

from our viewpoint...

This doesn't belong in MY America

Are you getting as tired of hearing everybody calling everybody a liar as I am?

There is nothing — absolutely nothing — being said politically today that isn't being challenged by someone with the 'liar' argument. Of course, you have to be one to know one.

I don't care how Sen. John Kerry did or did not get his medals, or if he threw them away, or burned them, or if he flip-flops like an unruly pancake, or how he voted a billion years ago on an issue. Or issues.

I don't care if President George W. Bush did or did not drink too much when he was younger, or if he served or not served in the Air National Guard, or if he wears his religious beliefs on his sleeve, or if he is a Bible thumper.

But I do care that figures in both these camps continue that 'liar' drumbeat, and as much as Kerry and Bush try to distance themselves from the "corps of liars," I do care they don't come out and in good old-fashioned English tell their liars to quit lying.

In other words, tell their surrogates to butt out!

They — Bush and Kerry — look into the television cameras daily and disavow any knowledge of the creeps that crawl the land telling one lie after another. They can't fool me, and I know they aren't fooling you because in the background, they are smiling every time an apparent 'hit' is scored by their liar.

Those television commercials that impregnate our homes with lies do little to convince watchers this is still the greatest of all lands on the planet. If we want to gauge ourselves based on lies told by those who guide or want to guide our fortunes, then hope is shedding itself much like leaves fall from trees at the change of seasons.

This is fast becoming one of the trashiest campaigns in this nation's history. We have a wannabe first lady whose mouth is best saved for talk over a few drinks.

Some people think it's cute. "She's speaking her mind," they say. Her use of "shove it" and "hell" are not meant for the public stage and especially by someone who wants to be our first lady. If she does become such, the dictionary of "First Lady Lingo" will have to be rewritten. It's not acceptable language in my opinion.

We have a vice-president who has gone beyond the tainted language and reached into the bottom of the garbage can to express his disdain for a senator's comment on the floor of the United States Senate.

There is no place for this vulgarity on our public stage. It's a common word that finds its way into conversation when someone can't think of any other word to use. It'll never find its way in print in this newspaper.

Sen. Edwards can smile all he wants. Looks can be deceiving. And as this fight goes on, I'm sure the smiles will become less obvious. His battle scars from the spring's primaries are nothing next to what he's going to endure in the final months of the campaign.

What's wrong with MY America? It is being ruled and governed by a four-letter word — LIAR.

Bush and Kerry could put an end to it — just like that. But cleaning up politics would be akin to making the landfill suitable for an evening meal. It just isn't going to happen.

I wonder if the ballot allows for a write-in in the presidential box. If it does I will pencil in "God." At least the poll workers will know how I voted.

MY America deserves better. And it has deteriorated so much God may even find it almost impossible to repair.

Sad, isn't it, that in MY America, the choice is the lesser of two evils. —*Tom Dreiling, the Colby Free Press.*

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It was a down week, but getting better

It's been a down week.

Some weeks everything goes right and the world is wonderful.

Then there was last week.

Monday wasn't too bad. We had no disasters and the papers got out on time.

Then on Tuesday came the call from my sister. "Cyn, Mom's fallen and broken her hip."

Mom's balance has been bad for years, and she falls about twice a week. Every time it happens, my sister tells her she's going to break a hip one of these days.

"Don't you just hate it when you're right?" I said.

Mother was transferred from her home at an assisted living facility in Concordia to the Salina Regional Medical Center, where she had surgery on Wednesday.

I called our oldest daughter to tell her how her grandmother was.

She told me her dog had cancer and she and her husband have decided on chemotherapy. The success rate is 75 percent, she said, but the cost will be between \$30-\$40 a week for a year.

But they love their dog and have no children upon which to spend their hard-earned money.

Which, speaking of money, my son-in-law's wallet was stolen on Thursday and someone is using his credit cards.



**cynthia
haynes**

• open season

I went to Salina to spend Wednesday night with mother so my sister and her husband could get some rest.

Between the two of them, they've spent almost every waking hour at Mom's side and a whole bunch of the sleeping ones.

Youngest daughter, who is moving to South Carolina this week, joined me. She was planning to visit her grandmother before leaving the state anyway.

After her visit, she headed back to Lawrence, where she was busy packing.

On Thursday, she tried to call the movers, who were scheduled to pick up her stuff on Friday. She got a recording.

Next she went to the Internet to check out their web site. She couldn't find it. However, she did find one dedicated to people who were unhappy with the moving company.

Boy, was she thrilled.

Friday morning, the movers called and said they would be there sometime that day. Later, they called to say they'd be there between 4 and 6 p.m. She was relieved.

The movers finally showed up at 8:30 p.m.

She was steamed, but still relieved.

While the movers were taking her stuff to the truck, her brother was moving his into a friend's garage. He had been sick all week and had forgotten to get a U-Haul trailer until the last minute — and of course, they had none.

So "the go 'n' throw" bug combined with trying to move and clean his old apartment kept him busy over the weekend.

As of Monday, his stuff was still in the friend's garage. His ex-roommate, who had offered a truck to help move the furniture, had lost the keys. And, he had no hot water because he forgot to call the gas company and get it turned on.

Mom is getting better. Steve is helping youngest daughter move this week. Son finally got moved, but not until he'd had a couple of nights sleeping on some very pretty, but very solid, hardwood floors.

Oldest daughter and son-in-law will get things figured out.

Me, I'm hiding under the bed for the rest of the week.

Column makes us think, dig deep in study

To the Editor:

We are thankful that *The Goodland Star-News* prints articles that have to do with the Bible.

Sharon Corcoran's articles have stimulated our thinking and study of the Bible. We don't always agree with her, but she has caused us to think and dig deeper in the scriptures during our Bible studies.

The results of this follow:

Mankind is created in the image of God for a life of purpose! We didn't exist forever in the past, but we will continue to exist forever in the future. We will all die physically, some will live eternally in spiritual bliss and others will exist eternally in torment. Eternity will happen for every soul — the choice of where we will reside is up to us. Heaven or Hell is our choice, but an eternal existence is not. A few passages of scripture that show us there is judgment after this earthly life and two eternal destinies:

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." John 14:2 "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you."

Matthew 23:33 "You serpents, you generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of Hell?" (Jesus was talking to the scribes and Pharisees)

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." Matthew 25:46 "And these shall go away



**from our
readers**

• to the editor

into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."

There are two destinies that God prepares for all who die. Which will you choose?

God has made our souls eternal but our bodies are temporal. When our bodies die, we go on existing as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:1,2 and 8 "Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile, we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling ... we are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the

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