

The Walrus Says

By Jim Munro



When we asked Michael Liebhauser if he preferred the names Michael or Mike, he replied, "Call me Mike or call me Michael, just don't call me late for dinner."

In addition to his many acting stage credits, he's now evidently working on a stand-up routine.

We called the 12-year-old to talk to him about being cast in the role of Peter Van Dan in the Jamestown Community Theatre's production of "Yours, Anne" slated for the weekends of March 2 and 9 at the Central Baptist Church.

When we last spoke to him, he was in rehearsals for the JCT's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" in the lead role.

He had also been cast to play Peter Crachit, the oldest son of Bob Crachit in Trinity Rep's presentation of "A Christmas Carol." He went on to perform that role in 37 of the shows.

Now, as Peter Van Dan he is a 15-year-old boy of a second fam-

ily also hiding out from the Nazis. Mike explains, "Peter and Anne are incredibly close friends. They equalize each other, he is very angry and she is calm. She helps to calm him down. Using all the energy that it takes to calm him down, causes her to calm down. He is very important to Anne."

His mom, Maria, is also helping out with the production as an assistant to the producer and director.

This is Michael's 14th play with the JCT. Off the island, he has also appeared in "Into the Woods" for Fantasy Works in East Greenwich, played the role of the Artful Dodger in "Oliver" at the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford, and the young Duke of York in "Richard the III," produced by Brown University and the Trinity Rep Consortium in Providence.

He is a seventh-grader at the Montessori School in Exeter.

Asked if he'd picked up any hobbies since we last spoke, Mike chuckled and retorted, "Acting

is the most time consuming thing anyone can do."

He does fill in rare free time with singing and dancing lessons.

Ending our talk he said, "This is a great play. It's very important that the youth and adults of America know what happened during World War II."

With winter finally upon us, Richard Botelho wonders why residents find it necessary to park their cars in the street when snow is in the forecast?

"Why can't they park them in the driveway, put them in the garage or on the lawn? The plow driver can then make a clear sweep of the street coming as close to the edge of the roadway and driveways as possible and not 6 feet away.

"It's common sense. However, in this day and age common sense is not too common."

Amen, Richard.

A classic example of the lack of common sense was shown last week when flashing TV promotion devices brought the city of Boston to its knees.

The question is, why didn't one of the first responders merely take one down and look at it?

Plus, to compound the fiasco, when it was all over the feds praised the city for its stupidity.

We are governed by idiots.

It was like being in the twilight zone Friday when we approached the Four Corners and saw an advertisement for the Jamestown Community Theatre's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" from a few years back.

Don't let your pet get lazy and fat during the cold weather, says Dr. Joshua Hatch of the Jamestown Animal Clinic.

"With the cold weather here and most of our pets unable to go skiing or snowshoeing it is all too common for them to put on a few extra pounds in the winter. Make a concerted effort to do more indoor activities with your pet if they are not going for the long walks or runs that they are used to the rest of the year. Many pets can get bored and anxious if they are not well exercised. Playing games like tug of war or using soft rubber frisbees for indoor play can help burn some of those calories.

"Providing distractions for them like the Kong chew toys, those "treat balls" that drop kibble when played with, and hiding treats around the house for your pet to hunt for can occupy them and keep them from getting bored when the weather outside is too harsh for man and beast."

"To err is human, to forgive canine." — anonymous

"Life is like a dogsled team: if you aren't the lead dog, the scenery never changes."

Both seen on a bumper sticker on the wall at a vacuum store.

WOOF!!

*The Rocket Dawgz are stirring from their six-month slumber and feel the need to blow something up. To do that, they need your help. It's never too early to feed the dawgz. Send your contributions for the Fourth to the Fireworks Fund, Box 1776, Jamestown, 02835.

KABOOM!!

It's good to see a crooked former legislator actually going to jail, with more to come.

You see, there is hope.

At the Jamestown Fire Department's Feb. 1 quarterly meeting, five members of the Training Company who had fulfilled their obligations became active members.

They are Gary Largess, Peter Largess, Jodie Woodside, Dan Lavalley, and Will Kitts.

Kudos to the new members. During January, the department certified some 40 active and trainee members in CPR and AED operations. Firefighter James Ingari was the lead instructor assisted by Firefighter Sandy Paterson and JEMS EMT Cheryl Serpa.

