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## Letters to the Editor

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## We have much to be proud of

To the Editor:

The Cuba Friends of Architecture is a small group, but one that is making a valiant effort to maintain the integrity of Cuba's downtown by restoring the Palmer Opera House. They successfully acquired the former Country Heart building and have completed the roof repairs so that the building can now be saved. When repaired and renovated, this historical building has the potential to house some small shops or businesses and once again become a vital part of the Cuba community.

The village of Cuba came very close to having a huge hole in the downtown business district. We should all be thankful for this group's efforts. It is going to take a lot of patience, hard work and money to repair all the damage that

has been done over the years since the roof collapsed, but this group has proven that they are sincere in their efforts to preserve an important part of Cuba's architecture and history.

The roof repair was only the beginning of the process of revitalizing this building. Much more will need to be done before this building can become a functioning part of our downtown business district. The Friends of Architecture remain diligent by raising funds to accomplish this.

Senator Cathy Young, Bill Heaney, Regional Representative of the Governor's Office, and Lynn Lafeber of the NYS Grants Foundation worked closely with the Friends to help them acquire the property. These individuals showed their trust and support for the Friends of Architecture and supported and assisted in the process of transferring the grants so that the initial phase of restoration could become a reality. I hope that the citizens of Cuba will

support the project and the efforts of the Friends of Architecture.

Take pride in your community. We have so much to be thankful for.

Judy Zayac, Cuba