

There's a cobra on the island.

And, it's all Aidan Regan's fault. That's what the 6-year-old decided to name his new rabbit adopted from the Potter League and given to him for his birthday on Aug. 6. Cobra lives in an old shed on America Way that Aidan's mom, Wendy, said has been converted into a bunny condo. Cobra is now the only occupant, but that can change.

The newcomer is not alone for critter company. Also sharing the Regan residence is Guinness, an 8-year-old chocolate Lab, two zebra finches, LuLu and Chi Chi; and three hermit crabs, Mr. Bubbles, Tommy and Spacehead.

If Aidan's siblings, Benjamin, 3, and Christian, 3 months, also turn out to be animal lovers there probably will be many more.

Also new to the island from the Potter League is the 1 1/2-year-old cat Capt. Jack who is now living on Narragansett Avenue with the Brennans, Mary, Bucky, Erin, 17, and Cate, 15.

And, Sandy Erickson of Pemberton Avenue adopted a 7-year-old cat, Cricket. "He's my baby," Sandy told us.

Welcome all!!!

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Jamestown marathoner Jim Pemantell said he has had to revise his goal and extend the deadline for donations for his run in the Steamtown Marathon in Scranton, Pa., Oct. 7.

The 69-year-old is raising money for the highly-respected Tomorrow Fund in honor of 10-year-old Payton Watson who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

The deadline for donations is now Sept. 30. The Tomorrow Fund works closely with families to help with the long journey through a child's cancer treatments. It is funded entirely through donations.

Jim is running an average of 5 to 8 miles on weekdays. Sunday he did 20 miles. "I appreciate the donations received. There's still time to contribute," he said.

Make your check out to the Tomorrow Fund and send it to Jim at 224 Narragansett Ave., Jamestown, 02835.

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Patty Vandal also confirmed that "Wish You Were Here" was a big hit sung by Eddie Fisher.

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We asked some islanders who go to North Kingstown High School how they felt about being back in school: Cheryl Barber, a junior, said "I know it's going to be a lot of work;" sophomore John Raffanelli replied, "School gives me something to do. I can't wait to play basketball;" Cate Brennan, a junior, replied, "I like my school;" Molly Welsh, a senior, said she has mixed feelings, "I got to sail a lot this summer, but it's nice to see all my friends again;" Sarah Pease, a junior, replied, "I don't mind, but I'll miss the summer;" senior Alexa Furtado said, "It's so early, Jamestown doesn't start until after us. That's not fair;" sophomore Nancy Heidt offered, "It's OK, I guess. Sports and activities make going back OK;" and grandson Tom, also a sophomore, mumbled, "No comment."

Nicholas Gaudreau, a second grader at the Jamestown School on Melrose Avenue said going back is "pretty fun." His brother, Finn, who is in Pre-K at the same school, said, "I don't like school."

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Repairs and improvements that



have to be made at the ballfields' concession stand include installation of hot water, new ceiling light fixtures and an additional sink.

There is also a need for more storage space for soccer, softball, and baseball equipment since most of it now is being stored at the homes of the volunteer committee members.

Jamestown Baseball and Jamestown Soccer hope to cover the costs of the renovations by co-sponsoring a Glow Ball tournament Saturday, Sept. 15, rain or shine, at the Jamestown Golf Course.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$35 plus \$6 and \$1 respectively for the golf ball and glow stick.

Refreshments and a raffle in the clubhouse will follow the tournament.

Advanced reservations are suggested and should be accompanied by payment. They can be made at the Jamestown Community Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions? Call Jamestown recreation, 423-7260.

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The mailman said it looked like a stretch limo.

He was referring to the extended baby carriage carrying triplets being pushed by grandma Barbara Conn last week. In the carriage were Hannah, Ava and Emma, born to Barbara and Al's daughter, Heather, in June. Also visiting was son Michael with his son Jack Michael who was born just a week apart from the triplets.

The children, their spouses and the grandchildren, were all in for the Labor Day holiday.

How would you have liked to have had the diaper detail at the Conns?

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With the NFL season kicking off this weekend, we asked long-time Indianapolis Colts fan Chris Crawford to ponder and predict what is going to happen this year. Here is the 15-year-old's prognosis.

"For starters there is the regular season match up of Colts vs. Patriots. The game is in Indianapolis and, of course, I have to go with the Colts in a high scoring 31-27 match.

"I figure that by the end of the season Joseph Addai will have rushed for 1,500 yards, Peyton will have thrown for 4,000+ yards and 25+ touchdowns. Marvin and Reggie will have 1,000+ receiving and the Colts will have either a 12-4 or 13-3 record locking down the number 1 seed in the playoffs. "As for the Patriots I figure they will end the season at 12-4 getting the second seed due to the loss in Indy. I originally thought 13-3 but with Rodney Harrison out for the San Diego Chargers game in week 2 the game will go into the loss column.

"Come playoff time with the Pats and Colts getting a bye, I figure, like last year, they will end up in the AFC Championship game. Only this time I don't think it will come down to the end. I think, of course, the Colts will win 30-

20 and move onto the Superbowl where they will face the Eagles, who will put up a fight but lose in the closing seconds to a, yes, that's right, an Adam Vinatieri game winning field goal, Addai will get the Superbowl MVP and the Colts will go back to back."

As far as our Cleveland Browns go, Chris predicts a 7-9 season, after "an embarrassing" 4-12 last year.

