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Cuba: Another **Empty Gesture**

> MIAMI HERALD (Sept. 14): Saturday, Pope Francis arrives in Cuba. Last Friday, Cuba announced it's pardoning 3,522 prisoners Cause and effect in action — and that's about all this gesture from the Cuban government likely means.

OPINION OTHER VIEWS

No need to speculate on whether this is a real sign that after 56 years the Castro regime is finally easing its grip on $\bar{1}1$ million Cubans - as is the desired result following the U.S. announcement in December of thawing diplomatic ties with the island. That's just not how dictatorships work

It's well known that Cuba empties and fills its jails according to what's politically expedient — and makes it look like a benevolent government to the outside world, especially just before the international spotlight shines on the island.

Those set to be pardoned are men and women, young and old or infirm who are first-time offenders who committed nonviolent crimes. But none of the regime's thousands of political prisoners are among them. We hope the pope has something to say about that. After all, recent figures show arrests and detentions on the island continue unabated

It's not the first time Cuba has made a show of releasing prisoners a favorite bargaining tool of the Castro brothers.

In 1978, Fidel Castro released almost 3,800 political prisoners in a deal with President Jimmy Carter's administration. Before that. of course, there was a deal brokered for the release of the Cubans captured during the failed Bay of Pigs invasion. Cuba got \$10 million

And twice before, in advance of papal visits, the Cuban government has released prisoners, all for show before filling the jails again after the pope's plane went wheels up.

In 1998, Fidel Castro released 300 prisoners ahead of Pope John Paul II's visit. And in 2011, Raul Castro released nearly 3,100 ahead of Pope Benedict XVI's visit.

A month after the U.S. announced it would reestablish diplomatic ties with the island, Cuba, as a show of good will, released 53 dissidents. Many of the prisoners, it turned out, had nearly served their sentences or been released months earlier. In other words, it was an

But those who know the machinations of the Cuban government think the latest prisoner-release announcement was moved up to distract the international press. Thursday, Castro's partner in repression, Venezuela, handed renowned democracy leader, Leopoldo Lopez, a 13-year prison sentence — an outrage for a political dissident guilty of no real crime, just that of opposing President Nicolas

International headlines Friday should have been about Lopez's sentencing. Instead they trumpeted how nice Cuba is to be releasing prisoners. Well-played.

What Cuba really wants is economic growth. The regime wants to open its doors to U.S. business, investment and tourism as China and Vietnam have done. What it doesn't want is its citizens speaking out against the government.

But it's incumbent upon the United States to make clear that Cuba can't have the former without eliminating its restrictions on the latter; without freeing its political prisoners, incarcerated on trumped-up charges and tried in kangaroo courts.

U.S. diplomacy hinges on the belief that normalizing diplomatic ties and trade with nations like Cuba will change everything. But that

Cuba must to do more than these fake gestures of prisoner releases and offer up real, and permanent, human-rights reform.

ABOUT THIS PAGE

affecting our readers. Initialed editorials represent the opinion of the writer, but not necessarily that of the PRESS & DAKOTAN. Bylined columns represent the view of the author. We welcome letters on current topics. Questions regarding the Views page should be directed to Kelly Hertz at kelly.hertz@yankton.net/.

IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, September 17, the 260th day of 2015. There are 105 days left

in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Phila-

delphia.

On this date: In 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam in Maryland. In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the

U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside Washington D.C.
In 1937, the likeness of President

Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.) In 1955, Tennessee Ernie Ford re-

corded "Sixteen Tons" by Merle Travis for Capitol Records in Hollywood. Capitol Records in Hollywood.

In 1964, the James Bond movie "Goldfinger," starring Sean Connery, premiered in London. The fantasy sitcom "Bewitched," starring Elizabeth Montgomery, debuted on ABC-TV.

In 1971, citing health reasons, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, 85, retired. (Black, who was succeeded by Lewis E Powell Ir. died eight days after

Lewis F. Powell Jr., died eight days after making his announcement.) In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1984, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.
In 1994, Heather Whitestone of Ala-

bama was crowned the first deaf Miss

In 2011, a demonstration calling itself Occupy Wall Street began in New York, prompting similar protests around the U.S. and the world.

Ten years ago: Two passengers were killed, more than 100 people hurt when a Chicago Metra commuter train derailed while changing tracks at high speed. Insurgents assassinated a Kurdish member of parliament, his brother and their driver in an ambush north of Baghdad.

Five years ago: Thousands of cheering Catholic schoolchildren feted Pope Benedict XVI on his second day in Britain, offering a boisterous welcome, as the

pontiff urged their teachers to make sure to provide a trusting, safe environment. A scientist and his wife who once worked at a top-secret U.S. nuclear laboratory were arrested after an FBI sting operation and charged with conspiring to help develop a nuclear weapon for Venezuela. (After pleading guilty, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni was sentenced to five years federal prison while his wife, Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, received a year and a day; the U.S. government has never alleaed that Venezuela or anyone actually working for it had sought U.S. secrets.)

