

## Lifting ban for Cuba is just a little premature

There's pressure in Congress to lift the 40-year-old ban on travel to Cuba.

Some argue that sanctions on Cuba haven't worked: After all this time, Fidel Castro is still in power, still repressive and autocratic, still a Communist.

Others argue that American visitors can take the lesson of freedom to Cuba, open up a dialog and change the Cuban people's hearts.

Still others, several Kansas congressmen among them, argue that we need to lift the embargo on Cuba so we can sell the Cubans more stuff, especially Kansas wheat.

And then there are those who just want a good cigar.

It won't happen this year, because the Cuban vote is too strong in Florida, and every vote in Florida will count next fall. But the pressure will keep up.

Have the trade embargo or the travel ban, in place since the 1960s, worked? It depends on whether you think the glass is half empty or half full.

Sure, Castro remains in control of Cuba. There's little we can do to unseat a dictator short of sending troops to his island. President Kennedy tried that, but pulled his punches and failed. Certainly sanctions, trade embargoes and the like have never succeeded in ousting a government.

But Castro has lost his communist friends and supporters and is increasingly isolated. His days on earth are numbered, and it would be a surprise if his soulless brand of communism hangs on long

after he is gone.

Opening up Cuba to American travel would result in a boom in tourism that might shore his regime up for a few years.

Castro is still a communist dictator, one of the last four or five in the world, depending on how you count. Over the years since he came to power, totalitarian rules have all but disappeared from Latin America. Where once military dictators and one-party cliques rules most of Central and South America, today there is only Castro.

Democracy may be struggling in many countries, but it has a foothold everywhere. Except in Cuba.

Having invested so many years and so much effort in isolating Castro, why should we give up now?

His economic policies have left his island nation in ruin. His leftist ranks have left him without friends in most of the world.

The United States has no beef with the Cuban people, but the enmity between governments is great.

Some day, Castro will be gone. Some day, his repressive communist government will fall. Some day, fine Cuban rum and noble Cuban cigars may flow north to eager Yankee hands. Wheat and tourists will flow south.

But until that day, why give aid and comfort to a man who is our sworn enemy?

No, it's not yet time to lift the embargo or the travel ban.

Let's just wait.

— Steve Haynes

## Continuing journey - Christian unity?

Letter to the Editor:

When this preacher read the letter to the editor last week entitled, "Pastor continues journey," he couldn't help but think of the hurt that comes when people who believe in Jesus and call themselves "Christians" get into a church fight. He also recognized that for an outsider to get involved in such a matter is like an in-law who gets in the middle of a family feud. Yet, because of the importance of Christian unity, he feels something needs to be said that focuses our community's situation with Biblical truth.

Someone told the story of the fellow who had been marooned on an island for several years. He was happy to show his rescuers the three buildings he had built. The first

building, he explained, was his house. The second building was where he worshipped, his church building. When they asked what the third building was, he explained, "That is where I used to go to church."

Such is the human predicament. We easily take offense and take sides. We seem to mimic the political environment of our time. Yet, it finds people who call themselves Christians feeling almost anything but Christian. Friends of long standing are pitted against other friends. Siblings are caught on two sides of the fence. These feelings don't just go away. And, ultimately we will be able to fill all the vacated buildings in western Kansas, USA, as we en-

tain our new ideas and our hurt feelings. Each person can eventually have his own church!

The New Testament scriptures teach that this is not the will of God. Jesus prayed for Christian unity in John 17. "My prayer is not for them (his disciples-nm) alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, they also be in us so that the world may believe that you sent me," verses 20 and 21.

Paul would later chide the Corinthian Christians: "I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers, some of Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: One of you says, 'I follow Paul;' another, 'I follow Apollos;,' another, 'I follow Cephas;,' still another, 'I follow Christ.'"

Is Christ divided: Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?... 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13.

May we all go back to the Bible for our guidance in religious matters, and back to a spirit of love for each other.

Norman Morrow  
one of many local preachers  
St. Francis

## Readers enjoy opinion

Letter to the Editor:

We wonder how much response Mr. Haynes will get to his Opinion from the Oct. 23 issue of The Herald.

The whole paragraph attempting to explain just why and how to set the clocks up or back — now "THAT'S" confusing!

