

Police Log

Drunk driving charged

Joseph D. Pineiro, 21, of 161 Beacon Ave., was charged on Dec. 18 with first offense drunk driving, and second offense refusal to take a field sobriety test or a Breathalyzer test, police said. He was reported for taking a vehicle without permission and driving under the influence.

Pineiro was held overnight at the police station and arraignment was scheduled for Dec. 19 at Newport District Court, according to police.

Birth

Carroll

A daughter, Valerie Pierrette Carroll, was born Dec. 17, 2007 at Newport Hospital to Tanja and Sean Carroll of Jamestown.

Group discusses "Sister Carrie"

The Afternoon Book Discussion at the Jamestown library will meet to discuss the classic novel "Sister Carrie," by Theodore Dreiser at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The book, published in 1900, was considered scandalous in its day.

The book club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. The group is open to the public and has discussed a variety of fiction and non-fiction titles. New participants are always welcome.

They will discuss "Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and The Deadliest Hurricane in History" by Erik Larson at their Feb. 12 meeting.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280. Books may be obtained through the library by placing holds on one of the many copies available through the Ocean State Libraries catalogue. Registration is not required. Meetings are free and open to the public and new members are encouraged to join.

Andrew Ford, 61, of 77 Watson Ave., was charged Dec. 21 with second offense drunk driving with a blood alcohol content of .15 or greater after he was stopped on Watson Avenue. Police received a call from a restaurant where Ford was refused service for being highly intoxicated. Restaurant personnel said that he drove off in his car, police said.

Ford was held overnight at the police station where he was arraigned. A pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Jan. 4 at Newport District Court, according to police.

Christine Sammarco, 44, of Saunderstown, was charged Dec. 22 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to take a Breathalyzer test after being stopped on Route 138 westbound for speeding, police said.

Sammarco was held at the police station where she was arraigned. A pre-trial hearing at Newport District Court is yet to be scheduled, police said.

Amey C. Pacheco, 30, of Newport was charged Dec. 23 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to take a Breathalyzer test after being stopped on Conanicus Avenue for erratic driving, police said.

Pacheco was held and arraigned at the police station where a pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Jan. 4 at Newport District Court, according to police.

John C. Fink 20, of Wakefield, was charged Dec. 23 with first offense drunk driving and first offense possession of marijuana after he was stopped for failing to stop at an intersection and driving erratically, police said. Fink's brother, Devin, 19, also of Wakefield, was also charged with first offense marijuana possession.

The brothers were held overnight at the police station where they were arraigned and a pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Jan. 4 at Newport District Court, according to police.

Kyle A. Lemke, 19, of 805 East Shore Rd., was charged Dec. 23 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to take a Breathalyzer test after he was stopped for driving through a stop sign and erratic operation of a motor vehicle, police said.

Lemke was held at the police station where he was arraigned and a pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Jan. 4 at Newport District Court, according to police.



New books for the new year

TelecomPioneers, a community service organization, generously donated new Scholastic books to Melrose school for use in classroom libraries. They will also distribute dictionaries to the third grade in 2008. Showing off the new books are Linda Butterworth, back left, Toni Krause, back right, Lisa Casey, front right and Norma Stoddard, front left.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Long is vice-chairman of autism study group

State Representative Bruce J. Long (R-Jamestown, Middletown) has been named vice-chairman of a special house commission charged with addressing the educational needs of the rapidly growing number of children with autism.

The commission, created last June by House Resolution 6501, held its first meeting on Dec. 19.

According to Long, the state needs to establish a uniform policy for dealing with rising rates of autism.

"One of the problems is a lack of consistency in diagnosing and delivering an appropriate educational standard for these children," Long

said.

"Given the dramatic rise in the number of children annually diagnosed with autism and the challenges associated with educating them, I believe the creation of this commission will send a message that we are going to do everything we can to develop the necessary resources for these children, their families, and the educators charged with teaching them," he added.

Long also said that he would like the commission to hold a hearing in Jamestown.

"I am proud to say that Jamestown has a model program for educating children with autism, and we

will look to see what they are doing and then develop some recommendations that can be used statewide. I have requested that the commission come to Jamestown and hold a public hearing where those with an interest can contribute to our efforts," continued Long.

The commission will be holding its next meeting at the State House in late January, and is expected to hold other meetings in different communities throughout the state. Long will be introducing legislation in January to extend the reporting date on the commission's findings until January 2009 and the commission will be adding additional members.

Project

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voting on the commercial building plan was the late submission of a parking lease with Holland, to use three parking spaces on the abutting property. Planning Commissioner Richard Ventrone scolded Packer for submitting the lease at the meeting, and said he did not have time to review the document properly. In a question directed to the town planner and town solicitor, Lisa Bryer and Chris Orton also admitted they had not had time to review the document.

Ventrone went on to criticize the lease, noting that hours of allowed parking use were not specified in the lease. Brittain stood up in defense of the lease. "Mr. Holland has 26 more parking spaces than what is required for that property. I think we went above and beyond what you asked for," he said.

Acting Commission Chairman Victor Calabretta noted that, after that meeting, a new commission would start in the following month. He asked if the officials would have enough time to comment on the lease if they were given a recess in order to read it.

After more discussion, the parking arguments were appeased without a break.

As more time was spent nipping on lighting details outside the building, the town solicitor interjected that lighting would be a condition of approval from the zoning board. "I think you people have spent more than an ordinate amount of time hashing out the details of this agreement," he added.

After approving the request for modification to the originally approved development plan, the commission also approved a recommendation for a special-use permit for shared parking. The special use approval came in the wake of a contentious motion by Ventrone to deny the recommendation. After much discussion, Ventrone withdrew his motion.

In other business, Andrea Colognese and Doriana Carella, owners of Village Hearth Bakery at the corner of North Main Road and Watson Avenue, asked for preliminary advice on their proposal of a sit-down café. The bakers said their plan fit together with the larger infrastructure improvements of sidewalks, and on-street parking would be available to accommodate the expansion. Colognese pointed out that their plan would solve some present parking issues.

The commission encouraged the bakery owners to return with a written development plan.



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