Thanks Chris, that's bad news for Patriot fans. We're looking forward to the new season.

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Some wildlife tends to be active this time of year. Take precautions to avoid contact with Fluffy says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"In the late summer we get lots of calls about skunks and raccoons in people's yards. When taking pets outside at night turn on plenty of outdoor lights and take your dogs out on leashes. Don't let them off leash as they might get into a scuffle with some wildlife that you can't see. If you suspect skunks or raccoons are living under your house, shed, or porch you can do a few things to encourage them to move on and out of your yard.

"You can hook up outdoor lights and a radio and put them under your porch or shed to illuminate their den all day and night. Being nocturnal and unable to sleep during the day they are likely to search out another home. You can also toss used kitty litter or soiled horse stall shavings under the porch or shed and the scent of

the other animals should help encourage the wildlife to relocate as well."

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It looks as if our osprey friends at the creek have flown to winter quarters.

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Nineteen members of Boy Scout Troop 1 attended summer camp at the Yawgoog Scout Reservation last month and had an outstanding week including being named Honor Troop.

The scouts participated at the rifle, trap and archery ranges, took part in swimming, rowboating, canoeing and sailing at the pond and enjoyed the challenge course where they learned how to climb and use the high ropes course. Additionally, there were the New Frontier and Camp Craft programs which taught the scouts skills for advancement and merit badges.

A highlight of the week was the annual doughboy fry with Troop 40, Mount Vernon, NY, where 120 doughboys were prepared while troop members played cards and games before joining together around the campfire for skits and songs.

Scoutmaster Dave Volpe said there were two first year campers, Jamie Mielde and Nick Fay, and that both did an outstanding job of working on their skills toward advancement. "This year at camp the troop earned 45 merit badges and 11 scouts advanced in rank. Hayden Maclean, Vaughn Nelson-Lee and Josh Nolan advanced to first class; Daniel Bailey, James Perry, Cameron Toppa, Dylan Walsh and Christopher Waterman are now star scouts; and Michael Brendlinger, Nathaniel Hopkins, Sal Morenzi and Kyle Wright advanced to life scouts," Dave said.

In addition, he said that the scouts nominated Sal Morenzi and Dylan Walsh to the Order of the Arrow, the national honor

society for scouting. The troop gave a big cheer for the work that Brian Volpe has done over the past year as senior patrol leader and elected Sal Morenzi to that position for the coming year. "It was a great week at camp and I want to thank the scouts and the adult leaders for making it possible," Dave said.

Great job, guys!!

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I took one look at you, that's all I had to do, and then.....

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The Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol counties are providing free blood pressure clinics the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Jamestown library.

Today is the day.

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The Phil Hunt Benefit Fund in conjunction with the Jamestown Medical Fund extend their thanks to all the participants in the 2007 Yamaha Scooter Raffle.

The winner was Heather Gomes of South Kingstown.

An e-mail read, "We salute the generosity of Well Works, Chuck Gladding, Larry Ruotolo, Dick Rembijas, Early Learning Center, Atlantic Lawn and Garden, Jimmy O'Neill, Steve Soderland and Mike Dutton for providing the scooter free of charge so it could be raffled. Thanks to the PAC Club and the Narragansett Cafe for selling the raffle tickets. Once again, Jamestown came thru."

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Sunday is Grandparents' Day, an event that is mostly ignored.

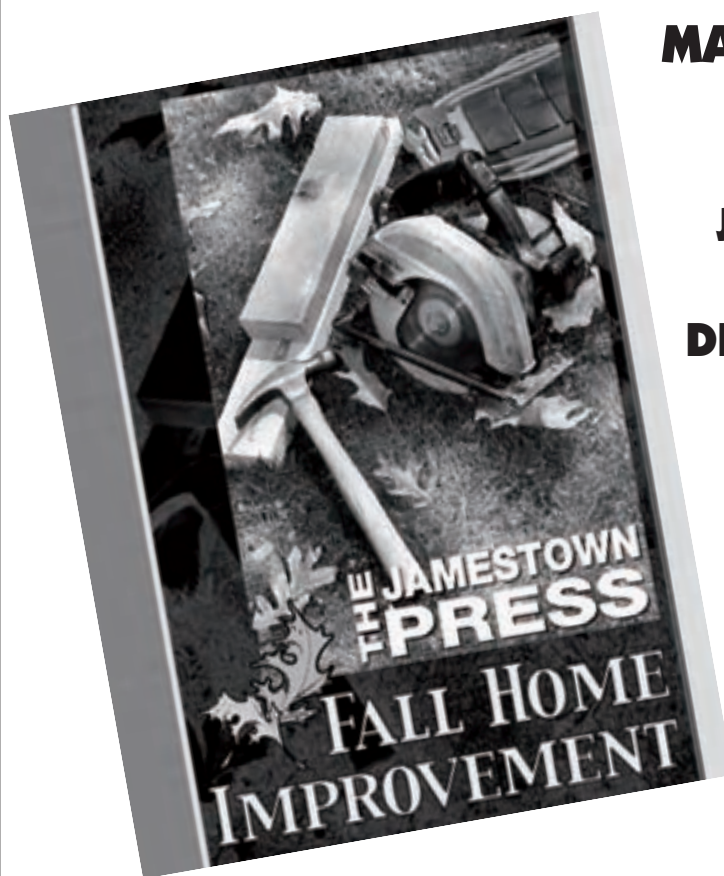
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