

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



The Jamestown Community Theatre is changing its usual venue for next month's production of "Yours, Anne."

This moving version of "Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl" will be staged at the Central Baptist Church, which affords a symbolic mood to the story of the play.

We asked Artistic Director Mary Wright to explain. "The church environment is an appropriate location to perform "Yours, Anne," as it provides the ambience that is pertinent to the play. Anne, her family, and the others who lived in the secret annex were hidden by Christians who worked on the ground floor. Therefore, it is fitting to present this play in a church with gratitude to those who risked their own lives to hide Jewish people during the Holocaust," she said.

We asked her, How difficult is it to change the location of a play after producing so many memorable works for so many years at the Community Center?

"First, let me say that the JCT hasn't performed at the Community Center during the winter months since March of 1993 in respect for other recreation department programs.

"As far as the logistics in changing our venue, it's true that we must move our staging from its storage area outside the Community Center to the church, as well as our lighting. Everything must be stored at the church and moved on and off stage after rehearsals.

"The Central Baptist Church has been very accommodating, and we cannot thank them enough for this opportunity. Its new pastor, Kathryn Palen, has offered us her assistance in order to make us feel comfortable and welcome. This has made the change in location flow much more easily. Some of my ideas for sets have had to be altered, but I feel that we are going to be presenting one of the best plays ever with a location that is perfect for "Yours, Anne."

The JCT production with an entire Jamestown cast and crew will be staged Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m. and

Sunday, March 4, at 4 p.m. Also, on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. and again at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 11.

A 1-inch snow fall and school is cancelled? Let us tell you about when we were kids . . . Mom would dress us up and throw us out the door.

The ground may be frozen and covered with some snow and ice, but they're playing baseball in Florida, and that means we'll be playing here soon.

It's time to get ready.

Tony Rafanelli, president of the Jamestown Baseball Association, says the association is looking for candidates to take over key officer positions for 2007-2008.

"We really need some 'new blood' to lead the program over the next several years. While I'm really grateful for our officers over the last several years, it's mostly the same faces and we all need a break. We will need a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, sponsor coordinator, equipment coordinator, and age-group coordinators. Any and all interested individuals are strongly encouraged to attend our next committee meeting on Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the police station."

In additional association news, parents of present and prospective major league players should be reminded that wood bats are used at the major league level and that all players, regardless of age group, will be responsible for providing their own batting helmets. The association will not be providing helmets for health reasons.

Tony wants to get players signed up. "We're looking forward to a great season, and we will start one week early to try and play more games. Any boy and girl, who is at least 5 years old and no older than 12 on April 30 can play in the Instructional through Major League levels. Boys who are between the ages of 13 and 15 on April 30 can tryout for the Babe Ruth level."

Parents can register players by downloading a form (<http://www.jamestownri.com/baseball/>) or by attending live registrations today and Wednesday, Feb.28, at the Community Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Play ball!!

Fred Bartlett was 60 on Feb. 9 and celebrated with wife Joyce Hooley and the grandchildren. On becoming a sexagenarian, Fred was heard to proclaim, "One day I'm normal, the next I'm old."

There are a lot of hot lips at the Katherine Jamieson Salon on Narragansett Avenue.

More than 50 the last time we counted.

That's because the salon has a Hot Lips Contest going on until the 28th. Contestants join the competition by selecting a lipstick color of their choice and after applying it leaving their lip imprint on a stickum and smacking it to the wall.

Stop by and check it out.

The winner will receive a full Botanical Resurfacing Facial, all for only a kiss.

Frank LePere of Grapes & Gourmet, a veteran of hot lips contests, will judge the entries.

SMACK!

Spring will soon be in the air and with it that gnawing striper fever.

To get you ready for the new season, the Jamestown Striper Club is going to show you where the elusive beauties will be feeding.

On Friday, March 9, at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club, the local anglers will host a visit by Mike Laptew, "The Diving Fisherman." The presentation is called "A Fish-Eye's View of Jamestown Hot Spots." The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Bruce Toppa, president of the Striper Club, said, "Mike's videos are incredible and truly mesmerizing."

There will be a cash bar and food will be available. All who attend will be eligible for a door prize. A raffle will also be held for some great fishing gear and gift certificates to local tackle shops.

All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$8 in advance only. To purchase them or ask questions, call Bruce at 423-2866.

A couple of readers responded to last week's poser.

Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh e-



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press? Francis Curren and Jacqueline Hodgson took the Press with them on their recent visit to Zermatt, Switzerland, where Fran celebrated his 84th birthday.

mailed,

"Up in the morning, out on the job and work like the devil for my pay,

That lucky old sun has nothing to do, but roll around heaven all day!"

Thanks Barbara, "That Lucky Old Sun" was one of many hits by Frankie Laine, who died on Feb. 6 at the age of 93.

John A. Murphy also responded with the correct title, noting that the song is "best when sung by Ray Charles."

If your dog can't get those extra pounds off, help may be on the way, says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic.

"A new drug that will soon be available is a 'weight loss' pill for obese dogs. This drug acts like many of its human counterparts and prevents absorption of a percentage of the fats that a dog consumes.

"Like the human versions, these drugs are not to be used by themselves, with no change in lifestyle. Diet and exercise are still extremely important in any weight-loss program and this medication is not a cure for weight problems. Also, many dogs with obesity problems may have other underlying issues, like hypothyroidism or arthritis, that the weight-loss medication will not address.

"Only you and your veterinarian can decide how best to treat

Fluffy's weight problems, and I encourage you to discuss these issues with your pet's doctor."

Woof!

Speaking of dawgz, you'll feel warmer thinking of July as you write your check and send in your donation towards the Independence Day fireworks. Make your donation out to Fireworks Fund and mail it to Box 1776, Jamestown, 02835.

KA-BOOM!!

Speaking of ka-booms, there's a propane tank that has been sitting beside the road on Pemberton Avenue in front of the senior apartments for a few weeks now. Aren't those things supposed to be stored in a safe place?

Today is the day our first president was born in 1732. He's best known as the name promoting linen and automobile sales.

Be true!

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