Kudos to island violinist Jason Gorelick, who has been chosen to play with the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra for the 2007 season.

With St. Valentine's Day coming up next Wednesday, we'd like to put you in the mood with the words of the greatest love poem ever written. Scotland's Robert Burns put these same words to a tune titled "Major Graham" in 1745.

O, my luve's like a red, red rose,

That's newly sprung in June.
O, my luve's like the melody,
That's sweetly play'd in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonie lass,
So deep in luve am I,
And I will luve thee still, my Dear,

Till a' the seas gang fry.

Till a' the seas gang dry, my Dear,

And the rocks melt wi' the sun!
O I will luve thee still, my Dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only Luve,

And fare thee weel a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile!

On this date in 1910, the Boy Scouts was founded.

Monday marks the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, who was born in 1809.

Wednesday is St. Valentine's Day. Don't forget to get in that order or reservation for your sweetie.

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Legal Notices

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN PLANNING BOARD OF APPEAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JAMESTOWN PLANNING BOARD OF APPEAL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007, AT THE JAMESTOWN LIBRARY, 26 NORTH ROAD, JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND AT 7:00 P.M. UPON THE FOLLOWING:

The appeal of the decision of the Town of Jamestown Planning Board dated Oct. 11, 2006 granting the application of Evelyn F. Furtado for a two-lot subdivision with waivers for a private roadway, Plat 8, Lots 318 & 753. Roger and Maryjane Lavalley, appellants, 20 Luther Street.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF APPEAL
THOMAS GINNERTY, CHAIRMAN
Fred Brown, Zoning Officer

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Application of Mark Baker and Elizabeth Kneib, whose property is located at 2 Baldwin Court, and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 453 pursuant to Article 5, Section 503 to appeal Building Permit B06-828 issued on 12/19/2006 to Doris R. Arthur to construct a single-family home on Plat 9, Lot 537, 6 Baldwin Court. Said property is located in a R8 zone and contains 3,997.71 sq. ft.

Application of Peter Flood, whose property is located at 864 East Shore Rd., and further identified as

Tax Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 222 for a variance from Article 3, Table 3-2 (District Dimensional Regulations) to construct a second floor addition to an existing garage which is non-conforming by dimension being 13.74' from the side lot line (southerly) wherein 20' is required. It also seeks relief from the height requirement of 25' because it is designed 29'6". Said property is located in a RR80 zone and contains 101,334 sq. ft.

Application of John J. Perrotti, whose property is located at Ship St., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 15, Lots 73 & 74 for a Special Use from Article 3, Section 82-314 (c) (High Groundwater/Impervious Layer Overlay District) to install a 3 bed septic, private well, single-family home with 2 car attached garage and pervious driveway. Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 14,400 sq. ft.

Application of Charles A. Sheahan, Sheahan Way LLC, whose property is located at 49 North Rd., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 442 for Special Use Permits under Article 3, Sections I. 10 and VII. A.8. Mixed Use and Day Care Center, and Variances from Article 3, District Dimensional Regulations, to construct an adult day care facility with office facilities and a residential apartment, with less than the required front and side setbacks. Said property is located in a CL zone and contains 23,800 sq. ft.

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JAMESTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 13, 2007

Executive Session RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (2) Collective Bargaining
Executive Session 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA
1. JTA Negotiations

JAMESTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
February 15, 2007
7:00 PM Business Meeting
AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order and Roll Call
- III. Public Forum
- IV. Pre-Depravation Hearing
 - A. Statutory Non-Renewal Process 2007/2008 school year
 - V. Routine Items
 - Correspondence
 - Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2007, February 1, 2007
 - B. Payment of Bills: January 30, 2007
 - C. Personnel: Acceptance of Resignations, Request of Maternity Leave, Statutory Non-Renewal Process 2007/2008 school year

- VI. Old Business
 - Third Reading of Home School Policy
 - Continued discussion and possible vote on the FY08 school budget

- VII. New Business
- VIII. Information and Proposals
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Principal's Report
- IX. Committee Reports
 - a.) SITS
 - b.) SELAC
 - c.) Facilities
 - d.) N.K. School Committee
 - e.) SORICO
 - f.) Legislative
 - g.) Wellness
 - h.) Narragansett/Jamestown Shared Services
- X. Public Forum
- XI. Adjournment
Dr. Robert Power, Superintendent

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