One year ago: The Republican-con-

trolled House voted grudgingly to give the administration authority to train and arm Syrian rebels as President Barack Obama emphasized anew that American forces "do not and will not have a combat mission" in the struggle against Islamic State militants in either Iraq or Syria. George Hamilton IV, 77, a Grand Ole Opry member who was one of country music's first international ambassadors, died in Nash

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Huddleston is 85. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 82. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 76. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimen-sion) is 80. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 72. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is 70. Singer Fee Waybill is 65. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 64. Comedian Rita Rudner is 62. Muppeteer Kevin Clash (former voice of Elmo on "Sesame Street") is 55. Director-actor Paul Feig is 53. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 53. Singer BeBe Winans is 53. TV personalty /businessman Robert Herjavec (TV: Shark Tank") is 52. Actor Kyle Chandler is 50. Director-producer Bryan Singer is 50. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 49. Actor Malik Yoba is 48. Rock musician Keith Flint (Prodigy) is 46. Actor Matthew Settle is 46. Rapper Vinnie (Naughty By Nature) is 45. Actor Felix Solis is 44. Rock singer Anastacia is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 42. Actresssinger Nona Gaye is 41. Singer-actor Constantine Maroulis is 40. NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson is 40. Pop singer Maile Misajon (Eden's Crush) is 39. Country singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran is 36.
Rock musician Chuck Comeau (Simple Plan) is 36. Actor Billy Miller is 36. Country singer Desi Wasdin (3 of Hearts) is 32. Rock musician Jon Walker is 30. Actress Danielle Brooks (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 26. Actress-singer Denyse Tontz

Thought for Today: "We must not say every mistake is a foolish one." — Ciceró, Roman scholar (106-43 B.C.).

FROM THE BIBLE

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:12-13. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



Kindle's Korner

YHS Has Three Merit **Scholar Semifinalists**

BY DR. WAYNE KINDLE Yankton School District

Congratulations to Yankton High School students Talitha Greaver, Cody Perakslis and Hannah Williams, who are semifinalist as National Merit Scholars!

To be considered for a National Merit Scholarship, Semifinalists have to fulfill requirements to advance to Finalist standing. Each Semifinalist submits a detailed scholarship application, which includes essays and information about extracurricular achievements, awards, and leadership positions. Semifinalists also have to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a school official, and earn SAT scores that confirm their qualifying test performance.



Dr. Wayne **KINDLE**

the cell tower located at Yankton Middle School. The cell tower company hired a local engineering firm. The firm ran a full structural analysis on the flag pole to see if the tower could hold a larger flag, at no cost to the YSD. We were informed the flag flying now is

the size designated for such and currently installed on the tower. The engineering firm felt that the increased load a larger flag would induce could be an issue for the plastic canisters on the pole. The load would cause stress on the canister when the flag is in raised position, possibly resulting in damage to the canister.

The end result is we will continue to have our country's flag flying and lit up at night. If you have not driven by to see Old Glory at night, please do so, it is beautiful!

THE RETURN OF ART AT YANKTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art classes were re-instated at the Yankton Middle School beginning the current 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Cierra Voeltz was hired as the Art instructor. There are currently 205 seventhand eighth-grade students who have registered to take Art and approximately 200 sixth grade students will be taking Art.

The Art classes will be creating a variety of artwork throughout the semester. The base and theme of the class is "The Elements of Art." This will be broken down into seven different sections; color, line, shape, form, value, texture, and space. Within each of those sections students will learn about; history, terminology, different art mediums, different techniques and artists. Students will also be exposed to 2-D Art in the form of drawing, painting, print making and 3-D Art including clay, plaster masks and hanging art projects.

CODING FOR KIDS

The Yankton School District is partnering with Southeast Job Link, United Way of Yankton, and the YHS National Honor Society to bring a Game Design Club to our elementary schools.

A software program called Google CS Game Design Club will be used for the after school program. There are several different themes, but Game Design was selected for the first year of the program.

Sherri Duke from Southeast Job Link will be club organizer. Students from the YHS National Honor Society students will earn community service hours and assist with the after school

program. The United Way has awarded a \$3,000 Venture Grant to ensure the program is free for students. The program is limited to 25 students from each elementary school. The program is designed for students as young as 9 years old, but will be offered only to fifth graders due to limited participation at this time.

CELL TOWER FLAG

The Yankton School District was recently contacted by the company for which we lease

CRANE YOUNGWORTH/WILLIAMS FIELD SURVEY

We welcome anybody who is interested in providing input into the Crane Youngworth/Williams Field Project to please participate in the survey. The survey is very short and will take a person 5-10 minutes to complete.

Any person who would like to take the survey and does not have access to a computer may use any of the Yankton School District facilities. Access to the survey will be provided at the following locations:

 Yankton School District Administration Building,

- Yankton High School,
- Yankton Middle School, • Beadle Elementary,
- Stewart Elementary, Webster Elementary

 and Lincoln Elementary. Computers are also available at The Center. The survey may be accessed at the follow-

ing website: http://www.ysd.k12.sd.us Another public forum will be held in October to discuss the results of the survey. The time, date, and location of the public forum will be announced at a later date.

PRESENTATIONS

As superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/ organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

Since taking my new position as superintendent, I have spoken to several groups throughout our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit. I can also be contacted using my email at wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us

Let's have a terrific year!

Henry Ford stated, "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success."

Dr. Wayne Kindle is superintendent of the Yankton School District.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Back-Pack Success Yankton Contact Center

Vouchers for school back packs were handed out to 181 Yankton County children, grades K-8 at the Contact Center. The Yankton community has always been so very supportive of the Contact Center and the Back Pack Project. We wish

to thank everyone that contributed to this very important project.

Neal and Gina Anderson, Yankton

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the first Jammin' for St. Jude's Dance a success. A big thank you to the band, Whiskey Bent, for the great music and entertainment. To the Eagle Eye Poker Run Committee and all of the individuals who volunteered their services for set up. Clean up, and everything in between. Thanks to the Walnut Tavern and Boomer's for their

participation and cooperation, and especially, to

A Great Jam!

everyone who attended and donated. Together, we were able to raise \$2,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We appreciate all of

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 Please limit letters to 300 words or less. Letters should deal with a single subject, be of general interest and state a specific point of view. Letters are edited with brevity, clarity and newspaper style in mind.

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SECURITY: "Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe." — Thomas Jefferson

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