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## Got a history question? Go ahead, 'Ask Gladys'

The Newport Historical Society names its online data base and search tool after its former executive secretary and curator of manuscripts.

By Sean Flynn  
Staff writer

NEWPORT — Gladys Carr Bolhouse, the Newport Historical Society's executive secretary and curator of manuscripts for nearly 50 years, now is the face of the society's online archive search, "Ask Gladys."

Under her photo on the society's website is a large button, "Search the Collection Database," that gives visitors access to the online archives that contain 3,500 images and

descriptions of the society's historical objects, 4,600 photographs from the photo collections, and 70 archival document collections. The online database at [www.newporthistory.org](http://www.newporthistory.org) began in December 2011 and is expanding continually.

"I add information to the online database daily," said Stacie Parillo, the society's archivist and registrar.

The society this week named the database Gladys, in honor of Bolhouse's legacy.

"Gladys is the ideal name for our online database," said Ruth Taylor, the society's executive director. "Mrs. Bolhouse was an authority of Newport's history. When someone had a question about Newport's history, they would ask Gladys. Naming our online database after her allows us to honor her memory and continue to 'Ask Gladys' because she's always with us."

The society says the online database has



Gladys Bolhouse, the Newport Historical Society's executive secretary and curator of manuscripts from 1946-92, was the naming inspiration for the society's online database and its search, 'Ask Gladys.'

Courtesy of Newport Historical Society

reached a critical mass now, making it a useful research tool and object of interest that is bound to begin attracting more attention. The society is the only Newport institution to offer online collections access, Taylor said.

"These are not all of our collections, not by a long shot, but there are more than enough to be worth looking at," she said. "It's a small percentage of our archive and photo collections,

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RUTH TAYLOR

executive director of the Newport Historical Society

### PORTSMOUTH

## School officials looking ahead

A five-year strategic plan for the town's public schools is in its early stages.

By James A. Johnson  
Staff writer

The Portsmouth school district is in the process of developing its strategic plan to guide education in town for the next five years.

"We don't want to reinvent the wheel," said School Committee member Emily A. Copeland, who is leading the Strategic Plan Subcommittee.

"There is nothing hugely radical in the plan," she said. "It is a set of common-sense objectives that will help guide the school system through the next five years."

The subcommittee has developed a 17-page draft of its strategic plan, stating the educational objectives and means of achieving those objectives.

The draft lists five objectives:

- ◆ Every student will learn at high levels.
- ◆ Upon graduation, all students will be well prepared to embark upon their intended college or career pathway.

- ◆ There will be effective leadership of human capital.

- ◆ The district will have harnessed stakeholder support to create and sustain educational and physical infrastructure that will work for the 21st century.

- ◆ The district will manage the financial, physical and technological infrastructure of the district in order to enable it to support the first four objectives.

The report then lists several means that will lead to accomplishing each objective.

"These are draft objectives," Copeland said.

SCHOOL A7

## Night shift



Michael Derr | Staff photo

Runners start the Newport Night Run 5K road race Friday on Memorial Boulevard near Easton's Beach in Newport. More than 500 runners finished the new event, which is a fundraiser for the Newport Education Foundation. Story in Sports, Page B1.

## State to get ready for climate change

The governor creates a council to coordinate a response plan.

By David Klepper  
Associated Press

WEST WARWICK — Gov. Lincoln D. Chafee created a new government council Friday to coordinate Rhode Island's response to climate change, which he said is

causing rising sea levels and more extreme weather for the Ocean State.

The new Executive Climate Change Council will work with other state agencies, local cities and towns and neighboring states to identify ways Rhode Island can prepare for coastal erosion, flooding, rising ocean temperatures and other health and economic impacts. The council also will be tasked with developing strategies to reduce carbon emissions, which are a leading

contributor to global warming.

"It is occurring. Human activity is responsible," Chafee said. "We must do what we can."

Sea levels already are rising in Rhode Island and are expected to go up another 5 feet during the next century. Predictions also call for severe weather and flooding that can threaten coastal property, roads and facilities, like wastewater treatment plants, and for changes to the ocean that could endanger the state's fishing industry.

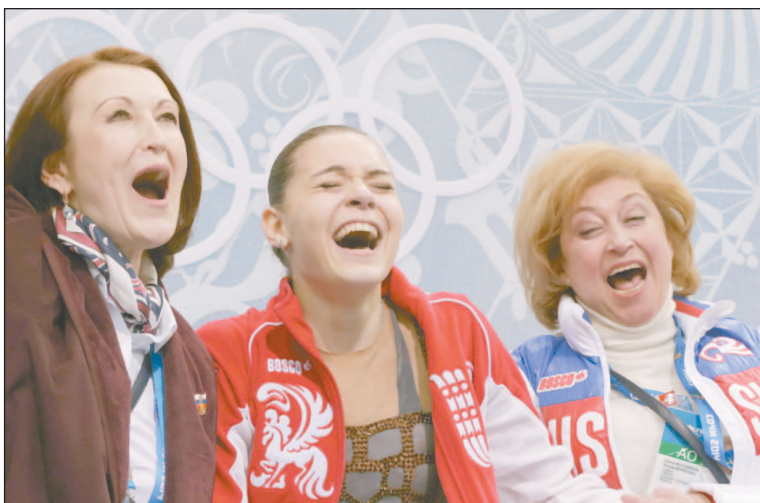
Chafee signed the executive order creating the new council at a wastewater plant in West Warwick that was inundated when floods ravaged the state in 2010. Joining him was Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., who said it's important for states like Rhode Island to address climate change, especially since Washington has been slow to take action.

"We are in a very significant

CLIMATE A7

Adelina Sotnikova, center, of Russia, her coach Elena Buianova, right, and choreographer Irina Tagaeva react in the results area after Sotnikova completed her routine in the women's free skate figure skating finals Friday.

Associated Press



### SOCHI OLYMPICS

## Figure skating judging questioned after Russian awarded gold medal

SOCHI, Russia (AP) — Leave it to figure skating and judging, where winning can be obscured by whining.

Any sport without a finish line or clock or some definitive standard is subject to skepticism about the results. It has happened at the Olympics before, and now it's happened at Sochi after Adelina Sotnikova skated away with the gold medal, the first for a Russian woman in the individual event.

Social media was ablaze Friday with

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questions and accusations, particularly from South Koreans who saw countrywoman Yuna Kim denied a second straight Olympic title. Others wondered why there is so little transparency in the judging, or about the makeup of the panel — Alla Shekhovtsova of Russia is the

JUDGING A7

**COMING attractions**  
Some things you won't want to miss

### MONDAY

►►► NEW FUEL METERING system in place for town vehicles.

MONOLOGUES, MUSIC featured in African-American Heritage Program.



### WEATHER

Today, sunny. High 43.  
Tonight, clear. Low 34.

Sunday, partly sunny. High 43.

Sunday night, cloudy, showers possible. Low 30.

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