The whole state of Arizona stays on mountain standard time the whole year 'round. There is nothing confusing about that.

And as for all Arizonian's being too old to remember how to set their VCR — unless we get a new one — we never have to change it. This gives us a lot more time to do what we do best — golf all day and surf the internet in our fancy computers all evening.

Instead of calling daylight saving time, why not call it "day light deception time?" Any fool who would get up at 3 a.m. to set his clock back or ahead isn't fooling anyone but himself.

Oh yes, sometimes we take a

break from golfing or surfing to take the motor home to the lake and fish and hike.

Don't get us wrong! St. Francis is our "hometown" and we love to come home. But we aren't working so we don't have to worry about getting confused about what time it is even though it appears that the sun goes down between 9:30 and 10 p.m. in the summertime.

Dwight and Leah Brewer  
(we're way over 55)  
Tucson, Ariz.

**GOD SAYS**

Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jeremiah 32:17

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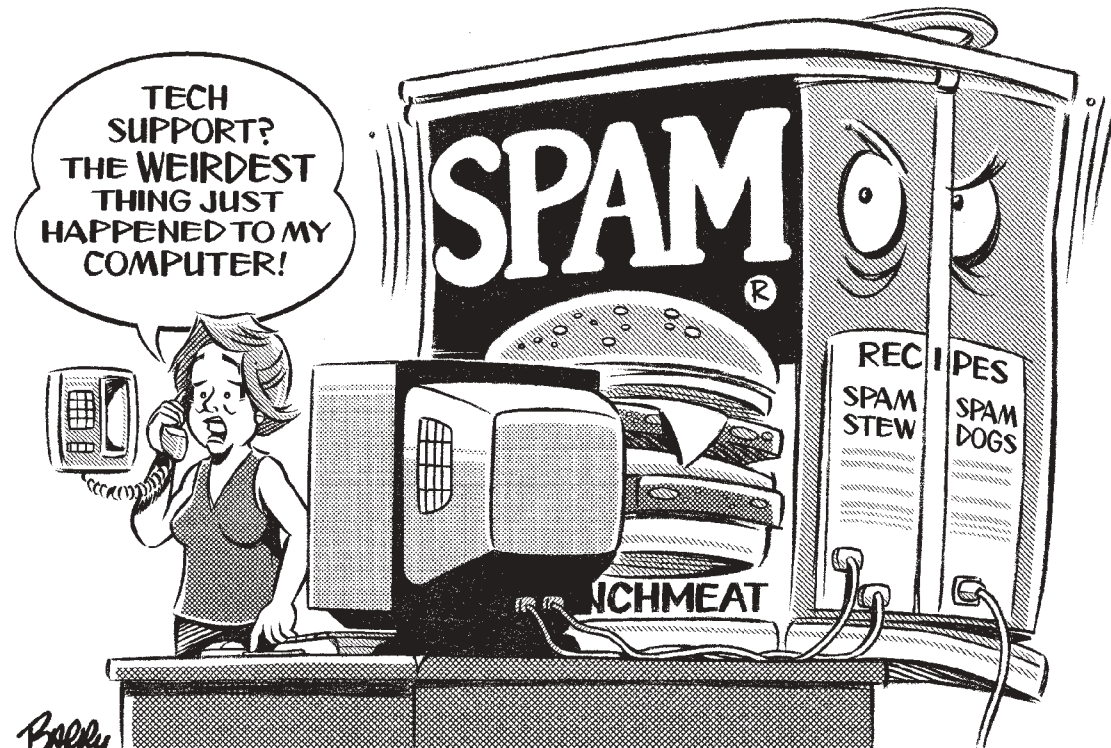


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## News From the Past

### 100 years ago - 1903

The St. Francis telephone exchange was completed last week and is working splendidly. Already the people are so wedded to the phone that they could not do without it. Work on the Jaqua extension will commence immediately and soon that suburb will be in actual touch with the world.

The school report shows that the Cheyenne County High School has 29 pupils in attendance with 20 of them girls and nine boys. The Grammar Department of the St. Francis Public Schools has 25 students, the Intermediate Department has 21 and the Primary Department has 36.

