



Hillary is mad; like the flip-flopping weather

Hold on, there, Hillary is mad! Like the flip-flopping weather, she has moved from "proudly sitting here next to Sen. Barack Obama" (at last week's debate in Austin, Texas), to now shouting, "Shame on you, Barack Obama!" And that shout was emphasized with a mean, twisted face, much as you would describe a pretzel.

Obama's last two mailings to voters of Ohio, according to Clinton (Mrs., the Senator, not the hubby), were dishonest. The mailings dealt with NAFTA and Sen. Clinton's health care program. And if you didn't witness her reaction on television, be sure to catch the next rerun on you will see a truly different Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. No more warm and fuzzy. It's all out war now.

Someone said, not too long ago, if the Clintons crank up their machinery, hold on, it's going to get nasty. If the senator's most recent attack on Obama was an example, that might be an understatement.

Of course Mrs. Clinton has no other options but to get down and dirty. She trails in the popular vote and in the delegate count, and each day it seems super delegates are jumping her ship to swim over to the Obama vessel. Time is running out.

Her outburst at Obama has to be nothing but good news for a troubled Republican Party. If her anger continues, her support for Obama —

if he's the Democratic Party's nominee — will be only luke warm, at best.

The GOP's apparent nominee, Sen. John McCain, has some fences — let's face it, a lot of fences — to mend. There are those within the Republican ranks who view him more as a Democrat than Republican. And it doesn't help to have the likes of Sen. Joe Lieberman, an Independent-Democrat, traveling with him to many rallies. Sen. McCain has voted against President Bush a number of times on key issues and this has disturbed the party's base.

And it does little good for former Arkansas Republican Gov. Mike Huckabee to continue with his campaign, knowing nothing short of a miracle will earn him the nomination. But he gets a 'A' for sticking in there despite the odds.

And now there is another hitch for the Democrats. Does the name Ralph Nader ring a bell? He jumped into the presidential race as an Independent candidate over the weekend. Boy, that sure didn't make many Democrats happy. They still blame him for taking away some of the Al Gore vote in the 2000 election.

A Woman, an African-American, an aging Senator, a determined former Governor, and a never-say-die Independent — all the ingredients for one whale of a movie.

—Tom Dreiling

Casey's Coments

By Casey McCormick



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It's interesting when new words or expressions become part of our daily language. We need words to communicate with one another. As our world changes, so do the words that help us to explain it.

But sometimes we try to use words that are vague and that don't explain anything. An example of this is the new expression; "It is what it is."

Just what does it mean "It is what it is?"

I heard this said twice on national television last weekend.

First it was a high school wrestler who had just won a championship match. When asked about his achievement the athlete responded, "It is what it is."

What? Is it over? Is it satisfying? Is it not what he expected?

The other example was from an interview with a movie actress. When asked about her career she said, "It is what it is."

Again I ask, what is it?

I'll tell you what I think it is. It is a cop out.

I tried the same thing years ago in elementary school. My assignment was to write a paper explaining something.

I wrote one word on the paper; "because."

Needless to say, I was sent back to my desk to try a little harder.

Reader questions need for gym

To the editor:

While I am in total agreement that a new gym would be a great addition to our school system, we need to look at enrollment numbers. Do they justify a new gym? It's not like the numbers of 20 or even 25 to 30 years ago. There are fewer students, so the numbers involved in the sports activities that would utilize the new gym, are on the decline. We have already moved to a 1A classification.

Yes, it would be nice to have

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a warm place to walk during the cooler months, but we have found other ways to do that. The walk between the two buildings has been a walk that has been done for how many years? Do we really need to layout that much money just so we don't have to walk? After all, one of the reasons being put out for the new gym is a place to walk.

I have also heard word about a meeting area. Aren't there places in town that are being used for that now?

I feel that the money that is being earmarked for the gym needs to be put to use in other areas of our school system.

Rodney Zweygardt
St. Francis

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GOD SAYS
The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
Psalm 118:6, 8

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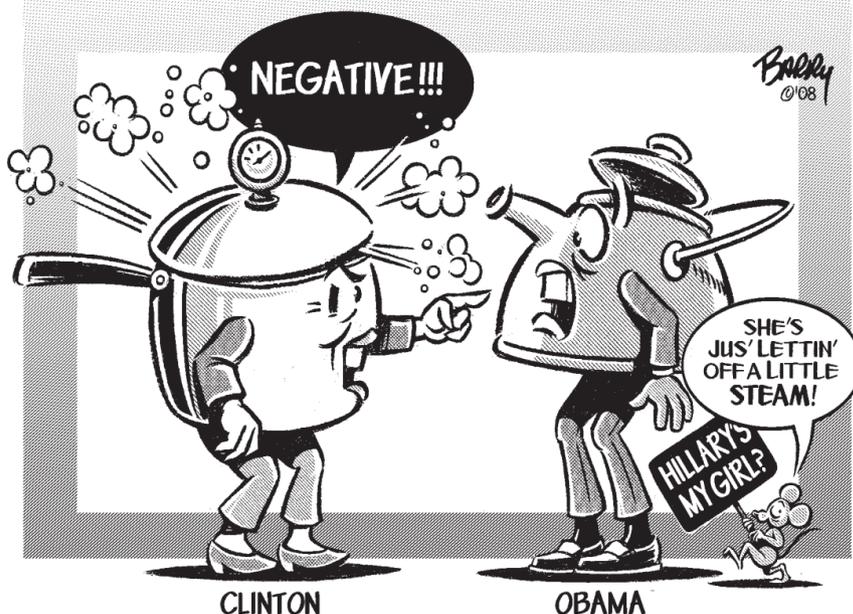
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WHEN THE POT CALLS THE KETTLE ...



