

Council approves liquor license transfer

Sitting as the Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board, the Town Council Monday approved the transfer of the retail liquor license for Jean Page, Inc., doing business as Page's Liquors at 30 Southwest Ave., to the newly incorporated Varsha Inc., to do business as Jamestown Wine and Spirits.

A new license then was issued to the new owner.

Varsha Patel of Johnston is the incorporator and only officer of Varsha Inc. that she will also manage through her newly incorporated Roma Enterprises.

Patel is buying Page's Liquors from its officers, Peter Ceppi and Page Dickinson, who have had their corporation since 1992.

The new owner is a tax accountant with a degree from Rutgers University who plans to give up her accountant work. Her husband Ilesh Patel, who earned his master of business administration in their native India, has been operating a liquor store in Cranston for three years. They are the parents of three children.

Councilman Michael Schnack questioned the extension of hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. to

10 p.m., with an hour later in the summer.

Town Solicitor A. Lauriston Parks said the hours are legal and allowable.

Councilor Barbara Szepatowski said that she hoped the new owner "will be sticklers" about not selling liquor to anyone under age 21.

Schnack suggested that Patel "be aware" that Page's recently retrained all their employees about the sale of alcoholic beverages because late last year the store was one of two establishments caught selling to an underage person in an announced police check of liquor outlets on the island.

The approval of the licensing actions came after a brief hearing during which no public comments were made.

Art scholarships offered for students

The Conanicut Island Art Association will offer a total of \$3,000 in scholarship grants to graduating high school seniors.

To be eligible, a student must be a resident of Jamestown and be graduating from a Rhode Island high school. Students are asked to submit four pieces of two- or three- dimensional art along with a completed application and a personal statement describing their involvement in art and their plans for art in the future.

Art pieces — slides may be used where appropriate — application and personal statement should be dropped off between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29, at the Jamestown library. The pickup date is Saturday, May 6, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Information and applications can be picked up at the library.

Call Maryann England at 423-2829 for more information.



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

John Collins, Jay Thompson, Jack and Mary Brittain, Peter and Betty McGuirl, May Munger, Bob Horne, Elaine Buchanan, Holly Collins, Bill Munger, Charlie and Arlene Petit all recently enjoyed a cruise to the Caribbean Islands of St. Thomas, St. John, Vieques, Culebra, and Jost Van Dyke aboard the sailing vessel Arabella.

Officials break ground Monday for water tower

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser invited all town officials and residents to the groundbreaking ceremonies Monday, April 3,

at 9 a.m. at the site for the new water tower on Howland Avenue, which is also the location of the existing water tower.

The Fisher Tank Company of Chester, Pa., lowest of three bidders on the \$1,169,220 project, will build the tank as part of the 2004 bond issue of \$6.2 million for several projects to upgrade the municipal water system. The town has a \$500,000 federal grant to be applied toward the tower work.

Fisher Tank has been constructing above ground tanks for about 58 years. The Jamestown contract is one of about 100 it has in various stages of completion.

Holding a million gallons, the existing tower provides less than

400,000 gallons of stored water for emergencies, especially fire protection, according to Fay, Spofford and Thorndike of Burlington, Mass., engineering consultants to the town for the water system improvements. The 400,000 gallons is less than the maximum needed by municipal water customers for one day.

The new tower will double the town's supply of stored water. Two million gallons of stored water would provide not quite 800,000 gallons or a two day supply for emergency, according to the engineers.

The second tower also ensures adequate protection in case of a major fire in the village, the engineers said.

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