

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



It is unusual going to a Jamestown Community Theatre play and not knowing everyone on stage, or backstage for that matter.

But in the program for the JCT's current production of "Yours, Anne" playing at the Central Baptist Church there is a new name among the familiar ones. Terry Horsley is in the role of Mr. Van Daan.

Terry moved to the island on the first day of January but had been active in the Jamestown Community Chorus for longer than that and serves as its president. He was introduced to the JCT through Janet Grant, accompanist for both groups. "I thought what a wonderful way to get together with theater people in Jamestown," Terry said.

His acting experience goes back to his native Australia where he took professional acting training in Sydney for three years under Hayes Gordon and Stella Adler. For five years he performed in theater and did commercials in Sydney.

Married with three children, reality soon took over. "Things got a little skinny," he said, so he went into engineering, using the skills he learned while in the Australian Air Force.

He came to this country 25 years ago and is presently doing surveys on data centers for a new generation of information technology equipment. "That's a lot different than being on stage," he quipped. The years have also taken their toll on his Australian speech. "Now when I go home to see my three kids and six grandchildren, they tell me I have an American accent." In this country Terry returned to the theater after being introduced to the Marblehead Little Theater. "After I got to wear a tux as Victorio Vidal in 'Sweet Charity' and had so much fun I became a real fan of community theater," he explained.

He went on to play the lead in "The King and I." "I even shaved my head." Other credits followed with appearances in other communities including Baltimore where he had roles in "Closer," "My Fair

Lady," and played the role of the Judge in "Parade." Returning to this area he took parts in "Social Security" and "Run for Your Wife" in Newport.

Discussing his JCT role as Mr. Van Daan, Terry explains that Van Daan is a supplier who works with Otto Frank and respects him. He is a strict character, a proud German but down to earth. He loves his wife and family and is a bit of a foil in the play. He gets people motivated.

Speaking of his fellow actors and the play itself, Terry said, "the people are a great, great surprise and delight and the theater is so supported by the community. In my estimation, the play is ideal. It moves the audience....people leave the performance feeling they are better human beings. It moves people at a very profound level."

The final performances of "Yours, Anne," are tomorrow and Saturday nights at 7 and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday. Turn your clocks ahead one hour when going to bed Saturday night.

Note to JFD: Please correct your clock when setting it ahead. The horn is 2-minutes fast.

The Jamestown Education Foundation will host its first "Toast of the Town," an evening to honor "the significant contribution Mary S. Wright has made to our community." The event will be on Saturday, March 31, at the Portuguese American Citizens' Club beginning with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m.

A buffet dinner will follow with a cabaret revival of songs from many of the plays and musicals Mary has directed over the years.

In making the announcement the foundation noted Mary's dedication as a teacher to her fourth and fifth grades at Rocky Hill School and how in 1990 she and Patty Vandal founded the Jamestown Community Theatre. "The young actors performed Peter Pan to a packed Recreation Center and

a Jamestown Institution was born! Hundreds of Jamestown Children have gained confidence singing, dancing and acting in front of appreciative audiences, enriching themselves as well as their community. We want to thank Mary for her commitment and dedication to the young people of Jamestown."

According to the announcement, "The Jamestown Education Foundation is a non-profit group dedicated to providing educational and cultural enrichment for all students in Jamestown. JEF works in partnership with community organizations to support innovative programs that inspire young minds, encourage academic excellence and promote healthy lifestyle choices."

Tickets are \$50 - \$100 per person, with all proceeds funding more programming for island youths. Seating at the PAC is limited so get your tickets early. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Lisa Carlisle at 423-3353.

Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic suggests how to protect your property in his Pet Tip of the Week.

"Pet proofing your home can help avoid broken items and emergency trips to animal hospitals. The degree of pet proofing will depend on if you have a new kitten that is climbing everything or do you have a lab whose tail is cleaning off coffee tables with every wag?

Start by moving the breakable objects out of reach of tail or paw. Discourage cats from jumping up on counters and tables with a squirt gun, spray bottle, or by putting double-sided sticky tape on those surfaces till your cat stops jumping up there. "Make sure power cords and blinds and drapes are out of reach, covered up, or coat them in bitter apple flavored sprays to discourage chewing. Finally, check to make sure any house plants you have are non-toxic if chewed or eaten and either dispose of toxic plants or make sure they are 100 percent out of reach of even the most determined feline climber."

We have a request for some help. It's a real poser.

Ten-year-old Libby LaMantia's grandfather whom she calls Opa (Robert LaMantia of Long Island) sent her the lyrics of a song and asked her to come up with who sang it. Opa added, "This is from a movie before your mom was born,

so ask some senior.

Its title is Rolly Polly Rolly Polly mamma's little fatty hungry every minute of the day gnawing on a bisquit, mamma always says that it's o.k.

Rolly Polly eats lots of eggs for breakfast bread and jelly 20 times a day

Rolly Polly mamma's little fatty I bet he's going to be a man some day

OK guys, what movie and who sang it?

We had only one reply to last week's poser.

Barbara-Ann Mac Intosh e-mailed identifying the song as "Side By Side."

Oh we don't have a barrel of money, maybe we're ragged and funny, but we travel along singing our song side by side.

Oh we don't know what's coming tomorrow, maybe it's trouble and sorrow, but we travel the road sharing our load side by side.

Through all kinds of weather, etc.

Great lyrics, thanks Barbara-Ann.

An Australian ambiance provided by the great Down Under food of the Outback Steakhouse will highlight a fund-raising dinner to help defray costs of a 20-day People to People journey to that continent.

Islander Caty Schnack, a seventh grader at the Jamestown School, is one of six student ambassadors who will visit Australia this summer "to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth." The students will attend meetings with government officials, interact with other students their ages, take part in educational activities and stay in the homes of host families.

The fund-raiser will be held on Thursday evening, March 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Gaudet Middle School in Middletown. In addition to the dinner there will be a raffle and a silent auction. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$10 for children under 10. Call Caty at 423-3496 for tickets.

If you already have plans for that evening but would like to help, send your contribution to Caty at 36 Clarke St., Jamestown 02835.

Bob Jacobssen shared his personal Jamestown Bridge story with us in McQuade's last week.

He told us that when he was 16 years old in 1940 he sat one day in September on Plum Beach in

Saunderstown and watched the final span go in on the Jamestown Bridge.

"Sixty-six years later I was on Fred Pease's boat right up as close as the Coast Guard would allow and heard and saw the old span go tumbling down. It was kind of an emotional moment for me. I am now 83."

Thanks, Bob.

If for none of the obvious reasons, membership in the AAA is worth it if only for the ability to walk into its offices and renew your driver's license quickly with the aid of friendly, courteous people.

The Wickford Brownie from Wickford Gourmet will be featured as the "snack of the day" on The Rachael Ray Show to be televised Wednesday, March 14, at 9 a.m. on Channel 10.

Gourmet personnel attending the taping in New York were the brownie's creator Josh Hutchins, Nicole Howard and Shannon McCloud.

Great job, guys!

Our thanks to Hamilton Auto Sales for replacing our old glory stolen off our truck while it was parked in a Middletown parking lot.

They're still taking kisses in the Hot Lips Contest at the Kathryn Jamison Salon. They can't find the judge.

Daisuke Matsuzaka. Enough already!

Say what you will about TV's "Without a Trace," there was none better than "Mr. Kean, Tracer of Lost Persons."

There are dumps and there are dumps, but Harry Curfman keeps an A-1 dump for Jamestown residents.

Monday marks the day the Girl Scouts were founded in 1912.

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