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Time's awasting folks, July 5 is just a few weeks away and the Rocket 'Hogs need our help. Send your checks made out to the Fireworks Fund to Box 1776, Jamestown, 02835. The fireworks display is funded entirely by volunteer contributions. No taxes are involved. Write your check today so the 'Hogs can blow it up.

Donations have arrived from Fred and Dorothy Clarke of Pemberton Avenue, Martha Omek Milot of Highland Drive, Patricia Venable of Avenue B, and the Jamestown Fire Department.

Head 'Hog Gregg Charest informs us that he has received an "Employee Possessor Letter of Clearance" from the U.S. Department of Justice so that he can be present at the beach to oversee the setup of the fireworks. According to the letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, he is now "approved to transport, ship, receive, or possess explosive materials" as per his July 5th association with Telstar Pyrotechnics, and signed by the Chief of the Federal Explosives Licensing Center.

We don't know if that's good news or bad. When you see Gregg driving down the street, give him a wide berth.

KA-BOOM!

In a follow up to Boy Scout Troop 1's Pasta Supper, Scoutmaster Dave Volpe reports that more than 300 meals were served, amounting to the consumption of 80 pounds of pasta, 600 meatballs, 15 gallons of pasta sauce "and a whole bunch of dessets made by our wonderful parents."

"It was a great turnout and we want to thank our sponsors and the community for their support," Dave said.

On Sunday, the scouts will be overseeing the parking at Ali's Run at Fort Getty.

.....I want a diamond ring, bracelet everything.

Our query about the Ruptured Duck brought this reply from islander John Musselman.

"I still have my father's 'Rup-



By Jim Munro

tured Duck' lapel pin from World War II. Your question encouraged me to find out a bit more about it. The following was found on Wikipedia along with pictures of the original pin and embroidered emblem about which I was unaware. There was also a citation about Jimmy Doolittle's specially prepared B-25B bomber, also renamed the Ruptured Duck due to damage on take-off in preparation for his famous raid on Tokyo.

"The Honorable Service Lapel Pin was an award given to United States military service members who were discharged under honorable conditions during World War II. The award was sometimes slangily called the Ruptured Duck.

"The pin was awarded between September 1939 and December 1946 and was made of gilt brass, except during metal shortages during which it was made of gilt plastic. Service members who received the plastic version were later allowed to trade it in for the brass version.

"The pin, which depicted an eagle inside a wreath, served as proof to military police that its wearer was not absent without leave. During the World War II emergency, members of the armed forces (unless under orders) were forbidden to possess civilian clothing, in order to make desertion more difficult. The discharge insignia, embroidered onto a cloth lozenge and sewn on the right breast of the tunic, allowed its wearer to wear his or her uniform for up to 30 days subsequent to discharge. Some veterans wore the pin on their civilian lapels for many years after the war's end. It also appeared on a postage stamp honoring veterans. The usage of the term later expanded to also refer to the individual wearing it, as in 'that ruptured duck is flying space-available.' Presumably be-

cause these individuals were usually in a great hurry to return to their homes in the United States, the term later came into use when describing somebody or something which was moving quickly."

Thanks, John!

We almost lost our truck in a hole on North Main Road just outside the dump Sunday morning. A passerby spotted our antenna flag sticking out of the hole and helped us out.

Bob Kinder correctly identified last week's poser as the lovely song "To Each His Own." And, Larry Lewis wrote that the song was written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans in 1946. "At least five hit versions appeared in that year alone. We wouldn't see that happening today, would we? Among the better remembered artists, then: The Ink Spots, Freddy Martin and Tony Martin. Al Martino's character sang this tune in 'Godfather III.' Other diverse stylists including Eddy Arnold and Sam Cooke also recorded the song.

"A rose must remain with the sun and the rain

Or its lovely promise won't come true

To each his own, to each his own

And my own is you"

Referring to "Is You Is Or Is You Ain't My Baby," Judy Garlick of Mt. Hope Avenue wrote, "You've gone and hit us again with another 40s tune made popular by the pairing of crooner Bing Crosby and the Andrew Sisters, Maxine, Laverne and Patti. It was one of those tunes that got us through World War II.

BING: I've got a gal who's always late - anytime we have a date. But I love her, yes I love her.

ANDREW SISTERS: He's gonna walk up to my gate and see if he can set it straight cause he wants her, he's gonna ask her.

BING: Is you is or is you ain't my baby? The way you been acting lately makes me doubt - you is still my baby, baby. Seems my flame in your heart's done gone out.

ANDREW SISTERS: A woman is a creature that has always been strange. Just when you're sure of one you find she's gone and made a change.

BING: Is you is or is you ain't my baby? Maybe baby's found somebody new. Is my baby still my baby true?

"I think the decade of the 40s was the greatest as far as the music and the big bands go. I still play the recordings all the time."

Swing it, Judy!

Congratulations to islander Casey Roberts who has joined Citizens Bank as sales manager for southern Rhode Island.

It was great seeing the sisters back at The Secret Garden last Friday helping the new owner gear up for the Memorial Day weekend.

A Snapple cap moment: A hummingbird's heart beats 1,400 times a minute.

Be true!

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