

Donations came in to the Fireworks Fund this week from Rebecca and Dennis Gunn, Beacon Avenue; Dr. Ann Zartler, Juniper Circle; B.J. Whitehouse and Christine Ariel from Steamboat Street who wrote, "Rock On!"; Edward and Wendy Harvey on Walnut Street; Deborah and Dennis Owens, Felucca Avenue; Anonymous, who added "Go Hogs!"; and finally, Norm and Joyce Beretta from Walcott Avenue.

Head 'hog Gregg Charest said that Norm asked the 'hogs to "Celebrate the greatest country in the world! Buy American!" Gregg replied, "Will do, Norm" and added, "We're getting close, so every dollar counts. We'll have the fireworks this year, but how much depends on the patriotism of the people of Jamestown. In other words, more bucks = more boom."

KA-BOOM!

The fresh smell of spring and summer has taken on an additional well-known, but unwanted odor in Gale Marks' backyard at 110 Blueberry Lane. It seems a small skunk will not let her work in her garden. "He keeps coming towards me and follows me. He even tried going through the door to my breezeway before I lunged forward and shut it."

Gale said that she has shaken a rake and a big shovel at the animal, who acted as if he knew she wouldn't harm him. "That's what leads me to believe he is a domesticated pet. If you lost him, come get him, pardon me, or her!" Gale can be reached at 423-0545.

This from Gerry Leonard: "The article in the Walrus on June 11 stated that Mrs. Leonard's 5&10 was located where Del Nero's is currently located. That is correct—it was there when my folks closed it as they could not compete with the Ann & Hope's in Rhode Island. They closed the store in the late 50s or very early 60s.

"Prior to moving the store to that location, it was located at the intersection of Green Lane and Narragansett Avenue. Three businesses occupied a building on that corner going west from Green Lane. Going west from the corner, one would find Pinto's produce market, Greenleaf's electric repair shop and the Town store (Mrs. Leonard's 5&10). Continuing up the street on the same side, there were two homes and then Central Garage owned by Harold Richardson.

"Incidentally, the answer to the question [of] what business was at the location of the present Cumberland Farms is probably Godena Garage. I think you can check up on that by seeing the old timers having coffee at the Deli.

"I noticed Bobby Clarke had some comments to make, but he did not tell you about the day he and my brother commandeered my wagon to peddle fish around town. They caught a mess of mackerel in the morning and decided to sell them. Went door to door peddling fresh?? mackerel to people (not iced down). Still had a few left when Harold Richardson offered to purchase what was left. He did not want to pay them by the unit and made a deal to buy the remainder well below the asking price. They caved in and sold what was left to Harold at a bargain price. Harold thought he had made a great deal, but they knew the fish were almost gone and were on their way down the hill to dump them in the bay. They immediately



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high tailed away."

This from Patti Vandal, who also knows Henry Aldrich: "Just to add to the walk down 'Memory Lane.' Before John Brazil was shoemaker, there was another shoemaker. His name was Frank Brazil and his shop was part of what is now the Narragansett Café. One of my favorite spots that is long gone was 'Duffy's Tavern.' My parents rewarded me with an ice cream soda when I got a good report card! It was in the building where 'Jamestown Designs' is now.

"St. Mark's Minstrels were also held at the Jamestown Movie Theater. Don Gillis' mother, Margret, was director, producer and accompanist. I was in them from the time I was 13 right until the time they stopped. It was great fun and rehearsals were the only way I was allowed out on school nights. Years later, Dee Hellewell and I brought the Minstrels back for two years. These were put on at the Lawn Avenue School and Mimi Williams Battey was the accompanist."

And, from Stephanie (Gilman) Paradis in Sarasota, Florida: "I have been enjoying reading about the old businesses on the island. I can remember going with my mother, Mary Gilman, and my aunt, Mammie Woodhead, to pick grapes. We would go on North Road near the windmill... and there were lots of wild grape bushes all along the road. Are they still there?"

"We would then make grape jelly using a variety of containers—glasses, old jelly jars—and then melt the wax to put on top. We would then be able to enjoy grape jelly all winter.

"I was recently in Maine and had lunch on the old Newport ferry at DiMillo's restaurant in Portland. As I was leaving, I was able to talk to the son of the owner who had purchased and renovated the ferry.

They had pictures of all the ferries that operated between Newport and Jamestown. My favorite was always the Governor Carr. I told him some stories of riding the ferry to go to high school in Newport. He was saying that he would like to have more pictures of the ferry when it was in operation. As I remember, we had 'twin' ferries, the Jamestown and the Newport. In Florida, people are fascinated when I tell stories of traveling to school on the ferry."

Thanks, guys!

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