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DEC closes down Friendship Foundry



The Friendship Foundry has been in Friendship since 1897. Last week, the state DEC closed the facility for non-compliance with state environmental laws.

FRIENDSHIP--From the first day it opened its doors, the Friendship Foundry was struggling.

And now, after 3 years of operation, the small company has been closed for violating state air-pollution laws.

The Friendship Foundry has been monitored by the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) ever since the plant opened.

Now the DEC has shut it down.

"The whole country is environmentally conscious," foundry president Henry Mayo said.

"We are a smokestack industry...and there is a lot of concern about our industry nationwide."

Neighbors of the Friendship Foundry had been complaining of the smell of the factory and the condition of its grounds for years.

The DEC had staged at least one
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Biking the world

by John Arden-Hopkins

CUBA--Melanie Pot is on her way around the world on a bicycle.

It's an unusual thing to do, but very little about Ms. Pot is ordinary.

Even the bicycle she is riding is unusual. But she's an unusual person, with a sunny outlook on life and a rare profession.

Last week, she quietly passed through Allegany County --on her way to Boston, to England, eventually to the Soviet Union and Sri Lanka.

She was pedaling her way down the Cuba-Friendship road on the bright morning of May 31.

She was only 16 days away from finishing the US leg of her journey--a journey that began last year and has already taken her through Australia and a good bit of North America.

Her trip is scheduled to last 4, or even 5, years.

"People keep asking me where I get the courage to do this," she said. "And I don't know what they mean."

"The only person who has ever hassled me was a policeman on the expressway."

She had spent the night with a family in Hinsdale after being chased off the Southern Tier Expressway by a local State Trooper.

A chance meeting with a fellow cycling enthusiast in Olean led to her meeting and staying with a local family.

And, she said, "the hardest thing is getting up in the morning and getting back on the road."

"It's hard to leave nice people."

Sixty to 70 miles is an average day for Melanie and her partner, James Finney, who was not doing the US leg with her, but will join her in Europe.

COMBAT AND BIKES

Melanie Pot and Mr. Finney are a team--and they are working their way around the world doing team teaching.

What they teach is theatrical combat--what actors have to do on stage to perform realistic-looking fights without getting themselves hurt.

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Magnano gets 6-life

LITTLE VALLEY-- Michael Magnano was sentenced twice May 31, each time to 6 years to life in a state penitentiary.

The former Cuba druggist was found guilty last June of selling drugs to an undercover police officer in Olean.

He also pleaded guilty last week to 2nd degree criminal sale of a controlled substance for selling methadone on the street in Cuba.

That incident took place in September of 1987, when Mr. Magnano sold methadone, a synthetic form of heroin, to an undercover

police officer behind his Main Street store.

Mr. Magnano has been in prison since his 1988 conviction for Medicaid fraud.

He had also been convicted in 1982 of selling untaxed cigarettes.

It was these earlier convictions that convinced Cattaraugus County judge Mark Dadd to impose the 6 years to life sentence.

Allegany Court judge Wayne Feeman imposed the same penalty on Mr. Magnano, 55, after the former druggist entered his guilty plea for the Cuba incident.

Despite letters of support from several prominent citizens from the Cuba area, Judge Feeman imposed the maximum penalty for the controlled-substance conviction.

He called the support letters a "travesty."

Mr. Magnano ran two pharmacies--one on Main Street in Cuba and one in the Olean Medical Center--for years.

The two six-years-to-life sentences he received will run concurrently.

Mr. Magnano has served a year
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IN THIS CORNER

A COLLECTION OF PERTINENT FACTS AND IMPERTINENT OPINIONS

by the editor

Dairy Week starts next Wednesday--and there are enough activities and events planned to keep Cuba and vicinity jumping for the entire 5 days.

The PATRIOT is displaying some of the trophies that will be awarded by the Pomona Grange, so come on down and gaze longingly into the window.

The PATRIOT has even dreamed up a little bit of a surprise for everybody who comes to the Grand Parade (that's at 3 pm on Saturday June 16) so BE THERE!

We were talking last week about tax resistance, and an interesting article came to our attention about a group of tax resisters in western Massachusetts.

It seems that one family has refused to pay federal income tax for the past 13 years, and the IRS finally tried to auction off the family's house to pay the tax bill.

The IRS set a minimum "floor bid" of \$5,100 for the home--and no one bid it.

One bidder offered 42 blocks of ice, to symbolize the end of the 42-year Cold War.

Another bid free psychotherapy for stressed-out IRS employees.

Others offered food and other barter items.

It seems that the free spirit of Thoreau's Walden and Shay's Rebellion has not faded from the western Massachusetts hills, and the IRS now has title to the family's home--but has yet to take possession.

It will be interesting to see what the taxman does with the

house after throwing the family onto the street. We'll keep you posted.

And by the way--it appears that there are thousands of quiet tax protestors all over the nation, all refusing to pay some or all of their federal taxes. Most of them are protesting the fact that 87% of the tax money raised goes to the Pentagon.

Gonzo journalist Hunter Thompson beat the rap last week. He had been accused of possession of controlled substances and other crimes after a February incident in his Colorado home. The smart money said that he was in fact being harassed by an over-zealous local constabulary, which figured he must have tons of drugs squirreled away.

Thompson, 53, became a well-known national figure for his exceptionally personal and synthetically looney writing about politicians, Hells Angels, and other oddities of the American landscape. (He is the inspiration for the "Duke" character in the Doonesbury comic strip).

To the uninitiated, his writing seemed the result of uncontrolled drug use--leading to the zeal with which he was prosecuted.