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News From the Past

5 years ago - 2003

The nine-game football schedule has been completed. The last game scheduled was with Clay Center and because of the distance between the two towns the game is scheduled to be played in Phillipsburg.

20 years ago - 1988

Leibbrandt Oil is adding a new service, St. Francis Tire and Service, to the full service car-care center.

After 38 years of delivering propane to area residents, Lampe Hardware Inc. has sold the propane operation to Wilson's Service.

Tina Yost has been named the delegate to the Sunflower Girls State. Kari Milliken and Adele Cram have been named

alternates.

Reverend Gary Lawrence assumed the position of pastor of the Assembly of God Church in St. Francis.

On Feb. 13, 1963 (25 years ago in 1988) C.F. (Chick) and Pauline Hixson invited people to attend the open house of the new Ideal Super Market. Chick and Pauline came to St. Francis in 1950 with Chick becoming the "Market Manager" of the grocery store owned by G.A. Raile known as the G and A Market. In 1953 they bought half interest in the store, which was located across the street at that time, and in 1956 they bought the final interest. Through the years the Hixson's have given jobs to countless high school

students.

60 years ago - 1948

With a formal announcement this week by Oldsmobile, the Hancock Motor Company becomes the Oldsmobile dealer for this territory.

A number of Cheyenne County 4-H Club members will be showing animals at the Western Stock Show in Denver. They include Bradley Waters, Dale Potthoff, Kenneth Potthoff, Jean Brown, David Brown, Charles Curry, Gary Zimbelman, Francis Sherlock, Glenn Rudder, Jerry Waters, Terry Gardner, Gary Neilan, Jackie McDowell, Leon Merklin, Jimmie Wickwar, Phillip Sherlock, Arnold Magley Jr., and Johnny Eggers.

Letters from Linda

By Linda Schneider



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We live in a great county and I really mean that. Nowhere on the face of this planet are there more freedoms and tolerances given to its citizens.

I ask you, where can a person criticize their country's Commander-In-Chief, military generals or clergy and get away with it? It is here, and they get their own television series or website.

Yeah, we have a great country. I love my country, but I believe there is a crack running through it. I believe our country has traded the great freedom that was so hard won, for a "lesser" freedom. A freedom that says, "I can, so I will." In addition, I am supposed to tolerate it.

I also believe that we traded what is the importance of "life" for the appearance of the importance of life. In addition, I am supposed to tolerate it.

I will not go into detail about what has my feathers all ruffled, but I will say this, "I do enjoy a good steak."

That statement may or may not mean a thing to you, but if you have watched the news recently you would have seen it too. A cow was down and had to be prodded to the slaughterhouse.

What I could not grasp was that it made national news! There was public outcry over the inhuman treatment; the Cattlemen's Association had to make a statement, and the slaughterhouse had to apologize. The public cried, "We will not buy your beef!" It had all the appearance of the sanctity of life.

Here is my beef (excuse the pun), if we want use our hard won freedom to sanction life and the life we want sanction is a cow, then what is happening is that we are losing focus and using our

"lesser" freedoms and tolerances. Trying to give some semblance of the sanctity of life and there is a crack that is not big enough for a cow, but it is big enough for our children and elderly to fall through.

February has been the National Sanctity of Life month. Sanctity ~ the condition of being considered sacred or holy, and therefore entitled to respect and reverence. (Encarta World English Dictionary) I want to believe human life is what being described.

I can think of one country where the cow is reverence; a large portion of the population lives in squalor and poverty, while the cow roams freely, is bathed, eats off of plates and is fat as a cow.

It is a cow! I will say it again, "I do enjoy a good steak!"

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Morning Worship 10 a.m.
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Fr. Roger Meitl
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Weekday Mass 8 a.m.
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

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2nd & Scott • 332-3921
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.,
Wed. AWANA Club 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
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204 N. Quincy Street
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Potluck & Communion - Every 2nd Sunday
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church
Church Office 332-2292,
Church 332-2254,
512 S. Scott
Pastor Morita Truman
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Salem Lutheran Church
332-3002
Pastor Chris Farmer
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Solid Rock Baptist Church
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Worship 10:30
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Morning Worship 10:45

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