently reinforces the Left's opportunity to grossly increase government influence on all our lives and, simultaneously, to limit individual and group freedoms—all without any input or sanction from "We, the People?" Just sayin'... Thanks for all you do.

KENT STOCKTON, RIVERTON, WYOMING

GOOD FRIENDS

I am enclosing a little extra to help some. You are a very important source of information—entertaining too. Thanks much.

NANCY LANDECK, CLEARMONT, WYOMING

Your magazine is outstanding as usual. It tells the truth of the hardworking backbone of the honest people. I will keep taking it until I can't pick it up.

LARRY DAVIS, RETIRED BOVINE
RELOCATION TECHNICIAN (BULL HAULER),
TERREBONNE, OREGON

Please use the extra for the fight! Thank you for what you do.

BOB HUGHES, YUMA, ARIZONA

BASQUES & BAGPIPES

Having grown up a Glasgow Scottie, appreciate your bagpipe experience ["Up Front," Summer 2020]. Jealous (even though I am Basque).

JOE ETCHART, GLASGOW, MONTANA

I couldn't help but marvel at the stories of bagpipers and border reivers by CJ and Dom Naylor in the latest issue. I'm actually a bag-piper myself. Half my family were Highland



Scots who were equally famous for their opposition to the Crown's tyranny as they were for borrowing their neighbors' cattle. The other half were stalwart Yorkshiremen who immigrated to the United States to serve as guides on the Oregon Trail.

BRIAN GREGG, LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

God bless! Full speed ahead. Damn the torpedoes!

FRANK BERLOGAR
PLEASANTON, CALIFORNIA

SUFFER THE SLINGS AND ARROWS. SELL THE GOODNESS.

I despair. I have little hope. The socialist ideas, climate change and the new green deal are everywhere. They permeate everything. I've been watching news this morning and in a very short while I suffered with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez' "global warming is real," "the new green deal is coming" and "transition to the new green economy." The liars have lied so well, so completely and for so long that the lies are now just accepted dogma despite some of us—who feel like voices in the wilderness—screaming: "No, it's not true. There is no climate crisis, there is no emergency!"

In my last despairing efforts, I think I will take a different tack. Rather than raging against the climate-change farce, I am going to speak of the good things about carbon dioxide. I'm not going to rail against the falsehoods, misrepresented and distorted data; I am going to ask folks whether or not they can say anything good about CO₂.

I believe that the two most important chemical compounds on earth are water and carbon dioxide. These are the basic building blocks of all life. The molecules

CO₂ and H₂O, driven by the energy of the sun, react in photosynthesis to build all of the vegetable matter consumed by us and our meat animals. The new greening has been going on for decades because man has burned fossil fuels and raised the levels of atmospheric CO₂ from around 200 parts per million to a little over 410 parts per million today.

The greening is visible from comparative satellite photos and this current, ongoing, new green economy has raised living standards for some of the world's poorest of the poor, simply because of increased crop yields and more, heavier cattle, sheep, goats and swine.

So I am going to sell its goodness and I hope that those of you who agree will do the same. Maybe we can generate a stream of doubt. Maybe people will start saying: prove it! The current situation is so wrong, so evil that I don't believe it can long prevail but the cost between now and its collapse is something I don't even want to contemplate. Join with me please. Talk it up. Suffer the slings and arrows. This is so important.

GEORGE THOMPSON
DURANGO, COLORADO