A judge dismissed all the charges against him May 31.

W.S. Gilbert of Gilbert & Sullivan said it well: "Things are seldom what they seem."

Cottage owners please note that there is a change in the number to register complaints about garbage pick-up. The correct number to contact Maple City Disposal is 1-496-7490, according to the Lake District.

Cuba attorney Frank Williams recently had an article published in the prestigious New York State Bar Journal.

The Journal is the official publication of the state Bar Association, which has over 52,000 members, and only the

best manuscripts from that membership are published in the magazine.

Dr. Paul Connett will be in Angelica May 12 and Olean May 13, discussing solid waste. He is considered an expert in the field, and will be discussing disposal and incineration.

Both presentations are at 7 pm. In Angelica, he will be at the high school; in Olean, at the Municipal Building.

His visits are being sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Allegany County and the Olean Task Force.

The Cuba swimming program still has a few openings for kids in grades K-6. The program is part of the summer recreation program under the direction of Karla Runyan. Swimming begins July 9, call Ms Runyan at 968-1620 to sign up.

"A nation in transition and a town in transition" is the theme for the Friendship Freedom Fair this year. The event, September 14 & 15, will include a soccer game, a parade, flea market, food, music and entertainment.

As much as one-third of the "low-level" radioactive waste in the nation may be deregulated by the NRC in the near future.

Public Citizen, a Ralph Nader group, has sounded the alarm, saying that the federal government's BRC (below regulatory concern) policy could lead to as many as 2,500 additional cancer deaths per year in the United States.

For people in our area, the concern is a real one. If radioactive waste is deregulated, and can be disposed of in the normal waste stream, then "BRC" nuclear waste disposed of at West Valley in Cattaraugus County could find its way to the incinerator in Cuba.

That prospect has many people concerned.

Cuba Town Board

\$115,000 notes

CUBA--The Cuba Town Board voted to issue \$115,000 in notes at its June 4 meeting.

The borrowed money will be used for two projects: the townwide property revaluation and the purchase of a new grader for the highway department.

The revaluation will cost the town \$55,000 to be paid over the next two years; borrowing all the money now will allow the town to earn interest on some of the money.

The grader will replace the older machine that is being sold to the town of Angelica.

Delivery on the new grader is expected in the next few weeks. The board had budgeted for the replacement in its 1990 spending plan.

In another matter, the Cuba board decided to put the police department's maroon 1986 Ford up for sale.

A minimum bid of \$1,200 will be asked for the cruiser, which was replaced earlier this year.

Sealed bids will be solicited by the town and will be opened at the board's next meeting, which is set for July 9.

Weed district

CUBA--The Cuba Lake weed control district may soon be a thing of the past.

The district, created in 1976 for aquatic weed control on the lake, has been inactive since the formation of the Cuba Lake District, which has been performing the weed control function.

However, since the weed control district was created by the state legislature, it was impossible for the local authorities to dissolve it.

Local state legislators have introduced legislation in Albany to dissolve the inactive weed control district and to transfer any assets it may possess to the Cuba Lake District.

The Cuba Town Board authorized Supervisor Ernest Wadsworth to complete any paperwork neces-

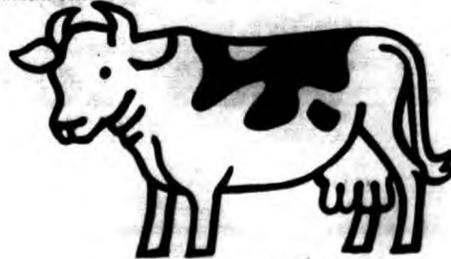
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Dairy Week

June 13-17, 1990

CUBA--It's time for Cuba's annual week-long party--Dairy Week. This year, popular events such as the men's and women's rope pull have returned to the line-up, and perennial favorites like the grand parade and the carnival are bigger and better than ever.

The week-long celebration salutes the dairy farmers and dairy-related businesses of our region, people and companies who have contributed so much to the growth and character of the western Southern Tier.



WEDNESDAY JUNE 13

Sidewalk Sales

J & J Amusements opens at Firemens Park 5 pm

Rope Pull 6:30 Firemens Park

THURSDAY JUNE 14

Sidewalk Sales

Cuba Library Plant & Book Sale 10-5

Friendship Swingers on stage at Park 7-9 pm

Dart Tournament at Park 7 pm

Flag Day Ceremony on stage at Park 7 pm

(sponsored by Cuba Grange)

Mermaid Contest 10 pm at Park

FRIDAY JUNE 15

Cuba Library Book & Plant Sale 10-5 pm

Sidewalk Sales

Craft Show in Genesee Parkway

Water Fights 6:30 pm

Mr. Twister Street Dance at Park 8-Midnight

SATURDAY JUNE 16

Petting Zoo in Clyde Brown Plaza 9-Noon

Music by Mark Hamilton on Main St. 11-3 pm

Free Milk by Cuba Grange on Main St.

Craft Show in Genesee Parkway

Rod and Gun Club Walleye Tournament at Cuba Lake

Clown on Main St. 11-3 pm

Tennis Tournament at Cuba Central

Chicken Bar-B-Que 11 pm at Park & Fire Station

Niagara Frontier Fiddlers Club at Park 4:30-7 pm

Cuba Library Book & Plant Sale 10-5 pm

Co-Operative prize awards after parade at Park

Fireworks at Park 11 pm

Dairy Week Grand Parade 3 pm

Mr. Twister Street Dance at Park 8-Midnight

SUNDAY JUNE 17

Craft Show at Firemens Park

Volleyball Tournament

Kiddie Day at the Carnival -Ride All Day for one price