### 40 years ago - 1963

Charles Graves, a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, will be participating in the Kansas State University's Band State as a member of the university's all male marching band. He is a cymbal player.

The hot lunch program at the St. Francis School serves approximately 6,279 hot lunches a month. An average of 310 to 330 students eat at the program each day. The cost is just 25 cents per meal for grade school students and 35 cents for high

school students and adults. The cooks are Gertie Gordon, Norma McCall, Fern Mace and Ruby Oster. Mrs. Oster is the head cook.

Open house is being held at St. Francis' new telephone building. This is an opportunity for the public to see the fine new building and equipment at St. Francis.

A new church is formed in St. Francis. On Aug. 1, the Berean Fundamental Church organized a local fellowship in St. Francis. At that time they called Reverend Dick Matzke to be their pastor. The parsonage for the church has been purchased at 120 E. Spencer. A building site also has been purchased and plans are under way to get started building the first portion of the church. Services will be held at the parsonage until the church building is ready.

### 25 years ago - 1987

Gail Dirks and Troy Krien were selected as Homecoming Queen and King. Crown bearers were Penny Ann Cassidy and Chad Pittman.

The work on completing the restoration of Sawhill Park is still ongoing with work going on in the band shell area where an underground sprinkler system has been installed. Members of the St. Francis Garden Club are leveling the dirt and planting grass seed in

the area.

There is concern that the Trailways Bus Service through St. Francis will be eliminated due to the recent ruling concerning decreasing the level of service.

St. Francis again won a PRIDE award for Sawhill Park. Elaine Kite is the committee chairman and Robert Grace, Dr. Bill Pannbacker and Randy Earl also were pictured in the Oct. 19, 1978, issue of the St. Francis Herald holding awards received by St. Francis.

Ralph Leach, Bird City, has been appointed to the Cheyenne County Committee of the Farmers Home Administration.

The main electric power line supplying the electrical needs for the Park Hill addition to St. Francis will be replaced with work beginning on Monday.

### 10 years ago - 1993

Libby Curry was honored with an open house at the courthouse Thursday as she is leaving her position as Cheyenne County Home Economist to become an area home economist and program specialist.



**WE'RE EXCITED!!**

**Come Share Our Enthusiasm**

**WELCOME OUR NEW PRIEST**

Sunday, Nov. 2 • 10 a.m.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

13th & Center Goodland, KS

*Potluck following Services*

**Unless you're prepared to pay the consequences...**

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A message from the Kansas Department of Transportation

*Worship Warms the Heart*

**Wesleyan Church**  
Hwy 36 • 734-2727  
Pastor Scott Baker  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
332-2380, Pars. 332-3424  
502 W. Spencer  
Norman Morrow - Minister  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Grace Assembly of God**  
332-2925, Pars. 332-2899  
208 E. 2nd  
Rev. Rob Meyer  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30  
Sunday Eve. Service 6 p.m.

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

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
202 N. College  
332-2928 Pars. 332-2308  
Pastor David Rossbach  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Christian Church**  
332-2956 • 118 E. Webster  
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.  
Church Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. night Bible Study 7 p.m.

**Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
332-2888 • 3rd & Adams  
Pastor Arlin Cochran  
Sabbath School 9:30  
Morning Worship 10:45

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**  
625 S. River • 332-2680  
Fr. Beryl Gibson  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 8 a.m.  
Confessions Sat. 4-4:30

**Living Water Fellowship Ministry**  
Pastors:  
Terry & Tiffany Glasco  
Box 310; Bird City  
785-734-2363  
Sunday:  
Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  
Worship & Word 10 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Last Friday of Month:  
Healing Service 7:30 p.m.

**United Methodist Church**  
Church Office 332-2292,  
Church 332-2254,  
Pars. 332-3170  
512 S. Scott  
Pastor Nel Holmes  
Early Bird Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**  
2nd & Scott • 332-3921  
J.W. Glidewell, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening  
Service 6:30 p.m.,  
Wednesday prayer  
service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. AWANA Club  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Clough Valley Baptist Church**  
Pastor Al Davis D. Min.  
12 m. west, 6 m. north of SF  
332-2506  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. CT  
Worship 10:00 a.m. CT

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