

The July 4th fireworks shoot at Mackerel Cove will be the Rocket Dawgz last.

Lead dawg B.J. Whitehouse said this week, "It's been great, but situations, life and age have conspired to make the endeavor difficult. Instead of great fun, it has become a chore. Don't get us wrong, the generosity, strong support and good wishes have been overwhelming! The town officials have been great over the years helping us with permitting, police, fire and rescue service and road crew assistance. We are very proud of our impeccable safety record.

"We've blown up about \$110,000 of your money over the last 11 years. And we'd like to go out with a bang rather than a whimper. We will, as always, blow up whatever you would like to donate and light up the July night. This year, we'll be at Mackerel Cove (as long as we get all the required permits) on July 4 to celebrate 231 years of independence. Send your donation to the Fireworks Fund, PO Box 1776, Jamestown, RI 02835, and let's go out with a bang."

KABOOM!!

Fran Boyer of Whale Rock Road has sent her contribution into the Rocket Dawgz. The Boyer family has donated to the fireworks for all 12 years that the Dawgz have been blowing up money.

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Does the Tiverton thing mean that Peter Rabbit will now come to our house on Easter morning?

Jamestown's teen coordinator Melissa Minto is putting together a sustainable agriculture delegation of high school students 16 years of age or older to travel to rural Leon, Nicaragua, July 18 to 26.

"We will be working on several community projects and I'm in search of responsible students to travel with us. Jessica Bucklin, Eric von Hohenleiten, Victor Lambert and others have begun planning some fund-raising projects to help with the costs of the trip," Melissa said.

There will be an informational meeting next month, but in the meantime you can contact Melissa at jamestownteens@yahoo.com or visit www.newhavenleon.org.

There are other ways to get your cat to scratch in the right place according to Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic.

"In addition to providing a good scratching post for your cat, there are other tricks that may help reduce their destructive tendencies. Some cats prefer flat scratching posts and you can find cheap cardboard scratching boxes or you can make a flat scratching post of your own with leftover plywood, carpet remnants, and then tack that to the floor. Again, using cat nip or cat toys to encourage your cat to use that specific post and not the other furniture will help get them using it appropriately.

"To discourage your cat from scratching at your furniture, drapes, or carpet you can use either a scented spray that the cats don't approve of, something like bitter apple, potpourri or citrus scented sprays most cats will avoid. You can also use double sided sticky tape near those objects because the cat won't want to stand on that or use plastic runners to protect your furniture while the cat is be-

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



ing trained to use the scratching posts."

MEOW!

Jamestown's Boy Scout Troop 1 is looking for adult volunteers to help with all aspects of Scouting. If you have specialized expertise and are willing to serve as a counselor for any of the more than 120 Merit Badges (ranging from Archaeology to Woodworking and Insect Study to Engineering) the troop needs you.

They're also seeking volunteers to serve on the troop committee and work with Scouts in other aspects of the Scouting program. In the coming weeks, the troop will conduct a resource survey to find ways people in our community can enjoy using their talents to help our Scouts.

Troop Secretary/Advancement Coordinator Tom Bailey said, "Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys, and Troop 1 invites you to share your skills and interests to help develop the best possible program for the Boy Scouts in Jamestown. If you are interested in taking part in this survey, or if you have any questions about Scouting, please contact Tom at 560-0112 or Jim or Diane Archibald at 423-3094.

Jamestown native Linda S. Hurteau, now living in North Kingstown, will be running a marathon for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. This time, she's headed to Anchorage, Alaska, to run the Mayor's Midnight Sun Marathon on June 23.

"Leukemia is the number one cause of death in children between the ages of 1 and 14. A 10-year-old girl at my kids' school was recently diagnosed with leukemia." (Payton Watson, daughter of Sergeant Frank Watson of the Jamestown Police Department and Elizabeth Goode Watson.)

"My goal is to raise a total of \$5,500, (\$1,300 by April 8), and any donation you make will help me reach that goal. All donations are tax deductible. Please consider donating even \$1 per mile (\$26), or \$2 per mile (\$52). Any donation, whatever size, would be great!"

Contributions by credit card can be made at www.active.com/donate/tntri/lhurteau or send a check made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to 1307 Stony Lane, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

B.J. Whitehouse's musical "Cover Story" closed last weekend after a very successful two-day run at the Wilbur/McMahon School in Little Compton.

This was the second time it has been staged. The cast consisted of members of the middle school chorus and in B.J.'s words, "They were great!"

B.J., the top music man in the school system, wrote the book, lyrics and music. He explained that, "The story takes place in a middle school classroom and the same scene starts nine times in the play. Each time the scene unfolds there

is a point of departure in which we find out a little bit about each of the students.

"One student imagines that he is a superhero, one student is being bullied, another wants to be a rock star, another girl's little brother is dying of leukemia. Even the teacher has a song about being the greatest teacher.

"The title 'Cover Story' comes from the adage 'you can't judge a book by its cover.' And, you can't judge a kid (or anyone for that matter) by outward appearances."

The musical's next stop is at a middle school near you.

Sunday is All Fools' Day. Stay alert!!

Monday is the Grass or Egg Moon.

Tuesday is Passover.

Be True!!

Call in your stuff for this column to 423-0383 or 829-2760. You can e-mail us at jtmwalrus@hotmail.com, or drop your items off at the Jamestown Press office.



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

Valerie Southern took her copy of the Press to Italy. She is standing in front of the Leaning tower of Pisa.



PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF JAMESTOWN 2007 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Jamestown is preparing a Community Development Block Grant application for up to \$250,000 to undertake the following activities:

- 1) Housing Development: Provide funding to Church Community Housing Corporation for the acquisition of Town Office property on Southwest Avenue to create 12 units of Affordable rental housing to serve low and moderate-income families.
Amount: \$200,000
- 2) Operating Costs: Church Community Housing Corp to administer the Regional Revolving Loan Fund for home rehabilitation, Homeowners Assistance other town housing programs and RI Housing Loan programs in Jamestown.
Amount: \$ 20,000
- 3) Public Facility: Provide funding for East Bay Community Action to make capital improvements to their medical, dental and services facilities that assist for low income families.
Amount: \$ 5,000
- 4) Public Facility: Provide funding for Friends of Jamestown Seniors to make capital improvements to the Senior Center.
Amount: \$6,000
- 5) Economic development: Support for the Women's Resource Center to provide economic literacy education and micro-enterprise services for victims of domestic violence.
Amount: \$ 5,000
- 6) Public Services: Provide operating support for the Housing Hotline of Newport County to provide housing counseling and referral services.
Amount: \$ 2,000
- 7) Public Services: Provide Education and Outreach on Fair Housing Laws and issues regarding discrimination in housing. (Housing Information Program)
Amount: \$ 3,000
- 8) Housing Operating: Provide operating support to the Community Housing Land Trust of RI for technical assistance, training and monitoring of affordable housing units.
Amount: \$3,000
- 9) Administration: Amount: \$5,000

A Public Hearing will be held on April 5, 2007 at 4:30 P.M. at Town Hall, 245 Conanicus Ave. for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views of the proposed activities. Written comments will also be accepted at Town Hall or mail to P.O. Box 377, Jamestown, RI 02835 prior to the hearing. The application will be available in the Town Planners Office, 245 Conanicus Ave. for public review and comment prior to submission to the State on May 11, 2007. Citizens with handicaps needing sign language or other assistance should call TDD number 1-(800)745-5555 for interpreter seventy-two (72) hours in advance.